

# PROELECT SHOW PROFESSIONALISM IN VICTORY

NEWCOMERS TO THE BT CORPORATE GOLF LEAGUE MAKE BIG FIRST IMPRESSION WITH ACE TAN SHOWING THE WAY

With newcomers Proelect's entry, the profile of The Business Times Corporate Golf League was raised several notches.

Mainly because of the professionalism of the Proelect team which combined competitiveness and the fun element in the best way possible to spice up the interest in the popular golf league, the only one for Corporate Singapore.

For the past few years of the league, into its ninth year this time, teams that dominated have been Team Citi, Team Boustead and Team Boss after Team SunMoon had dominated in the first few years.

So to have another strong serious contender meant that the competition received a big impetus, also because Proelect fitted perfectly into the expectations of the BT league.

That they emerged victorious after the six legs – at Sentosa's New Tanjong, SICC's Island course, Sembawang, Warren, Seletar and Tanah Merah's Garden course – was no surprise.

From the get-go, the team assembled by captain and single-handicapper Tan Lee Hong, remained among the top two and with the advantage of competent players who could easily be switched around in the light of handicap cuts for good performers.

Tan, a Tanah Merah Country Club

member, was their only player who competed in all six legs because he was a pillar on which his teammates could lean on.

Proelect edged out battling Team Boss to take the title, while Team Boustead finished third and Team Citi

fourth in the 11-team competition which provided many thrills and excitement for the 250-odd players, including 13 teams competing in the social category.

When asked if Proelect would defend their title next year, Tan paused for a while. The brief silence had nothing to do with the champions not returning to popular event, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary next year.

But Tan, 47, was contemplating a key reason for staying in the competition. He was thinking of why they should be back next year.

Then he said: "If Tiger Woods, one of my favourite golfers, did not give up after all his problems, and make such a comeback as to win last week's Tour Championship, we cannot quit the competition. We'll be there."

So also will Team Boss, who lost out on the title after being behind by just two points going into last Friday's final leg at Tanah Merah Country Club's

Garden course, and bagging only 129 points against Proelect's 138.

Their captain Steven Lam declared after receiving the runners-up prize last Friday: "I think Proelect deserve the crown for being more consistent than us. They are a sporting team of good players who delivered when it mattered. But we'll be back to challenge them again."

As for celebrations, Tan added: "Yes, we must have one. A game and lavish dinner will be arranged very soon."

Throughout the six legs, there were many prizes, especially in the lucky draw section (there were 40 on the final day) because of generous sponsors Audi Singapore (also presenting sponsor), Edrington, Hugo Boss, Osim, Red Monster, Footjoy, Titleist, Gayatri, Park Hotel and the likes. — **Godfrey Robert**

#### OVERALL RESULTS:

- 1 Proelect — 580 points
- 2 Team Boss — 569 points
- 3 Team Boustead — 564 points
- 4 Team Citi — 557 points



The Proelect team of (from left) Eric Tan, David Soh, Tan Lee Hong and Lau Wing Cheok celebrate their victory.

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## LAM CHIH BING STARS FOR PXG IN SINGAPORE



Former Asian Tour professional golfer and belatedly Singapore's number-one-golfer-turned-professional-banker has swapped his neckties for golf clubs once more.

On September 18 at Marina Bay Golf Course, he was unveiled as the ambassador for PXG Golf in Singapore even as new distributor, MST Golf, revealed a series of the American brand's 0311 GEN2 irons.

The event was also graced by Tatsuhiro Oshimoto, PXG Japan and Asia's sales and operations manager, Dato Loh Ah Joo, chairman of MST Golf Singapore, K.P. Low, managing director of MST Golf and Ng Yap, CEO of MST Golf.

"Even before today, whenever people ask me to recommend golf clubs to them, I will say PXG. The quality of the

golf clubs is really second to none," enthused the golfer with 10 professional wins and a cut made at the 2008 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale.

Lam proceeded to showcase his flawless ball-striking skills at the range to the attending audience of media and trade partners, with particular attention paid to the 0311T GEN2 series of touring pro irons.

"These irons are so sweet. I've only just gotten my bag today but I'm already hitting it so pure," he said, which is not surprising given that the MST team of fitters are able to customised a perfect set based on individual playing attributes.

PXG 0311 GEN2 Irons can be custom fitted at MST Golf Tech Shop at Marina Bay Golf Course Driving Range and MST Golf Superstore at Suntec City.