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## President's Message DATO' LOH AH JOO



It is the beginning of another year once again! As we bid farewell to the Year of the Rooster and welcome the Year of the Dog, I am reminded of key SSGS events that our members have enjoyed in the second half of 2017. SSGS members visited Batam and golfed at Southlinks Country Club for our July medal; had a jolly good time golfing at several exclusive private clubs in Hokkaido and had a golf friendly in Tokyo with our dear friends from the Japan Singapore Association (JSA) Tokyo. Members went on a

sightseeing-cum-makan trip to Malacca with their spouse. Lastly, we participated in the 34th ASEAN Senior Open in Philippines, where SSGS clinched second place in the Team Nett Challenge. What a fulfilling year it has been for our Society!

As we welcome the new year, I wish to share with members our activities and plans for Jan – Jun 2018. Other than the usual monthly medals, SSGS will be having our Annual Interport golf match with our Thai counterparts, at Khao Cha Ngok Golf Club. Most importantly, we will be hosting the CASGA IGM Meeting & Golf Tournament.

As always, we are happy to hear from you should you have any interesting ideas or suggestions for activities. I hope that more members will come forward and contribute with different ideas on how we can improve on our social activities.

Meanwhile happy golfing and have a great year ahead!

## Upcoming events/activities Jan – June 2018

Date	Events/ Activities	Venue
29 Jan - 2 Feb	Annual Interport Golf match with Thailand Senior Golfers Association	Khao Cha Ngok Golf Club
11 Jan	January Monthly Medal (Prizes sponsored by Ong Teong Wan)	RCC – Lake
27 Feb	Annual CNY Lunch	Re!Joice Ballroom
15 Mar	March Monthly Medal (Prizes sponsored by Member)	Keppel Club
2 – 5 Apr	CASGA IGM Meeting & Golf Tournament	Sentosa/SICC
24 May	50th AGM/Gold Medal	SICC
13 Jun	June Monthly Medal	OCC



L - R: Eric Teoh, President of Society for the Aged Sick, Dato' Loh Ah Joo, Alex Yeo, Vice Chairman of Paya Lebar CCC

## Thank you SSGS!

Dato' Loh Ah Joo received the Certificate of Appreciation presented by Mr Alex Yeo, Vice Chairman of Paya Lebar CCC, for SSGS' donation to the Society for the Aged Sick. A total of \$15,300 was raised through SSGS members and their guests' participation in the Annual Chinese New Year lunch on 14 Feb 2017.

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## July monthly medal (11 July @ Southlinks Country Club, Batam)



Peter Yap receiving his prize from Tan Weng Wat (Sponsor for July Medal)



Vincent Chua, Best Nett in C Division receiving his prize from Tan Weng Wat (Sponsor for July Medal)



Golfing is always a happy occasion  
L - R Wilfred Peh, CK Sam, guest, Ashok Melwani



Time to tee off!  
L - R: Bob San, Dicky Tan, Rusly Sjaichudin, Ooi Wai Kin



Group picture at Southlinks CC, Batam

## August Monthly Medal (15 Aug @ Seletar CC)



Dicky Tan (Sponsor for Aug Medal) presents prize to Patron Tan Ah Lye, D Division Champion

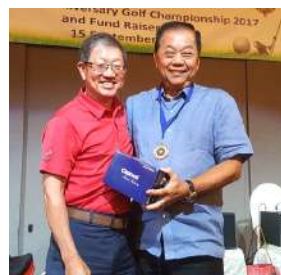
## 49th Anniversary Golf Championship (15 Sep @ SICC Island)



Patron Tan Ah Lye receiving his Novelty Prize from SVP Pang Boon Hee



Vincent Chua receiving his lucky draw prize from VP Peter Koh



Henry KS Lim receiving his lucky draw and monthly medal prizes from VP Peter Koh



Winston Baptista, Winner of TP Tay Trophy (Best Nett) receiving his prize from Dato' Loh Ah Joo



Paul Kwek, Winner of Patron's Trophy receiving his prize from Dato' Loh Ah Joo



Our esteemed guests at our Anniversary dinner



Happy anniversary!  
L - R : Robert Lye, Ajit Singh, Leonard Lau showing off their medals

