



EASY, HIT HARD

This year's edition of the SMA Annual Golf Tournament, held on 3 August, saw more than 70 members, guests and sponsors gathered at Tanah Merah Country Club (TMCC) for a day of social and collegial interaction. The golfers were treated to a day out on the lush green landscape of the club's 18-hole Tampines Course.

Light showers during the earlier part of the day threatened to dampen the enthusiasm of the participants who started streaming in for registration at 11.30 am. However, everyone kept their fingers crossed that the rain would let up as they mingled with friends and acquaintances over a delightful buffet lunch of Hainanese chicken rice.

Thankfully, the skies cleared up just in time for the shotgun start at 1.30 pm. Upon setting foot onto the undulating greens, the golfers were all geared up for a swinging good time. The rain proved to be a blessing in disguise as the weather remained cool and breezy throughout the afternoon. The golfers' hard work and sportsmanship were evident as they tried their very best in their swings and putts, in the hopes of bagging a prize. Friendly competition aside, lots of laughter and happy chatter was observed as the golfers played on.

As evening neared, the tournament wrapped up and the golfers headed to wash up and prepare for dinner, held

at TMCC's Garden Banquet Room. Upon entrance, golfers picked up their individual flight photos which were taken and printed as personal mementos from the event. After everyone got seated, the convener for this year's tournament, Dr Tay Jam Chin, gave his welcome speech, thanked all the golfers for their presence and announced the commencement of the dinner. Everyone took no delay in tucking into the scrumptious eight-course meal.

As dinner progressed, representatives from two sponsors were invited on stage to address the audience. Ms Jasmine Tan, senior consulting manager from Bizmann System (S) Pte Ltd and Mr Edmund Ang, vice president of Summit Planners Pte Ltd, provided everyone with insights into their company's services.

Not long after came the moment everyone had been waiting for – the prize presentation ceremony. Dr Chan Kwai Onn, the tournament advisor and emcee for the night, took to the stage to announce the winners of each category. The banquet room erupted in applause and cheers for this year's Best Nett winner, Dr Chong Tat Chong, who obtained a nett score of 67. His win also earned him the title of convener for next year's tournament. When asked to share a few words, Dr Chong said that he has been an ardent supporter of each year's golf tournament and has participated for the past 15 years. Playing on his home course this year, he was thankful for the pleasant weather and for being in the company of good friends.

SMA News also managed to speak to this year's Best Lady Golfer, Dr Ng Hui Nai, who reminisced about her day: "It's nice to have events like this where we gather together for a game of golf with all our friends. I was in the same flight with two other lady golfers whom I knew, so we had a lot of fun."

Dr Gary Chee, the Best Gross winner who clocked a score of 79, was pleased with his win. "I was defending champion for best gross and there were many good players out there. I made a couple of good putts, so I'm pretty happy!" said Dr Chee.

Dr Chee, together with fellow GPs Dr Jitendra Kumar Sen, Dr Robert Ong, Dr Chong Tat Chong and Dr Howe Wen Li, also celebrated the winning of the SMA GP-Specialist Friendship Trophy. This was the first time the GP team has won this trophy since its inception, and they beat the Specialist team by just one point!

The dinner ended with a lucky draw sponsored by our valuable sponsors, with prizes ranging from a hotel stay and dining vouchers to golf bags and accessories. Everyone waited in anticipation as each of the 25 winners was announced. The top prize, a green fee voucher for a weekday morning four-ball flight at TMCC's Tampines Course, was won by Dr Charles Chan-Wah Hak. ♦

PROFILE

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Legend

- 1.** One of the golfers assessing his swing on the TMCC greens
- 2.** The GP team feeling victorious after bagging the GP-Specialist Challenge Trophy
- 3.** Dr Tay Jam Chin (left) presenting the Lo Hong Ling Challenge Trophy to the Best Nett winner and next year's convener by default, Dr Chong Tat Chong



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

Best Gross:
Dr Gary Chee

Best Stableford:
Dr JK Sen

Best Nett:
Dr Chong Tat Chong

Best Senior Golfer:
Dr James CH Lee

Best Lady Golfer:
Dr Ng Hui Nai

BEST TEAM (GP VS SPECIALIST)

Winner

GPs:

Dr Gary Chee
Dr JK Sen
Dr Robert Ong
Dr Chong Tat Chong
Dr Howe Wen Li

Runner-Up Specialists:

Dr James Lee
Dr Charles Tan
Dr See Tho Kai Yin
Dr Sandy Lek
Dr Ng Hui Nai

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Winner: Mr Daniel Ralph
Runner-Up: Mr Shamdin Mohd

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