

Swinging Into Action



The SMA Annual Golf tournament this year was held on Wednesday, 19 August at the Sembawang Country Club. Set amid lush greenery with a hilly terrain, the recently refurbished 18-hole golf course is a picturesque course to host our 91 golfers, comprising SMA members, guests and sponsors.

It was a perfect day for the tournament, partially cloudy with a light breeze. After a delicious biryani buffet lunch to fuel their game, the golfers headed out to the green for the 1.30 pm shotgun start, all ready to swing into action.

As the afternoon wore on, the golfers were seen heading back, a little worn out but thoroughly satisfied with their game. A specialist and an avid



golfer Dr Oon Beng Bee felt that the course was well manicured and a pleasure to play on. 84-year-old Dr Tay Chong Hai, our most senior golfer this year, remarked that the tournament was well organised and the game enjoyable.

The programme continued into the evening with a dinner cum prize presentation ceremony. As the banquet hall filled up, jovial conversation and laughter could be heard among the refreshed golfers as they mingled over drinks.

This year's convener, Dr Joseph Soh, warmly welcomed everyone, and thanked our kind sponsors and the family of the late Dr Ling Chaw Ming for their generosity and support toward the tournament. He then

presented tokens of appreciation to the respective sponsors. Following that, Ms Cheryl Huan from Far East Organization delivered a short presentation on the group and the properties available for sale/lease.

The highlight of the evening, the prize-giving ceremony, was held during the delectable seven course Chinese dinner. Dr Chia Yih Woei, Chairman of SMA Sports and Games Committee, announced that there was, once again, no hole-in-one winner this year, but he encouraged everyone to keep trying. He also congratulated the Best Nett winner, Dr Tay Jam Chin, who had a nett score of 65, on his good fortune in inheriting the convenor's mantle for 2016.

As dinner wound down, *SMA News* got the chance to speak with the winner of this year's Best Lady Golfer award, Dr Goh Swee Heng. "The annual tournament is very good, as participants get to meet fellow golfers and have the chance to play at different courses each year," said Dr Goh. However, she felt that more female golfers should be encouraged to participate so as to heighten the profile of the tournament.

We also caught up with this year's Best Senior Golfer, Dr Goh Hoon Pur. When asked how he felt about his win, Dr Goh quipped, "I'm just a very lucky man, and it helps that I'm playing on home course!"

The event drew to a successful close with two rounds of lucky draw sponsored by Far East Organization and our prize sponsors. The first draw, opened to all attendees, had three prizes consisting of shopping vouchers worth \$100 to \$200, while SMA's draw saw 15 lucky winners walking away with a variety of amazing prizes. The top prize, a one-night stay in a Superior Hillview Room for two at Shangri-La's Rasa Sentosa Resort & Spa went to Dr Stanley Peck. ♦

PROFILE

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1. Golfer teeing off
2. Dr Goh Hoon Pur joking with the SMA News team
3. Dr Goh Swee Heng, this year's Best Lady Golfer
4. The Specialist team posing for a photo with Dr James Chang
5. Golfers enjoying the green (from left) Dr David Consigliere, Dr William Verhoeven, Dr Chen Sze Sin and Dr Yvonne Soong

THE OON CHIEW SENG CHALLENGE TROPHY

The SMA Annual Golf Tournament is organised with the aim of building collegiality among members of the profession. SMA would like to acknowledge Dr Oon Chiew Seng, an avid golfer herself, for her unwavering support of our endeavours for the past 20 years.

The Oon Chiew Seng Challenge Trophy has been awarded to the best lady golfers in SMA Annual Golf Tournaments since 1995. SMA is pleased to announce that in conjunction with Singapore's golden jubilee celebrations, a new Oon Chiew Seng (Best Lady Golfer) Challenge Trophy will be given out at the SMA Annual Golf Tournament for the next 50 years.

Dr Oon Chiew Seng, who turns 99 this year, is an obstetrics and gynaecology specialist by training. In 2011, she set up the Oon Chiew Seng Fellowship to help fund research in women's health and ageing science. We also wish to acknowledge Dr Oon's support for needy medical students through her generous donation to the SMA Charity Fund.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS**Best gross:** Dr Gary Chee**Best Stableford:** Dr Chen Sze Sin**Best Nett:** Dr Tay Jam Chin**Best Senior Golfer:** Dr Goh Hoon Pur**Best Lady Golfer:** Dr Goh Swee Heng**Best Team (GPs versus Specialists)****Winner**

Specialist Team: Dr Tay Jam Chin, Dr Toh Choon Lai, Dr Charles Tan, Dr See Tho Kai Yin, Dr Goh Swee Heng

Runner-Up

GPs: Dr Chen Sze Sin, Dr Goh Hoon Pur, Dr Gary Chee, Dr Andre Ho, Dr Soh Joo Kim

Friends of SMA**Winner:** Mr Lawrence Leow**Runner-Up:** Mr Dave Chu**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS****Main Sponsor:**

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