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**Michael Harradine**  
Omega Emirates Amateur Open Champion 2014



Well, no sooner was the Omega Dubai Desert Classic over but we were full on with our own Club competitions last month, including the prestigious Omega Men's Amateur Open, followed by the Kohlman Nations Cup, two fantastic events that are always well supported.

Well done and thank you to Moshe Kohli for all his efforts in putting the Kohlman Nations Cup together, with the assistance of Senior Management at the Club of course. This event goes from strength to strength each year but it would not be possible without Moshe's support.

Congratulations to Michael Harradine, the Omega Emirates Amateur Champion who beat a strong field of 116 players, winning with scores of 72 and 75. The previous week Michael had also won the Jumeirah Golf Estates Open played on the Fire and the Earth courses, finishing with a total of +3. Great scoring!



# OMEGA EMIRATES AMATEUR OPEN

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February 2014

Emirates Golf Club's Michael Harradine followed in the footsteps of Stephen Gallacher on the Majlis course and triumphed in the 25th Anniversary of the Omega Emirates Amateur Open.

Harradine headed into the final round two shots adrift of the overnight leader, Peter Dedek, following an opening 72 over the Faldo course. Harradine joined Dedek and Ashley Rees in the leading group over his home course, the Majlis. His consistent golf saw him take a four-shot lead and as his challengers slipped back he rolled a par putt in on the famous 18th green for a seven-stroke victory. He was delighted with his 72 and 73 for a 145 (plus 1) tally and congratulated Craig Haldane and his team for the condition of the two courses.

Ken Kellaney (Orange Tree Golf Club, USA) and Bayhaan Lakdawala (Dubai Creek) both finished on 8-over par for the championship but Kellaney's 73 in the final round granted him runners-up place. Five competitors ended up on plus nine for the event and it was Paul King who went home with fourth place following a closing 75. Colin Fraser from Peebles Golf Club, Scotland, having attended this

prestigious championship for the past nine years took home fifth place with rounds of 76 and 77.

The top five prizewinners were all rewarded with Omega hospitality at the Omega Dubai Ladies Masters at the end of the year and Harradine also secured a place in the Pro-Am. All prizewinners received a framed print of the Omega Dubai Desert Classic Champions from the celebrations at the beginning of the month.

The net competition was also keenly contested with Gavin Greer (EGF) clinching top prize with rounds of 71 and 77 for a 148 tally (4-over par). He took a two shot victory from Bilal Belaid (Dubai Creek) with

Maurice Murphy in third on a 155 36-hole total.

Peter Derek was disappointed with his final round but won best gross day one with a 2-under par 70 over the Faldo course, a fabulous effort from the championship tees. Jason Neese (Al Ain) carded a 75 in the final round to pick up best gross day two. Also in the prizes were Nikhil Damani (EGC) and Vaughn Reed (EGC) for best net day one and day two respectively.

As always the Omega Emirates Amateur Open attracted competitors from all over the globe with the 116-strong field including amateurs from the United Kingdom, USA, Austria, Germany, Finland, Lithuania, Czech Republic to name but a few.

Harradine surpassed his 2012 runners-up place and will continue his development on the successful MENA tour with the knowledge he was champion in the 25th staging of the Omega Emirates Amateur Open.



*Christopher D'Abreo (Group Manager Rivoli Group), Michael Harradine and Club Captain Dick Purchase*