

2009 and beyond...

New Logo

The Junior Masters logo has been updated to provide a more modern, youthful and practical image. New colours and typestyle give it a much fresher appearance.

It is being used for the first time on this newsletter, and you will see it used increasingly often when items become due for replacement.

Sir Henry Cooper

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New Tee Boards

The Junior Masters has had sponsored tee boards for 6 years and 2009 sees the introduction of new, bigger boards showing hole length in both yards and metres, reflecting the event's international standing. The manufacture of the signs is very generously sponsored by Sabre Signs Ltd of Tunbridge Wells.

If you would like information about advertising on one of the new tee boards please contact Ken Trott on 01622 763 707.

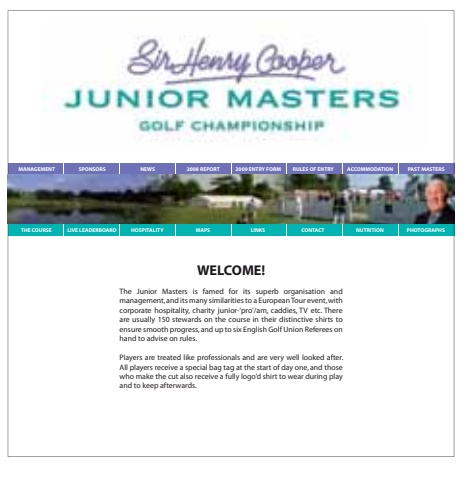


Artist's impression

New Web Site

A new web site is being built for launch in early 2009. It will have greatly expanded features, including on-line player registration and secure entry fee payment, picture gallery, live leaderboard during the tournament, news, reports, mailing list, and much more.

We'll keep you up to date with Junior Masters news if you register on-line for the mailing list. No junk mail - no passing your details to other organisations - it's between you and us only. Promise!



A worldwide tournament for 2009

The Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters is the most prestigious independent golf championship for elite Under-18 players in Europe. The professionalism of the format has become the template for many similar international events, which is why it is one of the best known junior golf tournaments in the world.

With 'World Event' status for 2009, players from around the globe are attracted by the scale of opportunity this Championship provides. In response, 2009 will see a step change in our ambition for this already successful event as we invite worthy international players to come onboard and share the experience.

Players have use of the club's 25m pool and gymnasium and transport is provided between hotels, practice range and the course throughout the tournament.

Invitations have been sent to the national golf organisations in Africa, North America, South America, Australia, The Far East and Europe.

The original concept for the Junior Masters - the best possible competition for the very best players - will be further enhanced by this major development and the management team are working hard to ensure that everything is in place to maintain our usual high standards.

Alan Cheeseman
Tournament Director



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Bell takes the 2008 jacket!

On a warm and windy weekend, 72 of the very best under-18 European golfers came to Nizels in Kent for the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters Golf Championship. With 115 applicants for 72 places, the handicap ballot had been applied at 0.4 ensuring the very highest quality of junior golf.

With a two-tee start competitors battled the gusty conditions as well as what is a very tough course in its own right. The morning leader was defending Junior Masters Champion Tom Lewis on 4 under, followed one shot back by Northern Ireland's Reeve Whitson and England's Josh White.

The afternoon provided a spectacular display of tournament golf, with Lewis further improving his score, being 7 under, but Jonathan Bell shot a magnificent 5-under to be only 2 shots back.

The halfway cut came at 6 over, and 39 players were awarded their Junior Masters shirts for Sunday's play.

Only 4 players were under par at the start of play and, with only 13 shots separating the field, the tournament was there to be won or lost by any of these great players over the final 36 holes. Going out in reverse order, Jon Bell and Tom Lewis were joined by Adam Myers in the last group.

Lewis found the going toughest, shooting a disappointing 82 to fall well back down the field. Bell maintained his concentration and ended the morning round 2 shots better off at 7 under par.

