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THE PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR

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WHIZ KID SWINGS TO STARDOM

PHILIPPINE GOLF
ON THE UPSWING

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OLYMPIC SLOTS

NOT JUST A
KIDS' PLAY
PINOY YOUNGSTERS
SWINGING BETTER,
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BLAZING
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TO CAP BANNER
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THE DUEL

DREAM CHASER
CYNA 1ST PINAY TO EARN
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Over a decade ago, these four aces – Juvic Pagunsan, Jay Bayron, Michael Bibat and Marvin Dumandan – delivered the gold medal for Team Philippines in the Southeast Asian Games at The Country Club, which marked ICTSI's entry into golf sponsorship, with the now Japan PGA Tour-based Pagunsan winning the individual gold.

THE ICTSI Golf Program

In 2005, the Philippine Government called on the private sector to support the hosting of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games). Global port operator International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) responded to the call by supporting the Philippine Golf Team's campaign in the SEA Games and by hosting and co-organizing the Games' golf event at The Country Club (TCC) in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. This sponsorship gave birth to the ICTSI Golf Program with the ICTSI Public Relations Office as program manager.

At that time, ICTSI was on its 13th year of organizing the ICTSI Invitational, the country's largest corporate golf event attended by over 100 business executives

doing business with ICTSI. On one hand, the ICTSI Public Relations Office was on its third year of organizing The Country Club Invitational – Don Pocholo Razon Memorial Cup, the Philippines' largest professional golf tournament established in honor of the late Enrique "Don Pocholo" Razon Sr., ICTSI Founding Chairman. The TCC Invitational is one vehicle where Enrique K. Razon Jr., ICTSI Chairman and President, supports golf development in the country. Mr. Razon is also the Chairman of the TCC.

The Philippines won the gold and silver medals in the team categories of the men's and ladies events, respectively; and gold and silver medals in the individual men's and ladies categories. Likewise, ICTSI successfully hosted and

co-organized the golf event at the TCC. Since the 2005 SEA Games, ICTSI has been leading the private sector in the development and promotion of golf in the Philippines. The Company has become the country's largest corporate benefactor of the sport.

The ICTSI Golf Program approaches golf development in the Philippines holistically. It primarily focuses on golfer development by providing athletes their training requirements, assistance in competing in local and international tournaments, and by helping sustain a vibrant golfing community in the country. The Program also fosters values formation, instilling honesty, sportsmanship, respect and integrity among its beneficiaries.

The Golf Program selects promising Filipino golfers. It has a golfer management system, which provides personal and athletic development, and long-term career pathing. To achieve these, the Program has three (3) subprograms that journey with a golfer's growth:

JUNIOR

ICTSI sponsors circuits, tournaments and inter-school/inter-club competitions for young golfers. Winners of these events are chosen to represent the country in world jungolf events. Select jungolfers may be then invited to be part of the Amateur Program.

AMATEUR

Through a golfer management system for amateurs, ICTSI supports select amateur golfers in all their training needs including coaching, physical fitness and provision of equipment and uniforms; team housing/home schooling/academic scholarship; and participation in local and international tournaments. The Program follows a strict merit and evaluation system in retaining its beneficiaries. It also assists amateur players in their transition to professional players.

PROFESSIONAL

Through its sponsorship of the men's and ladies' circuits of the Philippine Golf Tour (PGT), the country's national pro golf league, ICTSI supports the country's professional golfers by providing them with a tournament circuit that showcases their talent, hones their skills and allows them to earn from the sport. Through a golfer management system for pros, ICTSI assists select players at the top of the Order of Merit of both the men's and ladies circuits in their regional and international campaigns. Currently, the Program closely monitors the standings of Filipino golfers in the International Golf Federation's Olympic rankings for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Benefitting much from ICTSI's amateur and professional programs are former Philippine Ladies Open champion Jayvie Agojo (above) and now LPGA and Symetra Tour campaigners Cyna Rodriguez (right) and Dottie Ardina, respectively.

In 2015, ICTSI further enhanced the Golf Program, specifically its subprograms for juniors and amateurs, by involving its corporate social responsibility unit, the ICTSI Foundation, Inc. Through the Foundation, the Program hopes to include qualified and interested youth from the marginalized sector. These may cover introducing the sport in public schools or include into the Program, indigent youth working informally as ball pickers, caddies and grass cutters, and children of low-income golfers and caddies.

On one hand, the Golf Program is seen to enhance the Foundation's sports program – the third pillar of the Foundation's core advocacy, the youth. Aside from sports, the other two pillars are education and community welfare. The Foundation's programs are designed to provide support mechanisms that would help young beneficiaries develop their full potential.



Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. (PGTI), a sports management and promotions company, is the official organizer of the Philippine Golf Tour (PGT), the country's premiere golf league and one of Asia's leading golfing circuits.

Established in 2009, PGTI seeks to advance professional golf in the Philippines. PGTI provides support for the Filipino golfer through exposure in local, regional and international tournaments. It also organizes tournaments held in the country's top golf courses, enabling golfers to hone their skills, compete with fellow professionals, and earn from the sport.



Philippine Golf Tour

The Philippine Golf Tour is the flagship tournament circuit of PGTI. Each year, PGTI holds over 20 professional tournaments held in the country's leading golf courses. Through the PGT, PGTI has brought the Philippines to the global golfing arena through its partnership with the Asian Tour. Key legs of the PGT are part of the Asian Tour and Asian Development Tour calendars.

Professional golfers playing for the PGT are golfers of good standing in the Asian Tour, ASEAN PGA Tour and the Touring Professional Golfers Association of the Philippines. Aside from local and foreign pros, PGTI also invites the country's top low amateur golfers to play in the circuit.

The PGT is the country's richest tournament circuit to date. The tour revitalized golf in the Philippines with local pros gunning for the top spot in the PGT Order of Merit (OOM). The OOM ranks the Tour's leading golfers based on the accumulation of prize money earned from participating in the various legs of the circuit.

In 2013, PGTI established a counterpart ladies' tour, the Ladies Philippine Golf Tour, envisioned to become a major circuit in the region.



Vision

A brighter future for the Filipino golfer: locally, globally.

Mission

To advance the growth of professional golf in the Philippines and to help promote the country's top golf courses as venues for international tournaments.

PGTI fulfills its vision-mission through a golf program with the Philippine Golf Tour (PGT) as its flagship tournament circuit.

Goals

Organization of the Philippine Golf Tour

To provide professionally organized, regular tournament for Filipino professional golfers in the country's leading golf courses.

Development of world-class Filipino golfers

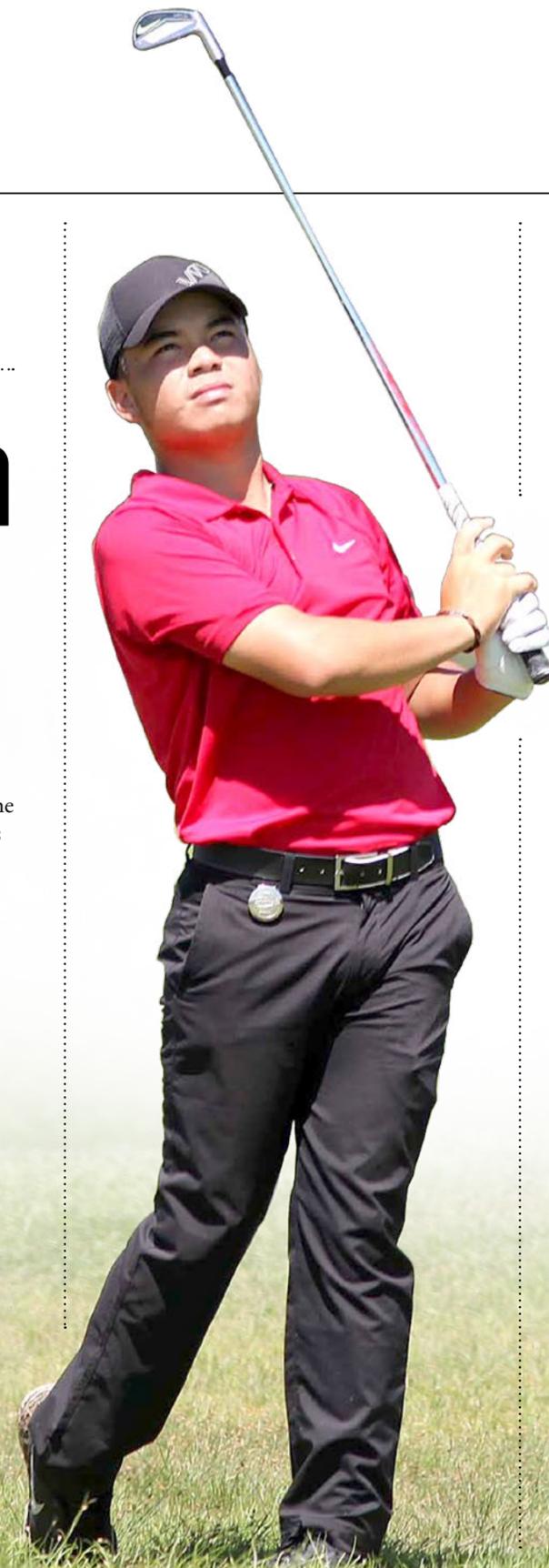
To select and support upcoming and talented Filipino professional golf athletes in their local and international campaigns.

To support Filipino amateur golfers through the opportunity of participating in the professional tournaments of the PGT.

To help promote Philippine golf courses in particular, and the Philippines in general as a major golfing destination.

Promotion of Philippine Golf worldwide

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Editorial

There is something in continuity that fixes everything and the fact that local pro golf has come into full swing the last few years more than validates that impression.

Dumped into the bunkers following the ban on tobacco sports sponsorships in the late 1990s, the sport – and the circuit – has taken a life of its own with the entry of International Container Terminal Services, Inc., through Ricky Razon, an avid golfer, into the golfing scene in 2009.

In fact, the Philippine Golf Tour has grown to 15 legs

in 2015 and is slated to stage more tournaments this season, guaranteeing another busy season for the local pros, who are not only cashing in on the opportunity to make a living but also honing and polishing their talent and skills to become more competitive, particularly in international competitions.

Truly, the development of any sport is hinged on a professional league or a pro circuit. Without such organizations, there would be very few reasons to practice and become skilled in any sport.

And where there is little incentive to excel and improve, there is also little chance to generate interest in the

game, more so win on the international level. Philippine sports is soaked with sportsmen in the past whose talents were never fully developed due to lack of top-level competitions in the country.

But since the PGT took over, there had been encouraging signs of positive effects that the tour has had on local golf.

It has been some time since four Filipino pros have gained full exemption on the Asian Tour on their own merits by placing in the Top 60 of the Money List.

After the 2015 season, Miguel Tabuena ranked 23rd, Angelo Que ended up 51st and Antonio Lascaña stood three

rungs farther back. In the past, most of our local pros only get to play in the region's premier circuit through the country exempt provision or on its farm league – the Asian Development Tour.

And if they keep or improve their current spots in the Olympic rankings till mid-July, Tabuena (37th) and Que (52nd) are on track for a rare, dream stint in the Rio Olympics in August against the world's elite. This only underscores the steady rise of the Filipino pros to world-class level aided by the PGT through its annual, nationwide circuit.

But for all the positives that the tour brings and provides, there are still pressing concerns that



▲ Miguel Tabuena (above), Tony Lascaña (left) and Angelo Que accentuate the Filipino pros' steady rise to world-class level by keeping their places in the Top 60 of the Asian Tour Money List and gaining full exemption on the region's premier circuit.



need to be addressed, including luring of more sponsors, backers and partners into its fold.

The Philip Morris experience in golf and the Marlboro Tour in cycling in the 1990s have shown that dependence on one big sponsor leaves any pro circuit vulnerable to breakdown.

While both sporting events were going strong and were on top of the dish, so to speak, in that stretch, they were abruptly stopped following the enactment of the law prohibiting cigarette advertising in print and broadcast media. Almost overnight, pro golf and cycling were orphaned that saw the pros of both sports scamper for other sources to make both ends meet.

True, there had been attempts

to revive pro golf in the next decade or so but they all ended up the way they started – with a promise – until Razon and ICTSI, then the chief backers of the national men's and women's amateur teams, stepped in, revived pro golf and turned the sport into what it is today.

With a long-term pro golf program in mind, learning from the past won't be a bad idea.

There is also a need to create personalities.

Tabuena is an emerging star of Philippine golf. Young, talented and full of promise, the whiz kid has just won his first Asian Tour event – the 2015 Philippine Open – and is the highest ranked Filipino golfer in the world.

The 21-year-old phenom is a golfer the young and old could

identify with and here is that rare opportunity to use his image to further develop the sport and give it a mainstream appeal. The PGT needs to help promote and spread his image to generate interest and excitement in the sport the way Shakey's V-League turned women's volleyball into a sporting spectacle and the players into household names and sporting icons.

It is this idolatry, admiration of skills and rivalries that develop a sport, enhance spectator interest and encourages the players to improve their performance. Golf can have that too. It will just need a conscious effort to cash in on the opportunities to create and develop golfing personalities.

The PGT is arguably the best thing that has happened to local pro golf. For the first

time, our pros now play on a tour that allows them to be substantially rewarded for their hard work and determination and at the same time earn that chance to get better and better for overseas campaigns.

With its proven staying power, the PGT appears to be the moving force for a truly sustainable long-term golf development in the country. It has raised the level of pro play with at least four Pinoys, including Tabuena, Que, Tony Lascaña and Juvic Pagunsan, regularly campaigning against the best on the region's premier circuit.

It is therefore to the advantage of our golfers who aspire to be better and all those who take pride in being a Filipino to wish it well and support it in any way we possibly can.



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EXCELLENCE UNCONTAINED

The Philippine Golf Tour, Southeast Asia's largest local golfing circuit and the Philippines' premier battleground for its professional players, is backed by global port operator International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI).

ICTSI has been supporting Philippine golf since 2005 when the Philippine government tapped ICTSI as one of its private sector partners in the hosting of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games (SEAG) where ICTSI sponsored and co-organized the golf event of the Games at the Country Club in Santa Rosa, Laguna. After the Philippine SEAG, ICTSI continued supporting the country's top amateur players through an amateur golf program, and a junior golf program together with the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines.



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▲ Miguel Tabuena: Getting better and better

PHILIPPINE GOLF

On the Upswing

To call it a banner year would be an understatement. The year 2015 has been good for the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour. With 15 tournaments on the 15th year of the new Millennium, the Tour has firmly established its roots in Philippine golf.

The series of pro golf tournaments it provides for the year is something local golf looks forward to and the revitalized professional ranks has not disappointed our golfers in terms of providing competition, excitement and the development of new talents.

The story of the year has to be Miguel Tabuena. The former junior golf standout had a breakout year that saw him win four times on the PGT worth P3 million and snare the 2015 PGT Order of Merit title, ending Tony Lascaña's three-year reign.

It was a year of firsts for the 21-year old shotmaker. This was his first PGT Order of Merit title and, putting an exclamation point to his scintillating year, he also won his first Asian Tour title and his first Philippine Open championship in December at Luisita.

Conquering a bad cold in tough conditions, Tabuena showed up his older competitors with a brilliant six-birdie performance on the final nine holes to win Asia's oldest national Open by a stroke over Australia's Scott Barr.

With the victory, Tabuena has finally fulfilled the great expectations put upon his

young shoulders and ended his streak of disappointing finishes that has bugged him in his previous international jaunts.

He kicked off his campaign with a tough win at Splendido, followed it up with a romp at Rancho Palos Verde then came through with back-to-back feats at Wack Wack and Luisita.

Vainly trying to keep pace, his closest rivals on the local tour also had multiple victories. Lascaña won at Apo and Mt. Malarayat while Angelo Que took home the Eastridge and Anvaya crowns.

Other winners for 2015 were

Charles Hong at Luisita, Jay Bayron at Summit Point, Elmer Salvador at Riviera and Clyde Mondilla at Sherwood.

Japan Tour campaigner Juvic Pagunsan made a cameo appearance at the Aboitiz Invitational at Manila Southwoods and outclassed the Asian Development Tour field. His 20-under performance resulted to an eight-stroke victory over Que and Nirun Sae-ueng and Pijit Petchkasem of Thailand.

Filipino golf enthusiasts have been hoping for the return of Pagunsan, whose two-tournament stint in 2015 should hint at more



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▲ Tony Lascaña (1) and Angelo Que (2) stay on radar with two victories each but Malaysian Arie Irawan (3) and Itthipat Buranatanyarat (4) take care of business in the twin Asian Development Tour legs.



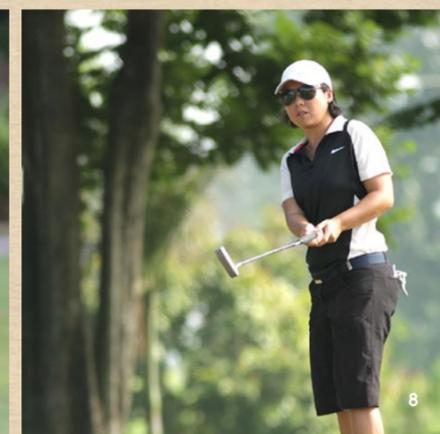
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▲ Cyna Rodriguez (5) slows down with just a single win on the LPGT but more than made up for the slack by gaining a card on the lucrative LPGA Tour while amateur Princess Superal (6) picks up another victory and Sarah Ababa (7) and Fil-Am Cristina Corpus (8) score a pair of breakthrough wins and Korean Hwang Ye-nah (9). Thais Meechai Wichanee (10) and Sirisampant Wannasiri (11) and Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong (12) sweep the four other legs.

appearances on the local circuit in the future.

The PGT also hosted another two events on the Asian Development Tour although the foreign bets came out triumphant. Malaysian ace Arie Irawan topped the Eagle Ridge Invitational while Thai Itthipat Buranatanyarat won the Sherwood Hills leg. Tabuena and Orlan Sumcad tried to give the foreigners a fight but both faltered in the end.

The Duel between the North and South continued in 2015 with the South rallying on the last day to nip the North 12 1/2

to 11 1/2. The Ryder Cup-style competition pits our pro golfers who trace their roots to the North (Luzon) against those who call the South (Visayas-Mindanao) home.

The Ladies PGT also gained traction in 2015 and the future looks bright for our campaigners on the distaff side. With the tour now attracting participation from foreign players, it is expected that the improved level of competition will push our lady pros to rise to the challenge.

Cyna Rodriguez, who topped the LPGT for its first three

years, finally made it to the big league following Jennifer Rosales as the second homegrown Filipino lady professional to make it to the lucrative LPGA Tour.

Rodriguez exemplified the benefits of having a local ladies tour by turning in a strong joint fourth finish in the LPGA Final Qualifying School, shooting 10-under par over 5 rounds at Daytona Beach in Florida. She won only one tournament in 2015 season at The Riviera but still held on to the pro crown after losing to amateur ace Princess Superal in a play-off at Wack Wack.

As the LPGT continues to provide a venue to hone local talents, 2015 saw Sarah Ababa win at Sherwood while foreigners romped off with victories at Splendido, Mt Malarayat and Southwoods. Fil-am Cristina Corpus took the Luisita leg.

There is much to be hopeful for on the Philippine Golf Tour. Ricky Razon and ICTSI have shown that they are in it for the long term and this bodes well for the development of Philippine golf.

There should always be a next year.



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(1) Miguel Tabuena gets a handshake from Angelo Que and Elmer Salvador after humbling the two veterans with superb display of iron play (2) and putting to open the season with a victory at Splendido (3). Unable to snare the crown, Que (4) turns to pal Salvador for the consolation.

SO YOUNG, SO SPLENDID

Tabuena weathers veteran Que's late charge



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- TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI SPLENDIDO CLASSIC
- DATES:** MARCH 18, 2015 – MARCH 21, 2015
- VENUE:** SPLENDIDO GOLF CLUB
- PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 2,000,000

Miguel Tabuena's breakout season in 2015 didn't happen by a mere stroke of good luck.

A year that saw the teen rising star dominate in the local tour before claiming his maiden Asian Tour championship was the product of hard work and a meticulously planned career path that paved the road for his rise as the hottest property in Philippine golf at the moment.

The foundation for that season was laid down right in the first tournament of the 2015 ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour when Tabuena defied the long-established tour pecking order and showed he has what it takes to take on the big guns, both here and overseas.

The tricky Splendido Taal Golf Club in scenic Tagaytay, venue for the season-opening ICTSI Splendido Classic, saw Tabuena take the fight out of local tour top gun Tony Lascaña in a third-round shootout before holding off Angelo Que in a final-round mano-a-mano.

When it was over, the 21-year-old had claimed the P360,000 top prize and, more importantly, the confidence that his game can hold under grinding pressure.

"My stints on the Asian Tour early in the year have boosted my confidence. But the key was my putting, which has been clicking," said Tabuena, savoring a championship made more special

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— TABUENA

by the fact that it was won against the two best players on the tour.

The first two days at the par-72 Tagaytay layout showed no signs of a big performance for Tabuena, who opened with rounds of 69 and 70 and quietly slipped behind first-day leader Rufino Bayron,

who opened with a scorching 67, and unheralded Benjie Magada who tied the course record with a seven-under 65 in Day Two.

But all changed in the third day when Tabuena torched Splendido with seven birdies in a bogey-free 65 that tied the course mark, put him on top by one, and left Lascuña in awe.

"He's good, very steady," said the veteran Lascuña of his young rival, who rattled off four birdies from Nos. 4 and 7 then knocked down three more on Nos. 12, 14 and 16 to break loose from the many-time tour winner and three-time Order of Merit champion.

As good as the round was, it could've been better but Tabuena chose to play conservatively on the par-5 closing hole due to the tough pin placement, showing maturity well beyond his years.

"I was actually set to go for the course record but changed my mind given the tough pin placement on No. 18," said Tabuena.

That set the stage for a final-day showdown with Que, a three-time Asian Tour winner who looked poised for his first title since ruling the Selangor Masters in August 2010 by staying within a shot of Tabuena heading into the last round.

Que piled the pressure on Tabuena from the start, seizing a one-stroke lead on a birdie-bogey swing on No. 3. He stayed in the driver's seat heading to the back nine when Tabuena dug deep into his vast arsenal of shots and delivered an emphatic response.

Three birdies in the first four holes of the final nine staked Tabuena to a three-shot lead. Que answered with two late birdies of his own to pull within one but Tabuena refused to fold up, grinding one clutch par after another to put the wraps on the victory.



▲ Former Hong Kong Amateur Open champion Dante Becerra (1) gets set with his form and rescue for his turn on the mound. Benjie Magada (2) receives a low five from his kid after a lead-grabbing 65 in the second round. The ever-playful Rey Pagunsan (3) reacts after sinking a birdie putt.



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ICTSI SPLENDIDO CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	TABUENA, MIGUEL	70	69	65	71	275	-13	P360,000
2	QUE, ANGELO	68	70	67	71	276	-12	P250,000
3	SALVADOR, ELMER	69	69	71	71	280	-8	P140,000
4	BAYRON, JAY	69	72	73	67	281	-7	P115,000
5=	BAYRON, RUFINO	67	76	68	72	283	-5	P83,500
5=	LASCUÑA, TONY	68	71	71	73	283	-5	P83,500
7=	NAKAJIMA, TORU (JPN)	72	70	74	70	286	-2	P61,500
7=	MONDILLA, CLYDE	72	69	71	74	286	-2	P61,500
9=	AUNZO, FERDIE	73	70	74	71	288	EVEN	P47,500
9=	ABABA, JHONNEL	74	72	68	74	288	EVEN	P47,500

Angelo Que (center) gets the traditional handshake from Japanese Toru Nakajima as ICTSI Splendido Classic winner Miguel Tabuena walks off the green after a failed bid to sweep the first two legs of the circuit.



Even before wrapping up the crown (below), Angelo Que is in command of the tournament, towing rivals Tony Lascuña, Ferdie Aunzo, Miguel Tabuena and Clyde Mondilla on the Eastridge fairway.

SWEET REVENGE

Que gets back at Tabuena, snaps long spell

- TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI MANILA MASTERS
- DATES:** MARCH 25, 2015 – MARCH 28, 2015
- VENUE:** EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB
- PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 3,500,000

At a time when most golf fans were left wondering if Angelo Que has already lost his winning touch, the Asian Tour veteran provided an emphatic answer on a hot afternoon at Eastridge.

Without a title for four years and coming off a one-shot loss to rising star Miguel Tabuena in the season opener of the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour at Splendido, Que once again put himself in contention when the tour went to the tricky layout in Binangonan, Rizal for the ICTSI Manila Masters.

This time, he didn't blink.

Mustering his years of experience both from the local and overseas tours and making the clutch shots when he needed them, the former amateur standout ground out an even-par 72 on the final day then watched his closest rivals, Tabuena included, fall apart one by one in the final stretch to bag the confidence-building

win worth P650,000.

More importantly, the victory ended a long dry spell for the three-time Asian Tour winner and once again established Que as a force to reckon with on tour against the sport's rising stars.

There was no clue of that in the first two days, when pedestrian rounds of 71 and 72 left Que well off the early pace set by Tabuena, who launched his bid for back-to-back titles with a 67, and Clyde Mondilla who led the field at the halfway mark with a five-under total after a 68.

That all changed in Day Three when Que came out with all guns blazing. The two-time Philippine amateur champion opened with four straight birdies for a frontside 31, wavered a bit early in his back nine before finishing off his round with back-to-back birdies for a six-under 66 and a share of the third-round lead with Tabuena.



▲ While Miguel Tabuena (right) figures out what went wrong with his final round performance, Angelo Que seems to have his rival all figured out.



▲ (1) Marvin Dumandan's reaction on another flubbed birdie try typifies his sky-high closing 79. (2) If only Arnold Villacencio (left) could see Rufino Bayron's pranks, he might have opted to address his driver on something else. (3) While most, if not all, would sulk over a failed title drive, Tony Lascaña finds a way to make his setback a virtual laughing matter.

A flight behind Que, Tabuena actually looked headed to regaining the lead he lost to Mondilla in the second round as he headed to the par-5 18th, which he birdied in the first two days. But he misread the putt from around five feet, the ball stopping short of target for a 69.

Tied at 209, Tabuena and Que sealed another Philippine Golf Tour championship duel for the second straight week after the former outlasted the latter to claim the ICTSI Splendido Classic crown by one.

The duo also clashed in the final flight in last year's Solaire Open but Tabuena fumbled with a 76 and wound up joint seventh and Que skied to an 82 and ended up joint 21st.

But with Que finally hitting his stride and regaining his confidence, the former

Philippine Open champion is not only looking to snap a long title spell but also a payback against the young but plucky Tabuena.

Toru Nakajima, banking on a four-birdie string from No. 2, shot a 68 and joined the fancied pair in the championship flight although the Japanese, who humbled the local aces and won the Wack Wack Championship in 2013, stood three strokes off the pace at 212.

Mondilla, who stormed past Tabuena by one with a solid 68 in the second round, also pooled a four-under overall total after a 73 but would join Woo Seung-bin and Tony Lascaña in the second-to-last flight.

Woo, one of the top Korean qualifiers, charged back into contention with an eagle-aided, bogey-free seven-under 65 for

a 213, four shots off the pace, while Tony Lascaña settled for 17 pars and a birdie for a second 71 and a 214 in a tie with Ferdie Aunzo, who groped for form with a 73.

Long-hitting Orlan Sumcad also rallied with a 67 after a 74 and 76 as he moved to joint eighth with Elmer Salvador, who carded a 71, and Korean Lee Seongki, who fired a 70, at 217.

Atoning for his shaky second round stint, Tabuena birdied the first two holes to regain the upperhand as Mondilla dropped off the leaderboard with an opening hole bogey. Tabuena hit another birdie on No. 6 then gunned another on the ninth to negate a missed-green bogey on No. 7 for a 33.

A flight ahead and four shots behind Mondilla, Que strung up four straight birdies, rammed

in another on No. 6 and assumed the challenger's role with a 31. He bogeyed Nos. 11 and 16 but birdied No. 13 before closing out with back-to-back birdies for that 66, setting the stage for another title clash with Tabuena.

