



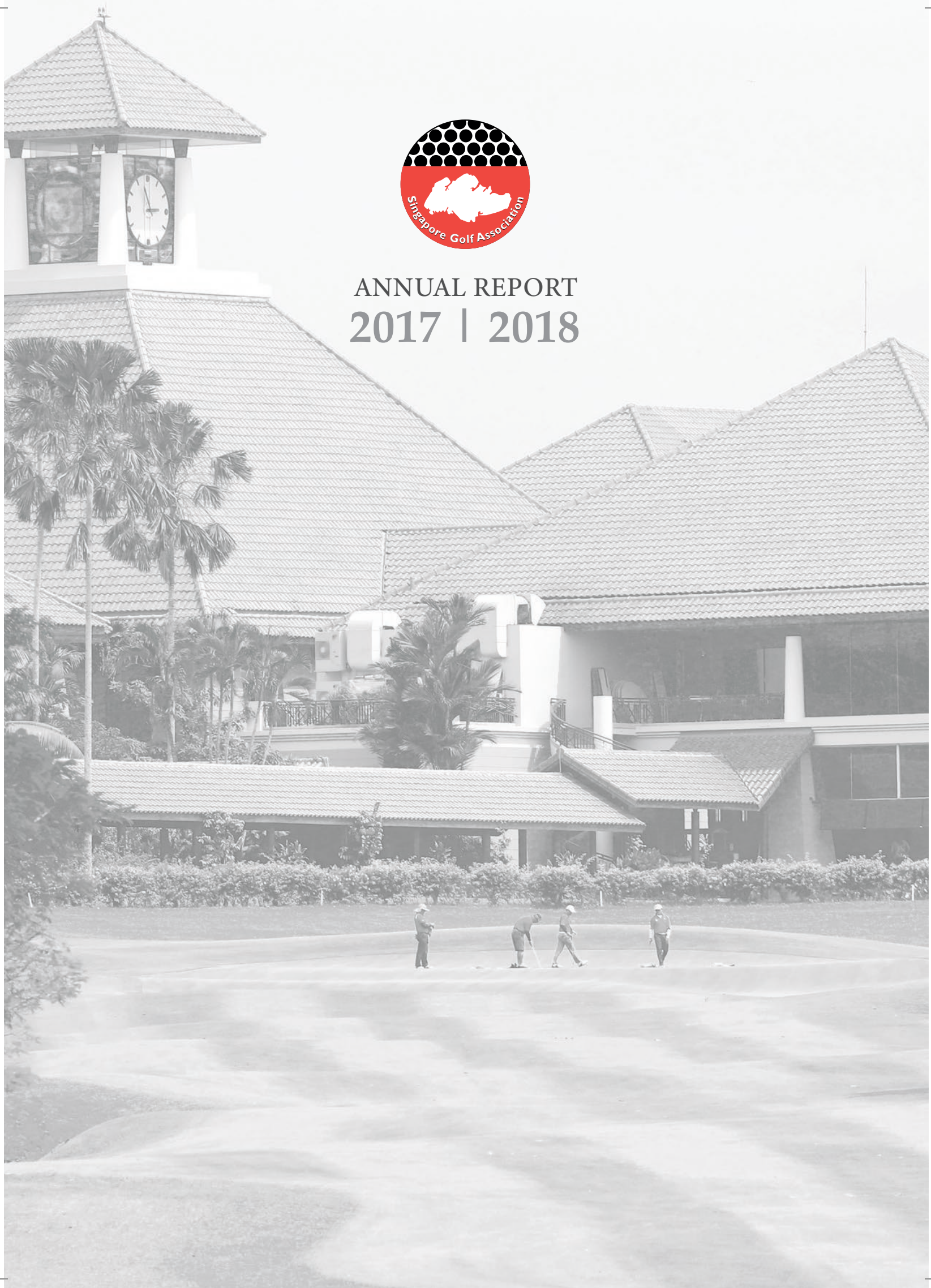
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President's Message

It has been almost two years since the current board and I took over in 2016. With a renewed mission to take SGA on to greater heights and broaden the development of golf in Singapore, I believe that many positive changes took place in the past year and SGA is fast on track to continue our quest.

My report will be focused on these respective points:

- Executive Board
- Junior Development
- Training & Selection
- Marketing and Communication
- Fund Raising
- Re-positioning the Secretariat Team

Executive Board

I would like to use this opportunity to thank all SGA Executive Board members for their continual support and dedication to serve. Our journey together as board members has strengthened our partnership and brought us to brighter ideas for the future. It takes two hands to clap and I must compliment the teamwork we have developed. All our Executive Board members have put in countless hours to chair their respective duties and ensure the progression of our association.

Junior Development

Chaired by Executive Board Member
Lyn Sen (SLGA President / Sentosa Lady Captain)

It has been a couple of years since we started the Junior Development initiatives in Singapore. SGA formed our first Junior Squad comprising of both boys and girls under fifteen years old. Being in the Junior Squad allows them to train together on and off the course. They are also exposed to physical strength and conditioning sessions every weekend.

The response for our junior tournaments is often overwhelming and it is heartening to know that there are many hidden gems to be found. Our first Discover Golf Carnival in conjunction with our SMBC Singapore Open saw over a thousand attendees, many of which had not played golf before. Junior Development is one of the key priorities for SGA as they are the future of our sport. Please read the Junior Development report for a full review of activities to date.

Training and Selection

Chaired by Vice-President
C S Kong (Keppel Club Captain)

SGA Training and Selection committee was reassembled since 2016 after Vice President CS Kong took over. He brought in a team of passionate and knowledgeable golfers who have the capacity to overlook our High-Performance Program. With its strong foundation, CS and I worked closely with the committee to continue the enhancement of our High-Performance Program. All efforts were not put to waste. We created history to win our first ever SEA Games 2017 Team Gold Medal played in Kuala Lumpur. I was fortunate enough to have witnessed every bit of it and it was certainly one of the proudest moment which brought much tears to Team Singapore. High-Performance is another key focus for SGA and it is crucial that we continue to support our National athletes. Please read the Training and Selection report for a full review of activities to date.