With six or seven players still in the hunt, the final round got off to an exciting start with Lewis determined to fight back.

Jon Bell, however, kept his nerve after hitting bogeys on the 5th and 6th, and ran out a comfortable winner at 7 under par. Lewis played much better in the final round and hit a creditable 73, a marvellous testament to his strength of character. Adam Myers was one of only two players to hit a sub-par round to finish 2nd overall – one of those days when not a single putt of his found the hole!

Dylan Boshart from the Netherlands hit the other sub-par round to finish 3rd overall.

Many VIPs had assembled for the luncheon in the corporate hospitality marquee. Amongst over 100 attending were past champions, media representatives and sponsors. Principal guests included EGU President Roy Case, the R&A's Chairman of Boy's Selectors Peter McEvoy, and many other EGU, International Federation and R&A guests. Sir Henry Cooper was unable to attend this year's tournament due to the very sad passing of his wonderful wife Albina. Roy Case, President of the English Golf Union, kindly stepped in to present the trophies to all the winners.



Winners:

2008 Champion	Jonathan Bell, England
Runner-up	Adam Myers, England
3rd=	Dylan Boshart, Holland
3rd=	Ben Martin, England
3rd=	Chris Selfridge, Northern Ireland
3rd=	Max Smith, England
7th=	Gary King, England
7th=	Scott Campbell, England
7th=	Tom Lewis, England
7th=	Ashley Rees, England
7th=	Jake Shepherd, England

Under 16 winner: Chris Selfridge

Eclectic Winner: Nicholas Davis, England

Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters Charitable Trust: 2008 Bursaries.

The Junior Masters Junior-'Pro'/Am is staged each year prior to the main tournament in order to raise funds for our associated charity.

This year, the Trust has awarded six bursaries to talented and deserving Under-18 golfers. A number of players were nominated by the English Golf Union and by other interested parties.

After much thought and deliberation, the Board of Trustees have awarded the following players bursaries:

Jonathan Bell, London
Tom Boys, Cheshire
Scott Cambell, Sheffield
Nicholas Davis, Middlesex
Liam Harper, East Sussex
Adam Myers, Northampton

Board of Trustees:

Trevor Baker
Rex Butcher, *Treasurer*
Alan Cheeseman, *Chairman*
Richard Clements

The Trustees said "with our 'World' status taking shape it is hoped that the value and scope of bursaries in future years will increase significantly for the benefit of talented young golfers".

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PRINCIPAL SUPPORTERS

The Junior-'Pro'/Am – unique in Europe

On Friday the Junior-'Pro'/Am featured 22 teams each comprising one Junior Master playing as the 'Pro' for the day, together with 3 amateurs. This event raises money for our associated Charity – The Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters Charitable Trust. The Trust provides training and travel bursaries to talented junior golfers, to help them achieve their full potential.

To be invited to be a Junior-'Pro' is a great honour for these young players and the demand for places is immense. Equally, those amateurs fortunate enough to participate in this unique event will head home exhilarated with special personal memories, and the knowledge that they have contributed to helping these young sportspeople achieve their golfing ambitions.

This year the winning junior 'pro' was Garrick Porteous (Northumberland) and the winning team comprised PJ Rutherford, Brian Rutherford, Chris Sayer and their junior 'pro' was Ireland's Chris Selfridge (pictured right).

Sorry - we can't show PJ's trousers - they'd scare the rabbits!



There was a prize for nearest the pin on the signature 16th hole, which was won spectacularly by Karl Crimes with a hole in one! He received a power trolley donated by

www.PowerProGolf.com and a trolley bag donated by Nizels Pro Shop.

Over lunch comedian Mike Cassidy (above) entertained guests with his hilarious mixture of stand up gags and magic tricks.

Nations Trophy

2008 saw the inauguration of the Junior Masters Nations Trophy. Presented by the EGU's



representative on the JM team, John Wilson and his lovely wife Wendy, (pictured left) the trophy is played for over the first 36 holes of the championship. Three players are nominated from each participating country with the best two scores counting.