And his final-day grudge match with the prodigious Tabuena was as good as advertised.

The power-hitting Que jumped the gun early on the young shotmaker, opening a three-shot lead with a birdie right on the first hole and a pitch-in eagle from 20 yards at the par-5 No. 6 which he set up with a 3-iron second shot he hit flush from 239 yards.

The final round, though, did not lack in drama, which Que himself created. Ghosts of past collapses once again hounded the veteran shotmaker as he bogeyed the first

three holes at the back, enabling Tabuena to regain a share of the lead at six-under overall despite not making a single birdie in the final round.

Playing a flight before the championship pairing, Mondilla also pounced on Que's slide to

pull into contention at four-under through 12 holes.

Que, however, wouldn't be denied.

Taking advantage of his length off the tee, Que pulled off two beautiful shots off the tee to

regain the lead with a birdie from close range at the par-5 13th then finally created separation when Tabuena and Mondilla both bogeyed No. 17.

When the smoke of battle cleared, Que had won by two with a seven-under 281 total

and had a clear message to the rest of the young guns on tour.

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ICTSI MANILA MASTERS FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	QUE, ANGELO	72	71	66	72	281	-7	P650,000
2=	AUNZO, FERDIE	74	67	73	69	283	-5	P335,000
2=	TABUENA, MIGUEL	67	73	69	74	283	-5	P335,000
4=	SALVADOR, ELMER	72	74	71	67	284	-4	P175,000
4=	MONDILLA, CLYDE	71	68	73	72	284	-4	P175,000
6=	LASCUNA, TONY	72	71	71	72	286	-2	P125,000
6=	WOO, SEUNG BIN (KOR)	77	71	65	73	286	-2	P125,000
8=	CASAS, CASSIUS	76	73	69	70	288	EVEN	P88,333
8=	BAYRON, JAY	75	72	71	70	288	EVEN	P88,333
8=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	74	76	67	71	288	EVEN	P88,333

Simply AWESOME

Steady Irawan routs ADT field in the wind



ICTSI
EAGLE RIDGE
INVITATIONAL
15 - 18 APRIL 2015

▲ Malaysian ace Arie Irawan gets a well-deserved hug from his caddy after churning out superb middle round outputs to wrest control before thwarting the local aces' final round charge to annex the ADT Eagle Ridge Invitational crown.

TOURNAMENT: ICTSI EAGLE RIDGE INVITATIONAL
DATES: APRIL 15, 2015 – APRIL 18, 2015
VENUE: EAGLE RIDGE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
PRIZE MONEY: \$60,000

In a wild, wind-lashed battle for the ICTSI Eagle Ridge Invitational crown on the Asian Developmental Tour, one man was left standing in the end.

His name? Arie Irawan.

The plucky Malaysian survived a test of will and composure over four days at the demanding Aoki course of the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club complex in Gen. Trias, Cavite to show up the big guns and pocket his

second title on the ADT tour, a fitting follow-up to his one-stroke victory at the PGM Sime Darby Championship back home earlier in the season.

The victory was no doubt impressive with Irawan showing nerves of steel over the last two days when the wind was at its strongest, blowing away the title bids of the more fancied names on tour, from Filipino rising star Miguel Tabuena to American Brett Munson.

▼ Miguel Tabuena's solid wedge shots net the Filipino shotmaker a shared view of the top halfway through.



▼ Flubbed putts from short range add up to Tony Lascaña's final round woes.

And he had a simple game plan from the start.

"I just wanted to keep the ball on the fairway because the wind blew really strong the last two days. I was really surprised by the wind and it affected everybody with the scores literally showing the effect," said Irawan after snapping the Filipino golfers' virtual stranglehold of the ADT events.

For two days, Irawan hardly gained attention from the field. He shot a 73 in Day One, two shots behind leader Ferdie Aunzo, and failed to gain much ground in the second round despite a 69 as Tabuena put in a 68 and lanky Micah Shin sizzled with a 66 to share the halfway lead at two-under 140 over the tough layout, played to a par-71 course and under winter rules, a usual practice on

the ADT since there were dry patches on the course since Day One.

But Irawan surged ahead in moving time in the third round when the wind kicked up a notch, leapfrogging the leaders with a four-under 67 that featured seven birdies and a slew of clutch pars that gave him a three-stroke lead over the rest of the field.

Two behind Shin and Tabuena halfway through the \$60,000 event, the power-hitting Irawan flaunted superb putting and produced a slew of birdies in a flight behind the last group, including one on No. 17 that made up for his double-bogey mishap on the previous hole that capped his 34-33 card.

Irawan, one of Malaysia's most promising talents, then watched Shin bogey two of the last three holes to storm ahead at 209 as



▲ Arie Irawan and Miguel Tabuena aren't surveying the vast Eagle Ridge forest but consider cutting short their approach to the green.

the reed-thin Shin fell off the leaderboard with an opening 37 and bogeyed Nos. 15 and 18 and hobbled with a one-over 72, dropping to joint second at 212 with Tabuena, who also had a 72, and Munson, who fired a 70.

Tabuena, seeking his first ADT victory, failed to get going at the front and dropped strokes on Nos. 5 and 9 but birdied the par-5 11th for that 72 while Munson birdied the last hole to move from a share of fourth to joint second and earn a spot in the championship flight with Irawan and Tabuena.

Choo Tze Huang matched Irawan's seven-birdie splurge, including three straight from No. 11, en route to matching the tournament-best 66 although the former amateur hotshot from Singapore stood four strokes behind at 213.

American Yoon Sejun matched par 71 for sixth at 214, Thai Poosit Supupramai shot a 69 for a 215 while Jun Bernis fired the day's other 66 to jump from a share of 40th to joint eighth at 216 in a tie with

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Tony Lascuña, who carded a 70, and Elmer Salvador, who rallied with a 67.

Lascuña and Salvador led the local aces' three-leg ADT sweep in the country last year but were too far behind to contend for top honors in the event that also served as the third leg of the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour.

Aunzo, brilliant with an even 71 Wednesday, blew it all with four bogeys to close out his round, limping with a 76 and tumbling to joint 11th at 217 with Clyde Mondilla, who shot a 69, and Thai Panuwat Muenlek, who made a second 71 while Rufino Bayron, who scored his maiden win at ADT Orchard last year, made another 71 for a 218.

Angelo Que, who fought back with a 68 midway through, shot 10 shots poorer, his 78 pulling him down to joint 30th at 223.

In contrast, Irawan cashed in on good form in the early going that saw him gun down birdies on Nos. 2, 5 and 6. He dropped a

shot on the ninth but made three birdies in a four-hole stretch from No. 11 to wrest control.

He slowed down with a double-bogey on the 16th but quickly rebounded with a birdie on the next to build a three-shot cushion against Shin, Tabuena and Munson.

That, however, didn't make life any easier for the 24-year-old shotmaker on the final day, when a host of challengers, led by Tabuena and Shin, stepped up and gave chase, hoping to rattle the Malaysian

enough to see his game unravel.

It did not.

First to challenge was the game Shin, who birdied two of the first three holes to pull within a shot of Irawan. But the American faded just as quickly with two double bogeys and a pair of bogeys over the next four holes.

Tabuena, too, did not give up the championship without a fight. Although he struggled all day, the Filipino teen gathered steam with a birdie at No. 16 to get within three shots of the leader. But he went for

broke in the last hole and made bogey.

That left the stage for Irawan, who was solid in the frontnine with a one-under 35 and, after a lone bogey at No. 13, steadied himself with a run of pars coming in to win by four shots.

In the end, Irawan capped a four-under 280 campaign with a solid even-par 71. He bagged the top \$10,500 prize and another ADT title, making him one of the rising stars to watch out for in the Asian Tour in the years to come.



Though Jun Bernis (left) kept his eyes on the ball throughout the last 36 holes, the former national amateur champion still lost sight of the crown while Ferdie Aunzo (above, center) and Rufino Bayron (right) opt to frolic than get into serious mood that seemed to have amused their foreign counterpart.



▲ Marvin Dumandan gives some warm-up lessons to his foreign flightmate that however hardly swayed the other to follow.



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ICTSI EAGLE RIDGE INVITATIONAL FINAL RANKING									
Pos.	Par	Names	Represents	R1	R2	R3	R4	SCORE	EARNINGS
1	-4	ARIE IRAWAN	Malaysia	73	69	67	71	280	\$10,500
2	Par	MIGUEL TABUENA	Philippines	72	68	72	72	284	\$6,900
3=	1	TONY LASCUÑA	Philippines	74	72	70	69	285	\$3,780
3=	1	JUN BERNIS	Philippines	77	73	66	69	285	\$3,780
5	2	POOSIT SUPUPRAMAI	Thailand	75	71	69	71	286	\$2,640
6=	3	CLYDE MONDILLA	Philippines	76	72	69	70	287	\$1,650
6=	3	ELMER SALVADOR	Philippines	74	75	67	71	287	\$1,650
6=	3	SEJUN YOON	USA	73	70	71	73	287	\$1,650
6=	3	MICAH SHIN	USA	74	66	72	75	287	\$1,650
6=	3	BRETT MUNSON	USA	75	67	70	75	287	\$1,650

PRESSURE COOKER

Final hole birdie nets Thai Sherwood crown



Thailand's Itthipat Buranatanyarat's patience may be as long as his family name.

The 22-year-old Thai ace was practically nowhere to be found atop the leaderboard in the first two rounds of the International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) Sherwood Hills Classic at Sherwood Hills Golf Club but put

in enough efforts in the last two days to snare the crown at the Cavite layout by one stroke.

After frustrating local legend Frankie Miñoza in the third round where he finally made his presence felt by grabbing a one-stroke lead in the \$60,000 event, an Asian Development Tour leg, Buranatanyarat, winner of the Thailand Open in 2012, bucked American

Casey O'Toole's fiery run and Orlan Sumcad's hot rally, sinking a seven-foot birdie on the final hole for his first victory on the farm league of the Asian Tour.

"I was really nervous out there and I was really trying hard to hang in there. I was struggling to make birdies after the turn and I was extremely thrilled when I finally made it on the last to win. I told myself to stay calm

Straying too far off the pacesetters majority of the way, Itthipat Buranatanyarat (1) endures the long wait to get a crack at the crown. And when he did, the gutsy Thai banged in a pressure-packed seven-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to unleash the last pump (1) – and have the last laugh (2).

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TROPHY **TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI SHERWOOD HILLS CLASSIC

CALENDAR **DATES:** APRIL 22, 2015 – APRIL 25, 2015

LOCATION **VENUE:** SHERWOOD HILLS GOLF CLUB

CASH **PRIZE MONEY:** \$60,000

out there despite the pressure," said Itthipat, whose closing 72 for a five-under 283 total banked him the champion's purse worth \$10,500.

Filipino Charles Hong started as the marked man at Sherwood Hills, along with three ADT winners – Hsieh Chi-hsien of Taiwan, Wilson Choo of Malaysia and Panuwat Muenlek also of Thailand.

A number of international players, all in hot pursuit of the crown and the purse, formed part of the field of the tournament staged in the peak of the Philippine summer in April, with Buranatanyarat, who is better referred to by his first name Itthipat for convenience, lurking in the shadows of his

more illustrious and veteran rivals.

The first round saw American Paul Harris in a bounce-back mood after missing the cut in the ICTSI Eagle Ridge Invitational a week earlier and opened with a four-under 68 for a share of the lead with Thai Pooisit Supupramai.

Itthipat? He was tied with 12 others after the hot and sunny round four shots behind the pace with a 72.

And came the third round.

Itthipat used a strong start to surge past Miñoza and checked an impending skid with a birdie and clutch pars for a two-under 70 and a one-stroke lead over Cassius Casas and Sumcad in the topsy-turvy third round.

With a five-under 211 aggregate, the former Thailand national team mainstay, who won the Sherwood Classic 22 days before his birthday, surged ahead to emerge the third leader

in the event that turned out to be a wide-open battle for the crown in the ADT's ninth leg sponsored by ICTSI.

Miñoza recovered from a bogey-riddled 40 with two straight birdies from No. 11 but dropped three more strokes in the last seven holes to fall from the leaderboard with a 77 for a 216, five shots adrift.

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In another flight behind Itthipat's, Sumcad and Casas slugged it out in a virtual shootout, matching 34s at the front and leaving flightmate and first-round joint leader Supupramai behind with a 38. But Casas outgunned Sumcad at the back by one with a 36 for a 70 to share second at 212.

Casas actually tied Itthipat up front with a four-foot birdie putt on No. 15 but three-putted the next to fall into a tie with Sumcad, who also shared the lead at No. 16 but missed the green on the next and made a bogey for a second straight 71.



Superb bunker shots and a late ace fuel Orlan Sumcad's last-ditch bid for a breakthrough only to be shattered by Itthipat Buranatanyarat's title-clinching final-hole birdie.



Winner of two titles in 2014, Casas may have had a view of what was to transpire in the fourth and final round as he lounged at the clubhouse.

“It will be a question of putting although the wind will also be a big factor,” Casas said.

A seven-foot birdie putt was all Itthipat needed in snatching the crown in the final round which turned into a thriller of a finale as the lead changed hands at every swirl of the wind and every birdie and bogey made with Sumcad scoring an ace on No. 16 to grab the lead, sparking hopes for a breakthrough win for the reticent Filipino shotmaker.

But in the end, it was Itthipat who came out triumphant in a day-long battle of shotmaking, iron play, putting – and definitely nerves – clinching the title with that delicate putt that crushed Sumcad, who earlier missed his own birdie from 14 feet and settled for second at 284 worth \$6,900. O’Toole finished third at 285 while Miñoza rebounded from a disastrous third round 77 with a 70 as he tied Harris, who made a 71, at fourth with 286s.

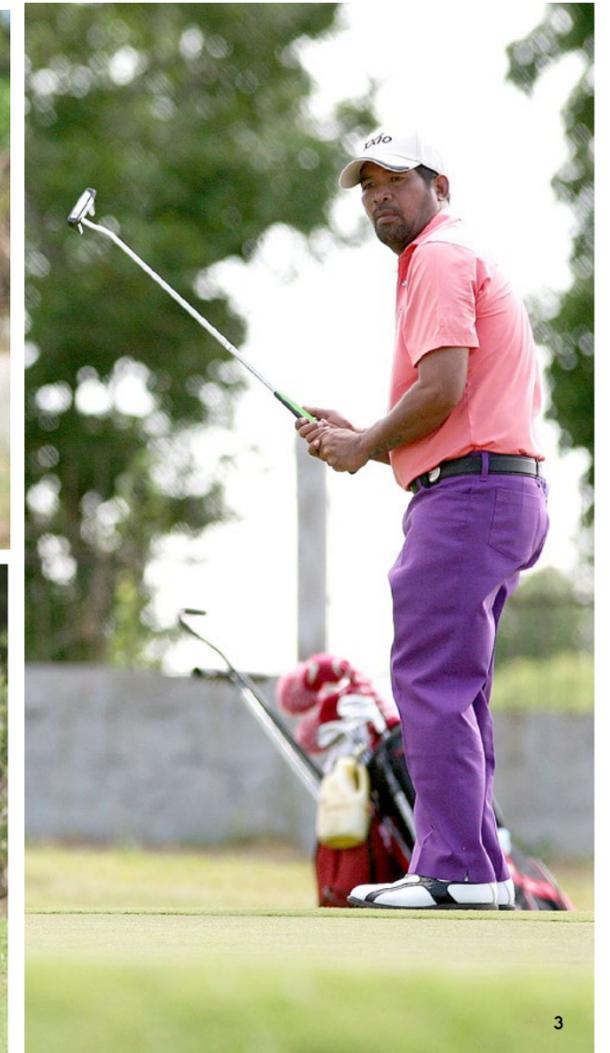
Itthipat thus completed the foreign players’ sweep of the two ADT events in the Philippines after Malaysian Arie Irawan beat Miguel Tabuena by four at Eagle Ridge.

And he did it by coming out of the pressure cooker in one piece.

American Casey O’Toole rattles off eight birdies in an 18-hole stretch bridging the third and fourth rounds to get back into the thick of things only to reel back with late bogeys while trying to rescue shots from the tall grasses of Sherwood.



Despite a shaky start, Itthipat Buranatanyarat stayed focused all throughout, keeping an eye on the task at hand.



(1) Steady with his driving, Frankie Miñoza churns out vintage form with his iron play that has kept the veteran Filipino shotmaker into the mix in the final round. (2) Paul Harris is on a hurry with a lead-grabbing 68 in the opener but slowed down with so-so putting in the next three rounds. (3) A day-long struggle with a balky putter in the final round knocks the usually steady Cassius Casas off the title chase.



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ICTSI SHERWOOD HILLS CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Pos.	Par	Names	Represents	R1	R2	R3	R4	SCORE	EARNINGS
1	-5	ITTHIPAT BURANATANYARAT	Thailand	72	69	70	72	283	\$10,500
2	-4	ORLAN SUMCAD	Philippines	70	71	71	72	284	\$6,900
3	-3	CASEY O’TOOLE	USA	76	70	69	70	285	\$4,200
4=	-2	FRANKIE MIÑOZA	Philippines	71	68	77	70	286	\$3,000
4=	-2	PAUL HARRIS	USA	68	75	72	71	286	\$3,000
6	-1	HSIEH CHI-HSIEN	Chinese Taipei	70	71	74	72	287	\$2,220
7=	Par	JANNE KASKE	Finland	77	71	71	69	288	\$1,710
7=	Par	MITCHELL SLORACH	Singapore	70	71	77	70	288	\$1,710
9=	1	MASARU TAKAHASHI	Japan	69	72	77	71	289	\$1,250
9=	1	POOSIT SUPUPRAMAI	Thailand	68	73	77	71	289	\$1,250
9=	1	CASSIUS CASAS	Philippines	71	71	70	77	289	\$1,250

PERFECT ENDING

Que rallies with record 64, bags Anvaya plum by three

Never take Angelo Que for granted.

Que, a three-time winner on the Asian Tour, was at his best elements at the International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) Anvaya Cove Invitational, solving the Seaside Nine puzzle with a flourish as he did not only squeeze his way from six strokes down but set a bogey-free course record 64 to run away with the crown by three shots over dangerous rival Tony Lascaña.

That 64 was eight under at Anvaya Cove, more than enough for Que to etch his name at the picturesque layout in Morong, Bataan, in the process pocketing P650,000 out of the total purse of 3.5 million event sponsored by ICTSI.

“It was a perfect game. Everything was in place, including my irons and putting,” Que said of his fourth-round onslaught that capped a campaign that seemed to be unproductive until the final day.

Que rammed in six birdies, including four straight to close

out a sizzling backside charge of 30 that lifted him from sixth place – six behind Jay Bayron – to the winner’s podium, further solidifying his lofty reputation as one of the country’s finest golfers.

Que erased the previous course record of 66 Micah Shin of the US set in the second round and thus regained the Order of Merit lead with a P1.572 million haul after five legs at that point of the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour.

Que and Miguel Tabuena were the favorites entering the rich event. Tabuena won the opening leg of the tour, edging the former by one at Splendido. But Que got back at Tabuena in the ICTSI Manila Masters at Eastridge, beating him and Ferdie Aunzo by two before the foreigners ruled the next two Asian Development Tour legs at Eagle Ridge and Sherwood.

Lascaña was also aching to nail his first win of 2015 after dominating the previous year with five victories en route to keeping the Order of Merit for the third straight year. And along with 2014 leg winners Rufino Bayron, Cassius Casas,



Angelo Que's rock-solid, record-setting closing 64 puts the former three-time Asian Tour winner back on the winning track.

-  **TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI ANVAYA COVE INVITATIONAL
-  **DATES:** MAY 13, 2015 – MAY 16, 2015
-  **VENUE:** ANVAYA COVE GOLF CLUB
-  **PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 3,500,000



▲ No one, it seems, would want to putt first as (from left) Angelo Que, Anthony Fernando and Tony Lascaña preferred to strike a pose than stroke a putt.

Arnold Villacencio, Zanie Boy Gialon and Joenard Rates, and with eight foreign bets trying to sneak into the title picture, the field at Anvaya was no pushover.

What made it doubly interesting was that no one held a distinct advantage at Anvaya, which was hosting a tournament of that magnitude for the first time.

But just like in most of the legs on the circuit, the Anvaya Invitational turned unpredictable at the onset.

Unheralded Nilo Salahog and former leg winner Zanieboy Gialon stole the thunder from the big guns by firing identical three-under 69s to share the first round lead, a stroke ahead of Jay Bayron

and two up on Robert Pactolerin, Lascaña, Orlan Sumcad, Tabuena, Japan’s Toru Nakajima. Korea’s Jun Hyeok Park and Shin.

Que failed to get going with a 74, the same output put in by Frankie Miñoza, Rufino Bayron, Dino Villanueva, Yuto Sudo, and Korean Jun Min Seok.

Then Shin sizzled in calm conditions with a bogey-free 66 to wrest a two-stroke lead over Bayron halfway through as the erstwhile joint leaders tumbled under pressure. The lanky 6-1 Shin was impeccable off the tee he complemented with solid iron play and superb putting, netting him six birdies inside 14 feet while saving pars in

three times that he went out of regulation.

“Honestly, I didn’t know it. It was my father who told me that I’m the new leader,” said the 18-year-old Shin, who surged ahead with a seven-under 137 aggregate at the rolling layout. That 66 stood as the course record – but not for long.

The long-hitting Jay Bayron shot a 69 for a 139 while Lascaña climbed to third at 140, also after a 69, and Que and Casas wheeled into contention with 141s after a 67 and 68, respectively.

Bayron wavered in the third round but still managed to take his turn in the lead with a 70, two strokes ahead of Lascaña.



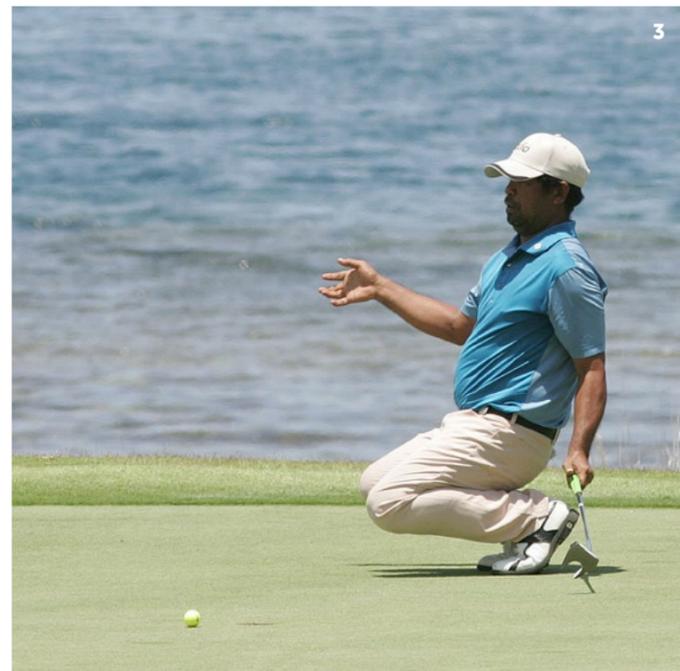
He went on a birdie-binge and charged back from two shots down to lead by as many as five with a bogey-free four-under card after 13 holes.

But Jay Bayron fumbled with a missed-green bogey on No. 16, birdied the next but hit an errant drive on No. 18 and holed out with a double-bogey for a 33-37 card and a 209.

Lascaña, on the other hand, used a strong windup to keep it close at 211 he laced with

two birdies in the last four holes to salvage a 71. Shin never recovered from a bogey-riddled 42 at the front and tumbled to fifth at 214 after a 77, allowing the big-hitting Sumcad to take the third spot.

Que, meanwhile, could not stay in the hunt. He failed to sustain his second round 67 with a woeful 74 and slipped to sixth at 215, six shots off Bayron heading to the final 18 holes. Que languished behind Casas, who had a 71 on the



(1) Jay Bayron has never backed down from a fight but after a closing wind-blown 79, he seemed to have resigned to his fate and opted to surrender. (2) One missed putt must've spelled the difference for Tony Lascaña's quest for Anvaya glory. (3) Cassius Casas isn't suffering from a seizure but simply reacting to a crucial flubbed putt that stymied his title drive.

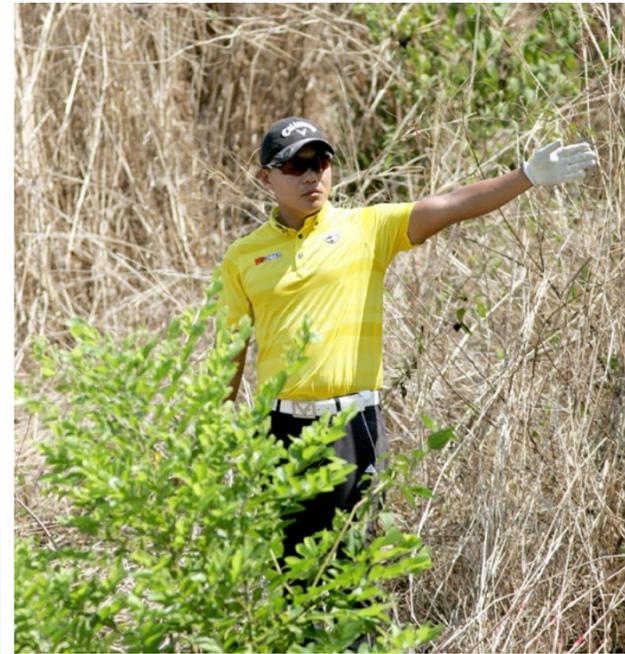
day Tabuena matched par to be at 216.

"It won't be easy. For as long as there are holes to play, I can't be so sure (of victory)," Bayron, seeking to end a year-long drought that started after he rallied from nine strokes down to snatch the ICTSI Splendido crown from brother Rufino early in 2014, said.

He was right.

Que pulled off the fiery windup that broke the back of his closest and fiercest rival – Lascaña, who was three flights behind the eventual champion but rallied to within one with birdies on Nos. 13 and 15. He, however, blew his bid with back-to-back closing bogeys, finishing with a 71 for second at 282 worth P430,000.

Que had the last laugh, after all.



▲ It won't take a golfing expert to see what do (clockwise) Charles Hong, Marvin Dumandan, Elmer Salvador, Jessie Balasabas, Richard Sinfuego and Frankie Miñoza, have in common.



ANVAYA COVE GOLF CLUB
Morong, Bataan (02) 793-9000

Named the 'Best Golf Course in Asia' in 2014, Anvaya Cove boasts of an 18-hole all-weather sustainable golf course, a world-class golf club and an extensive sports complex in Morong, Bataan. The frontside, dubbed the Mountain Nine, is situated on or near the peaks and ridges of the development and offers majestic vistas of the sea and the Zambales and Bataan mountain ranges. The last nine holes, known as Seaside Nine, are reminiscent of popular seaside courses and combine panoramic sea views with those of the forest reserves with No. 13, called 'Reflection,' standing out from among the holes for its peninsular green at 130 meters above the ocean. Actually, each hole has its own personality to underscore the co-existence of great golf and the environment.

