

# The Mighty Masters

## The 2009 Mighty Master – Kyle Toby

As play started at Augusta for The Masters the youngsters of Essex enjoyed the annual event at Epping Golf Club on Thursday 9 April 2009.

About 150 young hopefuls accepted the invitation of club proprietor Neil Sjoberg to try their hand at golf.

Contests in putting and Tri Golf, the plastic equivalent of the game much favoured by some Essex Schools, plus coaching on the driving range by PGA professionals are the background activities to the real golf played on the course.

The real golf allows each group of three youngsters accompanied by an adult Epping Golf Club member, to play 3 holes, 6 holes or 9 holes according to their age and ability.

When at the prize giving Katy Cooper of the Golf Foundation, asked the gathered crowd whether they had enjoyed the day, a deafening shout of 'yes' came back from the players.

The main sponsor of this event Daniel Robinson & Sons made sure that nearly everyone got a prize.

To be a Mighty Master you must be an absolute beginner, so the winner must not have a club handicap, so although he did not have the best score over 9 holes, Kyle Toby's 43 was good enough to take the Trophy. Kyle is a young man of 14 who plays occasionally with his Father at Theydon Bois.

The best score of the day, 40 over 9 holes went to Orsett Golf Club's William Percival.