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RE:  **Zoar Memorial Amateur**, first round

(Zoar, OH)  The first round of the Zoar Memorial Amateur Championship was played Saturday afternoon at Zoar Golf Club in Northern Tuscarawas County.

Darren Phipps from Stow, and Hunter Lowder, Beach City, each shot 2 under par to stand at the top of the leaderboard.  Buster Thomas and Zach Drukenbrod are next at 71.  Three players carded even par 72's:  Eric Crone, Brian Beebe and Steven Nutter. Ian Hardesty, Mark Mokros and Shannon Bartruff are at 73.

The defending champion Brad Baker (Warsaw) is the first round leader of the **Senior Division**.  His 74 is one stroke better than Dave Clarke (St. Clairsville) and Kevin Krysty (Mineral City).  John Perkowski and Jeff Sparks are next at 76 while Joe Denk is at 77.

The 2018 Zoar Memorial is honoring Mr. James Troyer for his accomplishments in the game while the "in memoriam" recognition goes to the late Warner Kopp for his many years administering the Tuscarawas District Golf Association.

The final round is slated to begin Sunday at 11 am.