ANVAYA COVE INVITATIONAL FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	QUE, ANGELO	74	67	74	64	279	-9	P650,000
2	LASCUNA, TONY	71	69	71	71	282	-6	P430,000
3	CASAS, CASSIUS	73	68	71	72	284	-4	P240,000
4=	PUCAY, MARS	72	71	75	68	286	-2	P175,000
4=	TABUENA, MIGUEL	71	73	72	70	286	-2	P175,000
6=	MINOZA, FRANKIE	74	70	72	72	288	EVEN	P125,000
6=	BAYRON, JAY	70	69	70	79	288	EVEN	P125,000
8=	BAYRON, RUFINO	74	70	75	70	289	1	P94,000
8=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	71	71	70	77	289	1	P94,000
10	BIBAT, MICHAEL	73	73	72	72	290	2	P78,500

PROVING HIS WORTH

Hong fends off slew of rivals to reign at Luisita



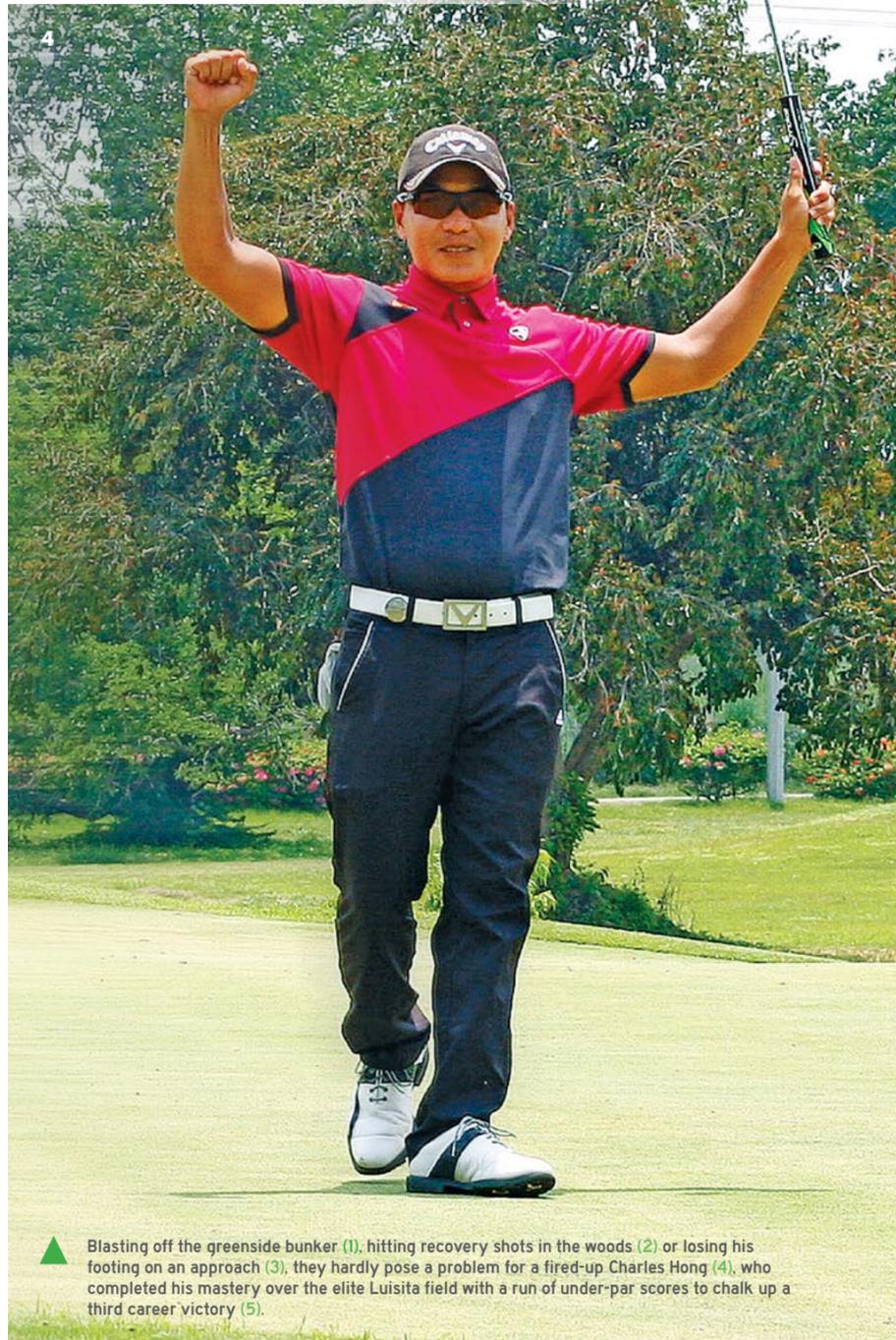
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▲ Blasting off the greenside bunker (1), hitting recovery shots in the woods (2) or losing his footing on an approach (3), they hardly pose a problem for a fired-up Charles Hong (4), who completed his mastery over the elite Luisita field with a run of under-par scores to chalk up a third career victory (5).

TROPHY TOURNAMENT: ICTSI LUISITA CHAMPIONSHIP
CALENDAR DATES: MAY 20, 2015 – MAY 23, 2015
LOCATION VENUE: LUISITA GOLF CLUB
CASH PRIZE MONEY: PHP 2,000,000

The Luisita Golf and Country Club welcomed the pros back after 26 years and what a greeting it was for Charles Hong who fended off the favorites with his own version of shotmaking and putting to win for the third time.

Hong pounced on erstwhile leader Clyde Mondilla's early foldup and Keanu Jahns' backside meltdown to salvage a two-under 70, capture the victory annex the crown at the Tarlac layout surrounded by a vast field planted with sugar cane and laugh his way to the bank with P360,000 – out of the P2 million total purse – in his pocket.

Hong birdied Nos. 12 and 15 in scorching heat and foiled Orlan Sumcad, Tony Lascuña and

Marvin Dumandan's threats on separate flights with a brave run of pars in the last three holes, including the challenging par-3 17th, to win the event bankrolled by the International Container Terminal Services Inc.

"This victory validates my two other wins that I can do it anytime," said Hong, who only a week before motoring to Tarlac missed the cut at the ICTSI Anvaya leg, casting doubts on his close maiden victory at ICTSI Pueblo de Oro over Richard Sinfuego in 2012 and another squeaker over young American Micah Shin at ICTSI Sherwood Hills in 2014.

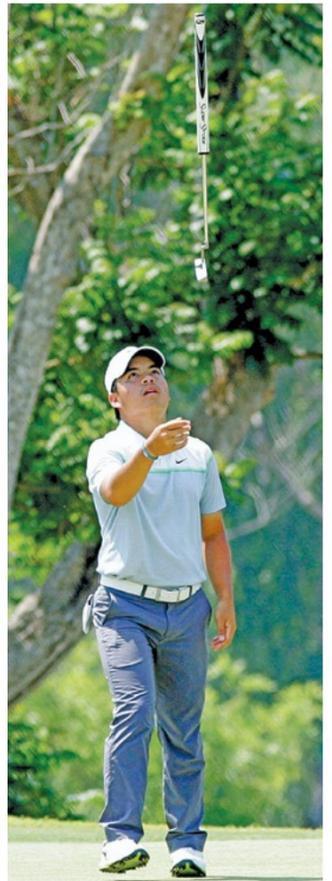
With Mondilla and Jahns dropping out of contention one after the other with a 41 start for an 80 (Mondilla) and a 40 finish for a 75 (Jahns), Hong kept

'I JUST CONCENTRATED ON MY GAME SINCE I WAS NOT DOING GOOD FOR MOST PART OF THE DAY AND THIS VICTORY VALIDATES MY TWO OTHER WINS THAT I CAN DO IT ANYTIME' – HONG

his focus and only asked for an update when they headed to the difficult long No. 17, which he said could make-or-break one's title bid.

"I didn't dare to ask on what's happening in the flights ahead and just concentrated on my game since I was not doing good for most part of the day," Hong said. "And because I didn't know what's happening, I was able to take care on fixing my game and it also took some pressure off.

"But I precisely asked on No. 17 because that's the toughest hole, which played to around 215 yards," added Hong, who kept his run of under-par rounds that included a 66, 68 and 69 over



▲ Miguel Tabuena tosses his putter into the air, frustrated over poor strokes that hampered his title bid on a course he would later master with two big victories.



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▲ Tony Lascuña couldn't stand watching his putt miss its target and him blowing the chance for the coveted crown.



▲ Former Philippine Open champion Gerald Rosales, bogged by poor form for the longest time, savors a rare moment of glory, drilling in a long, long birdie putt.



Given the chance to shine, Marvin Dumandan fails to seize the moment with frequent visits into the dreaded Luisita woods that cost him precious shots for a crack at the championship.



Third round leader Clyde Mondilla must've been counting the strokes he would yield following an errant drive that led to an atrocious final round 80.



For Frankie Miñoza and Tony Lascaña, it's not about losing the championship but how they played the game.

the par-72 layout which made its return to the pro circuit after almost three decades.

Because the pros haven't played Luisita for a long time, the course has become some sort of a mystery. Frankie Miñoza was hoping to rekindle his old romance with the quaint layout, where he expected to face tough opposition led by Lascaña, the reigning three-time Order of Merit champion on the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour.

"Nobody is a sure bet to win here. The course is tight with so many trees so it requires steady driving or conservative play. The unpredictable putting surface is another thing to worry about," said Lascaña, the most dominant player in 2014 with five victories on the tour organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments Inc.

Hong went through a see-saw experience all week. He co-led the first round with Albin Engino, Mondilla and Jahns, yielded the driver's seat to Jahns in the second day, saw his bid go bleak in the third round when Mondilla took charge but finally recovered his form in the final day to emerge champion.

It was the turn of Jahns, who missed the cut for two consecutive tournaments, to stay in control in the third round with a 67 for a one-stroke lead over Hong.

The third round saw Mondilla out hustle Hong and Jahns in a backside shootout to finish the day with a bogey-free 67 for a one-stroke lead. Kept at bay by the gutsy two-day leader Jahns and second-running Hong despite a two-birdie feat at the frontside, Mondilla rattled off three more birdies in the last nine holes then watched Jahns crack under pressure in the closing holes to overcome a two-shot deficit and storm ahead with a 14-under 202 aggregate.

The soft-spoken former national champion moved 18 holes away from nailing his second victory after scoring a breakthrough at ICTSI Canlubang where he nipped veteran Cassius Casas in a final round duel late last year.

In the final round, Sumcad tried to duplicate Angelo Que's feat a week earlier at Anvaya when the three-time Asian Tour winner rallied from six shots down to run away with the title. But Sumcad ran out of holes and settled for joint second at 275 despite a second straight 66.

Five behind Hong, Lascaña flashed vintage form, birdying four of the first five holes and catching the Cebuano Hong at 14-under with another birdie on No. 14.

But Hong birdied No. 15 and Lascaña bogeyed the 17th as the latter ended up



Blowing a second round lead and ending up in joint seventh instead could indeed be a bitter pill to swallow for the young Keanu Jahns and his caddie.



Through the years, Miñoza hasn't lost his flair for spectacular bunker shots.



LUISITA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
Hacienda Luisita, Tarlac (02) 818-3911

Considered as one of the finest 18-hole, par-72 championship courses in the country, the Luisita Golf and Country Club has been home to the President's Cup, one of the country's four majors in the 90s. Situated on a 70-hectare area bounded on the east by a sugar central, it is the only golf course designed by the renowned Robert Trent Jones, Sr. in the country. The front nine is built mostly on an open but rolling ground while the backside is shaped by meandering creek.

with a 67 to share runner-up honors with Sumcad.

Dumandan made it a three-way tie for second as the long-hitting pro, who trailed Hong by three after 54 holes, moved to within one with a birdie on No. 11 but failed to gain headway with flubbed birdie chances in at least two holes in the last seven and wound up with a 69. Sumcad, Lascaña and Dumandan each got P168,333.

Jay Bayron also rallied at the back with four birdies in the last seven holes to save a 70 and snare solo fifth at 276 and took home P89,000 while Miñoza, the last player to win at Luisita in the 1989 President's

Cup, birdied No. 16 to likewise salvage a 70 for solo sixth at 277 worth P78,000.

Jahns, who sparked hopes of a breakthrough win in the circuit when he surged ahead of the elite field with a solid 36-hole output of 11-under 133 halfway through, held his ground with a gutsy 35 start but faded with a bogey on the par-five 12th and fell to joint seventh instead with a double-bogey on No. 16 and a bogey on the final hole. He wound up with a 40 for a 75 and a 278 in a tie with Zanieboy Gialon and Jhonnell Ababa, who shot a 67 and 73, respectively. Each received P57,666.

ICTSI LUISITA CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING

Rank	Players	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	HONG, CHARLES	66	68	69	70	273	-15	P360,000
2=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	68	75	66	66	275	-13	P168,333
2=	LASCUNA, TONY	71	67	70	67	275	-13	P168,333
2=	DUMANDAN, MARVIN	71	69	66	69	275	-13	P168,333
5	BAYRON, JAY	69	70	67	70	276	-12	P89,000
6	MINOZA, FRANKIE	68	68	71	70	277	-11	P78,000
7=	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	71	71	69	67	278	-11	P57,666
7=	ABABA, JHONNEL	70	67	68	73	278	-10	P57,666
7=	JAHSN, KEANU	66	67	70	75	278	-10	P57,666
10	SALVADOR, ELMER	70	69	67	73	279	-9	P45,000

HUNGER GAMES

Elmer Salvador's solid iron game continues to work near-impeccably at Riviera's demanding Langer course, netting him a victory for the second straight year.



Salvador ends long drought, keeps Riviera Classic crown

Hunger makes a golfer dangerous, and doubly so if he is a champion.

That's what Elmer Salvador typified when he showed some fine shotmaking and a lot of poise in the final round to retain the ICTSI Riviera Classic crown in Silang, Cavite and finally snap out of a long title spell.

Salvador's final day 71 was nowhere near the superb form he displayed in the two middle rounds that made most observers expect another emphatic win, but enough to hold off the last day charge of his closest pursuers.

In the end, the soft-spoken 45-year-old's eight-under 276 total over the

hazard-strewn Langer course gave him a two-stroke victory and the top purse of P270,000.

Finally, Salvador was also able to let go a big sigh of relief pent up inside him for almost a year, when he failed to follow up his five-stroke victory over Thai Pavit Tangkamolprasert and Peter Richardson of England in last year's staging of the event, then a leg on the Asian Development Tour.

Salvador started the season with four top 10 finishes through six legs of the circuit sponsored by International Container Terminal Services, Inc. and organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc, making the smell of success that much sweeter.



TOURNAMENT: ICTSI RIVIERA CLASSIC

DATES: JUNE 24, 2015 – JUNE 27, 2015

VENUE: RIVIERA GOLF CLUB

PRIZE MONEY: PHP 1,500,000

"I'm very happy to win again here. The course was tough but I was thankful to have regained my form," said Salvador after topping a star-studded field that included the iconic Frankie Miñoza and multiple circuit Order of Merit winner Tony Lascaña.

He sure worked for it.

The momentum Salvador built up in the second and third rounds, when he carded 66 and 67, respectively, seemed to have spilled over to the final round when he rammed through his first nine holes with a 34.

A routine birdie on the 10th moved him four strokes ahead of Lascaña and Miguel

(1) Clyde Mondilla's short game that has anchored his impressive finishes in the past suddenly turned awry when he needed it most, ending up at solo fifth with a closing 73. (2) His rally might have fallen short, but Miguel Tabuena's joint runner-up finish from a share of 12th after two rounds speaks well of the resiliency and determination of the country's leading player. (3) If looks can kill, Rufino Bayron could've gunned down a couple more birdies in the final round and could've forced a playoff for the championship. (4) Frankie Miñoza continues to inspire and motivate with his shotmaking, short game, work ethic and staying power.





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- SALVADOR

Tabuena and that would prove to be one crucial difference in the face of what came next.

Lascuña, five strokes behind, pressed his bid with an eagle on No. 10 and birdies on Nos. 15 and 17, and Rufino

Bayron, six shots adrift, also eagled the par-5 16th as they closed the gap with their fellow Davaoëño by just two.

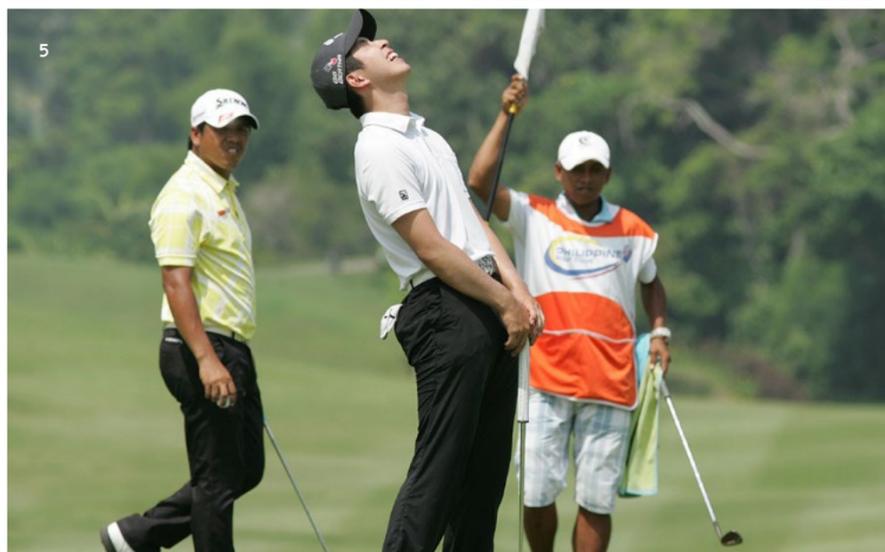
"I knew Tony and Rufino were closing in but I just stayed focused and told myself to make the most of my birdie chances or go for pars," said Salvador.

It was Tabuena, however, who proved to be the biggest threat by going on a birdie-binge at the front en route to a 31. The Splendido winner, seven shots adrift at the start of the day, then birdied the first two holes at the back and, coupled with Salvador's two bogeys, suddenly was within one with four holes left.

The wind completely went out of the young shotmaker's sails, however, when he bogeyed the tricky par-3 17th and ultimately ended up with a 66 for a 278 and joint second with Bayron, who shot a 67, and Lascuña, who carded a 68.

Salvador, meanwhile, showed he was up to the challenge by draining four gutsy pars to scoot to victory.

"Whew!" gushed Salvador, his face lit up by a wide smile. "It feels really good to win again."



John Rey Pactolerin (1) puts on a blast of an opener (70) to trail Tony Lascuña and Benjie Magada (2) by just one only to close out with a whimper and end up at joint 16th with Magada. Any player would probably demonstrate the same grim reaction as Robert Pactolerin (3), who missed the cut by one. Frankie Miñoza and Elmer Salvador (4), two of the local circuit's restrained players, share a light moment before teeing off in the third round. Jay Bayron (5) (left) appears not a bit amused as Korean Seok Jun-min reacts after drilling in a long birdie putt.



RIVIERA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
 Langer Course, Silang, Cavite • (02) 888-9127/29

Not one, but two championship courses await golf enthusiasts at The Riviera. Designed by past Masters champions Fred Couples and Bernhard Langer, both courses feature immaculately maintained Bermuda 419 fairways and Tifdwarf greens, giving The Riviera the ultimate in playing surfaces, set beside scenic ravines and along rolling ridges that will both test and offer enjoyment to golfers of all abilities. Built and constructed to the highest standards, the daunting Langer, with its deep ravines and sleek putting surface, and the Couples' courses have the best in drainage and irrigation system, making The Riviera layout truly all-weather.

ICTSI RIVIERA CLASSIC FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	SALVADOR, ELMER	72	67	66	71	276	-8	P270,000
2=	TABUENA, MIGUEL	73	71	68	66	278	-6	P125,000
2=	BAYRON, RUFINO	71	71	69	67	278	-6	P125,000
2=	LASCUNA, TONY	69	74	67	68	278	-6	P125,000
5	MONDILLA, CLYDE	70	70	68	73	281	-3	P68,500
6	BAYRON, JAY	72	73	72	67	284	EVEN	P60,000
7=	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	70	72	79	64	285	1	P46,750
7=	MINOZA, FRANKIE	71	68	74	72	285	1	P46,750
9	PUCAY, MARS	71	70	72	73	286	2	P38,500
10	ECHAVEZ, PAUL	74	71	72	70	287	3	P33,000



ESCAPE *act*

Tabuena survives crash, picks up second victory

TROPHY: ICTSI RANCHO PALOS VERDES CLASSIC
DATES: JULY 1, 2015 – JULY 4, 2015
VENUE: RANCHO PALOS VERDES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
PRIZE MONEY: PHP 1,500,000

Even a proven winner needs a break now and then.

Latest proof of that is Miguel Tabuena, who used a combination of his innate skills and some luck in the end to escape with the ICTSI Rancho Palos Verdes Classic crown in Davao City.

The 21-year-old scraped together a final round 69, his worst in the P1.5 mil-

lion event organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. but enough to give him a 23-under-par 265 total and a one-shot victory over Elmer Salvador.

It was the second victory by Tabuena through eight legs of the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour and one he considers himself simply fortunate to have pulled off.

“Just got lucky in the end,” he said.

Indeed, Tabuena looked well on his way to pocketing the top purse of P270,000 when he stormed to a five-stroke lead heading to the back nine, the same stretch where he had scored nine birdies against a lone bogey in the first three days.

Then near-disaster struck, ironically on the par-4 No. 13.



▲ A thorough read of the contours of Rancho Palos Verdes' final green leads to a lead-preserving par and a second ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour trophy for Miguel Tabuena.

Torn between a pitching wedge and a 9-iron for his approach against the wind, he chose the wedge and overshot the green on his fourth shot. He then flubbed a double-bogey putt from pin-length high for a triple bogey-7.

It was the kind of opening Salvador, three-down at the start of the day, was looking for. He readily birdied the par-5 15th for the fourth straight day and finally caught up with Tabuena at 22-under to arrange what everybody hoped would be a climactic finish.

But Tabuena proved up to the challenge, claiming the upper hand anew after

coming through with a solid approach shot on the 16th for a birdie from close range.

After Salvador muffed his own birdie try from the fringe, Tabuena preserved his lead with gutsy pars in the last two holes to officially follow up his initial win of the season at Splendido and avenge his loss to the Davaoño shotmaker at Riviera the week before.

Coupled with two other runner-up finishes, Tabuena got to surge past absentee Angelo Que in the Order of Merit ranking with earnings P1.610 million. Que, who was then trying his luck in Japan, has winnings of P1.572 million on victories at ICTSI



▲ He's no soothsayer but Elmer Salvador sort of hinted at his finish when he flashes a hand signal before teeing off in the second round.

'I'VE GAINED SOME KIND OF MOMENTUM PLAYING FIVE WEEKS IN ROW. SO I'VE BEEN HITTING IT REALLY WELL'
- TABUENA

Manila Masters and ICTSI Anvaya Cove Invitational.

Still, the shaky finish was hardly expected of Tabuena after he displayed fine form earlier on. Back-to-back 66s on the first two rounds kept him hanging on to the coattails

of early leader Michael Bibat, who topped the same tournament when the circuit last made a stop on the rolling layout in 2013.



A bogey-free eight-under 64 in the third round, highlighted by a five-birdie string linking both nines, finally put Tabuena on top of the stellar field.

"I've gained some kind of momentum playing five weeks in row. So, I've been hitting it really well," said Tabuena, who could have actually churned out a lower output in the penultimate round

but turned a bit impatient in the last six holes and missed at least two birdie opportunities.

"I tried too hard to get birdies from Nos. 13 to 18 and missed pin-length chances on Nos. 14 and 16. I should've let it just happen," said Tabuena.

That hardly mattered in the end, anyway.

(1) Despite his remarkable short game in all four days, Clyde Mondilla still falls short of his target. (2) A razor sharp Michael Bibat stuns the stellar field with an opening 64, stayed at the helm with a second round 67 but cracked when the going got tough in the last 36 holes. (3) His lean frame belying his power off the tee, Micah Shin got into the early mix with a 66 only to falter with a 76 in the second round. (4) A long birdie putt pumps Randy Garalde no end but the unheralded pro disappeared in the end with a closing 76. (5) The field did not only contend with the traditional Andy Dye pot bunkers and various types of uphill, downhill and sidehill lies but also a crocodile lagoon which is part of Rancho Palos Verdes' wildlife sanctuary. (6) Missing putts from distances he normally makes has kept Tony Lascuña winless after eight legs of the circuit which he dominated with a five-stage title romp in 2014. (7) Mhark Fernando never really got into contention with three straight 72s.



RANCHO PALOS VERDES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
Barangay Mandug, Davao City • (63) 918-9261108

Designed by noted architect Andy Dye, Rancho Palos Verdes is a 7,039-yard layout through undulating fairways with remainders of a tropical rain forest traversing the first three holes coupled with a crocodile lagoon. The course's finishing hole, a 475-yard par-4, is the most difficult. From the 9th green, there are views of the town of Mandug and a vast banana plantation, meandering along the banks of the Davao River. The backside also features the unique par-4 13th, a Dye design trademark of an island green. With over 200 feet of elevation changes, water hazards, traditional Dye pot bunkers and various types of lies on its Bermuda grassed fairways, plus the subtle, indiscernible breaks of its Tifdwurf greens make Palos Verdes the course to play in Southern Mindanao.

ICTSI RANCHO PALOS VERDES CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	TABUENA, MIGUEL	66	66	64	69	265	-23	P270,000
2	SALVADOR, ELMER	69	64	66	67	266	-22	P185,000
3	MONDILLA, CLYDE	69	68	68	68	273	-15	P105,000
4	LASCUNA, TONY	70	69	66	69	274	-14	P85,000
5=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	69	71	70	68	278	-10	P64,250
5=	BIBAT, MICHAEL	64	67	75	72	278	-10	P64,250
7	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	69	70	73	67	279	-9	P51,500
8	AUNZO, FERDIE	65	71	72	72	280	-8	P42,000
9	FERNANDO, ANTHONY	72	70	68	71	281	-7	P38,500
10	MURAKAMI, ARTEMIO	73	73	66	70	282	-6	P33,000



WORTH the Wait

TROPHY **TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI APO GOLF INVITATIONAL
CALENDAR **DATES:** JULY 8, 2015 – JULY 11, 2015
VENUE **VENUE:** APO GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
BAG **PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 1,500,000

▲ Young Miguel Tabuena (right) is all eyes on two of Davao's revered players, one he topped for second but the other he failed to hurdle for title.

Lascaña outduels Tabuena, regains winning ways

A determined champion can't be held back for long.

Tony Lascaña proved that by finally displaying the fiery form expected of him to nab his elusive first crown of the season through the P1.5 million ICTSI Apo Golf Invitational at the Apo Golf and Country Club in Davao City.

Lascaña closed out with a second straight 69 he capped with birdies on the last two holes, one to wrest the lead over an equally determined Miguel Tabuena and the last to close the deal.

The victory meant so much more than the P270,000 winner's purse for the 45-year-old shotmaker since it was his first after futile bids in the first eight legs of the

ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

"It's nice to win again, but it was tough," admitted Lascaña following the triumph on the course he calls home, the very same layout he and other campaigners from Davao honed their skills and talent.

"I really got inspired playing before a home crowd and I hope this win will

spark some kind of a run again," added Lascaña, who racked up five victories the season before to retain the Order of Merit title for the third straight year.

A string of losses followed, however, largely brought about by final round collapses.

But there would be no meltdown for Lascaña this time as third round leader Tabuena painfully found out.

Separated by just a stroke at the start of the round, Tabuena and Lascaña engaged in a gripping duel before the latter showed steelier nerves by closing out the

tournament with back-to-back birdies and a 280 total that was just one better than the former.

"It was tough. Miguel was just as steady until I hit that lucky shot on the par-3 17th," said Lascaña, referring to his solid 7-iron tee-shot on the 170-yard hole that moved the ball within four feet of the cup.

It was virtually over after Tabuena missed his own birdie putt from long range. He missed the green on the par-5 18th but pitched to within five feet for a birdie, one matched by Lascaña's two-putt birdie.

The runnerup finish was the fourth in the season for the 21-year-old, but not after giving Lascaña one big scare.

A portent of things to come was had in the third round, when Lascaña's steady game started coming to the fore.

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– LASCAÑA



Bucking a shaky start of 38, Lascaña rattled off four straight birdies from No. 12 for a 31 that put him just a stroke off Tabuena, who had a 68 and a 211.

"I thought it would be another so-so round. But I was able to recover at the back and came through with the shots and putts that I wanted," said Lascaña, who started the round four strokes adrift of co-leaders Frankie Miñoza and Jay Bayron.

It was then a matter of sustaining the charge and overtaking Tabuena in the final round and Lascaña did just that, first snatching the lead with birdies on Nos. 4 and 6.

