

The 2018 SSGS VS TSGA GAME

This year, the Inter-port Friendly Tournament with TSGA was held at the Khao Cha Ngok Golf Club in Bangkok on Tuesday, Jan 30 2018. This popular event attracted 37 members to participate in the 5N6D trip starting early Monday, Jan 29. Upon arrival the team members were ferried in 4 vans to the Royal Gems City Golf Club, an exclusive private club. Teed-off after lunch, the weather was beautiful – windy and not too hot. The members thoroughly enjoyed this beautiful and challenging course. After the game, Golf Hub hosted a delicious Thai local cuisine dinner at the Je Dam Pochana Restaurant for the members before checking-in to Juntra Resort Hotel at Nakhon Nayok. The environment was quiet and members were housed in two separate 4-storey buildings. The amenities were rather basic with few staff who could hardly speak English. Some members had to carry their luggage climbing up the stairs to level 4. This hotel was recommended by the TSGA officials. Most of the members had a good sleep after a long day having to reach Changi Airport by 5 am in the morning.

After early morning breakfast the next day, we set out for Khao Cha Ngok Golf Club, a cow grass army course. We were greeted by the TSGA officials waiting for us at the entrance to the club house. All of us were excited ready for the battle. We did our best, winning 4 games with 3 draws but losing 9 to the skillful Thais. As expected, the Thais emerged the winner again. TSGA hosted a wonderful lunch at the club house followed by prize giving, presentation of souvenirs to SSGS members, entertainment, singing sessions and dancing participated by members from both sides. It ended at 4 pm with heart warming farewell. After hotel check-in at Courtyard by Marriot, we went to a famous China Town Teochew restaurant – Tang Jai Yoo Restaurant for dinner. The recommended dishes were suckling pig, steam eel and oyster omelette. Captain Terence Ng bought beer for the 4 teams which won the Thais. It was a really delicious and enjoyable dinner.

The 3rd day, Jan 31 was a free and easy day. The members took the opportunity to go to China Town to shop for Chinese New Year goodies, exploring places and trying out all kinds of delicious Thai food and fruits. Of course, our Captain went for durians too.

Feb 1 is the most memorable day of the trip. We played at Nikanti Golf Club, one of the top clubs in Thailand and the most expensive club of this trip. The course is charming, well maintained and challenging. The changing room is really first class, spacious and cabinets are huge using electronic card key. A comb, cotton buds and a piece of soap are provided in each cabinet. The selection and quality of food are relatively good. During the game two persons hit jackpot with a hole-in-one each. One of them is a Japanese golfer and the other great achiever is our member, Mr Choo Chiau Beng, playing with the Captain, George Seow and Tan Chwee Lee at Hole 14. The Tourism Authority of Thailand hosted dinner at Laem Charoen Restaurant in Central World. Our Mr Choo bought wine for the team members to celebrate his achievement. Congratulations, Mr C B Choo. Well Done!

Very quickly we wrap up the trip with the 4th and final game at the Green Valley Golf Club. We checked out of the hotel and proceeded to the Course around 7.00 am. It is quite a beautiful course and is just 30 minutes away from the airport. Another round of enjoyable golf and great fellowship. After lunch at the club house we went straight to the airport for check-in and bid farewell to Bangkok. The members thanked the Captain, Terry Ng, the Vice-Captain Joseph Ong and Agnes from GolfHub for the well-organised trip. It was really a trip of enjoyment and excitement, particularly most memorable to CB Choo, who experienced a "Virgin Golf Trip with SSGS" and achieved a "Virgin Hole-in-One". We hope to have more Virgins and Virgins Hole-in-One in future SSGS organized overseas trips.