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

**Sunday, Sept. 26, Second Round, Sankaty Head Golf Club and Miacomet Golf Course**

**Marc Engellenner, Rocklin, Calif. – (66, 4-under, Miacomet; 71-66--137)**

(on making seven birdies in the wind at Miacomet)

It’s a little bit of luck and I caught a hot putter today. I started on (hole) 10 and hit it to 4 feet. I hit it to 2 feet on 13 and 3 feet on 14. There’s three near kick-ins in the first five holes so I got the day started. I drove the ball extremely well so that set it up. Suddenly you are 3 under through 5 and it’s ‘Oh, my God, here we go.’ From there it was just pure adrenaline.

(on his three consecutive birdies, from holes 18 through 2)

Eighteen was probably one of the best shots I have hit in a very long time. I had 226 (yards) to the flag and had to hit a squeeze 3-wood in there. It hit 12 feet behind the hole and stayed on the green. I two-putted from the back fringe.

I hit driver on (hole) 1 and had 52 to a back pin. I chipped it and hit the upslope, caught in the face of the knob, and stopped on top of the knob. I had probably had what is one of the quickest putts on the course and I misread it and it went in. It was one of those kind of days.

On (hole) 2 I hit it in the right fescue, right next to a couple of volunteers, and we found it in a horrible lie. I gouged it out from 77 yards with a sand wedge and it lipped out to a foot. Best shot I have ever hit in my life.

(on what he learned from playing in match play in the 2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur)

To calm down and play for the front fringe. Against (eventual champion) Lukas (Michel) there were a couple of times I landed mid-irons in the middle of the green. That course got firm and fast and they bounced over the back. I was one down with the honor on 17 against Lukas and hit a 7-iron that hit behind the pin and bounced into the back hazard. That was the thing I learned, I flew too many balls too deep into the green. And Sankaty is going to get firm.