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# CHANG AN ALL-THE-WAY WINNER

62, Malaysia's Ervin Chang made it a wire-to-wire victory in the 71st Singapore Open Amateur Championship at Singapore Island Country Club's testing Bukit course.

Chang, a member of Malaysia's Asian Games team for Indonesia next month, strung further rounds of 68, 65 and 72 for an easy five-shot victory over Singapore's James Leow.

Leow did well to score four sub-par rounds of 68, 67, 69 and 68 for an eight-under total of 272, against Chang's 13-under 267.

Taiwan's Wang We Hsuan, also an Asian Games player, returned the final day's best score of 66 to finish third on 273, the earlier scores being 69, 68 and 70 against an international field of 65 golfers that also included players from India, Thailand, Philippines and Hong Kong.

Two other Asian Games representatives were Singapore's Joshua Ho and Abdul Hadi who finished tied fourth on six-under 274.

The team event was won by Malaysia, represented by Chang and Muhammed Afif, a shade ahead of the Singaporean pair of Hadi and Low Wee Jin. Thailand were third.

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## BRANDON, SHANNON SURVIVE CUT



Shannon Tan (left) and Brandon Han pose with the world-class Jordan Spieth.

Making the cut was a big thrill for promising Singaporeans Brandon Han and Shannon Tan at the recent Junior Open Championships in Scotland.

Brandon finished tied-50th out of 138 players from 70 countries while Shannon was tied-73rd after a poor third round of 13-over 85 because of an injured right hand for which she received treatment on the course.

She played 77 and 72 on the first two days while Brandon returned 78-76-73 on the tough Eden Course at S Andrews Links also battling strong windy conditions.

South African Martin Vorster won the overall title with a five-under total of 211, a shot ahead of Japan's Tsubasa Kajitani in the mixed event.

Previous winners include American Patrick Reed, Spaniard Sergio Garcia and Thai lass Moira Jutanugarn, who beat the world-ranked Jordan Spieth.

## ASIAN GAMES GOLF QUARTET GETTING THEIR GAME IN GEAR

Now that the Singapore men's golf team had convinced the SNOG panel of their nod for the Asian Games, the quartet are determined to justify their selection in Jakarta next month.

Abdul Hadi, a member of the team – the others are Gregory Foo, Joshua Ho and Low Wee Jin – said before leaving for a competition in Ipoh this week: "The Asian Games is a big event, and there are many reputed countries taking part. We will give of our best in Indonesia."

Hadi knows that the SEA Games, in which Singapore struck a team gold, is a stepping stone. And he revealed Singapore's intention of aiming to do well with a course familiarisation trip for five days three weeks before the Games for the quartet.

The four-day golf competition starts on Aug 23 at the Pondok Indah Golf Club in south Jakarta, and Hadi and his teammates are intent on sharpening up their play during the trip.

Hadi, 23, who completed National Service about two months ago, said there was not much disruption during his military service because "My understanding OC at the Police Force allowed me time-off to train and take part in competitions".

Currently Foo is in the United States, Ho is competing in an ADT event and Low is playing in the region.

The team are coached by Scott Barr, the Singapore-based Australian pro, who has had a good record plying his trade at the Asian and Europeans Tours.