Marketing and Communications (MARCOM)

Chaired by Executive Board Member
Goh Kui Hwa
(SLGA Hon Secretary/LNGCC Ladies Club Rep)

With the full support of the SGA secretariat, we have progressed to a brand-new website and increased activity through our social media platforms mainly Instagram and Facebook. The launch of our monthly newsletter and Electronic Direct Mail (EDM) keeps us close to all golfers

to provide all relevant information or developments with regards to the golf scene. In November 2017, MARCOM was placed back to the secretariat's management and leadership from the Executive Board.

Do read the sub-committee report for more details.

Fund Raising

Chaired by Executive Board Member

Lyn Sen (SLGA President / Sentosa Lady Captain)

SGA held another Golf fund raising event on 6th October 2017 played at Raffles Country Club, it successfully raised over \$400k which will help fund our junior development initiatives and high-performance program. It also aids to provide necessary funding to the less privileged aspiring professional and amateur golfers.

We appeal to all in the golfing fraternity to come forward to contribute and support SGA's fundraising event, as funds raised will always be wisely used for the betterment of golf in Singapore.

Secretariat Team

Past General Manager Geraldine Yan left SGA in August 2017 in pursuit of her endeavour. Jerome Ng was tasked as the Acting General Manager as well as continuing his position as the High-Performance Manager. There were no other changes to the secretariat except the inclusion of Daryl Thomas; Senior Executive (Golf Development) and Raizan Rosli; Executive (Operations). It was a breath of fresh air for SGA with new energy and ideas from an overall younger secretariat.

Moving forward into 2018/ 2019, the Executive Board and Secretariat team will strive towards excellence for the association. We will also continue to stand united as a team by our mission and fulfil SGA's visions.

Ross Tan

President

Singapore Golf Association







General Manager's Review

It has been a memorable and eventful year. I look back with satisfaction on a year that has been truly challenging but fulfilling nonetheless. It was a year filled with uncertainties as we ventured into numerous new projects with the aim to develop and grow the game. I cannot be prouder of our secretariat team that persevered through all the challenges faced. In every adversity, lies the seed of an equal or greater opportunity. I believe our 2017 SEA Games Individual Silver and Team Gold says it all. With that same spirit, we added two more new staff to the secretariat team.

- Daryl Thomas - Senior Executive, Golf Development who supports the initiatives of Junior Development, Rules, Handicapping and High Performance
- Raizan Rosli - Executive, Operations who supports and assist in organising tournaments, daily operations and SGA's marketing efforts

Our key focus was to implement a more seamless process in our operations and elevate our service to all golfers. We worked closely as a team to provide the best experience for all golfers in Singapore. Upskilling our team and raising our competencies are key essentials. We aim to continue building a lifelong learning culture to support the upgrade of our secretariat capability. In the coming year, the secretariat will be going through a series of training and self-development programmes.

In the past year, we have been organising more events and activities to engage golfers across all age groups. There has been a significant increase in Junior competitions catered for various skill levels; SGA Junior Golf Challenges for the lower handicappers and SGA Junior Golf Days for higher handicappers and PC holders. At the eve of the SMBC Singapore Open 2018, we co-organised Discover Golf Carnival with Lagardere Sports and it was a resounding success with more than a thousand participants.

We are also constantly working towards providing a good competitive platform for all our Ordinary Member clubs. The SGA Inter-Club League's objective is to build camaraderie amongst members and foster good relationship. SGA will be introducing workshops on the New Rules of Golf effecting from 2019; Golf and Wellness education for all our members. We aim to engage and interact with all golfers in Singapore.

Living in the 21st century, we cannot neglect the power of social media. SGA introduced our own Facebook and Instagram page; actively connecting ourselves to the public and all who are interested in Singapore Golf. We also revamped our website to provide more options and increase effectiveness for visitors.

Under the leadership and direction of the current SGA Executive Board, we will continue to look into newer ideas and strategies to boost vibrancy as well as participation of our sport. On behalf of our secretariat team, I look forward to your continued support in our endeavours.

Jerome Ng
General Manager
Singapore Golf Association



Ms Goh Kui Hwa
Chairperson

Marketing & Communications

SGA Marketing and Communications (MARCOM) effort has taken a strategic approach to use Social Media as a platform to increase their reach to the golfing fraternity. Its aim is to create a lively golfing community through social networking and interactions amongst people with similar passion. The SGA Secretariat is the main facilitator of all MARCOM initiatives. We are tasked especially to be more creative and connect better with all golfers. SGA is also focused on modernizing and exhausting all efforts to connect with more golfers.

SMBC Singapore Open Booth

Once again, SGA had a booth at the SMBC Singapore Open 2018 held at Sentosa Golf Club. This year, SGA planned two new games for Visitors to the booth, one of which was the "Wheel of Fortune".

Those who spin it stand a chance at a lucky draw of exciting prizes or winning either the exclusive SGA ball markers or bag tags. The other was a "Hole-In-One Game" that tests accuracy and coordination. Visitors were to roll two balls out of three into the hole to guarantee them a prize.

SGA MailChimp

SGA has used Electronic Direct Mailer (EDM) over the year to update golfers of golfing events not to be missed or any matters related to the Central Handicap System (CHS). Golf Events can range from junior to senior; amateur to professional competitions. Its idea is to have the golfing community to stay updated with all activities organized or co-organized by SGA.

SGA Monthly Newsletter

The monthly newsletter serves a summary update of activities as well as key events happening in the coming months. We have also added a more interactive function by providing golfers with golf, swing or wellness tips of every month.

Facebook

Brand awareness is a major part of SGA's MARCOM strategies. Active use of social media is inevitable to stay connected to people all around the world. Information on tournaments organized or participated by SGA are posted on the Facebook page.

We also keep the fraternity updated with the golf performance of our National athletes through this medium. Over the past year, the SGA Facebook page has garnered

more followers and reached out to more people from all over the world. Followers use this feature now to share SGA's post on their personal page and extend the reach of the post to their friends. SGA is aiming to continue our active involvement on Facebook and post exciting news to promote golfing Development.

Instagram

Instagram is another social media platform that SGA uses to tell our story. Images of local and overseas competition lies at the core content to be delivered. We link our Facebook and Instagram pages closely to ensure consistency of content shared.

The SGA Instagram 'Story' feature allows us to stream live events. Followers can now be closer to the action during a competition or event whether locally or overseas.

