

2010 Strada Rail Hampshire Open Championship

Liphook Golf Club

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Le Roux wins Strada Open title



Jon Le Roux and Mike Hocking (Operations Manager, Strada Rail)

Jon Le Roux won the Strada Rail Hampshire Open title at Liphook Golf Club.

37-year-old Le Roux (Oris Medical) shot rounds of 68 and 70 for a two-under-par total of 138, one shot ahead of Ampfield's Jon Barnes (139).

It was Le Roux's fourth 'major' Hampshire PGA title having previously won the Meachers Master Championship on three occasions.

Alresford's Philip Bryden had led the Strada Rail Championship after opening with a three-under-par round of 67. Bryden was pleased with his effort but knew it could have been better after he failed to birdie either Par 5 on the back nine. Le Roux shared second place at the half-way mark with Lee-on-the-Solent's Rob Edwards. Alasdair Hay, James Green and Barnes (all 69) completed the list of sub-par opening rounds.

Bryden's challenge faded as the second round unfolded, so too Edwards who dropped three shots in the first two holes.

It was left to Le Roux and Barnes to battle it out on Liphook's immaculate greens for the coveted Strada Rail title. Helped by eagles at the 5th and 13th Le Roux took what looked like a winning lead. Standing on the final tee he had a comfortable three shot lead over Barnes but he then fell foul of Liphook's slick 18th green. Having found heather off the tee he then had to watch as his ten foot par saving putt rolled agonisingly past the hole, down the slope and off the front of the green. Fortunately he then managed to two-putt from the front of the green for a double bogey and victory. Barnes took second place to increase his lead in the race for the 2010 Hampshire PGA Order of Merit.

Hockley's Gary Stubbington moved through the field with a second round of 67 to share third place with James Green (Portsmouth Golf Club).



Jon Le Roux in action

Alresford's Jonathan Fox (145) won the County Union Salver as 'best amateur' with Scott Gregory (Corhampton) second on 147, the same score as third placed Jordan Ainley (Brokenhurst Manor).

The Championship was sponsored for the sixth year by Strada Rail Limited. For more information about the Company please visit their website.

Leading Scores:

Jon Le Roux (Oris Medical)	68+70	138
Jon Barnes (Ampfield)	69+70	139
James Green (Portsmouth GC)	69+73	142
Gary Stubbington (Hockley)	75+67	142
James Ablett (Lee-on-the-Solent)	72+71	143
Philip Bryden (Alresford)	67+76	143
Rob Edwards (Lee-on-the-Solent)	68+76	144
Chris Hudson (Southwood)	71+73	144
Mark Treleaven (Hayling)	73+71	144