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NEW YEAR GREETINGS AND UPDATES

WITH 2023 AND THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT UPON US, LAGUNA NATIONAL GOLF RESORT CLUB GENERAL MANAGER PETER GOH PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON THE MANY AND VARIED ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT MONTHS AND ARE PLANNED FOR THE START OF THE NEW YEAR.



Laguna National and Dusit Thani staff at the Xmas light-up in the hotel lobby.

“ In February, the focus of attention will turn to the DP World Tour’s Singapore Classic when we’ll be welcoming back top-level professional golf to Laguna National. ”

Wishing all Members and their families a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Lunar New Year. Gong Xi Fa Cai!

If you're reading this at the start of January, then a very Happy New Year to you in 2023. If you're reading this later in the month, then we wish you Gong Xi Fa Cai and a wonderful Year of the Rabbit, which commences on January 22.

For Laguna National Golf Resort Club, it promises to be a memorable – and hectic – year ahead.

By the time this latest issue of *Laguna Lifestyle* lands in your letter box, we'll all have celebrated an eventful December which included our Gold Medal, Ladies Meet-Up, Christmas Golf Challenge and Member-Staff Golf Day.

We thank all the Members who requested for us to organise more events and activities ... and to those who were able to participate in one or more of the above. It's always uplifting to see such good turnouts.

It's also good to start each New Year on a high note which is why we were delighted to have such a strong response to our 'Buddies Special', where Members were able to introduce seven guests and receive two complimentary guest vouchers.

Maintaining the golfing momentum, our ever-popular Hong Bao Golf Competition (January 13-14) on both the Classic and Masters courses has once more been over-subscribed. To those who are taking part, enjoy the golf and the feast and fun to follow.

On the subject of Lunar New Year, we look forward to welcoming you and your families to the Club to celebrate in traditional style with many exciting F&B promotions over the holiday period.

Check out our Feasts of Abundance at Dusit offerings at The Greenhouse and the Legends Bar, including CNY Eve Buffet Dinner; CNY Brunch; and CNY Lunch and Dinner Buffets, available from January 24 to February 5.

Immediately following Chinese New Year, the focus of attention will turn to the DP World Tour's Singapore Classic when we'll be welcoming back top-level professional golf to Laguna National from February 9-12.

Check out the latest news around the tournament in our Singapore Classic



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segment and make sure also to keep an eye on our website and look out for our EDMs in the coming weeks for all the updated news.

Mark Isley and his team have done a fabulous job in preparing the Classic Course to such a high standard. In the final push, we once more ask you to play your part in helping ensure that the course is presented in the best possible condition by repairing all pitch marks and using sand to

fill in any divots on tees and fairways.

In specific response to requests from members, I'm pleased to confirm that commencing in January we have allocated additional flights for those who wish to walk.

For weekday afternoon sessions on the Masters Course only, the last tee-time on both the first and 10th tees will be set aside for those preferring to walk. A fee of \$50 is still chargeable for each golfer.

Also in response to requests, with effect from January 1, weekday Members who wish to participate in the Club's medal events will be able to do so. A fee equivalent to half of the usual weekend green fee will be payable – \$150 for the Masters and \$160 for the Classic.

Members will also be delighted with the news that Laguna National has become part of the European Tour Destinations network, giving you privileged access to some 30 Tour venues, including clubs that have staged Ryder Cups and national Open championships.

We're also continuing to add to our list of reciprocal and affiliated clubs. Effective from January 1, the latest tie-up is with Thailand's Aquella Golf & Country Club.

Located on the pristine Andaman Sea coastline at Thai Muang Beach, 40 minutes north of Phuket International Airport, Aquella has an 18-hole course sculpted by Pacific Coast Design.

As of January, Members should also be aware of a revision in the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Applicable to all goods and services transacted at the Club, there's a one per cent increase, from 7% to 8%.

On a final note, I'm happy to say that our esteemed four-strong Disciplinary Committee – **Yarman Vachha, Gordon Tay Soi Kheng, Wong Ming Foong and Knut Unger** – will continue in their roles for another term.

Thanks in no small measure to their efforts, we have seen a significant decline in the number of disciplinary cases at the Club.

Entering the New Year, it's the hope that a harmonious and friendly environment will pervade throughout the Club, both on and off the golf course.

FOX HUNTING FURTHER SUCCESS!

NEW ZEALANDER RYAN FOX WILL BE GUNNING FOR MORE GLORY WHEN HE TEES-OFF IN THE SINGAPORE CLASSIC IN FEBRUARY AS THE DP WORLD TOUR RETURNS TO SINGAPORE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2014.



On his return to Laguna National, Ryan Fox will be among the favourites to land the Singapore Classic title. Picture by Getty Images.

“ I know there’s a big expat community of New Zealanders in Singapore. It would be great to see them at Laguna National. ”

Ryan Fox

Almost four years after enjoying a gentle stroll around Laguna National's Classic Course, **Ryan Fox** will be aiming to tame 'The Beast' when he returns to the venue for the inaugural Singapore Classic.

It was in late March, 2019 that the high-flying Kiwi stopped off in Singapore en route to the Maybank Championship in Kuala Lumpur, squeezing in 18 holes on the Classic.

After firing a stress-free three-under-par 69, Fox predicted the course would offer a stern test for a high-calibre professional event.

He said: "My first impressions of the golf course were that it was a really good test of golf that I believe would stand up very well for a tournament. On the day we played we had some relatively friendly pin positions. But I could see the course playing tough when set up in tournament conditions.

"The sloping greens are a great defence of the course and they put a premium on good iron play and coming in from the fairway. With the flags tucked away you really have to control your ball well. With the greens a little faster, it would make it really tough if you were in the wrong spots on or around the greens."

In addition to that past Laguna National experience, Fox played in the Island Republic in 2011, finishing tied for 17th at Singapore Island Country Club in the third edition of the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship, won by **Hideki Matsuyama**.

This will be his first competitive appearance as a professional on Singaporean soil.

And he'll be arriving in good spirits having enjoyed a banner year in 2022, finishing a career-high second on the DP World Tour Rankings in partnership with Rolex after a fairytale season.

The Kiwi won twice, taking his tally of victories to three, also recording four runner-up finishes and four further top-10s across the season – moving to a career-high 23rd on the Official World Golf Ranking.



"I'm really looking forward to returning to Singapore to play this year's Singapore Classic," said 32-year-old Fox.

"One of the great things about the DP World Tour is the opportunity we get to travel the world and compete in so many different places, so to tick off a new country and a new venue is very exciting.

"After last year's success, I'm really keen to kick on and see what the coming year brings. I feel really good about my game and hopefully I can give my best showing for the fans in Singapore.

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Based on his memories from 2019, Fox may well adopt a slightly more conservative approach for the US\$2 million tournament, taking fewer drivers off the tee.

"On a second go around, I think I would play a bit more conservatively at a few holes to take some of the trouble out of play," said the son of legendary All Black fly-half **Grant Fox**, part of the winning team in the inaugural Rugby World Cup in 1987.

AT A GLANCE

Tournament: Singapore Classic
 Venue: Laguna National Golf Resort Club, Classic Course
 Date: February 9-12, 2023
 Prize Fund: US\$2 million
 Sanctioning: DP World Tour
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DP WORLD TOUR EVENTS AT LAGUNA NATIONAL

Year	Tournament	Winner
2002	Caltex Singapore Masters	Arjun Atwal
2003	Caltex Singapore Masters	Zhang Lianwei
2004	Caltex Singapore Masters	Colin Montgomerie
2005	Caltex Singapore Masters	Nick Dougherty
2006	OSIM Singapore Masters	Mardan Mamat
2007	Clariden Leu Singapore Masters	Liang Wenchong
2014	The Championship at Laguna National	Felipe Aguilar

TEEING-OFF A NEW ERA



Patrick Bowers with Laguna National Executive Director Kevin Kwee.

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Patrick Bowers

The Singapore Classic is a new addition to the DP World Tour’s Global Schedule for 2023 and will be held at Laguna National Golf Resort Club from February 9-12.

Laguna National previously hosted the Singapore Masters from 2002 to 2007.

Patrick Bowers, Executive Championship Director, Singapore Classic, said: “We are delighted to be partnering with the DP World Tour on their long-awaited return to the country in staging the Singapore Classic.

“The excitement of a fresh new event committed through 2025, but at the same time rooted in the heritage which the Tour enjoys in the nation, is invigorating.

“I personally recall the excitement of Colin Montgomerie thrilling crowds by winning in commanding style, Nick

Dougherty earning his inaugural Tour victory here, and the milestones of witnessing the Tour’s first winner from China and India in Zhang Lianwei and Arjun Atwal. Now we turn our attention to beginning a new era.”

The DP World Tour first visited Singapore in 1993, with Major champions Sir Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam winning the Johnnie Walker Classic in 1993 and 1996.

Fellow Major champions Vijay Singh and Adam Scott are also winners on the DP World Tour in Singapore.

The 2006 edition of the Singapore Masters, held at Laguna National, was the scene of the most memorable moment in the country’s golfing history, when home favourite Mardan Mamat lifted the trophy, finishing one stroke ahead of England’s Dougherty.

DESERVING PLATFORM

“Golf has the potential to be the most inclusive sport in the world and the G4D Tour is a major step in realising this ambition.”

Immediately preceding the DP World Tour’s return to Laguna National will be G4D Tour @ Singapore Classic.

To be held on February 6-7, the 36-hole event is part of the G4D Tour (Golfers with a Disability Tour) which in 2023 has an expanded calendar of eight tournaments in six countries.

Launched in 2022, the G4D Tour sees the world’s best golfers with a disability compete on the same course, the same week, as professionals on the DP World Tour.

The Tour is sending a profound message that golfers with a disability deserve the same platform and exposure as their able-

bodied colleagues.

Each G4D Tour event is open to amateurs and professionals, men and women, and all eligible impairments. For 2023, players are able to qualify from both their ranking on the gross division of the World Ranking for Golfers with a Disability (WR4GD) and events on the European Disabled Golf Association (EDGA) Tour, ensuring an international pathway to reach the G4D Tour.

The European Tour Group pays the expenses of players as they travel around the world, to ensure that the Tour is open to all players regardless of their financial circumstances.

Keith Pelley, European Tour Group

Chief Executive, said: “We’ve seen unprecedented numbers of golfers with a disability enquire about playing on the G4D Tour and getting a world ranking, thanks to the ability for these inspirational players to play Tour-level courses next to the best players on the DP World Tour.

“We have developed a close relationship with EDGA and the European Tour Group will continue to support the association in its focus on developing capacity within the golf industry through a variety of education and development activities.

“I believe that golf has the potential to be the most inclusive sport in the world and the G4D Tour is a major step in realising this ambition.”



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PIVOTAL CLASSIC HOLES

IN THE COUNTDOWN TO THE SINGAPORE CLASSIC, LAGUNA LIFESTYLE HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTING A SELECTION OF HOLES ON THE CLASSIC COURSE THAT WILL PROVE DECISIVE IN DETERMINING THE WINNER OF THE US\$2 MILLION DP WORLD TOUR EVENT. IN THIS ISSUE, MARK BATES, LAGUNA NATIONAL'S DIRECTOR OF GOLF, CONSIDERS THE PIVOTAL FINAL THREE HOLES.

HOLE #16

The beginning of what might be the most pivotal home stretch on the DP World Tour, hole 16 is a mid-length par-four of 439 yards that often plays into northeast prevailing winds. Players are welcomed by a rather generous fairway off the tee, but positioning will be the key to success on the approach.