SGA Website

The SGA Website serves as the core information center to service all golfers. It keeps the golfing fraternity up to date with recent activities in SGA. Event Posts are now up to date with results of golfing events and information are made readily available using the intuitive drop-down menu that allow users to access any information required.

Registration for events is now made convenient with the integration of Typeform that allow users to complete their registration effortlessly. Entry fees for tournaments are also payable via the use of Paypal through the online registration.

SGA Swing Articles

SGA is one of the contributors to the SPH Swing articles. It serves with the main purpose of engaging our sport with the public. It also updates notable performance by our National athletes and the support from all golf's key stakeholders to make the impossible possible.





Mrs Lyn Sen
Organising Chairperson

SGA Fundraiser 2017

The SGA Fundraiser 2017 was held on 6th October at the beautiful Raffles County Club Lake Course, where more than 200 esteemed guests, sponsors and friends were present to support the game they love. It is organized to raise funds to develop talented and aspiring young golfers to help them eventually fulfil their dreams of representing the nation on the world stage,

Guest of Honour, ESM Goh Chok Tong's arrival was welcomed by members of the Junior Squad, members of SGA board and volunteers from The Singapore Ladies Golf Association. 'The Longest Drive' and 'Beat the Juniors' were some of the novelty events on course that allowed SGA to showcase their budding talents and enabled donors to meet and play with the SEA Games gold medallists as well. Unfortunately, the Tournament was cancelled due to inclement weather.

ESM Goh Chok Tong SGA, Governing Council Chairman Mr Khoo Boon Hui, Singapore Sport Institute chief Mr Toh Boon Yi, SGA President Mr Ross Tan along with Council

and Board members were present at the dinner. Tokens of appreciation were given to platinum sponsors and partners of SGA.

The net amount raised was S\$298,450 with the following breakdowns:

Fundraising - Donation	S\$300,376
Other Income	S\$51,907
	S\$352,283
Less Fundraising Expenditure	S\$53,833
Net Surplus	S\$298,450

Funds raised will be channeled to the development of junior golf in Singapore.

Platinum Sponsors

Eddie Loo
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Patrick Tan
Timothy Yong

Edwin Lee
Kevin Kwee
Thomas Tan

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Citic Envirotech
Dato Seri Chong Thim Pheng
Dato Sri Kitnasamy
Derrick Chng
Dr Chen Sze Sin
Dr Jiten Sen
Han Seng Juan
Hitachi Sunway
Jason Yeo
Lee Welded Mesh Spore
Mitsubishi Electric Asia
Ooi Wai Kin

Powen Engineering
Prospec Surfaces
Pure Airconditioning
Ram Pacific Pte Ltd
Raymond Tang
Seah Construction
Soh Chai Hwa
STAR GOLF
Tactics System Engineering
Tan Swee Siong
Tay Hwee Boon
Terence Ng
Thomas Lim
Vernon Khoo
YHI Corporation

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Financial Information

The SGA is financially supported mainly from subscriptions obtained from the Ordinary Members, donations and grants from SportSG. It also collects fees for sanctioning the Singapore Open, Central Handicapping System levy fee, and tournament and registration fees.

The reserves are set aside to provide financial stability and the means for the development of the principal activities of SGA. The Executive Board members review the level of reserves regularly for SGA's continuing obligation.

SGA abides to the Code of Governance for Charities and IPCs and have regularly submitted to Charity portal for the following items:

- Governance Evaluation Checklist
- Financial Summary

Summary:

	2018	2017
Income	S\$1,861,000	S\$1,796,000
Operating Expenditure:		
Tournament Expenditure	634,000	646,000
Programme and Activities	321,000	239,000
Secretariat Salary	572,000	640,000
Others	63,000	40,000
	S\$1,590,000	S\$1,565,000
Surplus for the year before taxation	271,000	231,000
Accumulated Fund	4,828,000	4,557,000
Ratio of Reserves to Annual Operating Expenditure	3.04	2.91

Auditor: S B Tan Audit PAC
 Legal Advisor: Mr Lim Khoon, Lim Hua Yong LLP
 Legal Advisor: Mr Andrew Lim, Allen & Gledhill LL



SGA Conflicts of Interest Policy

- A** Each SGA Executive Board Member and staff shall declare in writing the nature and extent of any relationship, arrangement, contract or agreement, which may result in a conflict of interest.
- B** When there is a change of interest of a Board Member or staff, the Board member or staff shall provide an update to the secretariat as soon as is practicable.
- C** The disclosure of interests are tabled at the next practical Executive Board meeting, unless circumstances arise, in which case, they shall be communicated as soon as possible to the other Board members and staff
- D** Where a Board member or staff is in a position of conflict of interest, the Board member should declare himself (or herself) as conflicted and offer not to participate in the discussion. Persons in a conflict of interests shall abstain from any decisions made on the matter. All disclosures and the nature of the discussions and decisions shall be appropriately minuted in the notes of the meeting
- E** Where a Board member expects to find himself (or herself) in a significant conflict of interest position, he should seek, in the first instance, to minimize his (or her) participation in the process that could lead to the conflict of interest.
- F** The Board will seek to avoid perceptions of any conflicts of interest in its financial dealings



Mr Ismail Taha
Chairman

Handicap

Centralised Handicapping System

The CHS provides a modern and unified platform to compute, amongst other personal data, all handicapping scoring data belonging to individual golfers of SGA's Ordinary and Associate members. Users can access the system via Internet using their personal computers, phone or Club Terminals. Two years since its launch in 2016, the system is currently serving more than 34,000 golfers. Over the past year, constructive feedbacks from users as well as administrators have helped contributed to the system's Phase 2 enhancements.

In its Phase 2 enhancements, Granular permissions are now granted to the various members clubs operation managers to allow system privileges to their admin to accomplish tasks. With these, club managers can now segregate duties amongst staff to one of three roles; Full Admin capabilities, Score Entry and File Upload only or Committee Adjustments and Reports.

In the front end of the system, golfers who now enter a second round of golf on the same day will get a warning message to alert them if they had made a mistake.