## December Christmas Medal (15 Dec @ SICC Island)



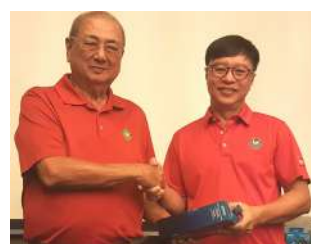
Life is good when there is golf  
L - R Tan Cheng Hai, A B Lim, Ricky Seah and Robert Lye



SVP Pang with members at Christmas dinner



Yay! Merry Christmas!  
L - R : Patsy Seah, Kamal, Owyong Thian Soo, Jonathan Oh



Henry Loo receiving his Lucky draw prize from SVP Pang Boon Hee

## Results of monthly medals July to December 2017

Month/Venue		Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
<b>July</b>	<b>Champion</b>	Andy G H Ang	Rusly Sjaichudin	Dicky Tan	Peh Choon Seng
(Southlinks)	<b>Runner Up</b>	Raymond Lau	C K Sam	Soh Chee Seng	Peter K K Yap
<b>August</b>	<b>Champion</b>	Cheah Pak Hing	Yeap Chee Leong	Lam Tih Kai	Tan Ah Lye
(Seletar)	<b>Runner Up</b>	Daniel Liew	Chai Chon Fah	Fredric Chia	Edward Y L Tan
<b>September</b>	<b>Champion</b>	Leonard Lau	Chua Ah Lee	Vincent Chua	Peh Choon Seng
(SICC Island)	<b>Runner Up</b>	Martin Chen	Stephen C L Ng	Chuah Mooi Kiak	Lim Ting Hui
<b>October</b>	<b>Champion</b>	Andy G H Ang	Jimmy T J Teo	Lau Koi Fong	Peh Choon Seng
(Warren)	<b>Runner Up</b>	Hendry Yeo	Ricky L K Seah	Dicky Tan	C H Tong
<b>November</b>	<b>Champion</b>	Sandy Ouyang	Ricky L K Seah	Leow Boon Tong	Terence Ng
(Sembawang)	<b>Runner Up</b>	Henry C M Lim	Chew Hai Chwee	J Masilamany	Peh Choon Seng
<b>December (SICC Island)</b>	<i>- Cancelled due to inclement weather</i>				
<b>49th Anniversary Golf Championship</b>	<b>Patron's Trophy (Best Gross)</b>	Paul Kwek			
	<b>T P Tay's Trophy (Best Nett)</b>	Winston Baptista			

### Overseas golf trips

#### Malacca trip (17 - 18 August)

Twenty-two SSGS members and their spouse went on a social outing to Malacca, led by President Dato' and Mrs Loh Ah Joo. The first day of our trip saw us travelling by chartered coach, stopping at Yong Xin Restoran to sample the famous abalone noodle. Along the way, our local tour guide gave us a commentary of Malacca's history: an eclectic mix of Portuguese, Dutch and British colonisation, combined with rich Peranakan history which contributed to Malacca's unique food and culture.

Upon arrival, we ate at Suan Nyonya Restaurant, and had the town's famous *chendol* dessert as the finishing touch to our sumptuous lunch. The members were then given time to explore and they enjoyed massages and shopping. We stayed at Hatten Hotel, a 4-star hotel conveniently located in the city centre. That night, we ate at the LTP Chinese Restaurant, enjoying a variety of dishes including assam fish. We also surprised the August babies with a fun birthday celebration.

After breakfast the next morning, we visited St. Paul's Church, A'Famosa and the Stadthuys. We explored Jonker Street, appreciating the buildings with elaborate architecture and the antique shops. For lunch we feasted on golf-ball shaped chicken rice, accompanied with various meats, at the famous Formosa Chicken Rice Ball restaurant.

On the way home, we passed Yong Peng where we sampled durians, and had an 8-course dinner at Restaurant 88 in Skudai. Although this trip was a sightseeing and shopping tour without golf, many new friendships were formed. Blessed with good weather for the two days, everyone enjoyed this trip immensely!



