

Golfers swing into action at Dubai Duty Free Golf World Cup event

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Dubai Duty Free officials headed by the Executive Vice Chairman and CEO Colm McLoughlin presenting the trophy to Cees van Dooren, winner of the Dubai Duty Free Golf World Cup 2018, along with Ramesh Cidambi, COO, Salah Tahlak, Executive Vice President – Corporate Services, Sinead El Sibai, Senior Vice President – Marketing and Des Smyth, golf pro

Dubai Duty Free has hailed the success of this year’s Dubai Duty Free Golf World Cup.

The 26th edition, played over two days, saw 100 players compete to be crowned the champion.

Round 1 was played at Emirates Golf Club and round 2 at Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club.

The Stableford event allows Dubai Duty Free’s guests to enjoy two stunning golf courses with a host of prizes throughout the respective Men’s, Ladies’ and Seniors’ Divisions.

Commenting on the success of the tournament, Colm McLoughlin, Executive Vice Chairman and CEO of Dubai Duty Free, said: “The 26th running of the Dubai Duty Free Golf World Cup represents another milestone for Dubai Duty Free, and we thank Emirates Golf Club and Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club for their continuous support. The players enjoyed the atmosphere of friendly competition, and the social interaction made it a good meeting place for those involved in the duty free industry.”

Cees van Dooren, a former longtime resident of Dubai, was crowned the champion after a two-day Stableford points total of 80; a five-point winning margin.

Francisco Giles prevailed in the Men's Division to be named the overall local champion after rounds of 34 and 35 points.

The overall visitor winner was Dermot Davitt with a two-day total of 75 points. Elsewhere in the Men's Division, day one leaders Ian Hill and Jihad El Sibai finished the overall runner-up and second runner-up after two-day totals of 72 and 69, respectively.

In the Ladies' Division, ensuring a double winning couple of days for the van Dooren family, Cees' wife Maria was crowned the overall local winner with a two-day total of 48, while a total of 55 ensured victory in the overall visitor division for Charmaine Bruwer.

54 points from Jeannie Archer saw her pick up the overall runner-up prize, beating fellow competitor Vicki Smyth by just a single shot. Smyth was then awarded with the overall second runner-up prize.

In the Seniors' Division, Gunther Becker claimed the overall super super senior title after a two-day total of 72 points. A score of 63 points meant Conor Bartley was awarded as the super senior winner, while Peter Dige claimed the overall seniors' prize with a total of 73 points.

At Emirates Golf Club on day one, the Men's Division saw some impressive performances from Michael McGinley, who was awarded the best gross; Jonathan Holland, who claimed day one's first place; and Dennis Marnane, who claimed day one's second place.

At Dubai Creek on day two, James Finnigan was awarded the best gross, James Kfoury day two first place and Jean-Stefan Camerini day two second place.

For the Ladies, Karen Mounib and Barbara Foley were awarded the day one ladies' title and runner-up spot, while Imelda Gleeson claimed the day one best gross prize.

On day two, Naima Maya was presented with first place, while second place went to Joan Legnar.

Amarjeet Radia was presented with the day two best gross prize.

On day one, Barbara Foley, Gerry Crawford and Patrick Dorais showed great accuracy on the par 3's and were all awarded in the nearest the pin competitions, while in the longest drive contest, Karen Mounib, Charmaine Bruwer, James Kfoury and Antoin Breen were awarded.

On day two, Naima Maya, Joan Legnar, Michael McGinley and Khalid Al Halyan were awarded for their accurate tee shots in the nearest the pin prizes.

Both longest drive prizes for the ladies were claimed by Naima Maya, while for the men Jean-Stefan Camerini claimed both.