

Awesome trio come out tops

Fierce competition as club champions from Malaysia and Singapore battle it out for the honours

THE 31st edition of the Matrix Golf Malaysia Champion of Champions tournament was highlighted by a couple of firsts for the event.

It was sanctioned by the Malaysian Golf Association for the first time and Matrix, a high-end property developer made their debut as title sponsor.

This year's event was held at Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Golf & Country Club (SAASGCC) in Shah Alam, over two days where the competition between club champions from throughout Malaysia and Singapore was intense as usual.

At the end though, it was Glenmarie Golf and Country Club member Lim Kian Chong's 68 that took the honours in the seniors gross category and young Audrey Tan Wei Yen of Kelab Rekreasi Angkatan Tentera who won the women's gross category, for back-to-back wins.

In the main men's gross category, Leroy Chiam, representing TPC Kuala Lumpur, took the honours.

Playing off a two-handicap, he shot 74 in the first round, on the back of five bogeys and three birdies. And then on the second day he carded a one-under 71 for a 145 total, which was good enough to leave Lee Ka Tung of Sibul Golf Club in second place on 150 (77-73).

The nett winner over two days

was Suhaimi Idris, representing Harvard Golf & Country Club (143).

In the ladies category, five-handicapper Audrey, 16, shot 76 and 80 for a 156 total. She will be hoping to make it three-in-a-row next year.

Noraishah Alisa (4 handicap) finished runner-up after rounds of 78-80 (158).

In the seniors' event, Lim, a five handicap, finished the first day with an eight-over 80. In the second round though he was spot-on as he rolled in four birdies. Two bogeys were the only blemishes in a two-under round of 70.

"I knew I had to shoot below 75 if I was to beat (Wong) Hung Nung," he said, in reference to second place, where Wong had rounds of 82 and 73.

In the Longest Drive contests George Wee Yoke Boon (222m), Norshahira Alisa (175m), Wong Heng Chee (207m), Lee Kah Ming (209), Noraishah Alisa (168) and Bernett Ling Soon Kiong (200m) clinched the honours.

The hole-in-one prizes on offer were Titoni-Golf Malaysia HIO watches on all the par-3 and a brand new Mazda 2 in the second round. However, there were no takers.

Golf Malaysia general manager, Andrew Ng, said the sanctioning of the event by the MGA aims "to give



The winners and organisers at Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Golf & Country Club.

the tournament more status.

"This year, too, for the first time in quite a while we have a title sponsor – Matrix, whose signature project is in Seremban, a 40-minute drive from Kuala Lumpur.

Srixon, the official equipment sponsor, provided an extensive range of premier Japanese golf equipment and accessories. They also ran a timed Pitch and Putt contest and gave away Srixon Z Star golf balls.

Lai Pik Chun won the grand lucky draw prize of a 3Day/2Night stay for two in Jakarta and two rounds of golf.



With their trophies (from left) Lim, Leroy and Audrey.