

HARRADINE TRIUMPHS IN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

EMIRATES Golf Club member Michael Harradine stormed to victory in the 25th anniversary of the Omega Emirates Amateur Open recently after rounds of 72 and 73 gave him a 145 tally and a stunning seven-stroke victory.

"I am really happy to win this one, as this is my home tournament," said Harradine. "I came close a couple of years ago but I lost on the second hole of a playoff, so this is special. I really wanted to win this one. Even though I won by seven shots, I was struggling on both days. I hit just six greens on the first day and found just four fairways during the second round.

"I was scrambling all day and hit a lot of bunker shots, but thankfully, the short game was in good shape."

Harradine headed into the final round two shots adrift of the overnight leader Peter Dedek following an opening 72 over the Faldo course but then shot a 73 over the Majlis to cruise to victory. Ken



Christopher D'Abreo, Group Manager Rivoli Group and EGC Club Captain Dick Purchase present Michael Harradine with the trophy.

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 saw him earn second place outright.

Five players posted a 9-over total for the event and it was Paul King who went home with fourth place following a closing 75.

The top five prize winners 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.

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), two clear of Bilal Belaid (Dubai Creek) with Maurice Murphy in third on a 155 total.