The elevated approach is exposed

to the elements, making spin and trajectory control important for keeping the ball close for a birdie opportunity. A gust of wind or too much spin may very well result in a dropped shot in the creek just short of the green. The leader will want to leave this hole with at least a two or three-shot cushion for any level of comfort coming back to the clubhouse.



HOLE #17

One only needs to stand on the elevated tee at 184 yards to know why 17 may be the make-or-break hole of the tournament. While the island green is rather large, it offers very little room for error. A missed green can only avoid penalty in the refuge of the bunker in the front right portion of the island. Add to this a prevailing wind that tends to be into the player and out

of the left side, while potentially having the tournament on the line, and even the best players may slip up.

Hitting the green does not guarantee success either. Aggressive slopes on this multi-tiered green mean that three-putts linger when you least expect it. Rest assured, the 17th of the Classic Course will serve up plenty of drama and will impact the outcome of the tournament.



HOLE #18

By comparison to the rest of the back nine, the 18th could be said to be a rather modest finishing hole. But you can rest assured that it will offer up plenty of drama. Watch players 'let the shaft out' on the wide fairway of this 534-yard par-five. Most players in the field will be able to reach this green in

two shots, some with as little as a mid-iron, putting eagle within reach.

However, watch for some enticing pin positions that will result in a challenging save, or worse, a penalty and possible dropped shots. You can be certain that the champion who hoists aloft the trophy after the final round will have played this hole strongly all week.



MASTERS #17: ALAMAK!

FOLLOWING A NAMING CONTEST, THE FEARSOME 17TH HOLE ON THE MASTERS COURSE WILL BE KNOWN AS 'ALAMAK!'



Rajeev Ahuja on the Masters Course's par-three 17th hole that he has named 'Alamak!'

Renowned as one of the most devilish par-threes in Asia, the 17th hole on the Masters Course has dished out more than its fair share of heartache over the years.

It's on this stretch of Laguna National real estate – measuring 200 yards from the championship tees – that hundreds of dozens of balls have met a watery grave ... and countless tournaments and monthly medals have been lost.

In recognition of its well-earned reputation as a knee-trembling 'card-wrecker', the penultimate hole on the

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Rajeev Ahuja

award-winning Masters Course has now been given a name that appropriately encompasses the trepidation felt by all who have stood quivering on the tee-box, saying a quiet prayer before pulling the trigger – and hoping for the best!

Following an overwhelming response to our Masters Course Hole 17 Naming Contest, the winner was chosen from more than 60 entrants whose suggestions ranged from harsh to humorous and inventive to irreverent.

After much debating, the management panel opted for the entry of **Rajeev Ahuja**, who put forward the name of 'Alamak!'

As Rajeev attests, Masters 17 can make grown men cry.

“I had a particularly humbling experience during the Intermediate Club Championship,” said Rajeev, who knew he was in contention when he reached the 17th tee, only to take an eight there.

“Alamak! I thought it was all over for me. I went home in a shambles, had two stiff gin-and-tonics and took a nap,” said Rajeev.

The happy ending to that story is that when Rajeev awoke he discovered he'd scraped through and won. But his suffering at 17 was not over.

The following week, Rajeev took part in the Monthly Medal on the Masters. “When I reached the 17th, I thought it surely can't happen to me again. But it did! I took an eight on 17 again,” he said.

Frequently followed by an exclamation mark, 'Alamak!' is a common Singaporean term, generally used to express shock and/or dismay – emotions that have been experienced by Rajeev and countless other golfers (professionals and beginners alike) on hole 17 for more than three decades.

You can be sure that it will be no different for future generations for whom the word 'Alamak!' will be entered into the Laguna National lexicon – tripping effortlessly off the tongue as another wayward tee shot heads towards a ball-guzzling hazard.

PREPARING FOR GLOBAL EXPOSURE

AS WE ENTER THE FINAL COUNTDOWN TO THE SINGAPORE CLASSIC ON THE DP WORLD TOUR IN FEBRUARY, MARK ISLEY, LAGUNA NATIONAL GOLF RESORT CLUB'S GENERAL MANAGER OF GOLF COURSE AND AGRONOMY, PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON SOME OF THE KEY WORK THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN PREPARATION FOR A TOURNAMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE EXTENSIVE GLOBAL TELEVISION EXPOSURE.

In the lead-up to the DP World Tour's Singapore Classic, Laguna National's golf course maintenance team has been busy performing many types of pre-tournament course conditioning programmes.

Following are some of the main areas we've been focusing on:

FIRMING UP KEY PLAYING SURFACES



Hollow tine aerating greens approaches and surrounds.



Sand top-dressing.

This has included greens, greens approaches and surrounds, tournament tees, and fairway landing areas. This is primarily accomplished by doing light and frequent programmes such as verti-cutting/vertical mowing to remove thatch (dead and dying turf stems and leaves which cause turf to become soft and spongy), followed by sand top-dressing.

Various hollow and solid tine aeration programmes have also been taking place, which is typically done before the vertical

mowing and sand top-dressing. These programmes, in conjunction with an intense fertility programme, also help to reduce grain on the greens, which can significantly impede ball roll performance if not kept in check.

These programmes are typically carried out many months in advance of a major championship and conclude approximately four to six weeks prior to show time, which means we were exceptionally busy from September through December, 2022.

Only the least disruptive type of course conditioning programmes will continue in January. Approximately two to 2½ weeks before the tournament tees-off, we will only be fine-tuning the golf course conditions.

BUNKER PLAYABILITY



Bunker upgrading has taken place on the Classic Course.

If you've played on the Classic Course in recent months, you'll have noticed that there's been a tremendous amount of effort on improving bunker playability and drainage by installing Capillary Concrete, EcoBunker and new sand in greenside and fairway bunkers.

It was necessary to stop these works by the end of December in order for the turf to recover and for newly-installed sand to settle down. Bunker sand depths will be closely inspected and adjusted where necessary in early to mid-January.

There's also been a significant amount of focus and effort on making improvements to the waste bunker drainage system by adding new drain pipes, flushing points, removing red grass near catch basins and removing silt accumulation near catch basins with new sand. This is because silt has built up around these catch basins

over the years due to frequent heavy rains, causing slower drain times than ideal.

DRAIN PIPES

To rectify wet areas near greens and fairway landing areas, we've added or replaced sub-surface drain pipes. This was being done to try and eliminate wet, soggy playing conditions in these key areas so that balls will not plug or get covered in mud should we experience rainy conditions during the tournament.

Another approach we have been taking to make sure the course plays to its full potential and looks as blemish-free as possible on television is to:

- 1 Restrict buggies to buggy paths on select fairways and rotate weekly.
- 2 Have buggies exit fairways sooner than usual to protect fairway landing areas and green approaches and allow the rough to grow taller.
- 3 Not allow the use of designated tournament tees and tournament pin positions.

The closer we get to tournament time, the course will be closed in order to allow it to rest and enable the T2 team to continue fine-tuning course conditions in an uninterrupted manner.

In closing, we thank Members for the understanding and cooperation they have given so far. It is our hope that you have not experienced too many inconveniences as we prepare the Classic course for the world stage.

However, despite numerous previous appeals, as we get ever-closer to this prestigious tournament that your Club is hosting, it continues to be a significant concern for us to see so many unrepaired pitch marks on greens and divots not being filled with



sand on tees and fairways.

We would greatly appreciate everyone doing their part regarding pitch marks and divots in order that our team can focus on the many critically important tasks at hand, rather than wasting valuable time on doing what golfers should be doing themselves.

Take pride in knowing that some of the best golfers in the world will soon be playing at Laguna National and our fabulous Classic Course will be viewed by many millions of golfers in dozens of countries around the world on live television.

“ Only the least disruptive type of course conditioning programmes will continue in January. ”

AGRONOMIST APPROVAL



Eugene Hennessy (far right) with Mark Bates, Mark Isley and Lee Yew Kee during his site visit.

As the advance works continued in preparation for the Singapore Classic, we had the pleasure of welcoming **Eugene Hennessy**,

Agronomy Consultant for the DP World Tour for a site visit.

This is a typical practice, whereby the Tour checks the status of the course and the programmes being put in place to enhance the course to the desired tournament conditions.

Eugene said he was pleased with the condition of the course and, being his first visit to the Classic Course, was excited to see the challenge that will be presented to the DP World Tour players in February.

Eugene said: “The Classic Course at Laguna National was in very good condition during the visit and Mark Isley and his team have a solid plan in place as they prepare for the tournament.

“Seeing the course for the first time, I am confident that our players will really enjoy the layout and find it a firm and fair test of golf.”

From a personal perspective, it was great to have Eugene on site. His wealth of knowledge and advice on course preparation helped to solidify our preparation plans.

We are excited to continue working with him and his team in the final weeks leading up to the tournament so that the Classic is ready to shine on the world stage.

NEW NETWORKS FOR LAGUNA NATIONAL

WITH LAGUNA NATIONAL BECOMING PART OF THE EUROPEAN TOUR DESTINATIONS AND PGA TOUR TPC NETWORKS, CLUB MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO ENJOY ACCESS TO DOZENS OF WORLD-CLASS VENUES THAT HAVE STAGED TOP-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENTS.



Joining Ian Knox at the European Tour Destinations' booth at October's International Golf Travel Market in Rome were Mark Bates and Regine Fernandez.

Befitting its status as one of Asia's leading golf resorts, Laguna National Golf Resort Club (LNGRC) has become the latest venue to join the European Tour Destinations network.

Opened in 1993 and situated on Singapore's east coast, Laguna National has a long history of hosting European Tour Group events and in February 2023 the DP World Tour will return once again in the first event of a three-year agreement to be the home of the Singapore Classic.

Mark Bates, Director of Golf at Laguna National, said: "We are proud of our rich history on the golfing scene in Asia, and with the recent announcement of our return to the DP World Tour with the Singapore Classic in 2023, we are looking forward to continuing that legacy.

"Being part of European Tour Destinations will help us to elevate our standards and connect to global golfers through a network of true world-class facilities."

Ian Knox, Head of European Tour Destinations, said: "We were delighted when agreement was reached with the DP World Tour to bring tournament golf back to Laguna National for the next three years.

"We look forward to working closely with Mark and his team to capitalise on the benefits of hosting the DP World Tour Singapore Classic and continuing to elevate the venue as one of Asia's top resorts."

European Tour Destinations is a network of 30 world-class golf venues which all have a close association with the DP World Tour.

Members of LNGRC will enjoy privileged access to some of the most

“ Being part of European Tour Destinations gives our Members special access to some of the best golf destinations across Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. ”

Mark Bates

exciting golf destinations in the world including the likes of:

- Marco Simone Golf & Country Club in Rome, Italy: Host of the 2023 Ryder Cup and the Italian Open on the DP World Tour.
- Le Golf National in Paris, France: Host of the 2018 Ryder Cup and host of Open de France on the DP World Tour.
- PGA Catalunya Golf and Wellness in Barcelona, Spain: Host of Catalunya Championship on the DP World Tour.
- Son Muntaner Golf Club in Mallorca, Spain: Host of Mallorca Golf Open on the DP World Tour.
- Emirates Golf Club in Dubai, UAE: Host of Dubai Desert Classic on the DP World Tour.

Also in the network are Thailand's Black Mountain Golf Club & Resort, Genzon Golf Club in China and Malaysia's Saujana



Laguna National Members will have the chance to play at Le Golf National in Paris, venue for the 2018 Ryder Cup.

Golf & Country Club.