The system can now generate additional reports for Members' Club such as excessively high or low scores; score submission statistics of handicap and PC holders and to confirm if these scores are submitted via hardcopy or online. They are also able to download an available list of golfers that include their names, clubs and handicap index. The enhancements are made to integrate CHS into a more seamless system that is more user friendly and increase administrative productivity.







Mr C S Kong
Chairman

Rules

The SGA Rules Sub-Committee is made up of members who are passionate about the rules of golf and selected qualified referees who are interested to contribute back towards the development of the sport. They deal mainly with issues concerning the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status.

One of the SGA Rules Sub-Committee's purpose is to constantly ensure proper education and support is given to referees or those interested to understand the rules of golf better. It is also important to provide and update golfers in Singapore on the changes in the Rules of golf as well as educating golfers more about the rules itself.

SGA makes every effort to increase the pool of SGA Referees by working with the R&A. The R&A's Rules Education programme consists of a three-tiered approach with the aim of graduating delegates through the stages to develop their Rules knowledge. The Schools are tailored to

provide basic instruction for those newer to the game, as well as meeting the demands of more experienced officials looking for tournament specific guidance. It comprises of the Level 1 Introductory Rules School, the Level 2 Rules School and the Level 3 Tournament Administrators and Referees School (TARS).

R&A Level 1 Rules School

The level 1 Introductory Rules School is catered to Golf Professionals, Committee Members, Club Managers and Executives, Sports Convenors and other individuals who are interested in the game of golf and are keen to gain a deeper understanding of the rules.

R&A Level 2 Rules School

A total of 24 participants took part in the Rules School Level 2 on 2-3 December 2017 organised by the Singapore Golf Association at Orchid Country Club. The instructors used this opportunity to brief on some of the development with the Rules Modernisation initiative being conducted by the R&A and USGA which will be introduced in 2019.







Mr Ross Tan
Chairman

Training & Selection

One of the vital focus of the association, the SGA Training & Selection sub-committee overlooks the development of the High-Performance program and ensures a steady pathway for Singapore golfers. SGA's focal point is to groom and cultivate talent; encourage more youth to take up the sport more seriously and the chance to represent the country in regional tournaments as well as major games.

For our High-Performance program for amateur golfers, SGA squads include the Elite; Development and Overseas. The Elite Squad is structured to create a more focused group geared for the preparation towards professional golf or major games representation. The Development Squad on the other hand, is formed to include both youth and young adults who have the potential to take their game up to the next level.

The reformation of the Overseas Squad is to enable Singaporeans who are studying or living abroad to be given a chance to represent the country for local and overseas tournaments depending on their scheduling. The selection of all these squads are done through SGA's Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and the Order-of-Merit (OoM) system. It is to balance a point-focused system and a KPI strictly created to give more options to justify performance based on tournament victories and positioning.

The restructuring and upgrading of the High-Performance Program over the year had seen numerous changes. An inclusion of a Rookie Professional Squad to continue to aid our elite athletes who just turned professional and guide them through the initial transition. SGA also provided more competitive exposure for all squad members to compete on a level playing field; more players were sent for tournaments.

A brand-new team of coaches were engaged to provide professional expertise to our respective squads. Long-time Asian Tour member Scott Barr as a mentor to our Elite and Rookie Professional Squad players; former National players (now golf professionals) Justin Han and Goh Kun Yang as lead coaches to guide our Development and Junior Squad players.

SGA's High-Performance program also works closely with Sports SG' Singapore Sports Institute (SSI) to provide support like Strength & Conditioning, Sports Psychology and Physiotherapy. 2017 also saw notable highlights of numerous National Amateur and Junior victories around the region by our players.

It is encouraging to note that our players are performing well both locally and internationally. Our key highlight of 2017 must be our first-ever SEA Games Team Gold medal won by quartet Marc Ong; Gregory Foo; Joshua ho and Joshua Shou. History was made when Marc Ong drained his 4-footer birdie putt on the third-playoff hole against Thailand. It was a great team effort and boost for Singapore Golf.

SGA has envisioned a long term Multi-Year plan to continually strive towards golfing excellence and shaping the future of Singapore golf.

Note: SGA Executive Board member Mr Lee Lian Hong took over chairmanship in January 2018



High-Performance Squad

The SGA High-Performance consists of four Squads; Elite Squad, Special Squad, Development Squad and Junior Squad. Weekly centralized trainings conducted for namely Elite Squad, Development Squad and Junior Squad, where members of respective squads will be offered tournament opportunities. A phasing system designed to provide world class development pathway that builds winning culture in our athletes has been implemented. Budding talents who showcase potential will earn their rights to participate in both local and overseas tournaments, providing them tournament exposure and experience at the same time.



Elite Squad (Mens)

- Gregory Foo
- Joshua Shou
- Joshua Ho
- Marc Ong
- James Leow
- Edgar Oh
- Lucius Toh
- Wong Qi Wen
- Jesse Yap (Overseas)
- Nicklaus Chiam (Overseas)
- Melvin Chew (Overseas)
- Low Wee Jin
- Abdul Hadi

Elite Squad (Womens)

- Jacqueline Young
- Callista Chen
- Sarah Tan
- Erika Layson
- Nicole Mok
- Ashley Loh
- Wong Yen Ting (Overseas)



Development Squad (Mens)

- Ryan Wong
- Louis Tee
- Andre Chong
- Donovan Lee
- Desmond Kim
- Nicholas Mok
- Tommy Tan
- Brandon Han
- Justin Kuk
- Princeton Yeo
- Jeryl Tan (Overseas)
- Charles Alliston (Overseas)

Development Squad (Womens)

- Denise Wong
- Hailey Loh
- Inez Wong
- Vanessa Khoo
- Linette Chua (Overseas)
- Shannon Tan



Junior Squad (Boys)

- Shmuwel Soh
- Austin Tan
- Ng Wei Jun
- Trevor Ng
- Daryl Low
- Irvyn Tan
- Brayden Lee
- Jayden Loh

Junior Squad (Girls)

- Shayne Lim
- Rachel Sim
- Jillian Kuk
- Sarah Lim
- Tatiana Ang
- Laelle Chng
- Kimiko Ang



Notable Overseas Tournaments

Vietnam Amateur, June 2017

Gregory Foo put in a masterclass performance to win the Vietnam Amateur Open (VAO) by a wide margin of 11 shots. He shot rounds of 70, 70, 71, 68 (279) to finish at 9 under for the tournament. His compatriot, Joshua Shou, finished runner-up to make it a 1-2 sweep for Singapore. He shot rounds of 75, 76, 71, 68 (290) to finish at 2 over, 2 shots clear of defending champion Ruperto Zaragosa.