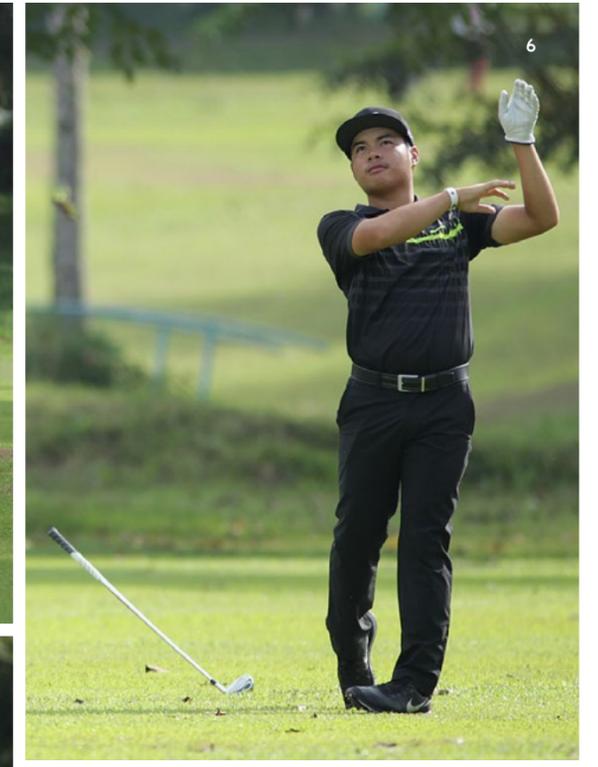
Tabuena proved to be a tough nut to crack indeed as he countered with his own birdie on the eighth and the two slugged it out, shot-for-shot and putt-for-putt, in the next eight holes until Lascaña bogeyed the 12th on an errant pitch shot from just around 20 yards to trail again.

But Tabuena hit an errant drive on No. 13 and the two traded missed birdie putts in the next three holes until Lascaña hacked his superb tee-shot on the 17th.

"You have to play solid to beat Miguel. He's so good," said Lascaña.

But he proved better this time.

(1) Despite losing in the title chase, Elmer Salvador still earns Rey Pagunsan's 'affection.' (2) Tony Lascaña (right) gestures as if to say 'It's my turn to win' to Miguel Tabuena, who humbled him in the previous leg at Rancho Palos Verdes. (3) Under the trees? No problem for Micah Shin, who pulled off a superb escape shot en route to a tournament-best 65 in the final round. (4) Tabuena (in blue shirt) exudes confidence after a solid drive on No. 2 but it was Lascaña (right), who unleashed a strong finishing kick to beat him and Salvador (left). (5) Frankie Miñoza remains a master off the bunkers but fails to sustain a solid second round 66. (6) Tabuena loses grip of the third round lead, enabling Lascaña to reign at Apo again. (7) Mhark Fernando lets out all the pent-up emotions of a long struggle to snap out of a spell.



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ICTSI APO GOLF INVITATIONAL FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	LASCUNA, TONY	69	73	69	69	280	-8	P270,000
2	TABUENA, MIGUEL	69	73	68	71	281	-7	P185,000
3	SALVADOR, ELMER	75	69	68	72	284	-4	P105,000
4	MINOZA, FRANKIE	72	66	79	69	286	-2	P85,000
5	SHIN, MICAH	68	74	80	65	287	-1	P68,500
6=	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	74	73	73	70	290	2	P55,750
6=	BAYRON, JAY	68	70	77	75	290	2	P55,750
8	SALAHOG, NILO	69	70	76	76	291	3	P42,000
9	GARALDE, RANDY	73	72	80	67	292	4	P38,500
10	JARLAULA, REYMON	74	72	77	70	293	5	P33,000

STILL THE BEST

Lascuña spoils Juvic's return, whips Malarayat field

TOURNAMENT: ICTSI CLASSIC

DATES: JULY 29, 2015 – AUG. 1, 2015

VENUE: MT. MALARAYAT GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

PRIZE MONEY: PHP 1,500,000

Juvic Pagunsan made his much-anticipated return to the Philippine Golf Tour during its ICTSI Championship at Mt. Malarayat in Lipa City, putting an end to a two-year squabble with the tour's leadership and making sure that all of the country's big guns were all in the same circuit.

Everyone waited with bated breath just to see how Pagunsan was at that time with golf fans wondering how great he has become after earning a full card in the lucrative Japan Tour.

The former Asian Tour's Order of Merit champion and its one-time Player of the Year was supposed to celebrate his homecoming in that event, which was held at the very same venue where he won low amateur honors in the 2005 Philippine Open won by Australia's Adam Le Vesconte.

Tony Lascuña, though, found a way to announce that it wasn't just Pagunsan whom everyone should have kept an eye on.

The seasoned Lascuña cracked par in all four rounds, closing

out with a six-under-par 66 for a 273 to rule the season's 10th leg, pulling away from a chasing pack and firming up his quest towards winning the Order of Merit title for the fourth straight year.

While Pagunsan struggled to find the form that gave him full-exempt status in Japan, Lascuña was all business and was smoking the Mt. Makulot and Mt. Malipunyo nines like only he can.

Failing to break 70 just once over the well-manicured layout, Lascuña was at his best and no one – not even the man regarded as the top player in the country – could touch him with a 10-foot pole.

Robert Pactolerin, the former Philippine Open champion who is now also actively campaigning in the senior circuit in Japan, held the third round lead and was a stroke up on Lascuña going into the last 18 holes.

After carving out rounds of 69, 68 and 71, Pactolerin looked poised to ending a long title



▲ Happiness is winning. But for multi-titled Tony Lascuña, it's more of being with the family (above) and of course another title romp (right).



drought over a course that really does not give long hitters a huge advantage with the composite layout rewarding precise approaches more than anything else.

But Lascaña proved to be a cut above the rest when winning time came, shooting the day-best round to win by an astounding six shots over Pactolerin, Jay Bayron and Clyde Mondilla, who rallied with superlative rounds of their own.

Mondilla, who would go on to win the season-ending ICTSI Classic at Sherwood Hills in Cavite two months later, closed out with a 67; Bayron, who would later spoil the projected Miguel Tabuena-Tony Lascaña title duel at Summit Classic, signed for a 70 and Pactolerin was slowed down by a second 71 for 279s.

“It’s nice to win again, especially when you pull away like I did in the final round,” said Lascaña,



playing out of Manila Southwoods. “Winning the way I did gives my confidence level a boost and rewards all the hard work that I have been putting in.”

Pagunsan, who was suspended in 2013 for misconduct before refusing to pay a P25,000 fine that prolonged his absence on the PGT, was never in it after shooting a 72 and 73

in the middle rounds, leaving the other big guns to dispute the crown.

Lascaña, Bayron and Pactolerin were the only ones to return sub-par cards in all four days, with Lascaña going a few notches lower in the final

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— LASCAÑA

two rounds at the relatively flat layout that hosted the Philippine Open in 2005, which Elmer Salvador won.

Salvador was also in the hunt after an opening 69 only to fall behind with back-to-back 73s. He finished nine shots off the pace, tied with Jobim Carlos, who won low amateur honors before going

to dominate the Qualifying School a few months later.

“I really didn’t stop working until I got my game back,” Lascaña said. “I put extra work on my swing and putting.”

This victory would validate Lascaña’s status as one of the country’s best – even with Pagunsan in the fold.

And with that being said, Lascaña was the country’s finest that week and no one could dispute that.



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ICTSI CLASSIC FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	LASCAÑA, TONY	69	70	68	66	273	-15	P270,000
2=	MONDILLA, CLYDE	73	73	66	67	279	-9	P125,000
2=	BAYRON, JAY	71	70	68	70	279	-9	P125,000
2=	PACTOLERIN, ROBERT	69	68	71	71	279	-9	P125,000
5=	SALVADOR, ELMER	69	73	73	67	282	-6	P60,000
5=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	72	74	68	68	282	-6	P60,000
5=	CARLOS, JOBIM (AM)	70	69	72	71	282	-6	P60,000
5=	ENGINO, ALBIN	72	70	67	73	282	-6	P60,000
9	PAGUNSAN, REY	70	74	72	67	283	-5	P42,000
10=	FERNANDO, ANTHONY	69	73	72	70	284	-4	P35,750
10=	ABABA, JHONNEL	67	75	72	70	284	-4	P35,750

(1) For all the hype of his return following a two-year absence, Juvic Pagunsan should’ve been bending his knees to look down and not tip-toeing to look up as far as his finish is concerned. (2) Benjie Magada takes a drop from a troubled lie in the thick grasses of Mt. Malarayat composite course. (3) It could easily pass as triumphant pump but the birdie could only push Clyde Mondilla to second at best – and six behind runaway winner Tony Lascaña. (4) Joenard Rates begs for a birdie that didn’t come his way.

HARDLY MATTERS

Juvic rules despite long absence



▲ Japan PGA Tour-based Juvic Pagunsan makes the most of his rare local stint by winning the ADT Aboitiz Invitational in a fashion only a player of his caliber could dish out – via rout, beating Thai Nirun Sae-ueng by eight.



TOURNAMENT: ABOITIZ INVITATIONAL
DATES: AUG. 5, 2015 – AUG. 8, 2015
VENUE: THE MANILA SOUTHWOODS
PRIZE MONEY: \$100,000

The Prodigal Son returned and reclaimed his throne.

Juvic Pagunsan, who was out of the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour for over two years, shook off the rust that beclouded his initial comeback appearance and ran away with the Aboitiz Invitational crown.

Flashing the form that made him the top golfer not only on the local turf but in whole of Asia in 2011, Pagunsan tamed the Southwoods' Legends course then watched the other contenders wilt under pressure in the final round to recover the luster tarnished by his unpredictable behavior in the past.

In 2010, Pagunsan pulled out of the first round of the ICTSI Forest Hills Challenge and the second round of the ICTSI Royal Northwoods Championship, both without a valid reason.

The next year, when he emerged as the Asian Tour Order of Merit topnotcher following a playoff

setback in the rich Singapore Open, Pagunsan got suspended by the organizing Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. for walking out of the Aboitiz Invitational in Cebu, refusing to follow the club's house rules.

Despite his lofty regional stature, Pagunsan was again sacked in 2013 for pulling out of the singles matches of "The Duel – North vs South" with nary a valid reason. Being the skipper of the team only compounded his shortcoming.

It was during that forced break in local competition that Pagunsan concentrated on the lucrative Japan PGA Tour, where he earned a card for his Asian Tour OOM feat. And though he didn't win a leg in the highly competitive circuit, the smooth-swinging Negros Occidental native was a steady presence with seven Top 10 finishes, highlighted by a runner-up finish in the 2014 Mizuno Open. He amassed around P12 million last season.



▲ Nirun Sae-ueng of Thailand wishes he could push his ball more after his putt from the fringe falls short off target, like his title bid.

Back on local soil, Pagunsan struggled on his return, settling for joint 15th in the ICTSI Classic at Mt. Malarayat, a disappointment by his standards.

Pagunsan returned to the driving range, spent more time honing his swing and hinted at things to come when he topped the Abotiz Invitational pro-am with Japanese Montsu Aboitiz, Suguru Tsuzaki and Tadahiro Miyamoto as partners.

After an opening 69, Pagunsan got back in the groove and seized the halfway mark lead with a sizzling 62-131, towing Thai Pijit

Petchkasem, who shot his second 66 for 132.

But Petchkasem struck back with a 67 in the pivotal third round, catching Pagunsan, who turned in a 68, at the helm at 199 and setting the stage for a final round shootout.

The 37-year-old Pagunsan, however, turned it into a one-man show, disposing of the Thai with a brilliant bogey-free 65 to post a whopping eight-stroke romp at 264 over Petchkasem and another Thai Nirun Saeueng, who rallied with a 67, and local ace Angelo Que, who matched par 72, for 272s.

For his first Asian Development Tour victory, Pagunsan bagged \$17,500 with Petchkasem, Nirun and Que receiving \$8,033 each.

"It's a nice win. I was able to string up a good game all week," said Pagunsan, whose reedy frame belies his power off the tee.

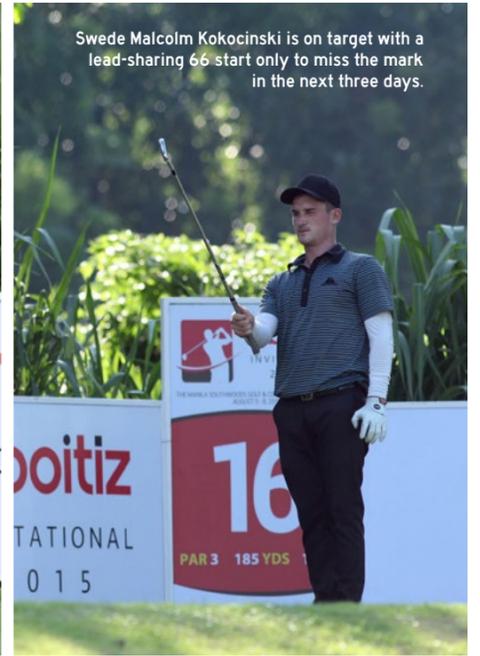
Once again, Pagunsan proved that talent-wise he's at par with the region's best. And not even a prolonged absence can topple the Prodigal Son from his pedestal.



Zanieboy Gialon is all pumped up with a second round 63 feat.



The inaugural champion in 2011, Jay Bayron turns in a run of under-par scores in four days but still fell short by 10 behind the runaway winner.



Swede Malcolm Kokocinski is on target with a lead-sharing 66 start only to miss the mark in the next three days.



Angelo Que could only offer a wry smile after putting to naught three brilliant rounds with a mediocre closing 72.



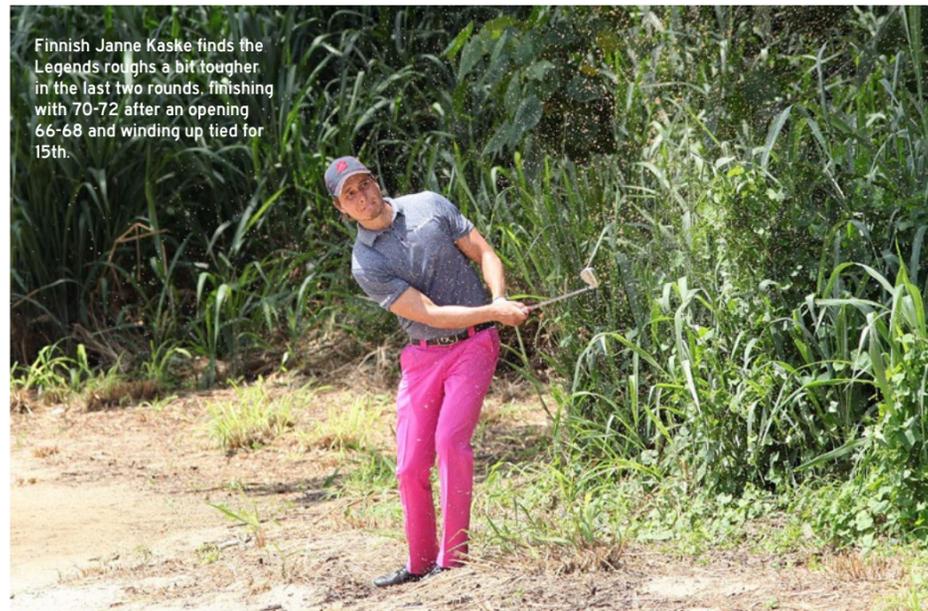
One of the most feared with two Aboitiz titles tucked under his belt, Elmer Salvador never gets the chance to showcase his wares with a so-so performance in all four days, ending up tied for 46th.



Not even the so-called 'homecourt' edge or a plea from above could fuel Anthony Fernando's title drive despite an impressive start of 67.



Malaysia Arie Irawan fails to flaunt the superb short game that anchored his title romp at ADT Eagle Ridge, ending up joint 24th after a fiery lead-sharing 66 in the opener.



Finnish Janne Kaske finds the Legends roughs a bit tougher in the last two rounds, finishing with 70-72 after an opening 66-68 and winding up tied for 15th.



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ABOITIZ INVITATIONAL FINAL RANKING

Pos.	Par	Names	Represents	R1	R2	R3	R4	SCORE	EARNINGS
1	-20	JUVIC PAGUNSAN	Philippines	69	62	68	65	264	\$17,500
2=	-12	NIRUN SAE-UENG	Thailand	67	69	69	67	272	\$8,033
2=	-12	ANGELO QUE	Philippines	66	67	67	72	272	\$8,033
2=	-12	PIJIT PETCHKASEM	Thailand	66	66	67	73	272	\$8,033
5=	-11	PAUL DONAHO	Australia	69	66	70	68	273	\$3,450
5=	-11	ZANIE BOY GIALON	Philippines	70	63	72	68	273	\$3,450
5=	-11	CLYDE MONDILLA	Philippines	67	70	66	70	273	\$3,450
5=	-11	MASARU TAKAHASHI	Japan	66	69	68	70	273	\$3,450
9=	-10	TONY LASCUÑA	Philippines	68	71	70	65	274	\$2,000
9=	-10	BLAKE SNYDER	USA	70	69	67	68	274	\$2,000
9=	-10	JAY BAYRON	Philippines	67	70	68	69	274	\$2,000
9=	-10	GREG MOSS	USA	72	66	64	72	274	\$2,000

Former Asian Development Tour Order of Merit winner Jay Bayron is so used to playing the lead role that he couldn't take settling for a smaller one, thus putting on a strong start and a solid finish to spoil the highly anticipated Tony Lascaña-Miguel Tabuena (right) title duel and add another feather to his cap.

Jay the SPOILER

Bayron ruins Tabuena-Lascaña title showdown

TOURNAMENT: ICTSI SUMMIT POINT GOLF CLASSIC

DATES: AUG. 25, 2015 – AUG. 28, 2015

VENUE: SUMMIT POINT GOLF CLUB

PRIZE MONEY: PHP 1,500,000



Getting the perfect stage to settle their duel for the Order of Merit title, Miguel Tabuena and Tony Lascaña were reduced to a sideshow when Jay Bayron snuck one under their noses in the ICTSI Summit Point Classic in Lipa City.

The week started with all eyes on Lascaña, who was trying to extend a three-year reign as OOM champ, and Tabuena, who was playing so well that he was the chief threat to snap that streak.

Well, that was until Bayron played with sustained brilliance capped by a six-under-par 66 for a two-stroke victory over Lascaña, with Tabuena settling for

third spot and the duo to take their rivalry to another course, to another time.

"It's just so nice to win again," said Bayron, who was the Philippine Open runner-up to American Berry Henson at Wack Wack East in 2011, particularly happy after finally holding off Lascaña in a final day shootout.

"Winning over Tony made it doubly special," added Bayron, who hails from the same town and the same Apo Golf layout like Lascaña where they learned to play the game and got awfully good at it.

"It's been a while since I have beaten him," said the former Asian Development Tour Order of Merit winner.

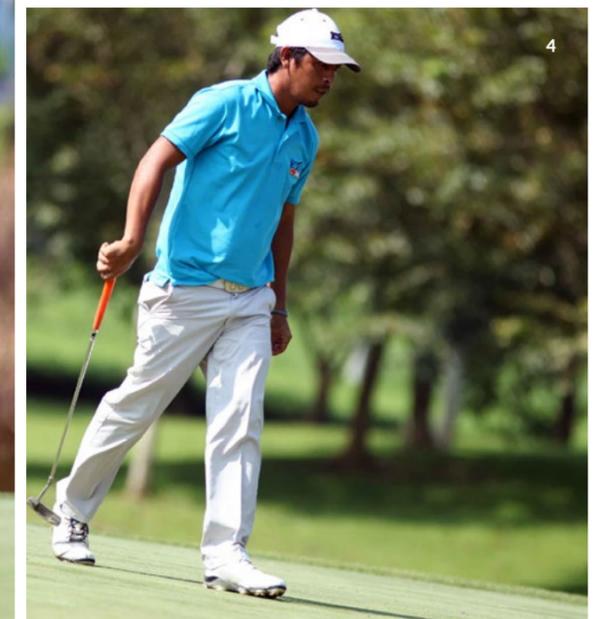
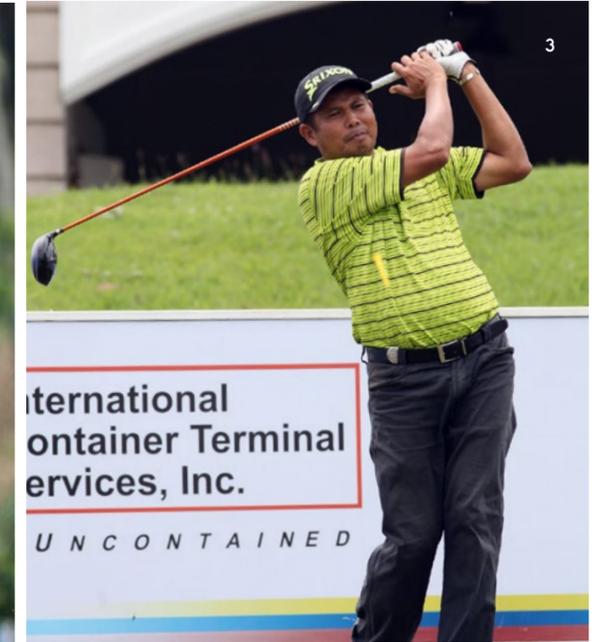
The victory would be Bayron's only triumph of the season, and it came after eight Top 10

finishes that resulted in several close calls.

Bayron, a former caddy at Apo like Lascaña who blossomed as an amateur while with Canlubang in the PAL Interclub, made his intentions known early by shooting a seven-under-par 65 in the first round.

There were a total of 28 players who cracked par in the opening round, and Lascaña, after a 69, and Tabuena, with a 71, were solidly in the mix as their battle for the OOM title heated up some more.

Tabuena then made a bold move in the second round with a 67, with Bayron matching that to stay atop the leaderboard, still five ahead of Lascaña.



Focus was seemingly on the three going into the money rounds as everyone expected Tabuena and Lascaña to make a last-ditch third round charge to make it their fight for the title in the final day.

As what has been the trademark of his game ever since, Bayron was as steady as he could be with a second straight 67, keeping him in the lead. But this time, it was buddy Lascaña who was breathing down his neck.

With a sterling 63 in the third round, Lascaña moved within a stroke off Bayron and recent history has not been kind to Bayron whenever he is paired in the final round with the reigning three-time Order of Merit champion.

"I really can't recall a final

'IT'S JUST SO NICE TO WIN AGAIN AND WINNING OVER TONY MADE IT DOUBLY SPECIAL'
— BAYRON

round where he beat me," said Lascaña. "If ever, this would be the first time it would happen."

For most of the final round – after draining seven birdies against a bogey in his first 14 holes – it looked like Bayron was primed to snap that personal spell against Lascaña, only for disaster to strike on

the 15th hole where he dropped three shots and allowed his pursuer back in the title hunt.

But Bayron responded with aplomb, birdying the next hole to snuff the fight out of Lascaña and finish with a 23-under 265 after a final round 66.

"It's certainly gratifying to win the way I did," said Bayron as he moved the conclusion of the Lascaña-Tabuena rivalry for the OOM title to another leg, another place.



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ICTSI SUMMIT POINT GOLF CLASSIC FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	BAYRON, JAY	65	67	67	66	265	-23	P270,000
2	LASCUNA, TONY	69	68	63	67	267	-21	P185,000
3	TABUENA, MIGUEL	71	67	70	67	275	-13	P105,000
4=	SALVADOR, ELMER	69	65	70	72	276	-12	P76,750
4=	ABABA, JHONNEL	67	68	67	74	276	-12	P76,750
7=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	67	68	72	70	277	-11	P60,000
7=	CASAS, CASSIUS	70	68	70	70	278	-10	P44,000
7=	PARK, JUN HYEOK (KOR)	67	67	71	73	278	-10	P44,000
9	BAYRON, RUFINO	68	70	66	74	278	-10	P44,000
10	MONDILLA, CLYDE	70	69	73	67	279	-9	P33,000

(1) If only Rufino Bayron (right) would have his way, he would've none of Elmer Salvador's pre-shot antics. (2) Jhonnel Ababa lets it all out after watching his chip shot bounce, roll and disappear into the cup to cap a three-day run of under-par cards, only to vanish in the title race with a closing 74. (3) Arnold Villacencio sparks hopes of a title repeat with a solid six-under 66 in the second round but though he remained steady off the mound, the Lipa City, Batangas native struggled with his short game and putting the rest of the way to finish way behind at joint 26th. (4) Solid with his long game and iron play in the first three rounds, Rufino Bayron could've moved forward than his joint seventh place finish if not for an erratic putting that marred his closing 74.

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

*Tabuena pounces
on Lascaña meltdown*



From Splendido in Tagaytay to Rancho Palos Verdes in Davao and the fabled East Course of Wack Wack, Miguel Tabuena continues to blast the opposition with his A-game.

TOURNAMENT: ICTSI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
DATES: SEPT. 9, 2015 – SEPT. 12, 2015
VENUE: WACK WACK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
PRIZE MONEY: PHP 3,500,000

For a long time there, Miguel Tabuena was trailing Tony Lascaña in the ICTSI Open Championship.

Staring at a four-stroke deficit at tee-off of the final round, all that Tabuena could do was attack the fabled Wack Wack East course hole-by-hole and hope that his veteran rival loses his touch and composure as well.

Showing patience and persistence way beyond his 21 years, Tabuena nibbled at that lead with scrambling pars and clutch birdies and by the 12th hole had caught up with Lascaña, the Order of Merit pacesetter at that time.

Then, the sudden, unexpected turnaround happened.

An eight-stroke swing in the last six holes not only catapulted

Tabuena to his third victory in the ICTSI Philippine Golf Circuit. He won by four shots on a 287 total despite going only one-under 71 at the home of the Philippine Open.

Lascaña has only himself to blame for the meltdown. His mind wandered and his game suffered as he limped home with a 79, his worst final round score ever as a pro, for a 291.

In contrast, Tabuena played donning blinkers.

Tabuena birdied No. 12 to tie Lascaña, who stumbled with bogeys on holes 14 and 15, and went 3-up following a 15-foot birdie on 17. He closed out with a par, but Lascaña continued his freefall with another bogey.

“I didn’t expect to win with Tony in the lead,” confided Tabuena. “But I stayed patient

in the last six holes, focused on every opportunity that came my way.”

Surprisingly, it was the 45-year-old Lascaña and the two other veterans – Angelo Que and Cassius Casas – in the championship flight whose poise got ruffled.

According to Lascaña, a double-bogey on the par 3 No. 8, when he landed on the bunker and

needed two blasts to get out, triggered his collapse.

“I lost my rhythm and poise after that double-bogey,” said Lascaña, who bogeyed the next two holes and never recovered.

Way below the standings after an opening two-over 74, Tabuena rebounded with a 69 to trail Zanieboy Gialon by 4, but got stymied by a 73.

