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WAGC SINGAPORE QUALIFIERS 2018
TEAM SINGAPORE
HEADS FOR THE FINALS

THE WINNERS OF THE WORLD AMATEUR GOLFERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, SINGAPORE QUALIFIERS, HEAD TO JOHOR TO COMPETE IN THE WORLD FINALS

It was a tough fight on the Vijay Singh championship course at The Els Club Desaru Coast.

On Oct 5 and 6, over 70 amateur golfers from around the island convened at the Johor-based golf club for a shot at representing Singapore at the WAGC (World Amateur Golfers Championship) World Finals.

Over the course of two gruelling rounds of competitive strokeplay golf, the five winners of each division were determined and together, would form the Singapore contingent at the World Finals, also in Johor.

After carding a gross score of 78, Samir Bedi emerged as the Division A champion, with Teoh Hock Guan and Huang Ching Leng winning Division B and C respectively after carding a gross score of 87 each.

Over in Division D, Patrick Low won with a gross score of 94 and Ong Siew Yong won Division E after carding a gross score of 107.

The five have since returned to Johor and are competing this week with winners from the other 24 countries.

They will play at The Els Club Desaru Coast, Palm Resort Golf & Country Club, Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club and Forest City Golf Resort for the honour to become the World Amateur individual and country champions.

Team Singapore, fully decked out in the latest apparel from sportswear brand Under Armour and bearing the exclusive WAGC Team Singapore logo sponsored by Ark Industries, are currently riding high in second place after three days of competition.

Eunice Seah, captain of the Team Singapore said: "Our players are putting on a good performance despite the tough competition. Given their familiarity with the four courses, our players are at an advantage against the international playing field."



From L to R: Samir Bedi (Div A), Teoh Hock Guan (Div B), Huang Ching Leng (Div C), Patrick Low (Div D) and Ong Siew Yong (Div E).

A WEEKEND OF GOLFING FUN AT THE RB20 GOLF CARNIVAL

On the morning of Oct 20, avid golfers gathered at Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal for what was to be a two-day golf extravaganza at Ria Bintan Golf Club celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Located on the Indonesian island of Bintan and a mere 45 minutes travel by ferry from Tanah Merah, Ria Bintan has been a popular golfing getaway for local golfers over the years.

It, therefore, comes as no surprise that their RB20 Golf Carnival was met with an overwhelming response with more than 70 golfers attending the two-day event.

General manager John Yap, was pleased with the turnout and said: "I am not French, however the French saying, 'Je ne sais quoi' ('I don't know what'), comes to mind. I envision that Ria Bintan Golf Club will reach a point where guests cannot describe in words the feeling of being here, something intangible and mysterious but happy."

On the day of arrival, golfers kicked off



Briefing and group photo taking at the practice green before the 18-hole tournament on Day 2.

with a 20-Hole Par 3 Challenge where all 18 holes on the Ocean Course and the first two holes of the Forest Course were specially converted into Par 3 holes by means of relocated white and red tee boxes.

At each of them was a hole-in-one cash prize of 10 million rupiah (\$907.09), bringing the total cash prize of the 20-Hole Par 3 challenge to a whopping 200 million rupiah (\$18,154.69).

On the second day, a traditional System 36, 18-hole tournament took place on the Ocean Course with plenty of chances to win novelty prizes.

For the final lucky draw, over 70 prizes were up for grabs, with return flight tickets to Europe sponsored by Turkish Airlines and a 3-day, 2-night stay at Club Med Bintan topping the list.

— Jeremy Theseira



Overall Champion and Division A — Best Gross Winner: Jack Hemsley (above, left) who walked away with two trophies and a Muta Driver worth S\$1,020.