

My Tour Experience
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“D” Flight

When Lyle first asked me to write an article detailing my Tidewater Amateur Tour experience, I was honored and then thrilled to be able to relate to all readers just what the Tour has provided me and will hopefully provide you.

When I moved back to Tidewater several years ago from southern California (where I had been a member of the Southern California Golf Association for about 6 years) I looked high and low to find something that would provide the same challenge and the opportunity to play on championship quality courses (as I had in California), along with the comradeship that organized golf brings. A friend of mine told me about a young tour that provided a competitive form of golf along with a professional atmosphere and I have been hooked ever since.

This year I will begin my third full year on the tour. I don't play in the glamorous upper flights of this tour (those guys can really play this game) but I play in a flight that is just as competitive as any one of those flights. Last year the Player of the Year on the Tour came from my flight with 6 total wins and two of those being Majors, Charles we are all coming after you this year.

So what does this say of the experience of the Tour? I can tell you that each one of you that joins the Tour this year (or returning Vets), that the tour will be everything you thought it would be or maybe more then you ever wished. This is competitive golf at its finest, but can be as friendly as a Sunday foursome with your buddies, only you can decide what that experience will be. There are so many good golfers on the tour that it has helped take my game to a higher level, but I reiterate once again that if you think that this is your weekend \$5 Nassau with your buddies then be prepared.

For you Tour Rookies coming into the “D” Flight this year you will find an eclectic mix of players from the experienced (I didn't say old) players that play it down the middle all the time to the power players that can knock it a mile (but just never sure where it will come down). This will be an eye opening experience for all of you and hopefully it will fulfill all the reasons you joined the tour just like it has for me.

I look forward to seeing you at the first event and getting to know you during the season.