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TOMORROW'S GOLF STARS SHINE AT NIZELS

A 16-year-old member of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club has won the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters Golf Championship held at Nizels Golf & Country Club in Kent.

The prestigious championship, which took place at the end of June, saw 72 elite golfers aged 18 or under from Great Britain and Europe competing over two days for the top prizes.

The handicap ballot was applied at 0.4 and 39 boys made the cut after the first two rounds on the first day of play. The overall winner after 72 holes was Jonathan Bell of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club with a score of 7 under par. Runners up were Adam Myers (-3) in second place and Dylan Boshart from Holland (+3) who took third.

The overnight lead was held by last year's champion, Tom Lewis, but he struggled as many others did on the second day, with drying greens and blustery winds. The England team of Tom Lewis, Jonathan Bell and Darren Renwick succeeded in securing the newly presented Nations Cup, with excellent scoring in the first day's play. An additional prize was offered this year by Intelligentgolf.co.uk for the best eclectic score over 4 rounds. This was won by Nicholas Davis, with a gross 60, which included a hole in one on the difficult 14th hole.

The tournament is now recognised as one of the top boys' tournaments in Europe, and is supported by the EGU and The Royal & Ancient Golf Club. Money raised from the weekend and Friday's Junior-Pro/Am will provide bursaries to support nominated young talented golfers.

Vanessa Machin, General Manager of Nizels Golf & Country Club, which has hosted the tournament since it launched in 1997, says: "This was another fantastic event and our members were out in full force to support it. The players were presented with a course that was in superb condition and the standard of play was commendable. Our thanks go to all the organisers and volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly."



**Jonathan Bell in
the Junior
Masters Jacket
with the trophies**