



HORIZON HILLS' STELLA YEAR

Horizon Hills Golf Club has hosted the Asian Tour's Johor Open shortly after its inception in 2008, drawing praise from top professionals Pdraig Harrington and KJ Choi during the time.

Since then, the Ross Watson-designed golf course has been consistently visited by avid golfers. Most of them have travelled across from Singapore to play.

With the new year dawning, the re-

cord book for 2016 bodes well for the golf club which picked up a number of awards that confirms its status as one of Malaysia's top golf experiences.

They include:

- HAPA Golf Course Of The Year (Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards (HAPA))

- Regional Series Awards 2016 – 2018)
- 2nd Runner-Up Best Course In Malaysia (Asian Golf Awards)
- Top 3 Best Overall Golf Experience in Malaysia (ParGolf People's Choice Awards)
- Top 10 Golf Course in Malaysia (US Golf Digest)



(From left) Lee Kian, Clara Ang, Melvin Choo, Jacqueline Wu (captain), M. Balraj and Colin Tan.

KL, HERE WE COME

Kuala Lumpur may not be a fascinating destination for Singapore golfers as Durban in South Africa or Antalya in Turkey.

But for four Singapore golfers – who did the nation proud by emerging the world champions in the team event in Durban in October – the KLGCC will be a much-sought-after venue.

For, after a celebratory golf round last Wednesday at the Seletar Country Club, the quartet – the fifth player Erwyn Lam (Div A, world champion) could not make it – pledged that they would try again to make the Singapore team for the World Amateur Golfers Championship (WAGC).

Colin Tan, who finished second in Div D, was vehement in his promise during the lunch reception, saying: "We'll go for it again, in fact, I will be encouraging my friends to take part too."

So too, said Melvin Choo, who finished a respectable seventh in Div B, and Clara Ang, who ended up a promising runner-up in Div C.

And Div E's Lee Kian was over the moon when talking about the next global venture over the Causeway. Lee, who also fin-

ished world champion, said: "We truly were a team in Durban. The team effort was commendable, and Melvin, the most seasoned player, acted as a good leader. Being a much-travelled sportsman (he was also a car racer for Singapore), he knew the ropes. He advised us, ensured we bonded together, and seriously put us in the zone."

Said Choo: "It was a big team effort. We covered each other and contributed when it mattered over the four days. That was what separated us from the other teams."

Also at the celebratory golf event was renowned teaching pro and coach M. Balraj, who had put the five players through a rigorous training regime. Said Balraj: "The SPH event was well organised, and the media company used the right format from the qualifying rounds to the National Finals. It is a great event."

Balraj and the four golfers also showed interest in the membership offered by the SPH Golf Card.

Balraj said: "For \$150 annually, you can't ask for a better membership. And the frills and privileges the card offers are unmatched."

— Godfrey Robert

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Innovation taken literally to the hilt, the Arccos 360 features 13 conventional and one tear-shaped sensor that fits into the butt of every golf club in the bag.

Just plug it in, download the Arccos application from the iPhone or Android, and get ready to play.

Live Shot Tracking, GPS 2.0 and Tour Analytics uncover every strength and weakness in the individual's game, and it is saved to a cloud solution for future review or to directly post to social media as well.

The system currently offers tracking at more than 40,000 golf courses around the world.



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Called 9-1-1, the titanium alloy creates a new T-Track system that houses 27 grams of moveable weight – 2 grams more from before – for even greater versatility.

With the M2, a new Geocoustic feature in the sunken sole portion of the driver that also uses 9-1-1 Titanium frees up volume so the head can be made larger and absorbs more vibrations at impact.

The clubs will be launched next month at all authorised TaylorMade retailers.