The Amateur Championship, July 2017

Gregory Foo competed in the 122th Amateur Championship that was held from the 19th to 24th June at the historic Royal St. George's and Princes Golf Club. With a strong field of 288 participants from all over the world, the winner receives not only the challenge trophy but an invitation to the British Open, US Masters and US open. After 2 rounds of stroke play qualifying, the top 64 players eventually advance into the Knockout match play stages. With its undulating greens and long fescue rough, links golf can always prove to be quite tricky especially if the wind picks up. Unfortunately, Gregory was not able to qualify in to the match play stage. Nevertheless, it was a great opportunity and experience for the 24 year old.

•57th Putra Cup/Santi Cup

Lion City Cup/Kartini Cup, Sep 2017

SGA sent a team of 13 of our finest players, both men and women, to the 2017 South-east Asian Amateur Golf Team Championship held Indonesia at the Gading Raya Padang Golf & Club. The team bonded over a week at this prestigious tournament. It is a tournament where 4 events run concurrently – 57th Putra Cup, 11th Lion City Cup, 9th Santi Cup and 5th Kartini Cup. Its rich history makes it one of the South-east Asia majors for amateurs.

Team Singapore played four rounds of golf in both individual and team events, where our SEA Games boys represented for the Putra Cup; Brandon Han, Tommy Tan and Andre Chong for Lion City Cup; Vanessa Khoo, Callista Chen and Nicole Mok for Santi Cup and Shannon Tan, Inez Ng and Hailey Loh for Kartini Cup.

In the individual event, Ong and Foo's victory for the SEA Games did not lead on to the Putra Cup as both players took 3rd and 4th position behind Thailand's Kosuke Hamamoto and Sodom Kaewkanjana who shot an impressive (65, 64, 68, 67) 24-under and (66, 66, 67, 67) 22-under respectively.

Ong and Foo returned both 18-under with Ong winning on count back. Ho was not far behind with (64, 69, 68, 71) 16-under and winning best score for day 1, while Shou finished with (69, 72, 71, 72) 4-under to place 17th. Team Singapore came in second for the Team event, 9 strokes behind the Thais.

Our up and coming boys competed in the Lion City Cup, where a rough start for the team lead to a 4th place finish in the team event behind Indonesia, Malaysia and the champions, Thailand. Chong wrapping up the week with (76, 71, 72, 71) 2-over to place 6th, Tan with (80, 81, 73, 70) 16-over to finish 13th and Han at 15th with (80, 70, 79, 77) 18-over.

For the ladies, Team Thailand swiped up the Team and individual wins, with Atthaya Thitikul leaving the field in her dust with a fantastic (70, 69, 67, 64) 18-under. Her counterpart, Manuschaya Zeemakorn fired a (65, 69, 70, 72) 12-under to place second while Indonesia's Patricia Sinolungan shot 10-under to finish 3rd. Team Singapore saw some fresh faces in this event, where they struggled to keep afloat. Chen's consistent play of (74, 74, 74, 73) 7-over placed her at 9th, Mok's (83, 78, 76, 73) 22-over sat her at 13th position and Khoo wrapped up with 32-over (80, 80, 79, 81) to finish 15th.

Last but not least, the Kartini Cup girls too had a hard time catching up with the Thais, as they triumphed with Tunrada Pidton racking in (69, 67, 66, 71) 15-under to fellow countrymen Kan Bunnanbodee whose (71, 70, 67, 72) 8-under was not enough to make the chase. Loh and Ng finished bottom of the field, with 21-over while Tan withdrew after day 3.

Notable Overseas Tournaments

MCI Indian Ocean

Amateur Golf Open, Sep 2017

Newly promoted Elite Squad player Low Wee Jin was victorious at the MCB Indian Ocean Amateur Golf Open 2017. The tournament took place at the award-winning championship golf course located in the southern part of the beautiful island of Mauritius, Heritage Golf Club in Bel Ombre from the 22nd to the 24th September.

Thailand Amateur Open, Oct 2017

SGA sent 9 men and 2 women: Edgar Oh, Abdul Hadi, Andre Chong, Princeton Yeo, Low Wee Jin, Jesse Yap, Lucius Toh, Jeryl, Joshua Shou, Sarah Tan and Nicole Mok for the 83rd SINGHA Thailand Amateur Open played at the Panya Indra Golf Club.

A show of great skill and talent from Jesse Yap, his 4-day total of 15-under 269 (71, 64, 67, 67) had him finish at second behind Thailand's Witchayanon Chothirunrungrueng by one stroke. Abdul Hadi and Joshua Shou both carded a 1-over total 285 to place 11th and 12th respectively, while Low Wee Jin and Edgar Oh's total of 13-over had them finished at 42nd and 45th. Lucius Toh had a rough week, ending with 15-over 299 (79, 73, 77, 70).

Asia-Pacific

Amateur Championship, Oct 2017

Team Singapore was represented by six of our best male golfers to compete at the 9th Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship held at the Royal Wellington Golf Club, New Zealand this year. A major event for amateurs in the Asia-Pacific region, where invitations for the championship are sent to the leading players from the 41 Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) affiliated organizations.

Team Singapore saw only Abdul Hadi and Gregory Foo made the cut after two days (top 60 including ties) while Joshua Shou, Jesse Yap, Low Wee Jin and Joshua Ho missing the cut by a hair. Singapore's top finish was by Abdul Hadi with an impressive 66 on the final day to wrap up the event even par 284 (71, 74, 73, 66) that shot him up by 22 spots to settle at T17th. Gregory Foo finished with 7-over 291 (74, 70, 73, 74) to place T41st.

Asia-Pacific Golf

Team Championship - Nomura Cup, Nov 2017

Also named as the Nomura Cup, took place at the Sungai Long Golf & country club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The biennial event featured a total of 92 players from 23 countries around the Asia-Pacific region.

