

AUSTRALIAN HELLENIC GOLF OPEN 2009 WINNER



Nikos Palamaras was crowned the 2009 Australian Hellenic Golf Open Champion



The 2009 Australian Hellenic Golf Open (AHGO) was held at Moonah Links on the Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne on Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October 2009.

The Tournament attracted 100 players from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Greece, who endured 36 holes of stroke play over the two days at Moonah Links.

Nikos Palamaras from Melbourne was crowned the 2009 AHGO Champion and was presented with the perpetual AHGO Trophy, based on the "Winged Victory" statue of goddess Nike. Alex Katholos from Sydney finished second and Peter Theodorakopoulos from Melbourne, was third.

The Tournament began with the traditional Opening Ceremony, performed by the Ancient Hoplitikon of Mel-

bourne with an ancient ritual to the gods to bring the "Parthenon Marbles" back to Greece, culminating in the playing of the Australian and Greek national anthems on the 'gaida'.

The President of the Australian Hellenic Golf Federation (AHGF) thanked the Bank of Cyprus as the Tournament Sponsor and all the sponsors for their continued support.

"George Tacticos and the team at the Bank of Cyprus should be congratulated for their continuing support of grass roots sporting and community organisations. Their involvement along with the other fantastic sponsors can only continue the growth of the Tournament."

Money was also raised at the event for the Australian Greek Welfare Society as part of the

aims of the Australian Hellenic Golf Federation to raise awareness and funds for a charitable organisation involved in the Hellenic community.

For full results on the 2009 AHGO, please go to www.ahgf.com.au.



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The participants from Sydney: Alex and Peter Katholos, Jim Vlassis, Kostas Xanthis (2008 winner), Ikaros Kyriakou, Steve Georgiou and Paul Theodorakopoulos.