Members' happy faces – evident of an enjoyable time at St Paul's Hill



Dato' Loh Ah Joo (3rd from left) enjoying the busking session with members



Andrew and Annie Ng having the well-known *chendol* after the Peranakan lunch



Members and their spouse enjoying the delectable Chinese dinner

## Hokkaido Golf Tour (24 Sep - 3 October)

SSGS members visited Hokkaido and Tokyo from 24 September to 3 October 2017. After their arrival, the members checked into the Sapporo Grand Hotel and headed for the Oktoberfest celebration at Odori Park, where they enjoyed freshly shucked oysters, yakitori and copious amounts of beer.

The following day, we were lucky to enjoy blue skies as we played at the highly-rated Clark Country Club. Dinner was at Suntory Restaurant, where we had a great variety of food, complete with whisky and beer.

We were blessed to be granted special permission to play at several private clubs, giving members a rare and privileged experience. The rest of the week saw us golfing at the Eniwa course of Zuien Country Club as well as the famous Terumae Country Club. We rounded off our exciting golfing trip in Hokkaido at the well-designed North Country Club. It was an immensely pleasurable trip as we

thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful experiences (and numerous onsen) of Hokkaido- with delicious sushi, famous milk cakes, and the Nikka Whisky Factory.

The members then travelled from Sapporo to Tokyo, staying at Keikyu EX Inn in Shinagawa. That night, we dined at Singapore Food Republic, and got a taste of home.

The highlight of the trip was meeting our friends from the Japan Singapore Association (JSA) for a friendly golf game and get-together. We played against them at Hon-Atsugi Club; our members fought valiantly but we had to concede the match by three points to the JSA team. Nevertheless, we ended the day with an excellent party hosted by JSA, with Tiger Beer that was sponsored by the Singapore Embassy. Our most valuable takeaway was the wonderful friendship revisited with the JSA members, and the unforgettable memories.



Panoramic view of the Clark Country Club



Hi there! We are having a great time at the Clark Country Club



Yummy yumz... the fresh sashimi was absolutely mouth-watering



Kanpai! The sashimi dinner was perfect with the fragrant sake



Blessed with blue skies!  
L-R: Sandy Ouyang, Daniel Chang, Terence Ng, Hendry Yeo



We love golfing in Japan!  
L - R: Vic Bay, Robert Lye, William Tan, Kathy Ng

## 34th ASEAN Senior Amateur Open Championship, Philippines (18 - 20 October)

The 34th edition of the ASEAN Senior Amateur Golf Championship 2017 was played in the highlands of Tagaytay, Philippines at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club from 18 - 20 October. SSGS members arrived a day earlier than the other teams, giving them the chance to have an additional practice at the Isao Aoki course, one of the two courses for the Championship.

On Day 1 of the Championship, the Stroke Division were the first to compete, while the Stableford Division had a practice round at Greg Norman, the second course at Eagle Ridge. The Nett team led by Dicky Tan ended Day 1 with an 8-stroke lead, and we celebrated that night by participating in a Filipino Barrio Fiesta with a live band.

The following day, both divisions played. While the Nett team managed to hold on to the lead, the Gross team was hampered by an injury suffered by a player and morale was affected. In the afternoon, the General Committees of the six participating countries got together for the CASGA meeting where plans were discussed for the Intermediate General Meeting to be held in Singapore in April 2018. The evening culminated in a dinner that was hosted by President Melito Salazar Jr of FPASGI.

Day 3 started with our team full of hope as we were leading in both Nett and Stableford team divisions. Despite playing to the best of our abilities, the outcome did not pan out as hoped. The Nett team came in second while the Gross team came in fifth. We know we can do it and are determined to be back - stronger and better!



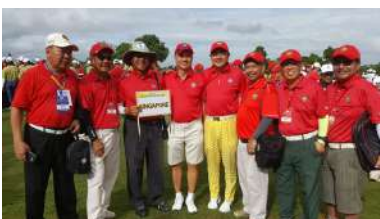
Octogenarian Ajit Singh and Tommy Tan receiving their certificates from Dr Agoes Salim, Sec-Gen of CASGA



Team Singapore at the Opening ceremony in Eagle Ridge GC



Captain Terence Ng addressing participants at the CASGA meeting



Ready for the challenge at Eagle Ridge GC



SSGS ExCo members at the CASGA meeting



Team Singapore at the Opening ceremony in Eagle Ridge GC