Bates said: “Being part of European Tour Destinations gives our Members special access to some of the best golf destinations across Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

“Not only are these clubs in some of the most sought-after holiday destinations, but the courses are of championship calibre, most being a current or past host of a DP World Tour event.”

A spokesperson for European Tour Destinations said: “All the clubs in our network have the stamp of tournament quality and present a level of on and off-course facilities guaranteed to provide a memorable golfing experience for all members and visitors.

“The European Tour Destinations network includes some of the most prestigious golf and lifestyle resorts in Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Many of our 30 venues across 19 countries boast courses consistently ranked highly in international rankings.

“The network also boasts the only European Tour Performance Institute (ETPI) in the world, at Terre Blanche Hotel Spa Golf Resort. The ETPI uses the world-class knowledge of the European Tour’s medical and performance services team and the latest in swing technology to

“ All European Tour Destinations have the stamp of tournament quality and present a level of on and off-course facilities guaranteed to provide a memorable golfing experience. ”

improve the game of golfers of all abilities.”

In the same week that Laguna National activated its partnership in this network, it was also announced that the PGA Tour’s TPC Network has formed an alliance with European Tour Destinations.

Bates said: “This news comes on the back of recent strengthening of ties between the DP World Tour and PGA Tour. The TPC Network is made up of 30 premier clubs that are hosting or are designed to host PGA Tour events.

“For our Members to have preferred access to a collection of clubs like this is truly a privilege that many will be keen to take advantage of.”

Some highlighted clubs in the TPC network include:

- TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida: Host of The Players Championship on the PGA Tour.
- TPC Harding Park in San Francisco, California: Host of the 2020 PGA Championship.
- TPC Scottsdale in Scottsdale, Arizona: Host of the Waste Management Phoenix Open on the PGA Tour.
- TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas: Host of the AT&T Byron Nelson Classic on the PGA Tour.

Members who are travelling to these destinations and looking for information on booking available courses can contact the Club Concierge at clubconcierge@lagunanational.com

*For a full listing of clubs in the European Tour Destinations network, visit the website at <https://www.europeantourdestinations.com/>

*For a full listing of clubs in the TPC network, visit the website at <https://tpc.com/>



LAGUNA NATIONAL MATCH

DOUBLES ALL ROUND!

DESMOND KIM AND ELLA YOKOTA CONTINUED THEIR DOMINATION OF LAGUNA NATIONAL'S MAJOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2022 WITH NOTABLE DOUBLE SUCCESSES.



“ Desmond and Ella performed imperiously to score comprehensive victories in their respective Laguna National 2022 Match Play Championship finals. ”

Desmond Kim proved too strong for his rivals in the men's Match Play Championship.

Less than a month after retaining their Club Championship titles, **Desmond Kim** and **Ella Yokota** were stashing away more silverware.

In mid-September, 15-year-old Ella swept to her second successive Ladies Championship victory, while 23-year-old Desmond captured his third Men's Championship in a row, and fourth in all.

In mid-October, the duo once more found themselves in centre stage, scoring

comprehensive victories in their respective Laguna National 2022 Match Play Championship finals over the Masters Course.

While Desmond overpowered **Jonathan Woodward** 10&8 in the men's category, Ella swept past **Marie-France Paquet** 8&7 in the ladies' segment.

Having topped the standings in the stroke play qualifier, Ella went on to enjoy a stress-free passage to her success.

A sophomore at the Singapore American

PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP



Ella Yokota added the Ladies Match Play crown to the Club Championship title she won the previous month.

School, Ella received a bye in the quarter-finals before seeing off **Petra Jarosilova** 8&6 in her last four encounter.

Meanwhile, left-handed Marie-France had to work hard to reach the Match Play final for the second year in succession.

After overcoming **Stella Li** 2&1 in the quarter-finals, Marie-France and **Ashlynn Choo** fought out a thrilling semi-final which ended all square and was eventually decided at the 19th hole.

In 2021, Marie-France had lost out in the Match Play final to 14-year-old **Guo Junxi**. In 2022, she again found herself contending with a talented teenager.

As was the case in the previous month's Ladies Club Championship when she finished a distant runner-up to Ella, Marie-France was unable to contain her youthful opponent who began brightly and never took her foot off the pedal.

For his part, Desmond, a former member of the Singapore Golf Association's Development Squad who's now in his third year studying Accountancy at the National University of Singapore, was equally ruthless in his final contest with Jonathan.

Defeated by **Bryan Lim** on the 37th hole in the final of 2021, Desmond raced out of the starting blocks against Jonathan taking an early lead which he never appeared in danger of relinquishing.

In the quarter-finals, both had been pushed to the limit, Desmond edging past **Kim Das** one-up and Jonathan ousting **Peter Murray** on the 19th hole.

While Desmond received a bye into the final, Jonathan, who had carded a 73 to top the standings in the qualifier and earn the number one seeding, also endured a tense semi-final in which he prevailed one-up against **Kunal Shah**.

MEN'S MATCH PLAY QUALIFIERS (LEADING GROSS SCORES)

- Jonathan Woodward – 73
- Desmond Kim – 77 (on countback)
- Luke Townsend – 77
- Kunal Shah – 79
- Amos Ho – 80 (on countback)
- Darryl Tan – 80
- Kim Das – 81 (on countback)
- Patrick Rona – 81 (on countback)

QUARTER-FINALS

- Jonathan Woodward beat Peter Murray 19th hole
- Kunal Shah beat Amos Ho 3&2
- Desmond Kim beat Kim Das 1-up
- Darryl Tan beat Luke Townsend Walkover

SEMI-FINALS

- Woodward beat Shah 1-up
- Kim beat Tan Walkover

FINAL

- Kim beat Woodward 10&8

LADIES MATCH PLAY QUALIFIERS (LEADING GROSS SCORES)

- Ella Yokota – 78
- Ashlynn Choo – 84
- Marie-France Paquet – 91
- Jeannie Koh – 92
- Petra Jarosilova – 95
- Stella Li – 97
- Fernland Ooi – 102
- Ann Rae – 108

QUARTER-FINALS

- Ella Yokota beat Ann Rae Walkover
- Petra Jarosilova beat Jeannie Koh 4&3
- Ashlynn Choo beat Fernland Ooi Walkover
- Marie-France Paquet beat Stella Li 2&1

SEMI-FINALS

- Yokota beat Jarosilova 8&6
- Paquet beat Choo 19th hole

FINAL

- Yokota beat Paquet 8&7

DECLAN AND CYNTHIA'S GOLDEN GLORY



Declan Byrne is presented with the Gold Medal trophy by Laguna National General Manager Peter Goh.

Cynthia Chong won the Ladies Division.

Declan Byrne and Cynthia Chong signed off 2022 in fitting style by emerging triumphant in Laguna National's traditional end-of-the-year Monthly Medal – the Gold Medal.

With a nett 71, Declan won the Men's Division, while Cynthia returned a nett 72 to edge out her rivals in the Ladies Division in the event that brings together winners and runners-up from previous Monthly Medals during the calendar year.

In a tense finish among the men, eight-handicapper Declan made birdies at two of the final four holes on the Masters Course to stave off the challenges of **Sam Wee**, **Choi Ho-jae** and the fast-finishing **Samir Bedi**.

Thanks to picking up shots at the long

15th and short 17th, Declan signed for a 79, the third best gross score on the day behind only **Jonathan Woodward** (78) and **Samir** (74).

Samir, playing off a handicap of one, appeared to be out of contention after 13 holes. But he produced a stunning close to his round with birdies at 14, 15, 16 and 18. In the end it was not quite enough for the winner of the November Monthly Medal.

Ho-jae, a 14-handicapper, matched Samir's nett 73 but was left to rue a double-bogey at 17.

In the Women's Division, Cynthia played exactly to her 24-handicap, pars at 15 and 17 helping her cause.

Petra Jarosilova was runner-up while **Chung Yu-young's** 82 was the best gross score among the women.

DECEMBER GOLD MEDAL LEADING SCORES

Men's Division

Nett Stroke Play

- 1, Declan Byrne – 71
- 2, Sam Wee – 72
- 3, Samir Bedi – 73
- 4, Choi Ho-jae – 73
- 5, Jonathan Woodward – 75

Ladies Division

Nett Stroke Play

- 1, Cynthia Chong – 72
- 2, Petra Jarosilova – 73
- 3, Jeannie Koh – 76
- 4, Thuy Vu Tandon – 77
- 5, Chung Yu-young – 79

SUCCESS FOR SAMIR



Samir Bedi won the November Monthly Medal.

Three of the four categories in Laguna National's November's Monthly Medal were decided on countbacks.

Capitalising on a fast start to his round, **Samir Bedi** held off the challenges of **John Cahalane** and **Amos Ho** to claim top honours.

Samir made birdies at the first two holes on the Classic Course en route to a best-of-the-day gross return of four-over-par 76.

With nothing worse than a bogey on his card, Samir's score translated into 38 Stableford points, a tally that was matched in Men's Division 'A' by 11-handicapper John and Amos, playing off seven.

However, it was Samir who was declared the winner on a countback, emulating his front-nine haul of 19 points on the back side.

John, whose four-point birdies at the fifth and ninth helped him to an outward 20-point tally, boosted his prospects further with a two at the island green 17th. However, a double-bogey six on 18 left him with a back-nine total of 18 points.

After collecting 21 points on the opening nine, Amos came unstuck on the homeward stretch, a double-bogey six at 15 and bogeys at 17 and 18 seeing him pick up just five points from the final four holes.

In Men's Division 'B', 14-handicapper **Saurabh Tandon** edged past 16-handicapper **David Susanto** on a countback, both players having amassed 39 points.

While David took front-nine honours with 22 points, it was Saurabh who finished strongest with 20 points on the back nine highlighted by a trio of pars from holes 12 to 14.

Also benefitting from a countback was **Elizabeth Kobes** who pipped **Petra Jarosilova** in the Ladies Division, both returning 35 points.

Thanks to birdies at the first and third, Petra signed for an 87, the best gross score among the women.

Meanwhile, 20-handicapper **Kevin Liu**, with 37 points, won Men's Division 'C' by one point from **John Chong**.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEDAL

LEADING SCORES

Men's Division 'A'

- 1, Samir Bedi – 38 points (on countback)
- 2, John Cahalane – 38 points (on countback)
- 3, Amos Ho – 38 points
- 4, Mike Kerr – 37 points (on countback)
- 5, Kunal Shah – 37 points (on countback)
- 6, Kim Das – 37 points

Men's Division 'B'

- 1, Saurabh Tandon – 39 points (on countback)
- 2, David Susanto – 39 points
- 3, Kim Wittrog – 38 points (on countback)
- 4, Shaid Sen – 38 points
- 5, Robert Lerner – 37 points (on countback)
- 6, Vipul Aggarwal – 37 points (on countback)
- 7, Ricardo Portabella – 37 points

Men's Division 'C'

- 1, Kevin Liu – 37 points
- 2, John Chong – 36 points
- 3, Julien Jobard – 34 points
- 4, Ha Yo – 32 points
- 5, Andrew Bond-Webster – 31 points

Ladies' Division

- 1, Elizabeth Kobes – 35 points (on countback)
- 2, Petra Jarosilova – 35 points
- 3, Thuy Vu Tandon – 34 points
- 4, Wendy Lim – 33 points
- 5, Stella Li – 30 points (on countback)
- 6, Fernland Ooi – 30 points

BRANDON'S FITTING FINALE

BRANDON HAN SIGNED OFF HIS DAYS AS A JUNIOR GOLFER WITH AN IMPRESSIVE VICTORY OVER THE MASTERS COURSE AT LAGUNA NATIONAL IN EARLY DECEMBER.



