

THE SPORTING SPIRIT SHINES THROUGH



This year's Inter-Professional Games (IPG) was a tough one for the SMA athletes, who had been defending champions of hotly contested categories such as golf and chess in previous IPGs. New players and unforeseen absences from various SMA teams left us scrambling to regain our balance to even stand a chance in the fiercely competitive games, with the pride of the medical profession on the line. The SMA golf team managed to hold their own against their professional counterparts and defended their championship title by just three points, while the SMA pool team fought strong and hard to clinch the first runner-up position, climbing a notch from their second runner-up title last year.

The SMA table tennis players put up a good fight during their tournament on 24 September 2016, but they had an eventful competition beyond their second runner-up win. During the tournament, an Institution of Engineers Singapore (IES) player injured her ankle. SMA table tennis players, along with fellow participants from the other professional bodies, selflessly sprang into action to attend to her, with all competitiveness momentarily forgotten! In true sporting spirit, rivalry was set aside as players from different professions gathered to lend a helping hand even after the tournament concluded. The SMA table tennis team is glad to hear that the IES player is currently recuperating well, and hopes that she would make a full recovery

to return to the courts again in IPG 2017!

Victories and defeats are inevitable in any sporting event, no matter how "friendly" they claim to be. SMA athletes may have had a tough IPG this year, but they strive to come back stronger in 2017. Watch this space! ◆

OVERALL TEAM STANDINGS			
GAME	CHAMPION	FIRST RUNNER-UP	SECOND RUNNER-UP
Badminton	LSS	ISCA	SIA
Basketball	LSS	IES	ISCA
Bowling	IES	LSS	ISCA
Chess	ISCA	LSS	SMA
Floorball	ISCA	LSS	SMA
Golf	SMA	ISCA	IES
Netball	ISCA	LSS	IES
Pool	ISCA	SMA	LSS
Squash	ISCA	LSS	SMA
Table tennis	ISCA	SISV	SMA
Tennis	ISCA	LSS	SMA
Volleyball	ISCA	LSS	SMA

Legend:
Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA); Institution of Engineers Singapore (IES); Law Society of Singapore (LSS); Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA); Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV); and SMA.

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Legend

1. SMA basketball team at IPG 2016
2. The SMA floorball team with their counterparts from Law Society of Singapore
3. SMA table tennis players are all smiles after their games
4. The SMA pool team for IPG 2016