

## **FINNIN WIN IS WORTH THE WAIT!**

### **Michael Finnin ousts Robert Pope on 2<sup>nd</sup> Playoff hole.**

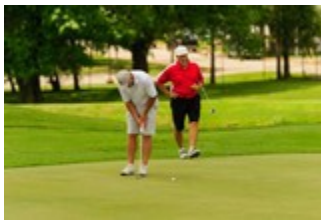
Mike Finnin had to wait a long time for his happy ending to the rain-shortened Romain Buick Senior City Golf Championship on Sunday at Helfrich Hills, and all it did was make him sad.

Finnin, who beat Robert Pope in a two-hole playoff, wanted to share it with someone special but couldn't.

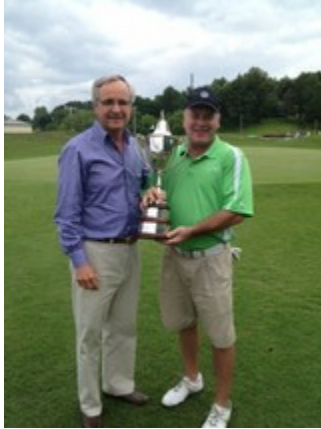
"This was for my dad (Gary)," said Finnin, 50, in his first year of eligibility. "I wish he was still around for me to call and tell about this, but he died on April 1.



DANIEL R. PATMORE / SPECIAL TO THE COURIER & PRESS Robin Rubrecht, 2010 winner of the Romain Buick Senior City Championship, keeps his eye on the ball after teeing off on the 15th hole in the finals of the Senior City at Helfrich Hills.



DANIEL R. PATMORE / SPECIAL TO THE COURIER & PRESS Robin Rubrecht, 2010 winner of the Romain Buick Senior City Championship, makes his putt on the 14th green as Tim Heath, 2012 winner, moves in to putt during the Senior City Sunday at Helfrich Hills.



“So when it ended, when Bob missed that last putt, I just started bawling. It was very emotional.”

Finnin and Pope had been among the first players off on Sunday and posted even-par rounds of 71. Then they had to wait and wait for the rest of the 110-player field to finish their rounds.

Robin Rubrecht, the 2010 winner, and Bryan Compton and Jim Atkins all finished in a tie for third at 72.

“I had to wait almost four hours to the minute,” said Pope, 56. “It was tough because there were couches (in the clubhouse), but no pillows. I looked. So I just tried to keep moving, tried to stay loose.”

Finnin, who said he waited 3½ hours, took another approach.

“I just worked on my putting the whole time,” he said. “I just stayed on the practice green.”

When the playoff finally started at 5 p.m. at No. 1, both players missed the fairway off the tee. Pope missed the green short from the 18 fairway before Finnin hit his second shot to 8 feet from the rough.

But both made par, Pope from 3 feet and Finnin tapping in from 3 inches.

“I thought that first putt would move a little,” Finnin said. “But it stayed right there.”

Both players hit the second playoff hole, No. 2, a par-4, in regulation. But Pope faced a putt twice as long as Finnin and pushed his approach more than 3 feet past the hole.

“That was a tough putt Bob had,” Finnin said.

“Three guys in our group had it and missed it because it breaks the opposite of what you think.”

And Pope missed it, too.

“That wasn’t the same swing I took with me earlier in the day,” said Pope, who did finish first in the Billie Martin Flight. “But I can’t feel too bad.

“You look at the names on the (leader)board and it feels good to play with them.”

Said Finnin: “I played well today. I only missed one fairway with the driver and had it 2-under after 15. Then I went bogey, par, bogey over the last three.”

“But it all worked out in the end. Winning made it worth the wait.”