Brandon Han is doused in water after holing out on the final green.

What a year 2022 proved to be for **Brandon Han**. Crowned Singapore National Amateur champion in August, the Ngee Ann Polytechnic business studies student claimed his maiden overseas title at the Bangchak Championship in Thailand in October.

A month later he was part of the three-man Singapore Nomura Cup team – alongside **James Leow** and **Ryan Ang** – that finished runners-up to Japan in the Philippines. It was the Island Republic's best-ever performance in the Asia-Pacific Amateur Golf Team Championship.

Before putting his feet up and winding down after a hectic two-month schedule of tournament golf, Brandon had one more golfing target on his radar for 2022

“It was a great way to end the year, and my days playing junior golf.”

Brandon Han

– winning the Trust Golf Singapore Junior Masters driven by CarTimes Group.

He did not disappoint. Thanks to rounds of 69 and 71 in the event that was shortened from 54 holes to 36 because of weather interventions, Brandon ended his year – and his career as a junior golfer – on a high.

“It was a great way to end the year, and my days playing junior golf,” said the 20-year-old who has amassed 10 titles and

26 other top-10 finishes since 2016.

Although he's now at an age when many elite amateurs of his ability would be turning professional, such an option will have to wait for Brandon who is enlisting for national service in 2023.

Nonetheless, as he illustrated at Laguna National, he'll continue to be a force in amateur golf with one of his aims being to break into the top-100 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking.

With his aggregate of four-under 140 over the Masters Course, Brandon took top spot in the Open Division by two strokes from 14-year-old Thai prodigy **Bhumkrit 'Heart' Pitchayasaowapak**. For good measure, Brandon also won the Under-20 Division, four shots clear of Indian **Jai Bahl**, the runner-up.

“ I would like to thank Trust Golf and Laguna National, both of whom had shown faith in us by supporting our event and junior golf development in the region. ”

Lyn Yeo

Bhumkrit, third in the Thailand Junior Golf Association's nationwide ranking system, captured the Under-16 title with Malaysian **Andrew Yung** topping the standings in the Boys' Under-13 'Super Junior' Division.

In the girls' category, on the back of a tournament best 67 on day one, Hong Kong's **Arianna Lau** emerged a worthy winner. Her 36-hole tally of four-under 140 gave her a two-stroke winning margin from Thai **Alisa Inprasit** in both the Open Division and the Under-16 Division.

The girls' Under-20 Division was won by **Hannah Cheryl Alan** from the UAE while **Louise Uma Landgraf** from France posted a runaway nine-shot success in the Under-13 Division following back-to-back 71s.

Lyn Yeo, Founder of event management firm LLD Sports, and the Singapore Junior Masters, said: "Kudos to the winners of this year's championship. We are glad to witness the gritty play and determination from the juniors, many who had come from all over

the world to play in our event.

"Most of all, I would like to thank Trust Golf and Laguna National, both of whom had shown faith in us by supporting our event and junior golf development in the region.

"Not only do we offer the experience of a high quality, truly international event, but there is also the opportunity to participate in a variety of other world-class events in 2023, as well as new local tournaments such as the BFG Junior Invitational and the Junior Ranking Series.

"These will be added to the 2023 calendar, and thus exposing our juniors to even more top-level golf from the region and beyond."

Trust Golf Founder Dr **Prin Singhanart** said: "The Singapore Junior Masters and Lyn's series of tournaments throughout the year create the pathway for young and elite players to pursue their dreams. Trust Golf was proud to be title sponsor helping to inspire the next generation of champions in this region."



Arianna Lau and Brandon Han won the Girls' and Boys' Open Divisions respectively.



Laguna National Executive Director Kevin Kwee (centre) and Lyn Yeo (far left) with the Singapore contingent.

LEADING RESULTS

Boys' Under-20

- 140 – Brandon Han (Singapore) 69-71
- 144 – Jai Bahl (India) 73-71
- 145 – Phompot Songklod (Thailand) 71-74
- 147 – Poon Jia Hao (Malaysia) 75-72
- 151 – Zachary Ong (Singapore) 72-79

Boys' Under-16

- 142 – Bhumkrit Pitchayaawapak (Thailand) 69-73
- 146 – Khanh Hung Le (Vietnam) 76-70; Anh Minh Nguyen (Vietnam) 75-71
- 148 – Hiransh Singh (India) 73-75
- 149 – Panyapat Khantiyoo (Thailand) 74-75

Boys' Under-13

- 149 – Andrew Yung Cheng Yap (Malaysia) 75-74
- 155 – Natapat Tongchitpakdee (Thailand) 83-72
- 158 – Kang Geon (Korea) 79-79
- 162 – Logan He (US) 83-79
- 164 – Evann Tsen Sze Wong (Malaysia) 83-81

Girls' Under-20

- 147 – Hannah Cheryl Alan (United Arab Emirates) 73-74
- 153 – Parinyaporn Rungrawee (Thailand) 79-74
- 158 – Kelly Ka Yan Low (Malaysia) 80-78
- 167 – Julianna Go (Philippines) 86-81
- 168 – Alia-Al Emadi (United Arab Emirates) 78-90

Girls' Under-16

- 140 – Arianna Lau (Hong Kong) 67-73
- 142 – Alisa Inprasit (Thailand) 72-70
- 144 – Elaine Widjaja (Indonesia) 76-68; Natnaree Charnchanayothin (Thailand) 72-72
- 146 – Khemminthra Ngamlao (Thailand) 73-73

Girls' Under-13

- 142 – Louise Uma Landgraf (France) 71-71
- 151 – Sasi-On Wattanakorn (Thailand) 79-72; Kankawee Linjongsubongkong (Thailand) 74-77
- 153 – Suritpreeya Pruksanubal (Thailand) 75-78
- 154 – Sydney Ng (Singapore) 77-77

CELEBRATING IN FITTING STYLE!

DRINKING, DINING, SINGING AND DANCING WERE AMONG THE WAYS IN WHICH LAGUNA NATIONAL GOLF RESORT CLUB'S LATEST BATCH OF HOLE-IN-ONE ACHIEVERS CELEBRATED THEIR FEATS.



Olivia Hu Shan Shan celebrates her ace on the fifth hole of the Masters Course.

Hole-in-one celebrations can take many forms. Some are wild; others are more subdued. More often than not, food and drink are involved. One common denominator is the feeling of elation that comes with achieving an 'ace'.

A Laguna National Member since April 2022, **Olivia Hu Shan Shan** took up golf 15 years ago and after an eight-year hiatus from the game is now very much back in the swing.

After making the second hole-in-one of her life, Olivia's delight was palpable. "I was elated! I felt really lucky. It made my day," said Olivia, after recording her first Laguna National ace on the fifth hole of the Masters Course on October 30.

Playing alongside **Dong Kun, Wang Shuai** and **Cao Yong**, Olivia, who has a handicap index of 20.3, struck a sweet

“ I struck a crisp seven-wood that sailed over the right edge of the bunker, landed on the first cut of the green, spun towards the flagstick ... and disappeared into the hole! ”

Jay Jhaveri

seven-iron from the red tee and watched with glee as her ball disappeared below ground.

A perfect cause for a post-round party. "I celebrated with my flight mates as well as other Laguna National Members with dinner followed by drinks, singing and dancing," said Olivia.

Also in the mood to celebrate was veteran Laguna National Member **John Chin**.

For John, who's been playing golf for 35 years and who joined the club in the late 1990s, his magic moment came on the fourth hole of the Classic Course.

Playing from the blue tee with his work colleague and regular golfing partner **CS Yong**, John hit a solid eight-iron.

"The ball landed slightly left of the hole and we saw it roll forward to the right, following the green contours ... and into the hole," said John, who marked his second hole-in-one with dinner at the Greenhouse with his wife and good friends.



Desmond Wee (left) with playing partners Jeff Wu (centre) and Dr Chung.

A 12-handicapper, John's previous ace came on the 17th hole of the Masters Course – a hole which will also be forever fondly remembered by **Jay Jhaveri**.

One of a group of more than a dozen ex-Raffles Country Club members who joined Laguna National in 2017, Jay pulled off his masterstroke on what he described as a 'perfect golf day' in the company of his regular weekday playing partner **Ved Narayan** and **Tao Lin** and **Gordon Chin**.

As he stood on the blue tee box on 17 – his eighth hole of the day – Jay carefully considered his options for the daunting shot to a pin cut at the back of the green.

He said: "There was a mild left-to-right wind and my aim was to hit a high cut over the newly created heart-shaped bunker on the left of the green.

"I struck a crisp seven-wood that sailed over the right edge of the bunker, landed on the first cut of the green, spun towards the flagstick ... and disappeared into the hole!"

For Jay, who has a handicap index of four, it was his second 'ace', the first having come on the 16th hole of the Lake Course at Raffles in 2016.

The Masters Course was also the scene of success for **Desmond Wee** and **Luke Townsend**, both of whom took a special



Luke Townsend



John Chin

liking to the 12th hole.

Playing on a Monday morning, Desmond could not have wished for a better start to the third week of October.

Although he was pleased with his nine-iron tee-shot, neither Desmond nor his flight-mates **Jeff Wu** and **Dr Chung**, were sure where his ball had come to rest.

“As we drove along the buggy path, we were guessing whether the ball had gone into the hole. I even brought my putter to the green,” said Desmond, who was thrilled to see his ball nestling in the cup. “Pretty unbelievable! It was my first hole-in-one.”

For scratch-handicapper Luke it was his third hole-in-one, the previous ones having come in England and on the Indonesian island of Batam.

“My reaction was one of surprise,” said

Luke, who used his 54-degree wedge from the white tee. “I was still half asleep!”

In addition to his ace, Luke, playing with fellow-Member **Dave Kheller** and two guests, made three birdies and three bogeys to sign for a two-under-par 70, his joint best round at Laguna National.

“I’ve shot 70 on the Masters and Classic quite a few times. But I just can’t seem to shoot a 69. I’m cursed,” he said.

“My reaction was one of surprise. I was still half asleep!”

Luke Townsend



Jay Jhaveri

“I celebrated with my flight mates as well as other Laguna National Members with dinner followed by drinks, singing and dancing.”

Olivia Hu Shan Shan

HOLE-IN-ONE ACHIEVERS

August 4 Jay Jhaveri
Masters Course 17
Blue Tee (184 yards) 7-wood

September 15 John Chin
Classic Course 4
Blue Tee (155 yards) 8-iron

October 17 Desmond Wee Kui Lim
Masters Course 12
White Tee (135 yards) 9-iron

October 30 Olivia Hu Shan Shan
Masters Course 5
Red Tee (122 yards) 7-iron

November 12 Luke Townsend
Masters Course 12
White Tee (140 yards) Wedge

November 27 Elizabeth Kobes
Classic Course 11
Red Tee (124 yards) 9-iron

TELL US ABOUT YOUR HOLE-IN-ONE

Recording a hole-in-one is something to shout home about. So, don't be shy! We're asking anyone who makes an ace at Laguna National to share that special moment, either with a picture of your celebration or a description of how you achieved your feat (in not more than 100 words). We'll publish the best of them within the pages of Laguna Lifestyle. Please email your images and hole-in-one accounts to editor@lagunanational.com

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



To commemorate the Festival of Lights, Laguna National staged a Deepavali Golf Challenge.

A total of 64 players – 39 Members and 25 guests – took part in the tournament on the Masters Course with almost 80 in attendance at the post-event prize-giving and buffet spread of mouth-watering Indian cuisine at The Nest.