Lascaña, on the other hand,

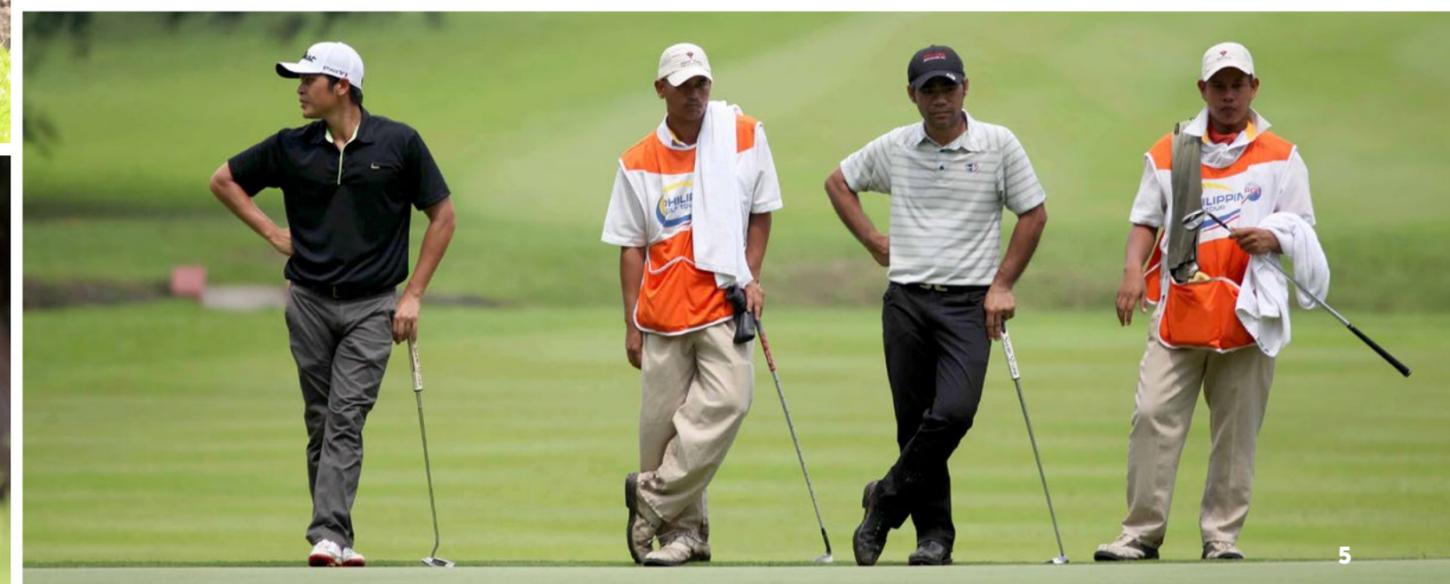
started hot with a 71 at the soggy course, lagged behind after a 73, and regained top spot with a 69.

The 37-year-old Que, a three-time Asian Tour leg winner, including the 2008 Philippine Open at Wack Wack East, bogeyed two of the last three holes to card a 73 and share second place with Lascaña, who was tagged the favorite when he topped the pro-am with Terry

Capistrano, Marlon Villanueva and Justin Limjap.

Casas, the 48-year-old 2001 Philippine Open champion also at Wack Wack, settled for a 76 and claimed solo fourth at 292.

Ranged against quality players old enough to be his father, Tabuena took the best dish out by the country’s best and proved again he’s better.



(1) One slight slipup at the tight Wack Wack East could get one into big trouble as (from left) Zanieboy Gialon, Elmer Saban, Orlan Sumcad and Tony Lascaña find themselves looking for bailout shots from under the trees. (2) Cassius Casas' final round struggle in the bunkers of Wack Wack stymied his drive to re-live his glory days at the site of his Philippine Open triumph in 2001. (3) Not even Angelo Que's near-impeccable short game could net him another championship, settling for joint second with Lascaña. (4) Charles Hong's body English hardly propelled him to a desired finish. (5) Gerald Rosales' (second from right) caddy (right) seems not in sync with the rest of the group as they bide their time to putt.



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Wack Wack, whose name is derived from the squawk of the large black crows known locally as "uwak-uwak", is the premier golf club in Manila. After a hiatus, it was once again the home of the Philippine Open and countless other tournaments and exhibitions which draw golfing stars from around the world.

ICTSI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	TABUENA, MIGUEL	74	69	73	71	287	-1	P650,000
2=	QUE, ANGELO	73	73	72	73	291	3	P335,000
2=	LASCUNA, TONY	71	72	69	79	291	3	P335,000
4	CASAS, CASSIUS	77	69	70	76	292	4	P195,000
5	HONG, CHARLES	72	76	74	72	294	6	P155,000
6=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	74	75	74	72	295	7	P125,000
6=	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	72	67	75	81	295	7	P125,000
8	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO (NED)	72	73	77	75	297	9	P100,000
9	SALVADOR, ELMER	76	71	76	76	299	11	P88,000
10=	MENOR, RENE	78	72	77	74	301	13	P75,250
10=	DELOS SANTOS, DANILO	81	71	72	77	301	13	P75,250

Miguel Tabuena gestures the number of title romps he had for the year, capping it with a huge nine-stroke victory at Azucarera De Tarlac Open at Luisita.



PRESENT FUTURE

Tabuena caps breakout season with Azucarera romp

- TOURNAMENT:** CENTRAL AZUCARERA DE TARLAC OPEN
- DATES:** SEPT. 16, 2015 – SEPT. 19, 2015
- VENUE:** LUISITA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
- PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 2,500,000

Miguel Tabuena is no longer the future of Philippine golf. He is now its king.

His coronation took place in the inaugural ICTSI Central Azucarera de Tarlac Open.

Only 21 years old, the former child prodigy completed his date with destiny by smothering the talent-laden field at Luisita Golf and Country Club in Tarlac for the P450,000 champion's purse.

In the process, Tabuena sealed the 2015 ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour Order of Merit title even with a tournament left in the 15-stage circuit organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

Leading from start to finish, Tabuena closed out with an eagle-spiked 67 for a 266 aggregate that swamped runner-up Jhonel Ababa by nine strokes and shoved him beyond reach of closest pursuer Tony Lascaña in the OOM derby.

Coupled with his earlier victories at ICTSI Splendido, ICTSI Palos Verdes and ICTSI Open Championship at Wack Wack, Tabuena raked in a total of P3,051,917 in earnings.

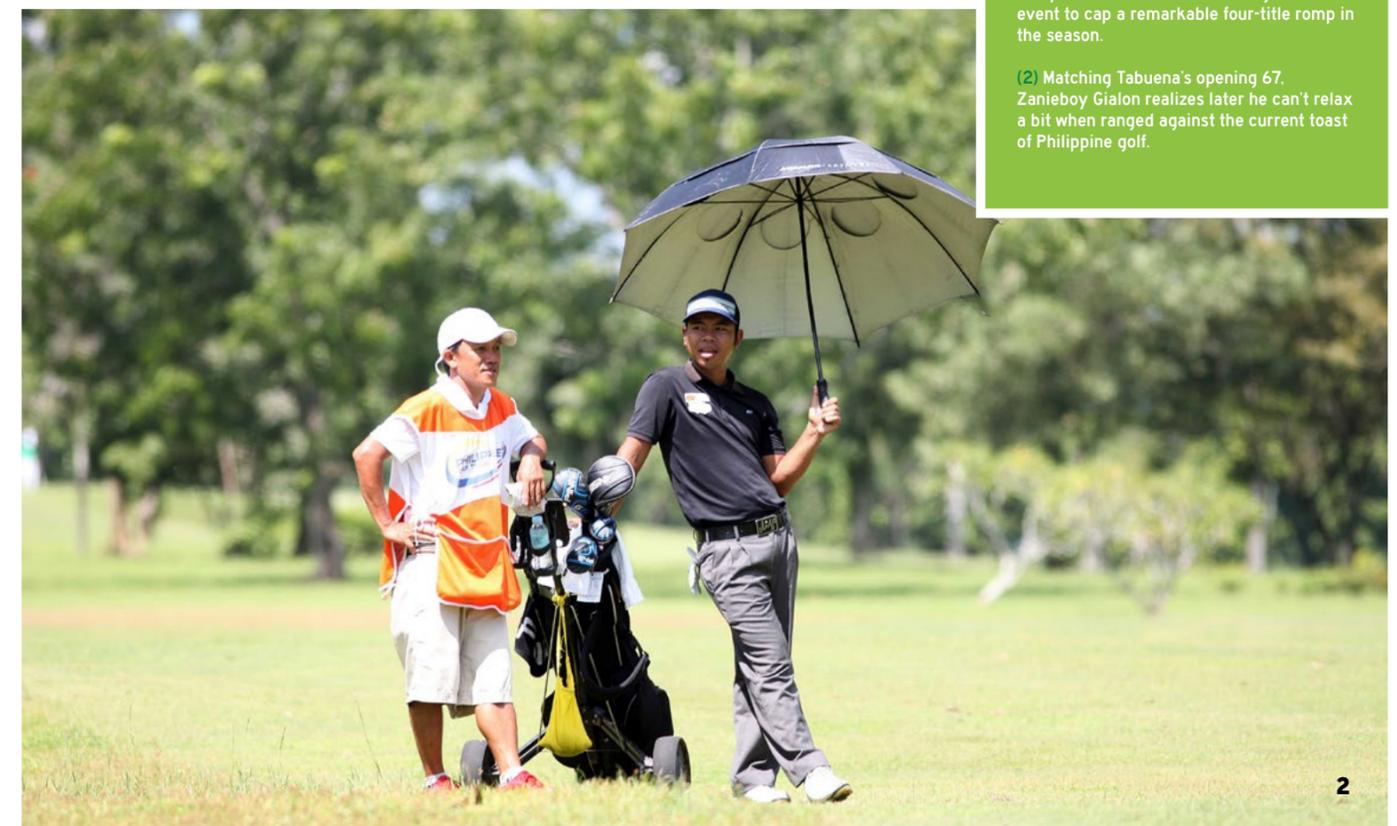
Lascaña blew his bid for a fourth straight OOM championship after submitting a 72, landing 12th and earning a paltry P48,000.

With a hoard of P2,382,960, Lascaña can't hope to catch up Tabuena even if he wins the season-ending P3.5 million ICTSI Tournament Players Championship at Sherwood Hills in Trece Martinez, Cavite, which offers a top purse of P650,000.



(1) Miguel Tabuena stands head and shoulders above Jhonel Ababa not just on this particular hole but all throughout the event to cap a remarkable four-title romp in the season.

(2) Matching Tabuena's opening 67, Zanieboy Gialon realizes later he can't relax a bit when ranged against the current toast of Philippine golf.





'I PLAN TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON THE ASIAN TOUR WHERE I HOPE TO PLAY WITH THIS LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE AGAINST THE BEST IN THE REGION'

— TABUENA

"I plan to concentrate more on the Asian Tour where I hope to play with this level of confidence against the best in the region," said Tabuena, the country's youngest-ever OOM winner.

Though he only finished tied for 11th when Luisita, designed by the renowned Robert Trent Jones Sr., returned to big time hosting last May, Tabuena felt confident of his chances in the Central Azucarera de Tarlac Open.

"I think I have an 80 percent chance to win here (Luisita)," Tabuena said after ruling the pro-am with partners Martin

Lorenzo, Eric Tensuan and Aian Arcilla. "But I need my putting to click to win again."

As it turned out, Tabuena not only wielded a hot putter. His all-around play was superb throughout the P2.5 million tournament.

He opened with a five-under 67 and shared the lead with Jhonel Ababa and Zanieboy Gialon.

Scrambling for a 68, Tabuena paced Ababa (69) at the halfway mark as Gialon stumbled with a 73.

It was in the third round that Tabuena flaunted his superiority and left the field behind.

Riding the momentum of a three-birdie start, Tabuena carded a bogeyless, eagle-spiked 64 and erected an eight-stroke barrier between him and Ababa.

Rather than coast to victory, Tabuena played like a true warrior and emerged triumphant with an impressive 22-under total 266.

In doing so, Tabuena proved deserving of being called king, with a long reign ahead of him.



(1) With his skills, confidence and the drive to excel, nobody really knows how long Miguel Tabuena will stay at No. 1. (2) Rufino Bayron, a former winner of the ADT Orchard Championship, is in deep trouble through the first three days at the tight Luisita layout. (3) Tied with lanky Keanu Jahns at sixth after 54 holes, Joenard Rates falls short in the end, hobbling with a 75 to barely finish tied at 10th. (4) Dutch Guido Van der Valk churns out a rare string of four-under par rounds but still fell by 13 off the runaway winner.

CENTRAL AZUCARERA DE TARLAC OPEN FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	TABUENA, MIGUEL	67	68	64	67	266	-22	P450,000
2	ABABA, JHONNEL	67	69	71	68	275	-13	P320,000
3	SHIN, MICAH	71	69	69	69	278	-10	P180,000
4	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO (NED)	69	69	71	70	279	-9	P140,000
5=	BAYRON, JAY	71	75	66	69	281	-7	P102,500
5=	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	67	73	69	72	281	-7	P102,500
7	KATSURAGAWA, YUTO (AM)	70	71	71	70	282	-6	
8	JAHNS, KEANU	69	71	71	72	283	-5	P84,000
9	FERNANDO, MHARK	70	70	76	69	285	-3	P70,000
10=	SALVADOR, ELMER	73	68	73	72	286	-2	P58,000
10=	RATES, JOENARD	70	73	68	75	286	-2	P58,000



With things looking up for the young, soft-spoken shotmaker from Del Monte following his gutsy one-stroke victory over veteran Tony Lascaña, Clyde Mondilla should be used to accommodating well wishers.

CLYDE THE GLIDE

Young Del Monte top gun soars to biggest triumph

-  **TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI TOURNAMENT PLAYERS' CHAMPIONSHIP
-  **DATES:** SEPT. 23, 2015 – SEPT. 26, 2015
-  **VENUE:** SHERWOOD HILLS GOLF CLUB
-  **PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 3,500,000

Clyde Mondilla is known as a nice, young man who is just being awaited by many to fulfill the potential that labeled him as the next big thing in Philippine golf.

His performance in the ICTSI Tournament Players Championship at Sherwood

Hills in Cavite justified why most everyone feels that he has got what it takes to dominate – along with several other young guns.

Mondilla, well-built and with the work ethic that makes champions, booked the biggest win of his young career when he came out of nowhere to rule the P3.5 million event over the



cream of the country's pro crop, a victory that augured well for the player who is dead-set on following the footsteps of a legendary luminary.

Two strokes down at the start of the day, Mondilla made a bold move in the final day, shooting an eagle-spiked five-under-par 67 over the well-manicured, wind-swept layout to pip Tony Lascaña by a stroke and bag the P650,000 champion's purse.

Mondilla hit a gorgeous 6-iron from 196 yards against the wind to within six feet of the cup for an eagle 3 on the 15th hole for what turned out to be the play of the tournament that put an ending to the 2015 season and

▼ A clutch eagle on No. 15 pumped up Clyde Mondilla in his spirited title duel with the veteran Tony Lascaña.



gave him a fabulous gift for his 22nd birthday.

"This is big," said Mondilla of the victory and the handsome prize money. "I will save this for my future, for me to be able to play internationally."

Mondilla's final round brilliance typified the potential he has, a game he developed through sheer hard work growing up in Manolo Fortich at the Del Monte layout in Bukidnon as he heard the legend of Frankie Miñoza.

Miñoza is still the country's foremost pro, a beacon for Mondilla to follow.

Mondilla has adopted practically the same work ethic that has gifted Miñoza international acclaim – the work-till-you-drop regimen that

made the game of golf rather easy for the vintage shotmaker.

Roger Retuerto, the only man whom Miñoza trusts with his

'THIS IS BIG, I WILL SAVE THIS FOR MY FUTURE, FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO PLAY INTERNATIONALLY.'
– MONDILLA

swing and who was a witness to how Miñoza worked himself ragged in perfecting his craft, sees a lot of his ward on Mondilla.

▼ Flashing vintage form with a lead-grabbing opening 66, multi-titled Cassius Casas reels back with a so-so iron game that used to be his main weapon during his prime.



▼ Despite superb putting in the last three rounds, Elmer Salvador still failed to put out the desired result.



Comebacking Rodrigo Cuello couldn't muster even the shades of the form that netted him a number of titles in the past, including the Philippine Masters.



Seasoned pro Tony Lascuña (right) gives some putting tips to third round co-leader Michael Bibat, only to struggle with his putting woes in his final round duel with Clyde Mondilla.



Jay Bayron's near-impeccable short game produces a tournament-best 65 in the final round which however still proved short to net him the elusive crown.

"Frankie practiced at Del Monte from sun-up to sun-down. I have never seen a work ethic like that, until I saw Clyde," said Retuerto in an interview a few years back, just when Mondilla was starting to make a name for himself as a standout of the Philippine team.

It was the standard answer of Retuerto when people asked him – because Mondilla is also from Miñoza's hometown – if he knew who Mondilla is.

"Frankie was a sun-up to sun-down guy," Retuerto would go on. "Clyde is different. He is a 6 (a.m.) to 6 (p.m.) worker. He also doesn't stop working in pursuit of excellence. Much like what Frankie was when he was younger."

Shots like that approach on the 15th hole of Sherwood are what Mondilla – and all those aspiring to be great – works hard for.

The fact that he was able to execute that shot given the tremendous amount of pressure in that situation only made people confirm their belief that Mondilla is going to go places.

Going 23 and with his whole life ahead of him, Mondilla still has a lot of work to do in order to achieve greatness.

But he is on the right track, putting himself in contention practically every tournament.

When everything falls into place at the right time, Mondilla will be one very tough nut to crack on the local tour.

And with the determination to become great, it's just a matter of time before the long-hitting Mondilla realizes his full potential and makes a lot of people right in predicting that he will be one of the country's toasts in the sport.

ICTSI TOURNAMENT PLAYERS' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	MONDILLA, CLYDE	70	69	69	67	275	-13	P650,000
2	LASCUNA, TONY	70	68	68	70	276	-12	P430,000
3	BAYRON, JAY	69	72	73	65	279	-9	P240,000
4	SALVADOR, ELMER	72	67	71	70	280	-8	P161,666
4=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	73	67	68	72	280	-8	P161,666
4=	BIBAT, MICHAEL	68	66	72	74	280	-8	P161,666
7	PAGUNSAN, REY	71	72	67	71	281	-7	P115,000
8	VILLACENCIO, ARNOLD	70	71	72	70	283	-5	P100,000
9=	FERNANDO, ANTHONY	73	70	70	71	284	-4	P76,375
9=	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	74	66	73	71	284	-4	P76,375
9=	ABABA, JHONNEL	67	72	72	73	284	-4	P76,375
9=	CASAS, CASSIUS	66	73	69	76	284	-4	P76,375

PHILIPPINE
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Whiz kid swings to stardom

Sometime in 1997, a one-year-old baby was swinging plastic clubs and mimicking the moves of the best while then world No. 1 Tiger Woods was brandishing his brilliance on TV.

Nearly 20 years later, Miguel Tabuena is wielding real clubs and now even gets to play with the big guns, including former world No. 1 Jordan Spieth in an actual tournament.

Tabuena, a former junior golfer and national team stalwart who turned pro at 17, is living the dream.

"At a young age, I was sort of good at it [golf] already, probably why I continued it. And being part of the national team at a young age made me realize I was capable of competing at a high level," he said.

After triumphs and heartaches, first as a junior golfer then as member of the national team, and an upstart in the pros, Tabuena is now on top of his game – and on top of his peers, staking his claim as the country's No. 1 with a breakthrough 2015 season on the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour capped by a Philippine Open victory at Luisita, an Asian Tour event.

"I knew what I went through as an amateur and professional and before 2015, I knew it's all part of the process of [putting me] where I am today," said Tabuena.

"I can't really tell you where I will credit my stardom because all of my tournaments as an

amateur and professional made my win at the Philippine Open possible," he added.

Although he was winning tournaments on the local circuit, Tabuena had knocked on the doors of Asian Tour success in vain prior to his Phl Open romp.

He was in contention in the 2014 and 2015 editions of the Yeangder The Players Championship, losing to Thai Prom Meesawat on second playoff hole the first time and settling for runner-up to South African Shaun Norris the following year.

"When I started on the Asian Tour, I really wanted to win on the first year. But I had to wait four years before winning in the region's premier circuit. I finished second twice, lost in playoff once. I can't say it's early or too late because it's God's plan *naman eh* and His timing is perfect. You just have to be patient and work hard and it will all come around," he said.

In 2015, Tabuena raked in \$170,000 from his Asian Tour triumph and another P3.3 million on the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour, where he honed his talent and skills.



Swinging baby

Tabuena fell in love with golf very early.

"I started swinging one year old and eight months. I was holding plastic golf clubs and watching Tiger Woods playing in the 1997 Masters. *Tapos parang ginagaya ko ang swing ng ibang pros tapos 'yung parents ko, they also play, eh, so medyo natuto ako,*" he shared.

His Dad Luigi and Mom Lorna were his first golfmates.

"I would always play with my parents in Alabang, because our house is just near hole No. 3. Whenever I would be back from school, I would play with them," he said.

He also recalled with fondness how his parents would motivate him to hit a birdie.

"I enjoyed playing golf from the start. I would always love to compete against Dad and Mom. We would have small bets. I remember as a junior golfer, my Mom would say for every birdie, you can buy a new game for PlayStation or Xbox. So I was motivated *talaga*. I'm a gamer, I love playing video games so *medyo pushed talaga ako,*" he shared.

At around 10 to 12, Tabuena had a fling with basketball and football.

"In middle school I really liked playing soccer and basketball and I was part of the high school teams of both [at International School Manila]. My parents

would even support me whenever I would play basketball and soccer.

"They never forced me to play golf. Had my parents forced me to play golf, I wouldn't be where I am [now] so I really thanked them for that," he said.

But he really found his one true love in the sport.

"I didn't really think of any other sports already after [age] 14-15 *kasi* I knew I wasn't as good as I was in golf compared to other sports. I'm lucky I stuck with it," he said.

Taking baby steps

Tabuena played his first tournament at age six at Aguinaldo. He debuted internationally in the Junior World in San Diego at seven.

"I missed the cut. *Ni-nerbyos ako*; I didn't really know what to expect. *Nagulat ako walang caddie sa States* and I didn't do well," he shared.

Tabuena went on to represent the country in the Putra Cup as a teenager.

He scored his first big achievement at 16 in the 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou, China, where he won the silver medal behind Korean Kim Meen-whee and finished ahead of Hideki Matsuyama.

"After finishing second in the Asian Games, I realized, *uy, pwede pala ito* and I was competing with Kim, who's on the PGA Tour now. Hideki Matsuyama, is the No. 12 ranked player *ngayon*, so I know I was capable of competing with the best," he said.

He then felt he was ready for bigger challenges.

"After the Asian Games, I went to Q-School and qualified as an amateur. The following week, I said I wanted to turn pro and had my parents said '*sige, go for it, we're here for you*'. It's a good choice I think," he said.

Tabuena had switched to home school preparatory to pursuing his dreams.

"I was 16 and in Grade 9 high school when I decided to seriously be a golfer. I switched to home school. I couldn't keep up with school work if I went to regular school. I would always miss class especially if I was in the US competing.

"When I switched to home school, *sabi ko 'let's go all-out and let's see how good we can be when we're focused 100 percent on golf,*" he said.

Major influences

As a budding golfer, Tabuena looked up to several models and mentors. Aside from his parents and childhood idol Woods, he was grateful to work with people who helped mold his game and personality.

Noel Makutay was Tabuena's first coach, training the greenhorn until his death.

Manila-based Canadian Rick Gibson later took young Tabuena under his tutelage.

"For the longest time, Rick Gibson was my coach. He's not my coach now but he's more of a mentor to me. His demeanor on the golf course, the way he handles himself on and off the course, he's a really good guy to be around with during tournaments. I really look up to him and he's a great help," said Tabuena.

The mentor-student got to see each other again in the ICTSI Anvaya Cove Invitational, which Tabuena won.

"It's nice to see him in the field in Anvaya. I haven't seen him in a while because he's in the States, Canada or Europe competing. It's nice to catch up with him," Tabuena said.

Joel Altea currently trains Tabuena and plays a key role in his pursuit of glory.

"He's probably the one who helped me the most with my game the last two years. We've been working together and he's been there *talaga*. He's the one who oversees my swing, my game now and I really owe my success to him," he said.

Having golfers for parents also comes in handy.



While other winners and young potential champs would rush to the crack of dawn to steal time from the regular members to hone up their skills, Tabuena basks in the sunshine of a private course with all the amenities, expertise and the attending pressure to be good. And fulfilled the promise.

Hitting paydirt

Tabuena savored the sweet taste of victory for the first time in 2012 at Splendido, besting an elite field in demanding condition.

"*Ang sarap*, it's always an important win, winning your first event as a pro. Before the Philippine Open I won eight times on the local tour. I think that was a big factor, the feeling that you know you can win, you know how to win. It was a big help to winning the Philippine Open," he shared.

"Every win is special, the first was the speed bump, it feels different winning the first and the second. To win multiple times is an achievement as well," he said.

The Asian Tour win through the Philippine Open made Tabuena a real star.

"That was my first Asian Tour title and I'm very glad it's the Philippine Open. It means a lot if you win in your own National Open. I'm really happy that my name will be on this prestigious trophy alongside the legends of Asian golf," Tabuena, the first Filipino to win Asia's oldest Open since Angelo Que in 2008.

Before the Phil Open feat, the smooth-swinging pro has racked up four victories on the PGT – at Splendido, Rancho Palos Verdes, ICTSI Open at Wack Wack and at Central Azucarera de Tarlac, also at Luisita.

So it hardly came as a surprise when he vied in the highly competitive Singapore Open and finished a strong fourth with No. 2 finisher Spieth just above his name in the final leaderboard.

"Game-wise, I'm mentally ready to compete with the big guns as showed in the Singapore Open, where I competed well with the world No. 2, finishing two shots back *lang* from him and finishing Top 5.

"But I think I'm still a long way to go in terms of like decision-making in crucial parts of my game and these will be better through time and experience," he said.

Asked about what's the strongest part of his game now, Tabuena tapped his fearless nature.

"I'm not afraid to make mistakes...when my putting clicks, I can really go low *kasi* I'm not afraid to take up my driver. As long as I'm hitting well on my driver and I'm putting well, I know I can shoot low, that's one of my biggest keys in playing good golf," he said.

'Every win is special, the first was the speed bump, it feels different winning the first and the second. To win multiple times is an achievement'



High target

Like any other pro, Tabuena dreams of slugging it out with the big guns on the PGA Tour.

"I see myself not only trying out but competing on the PGA Tour. It's every golfer's dream. You want to compete with the best and that's where they play and I see myself playing there *naman*. It's a question of hard work and not being afraid to make mistakes," he said.

To give himself a possible crack at the PGA Tour, Tabuena aims to breach the Top 120 in the Official World Golf Ranking. As of June 2016, he's at 126th.

"My target is to be inside the Top 120 *kasi* that will give me a chance to qualify for the PGA Q-School and go straight to the final stage. That's one way. One other way is to be in the Top 50 in the world which will give automatic exemption. Top 120 is the more realistic goal and I see myself doing that if I keep up this momentum and don't tire out," he said.

The Rio Olympics is part of his agenda for the year, as well.

"Hopefully, I'll win a few tournaments on the Asian Tour to earn as many Olympic ranking points as possible," said Tabuena who hopes to maintain his current standing in the Olympic Rankings to play in Rio.

The Top 60 golfers in the Olympic Rankings of the International Golf Federation at the end of July will get to play in Rio. As of Feb. 14, Tabuena sits safely at 37th along with Angelo Que, who occupies 52nd.

He also eyes a spot in the World Cup of Golf in November.

"It will be nice to play there as well and compete with the best," he said.

Tabuena insists he's up to the task.

"I'm ready, game-wise. I can hit the shots I wanted. I just have to be a bit more committed and trust myself a bit more during those big events. Being nervous will always be normal but you have to learn to play with it," he said.

The whiz kid indeed has arrived – and swinging to fame.



A cinch to make it to this year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the young gun is so confident of his game that he's looking forward to playing on every golfer's dream playground the PGA Tour.

RIO BOUND

If they stay the course, Miguel, Angelo are headed for the Olympics

While most athletes toil for years to hone their craft and get a crack at the Olympics, Miguel Tabuena practically needed just a year and a half to get into the golf mix and realize a dream of playing in the quadrennial games and against the best in the world.

With a current Olympic ranking of 37th, the 21-year-old Filipino shotmaker is now a cinch to clinch a berth in the Rio Games this August together with three-time Asian Tour winner Angelo Que, who is at No. 52.

"I never imagined myself being, or called an Olympian and I have a chance to do that this year. Hopefully, I'll keep the momentum and there shouldn't be a problem with the way I'm playing now," said Tabuena, who has piled up Olympic ranking points from his Philippine Open win at Luisita last December, an Asian Tour event. He also dished out a strong joint fourth finish in this year's Singapore Open, another Asian Tour tournament, to move nine rungs higher in the Olympic rankings.

