

Petersen shrugs off rain delay to capture Junior Stroke Play

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Sixteen-year-old Scott Petersen survived a tornado warning, a rain delay and a challenge by Duke Zwemke yesterday to win the Colorado Golf Association Junior Stroke Play Championship.

Petersen shot a 1-under 71 on the final day at Lone Tree Country Club for a three-round total of 1-under 215. Zwemke shot a 72 for a 219 total. Peter Jacobs (221), Brett Dean (224), Shane Bertsch (225), Anthony Aguilar (226) and Greg Shakespeare (226) rounded out the leaders.

Yesterday, Petersen and the rest of the field had to quit playing for more than an hour because of heavy rain and the threat of lightning. Petersen stopped with five holes remaining and a five-stroke lead on Zwemke.

"I was kind of worried the delay would hurt me, that my back would stiffen up or something," said the senior-to-be at Cherry Creek High School. "It's kind of tough having to come back. But I felt comfortable coming back. I played really consistently this week,

and my putting was really good. I made a lot of good putts."

His best was on No. 10, a 209-yard par-3 hole. Petersen, who has never won a major Colorado title, hit a 4-iron 10 feet from the cup. He sank the birdie putt.

"That was the turning point," he said. "I felt really good after that.

"I felt pretty strong all week," added Petersen, who birdied six holes, bogeyed seven and parred the rest over the three days. "I felt confident I could finally break through and win a major Colorado championship. I knew my time would come."

Zwemke, a senior-to-be at Arvada High School, hoped to rally after the rain delay. But as he resumed play on No. 14, "I knew I pretty much had to birdie every hole, the way he was playing. He had been so consistent."

Petersen also won the 16-and-under championship yesterday.

Boulder's Ted Scribner won the 14-and-under title with a final-day 80 and three-day total of 233. Chris Finn (242), Mike Troyer (248), Greg Caton (249) Brad Dinkel (250), Paul Robinson (252) and Darin Redenbaugh (254) rounded out the leaders in that division.

Junior Stroke Play

CGA Junior Stroke Play Championship at Lone Tree Country Club:

Championship Division

Scott Petersen	70-74-71	— 215
Duke Zwemke	73-74-72	— 219
Peter Jacobs	74-70-77	— 221
Brett Dean	74-77-73	— 224
Shane Bertsch	77-75-73	— 225
Anthony Aguilar	74-77-75	— 226
Greg Shakespeare	77-76-73	— 226
David McLeave	78-74-76	— 228
Andrew Johnson	74-76-78	— 228
Mike Fries	81-74-74	— 229