On the course, pride of place went to **Samir Bedi** who amassed 40 points in the

System 36 Stableford format – one better than runner-up **Dev Dhiman**.

Off the course, entertainment was provided by emcee, singer and comedian **Alfred George**, along with a live performance from SJ2, our resident band from the Legends Bar.

Deepavali, or Diwali as it's also called, is a 'festival of lights' that celebrates the triumph of light over dark and good over evil, and the blessings of victory, freedom, and enlightenment.

LEADING RESULTS

- 1, Samir Bedi – 40 points
- 2, Dev Dhiman – 39 points
- 3, Christopher Gillespie – 38 points (on countback)
- 4, Howard Yang – 38 points (on countback)
- 5, Kim Das – 38 points

Nearest-to-the-Pin

- Hole 5: Adeline Wee
- Hole 8: Samir Bedi
- Hole 12: Rajdeep Singh
- Hole 17: Gautam Paul

ACTIVITIES

MEMBER-STAFF GOLF DAY 2022



Course marshal **Hanzalah** and **Patrick McGonagle** shared bragging rights in Laguna National's 2022 Member-Staff Golf Day.

While Hanzalah amassed 38 Stableford points and pipped **Kasim** on a countback to top the standings among the staff, Patrick was the leading Member with 40 points.

A field of more than 100 took part in the event over the Masters Course with a host of novelty challenges adding to the fun.

On all four par-threes, big holes were cut on the putting surfaces while players were greeted by two pin positions on both the

ninth and 18th greens, participants allowed to choose their preferred target.

Among the celebrities who added a touch of glamour were decorated Singapore professional golfer **Mardan Mamat** and MediaCorp artistes **Tay Ping Hui** and **Calvin Soh**.

Laguna National General Manager **Peter Goh**, who finished eighth among the staff, said: "The Member-Staff Golf Day is always one of the highlights on our calendar of events and a day that our staff especially look forward to.

"Our thanks to all those who participated and also to those who were so generous in their sponsorship."

LEADING RESULTS (MEMBERS)

- 1, Patrick McGonagle – 40 points
- 2, Andrew Lee – 39 points (on countback)
- 3, Tao Lin – 39 points
- 4, Yeo Peck Chuan – 38 points (on countback)
- 5, Craig Muir – 38 points (on countback)
- 6, Wilson Siow – 38 points

Novelty Competitions

- Long Drive, Hole 7: Roger Wolf (261 yards)
- Nearest the Line, Hole 9: Gerhard Gottlieb (one foot)
- Nearest the Pin, Hole 5: Sandeep Uberoi (2½ feet)
- Nearest the Pin, Hole 17: Yeo Peck Chuan (3 feet)

Leading Results (Staff)

- 1, Hanzalah – 38 points (on countback)
- 2, Kasim – 38 points
- 3, Mamat – 37 points (on countback)
- 4, Darren – 37 points
- 5, Faiz – 36 points (on countback)
- 6, Raja – 36 points (on countback)
- 7, Norman – 36 points (on countback)
- 8, Peter Goh – 36 points (on countback)
- 9, Sam Dovey – 36 points (on countback)
- 10, Raman – 36 points

Novelty Competitions

- Long Drive, Hole 15: Mamat (264 yards)
- Nearest the Line, Hole 18: Peter Goh (four inches)
- Nearest the Pin, Hole 8: Jono (18 feet)
- Nearest the Pin, Hole 12: Izan (four feet)

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CHRISTMAS GOLF CHALLENGE

Festive cheer was in plentiful supply during Laguna National's Christmas Golf Challenge and Dinner Party.

Just nine days before Christmas, Members – many colourfully attired – turned out in force to celebrate the coming holidays.

As well as a System 36 Stableford tournament over the Classic Course, various fun competitions were staged along with the serving of light refreshments.

Following the golf, participants enjoyed a festive buffet spread at The Nest during which prizes were awarded and gifts exchanged.



ACTIVITIES

XMAS LIGHT UP



LADIES MEET-UP

LAGUNA NATIONAL'S POPULAR LADIES MEET-UP MADE A WELCOME RETURN TO THE SCHEDULE IN EARLY DECEMBER. MORE THAN 20 PLAYERS PARTICIPATED ON THE MASTERS COURSE.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

THAILAND TREAT!



Friendships and strong bonds were forged as Laguna National Members savoured a first overseas golfing trip for more than 2½ years.

Following the lifting of travel restrictions in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, 13 Laguna National members signed up for a five-day, four-night visit to the Thai capital of Bangkok in late October.

Based at the Pathumwan Princess Hotel, it proved to be a fabulous getaway with rounds at four outstanding courses interspersed with fine Thai food and a free-

and-easy day for sightseeing and shopping.

Following a 7 am flight from Changi Airport, the first stop after arrival was Alpine Golf & Sports Club for a midday tee-off.

Over the course of the visit, further games were played at Nikanti Golf Club, The Royal Gems Salaya and finally the Muang Kaew Course. Royal Gems is a reciprocal club to Laguna National while Alpine and Muang Kaew are both affiliate clubs.

In an informal tournament organised by the travelling Members, **Zheng Xiaoting**

was crowned winner with a combined four-round total of 142 Stableford points.

Runner-up was **Frederick Yeo** (140) with **Calvin Wong** and **Henry Chen** equal third on 130.

Maggie Tuya, Laguna National's Director of Membership, said: "There was a wonderful spirit and camaraderie among everyone who joined. Our Members always enjoy overseas golfing trips and we look forward to organising several more during 2023."

QUICK NINE – JEREMIAH YEU

IN THE LATEST INSTALMENT IN OUR EXCLUSIVE LAGUNA LIFESTYLE SERIES THAT TURNS THE SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS OF LAGUNA NATIONAL GOLF RESORT CLUB, WE MEET JEREMIAH YEU.



Jeremiah Yeu with wife Elaine and daughters Caitlyn and Madelyn.

How long have you been a Member at Laguna National?

Jeremiah: I've been a member since 2021 as Covid spurred me out of golf hibernation.

What's your favourite hole on the Masters Course?

Jeremiah: The par-three 17th hole as it always presents a challenge from the Members' tees, and club selection can change dramatically depending on the pin position and wind conditions. It is also one of the most picturesque and daunting tee boxes on the course.

What's your favourite hole on the Classic Course?

Jeremiah: The Classic's par-four 16th is a great hole which demands a long drive off the blue tees to set up an accurate approach to a two-tiered and undulating green. Again, depending on wind conditions and pin placement, this hole plays differently every day. Even low handicappers may be forced to lay-up before the water hazard short of the green.

What's the most difficult hole at Laguna National?

Jeremiah: Most will say the 12th hole on the Classic, but my nemesis is the par-three 11th. Depending on the pin placement and wind conditions, you can get a large score here if your tee shot doesn't land on, or close to, the green. The massive bunkering and steep slopes protecting the green make this a tough hole to save par.

Have you made any holes-in-one at Laguna National?

Jeremiah: No holes-in-one yet, unfortunately! Closest call was on the fourth hole on the Classic Course. Playing from the blue tees to a right red flag, my ball landed on the front right crest of the green and rolled down – seemingly disappearing. The premature celebrations on the tee box were unrewarded when we walked up to find the ball about one-metre short.

What's been your most memorable round(s) at Laguna National?

Jeremiah: Shooting an even-par 72 on the Masters Course during the 2022 Chinese New Year tournament.

What's your current handicap index?

Jeremiah: My handicap index is currently 5.3.

What's the favourite club(s) in your bag?

Jeremiah: The favourite club in my bag is my A-Grind AK00 putter. I've had it in my bag for about two years.

What's your favourite post-game drink/food at The Nest?

Jeremiah: Cold Cheng Tng, fried chicken wings and fish noodles.

“ The par-four 16th on the Classic is a great hole which demands a long drive off the blue tees to set up an approach to a two-tiered and undulating green. ”



NEW ACTIVITIES FOR NEW YEAR

AIZAT SANI, LAGUNA LIFESTYLE'S SOCIAL & RECREATION MANAGER, OUTLINES SOME OF THE EXCITING ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED FOR THE START OF 2023.



Avery Happy New Year to one and all! I hope that your celebrations with your loved ones were a blast.

The Social and Recreation team at Laguna National is very much looking forward to fun and exciting times in the months ahead.

We are committed to introducing a variety of new activities, not only aimed at children, but at adults, too.

Despite some scheduling constraints, among the successful projects we ran during the last couple of months of 2022 were those with the Kids' Club.

I'm pleased to say that we have now set up an Arts and Crafts Studio which will be the venue for many of our future funshops.

Going forward, it is the intention to schedule specific funshops and explore a variety of crafts in the studio with a special focus on going green and environmental sensibilities.

“ Make sure to keep an eye out for our EDMs in which we will share more details of the confirmed forthcoming funshops. ”

We will have a component of using recycled items, creating materials from scratch and also combining them with some materials that we have bought.

With such a well-equipped studio at our disposal, we'll now be able to create pieces of art and craft with any materials that are available ... and for which we are continually sourcing.

Rather than being tied down to specific funshops, we plan to let our creativity run wild, enabling all those who attend to

create wonderful pieces of art.

As we move forward, our Arts and Crafts Studio is going to be made available for Members on every Saturday and Sunday, from 10 am through to 4 pm. For the most part, the duration of the activities will be between one and two hours.

Here's a sneak preview of what's to come in January:

- Crepe Paper Tulip Bouquet
- Bean Art
- DIY Jewellery
- Monster Finger Puppet
- Pressed Flower Pattern
- Wood Painting Keychain
- Marbled/Porcelain Painting

Make sure to keep an eye out for our EDMs in which we will share more details of the confirmed forthcoming funshops.

Look forward to seeing you and your families at our Arts and Crafts Studio this month – and throughout 2023!

WELCOME SPRING



Kicking off Laguna Lifestyle's workshops for 2023 we'll be 'welcoming spring' with a focus on painting peonies.

Aimed at adults, this gathering will be conducted by Chinese painting instructor **Yap Sin Guan**.

The peony, or paeony, is a flowering plant in the genus *Paeonia*, the only genus in the family Paeoniaceae.

Peonies are native to Asia, Europe and Western North America. Scientists differ on the number of species that can be distinguished, ranging from 25 to 40, although the current consensus is 33 known species.

In China, peonies are prominent during

important holidays such as Chinese New Year. They are also known to symbolise wealth. In Japan, meanwhile, they're used as a symbol of bravery, honour and good fortune.

The peony is traditionally given on special occasions as an expression of goodwill, best wishes, and joy.

Date/Time

Wednesday, January 11, 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Price

\$80 nett, inclusive of materials (for Members);

\$90 nett (for non-Members and hotel guests).

NEW SWIMMING COACH AT LAGUNA

Laguna National is delighted to welcome Coach **Freddy Qiu** to its team of certified swimming instructors.

For more than three years, Freddy has been working as a swimming coach, conducting private lessons at public pools and at the residences of his clients.

Furthermore, he's coached at the Japanese Swim School and SAFRA

(Singapore Armed Forces Reservist Association).

Coach Freddy, who has been with the Singapore SwimHub Swimming School, said: "Even though I may not have been in the industry for as long as some of my fellow coaches, I'm very passionate about teaching swimming to people of all ages.

"Seeing my students accomplish their objectives or goals brings me so much joy

and a deep sense of satisfaction.

"It's important to guide young swimmers – from helping them to build basic confidence in the water to developing strokes.

"My goal is to nurture an environment of improving swim strokes in every class, enabling students to discover the joy of swimming."

