

BY JEREMY THESEIRA RAMPING UP FOR THE CAUSEWAY CUP



Coach Matt Ballard (above) and with some members of the Singapore team (left).



In preparation for this year's Causeway Cup, the Singapore contingent recently underwent a short game training session with the Singapore Golf Association's national coach, Matt Ballard.

Taking place at Sentosa Golf Club's training green, the session focused on short-game analysis as well as imparting tips to help the team sharpen their wedge work around the green.

As the SGA's full-time national coach, Ballard is highly regarded in the industry for his numerous years of experience and working with Tour players such as Adam Scott, Michael Sim, Adam Bland and Sam Brazel.

"It is a privilege for us to have our national coach from the SGA spending time with the team. I had

many comments from our team that Matt's insights and inputs really made a difference in the way they are now approaching their short game," says Darryl Wee, captain of the Singapore team.

Now in its 12th year, the Causeway Cup is a friendly tournament between members of the Singapore and Malaysia golf media that is styled after the famous Ryder Cup.

Taking turns to play host to the tournament, last year's Causeway Cup was played at Glenmarie Golf & Country Club up north in Klang Valley.

Played over two days, the Causeway Cup will take place on Sept 9 and 10 and will be kickstarted

with a welcome dinner before the three gruelling rounds across Sentosa's Serapong and New Tanjong Course.

In support of the annual tournament and the Singapore team, Sentosa Golf Club is the official course for this year which not only entails hosting the tournament but is also the training grounds for the Singapore team in their preparations.

Key sponsors also include main sponsor Maybank, the Singapore team's apparel by Cobra Puma Golf, golf bags by MST Golf and TaylorMade, as well as gloves and socks for both the Singapore and Malaysian teams by FootJoy.

SPH GOLF MEDAL RETURNS TO HORIZON

The SPH Golf medals will return to Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club in September.

A favourite with Singaporeans for its proximity and impeccable course conditions, Horizon Hills had hosted the Asian Tour's Johor Open in the past.

Adding to the convenience, return transportation into Johor will be inclusive in the registration fees for both SPH Golf Club members and guests for the medal that will take place on Friday, Sept 13.

A staple of the SPH Golf medals is the Bullseye Challenge, an optional novelty game that entails skill and a

dash of luck to land within the circle around the pin on a selected par-three hole.

Earlier in the year, member Amy Ho became the first this year to take home the pot of the Bullseye Challenge, which amounted to \$240, a cumulative pot which participants pay \$10 to be in the running, at this very same course during the SPH Golf March medal.

• Sign-up rates for the SPH Golf September medal is at \$120 (SPH Golf Club members) and \$220 (Guests). Register at <http://sphgolf.com/event/sept-medal-2019/>

A RETURN TRIP TO THAILAND

Since March, the Tourism Authority of Thailand has been giving away an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Chiang Mai, Thailand, and a round at Alpine Golf Resort. Over 150 golfers have entered the contest in a bid for the grand prize.

To be eligible, golfers must have at least two scorecards from a single trip to Thailand, with every additional scorecard increasing the chances of winning.

Situated in the highlands, Alpine Golf Resort offers the unique experience of playing at high altitude amidst a scenic backdrop of the San Kamphaeng mountain ranges.

Isaac Shahn, 42, entered the contest after his recent trip to

Thailand where he played at Red Mountain Golf Club and Laguna Golf Phuket.

"Golfing in Thailand is an experience like no other. I would love to return there should I be the lucky winner as I've always wanted to play at Alpine Golf Resort," says Isaac.

The all-expenses-paid trip includes return air tickets, land transfer, two-night accommodation with daily breakfast and an all-inclusive round at one of the finest golfing facilities in Chiang Mai.

• Contest closes on 19 September 2019. To enter, head to <https://bit.ly/2ETRo0Y>. Terms & conditions apply.

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*Terms & Conditions:

- The scorecards of the games played in Thailand must be between 17 Mar to 19 Sep 2019 and within a single trip.
- Every subsequent game, within the same trip, will qualify as another chance to win.
- The contest will close on 19 Sep 2019, with the selection and announcement of winners to take place on 23 Sep 2019 at the SPH News Centre (1000 Toa Payoh North, News Centre, Singapore 318994)

