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TuksGolf : First major tournament victory for Lombard

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Zander Lombard receiving the trophy from Central Gauteng Golf Union□s President William Lucas.

The 2012 Northern Amateur Open Championships was hosted by Central Gauteng Golf Union from 11 – 16 March at Randpark Golf Club.

This prestigious tournament is one of the most sought after tournaments to win by the top amateur golfers in the country, so much so that in recent years an international contingent was also present to compete for the top honours.

In junior amateur ranks the name of Zander Lombard is already a household name locally and abroad but it is only in recent years that the 17 year old golfer from Pretoria started to compete against the senior players in the country. Zander received his first senior provincial colours in 2011 representing Gauteng North at the Premier Interprovincial Tournament in Bloemfontein.

He steadily made his way up the rankings and is currently ranked 5th in South Africa and was also selected for the South African Team that played against Scotland at Leopard Creek earlier in 2012.
Lombard almost tasted victory at his home provincial championships, the Gauteng North Golf Championships, after ending second to Toby Tree from England.

Great work ethic, commitment and dedication paid off for him when he won the Northern Amateur Open Championships from his close friend Victor Lange from Johannesburg with a final score of 13 under par.

This is certainly the start of Zander Lombard's list of victories and we hope that this level of performance would continue and hopefully improve due to the work that he is doing with the specialists at the TuksGolf Academy and the hpc.

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