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Spurred along by a record round, Wayne Fredrick completed "The Quad."

Fredrick, of Springfield, Mo., shot a 62 in the opening round of the 2018 Missouri Senior Amateur Championship at Westwood Hills Country Club and followed it with a 1-over par 72 to win by six shots.

Fredrick also won the Missouri match play in 1996, the stroke play in 2001 and the mid-amateur in 2007. His 62 was a personal best, as well as a competitive round course record for Westwood Hills.

"I didn't really ever hit a bad shot. I got lucky a couple of times," said Fredrick, who has also been consistently playing in the Tom Hoover Ozark Invitational since 1987. "We got done and one of the guys I was playing with said, 'Nice round. I don't know what you shot.' And I said 'I don't either. I kind of lost track.'"

Ben Brumitt previously held the competitive course record at Westwood Hills with a 63 in the first round of the 2011 club championship. In that round he had an eagle, seven birdies and a bogey. He went on to shoot an 11-under 131 for the tournament. Carr Vernon holds the overall course record with a 58.

Fredrick had three eagles, five birdies and two bogeys for his 62. On No. 11, his approach from 132 yards landed about six inches in front of the cup and rolled in for an eagle. Fredrick had previously shot 63 twice, once in competition and once not. In the competitive round, another guy shot a 65, so the two of them were well in front and were largely competing with each other. On Wednesday, Fredrick went into the second round at Westwood Hills with a six stroke lead.

"It was hard. I've never had that big of a lead," said Fredrick, who 3-putted No. 17 but mostly shot par on the day. "You try not to guard it, but the reality is you guard your lead and then you make mistakes."

For he and the other players who also compete in the Ozark Invitational in April, playing Westwood Hills in September presented a different challenge.

"We come down here in April, it is still dormant. There's no grass and it is normally really wet and it played completely different," Fredrick said. "But it was in great shape. The golf course was great, the greens were good, the greens are always good when you come to Poplar Bluff."

Poplar Bluff's Bobby Godwin finished tied for fifth after shooting even par both days.

"I didn't play good personally. I got it up and down a lot," Godwin said. "Even par was pretty good for the way I hit it."

John Shock, also of Poplar Bluff, shot a 3-over 145 and was tied for 11th. Mark Wethington of Bloomfield shot a 161 to finish 37th.

Deny Payne of Creve Coeur, Mo., won the super-senior division with a 147 after he beat Jim Beatson of Camdenton, Mo., in a one-hole playoff.

"I'm just glad to see everyone come down. We usually have to travel," Godwin said. "So I'm glad they got to come to our place. It wasn't too big of an advantage."