

Michael Harradine claims fourth Sharjah Men's Open crown



Sharjah success: Michael Harradine led from start to finish to clinch another Sharjah title.

Michael Harradine successfully defended his 7th Sport360° Men's Open Golf Championship crown, winning it for the fourth time.

Two days after he was named the Best Amateur Golfer of the Year in Sport360°'s Middle East Golf Awards (MEGAs), Harradine won another event in which Sport360° was involved, but this time it was much tougher.

MENA Golf Tour amateur James Yeomans, tied at the top after the first round with matching rounds of 71, was still tied going into the 35th hole of the tournament.

Yeoman got off to a fast start in the second round, getting to five-under par through nine holes, but he slipped a bit on the back nine and allowed Harradine to catch up.

But things got really tense on the second last hole with both players tied on three-under par.

Harradine put his shot close the pin 187 yards away and holed the putt for a birdie while James could only manage a par three.

Both players had par fours on the final hole for Harradine to seal another fine win.

He said: "I had a great day of scoring when I didn't hit the ball great. The greens saved me today.

"I stood on the second last hole and told myself I need a birdie and it happened. That's a great feeling."

Dubai Creek's Rayhan Thomas made a late charge at the leaders, but he ran out of holes this time, finishing third on one-under-par.

Tyler Hogerty, a playing professional from the UK, had the best round of the day, shooting 4-under and claiming fourth position.