

Harradine hits top form in Omega Emirates Amateur Open

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L-R: Christopher D'Abreo, Senior Manager Rivoli Group on behalf of Omega. Michael Harradine, Winner. Tom Luig, RAK Challenge Event Promoter from GGA. Walid Al Attar, Club Captain Emirates GC.

Representing Emirates Golf Club **Michael Harradine** was the well deserved winner of the 27th Omega Emirates Amateur Open.

Harradine who also won the title in 2014 will add the 2016 trophy to his collection along with an invite to the RAK Challenge, a European Challenge Tour event held in October this year courtesy of the Ras Al Kaimah Tourism Development Authority.

Harradine was pushed all the way by Bayhaan Lakdawala (DCGYC) who finished in second place followed by Rayhan Thomas (DCGYC) who finished in third place.

A strong field with almost a hundred players competing over the Faldo and Majlis courses. Round 1 leaders were Lewis Pearce (Aston Wood GC) along with Bayhaan Lakdawala with a score of two under par 70 over the Faldo course. Michael Harradine (EGC) trailed by one stroke after opening with a one under par 71 along with Zubair Firdaus (JGE).

After just a few holes on day 2 it was clear that it was going to be a head to head battle between Michael Harradine and Bayhaan Lakdawala. Harradine came out of the blocks quickly with opening birdies on the 1st and 2nd holes but then dropping a shot at the par 5 3rd hole. Despite 3 bogeys early on Lakdawala put on a great display of golf with birdies at the 3rd, 10th, 11th and 15th to score a one under par 71.

However, Harradine showed his class with further back to back birdies at the 9th and 10th, 14th and 15th and another birdie at the 17th to card an impressive final round of six under par 66, a seven under par tournament total of 137 and a four stroke winning margin.

The net competition was also keenly contested with Steven Kelbrick (JGE) clinching top prize with net rounds of 75 and 72 for a 147 total. Also on a total of 147 but missing out on the back 18 hole score was Mark Burrell (Links Hope Island, Australia). In third place on a net total of 150 was Moon Won Jo (Al Ain GC).

UK based Lewis Pearce (Aston Wood GC) was disappointed with his final round but won best gross on day one with a 2 under par 70 over the Faldo course, a great effort from the championship tees. Arkesh Bhatia (DCGYC) carded a 74 in the final round to pick up best gross on day two. Also in the prizes were Conor Michael Forbes (EGC) and Brian Knowles (EGC) for best net scores on day one and day two respectively.

Emirates GC would like to take this opportunity to thank Omega for their continued support of this event and for also for golf here in the region.