Golf is making a triumphant return to the Summer Olympics since the 1904 edition at St. Louis. It will be held this year on a newly-constructed golf course in Reserva de Marapendi in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which was made especially for the quadrennial games held for the first time in South America.

Based on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of March 1, 2016, the young Tabuena would make the cut together with Que.

Tabuena has steadily clawed his way up the World Golf Rankings from 214th at the end of 2015 to his current 120th. After heart-breaking finishes that denied him of victory on the Asian Tour, he finally ended the year with his first Philippine Open victory.

His joint runner-up finish at the 2016 Maybank Championship in Malaysia propelled him to the highest rank a Filipino pro has achieved since Frankie Miñozza cracked the Top 50 in 1998.

Tabuena is now ranked 37th on the list of golfers who are eligible to play in the 72-hole men's stroke play competition scheduled on Aug. 11-14, 2016.

Que, on the other hand, has slid down to 259th after ending last year at 226th and is mired in a mini slump that he needs to get out of posthaste if he is to perform creditably in the world's largest sporting event against the planet's best golfers.

Both players will be trying to win the country's first Olympic gold medal and achieve a feat which has eluded Filipino sportsmen since the modern Olympic Games was started by Baron Pierre de Coubertain in 1894.

The Olympic Golf Rankings are essentially based on the World Golf Rankings and

Tabuena appears to have assured himself with a spot for the Philippines while the 52nd ranked Que will have to come up with creditable play until July 11, 2016 or hope that no one overtakes him so he can hang on to his coveted spot.

The Philippines earned two seats in the final competition because of the rankings of its players. Golf superpower the United States, has four players eligible by virtue of its having six professionals in the top 15.

Only 60 golfers will be in the field to contest the first Olympic medals in golf since Canadian George Lyon won the gold medal for Canada at the 1904 Summer Games held at St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

With host Brazil assured of one entry and the US four, the other 55 slots were allotted by selecting a maximum of two players per country following the Olympic Golf Rankings. There is also a requirement that all five continents must be represented.

In women's play, two-time LPGA Tour winner Jennifer Rosales' chances to make the grade appear bleak as her world ranking of 505th places her as third alternate at best. She will have to sit this Olympics out unless players where she is lined up for decide to withdraw from the competition.

Tony Lascuña is listed as the first alternate in case Tabuena or Que do not make it to the tournament.



THE DUEL

north VS south



WHEN DOWN IS UP

Team South battles back in singles, retains crown

It was billed and designed as a team play but team South couldn't get going as a unit. And with its back against the wall, it did what it was supposed to do – show off its individual skills.

The result was a stunning 12 1/2-11 1/2 victory over a shell-shocked North side, making Team South the first back-to-

back winner in the four-year history of local's version of the Ryder Cup.

"We just refused to lose. They jumped the gun on us in the first two days but my guys just knew how to win," said South skipper Jerome Delariarte with Zanieboy Gialon as assistant.

Win they did.
Down by five, 3 1/2-8 1/2, after

the four-ball and foursomes matches in the first two days, the Southerners flashed some kind of resiliency with the power-hitting Orlan Sumcad and veteran Elmer Salvador sparking what turned out to be the biggest comeback in The Duel's young history.

Sumcad dominated Benjie Magada in the second pairing and came away with a 7&6 rout, the same output dished out by

Salvador against Randy Garalde in the last match of the 12-pair finale at the fabled Wack Wack East layout.

Inspired by their teammates early romps, Marvin Dumandan followed up with a 2-up victory over Miguel Ochoa then Cassius Casas and Clyde Mondilla thwarted Gerald Rosales and Keanu Jahns, respectively, via the same score, 3&1.



(1) Members of Team South, headed by skipper Jerome Delariarte, flash the No. 3 sign as they celebrate (2) their come-from-behind triumph to complete the first back-to-back victory in the four-year history of local golf's version of the Ryder Cup. (3) Orlan Sumcad (left) is ready to explode and celebrate with South teammate Tony Lascaña as (6) North's Mars Pucay and Jun Bernis, along with teammates (5) Joenard Rates and Randy Garalde rued their breakdown in the deciding singles. (4) They're no protagonists but Team South's Cassius Casas and Ferdie Aunzo seem to be in a fighting mood at tee-off.

Rufino Bayron outplayed Jun Bernis, 4&2, Tony Lascaña leaned on his experience to foil Mars Pucay, 2&1, and Jay Bayron downed Joenard Rates, 3&1, on a clutch win on No. 17.

Those eight wins, coupled with the all-square results by Ferdie Aunzo against James Ryan Lam and Charles Hong against Miguel Tabuena, gave South a whopping nine-point closing result and a one-point victory over a dejected North side, which lost steam in the face of its rival's scorching windup.

Needing just four wins out of 12 matches to re-claim the crown they won in 2013, the Northerners fell short and posted just three points with only Angelo Que and Michael Bibat coming through with victories, a 2&1 decision over Arnold Villacencio and a 1-up escape over Jhonnell Ababa, respectively.

"The clincher was the half point of Aunzo and Jay Bayron's crucial win. But everybody played well," said Delariarte.

Aunzo fell behind by two holes after No. 16 but Lam bogeyed the 17th and the duo hit the bunkers on their approach shots on the last hole. But Lam cracked under pressure and failed to blast out on his first try while Aunzo got onto the green in three and two putted for bogey.





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Two missed birdie putts but Charles Hong (7) still trumpets Team South's impending victory while James Ryan Lam (8) rues his flubbed try so crucial in Team North's bid.

THE DUEL

north VS south

NORTH	VS.	SOUTH
QUE, ANGELO	1 UP	LASCUÑA, TONY
LAM, JAMES RYAN	1 UP	SUMCAD, ORLAN
TABUENA, MIGUEL	1 UP	MONDILLA, CLYDE
MAGADA, BENJIE	2 UP	HONG, CHARLES
GARALDE, RANDY	2 UP	BAYRON, JAY
RATES, JUN	AS	BAYRON, RUFINO
PUCAY, MARS	AS	CASAS, CASSIUS
JAHNS, KEANU	AS	AUNZO, FERDIE
ROSALES, GERALD	2 UP	DUMANDAN, MARVIN
BERNIS, JUN	2 UP	ABABA, JHONNEL
BIBAT, MICHAEL	1 UP	SALVADOR, ELMER
OCHOA, MIGUEL	1 UP	VILLACENCIO, ARNOLD



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It was a big finish for Team South, which came into the event brimming with confidence after playing like one solid unit last year that netted the group a runaway 20-8 victory at the Cebu Country Club, thus regaining the crown they won in the event's inaugurals in 2012.

But the Northerners came out smoking in the opening foursomes with Bibat drilling in a bending 25-foot birdie putt on the 18th to lift his team-up with Ochoa to a thrilling 1-up victory over Salvador and Villacencio and punctuate Team North's huge 4 1/2-1 1/2 victory.

The last pairing was headed to an all-square ending after Salvador and Villacencio birdied No. 15 to draw level and after both teams traded pars in the next two holes. But Bibat made the most of Ochoa's approach shot that landed on top of the hole, checking the line of his putt twice before canning in the long downhill.

"It was close all the way. They were up by two after 8 holes but we took the next two. Miguel birdied Nos. 13 and 14 but they also birdied Nos. 14 and 15," said Bibat, a former Asian Games bronze medalist with one pro victory in 2013.

The win capped North's solid first day performance that saw Que and Lam nip Lascuña and Sumcad, 1-up; Pucay and Jahns overwhelm Casas and Aunzo, 3&2; and Rosales and Bernis clobber Ababa and Dumandan, 4&3, in the alternate shot format of the event sponsored by ICTSI.

Hong and Mondilla delivered the lone win for the defending champions with a 3&2 romp over Tabuena and Magada while North's Garalde and Rates held brothers



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Rufino and Jay Bayron to an all-square match.

With a three-point cushion, the Northerners try to pad their lead in the four-balls (best ball) in the second day with Que teaming up with Pucay against Dumandan and Sumcad; Tabuena and Rates colliding with Hong and Ababa; Lam and Ochoa clashing with Casas and Mondilla; and Magada and Garalde mixing it up with Salvador and Villacencio.

Team South actually controlled the action but Team North rallied strong and swept the last three matches turning a 1-2 deficit into a resounding 4-2 victory to pull away at 8 1/2-3 1/2.

Tabuena bounced back from a loss in four-balls with Magada as he teamed up with Rates to score a big 6&4 rout of the Ababa-Hong tandem then Ochoa and Lam humbled the fancied pair of Casas and Mondilla, 2&1, and Magada and new partner Garalde also upended Salvador and Villacencio, 2&1, to highlight the Northerners' fiery comeback.

Counting Que and Pucay's 3&1 romp over Aunzo and Dumandan in the first group, North pooled four wins to stretch its overnight three-point lead to five and move four wins away in the singles to avenge their 8-20 blowout loss in Cebu.

But the Southerners had other things in mind. They knew that with their skills and talent, they can make a steal of a win.

And pull off they did – in grand fashion.



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(11) Failing to hoist the coveted trophy, Team North's Michael Bibat gives South stalwart Jhonnell Ababa a lift instead. (12) Tony Lascuña plants a kiss on the huge trophy after helping power Team South past their North rival to the crown. (13) Failing to turn the tables around on Team South, North top gun Angelo Que turns to twisting pal Tony Lascuña's arm in an effort to at least get even.

(9) Team South mainstays Tony Lascuña, Elmer Salvador, Clyde Mondilla and Zanieboy Gialon celebrate as they head to the clubhouse after hacking out the come-from-behind win over their North counterparts. (10) Solomon Gines confers with fellow Team North skipper Artemio Murakami on what counter they could launch to stop Team South's onslaught in the deciding singles.



JUNGOLF

2015

Not just a kids' play

Pinoy youngsters swinging better, stronger

Jungolf is in good shape and in better hands.

That's something Luigi Tabuena made sure of as he officially ended a six-year reign as president of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines.

Under his stewardship, not only did young talents continue to rise and prove their worth in the international scene but local kids were also able to enjoy a year-round cycle of tournaments that were professionally ran and managed.

Jungolfers were able to see themselves swinging behind giant advertising billboards and the reason behind it wasn't all because a company was supporting or funding the Jungolf movement.

"We felt it was a nice way to let the kids looking at the future and visualize themselves as playing in the pro ranks where these signages are common sight," said Tabuena.

True enough, kids showed up at the host courses with much confidence and bravado, giving their parents reason to take their swinging images with gusto.



They came to play but Jungolf doesn't only provide the playground for these talented youngsters but also the resources, the motivation and the exposure to become golf stars someday.



This new tournament environment also sets the bar for the rest to follow—treating jungolfers as stars in their own right seems just right for their molding process.

The year that was once again put into focus the depth of talents of local junior golf.

And for familiar names like Pauline del Rosario, Miya Legaspi, Abby Arevalo, Chanelle Avaricio and Annika Cedo to be able to get attention of scouts and secure scholarships in top universities in the United States is solid proof to the local Jungolf program.

Of course, no one did it better than Princess Superal.

Though opting to skip college and focus on a possible early professional career, Superal once more delivered the big wins on a memorable final year as a junior.

After winning the US Girls' Junior Championship in 2014, Superal won for the third time on the Ladies Philippine Golf Tour, a pro circuit, by topping the ICTSI Wack Wack Invitational. She capped the year with four victories abroad, including two in Malaysia and one each in Singapore and Jakarta.





The little ones had quite a busy year, too.

Tabuena entered into a full collaboration with the group called The Junior Golfers League (TJGL) and somehow it became reason for the developmental side of things to prosper.

For years, the TJGL had been a completely separate entity that did its own competitions until the JGFP felt it was time to empower the group and ask them to prepare kids for their jump into the bigger events.

This way, there was special attention given to very young ones and several years later, a new crop of talents emerged.

“There is always that pressing need to get kids to take up the game as early as possible. It’s a tough task and you need a special group to

give attention to it and that’s what a group like TJGL can handle,” Tabuena said.

The challenge for the new JGFP leadership is to grow its population, such a daunting task that would need a lot more than corporate funding.

Parents would need to literally put their best foot forward and keep the kids in play as often as possible with a little help from the golf community.

Golf is such a hard lesson to perfect, reason that transcends the cost implications of playing the game.

Still, the fun aspect remains most crucial. They should go to the golf course not just to win or get better, but enjoy the game.





DREAM CHASER

*Cyna 1st Pinay
to earn LPGA
spot in 15 years*

She was chasing a dream,
but **Cyna Rodriguez**
went about it in a slow,
methodical way.

Rodriguez waited for the right time when she knew she was ready, took the plunge into the awe-inspiring Ladies Professional Golf Association Qualifying School last December and dished out the kind of sizzling performance she knew she was capable of.

Now, Rodriguez can lay claim to her self-made tag of a "legit player."

All because she bided her time, not heeding the call of many for her to try her luck in the LPGA Q-School as early as a few years back.

"The Q-School is a chance of a lifetime. I just did not want to go there, play and bomb out. I wanted to make the most out of it," said the 23-year-old shotmaker who dominated the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour for three years before taking the big plunge.

"So I prepared hard and long. Every opportunity to be on the range or be on the course, was important. I wanted to improve every day. At the end of it, it was so satisfying. I hurdled the first step of a lengthy journey, the start of a life-long dream."

Rodriguez's entry into the LPGA could not have come at a better time.

Two of the Philippines' brightest stars have faded out of the league. Jennifer Rosales is all set to retire this year while Filipina-American Dorothy Delasin has not been playing for years.

Multi-titled Princess Superal's own foray into professional golf has been temporarily put on hold after she decided to stay on her current amateur status for the first half of 2016.



That left Rodriguez, the former Philippine Ladies Am champion, as the lone and most likely bet to carry the cudgels for national pride and, of course, personal achievement.

She did not disappoint during her stint at the LPGA International Hills Course in Florida, capping her superlative performance with a one-under-par 71 for a 10-under 350 total in the 90-hole qualifying topped by China's Feng Simin with a 342.

Her strong joint fourth place effort enabled her to

become the first Filipino to make the Tour since 2000, when Rosales clinched her own spot, and gave the country one of its finest hours on the international sporting scene.

It was by no means an easy task.

"When I stepped on the golf club and saw all these women around, it was surreal. I have played with a lot of college golf with other girls and it sure felt like a collegiate event," related Rodriguez.

"And when I hit my initial tee shot, there was an adrenalin

rush that I have had to calm myself on the next hole," she added. "After that, it was all good and I settled down."

Right after finishing her stint, she called on her parents, daddy Eli and mommy Cherry, and told them of the good news.

"I held back on the tears. Straight away, I told them, 'I'm in.' They were so proud of me. It was a short conversation. They told me to stay humble and be thankful," said Rodriguez, who attributed her victory to God, her family, coaches Bong Lopez and

Nestor Mendoza, and especially Mr. Ricky Razon and the whole ICTSI family.

Like the way she went about gearing up for Q-School and even in her other endeavors, Rodriguez is not one to rush.

"I would love to win as much I can this year. However, I don't want to set my mind high. I want to be as realistic and enjoy every bit of my time on the tour," said Rodriguez.

"But I bet it will be fun to win. It would probably be one of the best feelings," she said.



'I WANT TO BE AS REALISTIC AND ENJOY EVERY BIT OF MY TIME ON THE TOUR'
- RODRIGUEZ

Going **BIG** Time



The ladies pro circuit has come a long way three years into its staging. Not only did it help produce a first Filipina to the world's most lucrative circuit in 15 years but also continued to lure a slew of foreign players, making it truly international in scope and character.

In fact, the tour's kickoff event, the ICTSI Ladies Open, was included as a leg of the established Taiwan LPGA Tour, underscoring the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour's growing reputation as one of the circuits to play in the region. It should also open the doors for the local players' stint abroad although majority of them still need to toughen up to at least get to the level of international play.



That was evident when foreign bets took half of the eight titles disputed in 2015 although two were hotly disputed and could've gone either way. In both cases, it was amateur Princess Superal who carried the cudgels for the hosts when the more fancied local pros struggled in the face of the strong foreign charge.

Still, the future looks bright, not only for the local shotmakers but also for the fledgling circuit itself with the sponsoring International Container Terminal Services, Inc., which put up the tour in 2013 to provide the country's golfing ladies a venue of their own, confident of producing more Cyna Rodriguezes, Dottie Ardinas, Mia Piccios and Superals in the future through the annual, year-long staging of the LPGT over the country's top courses.



SIZZLING START

Korean blows hot, cold then hot again

Two solid starts, one scrambling finish. Korean Hwang Ye-nah never really had much time to familiarize herself with the dreaded Southlinks' layout.

But through sheer hard work and determination, plus a sprinkling of luck, she overcame a poor final round start and survived a gutsy challenge from the host country's premier amateur to rule the inaugural ICTSI Ladies Open.

Hwang actually braced for a fierce duel with two-time LPGA winner Jennifer Rosales, LPGT queen Cyna Rodriguez and Symetra Tour campaigners Dottie Ardina and Mia Piccio. But the four fancied Filipinas never recovered from shaky starts and hardly contended for the championship, leaving Princess Superal to take the cudgels for the hosts.

The former US Girls' Junior champion took the challenge to heart, stepping up and threatening within one with

-  **TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI LADIES OPEN
-  **DATES:** MARCH 11, 2015 – MARCH 13, 2015
-  **VENUE:** SOUTHLINKS GOLF CLUB
-  **PRIZE MONEY:** \$75,000

eight holes left in the 54-hole, \$75,000 championship, only to get thwarted by Hwang's clutch birdies and gutsy pars.

The young Filipina ace also faltered when the going got tough, flubbing at least three makeable birdie putts, including a potential playoff side-hiller from 10 feet on the closing hole, enabling Hwang to escape with the victory despite a closing three-over 75.

All throughout the final round, the Korean struggled off the mound on a treacherous

course that requires precision and conservative play while wrestling with her balky putter all week. Yet, while the majority succumbed to pressure, Hwang stayed focused and was amply rewarded at the end of a grueling three-day campaign.

"I was mad early because my driving and putting were no good. But I relaxed after and I'm happy to escape with the win," said Hwang, who completed a wire-to-wire triumph in the blue-ribbon event she dominated with 68 and 66 in the first two rounds.

While her rivals were busy trying to figure out their respective games, Korean Hwang Ye-nah (1) keeps herself busy checking on her make-up and doing a phone call before nailing the ICTSI Ladies Open crown (2). Princess Superal (3) takes it easy despite carrying the cudgels for the local bets against the crack foreign field.



(1) After hitting her opening target of 68 for a shared view of the top with Korean Hwang Ye-nah, Mia Piccio missed the mark in the final two rounds. (2) Three-time Asian Tour winner Angelo Que, obliging to carry the bag for wife Tracy, must've wished it's the other way around as he tries to figure out his beloved player's score. (3) Sweeping all her three tournaments on the ICTSI LPGT, Dottie Ardina finds the going tougher this time and never figured in the title race.

She pooled a seven-under 209 and took the top \$15,000 purse, which many thought had been hers as early as the second round with the victory ending her string of poor finishes in the Taiwan LPGA. The event also served as the fourth leg of the lucrative Taiwan circuit.

Despite her day-long struggle with her irons that saw her reach regulation just six times, Superal kept pressing her bid at the back but just couldn't set up birdie putts from close range, her makeable bids on Nos. 13, 14 and 18 failing to drop into the cup.

"I still had a chance for a playoff but I missed the tying putt from 10 feet on the 18th," rued Superal, who wound up with a 210 and settled for the top amateur plum in the event, the biggest thus far in the four-year circuit in terms of prize money and participation. It lured a slew of talented pros from Taiwan, Thailand, Korea, Malaysia, Japan and the US.

Taiwan's Taiwan's Yeh Hsin-ning rallied with a four-under 68 and tied Thai Kanphanitnan Muangkumsakul, who also faltered with a 74, at 215 and split the

combined second and third prizes worth \$12,000 while Piccio never recovered from a second round 74 with a 76 and ended up solo fifth at 218 worth \$3,150.

Rodriguez, the reigning back-to-back ICTSI LPGT winner, also sputtered with a 75 and finished sixth at 220 while Rosales found her touch, albeit late, firing a bogey-free 68 to salvage joint seventh with Malaysian Aretha Pan, who carded a 73, at 221.

Yuka Sako skied to a 79 but still saved a top 10 finish at joint ninth with Korean Kang



(7) The Country Club teammates Sofia Chabon (left) and Abby Arevalo come face-to-face, not for the crown but on the practice green. (8) An early encounter with J-Ro fails to inspire former LPGT leg winner Amolkan Phalajivin.

Ji-won, who fumbled with a 78, at 222.

Superal, who assumed the challenger's role after the local pros reeled back with over-par scores after 36 holes, actually grabbed a one-stroke lead right on the par-5 opening hole on a big three-shot swing as she drilled in a six-footer for birdie and Hwang drove into the hazard and made a 7.

The Filipina ace even went 2-up on the next with a routine par as Hwang failed to recover her bearing from the opening hole mishap with another missed green for bogey.

Superal, however, hit an errant drive on No. 4 and ended up with a bogey, enabling Hwang, who parred the par-5 hole, to close within one which she wiped out two holes later with a birdie, setting the stage for a shootout for the top plum.

But Superal blinked first in their eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation, hitting a tree on her drive on the par-4 No. 9. After taking the penalty drop, she dumped her third shot into the greenside bunker and needed two shots to get out before two-putting for 7.

Hwang also dropped a stroke on the treacherous ninth but her 5 proved enough to net her a two-stroke lead again. And this time, she held on to it till the end.

Never mind if Superal birdied the 10th to threaten again as Hwang answered with her own birdie on the next. The Korean dropped another stroke on No. 13 but recovered with another birdie on the next to stay 2-up again.



(4) Another local favorite, Cyna Rodriguez fails to get going, her final round rally hampered by frequent visits into the bunkers. (5) Her name is enough to instill fear on the field but two-time LPGA Tour winner Jennifer Rosales' horrible 81 in the second round takes out her name off the list of title contenders. (6) Young Taiwanese amateur Chi Fen Liang flaunts awesome form that begs for awesome scores.



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ICTSI LADIES OPEN FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	Rep	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	Hwang Ye-nah	KOR	68	66	75	209	-7	\$15,000
2	Princess Superal	AM-PHL	70	66	74	210	-6	
3=	Yeh Hsin-ning	TWN	71	76	68	215	-1	\$6,000
3=	Kanphanitnan Muangkumsakul	THA	72	69	74	215	-1	\$6,000
5	Mia Piccio	PHL	68	74	76	218	2	\$3,150

The 18-hole golf course features a rolling, elevated terrain with long, narrow fairways that could bring out the best and the worst in any player – pros, amateurs or weekend hackers. Each hole of the course, designed by Kevin Ramsey of Golfplan, is carved out from existing terrain, making it more natural with the fairways covered with Zoysia Matrella grass. Most of the holes are windy, especially during September to May, making it hard to make accurate shots. Sandtraps are pot bunker design with silica, making it very tough for players to play out. High handicappers are advised to bring extra golf balls.



Dazzling DEBUT

Thai ace coasts to record 15-shot romp

TOURNAMENT: SPLENDIDO LADIES INVITATIONAL
DATES: APRIL 8, 2015 – APRIL 10, 2015
VENUE: SPLENDIDO GOLF CLUB
PRIZE MONEY: PHP 500,000

Inspired by compatriot's Amolkan Phalajivin's breakthrough win in 2014, Thai Wichanee Meechai thought of giving herself a shot at the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour crown.

What she got was a total surprise – a victory and a record to boot.
 “Didn’t expect to win,” was Meechai’s terse reply when asked how she managed to dominate a crack local field

▲ (1 and 2) Thai Wichanee Meechai finds it a lot tougher eluding her supporters than beating a compact international field, running away with a 15-shot victory (3) Despite Walailak Satarak’s remarkable bunker shots, the Thai bet still found herself getting blown off by Meechai’s solid all-around game. (4) Sarah Ababa keeps her eyes on the ball all throughout but just couldn’t live up to her name, fumbling with a high score in the pivotal second round.

on a tough course on her very first foray on the local circuit.
 She actually didn’t have to converse much. For her performance proved enough to do the talking. While the ICTSI Splendido Ladies Invitational was set for 54 holes as do the rest of the LPGT legs, Meechai practically reduced the battle to 36 holes.
 Thanks to an impressive opening 69 and a solid 68 in the second round, the former Ladies Asian Golf Tour campaigner turned

the final round into a victory walk on the wind-raked, rolling Splendido Taal Golf Club layout.
 Despite closing out with a one-over 73, Meechai still set a record 15-stroke romp over compatriot Satarak Walailak and local bet Sarah Ababa with a 210 aggregate.
 Thirteen-up over another Thai Pennapa Pulsawath after two rounds, Meechai birdied the opening hole in the final day but made a double bogey on No. 5 and dropped

another stroke on the eighth. Still, her 38 at the turn hardly put a dent on her huge lead as the rest also struggled in demanding condition at one of the country’s most challenging courses.
 Satarak, Ababa and Pulsawath turned in similar 35s at the front but failed to even cut Meechai’s double-digit lead.
 With a six-under 210 total, Meechai, who hit one birdie at the back for a closing 35, won by 15 over Ababa, who also had a 73,

and Satarak, who fired the day's best 71, for identical 225s.

Meechai thus bested the 11-stroke victory posted by Cyna Rodriguez at John Hay leg in 2014, pocketing the top P100,000 purse. Ababa and Satarak split the combined second and third prizes worth P115,000.

Meechai's romp also prompted the Thais to commit themselves to play on the other legs of the ICTSI LPGT, thus providing the fledgling circuit some push in terms of depth and participation.

Another foreign player, Hwang Ye-nah of South Korea, topped the tour's kickoff leg at ICTSI Ladies Open where she nipped local amateur ace Princess Superal by one at the tight, tricky Southlinks layout.

Saraporn Chamchoi also carded a 73 to finish solo fourth at 226 while Pulsawath limped with a 79 for fifth at 229 followed by Chihiro Ikeda, who wound up with a 231 after a 76.

Rodriguez, who dominated the first three editions of the country's first ladies pro tour, finished with a second 76 and settled for joint seventh with Anya Tanpinco, who reeled with an 81, at 232 while another Thai, Supakchaya Pattarankrueang, made a second 78 and tied for ninth with Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong, who, who shot a 76, at 233.



(1) Save for her forgettable result, young Korean Yeji Oh leaves some semblance of imprint on the tournament with her class and elegance. (2) What a difference a year makes for Amolkan Phalajivin, who pulled off a stirring come-from-behind victory over fancied Cyna Rodriguez here in 2014 only to struggle and end up tied for 11th in 2015. (3) Chihiro Ikeda tries to fuel her title drive in a conservative way, to no avail. (4) It took Lovelynn Guioquio two days to settle down but her closing 72 could only propel her to solo 13th. (5) Wichanee Meechai and her caddie react to a flubbed birdie putt that actually hardly mattered given the Thai ace's back-to-back solid rounds. (6) No one can fault Apple Fudolin for losing steam and taking a breather after shooting in the 80s in all three days. (7) Giving up some yardage to younger rivals, England's Sarah Henderson makes up for the slack with her steady short game and big fighting heart. (8) Cyna Rodriguez needs more than a pump to fire up a mediocre performance.

SPLENDIDO LADIES INVITATIONAL FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	Rep	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	Wichanee Meechai	THA	69	68	73	210	-6	P100,000
2=	Walailak Satarak	THA	82	72	71	225	9	P57,500
2=	Sarah Ababa	PHL	74	78	73	225	9	P57,500
4	Saraporn Chamchoi	THA	77	76	73	226	10	P36,000
5	Pennapa Pulsawath	THA	73	77	79	229	13	P32,000



SUPER Princess

Former US Girls' champ strikes again, edges Cyna in playoff

Time and again, she has stood head and shoulders above her local counterparts. But ranged against a crack international field toughened up by a slew of Thai pro aces, amateur Princess Superal still proved to be a cut above the rest.

Though it was Cyna Rodriguez whom she humbled in a playoff duel for another pro crown in the ICTSI LPGT Wack Wack Ladies Invitational, Superal showed up the Thais with her gutsy brand of play, including Wichanee Meechai, who came into the event oozing with confidence following a record 15-shot romp at Splendido.



