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**LAWSON, GALLINGER ADVANCE TO U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

*SECTIONAL QUALIFIER STAGED AT CHAMPIONS RUN IN OMAHA*

Omaha, Neb. – Norfolk’s Lance Lawson and Omaha’s Brett Gallinger captured the qualifying spots into the 2017 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship that were up for grabs at Champions Run in Omaha on Thursday.

Lawson overcame a double-bogey on his opening hole, the par-4 first, by birdieing No. 2 and also No. 5, to get back to even-par just four holes later. Lawson drove the short par-4 9th hole and two-putted for birdie to shoot 36 (E) on his front nine. He rolled in birdies on Nos. 13 and 17, and was bogey-free on the back nine, while the rest of the field was struggling down the stretch. His round of 70 (-2) was the only round under par and the low round of the day by four strokes.

Five players posted rounds of 74 (+2), and a play-off was needed to identify the second player that would be advancing to the championship. Gallinger, a member at Champions Run, Elkhorn’s Ryan Nietfeldt, Lincoln’s Jay Moore, Omaha’s Philip Maschka, and Omaha’s Matt Carsey made their way to the play-off, starting on No. 10 at Champions Run, a reachable par 5. Gallinger rolled in a birdie from the fringe to claim the spot, with the other four players all making par. The play-off continued with the remaining four players for the first and second alternate spots, with Moore taking the first alternate position with a birdie on the fourth play-off hole (No. 18), and Nietfeldt getting the second alternate spot with a par.

Lawson and Gallinger advance to play in the 2017 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship at Capital City Club in Atlanta, Georgia on October 7-12.

Qualifying scores from the Omaha site are available at nebgolf.org under the Competitions tab, complete information about the championship may be found at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).

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