

# WORLD JUNIOR GOLF SERIES



## Harder German Junior Masters 2011 - Final Report



From the 2nd to the 4th of August the 9th "Harder German Junior Masters" which is the 3rd tournament in the "World Junior Golf Series" took place at the Golfclub Heddesheim.

Compared to last year the quantity and the quality of the tournament reached a new higher level. Players from 21 nations, among them national teams from 12 countries travelled to the competition. The German Golf Association was present with their Junior boys and girls teams. Players of national teams representing 18 different countries were registered. Sebastian Schwind from GC St. Leon Rot the defending champion playing due to his age for the last time. Also playing were the winners from the "World Junior Golf Series" tournaments in George/SA Claudia Lim (Australia) and Armandt Scholtz/SA and the winner from the Polish tournament in Wroclaw/Poland Mateusz Gradecki. In total 129 players began the battle for the coveted „Green Jackets“, among them 55 boys and girls with a handicap of scratch (0) or better, making the "Harder German Junior Masters" the most prestigious and demanding Junior event in Europe.



The boy's competition was decided by the very last putt. Maximilian Mehles from GC Hubbelrath led the way, stating his case on the first day with a 66. After a 67 on the second day he established a two shot lead going into the deciding last day. He was two shots in front of Victor Østerby from Denmark (135) and Christian Braeunig from GC Riedstadt and Jens Gewecke from GC Hubbelrath (both 138). After 9 holes of the last round Victor Østerby had taken a one shot lead. From here it was a two man race between Maximilian Mehles and Victor Østerby and the fight went to the 18th, where both players made a birdie, Østerby holding on to his one shot lead. He shot 202 to Maximilian Mehles 203. Third place was Jeremy Paul from GC Mannheim-Viernheim with 209.

The girl's competition was just as exciting. Lynn Carlsson from Sweden led the field after two days with a comfortable 4 shot cushion. In second place was Marina Stuetz from Austria with 143, followed by Isabel Gadea and Lena Schaeffner both on 144. After 9 holes of the last day Marina Stuetz had got to within 3 shots of Lynn Carlsson. On the second 9 Marina Stuetz improved to pull level with the Swede both holing out for a 211 three round total. A sudden death play-off then took place with Lynn Carlsson taking the title on the second play-off hole. Larissa Skodda from GC Hummelbachau fought through after a weak first round 79 to take third place together with her club team mate Isabel Gadea on 214.



A highlight of the competition was set by Christopher Carstensen from GC Hamburg Falkenstein on the second day with a new course record of 63.

The winners were very proud as they were helped into their "Green Jackets". Just as proud was the tournament director Dr. Joachim Rosswag. "I didn't think it would be possible to improve on last year, but with 21 nations competing we have become even more international and the sporting quality just gets better and better – truly fantastic. All of us are already looking forward to next year and our Junior tournaments 10 year jubilee."