Our Singapore Team comprising of Gregory Foo, Marc Ong, Joshua Ho and Joshua Shou finished in 11th place with a total team score of 16 under-par (848). Joshua Ho started the week strong with scores of 68 and 69 but fell off in the last two rounds. Gregory Foo, on the other hand, finished strong in the final two rounds with 66, 67 to lead the team close to a Top-10 finish.

Bonallack Trophy, Mar 2018

Asia-Pacific turned the tables on Europe to win the Bonallack Trophy, one of the symbols of golfing supremacy among amateur men players, at the Doha Golf Club yesterday. This is the first time since 2004 that the Asia-Pacific team have been crowned champions in the prestigious biennial event and it came after three days of intense competitions under sweltering conditions. Gregory Foo, from Singapore represented the Asia-Pacific team for the second time. It was truly an honour for Gregory and he did Singapore proud through his valuable contributions to the Asia-Pacific Team.

Matt Culter, captain of the Asia-Pacific Team commented: "Gregory's performance was very solid - I feel he performed above expectations in 2016 in Portugal but in the two years since has established himself as one of the best players in Asia."





29th South-East Asian Games

National Coach Report

By Andrew Welsford

As the national coach of the 'Singaporean National Team' a true highlight was being a part of the men's team Gold winning performance in Kuala Lumpur 2017.

To see the camaraderie displayed from the national ladies team members, team officials, committee members, coaches and players was a special moment for everyone involved as well as for the game of golf itself in Singapore. I believe the Men's Gold medal performance was included, in the top 10 feel good moments of the entire Games for Team Singapore.

It proved that by developing a strategic plan and prioritizing the training and coaching of the Men's Team with preparation camps, results were achievable. Additional funding was approved by the Committee to train in Melbourne, Malaysia and Indonesia (Bintan) in 2017 and also work and travel with specific consultants such as Joshua Chua (Sports Psychologist).

Developing the role of a High Performance Manager was crucial in making sure all that was needed for the athletes was provided. Going into the event we believed that we would win Gold and were favorites to win. This was a true reflection of our hard work, tournament-planning, training programs and our belief in each other. Each player played a part in the over-all Team Gold winning performance.

Gregory Foo played beautiful golf all week. He could not only of won an Individual medal himself prior to the Team format, but with 9 holes to go was in the lead, and probably the odds on favourite to win 'Individual' Gold. It was a very difficult decision not to choose Gregory as our national representative, in the sudden-death playoff.

Joshua Ho had some moments of brilliance in his Matches for the team and it was very difficult to leave him out of the Final match. We had a team meeting and the decision was made for Joshua to miss the final. I believe this moment was a big moment in the future for Joshua, and spurred him on to greater achievements after the Games.

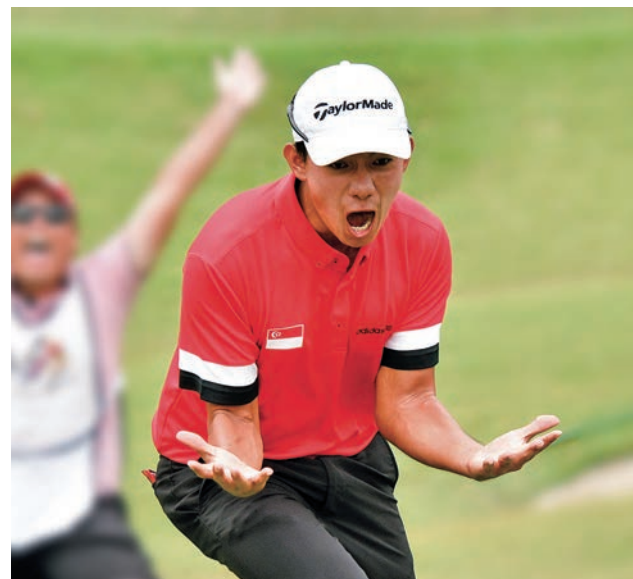
Joshua Shou played steady golf all week, but put in a brilliant performance playing almost flawless golf against the Philippines in the Semi-final. This result was what secured his position in the Final.

Marc Ong played brilliantly all week, taking out the 'Individual' silver medal. In the end he was selected as our national representative for the sudden-death play-off, because of his personal grit, mental toughness and determination that he showed us all during the week.

I'm not sure that the everyday golfer in Singapore understands what the victory meant to those that were involved. To me it proved that we could beat the best team undoubtedly in SEA in 2017, (Thailand) in a head to head battle.

After beating 70 other countries out of 72 in the World Team Championships on the second day in Mexico 2016, I believe that our belief was born, and the individual and team attitude of our players changed.

Hopefully this gold medal will lead to the younger generation being attracted to the game, and also show that this victory is just the start to bigger and better things for golf in Singapore.







Mrs Lyn Sen
Chairperson

Junior Development

Formation of SGA Junior Squad

In July 2017, the SGA named its first ever Junior Squad, comprising boys and girls aged 14 years & under. A total of 24 players were invited to join the squad after a 2 day camp and skills test assessment at Sentosa Golf Club. The youngest player in the squad is 9 years old.

This squad will serve to identify and nurture talented younger golfers in the hope that they will earn promotion to the Development Squad one day. The Junior Squad attends weekly Gym sessions to boost physical fitness and develop core strength in preparation for their golf training. They attend lessons twice a week with SGA coaches Justin Han and Goh Kun Yang and are encouraged to practice on course when access is granted to the team.

Since its inception, the team has shown great improvement & good results in the many local and overseas tournaments they have competed in. The squad size was reduced to 15 in Jan 2018 whilst Sean Lee, 13 and Angel Lim, 12 were promoted to the Development Squad. Both Sean and Angel have been playing well and returned some very good scores in recent tournaments. A good testament to the success of the Junior Squad.

SMBC Singapore Open Discover Golf Carnival

Jointly organised by Sentosa Golf Club, Lagardere Sports and SGA Junior Development, the SMBC Singapore Open Discover Golf Carnival attracted more than 2000 people to the carnival held on the lower tier Driving Range of Sentosa Golf Club. The carnival was a fringe event to promote junior golf in the lead up to the SMBC Singapore Open.

A Skills Challenge was held for 60 juniors who were randomly selected from SGA's database of competitive junior golfers. They completed a series of skills test to vie for coveted Inside the Ropes spots at the SMBC Open.

