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SSGS Contingent with Guest-of-Honour -Minister Gan Kim Yong

The 31st ASEAN Senior Amateur Golf Championship has come and gone, leaving many pleasant memories behind. The importance attached to this significant event was encapsulated by it having two Guests-of-Honour-Minister for Health, Gan Kim Yong who officiated at the Opening Ceremony held at the SICC putting green and ESM Goh Chok Tong who honoured us by officiating at the Closing Ceremony held at the Grand Ballroom of Resorts World Sentosa.

The Singapore Island Country Club was an immaculate co-host for the event and brought both the New and Island Courses up to good tournament playing standard despite the vagaries of the weather.

260 golfers representing six ASEAN countries competed from the 18th - 20th of August in the Stroke and Stableford categories and were feted to lavish meals, fully equipped lockers that they could use for the duration of the tournament and well coordinated bags stewardship that had all the bags in the proper buggies at the right time.

The hard work actually started fully a year before the event with outstanding planning by volunteers and the General Committee of the SSGS. all capably led by SSGS President, Dato' Loh Ah Joo Organizing Chairman.

Using the latest management tools and lots of shoulders to the various wheels, the preparation work was accomplished with great aplomb.

From the point of touch-down at the airport to the final goodbyes at both the hotel and airport, the event ran smoothly and without major hiccups.

The first day's events combined a practice round for the Stableford section and the first of three days of fervent competition for the Stroke division. Great weather allowed the event to be completed within 5.5 hours and this was followed by a lunch and the Opening Ceremony. ESM Goh Chok Tong graciously agreed to play on the opening day and his presence was warmly received.

The opening itself with Health Minister Gan Kim Yong as the Guest-of-Honour was a medley of East and West with the shrills of the bagpipes leading the march and the strident persuasion of the lion dancers lending a celebratory air to the occasion. This was followed by a very large high-tea celebration and then it was back to the hotel for a well-needed rest.

The weather gods were completely against us on day 2 and the result meant not only many delays to the competition but also a quick re-scheduling of the food and beverage programme! Fortunately, through a combination of course closure and the adroit calling in of the players, lunch was consumed, albeit not at a relaxed pace but enough to assuage empty stomachs three-quarters of the way through play.

That evening, Dato' Loh Ah Joo, President of SSGS hosted his fellow CASGA Presidents and their entourage at the Sentosa Golf Club. The proximity of the club to the hotel was a god-send and we were able to end the evening relatively early despite the late start occasioned by the miserable weather.

Day 3, started with a promise of better weather and it turned out we could'nt have asked for anything better.. No delays, lunch consumed on time and then back to the hotel for the Closing Ceremony where the various country delegations very sportingly highlighted the customs and culture which all made compelling viewing.

So attractive were the presentations that even ESM Goh was seen taking to the floor to perform the Joget and Thai Ramwong.

And so ended the 31st ASEAN Senior Amateur Golf Championship. We hope that it was enjoyed by one and all.

SSGS Coming Events

October Medal- We are planning to hold the October Medal at TMCC Tampines Course subject to approval from the management of TMCC. We will circulate details of the medal once finalized. Please keep a lookout in SSGS Website.

APGC - Hong Kong- Nov. 19 - 21, 2014

The tournament will be held at the Discovery Bay Golf Club in Hong Kong from 19 - 21 November 2014. To-date six SSGS members entered the tournament. Members interested can go into SSGS website to find out more details of the tournament.

SSGS Thailand Tour-SSGS vs TSGA

Due to the unstable political situation in Bangkok in the early part of 2014, this annual get together game with the Thai Seniors was not held. We are planning to reinstate this game and will be arranging with the TSGA to hold the game in February 2015 (before CNY)

Members please keep your diary free for this event.

Singapore Senior League

The organizing committee of the SSL has worked with the agents to hold a very interesting golfing trip to Ria Bintan on 4 November 2014. at a very special price.

Members can go into the website to see further details of the special offer and sign up on-line.

SSGS Anniversary Celebrations/Annual Golf Championship-20th October 2014

We are holding our Golf Championship in conjunction with the 46th Anniversary Celebration game on 20th October 2014 at the SICC New Course (Island Location). This will be followed by a buffet dinner at the Ballroom 2 & 3

Notice has been put into the SSGS website and eblasted to all those who has an email address.

Members are requested to inform the office if you have either changed your email address or have a new email address so that you can receive information on our organized events.

31st ASEAN Senior Amateur Golf Championship- Results 18-20 August 2014

1. STROKE PLAY

Individual Open Gross Champion -Sultan Salahuddin Challenge Trophy

Winner	Eduardo Bagtas (Ph)	76, 74, 73	223 gross
Runner-Up	Abdul Razak Jamaludin (Mal)	78,76,80	234 gross
3rd Place	Teo Keow Seng (Sin)	81, 76, 80	237 gross
4th Place	Lian Ai Hian (Sin)	79, 85, 78	241 gross
5th Place	Hamdan Zambahari (Mal)	80, 85, 79	242 gross
6th Place	Pitak Woothichareonkit (Tha)	80, 85, 78	243 gross

Individual Open Nett Champion - Mondonedo Challenge Trophy

Winner	Anwar Idy (Ind)	H/c -16	72, 71, 68	211 nett
Runner-Up	Winud Kardpakee (Tha)	H/c -13/11	72, 68, 72	212 nett
3rd Place	Preecha Boodsri (Yha)	H/c--13/10	68, 72, 74	214 nett
4th Place	Alfred Sim (Bru)	H/c -13	70, 72, 73	215 nett ocb
5th Place	Dicky Tan (Sin)	H/c-13	70, 71, 74	215 nett ocb
6th Place	Bunchai Arunyig (tha)	H/c-15	68, 75, 72	215 nett

Team Champion-Gross - Tan Sri Henry H.S.Lee Challenge Trophy

Winning Team	PHILIPPINES	726 gross
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Team Champion -Nett - Zakir Challenge Trophy

Winning Team	SINGAPORE	650 nett
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2. STABLEFORD PLAY

Individual Stableford Champion Toh Shung Chee Trophy

Winner	Rustnam Narus (Ind)	H/c -16	80 S'ford pts
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" B" Division - Chuah Mooi Kiak -Runner Up

"E" Division- Robert Lye - Winner



Mr Gan Kim Yong-Minister for Health

Message from Guest-of-Honour Mr Gan Kim Yong Minister for Health

" It is my pleasure to officiate at the opening of the 31st ASEAN Senior Amateur Golf Championship 2014.

Singapore, like many other countries, is facing an ageing population. We need to transform our healthcare system to meet the changing needs of our population and ensure it remains accessible and affordable.

At the same time, we need to focus on the promotion of Healthy Living to keep our seniors independent, healthy and active for as long as possible.

This Golf Championship provides us an opportunity for seniors in the ASEAN region to meet, stay active and remain connected. It also helps to strengthen people-to-people interaction amongst seniors from different countries.

I congratulate the Singapore Senior Golfers' Society for hosting such a prestigious tournament and wish them every success."