This year teams from Denmark, England, Finland, Holland, Ireland, Scotland and Wales took part and in the end England's Tom Lewis, Jon Bell and Darren Renwick ran out the victors on 275 gross (par = 288).

Runners up: Ireland (282)
3rd: Holland (289)



We couldn't do it without you!

The Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters is totally dependent on two major factors...Sponsors and Nizels members, management and other friends who provide support!

Richard Clements has, over the years, developed the stewarding operation at the Junior Masters to a level where it is widely regarded as the very best in Europe and better even than some PGA European Tour events! Up to 150 stewards are on the course during the tournament, ensuring smooth and timely play.

Rex and Angie Butcher's team of scorers keep the live leaderboard up to date throughout play each day of the championship. Scores are radioed in every three holes and appear on screen in various locations around the course and on-line at www.juniormasters.net, courtesy of our leaderboard sponsors www.intelligentgolf.co.uk.

EGU President Roy Case wrote after this year's event "I was made to feel so welcome by all the members of the Nizels Golf and Country Club...and wish to congratulate everyone involved in the organisation of such a splendid and worthwhile tournament. I can honestly say I have never witnessed so many enthusiastic volunteers for any event anywhere in the world. It was truly outstanding."



Did you know the 2008 tournament nearly did not take place?

UBS, our sponsor for the past few years was forced to withdraw late in 2007 due to the global financial crisis. After unsuccessfully trying to replace them an appeal was put out to Nizels' members. The response was fantastic and very generous!

Our principal 2008 supporters are shown below. We are immensely grateful to them and to many individual Nizels members for their generosity.

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Keeping body and soul together...

The catering logistics for the Junior Masters becomes ever more complex and demanding each year and in 2008 team member Lyn Harwood spent many months planning the menus, in conjunction with Nizels' chefs and fitness advisors.

Players

72 holes of major tournament golf take their toll, even if you *are* an under-18 elite athlete! It is essential that players receive high quality, nutritious food to sustain them.

All competitors receive their lunches and suppers absolutely free of charge and their menus were prepared in meticulous detail, with full nutritional values researched and specified for each and every meal. Competitors were sent a full breakdown of their meals and a nutritional values chart several weeks before the tournament.

VIPs

Two banquets are held each year in the Junior Masters marquee - one for the Junior-'Pro'/Am which precedes the main tournament and the other for VIPs on Sunday. Both are attended by a hundred people and Nizels' chefs always put on a spectacular display of gourmet food!

This year was no exception and, quite frankly, your editor put on weight just looking at it!



What it's all about

Income and sponsorship from the Junior Masters Tournament are the primary sources of funding for the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters Charitable Trust, a registered charity. The Trust ensures that some of the most promising young golfers have sufficient financial support to achieve their full potential.

In recent years we have seen an increasing number of our beneficiaries progressing through to the international circuit, both professional and high amateur.

Oliver Fisher is regarded as one of Europe's best golfing prospects of recent years. As a junior he was the recipient of several bursaries from the Junior Masters Charitable Trust.

In 2005 he became the youngest ever player to take part in the Walker Cup and in late 2006 he finished fifth at Tour School to become the youngest Briton to win a tour card. He immediately turned professional.



Photo courtesy James Green and Oli Fisher

He made the cut at his first five European Tour events as a professional and in only his second season on tour he is in the top 50 of the European Tour Order of Merit. He is pictured here in September 2008.

A message from Zane Scotland

"Winning the Junior Masters in 1999 was the beginning of a fantastic sequence of events in my life culminating in becoming a member of the European Tour in 2007.

I advise any junior player with aspirations to become a touring pro to experience the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters - you will then know for sure how it will feel!"

Below: Zane signing a glove for auction in the Junior Masters Junior-'Pro'/Am