SGA Junior Golf Day

The SGA Junior Golf Day serves as a platform for young golfers below the age of 14 with handicaps between 18 and 36, to participate and gain exposure to competition golf. The 9-hole stableford competition is held on weekdays where the 4pm tee time gives players ample time to participate without having to miss school.

The first SGA Junior Golf Day was held at Orchid Country Club on 6th November 2017 with 65 participants. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 players in Div 1 and the top 5 players in Division 2 & 3 at the prize presentation dinner that followed. With the support of clubs, more Junior Golf Days have been planned for 2018. This serves to whet the appetite of the younger and newer golfers and is an important stepping stone to sustain their interest in the game.

SGA Junior Golf Challenge

The SGA Junior Golf Challenge is a more competitive series for junior golfers in Singapore. Targeting juniors aged 14 and below with handicaps under 24, the 9-hole competition provides regular tournament play for the youngsters in Singapore. The Junior Golf Challenge provides a platform for juniors to excel and be scouted as potential Junior Squad members. Regular competition trains our young golfers to cope and excel under tournament pressure.

For the 2018/19 calendar, SGA is pleased to introduce the SGA Junior Golf Challenge – Laguna National Series presented by Laguna National Golf & Country Club. Showing their support for Junior Golf Development in Singapore, Laguna National has kindly agreed to host all 6 legs of this series on the Masters Course with a grand finale in March 2019. This looks set to be an exciting year ahead for our junior golfers.



Overseas Junior Tournaments

Throughout the year, SGA sent Junior Squad players to compete in Junior tournaments in the region. The tournaments often featured the best juniors from our neighbouring countries and was a good gauge for our young team. The team's performance in these tournaments has shown that our younger players can compete with the best in the region. With a structured training program, continued exposure to international tournaments and proper guidance, the future looks bright for many of the youngsters.

SINGHA Thailand Junior World Golf Championships 2017 Royal Hua Hin Golf Course, 2-5 November

Singapore junior golfers made their presence felt with a contingent of 19 at the Singha Thailand Junior World Golf Championships 2017 (Singha Junior World) held at Royal Hua Hin Golf Course (Royal Hua Hin). DS was represented by 6 players while 11 young players were chosen from the Junior Squad to represent SGA. Two other Singapore juniors participated on their own accord.

Team Singapore had podium finishes in the Girls B and C divisions with notable performances by Inez Ng, Hailey Loh and Angel Lim. Players who did not finish on the podium also returned good scores and showed much improvement.

The 19th Sarawak Chief Minister's Cup Kelab Golf Sarawak, 21-23 November

7 SGA Junior Squad members and 4 Singaporeans competed at the 19th Sarawak Chief Minister's Cup International Junior Golf Championship held at Kelab Golf Sarawak (KGS). 10-year-old Brayden Lee won the boys D division with a brilliant under par score of 214 (71, 71, 72). He was the only competitor who broke par in the tournament and has continued to show great progress in 2018. Azel Ang finished 6th in the same division. Nicholas Jordan Sea finished 4th in the boys Group B while Shmuwei Soh placed 9th. In the boys' Group C, Trevor Ng finished 5th, Irvyn Tan 6th, Ryan Ng, 7th, Ethan Lim 10th and Irzan Haaziq at 11th.

Pondok Indah International Junior Golf Championship Pondok Indah Golf Course, 18-21 December

Development Squad member, Shannon Tan won the Girls "B" Division with a three-day total of 229 (70, 79, 80) to edge out Indonesian, Kristina Natalia Yoko of Indonesia by a single stroke. Fellow teammate Inez Ng, carded a 239

(83, 81, 75) to claim 2nd runner up position in the same division. In the Girls 'C' Division (12 & under), Junior Squad Players Angel Lim, Jillian Kuk and Sarah Lim gave Singapore a clean sweep by securing the top three places. Angel dominated the competition with a two-day total of 158 (78, 80) while teammates Jillian and Sarah tied for second place.

In the Boy's "B" Division, Sean Lee carded an excellent 73 for a 227 total (78, 76, 73), to finish just 2 strokes behind the winner. The outstanding round was capped by a hole-in-one on the 17th hole!

Ethan Lim claimed the 3rd runner-up position in the Boy's 'C' Division behind Zachary Castro of the Philippines who won with an incredible 6-under par score of 138 (67, 71).

Over at the Senayan Golf Club, where the Girl's "D" Division was played, 9-year-old Kimiko Ang played well to claim third spot.

Causeway Cubs Challenge 2018 Royal Selangor Golf Club, 15 - 17 March

The Causeway Cubs Challenge was held at the Royal Selangor Golf Club between juniors representing Singapore Golf Association and the My Futures Tour team from Malaysia. SGA was represented by 8 boys and 6 girls between the ages of 11 to 15. Angel Lim & Jillian Kuk secured the very 1st point of this inaugural tournament with a convincing 7/6 win over their Malaysian opponents. With DS players Brandon Han, Sean Lee, Inez Ng and Shannon Tan anchoring the team, Singapore held a narrow lead of 4 to 3 points after the morning session. The afternoon Foursomes ended with both teams securing 3.5 points apiece. Team SGA led My Futures Tour Team 7.5 to 6.5 points. With a mere point separating the teams, this set up a battle royale in the 14 Singles matches in the final session on Day 2. In the Final Singles matches, 11-year old Brayden Lee snatched a precious half point to give Team SGA a total of 9 points in the Singles Session and securing a win over the My Futures Tour team in the inaugural Causeway Cubs Challenge Trophy.





Mr Lee Lian Hong
Chairman

Local Tournaments

Singapore Junior Golf Championship 2017 Seletar Country Club, 5-8 June

Rising Australian star Jediah Morgan overcame an early bout of the jitters to complete a solid and consistent wire-to-wire victory in the Singapore Junior Golf Championship. Maintaining his rich vein of recent form, the 17-year-old Queenslander proved too strong for his rivals on another sweltering day at the Seletar Country Club. With his latest success in the 54-hole stroke play event that attracted a field of 102 players from 14 countries, Morgan will close in on a place in the elite top-1,000 in The R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking.

In the Girls' category, pride of place went to Thailand's Arpichaya Yubol. A year after finishing third overall and lifting the trophy in Division B of the tournament, Arpichaya returned to take the top prize among the girls.