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Coach Freddy



*For further details, please visit www.lagunanational.com, contact the Lifestyle Counter, call 6326-1949 or email lifestyle@lagunanational.com

FOOD AND BEVERAGE UPDATES

JANUARY PROMOTIONS

The Nest

CHEF'S SPECIALS

- ▶ Yu Sheng – \$68.80+ (regular); \$88.80+ (large)

Authentic Cantonese Yu Sheng, combination of Sashimi Norwegian Salmon with fresh shredded vegetables and crisps.



WHISKEY OF THE MONTH

- ▶ Mortlach 16-Year Single Malt – \$228+ (one bottle)
- ▶ Mortlach 16-Year Single Malt – \$398+ (two bottles)

WINES OF THE MONTH

- ▶ Somerset Estate Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc – \$88+ (one bottle)
- ▶ Somerset Estate Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc – \$138+ (two bottles)
- ▶ Somerset Estate Marlborough Pinot Noir – \$88+ (one bottle)
- ▶ Somerset Estate Marlborough Pinot Noir – \$138+ (two bottles)

CHAMPAGNES OF THE MONTH

- ▶ Lanson Black Label Brut – \$128+ (one bottle)
- ▶ Lanson Black Label Brut – \$218+ (two bottles)
- ▶ Lanson Le Rose Brut – \$168+ (one bottle)
- ▶ Lanson Le Rose Brut – \$288+ (two bottles)

COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

- ▶ Bloody Mary – \$17+

Vodka, tomato juice, LP sauce, Tabasco sauce, salt and pepper, garnished with lemon wedge.

MOCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

- ▶ Virgin Bloody Mary – \$10+

Tomato juice, LP sauce, Tabasco sauce, salt and pepper, garnished with lemon wedge.

Legends Bar

CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIALS

- ▶ Tangerine Fizz Cocktail – \$20++

Vodka, D.O.M, dry curacao, tangerine syrup, soda.



- ▶ Lanson Black Label Brut – \$168++ (per bottle)

Complimentary Thai Street Food Platter – moo ping (2x), Thai chicken wings (4x), fried pork skin and Thai fish cake (4x) – with every purchase of a bottle of champagne.

- ▶ 3-Tiered Afternoon Tea Set (for two persons) – \$78++

Daily (3 pm to 5 pm)

- ▶ Add two glasses of prosecco – \$10++

Private Dining Room

January 15 to February 5

Host an intimate dinner with families and business associates this Chinese New Year with two specially curated eight-course set menus to choose from.

- ▶ Joyful Bonanza – \$108++ (per person)
- ▶ Jubilant Bonanza – \$128++ (per person)

Tee Deck

COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

- ▶ Thirsty Dragon – \$18++

Red chilli, Tabasco, squeezed lime, Tried and True Vodka, Cointreau, Mancino, Rosso Amaranto and watermelon juice.

BLACK BOARD SPECIAL

- ▶ Grilled Australian Striploin (200 gm) – \$32++

Served with US asparagus, crispy pork bacon strip, pepper corn sauce with choice of butter mashed potato or shoestring fries.



Greenhouse

Throughout January, buffet diners get to enjoy 50% off purchase of house wine by the bottle (*Red: Cabernet Sauvignon; White: Sauvignon Blanc*).

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AN OPULENT CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT DUSIT

Reunite with loved ones and ring in the Chinese New Year with a bountiful feast of tantalising epicurean delights at Greenhouse.

► CNY Eve Buffet Dinner – \$98++ (per adult); \$48++ (per child) Saturday, January 21

► CNY Brunch – \$98++ (per adult); \$48++ (per child) Sunday, January 22, 29 and Sunday, February 5

► CNY Day 1 Buffet Dinner – \$88++ (per adult); \$43++ (per child) Sunday, January 22

► CNY Day 2 Buffet Lunch – \$78++ (per adult); \$38++ (per child) Monday, January 23

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CNY Lunch Buffet

January 24 to February 4

► Monday to Friday – \$58++ (per adult); \$29++ (per child)

► Saturday – \$68++ (per adult); \$34++ (per child)

CNY Dinner Buffet

January 24 to February 5

► Sunday to Thursday – \$68++ (per adult); \$34++ (per child)

► Friday-Saturday – \$78++ (per adult); \$39++ (per child)

Toast to new beginnings at an additional \$98++ for free flow of beer, champagne and wines.

FOR AN ELEVATED DINING EXPERIENCE

An exclusive selection curated for your enjoyment, in addition to our buffet selection. Available from January 21 to February 5 (*lunch and dinner*).

► Prosperity Salmon Yu Sheng – \$68++ (for two to four people)

► Double Boiled Chicken Soup with Sea-Whelk and Conch – \$18++ (per person)

► Braised South Africa Abalone with Black Moss – \$38++ (per person)

► Sautéed Prawn Balls with US Asparagus – \$48++ (for two to three people)

► Cantonese Style Roasted Chicken – \$28++ (half bird)

► Steamed Sea Perch with Special Sauce – \$18.80++ (per person)

Dusit Gourmet

AN OPULENT CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT DUSIT

Usher in the Year of Rabbit and toss to new beginnings with Dusit Gourmet's myriad of Chinese New Year festive offerings. **Order period:** January 7 to February 5. **Collection period:** 14 January – 5 February 2023

► Prosperity Salmon Yu Sheng – \$68+ (regular); \$88+ (large)

► Prosperity Golden Abalone Yu Sheng – \$98+ (regular); \$118+ (large)

► Dark Chocolate & Mandarin Orange – \$60+ (1 kg); \$8.80+ (petit gateaux)

Vanilla Genoise Sponge, Mandarin Orange Crèmeux, 70% Chocolate Mousse.

► Mandarin Orange Opera – \$8.80+ (petit gateaux)

Vanilla Joconde Sponge, Mandarin Orange Buttercream, 55% Dark Chocolate Ganache.

► Pineapple Tart Roll - \$18+



CNY CHOCOLATE GIFT SET

► 2-piece Mandarin Orange in Red Wooden Set - \$12.80+

► 14-piece Peach Mahjong Set - \$28.80+

► Prosperity Mini Rabbit - \$33+

CNY Praline Set

Chun – Ginseng

Kumquat Truffle

Rabbit with Fu Praline – Kumquat

Rabbit with Fan Praline – Logan

Rabbit with Yuan Bao Praline – Popping Orange

► 2-pieces: \$4+ , 4-pieces: \$7+

FEBRUARY PROMOTIONS

The Nest

CHEF'S SPECIAL

Sambal Teppan-yaki
Served on top of banana leaf
with onion and cincalok.

- ▶ Sambal Stingray – \$28.80+
- ▶ Sambal Flower Clam – \$26.80+



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Greenhouse

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FOR AN ELEVATED DINING EXPERIENCE

An exclusive selection curated for your enjoyment in addition to our buffet selection. Available from February 11-28.

- ▶ Wok-fried Scallop with XO Sauce and Asparagus - \$38++ (for two to three persons)
- ▶ Torched Scallop Nigiri with Scallions – \$26++ (four pieces per serving)
- ▶ Seared Scallop with Chorizo and Corn – \$35++ (for two to three persons)

Legends Bar

- ▶ 3-Tiered Afternoon Tea Set (for two persons) – \$78++
Daily (3 pm to 5 pm)
- ▶ Add two glasses of prosecco – \$10++

- ▶ Lanson Black Label Brut – \$168++ (per bottle)

Complimentary Thai Street Food Platter – moo ping (2x), Thai chicken wings (4x), fried pork skin and Thai fish cake (4x) – with every purchase of a bottle of champagne.

CHAMPAGNE AND OYSTERS

Monday to Thursday (6 pm to 8 pm)
Pair your favourite glass of champagne with oysters.

Oysters

- ▶ Three pieces: \$22++; Six pieces: \$38++
- ▶ Nine pieces: \$56++, 12 pieces: \$76++

Champagne

- ▶ Lanson Black Label Brut by glass: \$32++
- ▶ Lanson Black Label Brut by the bottle: \$168++

Tee Deck

COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

- ▶ Sweet Valentine – \$20++
Gin, Aperol, banana puree, soda.

BLACK BOARD SPECIAL

- ▶ Grilled Australian Striploin (200 gm) – \$32++
Served with US asparagus, crispy pork bacon strip, pepper corn sauce with choice of butter mashed potato or shoestring fries.

Dusit Gourmet

VALENTINE'S SPECIAL

Throughout February

- ▶ Raspberry Rose – \$60++ (1 kg); \$8.80++ (petit gateaux)
Raspberry Confit, 33% White Chocolate Rose Mousse, Lemon Vanilla Crèmeux, Almond Streusel Almond Biscuit.



VALENTINE'S SPECIAL AT THE PINES

ENJOY SPECIAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE OFFERINGS AT THE PINES CLUB DURING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 2023.

Planning a romantic Valentine's Day dinner? The Pines is the perfect place for you and your loved one.

To commemorate the special day in 2023, The Pines will be putting on a fabulous dinner.

VALENTINE'S DINNER 2023

Tuesday, February 14, \$143.00 (for a couple)

- Glass of Rosé Wine
- Japan Murotsu Oyster
- Hot Pot
- Sweet Temptation
- Café Latte



WHISKY PROMOTION

The Pines is pleased to present a special whisky promotion during January and February.

SHEEP DIP 16 SINGLE MALT BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

Sheep Dip 16's recipe of 16 Highland and Speyside malts is said to have stayed the same since its inception. Although it doesn't carry an age statement, it's claimed the malts are up to 20 years old.

The name is reportedly related to actual sheep dip, and refers to a moonshining practice in England whereby illicit distillers would disguise barrels of unreported whisky as barrels of sheep dip.

Country: Scotland
Alcohol Content: 40%

Nose: Delicate and refined. Soft, sensual floral notes arise in perfect harmony, supported by an attractive array of complex fruit flavours. Melon, pear and orange with a hint of almonds conclude this profusion of charming nuances.

Palate: Finesse and elegance gives way to a majestic assertion of pure malty flavours drawn from the four distilling regions of Scotland. Each area forges and makes its own inimitable contribution to this outstanding pure malt.



Price: \$168 (one bottle);
\$288 (two bottles)

FESTIVE VOUCHERS

The Pines Satellite Club @ Stevens is issuing Festive Vouchers. For entitlement of special privileges, the vouchers are available for Members of Laguna National and The Pines Members.

The festive vouchers consist of two categories for redemptions and are valid

through February 28, 2023.

You can choose to redeem either one of the privileges at each time or you can redeem both privileges simultaneously.

Vouchers can be collected at The Pines Satellite Club from Tuesday to Sunday, between 10 am and 5 pm daily. For collection, you'll need to present your Membership card.



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Tuesday to Sunday (including Public Holidays): 10 am to 10 pm

*Please note that the Club will be closed on Mondays

MEET THE COACHES: STEPHEN MORIARTY

AS THE TEAM AT THE LEADBETTER GOLF ACADEMY AT LAGUNA PRACTICE CONTINUES TO EXPAND, DURING 2023 WE'LL BE INTRODUCING YOU TO THE COACHES WHO ARE COMMITTED TO HELPING YOU IMPROVE YOUR GAME. TO TEE-OFF THE SERIES, WE TURN THE SPOTLIGHT ON STEPHEN MORIARTY, DIRECTOR OF LEADBETTER ACADEMIES, SOUTHEAST ASIA.



Stephen Moriarty

Laguna Lifestyle: How long have you been with the Leadbetter Golf Academy and in which locations have you worked?

