



2011 MURRAY RIVER JUNIOR MASTERS



TOURNAMENT WRAP

A record field of 128 players arrived to contest the 8th Murray River Junior Masters. For the first time the tournament was played over just the Old Course at Cobram Barooga and the Captain's Course at Tocumwal, 36 holes on each course.

Round 1



Defending Champ Jamie Stapleton on the first tee.

A cool morning turned into a very warm and sunny afternoon at Cobram.

James Bannan was quickly into the lead, going 3 under after the first seven holes, but faltered a little to return an even par round of 72. This lead by one stroke from the trio of Justin Ispanovic (Rosanna), Ashley Blake (Shepparton) and Lucas Herbert (Commonwealth), who all returned 73s.

Bianca Ling (Kingswood) lead defending Champion Reanna Matthews (Commonwealth) by 3 strokes after returning a one over par 74.

Nett 61s were the benchmark on day 1, being returned by Ethan Keane (Woollooware) and Cheerie Tan (Yarra Yarra).

Round 2



Lucas Herbert looking colourful for day 2.

Back to tackle the Old Course at Cobram again on a hot day 2.

Lucas Herbert stepped up the pace returning a great round of 4 under par 68 to move into the lead at 3 under par after 36 holes. Trailing by 3 shots was overnight leader James Bannan, returning a second consecutive round of 72, with Justin Ispanovic third after another 73.

Bianca Ling fired another 74 to lead by 3 from Julianne Soo (Woodlands) who returned a solid even par round of 73 on day 2.

Ryan Kowal (Churchill Park) shot the lights out to return an incredible nett 59 for the low nett score on day 2.

Round 3



Team Ling getting ready for round 3.

The tournament moved to the Captain's course at Tocumwal for day 3.

The best round of the day was a 2 under par 70 returned by David Micheluzzi (Cranbourne). At the top of the leaderboard, Lucas Herbert returned a 74 to be 2 shots clear of James Bannan and 3 shots clear of DJ Loypur (The Heritage) after DJ returned a 71 to move into contention.

Bianca Ling proved her class by returning a career best round of 4 under par, 69 to move well clear of the girl's field. Emily Smith (Murray Downs) also returned a great round of 1 under par 72.

A great nett 65 from Ethan Keane kept him in sight of the honours over 72 holes. Yarra Yarra pair Cheerie Tan and Shannah Fernando returned fine 66s on day 3.

Round 4



Dave Micheluzzi en route to a 3 under par weekend.

The forecast rain clouds opened up early to greet players for the final round at Tocumwal. A number of heavy showers gave way to lighter drizzle and finally some clearing skies on day 4.

DJ Loypur made a strong move through the last round to overhaul overnight leader Lucas Herbert. James Bannan wouldn't go away and continued his consistent play all day, and after DJ holed out from the bunker at 16 for a birdie, James holed a 20 foot putt to match him, heading into the final 2 holes. DJ bogied the 71st from just off the green which left he and James tied standing on the final tee.

Both players could only manage a bogey on the 72nd hole to go into a playoff for the title.

Best round of the day was returned by Mitch Davis (Yarrowonga) carding an equal tournament best of 4 under 68.

Bianca continued her fine play and returned a round of 74 to finish even par and a 14 stroke winner.

The race for the overall net honours was close, but a 71 from Ethen Keane was good enough to return a nett total of 260 and a 4 shot win. Cheerie Tan was too strong in the girl's nett, closing out with a 66 for a total of 253.

The Playoff

A good crowd followed the 2 players back to the 18th tee for the playoff. DJ was first to play and pulled his tee shot into the left trees and was forced to pitch out short of the green with his second. After a perfect drive James also missed the green with a short iron approach leaving himself a long chip across the green.

DJ pitched well with his third shot to 10 feet and James hit a great chip up to 2 feet below the cup. Needing to hole the putt, DJ narrowly missed and allowed James to tap in for victory.



Tournament Stats - Gross

Low Round	Boys	68 (-4)	Lucas Herbert (Day 2) and Mitch Davis (Day 4)
	Girls	69 (-4)	Bianca Ling (Day 3)
Low 36 Cobram	Boys	73, 68 (-3)	Lucas Herbert
	Girls	74, 74 (+2)	Bianca Ling
Low 36 Tocumwal	Boys	72, 68 (-4)	Mitch Davis
	Girls	69, 74 (-3)	Bianca Ling

Tournament Stats - Nett

Low Round	Boys	59 (13 under)	Ryan Kowal (Day 2)
	Girls	60 (13 under)	Cheerie Tan (Day 1)
Low 36 Cobram	Boys	61, 63 (-20)	Ethan Keane
	Girls	61, 60 (-25)	Cheerie Tan
Low 36 Tocumwal	Boys	67, 67 (-10)	Ian Merrett
	Girls	66, 66 (-14)	Cheerie Tan and Shannah Fernando



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HONOUR ROLL

2011

Boys Winner	James Bannan	289
Girls Winner	Bianca Ling	292

2010

Boys Winner	Jamie Stapleton	291
Girls Winner	Reanna Matthews	292

2009

Boys Winner	Matt Thomas	291
Girls Winner	Catherine Odgers	315

2008

Boys Winner	Kristian Bobanovic	301
Girls Winner	Reanna Matthews	315

2007

Boys Winner	Kris Mueck	289
Girls Winner	Catherine Odgers	320

2006

Boys Winner	Kris Mueck	286
Girls Winner	Tegan Smith	309

2005

Boys Winner	Anthony O'Brien	299
Girls Winner	Emma Betland	307

2004

Boys Winner	Mathew Staines	295
Girls Winner	Kate Moore	321

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