- TOURNAMENT:** WACK WACK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (WEST)
- DATES:** APRIL 28, 2015 – APRIL 30, 2015
- VENUE:** WACK WACK GOLF & CC (WEST)
- PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 500,000

Pennapa Pulsawath, also from Thailand, actually took charge in the opener of the 54-hole championship with an early burst of birdies – five in the first 11 holes en route to a three-under 69 that overshadowed Superal's hole-in-one feat on No. 8 of Wack Wack's West course.

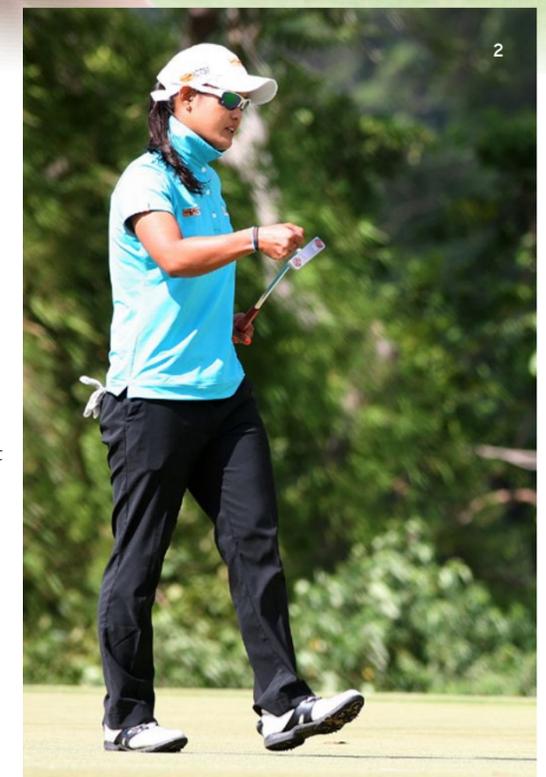
Despite her ace, Superal settled for a 72, matching Meechai's start and besting Rodriguez's 73 in a flight that featured

three of the chief contenders for the top P100,000 purse.

Make that two as Superal knew she won't pocket the prize even if she wins the championship. But the former US Girls' Junior titlist went for it just the same, rallying back from three down to force a tie after two rounds then nipping Rodriguez, the reigning back-to-back ICTSI LPGT Order of Merit champion, on the first

playoff hole to snare the crown.

"I'm so happy to win it. I had near misses to clinch it outright in regulation but I never lost my focus and confidence that I could win this one," said Superal, who has posted a number of playoff victories in her rise to fame, including one against Mexican Marijosse Navarro to capture the US Girls' Junior crown in 2014.



(1) Amateur Princess Superal (left) sizes up Wichanee Meechai, who came off a record 15-shot victory in the opening leg at Splendido, outclassing the Thai ace in regulation then edging Cyna Rodriguez in sudden death to nail another pro crown (left photo). (2) Rodriguez comes one putt short to win the championship but still goes home with the top money prize.

Superal knocked down a solid 8-iron approach shot from 130 yards on their second trip on the par-4 No. 18 to within five feet then watched Rodriguez dump hers into the greenside bunker and blast to over 30 feet off the cup, clinching the victory with a routine two-putt par.

It was The Country Club bet's third pro championship, the first two she claimed in emphatic fashions, further reinforcing calls for her to leave the ranks and join the big league.

But the young shotmaker would have none of it. Her coach Bong Lopez also isn't keen on pushing her to the big league soon, stressing the need for her to toughen up mentally.

"We're not rushing things up. She still has to polish her short game and putting, compete in more tournaments for her to toughen up," said Lopez, the man at the helm of the TCC golf program.

Lopez specifically pointed to her ward's shaky stint in the second round when after wiping out Pulsawath's overnight three-shot lead, she blew her crack at the solo lead with three late bogeys, enabling Chihiro Ikeda and Meechai to force a tie.

The final round actually headed for a wild, wild finish as Thais Saraporn Chamchoi and Meechai joined Rodriguez and Superal in the lead at even par total in the closing holes. But Chamchoi bogeyed the 18th and settled for a 69 and 217 for joint third with Meechai, who stayed on course for a second straight win until she fumbled with back-to-back bogeys from No. 15, needing a chip-in par on the last hole to salvage a 73.

Ikeda bowed out early with a bogey on No. 15 and holed out with another bogey for a 74 and ended up solo fifth at 218.

Fudolin, just one shot off the three leaders with 18 holes

to play, stood within striking distance with a birdie on No. 13 but faded with back-to-back bogeys from No. 15, hobbling with a 75 and dropping to joint sixth at 220 with Korean amateur Eu Na Koh, who carded a 74.

Superal missed grabbing the lead with a flubbed five-footer for birdie on No. 17 and bungled winning it outright when her putt from 25 feet out on the last hole fell short off target. She wound up with a third straight 72 for a 216.

Rodriguez posted the first even-par aggregate with a four-under 68 she highlighted with four birdies at the back as the fancied pro, who won half of the eight titles disputed in 2014 to emerge the top player for the second straight year, made true her vow to end the Thais emergence in the circuit after Meechai came away with a record romp at ICTSI Splendido.



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But Superal had other things in mind.

"Coach Bong (Lopez) told me before the round that I should stay focused, not to be intimidated by the pros and make the most of the opportunity," said Superal.

While Superal took the pro crown, her third after her record Baguio romp in 2013 and her Sherwood feat in 2014. Rodriguez pocketed the top P100,000 purse in the third leg of the eight-stage circuit organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

(4) With another victory in the pro ranks, things are looking up indeed for the former US Girls' Junior champion. (5) Too late a charge for Saraporn Chamchoi in the final round as the Thai shotmaker falls just one stroke of joining Princess Superal and Cyna Rodriguez in sudden death. (6) Wobbly stints around the green continue to hound Chihiro Ikeda, who extended her winless run despite a solid 70 start. (7) Pennapa Pulsawath of Thailand is right on target with a lead-grabbing 69 in the opener only to shoot blanks in the second round en route to an 84. (8) Frustration is written all over Apple Fudolin's face after muffing a birdie putt so crucial in her title drive. (9) With rounds of 79 and 77, Thai Hathaikarn Wongwaikijphaisal mulls over her missed drives and shots on Wack Wack's gutter.

ICTSI WACK WACK LADIES INVITATIONAL FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	Rep	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	Princess Superal	AM	72	72	72	216	0	Playoff
	Cyna Rodriguez	PHL	73	75	68	216	0	P100,000
3=	Saraporn Chamchoi	THA	75	73	69	217	1	P57,500
3=	Wichanee Meechai	THA	72	72	73	217	1	P57,500
5	Chihiro Ikeda	PHL	70	74	74	218	2	P36,000

BACK IN THE Groove

Cyna breaks slump, tops Riviera by six

Cyna Rodriguez isn't so used to coming out empty-handed that she thought of going back to the range and practice green to regain her bearing and touch. Using a long break to polish her shotmaking and putting skills, the back-to-back Order of Merit champion is back to what she does best in the first two years of the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour.

Win.

"I just thought of the need to put it all back together since I kind of struggled in the first three legs. The desire (to win) was there but I knew something was lacking. So I practiced a lot during a lull in the circuit," said Rodriguez, who has turned the country's first-ever ladies pro tour into a virtual playground by winning the OOM titles in emphatic fashion.



TOURNAMENT: ICTSI RIVIERA LADIES CLASSIC
DATES: MAY 27, 2015 – MAY 29, 2015
VENUE: RIVIERA GOLF CLUB (COUPLES)
PRIZE MONEY: PHP 500,000

The break did put a stop to her spell after three legs of the 2015 circuit, including a heartbreaking playoff setback to amateur ace Princess Superal at Wack Wack Ladies Invitational. And it hinted at the coming of another dominant campaign by the former University of Southern California standout, who struggled to finish sixth in the kickoff leg at the ICTSI Ladies Open won by Korean Hwang Ye-nah and finished tied for seventh at ICTSI Splendido topped by Thai Meechai Wichanee.

While Sarah Ababa sizzled in the opener with a solid 68, Rodriguez bided her time and turned in a 70 with a host of others laying just a stroke or two behind, suggesting a tight finish in the 54-hole championship.

But it remained a hint as Rodriguez finally got her rhythm back and waxed hot in the second round, using an early binge of birdies to seize control. She actually went on a backside meltdown but her 69 proved enough to get her past Ababa for

Like a tiger on the prowl, Cyna Rodriguez (1) stalks then gobbles up the opposition to finally nail a win (left photo) after four legs in her trademark fashion – via romp. (2) One missed putt from close range is enough to make Sarah Ababa smirk and fall off the leaderboard. (3) Dead-beat playing in scorching condition and a poor game, amateur Hwang Min-jeong bounced back from an opening 78 to salvage joint fourth and bag the low amateur honors.

a two-stroke lead heading to the last 18 holes of the P500,000 event.

The rest succumbed to the wind-raked Couples course's challenge and Rodriguez's fast start and dropped out of the title chase. Lovelyn Guioguio made a 73 and fell 10 strokes off the pace at 149 for third, reducing the battle for the top P100,000 to a two-player affair.

Korean amateur Eu Na Koh stood at fourth at 150 despite a 78 as defending champion Jayvie Agojo, who had a decent 72 start, also failed to land a birdie in a bogey-marred 79 that all but dropped her from the title race at 151 in a tie with another Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong, who rebounded with a 73.

Hard-pressed to deliver after losing to Superal, Rodriguez pounced on Ababa's bogey start in the final round and bested her rival's birdie on the par-5 No. 2 with an eagle and went on to blow the field away in the way she whipped them in her previous wins.

Though Ababa fought back with a two-shot swing on No. 4 with another birdie coupled

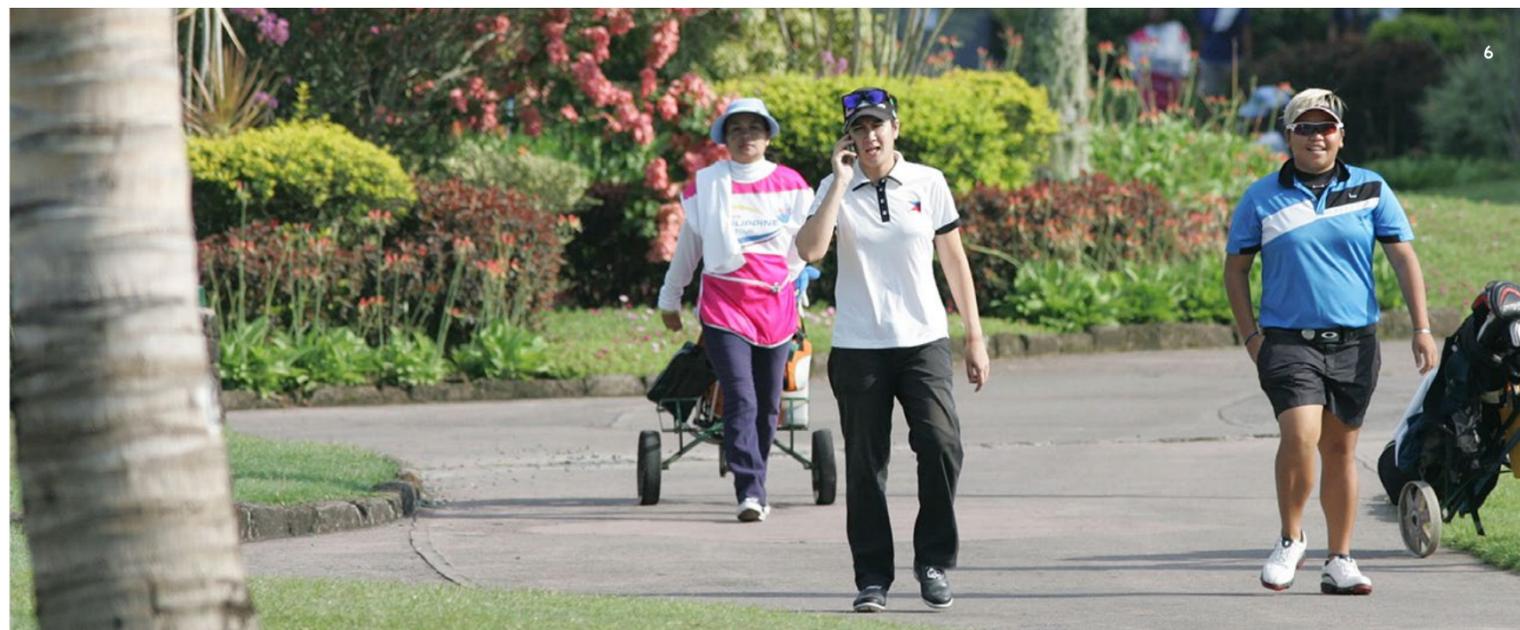
with Rodriguez's bogey to move within two again, the latter birdied No. 7 and 9 for a 33 and pulled six shots away as Ababa bogeyed Nos. 6 and 9 and made the turn at 37.

It was cruise control for Rodriguez in the last nine holes, negating her bogey mishaps on Nos. 11 and 13 with back-to-back birdies to close out the tournament, her second three-under card giving her a 54-hole aggregate of eight-under 208.

Ababa also carded a second 73 and finished way behind at 214 and took P70,000 for her second runner-up effort after finishing tied with Thai Satarak Walailak at ICTSI Splendido.

Guioguio strung up three straight birdies from No. 6 but could only match Ababa's 73 as she placed third with a 222 worth P45,000 while Agojo matched par 72 and settled for a share of fourth with Hwang, who also carded a 72, at 223.

But more than the money purse, Rodriguez celebrated her getting back to fighting, winning form, which could spell big trouble for her rivals the rest of the season.



(4) Cyna Rodriguez looks beyond her target – and perhaps to the next tournament – after pounding her rivals on her way to another runaway triumph. (5) Former Philippine Ladies Open titlist and LPGT leg winner Jayvie Agojo glints as she checks her putting grip and the line of her putt but blinked with a sky-high 79 card in the second round. (6) No. Anya Tanpinco (left) isn't 'calling a friend' for an advice over her not-so-inspiring performance but simply cashes in on the chance to make a phone call as she and Chihiro Ikeda (right) head to the next tee. (7) Despite her not-so-encouraging results, Tracy Que remains focused on every shot, every putt. (8) Korean Kim So Un glistens with her awesome form off the tee but still lacks some spunk in her short game needed to completely sparkle.

ICTSI RIVIERA LADIES CLASSIC FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	Rep	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	Cyna Rodriguez	PHL	70	69	69	208	-8	P100,000
2	Sarah Ababa	PHL	68	73	73	214	-2	P70,000
3	Lovelyn Guioguio	PHL	76	73	73	222	6	P45,000
4=	Hwang Min-jeong	AM-KOR	78	73	72	223	7	
4=	Jayvie Agojo	PHL	72	79	72	223	7	P36,000

FIRST TIME

Ababa finally swings to the top of the heap



How time flies, indeed. A year after giving Cyna Rodriguez a victory lift at LPGT Orchard Classic, Sarah Ababa gets the compliment from her pal this time after scoring a breakthrough at the Sherwood Ladies Championship.



TOURNAMENT: ICTSI SHERWOOD LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP
DATES: JUNE 16, 2015 – JUNE 18, 2015
VENUE: SHERWOOD HILLS GOLF CLUB
PRIZE MONEY: PHP 500,000

For her guts, grit and determination, Sarah Ababa finally felt how it was like on the podium. But her climb to the top didn't come easy. In fact, she had to go through tough times and experience stinging setbacks to understand victory.

And when it finally came, it wiped away all the heartbreaks and heartaches that must've toughened up the shotmaker from talent-rich Davao.

"It's a great feeling winning for the first time," said Ababa, who fended off Chihiro Ikeda and Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong to nail the elusive crown in the ICTSI Sherwood

Ladies Championship. "I've been looking for this one for a long time."

She actually appeared headed for the breakthrough at Riviera in the previous leg where she took charge of the field with a solid start. But like in her past campaigns, she would lose steam, succumb to pressure or simply yield to her more talented rivals.

But at Sherwood, she came armed to the teeth.

Never mind if she had wavered a bit late in the first round and blew the lead on a three-bogey string mishap from No. 15 for a 73, enabling Ikeda to wrest early control with a 71. Never mind if she fancied Cyna Rodriguez had shot

(1) Chihiro Ikeda has time and again proved she can be a contender with a strong start, only she needs to come up with a strong finish to finally nail the elusive win. (2) Korean Hwang Min-jeong might have fallen short of stopping Sarah Ababa but the awesome form and big fighting heart she showed in all three days proved enough to net her the top amateur honors and earn the respect of the pros.

herself in the foot with a 76 and never got back to contend. Even the best is entitled to some off days.

And some are due for the big one.

Ababa survived a late foldup with gutsy pars then pounced on Ikeda's bogey on the 17th to nail her maiden win on the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour despite a closing three-over card at the Sherwood Hills Golf Club.

But she had to buck a shaky windup to realize her dream, closing out with three pars from long range and watching Ikeda fumble with a late bogey. She pocketed the top purse of P100,000 with a 54-hole total of 220, four-over par over a course that played tough in all three days.

Ikeda actually tied Ababa at the helm after four holes in the final round but a double-bogey on No. 5 and a bogey on the ninth dropped her farther back by three at the turn. She pulled to within one again with two holes left after Ababa stumbled with a bogey on No. 13 and dropped two strokes on the par-5 15th but mishit her approach shot on the par-4 17th and failed to return a six-footer for par.

She also ended up with a 75 and with Hwang, finished the way they began the final round – two shots behind.

"I'm happy with the result since it's been a long time since I wound up second. Hopefully, I'll find myself on top next," said Ikeda, who shared runner-up honors with Hwang, who also had a 75, at 222.

Rodriguez closed out her stint in the fifth leg of the eight-stage circuit organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. the way she started it – struggling – with the back-to-back Order of Merit champion limping with a 77 and turning in her worst finish of 15-over 231 for fourth.

Anya Tanpinco made an 80 and placed fifth at 233, Korean Kim So Un had an 81 for sixth at 234, Koh Eu Na, another Korean amateur, stood a shot farther back at 235 after a 78 while Thai Amolkan Phalajivin rebounded with a 76 for a 236.

Ikeda and Hwang moved within one early as Ababa started out with a missed-green bogey with Ikeda tying Ababa with a birdie on the par-5 No. 4 for the third straight day. But the Fil-Japanese shotmaker made a double-bogey on the fifth and bogeyed the ninth for a 38, the same output put in by Hwang as the duo fell by three heading to the backside where Ababa rose to the challenge to finally hit paydirt.



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(3) Sarah Ababa seems to point to her caddy where they are headed for – to the top. (4) Anya Tanpinco does some strut moves as pal Cyna Rodriguez picks up her tee but fails to strut her stuff and fuel her title drive after a decent 75 start. (5) Failing to stick it out with the pacesetters, Rodriguez sticks out her tongue instead as she downplays her struggle after posting a runaway win at Riviera. (6) With her looks and form, amateur Kim So Un could be the next Korean star to shine in the local circuit. (7) The way Amolkan Phalajivin holds her umbrella typifies the Thai shotmaker's fumble in the second round where she shot an 84. (8) Lina de Guzman spreads her wings as if she wants to go the way of her scores – soaring.

ICTSI SHERWOOD LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	Rep	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	Sarah Ababa	PHL	73	72	75	220	4	P100,000
2=	Hwang Min-jeong	AM-KOR	73	74	75	222	6	
2=	Chihiro Ikeda	PHL	71	76	75	222	6	P70,000
4	Cyna Rodriguez	PHL	76	78	77	231	15	P45,000
5	Anya Tanpinco	PHL	75	78	80	233	17	P36,000

TURNING POINT

Corpus finishes strong, clinches Luisita crown



While most players come into big-time tournaments seeking and expecting a win, Cristina Corpus hardly gives a thought of hoisting a championship trophy.

So when she did lift one, the Fil-Am shotmaker was as shocked as probably with the rest of her peers.

"I'm really amazed with how I played but I really didn't expect to win," said Corpus, who has never gained a crack at the championship in her previous campaigns on the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour until she caught up with Thailand's Walailak Satarak at the helm in the second round of the ICTSI Luisita Ladies Challenge.

A lowly 53rd place effort at the ICTSI Ladies at Southlinks to start the season must've convinced the 26-year-old bet from Orlando, Florida that she's far from reaching fighting form, at least, and still has a lot to improve to be able to contend.

But she did turn in better finishes – although far from being impressive – in her next three legs – tied for 11th at Wack Wack, solo seventh at Riviera and joint ninth at Sherwood.

A one-under 35 to start her campaign at the quaint Luisita Golf and Country Club layout somehow hinted at the coming of an explosive weekend for Corpus, who has never tasted victory – or close to it – since winning the Suncoast tournament in Florida in 2012.

But then again, the challenge at the tight, tree-lined layout on a hot, humid day and the pressure to do better against a crack international field must have taken their toll on her as she bogeyed the first two holes at the back and dropped two more strokes on Nos. 16 and 17 to finish with a 75, three off Chamchoi Saraporn of Thailand.

But as Chamchoi turned from impressive to mediocre with an atrocious 80 in the second day, Corpus kept her poise in demanding condition, stringing a pair of 37s, her 74

-  **TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI LUISITA LADIES CHALLENGE
-  **DATES:** JULY 22, 2015 – JULY 24, 2015
-  **VENUE:** LUISITA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
-  **PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 500,000

With the local aces roughed up by the Thais in shotmaking and putting, Fil-Am Cristina Corpus steps up with superb shots from the roughs (1) to post a smooth three-stroke romp (2) over Walailak Satarak. (3) Satarak takes a look at Sarah Ababa's line of putt from behind the Filipino bet but the Thai ace still fell short of her come-from-behind bid. (4) A birdie off the fringe is enough to make Supakchaya Pattaranakrueang smile but the Thai shotmaker's closing 70 still failed to produce a happy ending.



proving enough to shove her to the lead alongside Satarak, who shot a 73 for 149s.

Sarah Ababa, coming off a victory at Sherwood, stayed in the hunt for back-to-back title

run at 152 despite a birdie-less 78 in a tie with Chamchoi while Lovelyn Guioguio stood at 153 after a 75 in a tie with former Splendido champion Amolkan Phalajivin, who had a 78.

That made the final round of the 54-hole championship worth watching.

And Corpus dished out a gem of a closer for all the world to see.

Unleashing a strong finishing kick, Corpus stunned Satarak with a 34 for a 70, turning what was expected to be a shootout into a romp – a three-stroke victory over the Thai ace.

She actually surged ahead by one after a tight frontside duel then pulled away by rattling off three birdies in the first four holes at the tough backside of Luisita that had bedeviled the games of the rest of the field.

But Corpus saved her best for last, humbling a slew of Thai challengers and local aces Guioguio and Ababa with her fiery backside charge to finally clinch the elusive win at 219.

“My irons and short game made it all possible and I became

confident after I birdied No. 10 and went 2-up over Satarak,” said Corpus who banked the top P100,000 purse, her biggest since her Florida feat.

Satarak failed to match Corpus’ sizzling backside start and finished with a 36 for a 73 and a 222 for second worth P70,000 while Supakchaya

Pattaranakrueang also carded a 70 and finished tied for third with compatriot and first round leader Chamchoi, who turned in a 73, at 225.

Ababa, the third player in the final group but stood three shots behind the joint leaders, threatened in the early going with a birdie on No. 4 but didn’t

hit another until the 15th when she was already way behind after two bogeys and a disastrous triple-bogey seven on No. 14.

She ended up at joint sixth with a 40 and a 77 for a 229, three behind fifth placer Guioguio, who had a 73 and a 226 while Phalajivin lost her rhythm after an even par 36 start, limping

with a 42 at the challenging for a 78 and a 231.

While the win was beyond her expectations, it surely became a motivation as Corpus gears up for a next crack at glory – this time, with high hopes.

(3) Hitting an errant drive into the dreaded Luisita woods, Walailak Satarak is forced to play out, losing her grip of the joint lead in the process and enabling Cristina Corpus to scoot home to her maiden victory. (4) Saraporn Chamchoi pulls off on an escape in-between the trees but couldn’t pull it out in the end with a closing 73. (5) A birdie putt in the early going pumps up Lovelyn Guioguio, who however couldn’t sink the ones that mattered most in the end. (6) Thai Amolkan Phalajivin seems to have called off her title bid even before the final round is fired off. (7) Korean Oh Yeji elicits the oohs and aahs with her form but couldn’t draw the scores she needed to boost her forgettable ranking.

ICTSI LUISITA LADIES CHALLENGE FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	Rep	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	Cristina Corpus	USA	75	74	70	219	3	P100,000
2	Walailak Satarak	THA	76	73	73	222	6	P70,000
3=	Supakchaya Pattarankrueang	THA	75	80	70	225	9	P40,500
3=	Saraporn Chamchoi	THA	72	80	73	225	9	P40,500
5	Lovelyn Guioguio	PHL	78	75	73	226	10	P32,000

TOUGH AS NAILS



Ranged against fancied pro Cyna Rodriguez and talented fellow amateur Princess Superal, young Korean Hwang Min-jeong never backed down, facing the local aces head-on and coming through with a thrilling two-stroke victory (right photo) over the Filipina duo.

Gritty Korean humbles local aces in thriller of a finish



-  **TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI MT. MALARAYAT LADIES CLASSIC
-  **DATES:** SEPT. 2, 2015 – SEPT. 4, 2015
-  **VENUE:** MT. MALARAYAT GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
-  **PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 500,000

Dragged into a pressure-packed ending she never had grasped of, Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong did the next best thing – mind her own business.

The result was more than what she – and the rest – expected.

“I actually didn’t watch (Princess) Superal hit her shots and just concentrated on my game,” said Hwang after hacking out her biggest triumph in a young career.

Rightly so. Outlasting a decorated player as Superal and humbling a pro field spoke well of the character of the 14-year-old lass, who steeled herself up in a bone-crunching stretch and drilled in a clutch seven-foot birdie putt on No. 16, nipping the former US Girls’ Junior champion and two-time Order of Merit winner Cyna Rodriguez by two for the ICTSI Mt. Malarayat Ladies Classic crown.

“There was so much pressure in the last three holes and I thought I would lose my lead and the title,” said Hwang, who

wiped out Superal’s overnight one-shot lead with a 35 at the front of Mt. Malarayat’s composite courses in Lipa, Batangas City, moved up by one with a birdie on No. 10 then matched her fancied rival’s pars and a birdie in the next five holes before pulling away on the 16th.

That was poise as the mainstay of Riviera and Grade 9 student at Holy Infant School in Muntinlupa humbled two of the country’s premier players with her closing 68 and a winning 210.

(1) Amateur Princess Superal is all focused all throughout, shunning all distractions but still falling short of her drive for a fourth pro victory. (2) A clutch birdie midway through the final round thrusts Cyna Rodriguez into joint lead with Hwang Min-jeong, only to reel back with a rollercoaster finish.



Not only that, with her father Korean pro Hwang Yun-suk as her lone supporter, she also bucked the pressure from the local gallery rooting for a Filipina victory in the 54-hole penultimate stage of the eight-leg ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour.

The win was so big that she did it over Superal, who came into the final round oozing with confidence and upbeat for another pro victory after seizing control with a 70 in the second round. The top The Country Club bet fumbled with a bogey on No. 4 but went 2-up with a birdie on the par-5 No. 5 which Hwang bogeyed.

But she dropped a stroke on the par-3 No. 8 which Hwang birdied as the two amateurs tied again for the lead at four-under before Superal dropped off the pace with a flubbed birdie putt from six feet on No. 10 then fell farther back with another bogey on the 16th. She birdied the 18th to finish with a 71 and a 212.

In a flight ahead, Rodriguez, three behind Superal after 36 holes, rattled off two birdies at the front then birdied the 10th to tie Hwang in the lead but fell back with a bogey-birdie-bogey-birdie roll from No. 12. She also birdied the closing par-5 hole for a 68 and tied Superal for second.

