**2021 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship**

**Saturday, Sept. 25, First Round, Sankaty Head Golf Club and Miacomet Golf Course**

**Harvin Groft, Berwick, Maine - 66, 4-under, Miacomet Golf Course)**

(on his eagle on the par-5 5th)

I was on the upslope from the left side and it was 245 (yards) to the hole, which maxed out my 3-wood. I was actually aiming at a tree 10 yards right of it and just got a slight pull and it covered it all. It bounced off the front fringe and up to about 10 feet from behind the hole.

(on his 3-foot birdie at No. 9, his finishing hole)

I had 125 (yards) and it was like a maxed out gap wedge but I knew into that wind that even if I got it on top it was coming back down. I said well if you are going to play here you have got to make birdies along the way so let’s be a little more aggressive. So I hit a little three-quarter pitching wedge that was flighted beautifully into the wind and it hit right next to the hole and stopped right there.

(on his expectations)

Playing in Charlotte (2018 U.S. Mid-Amateur) was good. I felt my game was comparable and I was capable of playing at this level. I am a better player than I was three years ago. A lot of it is mentally, just believing you are a better player. I ultimately came in with no expectations. I know if I play the way I am capable of playing I will shoot good scores.

(how does he maintain his game while working)

Fortunately for me my wife is a Spanish teacher so she is off in the summer. I take care of our kids at home and we grow a good amount of vegetables and we work with a couple of restaurants. I work from home most of the time and then I have flexibility in the summer when my wife is off.