Stephen Moriarty: I started as a student with the Leadbetter academies in 1998 before moving to Korea in 2007 as a coach to work at Woo Jeong Hills Country Club. While in Korea I also worked at an indoor academy in Seoul, Oak Valley CC and Sky72. In 2013, I was part of the academy's expansion in Indonesia, opening a new academy at Pondok Indah Golf Club. Since then we've opened new academies in Indonesia at Royale Jakarta, Damai Indah Golf – BSD, Ciputra club in Hanoi and here at Laguna National. In early 2023 we will open a fourth location at Damai Indah Golf – PIK in North Jakarta.

Laguna Lifestyle: What attributes does a good golf coach/instructor require?

Stephen Moriarty: When you start your coaching journey you must have a strong desire to help people. This desire drives the pursuit to acquire a sound technical understanding of the golf swing and improve your ability to communicate it simply to the student. I also believe being a good player hugely benefits you as a coach. It's not to say every coach needs to have been a successful player to become a good coach, but when building a student's trust in you and when starting out on your coaching journey it really helps to draw students to you.

Laguna Lifestyle: Most common mistake made by amateur golfers?

Stephen Moriarty: Not enjoying the journey that golf truly is, when focus and success are purely anchored to performance. People miss what golf is really about. Within every game, every

practice session there is an opportunity to learn and improve. I believe this is where real happiness within the game lies. This is where golf academies can help speed up the learning process. In any discipline we look for coaches, mentors, people who have gone before us and learned from mistakes already. Search out as much information from these individuals as possible and fast track your improvement.

“ When you start your coaching journey you must have a strong desire to help people. ”

Laguna Lifestyle: Distance or accuracy – what's more important?

Stephen Moriarty: If we say that someone has the basic level of distance to be able to get the ball round a golf course, accuracy by far improves someone's ability to play better golf. When distance is really holding someone back from scoring well the first question should be: Are you playing from the appropriate tee boxes? If not, then enjoy the course for the more difficult version of it you are playing and don't beat yourself up. To help you understand which one affects your score most, play a round from the tees in front of your usual choice – if you play blue, then switch to white. Then play a game whereby you move your drives 10 metres closer to the middle of the fairway and approach shots 10 metres closer to the middle of the green. Nearly everyone scores better in the second game.



Stephen conducting a lesson with Laguna National Ladies Club Championship winner Ella Yokota.

Laguna Lifestyle: Should amateurs spend more of their practice time on the short game?

Stephen Moriarty: Yes, and not just because of the importance of it for scoring. On the short game area, we are constantly challenged, which is great for overall development. The lie changes every shot; we can vary distance, elevation, height, and spin requirements. You are constantly forced to engage yourself and problem-solve quickly. This is a key skill needed for long-term improvement and course management.

Laguna Lifestyle: Who's your favourite golfer – and why?

Stephen Moriarty: For the pure scale of impact he's had on the game it's hard to root for **Tiger Woods**. The magnitude of his achievements and level of athleticism he brought to the game changed its direction forever. He achieved things that didn't seem possible ... and prompted future generations to strive for higher goals. Due to Tiger, golf is now seen as a sport rather than a game and attracts a younger audience.

“ Within every game, every practice session there is an opportunity to learn and improve. I believe this is where real happiness within the game lies. ”

Laguna Lifestyle: Your favourite golfing memory (playing, coaching, or watching)?

Stephen Moriarty: My favourite golfing memory is watching Major tournaments on television with my dad who was an avid golfer. Golf wasn't widely broadcast in the early 1990s so the Majors were a big sporting event in the United Kingdom. I think this really grew my interest in golf and created those moments as a junior where you begin the self-talk whilst

practicing of having a putt to win a Major championship and start to visualise yourself as a future professional player. If you are a parent and wish to encourage your children to play golf, watching the sport together is a great way to spark an interest in it.

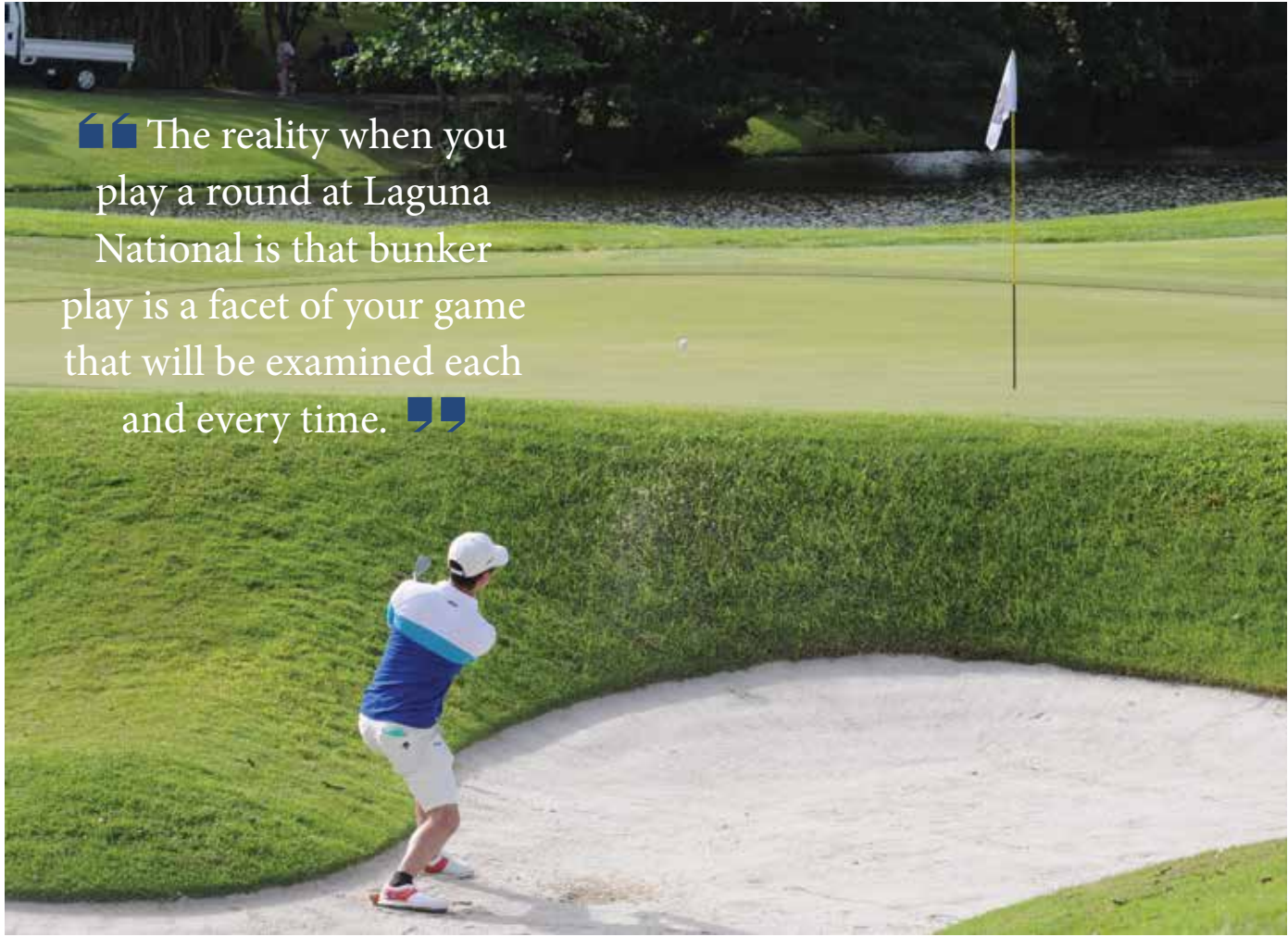
Laguna Lifestyle: Message to golfers who are contemplating signing up for lessons?

Stephen Moriarty: It's all on you, but we are so excited to be a part of your journey. The more I move through coaching, business, and life the more I realise the need to have a great team and people around you. However, ultimately everything rests on your shoulders. Over time you'll build trust in your coach and find it easier to implement change, but you should also be trying to search information from as many sources as possible, discuss these with your coach and allow them to be part of your development. Many people think a lesson is very transactional and a simple payment for information. I want to be part of your learning process and help you wherever I can. A large part of a student's learning process is outside of the actual lesson, through messages, practice, feedback, swings, practice notes and general conversation. As I said at the start, the greatest attribute a coach can have is to care. Find someone who cares and can help you in your journey to improve.



SAND-FILLED NEW YEAR GIFT

TO TEE-OFF LAGUNA LIFESTYLE'S SERIES OF INSTRUCTIONAL ARTICLES IN 2023, STEPHEN MORIARTY, DIRECTOR OF LEADBETTER ACADEMIES, SOUTHEAST ASIA, EXPLAINS HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR BUNKER PLAY IN 2023.



■ ■ The reality when you play a round at Laguna National is that bunker play is a facet of your game that will be examined each and every time. ■ ■

At Laguna National Resort Golf Club, we're fortunate to have two amazing golf courses. In case you hadn't noticed, they're littered with some of the most difficult bunkers you'll find in the region.

As you set out on your golfing journey in 2023, there could be no better gift than to improve your bunker game – and lower your score.

To be able to extricate yourself from sand traps is arguably one of the most

challenging aspects in golf. And the reality when you play a round at Laguna National is that it's a facet of your game that will be examined each and every time.

So, what makes someone a great bunker player – and what can we do to help you get better at escaping from traps?

Firstly, it's essential you have the right equipment for the task. That means carrying a sand wedge with at least 56 degrees of loft and eight degrees upwards of bounce. While more loft and bounce



PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



PICTURE 3



PICTURE 4



PICTURE 5

can be helpful, you want to stay away from extremes.

Even if you're equipped with the right tools, that alone is not going to guarantee you succeed. For that to happen, it's important you understand that there are three key skills to mastering bunkers.

- To be OKAY means getting the ball out on a regular basis. To do this, you need to be able to control where the club hits the sand. This is not so difficult with a couple of key set-up positions and feels.
- To be GOOD, you need to be able to control how deep the club goes into the sand. Again, this is not so difficult if you understand a few key principles.
- To be GREAT in bunkers (or getting out of them!) you need to be able to control how the club exits the impact zone.

To be OKAY in bunkers, good set-up principles apply.

You're going to need to have some weight on your lead leg, open up the club face to add extra loft and bounce, wider stance, hands level or behind the ball (Picture 1).

For entry point, regardless of soft or hard sand, you need to try and hit as close to the ball as possible without hitting the ball. If you're someone who hits the ball first, try moving your ball position towards the target so it is further forward in your stance.

Conversely, if you hit the sand too far

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behind the ball, then move it back in your stance. If you have no consistency then you need to draw a line in the sand and practice striking it in the same place each time until you can.

To be GOOD, you need to control the depth of the club through impact. The great news is that in hard, wet sand the club can only go so deep. So, as long as you can hit close to the ball, this sand type is slightly easier. In soft sand, it's all down to you.

To control the depth the club travels through the sand we need to be able to keep the swing shallow. This means we want the club to feel like it's travelling closer to the sand and less up and down.

To help to do this we need to use our body a little more and our arms less. In practice you should use clubs with less loft, such as an eight or nine-iron. See how the

backswing changes in the accompanying images to help obtain the correct club path.

Picture 2 illustrates an incorrect backswing for soft sand. Picture 3 illustrates the correct feel for soft sand.

Okay, so now the question is how to be GREAT in bunkers.

If you can control where the club hits the sand consistently and also control how deep the club goes into the sand, the next step is controlling how the club comes out of the sand to create different trajectories.

A very simple concept is that the more release you have, the higher the ball will launch; the less release you have, the lower the ball will launch.

