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Managing Director of PML Horst Herdtle with the winners (from top), Lim Ban Lai Dennis (Men's Category I), Koh Hong Soon (Men's Category II), and Ms Chelsea Chen Xiao Qin (Ladies Category).

DUBAI-BOUND WITH BMW

The Performance Motors Golf Association (PMGA) Golf Tournament is one that BMW owners look forward to yearly, if only to try to qualify for the BMW Golf Cup International World Final.

This year's PMGA tournament concluded on Nov 16 at the Singapore Island Country Club, where three winners earned the chance to represent Singapore at the World Final in Dubai from March 5 to 10, 2017.

Lim Ban Lai Dennis (Men's Category I), Koh Hong Soon (Men's Category II) and Ms Chelsea Chen Xiao Qin (Ladies Category) were the triumphant among the 300 Performance Motors Limited (PML) customers who competed.

"PML has been hosting golf tournaments since 2005 for our customers and incorporated our PMGA since 2011 and this year was equally as exciting as before. Our customers were provided with a unique opportunity to expand their golfing social network and enjoy one of their favourite pastime," said Horst Herdtle, managing director of PML.

Started in England in 1982, the BMW Golf Cup International has grown to become the world's largest tournament series for amateur golfers. Today, more than 100,000 amateurs from 46 countries, including Singapore play qualifying rounds around the world for coveted spots in the World Final, which is held at top resorts around the globe.

BOOSTING GOLF AMONG THE YOUNG

When it comes to raising funds to promote the game among Singapore's youths, there is no better way than to do it through a golf charity. The Singapore Golf Association will hold its SGA Fundraising Golf 2016 on Dec 5 at Jurong Country Club. Not only will participants be able to help fund quality programmes to help grow the game among the younger set, they'll also be able to play on one of Singapore's finest courses before it finally closes its doors at the end of the year.

The main objectives of the Fundraising Golf event is to raise funds to organise several initiatives to develop talented and aspiring golfers, and in no small part to help them fulfil their dreams of representing the nation in the Olympics. Specifically, these efforts include organising junior golf camps and clinics,

and short game competitions; sending players to regional junior tournaments; promoting golf in primary schools; introducing the Rules of Golf to juniors; and creating golf-related materials to promote the game in schools of all levels.

The cost per flight of four golfers at the Fundraising Golf is \$4,000, which qualifies for 2.5 times tax deduction. The tournament will be played in a Texas Scramble format, and there will be a hole-in-one prize of a Mercedes-Benz car at two par-3 holes. Golfers will also enjoy a pre-game lunch, a delicious dinner and chances to win attractive lucky draw prizes.

For bookings and more information, email Ms Vanderlyn Tham at vanderlyn@sga.org.sg, or call the Singapore Golf Association at 6755-5976.

MALAYSIA'S BEST

The Ross Watson-designed course at Kota Permai Golf & Country Club has perennially been ranked at the top of Malaysia's best. With its recent achievement at the World Golf Awards held in Portugal on Nov 12, it's now reached the pinnacle of achievement. At the prestigious ceremony held at Conrad Algarve, Kota Permai was voted Malaysia's Best Golf Course, celebrating its quality design and consistently excellent conditioning.

World Golf Awards serves to celebrate and reward excellence in golf tourism, world-class golf courses and golf destinations. It forms part of the World Travel Awards as the 'Oscars of the travel industry'. The worldwide voting process ran from June to October 2016, with votes cast by professionals working within the golf travel and tourism industry.

"At Kota Permai, we are committed to delivering an unique and world class experience to our members and patrons," says Tang Meng Loon, general manager at Gamuda Land Clubs Group that owns and operates Kota Permai. "We are incredibly honoured to have the hard work and passion officially recognised at the prestig-



ious World Golf Awards. We do not take success for granted and will constantly strive to be better in all facets, on and off course".

The 18-hole, par-72 championship course is located in Kota Kemuning. Although the course plays through a high-end residential neighbourhood, it provides a great opportunity to commune with the surrounding flora that includes mature trees and even some wildlife.

At 6,396m from the tips, and with water and sand hazards significantly in play on many holes, Watson's layout can pose a great challenge.

Kota Permai, and its sister course at Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club – located in Johor and also owned by Gamuda Land – rides

on a fine reputation as being one of the best-maintained course in the country. The hard work that goes into providing golfers with consistently good playing conditions goes beyond the course.

"Improvement plans are in place for our Golf Wing and changing rooms," adds Tang on Kota Permai's constant endeavours to maintain its lofty ranking. "The construction work will commence in the first quarter 2017 and will be completed in a year's time. Our objectives of these plans are to elevate our status as one of the premier clubs in the country and to ensure our members and guests enjoy the comfort and cozy ambience of new golf facilities."

FESTIVE PAMPERING

This is the season for rewarding ourselves for a year's worth of hard work. And there are few better ways than to head to a golf resort on an idyllic tropical island.

For a limited time only, Banyan Tree Bintan and Angsana Bintan will offer complimentary golf and spa treatments for two when you book a stay at either property. This is valid when you book your stay at Best Available Rate from now to 7 Dec 2016, for stays till 31 March 2017.

Golfers will enjoy the recently renovated Laguna Bintan golf course, a design by Greg Norman that has undergone extensive up-

grade. The gem of a layout features beachfront holes on both the front and back nines, and plays through pristine jungle and around Bintan's famous rugged rocks. The award-winning Banyan Tree Spa and Angsana Spa have the perfect treatments to soothe your body after your round. Whether you choose a localised treatment featuring indigenous raw ingredients like Kemiri nut and coconut oil, or a familiar favourite, all treatments are provided by professional therapists and include 30 minutes of calm time for added relaxation.

The Stay.Golf.Spa package offers up to 50 per cent savings, and in-

cludes return transfer by private car between the Bintan ferry terminal and the resort; daily breakfast for two; one 60-minute spa treatment for two; and green fees for two (excluding caddie fees). Advance booking recommended for golf and spa treatments.

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