Singapore Open Amateur Championship SICC New Course, 10-14 July

Gregory Foo underlined his status as one of the regional elite amateur golfers with a domineering victory in the 70th Singapore Open Amateur Championship. Performing with an authority and maturity befitting a player listed within the top-80 in the R&A's World Amateur Golf Ranking, Gregory simply proved too strong for his rivals in the event that was reduced to 54 holes due to torrential rain on the final day.

Rounds of 69, 66 and 69 enabled Foo to complete three days at the Singapore Island Country Club's (SICC) New Course with a seemingly insurmountable six-stroke advantage. The fourth round was disrupted with rain delays and officials was forced to call off the competition at 1.55 pm and declared the tournament a 54-hole contest.

Singapore Open Senior Amateur Championship Keppel Club, 19-22 September

A lead of 7 strokes allowed U.S.A's Christopher Chee to defend his title at this year's Singapore Senior Amateur Championship held at the challenging Keppel Club. Seniors from around the region and corners of Singapore gathered to compete at one of Singapore's prestigious senior events

Chee's solid round of 230 (75, 76, 79) edged out Great Britain's Dominic McLaughlin's attempt to catch up. Finishing at 237 (79, 78, 80), Dominic was the runner-up by 7 strokes. Age Group A saw Ooi Wai Kin from Sentosa Golf Club crowned champion with a total of 238 (80, 79, 79) over three days, while Keppel member Dave Goh carded 246 (81, 82, 83) to take home the trophy for Age Group B. Douglas Ooi's 242 (80, 78, 84) managed him a win in Age Group C and Tan Song Sai was the Super Senior winner with a total of 299 (103, 99, 97).

HSBC Youth Golf Challenge 2017 Sembawang Country Club, 12-14 March

Inez Ng is the newly crowned overall champion of the HSBC Youth Golf Challenge 2017 when she won the Girls 'B' Division at the 3rd and final leg held at Sembawang Country Club from the 12 to 14 March. She managed to edge out fellow competitor, Anne Leqi Fernandez by 6 shots who had rounds of 80, 76, 75 to finish at 9-over par for the competition. Inez had the lead after the second round after carding a steady even par 72. In the final round, she showed why she is a force to be reckoned with by finishing with a birdie, birdie, par for an even par round of 72. Anne started the final round strong with Birdies both on the second and fourth hole but soon found trouble when she carded a bogey on the par 3 sixth and a double on the ninth. Another bogey on the eleventh placed her out of reach of leader Inez Ng.

Note: SGA Executive Board member Mr Ivan Chua took over chairmanship in December 2017



Local Tournaments

Singapore National Amateur Championship 14-17 August

This four-day tournament started bright and early at the National Service Resort & Country Club, Kranji, where 38 men and 13 women battled it out over one day of strokeplay to make the cut for the match play round robin format to be crowned the champion. Foo shot a 7-under 65 to place himself comfortably at the top, while Marc Ong, Joshua Ho and Lucius Toh placed themselves behind. For the women's division, Inez Ng shot 2-under to lead the field while Sarah Tan, Nicole Mok and Jacqueline Young finished comfortably at top 4.

The top 16 men and top 8 women made their way into the first round of match play which kicked off the afternoon of the second day, where players had their lunch and took a short break before heading back on course.

After four matches for the men and three matches for the women, the final showdown was Gregory Foo versus Joshua Shou and Sarah Tan versus Inez Ng. Players vying for the third and fourth position played 18 holes while the winner pool fought it out over 36 holes, where Foo triumphed over Shou 3/2 while Low Wee Jin won 1 up to Abdul Hadi for the men's division.

Faldo Series Singapore Championship 27-29 November

Nine months after suffering a crushing sudden-death playoff defeat, Callista Chen experienced the joy of extra-time success in the 12th Faldo Series Singapore Championship.

In February, Chen was beaten in a playoff at the HSBC Women's Champions National Qualifying Tournament at Sentosa Golf Club. Riddled with nerves, she drove out of bounds and missed out on a coveted place among the game's elite female professionals in the LPGA Tour event.

Displaying a new-found mental toughness that week, 19-year-old Chen made amends for that disappointment with a tense triumph at the first extra hole of a playoff at Raffles Country Club to take top honours in her debut Faldo Series appearance.

Singapore Ladies Amateur Open Golf Championship

Raffles Country Club 20-23 March 2018

A cloudy and breezy morning made for some good golf as the 29th Singapore Ladies Amateur Open kicked off at Raffles Country Club. The Open division saw girls from 9 different countries, one from as far as the Czech Republic, competing at the beautiful Lake Course right on the western edge of the country.

Leading the pack was India's Diksha Dagar, who opened her first round with a 3-under 69. She made a late charge in the last three holes finishing off birdie-par-eagle. The players from Thailand remain in contention after the second round. Phannarai Meeson-Us played a steady even-par round of 72 to lead by two after her 70 the day before.

In the final round, Diksha Dagar made a steady comeback to catch up with second round leader Phannarai Meeson-Us. Diksha kept it simple and made 9 straight pars to close the round with an even par 71 crowning her the Champion of the 29th Singapore Ladies Amateur Open.





2017 Champion

2017 Inter-Club League

After four months of exciting competition, the 2017 Inter-club league season has officially come to an end. Participants from all respective clubs gathered for the Prize-giving ceremony & dinner held last Thursday at the Grand Ballroom of Singapore Island Country Club.

The Inter-club league provides a friendly yet competitive opportunity for all our clubs to compete against each other and at the same time to foster bonds of friendship and unity across the clubs.

This year saw the introduction of a new competition format where clubs were split into two separate groups, with the top four clubs from each group advancing from the round-robin stages into the elimination knockout stages.

It was certainly a night to remember for Seletar Country Club as they clinched the overall league title for the first time ever. In a hard fought final, Seletar produced a strong performance to beat their close rivals, NSRCC. In the other match for 3rd & 4th placing, last year's champions, TMCC, managed to edge out SICC to secure themselves a third place finish.

This year's league season has certainly produced some thrilling finishes and exciting golfing memories for our participants. Whether there are changes to next year's format have yet to be confirmed but it has definitely been an eventful one and we look forward to next year's edition.





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