

Peck wins Etowah Valley Charity Pro-Am

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Steve Dewitt tees off during the Etowah Valley Charity Pro-Am golf tournament on Wednesday.

ETOWAH — Weather ruined Jeff Peck's chance at winning the Etowah Valley Charity Pro-Am last year. Rain briefly halted play Wednesday at Etowah Valley Country Club, but it didn't cool off Peck, who made the most of a second chance.

Peck, from Carolina Golf Club in Charlotte, fired a 6-under 66 (33-33) for a three-shot victory at the 14th annual Charity Pro-Am. Nate Olivo and Chris Tucker tied for second at 69.

"He's a veteran," Etowah Valley's Hayes Albea said of Peck, who finished early and left before the tournament concluded just after 8 p.m. "He's something else."

Albea said that Peck was leading last year when rain washed out the round and could not return the next day because of a scheduling conflict.

Peck was also the head pro on one of three winning pro-amateur teams. He, Chuck Hudson, Lance Smith and Tim Cosgrove combined for a net 59. Pro Steve DeWitt, Scott McElrath, Chris Lance, Al Clark and pro Clint Wright, John Guerin, Bill Austin and Jim Stike also had net scores of 59.

At around 2:30 p.m. a thundershower halted play for almost 30 minutes. Rain again began falling later in the evening but not hard enough to stop play.

Albea did not think the precipitation affected the scoring.

"Most of these guys have played in so many of these that they're used to this weather," he said.

Peck had just one bogey, at the par-5 seventh hole on the south course, on the day.

Two female professionals played Wednesday. Former West Henderson and Western Carolina University standout Kandy Carland carded an 80 while Bree Hall, the pro at the Grove Park Inn, came in under par at 70.

"She was 4-under through 10 holes," Albea said. "I asked her where she played in college and she said 'Toledo,' so she's a player. So is Kandy."

Peck took home \$535.80 of the \$9,000 purse, one of the largest on the Carolinas Section of the PGA. Proceeds from the tournament go to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Hendersonville and Blue Ridge Community Health Services.

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