



MAGIC MICHAEL

A course record at Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club highlighted December's club action around the Middle East.

A course record second round of 68, four-under, helped Michael Harradine run away with the 6th Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club Men's Open Championship by six shots. It was the Jebel Ali Golf Resort & Spa representative's third SGSC open title after previous wins in 2010 and 2011. After an opening 71, Harradine reeled off five birdies and a solitary bogey to beat by one the previous course record held by Nathan Fisher as well as establish a new championship record of 139, pipping touring professional Andrew Marshall's mark of 140 set in the inaugural SGSC Open in 2008.

In a pointer to the future, 14-year-old Rayhan Thomas (Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club) carded rounds of 73 and 72 for a 145 total to finish second while SGSC pro Trevor Marshall had matching 73s to finish third.

Meanwhile, Daud Osman produced some scintillating golf to win the Coral Beach Resorts Midweek 9-Hole Bogey, finishing 5up against the course while Malaysian Adi Husaini once again showed that hard work does pay off as he claimed the Centro Sharjah Midweek 9-Hole Medal with a fine three-under net 33.

Arun Tuli won the Unitechnik monthly stableford for December with 37 points. Division one was clinched by Ramli Sulaiman with 36 points, one clear of Malaysian counterpart Firdaus Bin Idris while 36 points was also good enough to see Korean Gil Nam Yang win division two.

Elsewhere, new member Ennore Paoli claimed his first major title in the Orient Travel-Thai Airways Monthly Medal played November 29. A sublime gross 88 gave the Italian 23-handicapper an impressive nett 65 for a five stroke victory.