



Last year's winners (from left) Erwyn Lam, Melvin Choo, Clara Ang, Colin Tan and Lee Kian.

LEE AIMS FOR CROWN AGAIN

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Think you have what it takes to be a world golfing champion? Then wait no longer, and sign up for the SPH Golf Singapore qualifiers right now for a shot at representing the Republic at the World Amateur Golf Championships (WAGC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia this year.

The quintet of Erwyn Lam, Melvin Choo, Clara Ang, Colin Tan and Lee Kian did Singapore proud at last year's WAGC in Durban, South Africa, when they won the team event with a combined nett score of 1,121 after four rounds of competition to beat Vietnam by a whopping 27 strokes.

Each country's best four individual scores for each round are used to compute the team scores, and the Singapore win came after two second-place finishes in the

team events in 2014 and 2015.

Into its 23rd edition this year, the WAGC offers different handicap divisions for golfers of varying abilities.

The qualifiers will be played across five divisions based on a golfer's handicap index: A (0-5.4), B (5.5-10.4), C (10.5-15.4), D (15.5-20.4) and E (20.5-25.4).

The Singapore qualifiers will be held on Oct 3 and 9 at the Singapore Island Country Club's Island Course, with the national finals

held on Oct 17.

The winner of each division will then go on to represent Singapore at the WAGC Finals in KL from Nov 18 to 25.

In a new initiative, country clubs around Singapore have also chipped in and partnered SPH Golf for Monthly Medal events that reward their members with a slot to play in the Singapore qualifiers.

Lee, a 55-year-old who is semi-retired, was the individual WAGC winner of Division E in Durban last year. And he was so thrilled with the experience, he will throw his name into the hat once more, albeit possibly in another category.

He said: "I'm trying to prove to myself that I can be a better golfer and I'm trying to get my handicap index down and do well in Division D.

"Thanks to SPH Golf, there were fantastic organisation and preparation and I'm looking forward to work on my game and try to get to the final once more."



GOODIE BAG WORTH MORE THAN \$400

► Individual entry fees for this year's SPH Golf WAGC qualifiers are \$480, with an early bird price of \$450.

► Participants who sign up will receive a goodie bag which includes an Ice Carbon timepiece (above) from Ice-Watch, a Feniz Golf shirt, Titleist golf balls.

► A BMW 4 Series Gran Coupe is also up for grabs as the hole-in-one prize.

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● To register, go to www.sphgolf.com/wagc.