



Superb: Michael Harradine (second, l) with sponsors and Walid Al Attar (r), Emirates Golf Club captain.

# Harradine takes Route 66 to title

Impressive final round helps him clinch the Emirates Open

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

The 2014 Emirates Golf Federation Order of Merit champion won the title that year and will add the 2016 trophy to his collection, along with an invite to the RAK Challenge, the newly-announced European Challenge Tour event to be played in October this year courtesy of the Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority.

Harradine won by four shots eventually, but he was pushed all the way by runner-up Bayhaan Lakdawala (Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club), followed by Rayhan Thomas (DCGYC) in third place.

One of the oldest events in the UAE, the Emirates Amateur Open attracted a strong field with almost 100 players competing at the Faldo and Majlis courses over two days.



Lewis Pearce (Aston Wood GC, England), along with Lakdawala led the field with a score of two-under par 70 over the Faldo course after day one, with Harradine and Zubair Firdaus (Jumeirah Golf Estates) trailing by one stroke at 71.

After just a few holes on day two, it was clear that it was going to be a head-to-head battle between Harradine and Lakdawala. Harradine was off the blocks in a flash with birdies on the first two holes, before dropping a shot at the par-5 third.

Despite three bogeys early on, Lakdawala put on a superb display with birdies at the third, 10th, 11th and 15th to shoot one-under par 71.

However, Harradine showed his

class with further back-to-back birdies at the ninth and 10th and then 14th and 15th. Another birdie at the 17th helped him card an impressive final round of six-under par 66 for a seven-under par 137 and a four-shot 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 147 but missing out on a countback over last 18 holes was Mark Burrell (Links Hope Island, Australia). In third place, on net 150, was Moon Won Jo (Al Ain GC).

Pearce was disappointed with his final round, but won best gross on day one with his 70, while 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.

## IN BRIEF

### Castanjen and Youlden rule in Audi quattro Cup

Marco Castanjen and Steve Youlden won the top honours in the Audi quattro Cup, one of the most anticipated corporate golf tournaments in the region.

Hosted by Al Nabooda Automobiles, the official dealer for Audi in Dubai and the Northern Emirates, as many as 104 invited players

competed at The Address Montgomerie, Dubai, to win themselves a place in the UAE final. Castanjen and Youlden finished on top quite convincingly with 44 points, eight-under-par, in the Greensomes format. That was two points better than the duo of Rahul Yadav and N Mishra, who finished on 42 points.

The 2016 Audi quattro Cup World Final is scheduled to be held in Barcelona this year.

The Audi quattro Cup Golf Tournament Series was established in 1991 and is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2015. Last year, more than 100,000 players took part in 54 countries worldwide.



Participants at The Address Montgomerie

### Flynn and Stewart shine in Black Tee Challenge

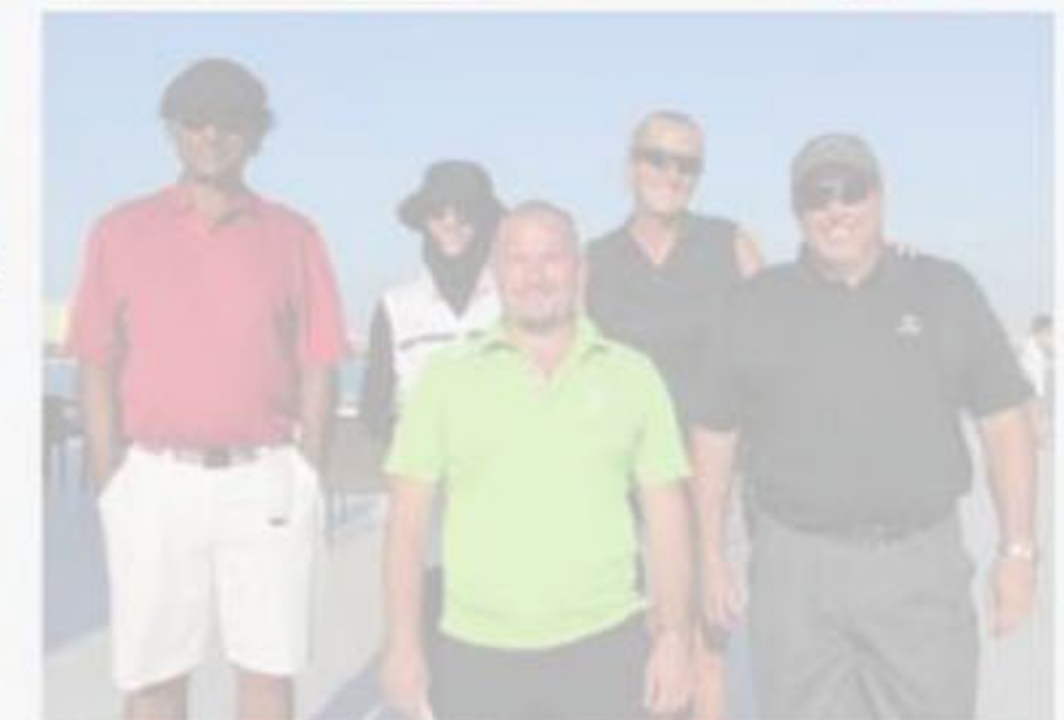
Kenneth Flynn and Terri Stewart took top honours in the Black Tee Challenge at Al Hamra Golf Club as competitors teed up to play the course at its longest possible yardage.

Flynn posted the best score on the day with an 84. After a solid front nine of 40, he faded slightly towards the end, including a damaging

quadruple bogey eight on the 16th. Luckily, it was still good enough to finish one ahead of runner-up Fredrick Fender (85).

The Net Division was won by the in-form Brian Stewart, who posted a round of 75 with similar nines of 37 and 38. Unfortunately, Stewart dropped shots in his closing four holes to see his chances in Gross Division fade away.

Terri Stewart topped the ladies gross division with a 93 after beating fellow Al Hamra member Rita Englebrecht in a card countback. Diana Brown claimed the Net Division after a round of 79.



Kenneth Flynn (c) and other prize winners.

### Al Ameri dominates National Monthly Medal

The first Emirates Golf Federation-organised National Monthly Medal of the new year was played at the Al Ain Equestrian Shooting & Golf Club (AESGC) in the Oasis City, and Yaslam Al Ameri walked away with the top honours after a rather lop-sided contest.

Al Ameri not only won the overall competition by a massive margin of five points with a score of 39 Stableford points, he also won the best gross prize by shooting an 83.

The runner-up, and winning after a count back, was Abdulla Al Marzooqi with 34 points. Lora Al Marzooqi, also with 34 points but a slightly inferior back nine to Abdulla, rounded off the top three.

Awards were also given based on handicap. Mohammed Al Hajeri, with 34 points, won the Division A (0-14 handicap) prize, while Reema Al Heloo topped Division B (14-24 h'cap) with 44 points. Al Heloo was also a clear winner by six points in the Junior Division, with Alia El Emadi second on 38 points.