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**2013  
Romain Sr City Golf  
Championship  
Scoreboard by Flight**

<b><u>Overall Champion</u></b>		<b><u>Sunday Score</u></b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>Finnin</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>*** Won Playoff</b>		

**Frances Fleming Flight 50-54**

<b>George</b>	<b>Nord</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Brian</b>	<b>Schmidt</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Drexel</b>	<b>Brothers, Jr</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Jim</b>	<b>Will Jr</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Terry</b>	<b>Cardin</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Robert</b>	<b>Prevo</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Tim</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Travis</b>	<b>Buente</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Jeff</b>	<b>Badger</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Keith</b>	<b>Sallee</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Terry</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Joe</b>	<b>Harrison</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Dennis</b>	<b>Hatfield</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Joe</b>	<b>Manor</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Larry</b>	<b>Garrett</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Fred</b>	<b>Schablik</b>	<b>WD</b>

**Billie Martin Flight 55-59**

<b>Robert</b>	<b>Pope</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Robin</b>	<b>Rubrecht</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Tom</b>	<b>Haines</b>	<b>73</b>

Joe	Stellern	75
Rick	Wigginton	75
Neal	Boughton	77
Tim	Heath	77
Steve	Wassmer	77
Don	Hallenberger	78
Rick	Johnson	78
Jay	Ritter	78
Steve	Vandiver	78
Greg	Glisson	79
Les	Grace	79
Jim	Ingalls	79
Ken	Jung	80
Mike	Wingo	80
Blake	Oeth	81
Harold	Miles	82
Jess	Shelby	82
Dan	Jochim	83
Brad	Johann	84
Bill	Sutton	85
Keith	Doubler	86
Clay	Bourne	87
Kim	Myrick	88
Steve	Sallee	90
Ken	Baldwin	91
Russell	Lloyd, Jr	92
Jerry	Ingram	94
John	Garrett	95
Jim	Crumbaker	WD
Mark	Mandel	WD

### **Bob Hamilton Flight 60-64**

Bryan	Compton ** Won Playoff	72
Jim	Atkins	72

<b>Dave</b>	<b>Bates</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Joe</b>	<b>Hahn</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Jim</b>	<b>Cheaney</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Dave</b>	<b>DeLong</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Tom</b>	<b>Alexander</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Brad</b>	<b>Coole</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>Baburnich</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Stan</b>	<b>Bealmear</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Jerry</b>	<b>Knight</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Bob</b>	<b>Torrence</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Tony</b>	<b>Bradshaw</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Tom</b>	<b>Burdon</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Pete</b>	<b>Weinert</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Keith</b>	<b>Bagby</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Jeff</b>	<b>Myrick</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Jim</b>	<b>Elless</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Mike</b>	<b>Harding</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Roger</b>	<b>Evans</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Dave</b>	<b>Swain</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Robert</b>	<b>Gough</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Micah</b>	<b>Johnson</b>	<b>97</b>

### **Richie Moore Flight 65-69**

<b>Morris</b>	<b>Clark ** Won Playoff</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Allen</b>	<b>Hite</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>Hurt</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Tony</b>	<b>Hill</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Steve</b>	<b>Schroer</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Jack</b>	<b>Hrvatín</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Bob</b>	<b>Loewen</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Terry</b>	<b>Babb</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Bill</b>	<b>Osbourne</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Ed</b>	<b>Nicholson</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Ken</b>	<b>Schreiber</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Steve</b>	<b>Lutz</b>	<b>85</b>

Walter	Farrell	88
Jerry	White	88
Gary	Tichenor	89
John	Mazzotti	91
Dave	Ash	94
Steve	Zehr	NC

### Ed Wolf Flight 70 +

Jerry	Sanders	77
Steve	Pritchett	78
Reid	Schnell	79
Tom	McNamara	80
Jerry	Cravens	82
Ken	Fisher	82
Gerald	Jeffries	82
John	Charron	83
Bob	Lewis	83
Don	Shull	83
James	Harris	84
Bob	VanBritson	84
Gene	Ward	86
Art	Hall	87
Steve	Helfrich	90
Jerry	Weigand	92
Micheal	Viriden	95
Ron	Gatewood	96
Donald	Broshears	106