Picture 4 illustrates release and Picture 5 illustrates no release.

A great place to practice how the release should feel would be to hit bunker shots from an uphill slope. If the club comes out of the sand quickly you will be releasing the club well; if the club digs into the sand you won't be releasing the club.

Now you have a simple structure to practice your bunker shots. Try to master each step first before focusing on the next. If you need any help in person, please contact us at the Academy on 9039-1038.

LAGUNA PRACTICE DRIVING RANGE

To book your lesson with a Leadbetter Golf Academy coach at Laguna Practice, please email to lga.singapore@leadbetter.com or call 6542-2201.

**Based at Laguna National Resort Golf Club, Stephen Moriarty heads up the highly qualified team of coaches. After nearly a decade of coaching in England, Stephen began his Leadbetter career in 2006 in South Korea. He spent seven years in The Land of the Morning Calm, developing his coaching techniques and gaining extensive experience working with full-time students including LPGA, Korean PGA and Korean LPGA players.*

RULES OF GOLF UPDATES FOR 2023

THE R&A AND THE USGA HAVE UNVEILED A REGULAR UPDATE TO THE RULES OF GOLF AS THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE THE RULES EASIER TO UNDERSTAND AND APPLY. THE NEW RULES WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2023.



Grant Moir



The 2023 edition of the Rules of Golf continues the modernisation process, with an emphasis on both inclusion and sustainability.

For the first time, the modified Rules for players with disabilities have been fully incorporated into the playing rules without the need to adopt a local rule.

The governing bodies, supported by long-standing partner Rolex, will also promote digital and mobile app access to the Rules while significantly reducing the production and distribution of more than four million printed books.

Several penalties have been relaxed and language has been clarified to help golfers at all levels of play.

KEY CHANGES INCLUDE:

Modifications for Players with

Disabilities: The modifications to the Rules for players with disabilities have been made part of the Rules and are in effect for all players who are classified in the categories covered in Rule 25.

Handicap Usage in Stroke Play: With the continued growth of score-posting technology following the adoption of the World Handicap System, players are no longer penalised for failing to put their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of each player's handicap.

Club Damaged During Round: The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a

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round, provided the player did not damage it through abuse.

Ball Moved by Natural Forces: A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed or replaced.

Back-on-the-Line Relief Procedure: The back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty area and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the player now drops their ball on the line, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped.

Golfers are able to learn more about the major changes and review the official 2023 Rules of Golf by visiting www.randa.org and www.usga.org/rules

Full updates to the official Rules of Golf digital applications will be available starting

on January 1.

Grant Moir, Director of Rules at The R&A, said: “We are continuing to improve and adapt the Rules of Golf to ensure they are in line with the way the modern game is played.

“That means making the Rules easier to understand and access for all golfers and making the sport more inclusive and welcoming for golfers with disabilities.

“We are also working to ensure golf has a sustainable long-term future and making more resources available digitally is key to achieving that goal.”

Thomas Pagel, USGA Chief Governance Officer, said: “The growing popularity of golf continues to guide our decision-making and modernising the Rules to promote inclusivity and accessibility is clearly a great step in the right direction.

“This latest evolution is especially important to the community of golfers with disabilities, and we hope it will encourage more people to play and enjoy the game.”

As an extension of its support of the Rules of Golf worldwide, Rolex has made a commitment to support The R&A and the USGA's efforts to modernise golf's Rules.

The Swiss watchmaker's contribution to excellence in golf is based on a rich heritage stretching back more than 50 years, forged through pivotal partnerships at every level of the game, from the sport's leading professional and amateur competitions and organisations, to players at the pinnacle of their sport worldwide.

2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES

New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



Replacing Damaged Clubs

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



Ball Moved by Natural Forces

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.

This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.



Simplified Back-on- the-Line Relief

When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.



For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](https://www.usga.org) or [randa.org](https://www.randa.org).



TITLEIST'S NEW TSR FAIRWAY METALS

TITLEIST SAYS ITS NEW TSR FAIRWAY METALS HAVE BEEN ENGINEERED TO GIVE EVERY PLAYER AN ADVANTAGE WITH THEIR METAL WOOD SET-UP.



Titleist's new TSR Fairway Metals.

When Titleist engineers set out to design the next generation of Titleist Speed Project fairway metals, their goals were clear – improve upon the four Fs: Flight, Feel, Form and Forgiveness.

The result is an all-new line-up of Titleist TSR metal woods, featuring three distinct models packed with technology and advanced refinements that can benefit every player.

Stephanie Luttrell, Director, Metal Wood Development, Titleist, said: “The new TSR fairway metals exemplify the newest advancements in metal wood technology and offer options for all golfers looking to gain an advantage off the tee and off the deck.

“Combined with its Tour-inspired shaping and powerful sound and feel, the optimised performance of TSR fairways sets a new standard for the Titleist Speed Project.”

Available in golf shops since late September 2022, with fittings offered by Titleist Fitting Partners, the Titleist TSR2, TSR2+ and TSR3 fairways are engineered to give every player an advantage with their metal wood set-up.

Josh Talge, Vice President, Titleist Golf Club Marketing, said: “Our number one goal was to optimise the CG (Centre of

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Stephanie Luttrell

Gravity), and it is now as low as it has ever been on a Titleist fairway metal.

“The lower the CG, the higher the launch. We want to get the weight down, so the golfer can get the ball up. By lowering the CG in each model through our Open Hosel Construction, we also improved the overall performance, including speed, launch angle, spin, flight, feel and forgiveness.

“Golfers want to see the golf ball get up in the air with their fairway metal, and with the new TSR we achieved that goal.”

TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

Open Hosel Construction: One of the key new features of TSR2, TSR2+ and TSR3

fairways is the Open Hosel Construction. Titleist engineers were able to remove excess weight found high and towards the heel of the clubhead, which allowed them to reposition weight and make improvements to essential areas of performance. In the TSR3 fairways, engineers utilised the Open Hosel Construction to shift the CG deeper and lower while simultaneously moving it closer to the centre of the face. This change creates even more forgiveness and higher launch.

Low, Face-Centred CG: Dramatic shifts in CG are constant throughout all three fairway offerings. The TSR2 features Titleist's lowest ever CG for an all-steel construction, while the TSR2+ boasts the deepest CG of any Titleist fairway metal. TSR3 has an even deeper and lower CG than its predecessor. The CG location is engineered for the specific needs of each fairway model, but all result in maximum levels of forgiveness, high launch, and speed.

Player-Tuned Performance: Another commonality between TSR2, TSR2+, and TSR3 is the player-tuned performance. Implementing key feedback from Tour professionals, every detail contained in the look, feel, and sound of TSR fairways has been scrutinised to deliver a metal wood that instills confidence in every player.

TITLEIST TSR FAIRWAY METAL MODELS



TSR2: High, far, and forgiving, the TSR2 fairway features maximum forgiveness and the lowest CG of the TSR fairway metal line, resulting in fast speeds and a high ball flight.

- TSR2 fairways feature the lowest CG ever for an all-steel construction to create speed and launch without excessive spin.
- New Open Hosel Construction created space for sizeable improvements to key areas of performance by removing unwanted weight high and towards the heel.
- Engineered to sound and feel powerful, giving players a lively response on every strike.
- Adjustable swing weight, fixed CG location.
- High launch, mid-spin.
- Available lofts: RH: 15.0 | 16.5 | 18.0 | 21.0 LH: 15.0 | 16.5 | 18.0



TSR2+: Inspired by the wants and needs of some of the world's top Tour professionals, the TSR2+ fairway is a new addition to the TS fairway family, designed to be a long, forgiving, and tee-biased three wood that does not sacrifice playability off the deck.

- Built for the tee, TSR2+ has a larger profile, taller face and more forgiveness than TSR2, perfect for those seeking more length and accuracy from their three-wood.
- Featuring the deepest CG location of any Titleist fairway metal, TSR2+ is engineered for maximum forgiveness and a straight, pure ball flight.
- TSR2+ was asked for by Tour professionals but is built to benefit all golfers looking for a long and straight option off the tee that is still extremely playable off the deck.
- Adjustable swing weight, fixed CG location.
- Mid/high launch, mid-spin.
- Available lofts: RH: 13.0 | LH: 13.0



TSR3: For players seeking precision-tuned performance, featuring a lower, deeper CG and a new-and-improved five-position SureFit Adjustable CG Track System.

- The ultimate fairway metal when it comes to adjustability is designed with a new, easy-to-adjust five-position SureFit Adjustable CG Track System to fine tune performance.
- Featuring the same Open Hosel Construction as TSR2 fairways, the TSR3's CG has been positioned deeper, slightly lower, and closer to face centre to provide easy, high launch with plenty of forgiveness.
- Everything from the look, sound, and feel of TSR3 encourages players to hit it square and long with total precision.
- Adjustable swing weight and CG location.
- Mid/high launch, low-spin.
- Available lofts: RH: 13.5 | 15.0 | 16.5 | 18.0 | LH: 15.0, 16.5

FEATURED AND PREMIUM SHAFTS



With a fit for every player, TSR's featured and premium shaft options represent a wide range of performance profiles. Players can choose from four high performance featured shafts or upgrade to one of three premium Graphite Design shafts. In addition, Titleist also offers an industry-leading number of custom shaft choices. The Titleist SureFit hosel for the TSR is compatible with all TSi, TS, 917, 915 and 913 fairway metals.

HZRDUUS RED CB: A mid-to-high launch/mid-spin lightweight shaft with an active tip section featuring counter-balance

technology.

TENSEI AV BLUE with Xlink Tech: A mid-launch/mid-spin shaft featuring Xlink Resin for increased bond strength, enhanced feel and durability.

HZRDUUS BLACK 4G: For players seeking spin reduction, this low/mid launch with low/mid spin shaft features a stiff butt and firm tip section to launch the ball lower.

TENSEI 1K BLACK: A low-launch/low-spin shaft

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

JANUARY

January 13	Friday	Hong Bao Golf Competition
January 14	Saturday	Hong Bao Golf Competition
January 18	Wednesday	Ladies Meet-Up, Masters Course

FEBRUARY

February 6	Monday	G4D Tour @ Singapore Classic (Round One), Classic Course
February 7	Tuesday	G4D Tour @ Singapore Classic (Round Two), Classic Course
February 8	Wednesday	Singapore Classic, Pro-Am
February 9	Thursday	Singapore Classic (Round One), Classic Course
February 10	Friday	Singapore Classic (Round Two), Classic Course
February 11	Saturday	Singapore Classic (Round Three), Classic Course
February 12	Sunday	Singapore Classic (Round Four), Classic Course
February 15	Wednesday	Ladies Meet-Up, Masters Course



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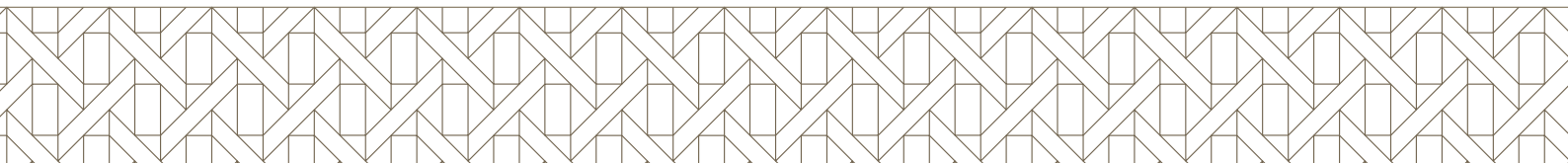
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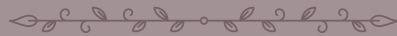




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