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S'PORE'S PUTRA CUP SHOWING IS GOOD PLATFORM FOR SEA GAMES

The stakes for the Singapore men's team at the 2019 South-east Asian Games in the Philippines in December have gone higher.

And that is to be expected.

For Singapore are the Putra Cup double champions, with ace player Nicklaus Chiam claiming the individual title and then helping the Republic to the team crown.

Chiam managed a wire-to-wire victory at the Heron Lake Golf Course in Hanoi, Vietnam, six strokes clear of Thailand's Denwit David Boriboonsub, with a 13-under 275 total.

His brilliant effort saw the team edge out the formidable Thais by two shots for the team award.

Their fine display has set themselves up for yet another triumph in the SEA Games from Dec 4 to 8.

But Chiam and his teammates, James Leow, Hiroshi Tai and Low Wee Jin are fully aware that the Thais will not take the Putra Cup defeat sitting down.

In the women's competition, Singapore will be represented by Hailey Loh, Ashley Menne and Shannon Tan and they would do well to make the podium at the Luisita Golf Club, Clark.

INAUGURAL SGA-SLGA MIXED GAME A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

US SOLHEIM CUP PLAYER ANGEL YIN FURTHER LIGHTS UP EVENT AT CHALLENGE THE PRO HOLE

The close bond between the Singapore Golf Association and the Singapore Ladies Golf

Association was taken a notch higher on Sept 20. The event: The inaugural SGA-SLGA Mixed Game at the always-accommodating Warren Golf and Country Club at Choa Chu Kang.

In an event to forge a stronger partnership and friendship between the two associations, the event also showcased how the two bodies allow for good decision-making in each other's important matters and policies.

A case in point is the presence and active participation of two women, Lyn Sen and Goh Kui Hwa, in the general committee of the SGA.

A total of 73 (man/lady) pairs

(picture above) enjoyed fun, laughter and banter both on and off the course coupled with serious competition over the beautifully-laid-out challenging 18 holes.

Said Lyn Sen, the SGA vice president: "The game was conceived with two objectives in mind. First, to inaugurate a social competition among club and non-club members, and, second, to promote social interaction between male and female golfers.

"The tournament chairman Stanley Ang and organising chairperson Catherine Kwek outdid themselves by providing us an awesome day on and off the course."

Quah Siew Huat and Hor Swee Fun combined effectively to emerge winners with an impressive total of 49 points.

SURPRISE

The winning pair expressed surprise when they won the event, but a bigger surprise awaited the 146 golfers.

They had the opportunity to meet Angel Yin, the American pro who competed in the recent Solheim Cup, which pitted the United States against Europe at the Glen Eagles PGA Centenary Course in Scotland.

Yin, 21 on Oct 3, made her debut in the biennial event in 2017 when the US won.

And this time, she won one four-some match but lost another before scoring an entertaining 2-1 victory over Azahara Munoz in the singles on the final day.

Unfortunately, with Europe claiming the last three singles, the hosts edged out the US 14 ½-13 ½.

The Los Angeles-born golfer, who turned professional in 2016 after a fabulous amateur career, has one victory on the Ladies European Tour, claiming the Omega Dubai Ladies Open in December, 2017.

At the Warren event, Yin promptly smashed a 275m drive into the headwind in the Challenge The Pro hole. Not unexpectedly, local pro Timothy Low was the only one to outdo her.

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Marina Bay Golf Course will introduce an enhanced, all-in-one entertainment experience at its 114-bay golf range facility next month.

In an exciting move to benefit golfers at large and make golf more appealing to everyone, Marina Bay has partnered Foresight Sports, the new Total Range industry-leading launch monitor technology to deliver an unmatched level of precision, variety and pure entertainment value to players of every age and skill level.

To be launched on Oct 12 and 13, players can utilise every club in their bag, hit every type of shot, and experience a full round of golf, compete with other local and global participants, or play family-friendly mini-games.

Range patrons will have the option to use the launch monitor technology and gaming platform starting at \$15 per hour.