Jayvie Agojo carded a 71 to finish solo fourth at 215 while Sherwood leg winner Sarah Ababa placed fifth with a 220 after a 75 followed by Lovelyn Guioguo (74-223), Apple Fudolin (73-224), Korean Kim So Un (74-226) and amateurs Yuka Saso (76-277) and Abby Arevalo (79-227).

But while Rodriguez banked another P100,000 and secured her third straight Order of Merit crown heading to the final leg at Southwoods, it was Hwang who came out of the tournament with the biggest smile – humbling the country's two stars with her guts and poise at the finish.

(3) Hwang Min-jeong, with her fellow Koreans and supporters, rushes to her father, pro Hwang Yun-suk, to celebrate a milestone in a young career. (4) Despite her frame, Princess Superal could see and finish better than taller, heftier rivals. (5) Majonie Pulumbarit finds too many blocks to at least a decent finish, ending up outside the top 10 with another run of scores in the 80s. (6) Apple Fudolin (right) and Kim So Un take different routes after teeing off but nearly produced the same result with the Filipina finishing fifth and the Korean placing sixth. (7) A spectacular blast off a deep bunker draws raves but England's Sarah Henderson hardly climbed to a desired ranking with another string of over-par cards.

ICTSI MOUNT MALARAYAT LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	Rep	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	Hwang Min-jeong	AM-KOR	71	71	68	210	-6	
2=	Princess Superal	AM-PHL	71	70	71	212	-4	
2=	Cyna Rodriguez	PHL	71	73	68	212	-4	P100,000
4	Jayvie Agojo	PHL	72	72	71	215	-1	P70,000
5	Sarah Ababa	PHL	75	70	75	220	4	P45,000



A warm embrace from a fellow Thai comes after red-hot Wannasiri Sirisampant scorched the Southwoods layout with a 66 to rout the elite field and bag the crown (right photo).



-  **TOURNAMENT:** ICTSI MANILA SOUTHWOODS LADIES CLASSIC
-  **DATES:** OCT. 27, 2015 – OCT. 29, 2015
-  **VENUE:** MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
-  **PRIZE MONEY:** PHP 500,000

ROARING FINISH

Sirisampant routs field to make it 2 for Thais

They say there's always a first time and Thai Wannasiri Sirisampant made the most of her maiden stint on the local circuit by ruling the final leg of what had been another successful season of the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour.

While she had hoped to score a win like any player would, Sirisampant didn't expect much what with a field going all out for top honors in the tour's closing leg and a daunting course that poised so much challenge for a player just feeling

her way around the bunker-laden layout.

But thanks to a strong stint to end the second round and a stronger finish to close out the tournament, Sirisampant found herself a bewildered winner of the P500,000 championship – by a mile.

Saving her best for last, Sirisampant birdied four of the last six holes for a solid 66 and turned what was expected to be a down-to-the-wire finish into a runaway victory as Fil-Japanese Chihiro Ikeda and the rest of her pursuers, including second

day leader Yuka Saso, hobbled with over par scores and faded in the title chase.

Tied with Ikeda, Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong and compatriot Saraporn Chamchoi at second after 36 holes, Sirisampant surged ahead with a one-birdie stint at the front and watched her rivals fall off the leaderboard with bogey-riddled starts.

Ikeda, who has won a number of titles in her checkered amateur career but still in chase for a breakthrough win in the pros, actually stayed within two

with a birdie on No. 11. But Sirisampant birdied Nos. 13 and 14, holed out with routine pars in the next two before capping her bogey-free round with back-to-back birdies to spike her title romp on her very first try in the circuit sponsored by International Container Terminal Services, Inc.

She wound up with a 10-under 203 aggregate and took the top P100,000 prize as she became the second Thai to win on the tour in 2015 after Meechai Wichanee likewise routed the field to reign at ICTSI Splendido.

(1) After moving into title contention with back-to-back under-par cards, Chihiro Ikeda's chances dim on the greens in the final round. (2) If not for a shaky opening round 73, Jayvive Aqojo could've lined herself up for a crack at a second LPGT championship.



“My irons clicked and I made the most of my birdie chances,” said Sirisampant after nailing her second win in a five-year pro career. The lanky 24-year-old shotmaker from Nakhonnayok, who leaned on a three-birdie binge to shoot a 70 and moved within one off Saso after 36 holes, scored her maiden victory in Thailand Singha Championship in 2012.

Ikeda tied Saso for the lead with a birdie on the opening hole but dropped three shots in a five-hole stretch from No. 3 to fall behind again. She canned in a six-footer for birdie on No. 11 but failed to match Sirisampant’s fiery finish, ending up with a 72 for second at 209 worth P70,000.

Jayvie Agojo tried to rally from five strokes down with three birdies in the first 10 holes but missed a couple of birdie putts in the closing holes and settled for a 68 and joint third at 210 with first round leader Mookharin Ladgratok, also from Thailand, who rallied



with a 69, and ICTSI Mt. Malarayat winner Hwang, who limped with a 73.

Saso, who showed a lot of promise when she surged ahead of the pack with a 69 and 67, cracked under pressure, bogeying the par-3 seventh and holing out with a disastrous triple bogey on No. 8. The amateur club bet tried to rebound with birdies on Nos. 11 and 14 but hit a wayward shot on No. 17 and made a double bogey for a 75 and a 211.

Other two-under par overall scorers were

Sarah Ababa, the ICTSI Sherwood leg champion who also fumbled with a 74, the same output put in by Chamchoi, while Supakchaya Pattaranakrueng, another Thai ace, shot a 69 and shared ninth place at 213 with Apple Fudolin, who carded a 73.

The Thais’ two-title romp in the circuit should lure more foreign participants and at the same time challenge the local players in the next ICTSI LPGT season.

(3) Wannasiri Sirisampant whoops it up with her fellow Thais after scoring her maiden victory on the local circuit. (4) Had Mookharin Ladgratok pinned her hopes on her putting and not on something else, the Thai ace would’ve sustained a brilliant opening day charge. (5) Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong shows her father-caddie what she thinks of the break she needs to sink a crucial putt and stay as close as they are to the leader in the second round. (6) A final round foldup will surely make second day leader amateur Yuka Saso tougher, hungrier. (7) Whether Kim So Un is studying the contours of the surface or Sarah Ababa’s behind only the Korean shotmaker would know. (8) Whether Majorie Pulumbarit (center) is showing Piyathida Ployumsri (left) how she swings or the latest dance craze, it was enough to get the Thai bet break into a smile though Eva Miñoza (right) is hardly tickled. (9) Heidi Chua is all eyes on the ball in a vintage bunker shot by the former Philippine Ladies Open champion.

ICTSI MANILA SOUTHWOODS LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING								
Rank	Names	Rep	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	Wannasiri Sirisampant	THA	67	70	66	203	-10	P100,000
2	Chihiro Ikeda	PHL	67	70	72	209	-4	P70,000
3=	Jayvie Agojo	PHL	73	69	68	210	-3	P37,666
3=	Mookharin Ladgratok	THA	66	75	69	210	-3	P37,666
3=	Hwang Min-jeong	AM-KOR	67	70	73	210	-3	



BLAZING WINDUP

Superal, Del Rosario anchor Team TCC's banner season

A string of victories to close out the season, including four straight from lead player Princess Superal, highlighted another banner year for The Country Club team that saw it rack up 42 wins on local and international fronts.

Pauline del Rosario actually sparked Team TCC's strong windup, winning Thailand's premier amateur crown, the Thai Ladies Open, behind a strong start en route to nipping top local bet Paphangkorn Tavatanakit by one at the Phoenix Golf Club in Pattaya,

It was the 17-year-old Del Rosario's second National Open victory in the year as she also topped the Malaysian Ladies Open,

underscoring her readiness to assume the starring role for Team TCC with Superal ready to move to the big league. The Thai Ladies Open win was also a big follow-up to Del Rosario's triumph in the Canlubang Amateur Open.

Del Rosario actually emerged the winningest among the TCC group, finishing with an 11-title haul, including the Sport Excel, also in Malaysia, the Keppel



Singapore Junior, the Bing Cosby Memorial, the Lakewood Summer #1, the 87th San Francisco Juniors, the Willowick Tournament, the Sarawak Chief Minister's Cup and the Singha Thailand Junior World. She also clinched a berth in the US Girls' Junior Championship.

"She's been working hard to polish her all-around game. What impresses me is her ability to mix golf and school. To be good in academics and golf is quite tough. And that separates Pauline from the rest," said Team TCC coach Bong Lopez of her prized ward, a high school

(1) Princess Superal (left) holds her huge trophy as she poses with fellow winners Pauline del Rosario (center) and Mikhaela Fortuna after leading the The Country Club bets' sweep of the San Francisco Junior tournament. Superal (2) and Del Rosario (3) flaunt the form that netted them big victories abroad. (4) Del Rosario (left) and Fortuna display their trophies after sweeping the Class A and B crowns, respectively, in the Sportexcel Junior golf tournament in Malaysia.



senior at De La Salle-Zobel, freshman at University of Kansas.

Team TCC was formed in 2005 after the Manila SEA Games through the initiative of ICTSI top honcho Ricky Razon and Public Relations head Narlene Soriano in their effort to help produce world-class golfers, foremost of whom are Cyna Rodriguez, who is now campaigning on the LPGA Tour, and Symetra Tour mainstays Dottie Ardina and Mia Piccio.

After a 10-week title spell, Superal, 19, finally did what she does best – win championships. She dominated the Sabah International Junior Masters in November then swept the next three – the Sarawak Chief Minister’s Cup, also in Malaysia, the SICC/DBS Singapore Junior and the Pondok Indah Junior in Jakarta.

She would actually stretched that amazing win run to seven with big victories to start the 2016 season, romping off with the Hong Kong Ladies Amateur Open, the Philippine Ladies Open and the W Express RVF Cup Championship.

But that’s another story.

“Being winless for two months is a big deal for a caliber of a player like Princess. So when she finally hit her stride and regained her winning touch, there was no stopping her,” said Team TCC assistant mentor Nestor Mendoza.

The 2014 US Girls’ Junior champion has earlier won the Toyota Cup at Menifee Lakes, the Faldo Series Asia Finals, the True Visions Junior Thailand and the 87th San Francisco Juniors in August before going into a mini slump.

Superal also won the LPGT Wack Wack Championship, humbling Rodriguez in a playoff to add the crown to her pro victories in Baguio in 2013 and Sherwood in 2014.

Sofia Chabon, Mikhaela Fortuna, Samantha Martirez, Bernice Olivarez-Ilas and Abby Arevalo also churned out victories of their own abroad that augured well for this bumper crop of young players groomed as the country’s future stars.

(5) Del Rosario with her huge trophy after nailing the Thailand Ladies Amateur Open title. (6) Abby Arevalo hoists her crown after posting a runaway win in FCG World Championship in Temecula, California. (7) Sam Martirez (left) and TCC teammate Sofia Chabon hold their trophies after completing a 1-2 finish in the Kids Golf World Championship Malaysia. (8) Superal picks up another victory in Sarawak.

“We actually slowed down midway in the season but overall, it was another solid year for our compact team although we had a number of near misses which could’ve gone our way,” said Lopez.

Chabon, 15 and on a home study program via The Masters Academy, topped the RSGC AmBank Malaysia, the Big “I” Qualifier, the Bing Cosby Memorial, Upland Hills, SICC/DBS Juniors, Westlake Junior and the Ping 2 Day at River Ridge and also made the grade in the PAL Junior World Qualifying.

Fortuna, also 15, posted victories in the Mission Hills Jack Nicklaus, the 87th San Francisco Junior, the Sabah International Junior and the Pondok Indah Junior while

Martirez also clinched a berth in the PAL Junior World elims and nailed wins in the Costa Mesa, Skylinks #2, Kids Golf World Malaysia and Recreation Park #1.

The 14-year-old Olivarez-Ilas, also from De La Salle-Zobel, scored triumphs in the Keppel Singapore Junior, the Westlake Junior, the Ping 2 Day at River Ridge, the AmBank Junior Tournament and the Pondok Indah Junior while Arevalo came away with a dominating victory in the FCG World Championship in California and ruled the RSBC AmBank Junior Amateur Open Championship in Malaysia.

With Superal showing the way with early three wins, Lopez expects his wards to further shine in 2016 with all his players

ready for bigger, tougher tournaments here and abroad even as he stressed the need to improve their short game and putting.

Team TCC also has a new recruit in Kayla Nocum with Laia Barro and Mafy Singson trying out for spots in the elite squad.

“It will all be hard work because there is no short cut to success,” said Lopez, who also stressed the need for his wards to focus on physical fitness.

“I always believe that being physically fit gives one the edge,” added the noted teaching pro as certified by Jack Nicklaus in 1997 and the USGTF in 2006 and a Philippine Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year awardee in 2014.



(9) Low and junior medalist Del Rosario (left) poses with Fortuna after winning the Team Howell Championship in the 85th Women’s Transnational Championship in Washington. (10) Fortuna beams after copping the Pondok Indah International Golf Championship in Indonesia. (11) Olivarez-Ilas displays her medal after ruling West Lake Summer Championship in California. (12) Arevalo (left) and Chabon with their trophies after sweeping the RSGC AmBank Junior Amateur Open Championship in Kuala Lumpur. (13) Superal (left) and Chabon hold their trophies after sweeping the 24th SICC/DBS Junior Invitational Golf Championship titles in Singapore.



Slumpin' **SUPERAL** *no more*

Rattles off 4 win-in-row
to break 10-week spell

There was a growing air of concern when Princess Superal, who could not seem to close out a month without logging a win, had seemed to lose her winning touch after claiming the overall championship in the 87th San Francisco Junior golf tournament at the Lincoln Park Golf Club in San Francisco in late August.

A missed cut stint in the US Women's Amateurs, an eighth place effort in the British Amateur and so-so finishes in a couple more events kept The Country Club ace out of the podium the next 10 weeks, casting doubts on her form that once looked like ready for the big league.

"It happens to the best of them," said TCC coach Bong Lopez, referring to his prized ward's spell. "I think it's just a matter of time before she puts it all together and starts doing what she does best – winning."

And win she did.

Superal broke a long slump with an emphatic wire-to-wire victory in the Sabah International Junior Masters, closing out with a five-under 67 and beating The Country Club teammate Pauline del Rosario by eight at the Sabah Golf Club in Kota Kinabalu while ending the latter's run of victories following her thrilling wins in the Thailand Amateur Open and Thailand Juniors.

More importantly, the victory snapped a run of failed bids for the former US Girls' Junior champion, including a runner-up finish at LPGT Mt. Malarayat. She had earlier won the Toyota Cup at Menifee Lakes, snatched another pro win at LPGT Wack Wack Championship and topped the Faldo Series Asia Finals and the True Visions Junior in Thailand.

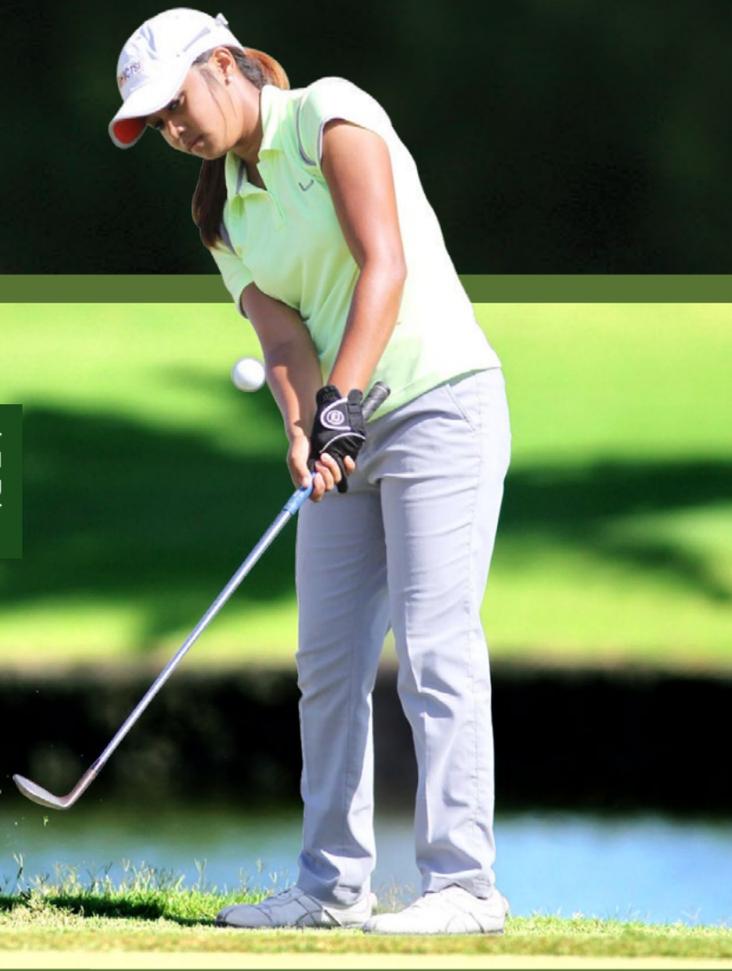
The Sabah triumph also served as a spark for a run that would cap a blazing finish for the 19-year-old shotmaker and spill into the next season.

Banking on a scorching windup, Superal fired a seven-under 65 and scored a come-from-behind victory again over Del Rosario in the 17th Chief Minister's Cup in Kuching, Sarawak.

SUPERAL: Due for more explosive campaigns.



From the mound, to the fairway and into the bunker all the way to the putting green, Princess Superal continues to flash top form en route to stringing a stirring four-win romp to cap another banner campaign.



A change in venue hardly changed Superal's form as she unleashed another strong windup to beat Indonesian Inex Beatriz Wanamarta and capture the 24th SICC/DBS Junior International Championship at the Singapore Island Country Club's Bukit course.

Moving to Jakarta, Superal picked up another victory – a runaway 23-shot romp over local bet Putri Aisyah Amani and completing Team TCC's three-title sweep of the Pondok Indah International Junior tournament with Mikha Fortuna and Bernice Olivarez-Ilas ruling their respective age divisions.

But Superal's fiery start to close out 2015 hardly surprised Lopez, who went on to predict a more productive 2016 season for his prized ward so ripe for the picking.

"With the way she's playing and working out to further improve her game, Cess is due for bigger victories in 2016," said Lopez.

He was right.

Victories in the Hong Kong Ladies Amateur Open, the Philippine Ladies Open at Tagaytay Midlands and the W Express RVF Cup in Canlubang early in the new season more than validated the former national champion's forecast of a more explosive campaign for the country's next golfing star.



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BEST OF THE BEST

Anvaya tops 'em all

After being named the best new course in the Asia-Pacific region in 2014, the Anvaya Cove golf course continues its streak of excellence and has been voted as the Best Course in the Philippines for 2015.

The par 72, 7030 yard gem bested the Mt. Malarayat Golf Club and the Sta. Elena Golf Club in an online poll over a period of three months and conducted by the Asia Pacific Golf Group.

Started 16 years ago, the yearly Asian Golf Awards was envisioned to help measure the standard of excellence among the golf clubs in the Asia-Pacific region and acknowledge the achievers in the industry.

With these consecutive awards, Anvaya Cove has gained the distinction of being

the first golf course in the Philippines as a new course and subsequently successfully transitioned into a golf course that is at par or better than the other golf courses in the country.

To add this to honor, the professionals of the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour named Anvaya Cove as the best golf course that they had played on during the 2015 season.

This award is given every year by the touring pros on the PGT to recognize the best layout during the past season.



With the PGT making its way through all the championship courses in the country such an acknowledgment coming from the country's best shotmakers demonstrates the quality of the golf course and uniqueness of the challenges they faced when they competed in Anvaya.

Built amid the hills and ravines of Morong, Bataan, the golf course is definitely no pushover as tight and narrow fairways demand length and accuracy off the tee. A misplayed shot will most certainly lead to a difficult approach to the green at best or into the thick brush of the mountainside at worst.

In short, it is a thinking course made all the more challenging by the swirling winds that ebb and flow with the season. It could be tame as a pussy on some days but can bite back like a tiger most of the time.

The men of the tour apparently liked what they saw and experienced in Anvaya. Superb maintenance and top-notch facilities also worked a lot in its favor.

The front nine is appropriately named the Mountain Nine as it winds its way through the higher elevations of the property before it settles down with the par-5 ninth hole.

The backside dives into the seaside and features the signature 12th hole that offers an unparalleled view of the West Philippine Sea.

Designed by California-based golf architecture group Golfplan, the course is part of an Ayala Land Premier development near the former American Naval Base in Subic, Zambales.

The property features a 3.5 km coastline and two private coves where the Anvaya Cove Beach and Nature Club are also located.

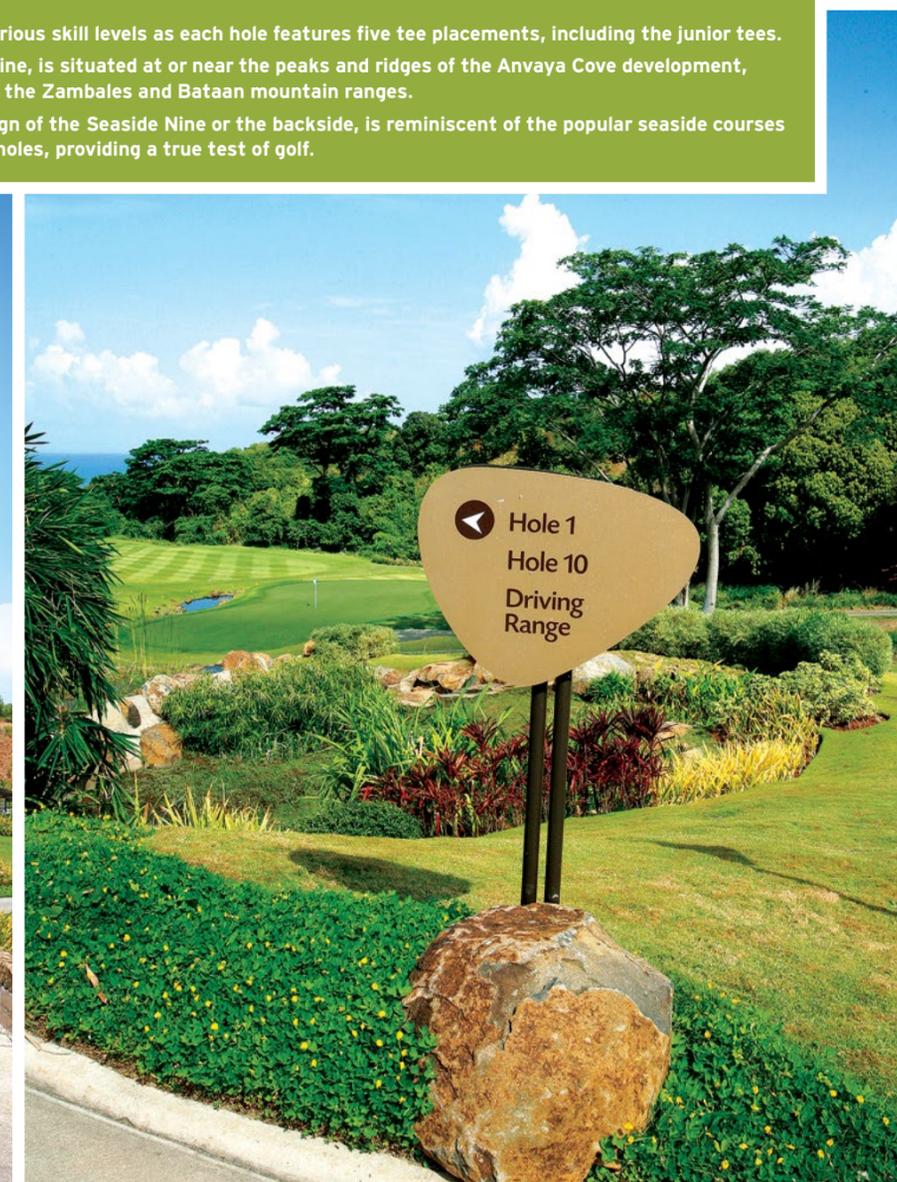


The men of the tour couldn't have made a better choice for the top course in 2015. With each hole offering a different kind of challenge or having its own personality, the Anvaya Cove Golf Course, simply put, provides a unique golf experience like no other.

And it's not just for the pros but for various skill levels as each hole features five tee placements, including the junior tees.

The front nine, dubbed the Mountain Nine, is situated at or near the peaks and ridges of the Anvaya Cove development, providing elevated vistas of the sea and the Zambales and Bataan mountain ranges.

On the other hand, the layout and design of the Seaside Nine or the backside, is reminiscent of the popular seaside courses with the wind coming into play in most holes, providing a true test of golf.



2015 MEN'S PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR

Order of Merit



1
MIGUEL
TABUENA



6
JAY
BAYRON



2
TONY
LASCUÑA



7
ORLAN
SUMCAD



3
ANGELO
QUE



8
CASSIUS
CASSAS



4
CLYDE
MONDILLA



9
JHONNEL
ABABA



5
ELMER
SALVADOR



10
ZANIEBOY
GIALON

2015 LADIES' PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR

Order of Merit



1
CYNA
RODRIGUEZ



6
CRISTINA
CORPUS



2
SARAH
ABABA



7
APPLE
FUDOLIN



3
CHIHIRO
IKEDA



8
SARAPORN
CHAMCHOI



4
JAYVIE
AGOJO



9
MEECHAI
WICHANEE



5
LOVELYN
GUIOGUIO



10
MIA
PICCIO

2015 MEN'S PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR

Order of Merit

1	Tabuena, Miguel	3,051,917.65	30	Woo, Seong Bin	286,033.33	59	Park, Jun Song	103,550.00
2	Lascuña, Tony	2,815,960.53	31	Echavez, Paul	273,809.81	60	Lee, Seongki	101,000.00
3	Que, Angelo	2,272,131.37	32	Kim, Anthony	270,129.16	61	Repato, Alfredo, Jr.	94,420.00
4	Mondilla, Clyde	1,646,276.30	33	Garalde, Randy	252,875.00	62	Gines, Solomon	90,475.00
5	Salvador, Elmer	1,530,395.82	34	Depilo, Rico	219,528.68	63	Seok, Jun Min	87,970.00
6	Bayron, Jay	1,411,686.24	35	Sudo, Yuta	216,887.50	64	Kim, Thomas	87,250.00
7	Sumcad, Orlan	1,284,799.33	36	Park, Gyuha	215,816.66	65	Abdon, John Kier	84,683.33
8	Casas, Cassius	863,747.73	37	Marabe, Rolando, Jr.	210,215.78	66	Cuello, Rodrigo	76,850.00
9	Ababa, Jhonnell	774,680.42	38	Magada, Benjie	195,722.21	67	Reyes, Edward	74,989.57
10	Gialon, Zanieboy	771,858.97	39	Pactolerin, John Rey	189,425.00	68	Santos-Ocampo, Carl	62,425.00
11	Hong, Charles	740,140.63	40	Becierra, Dante	182,246.64	69	Arcillas, Erwin	59,708.33
12	Bayron, Rufino	645,777.94	41	Saban, Elmer	179,862.66	70	Sinfuego, Richard	56,222.68
13	Aunzo, Ferdie	601,589.17	42	Rosales, Gerald	176,339.14	71	Mathay, Jet	52,594.80
14	Miñoza, Frankie	592,653.33	43	Balasabas, Jerson	176,242.54	72	Zarate, Danny	43,650.00
15	Van Der Valk, Guido	510,208.33	44	Jaraula, Reymon	174,701.97	73	Jung, Yong Hun	30,900.00
16	Dumandan, Marvin	509,615.93	45	Engino, Albin	171,392.53	74	Arancon, Belem	29,283.33
17	Bibat, Michael	492,309.95	46	Asistio, Tonton	165,412.40	75	Pepito, Jomar	27,000.00
18	Fernando, Anthony	479,018.59	47	Park, Jun Hyeok	162,400.00	76	Quiachon, Ebarra	25,941.67
19	Villacencio, Arnold	436,379.41	48	Ochoa, Miguel	146,217.70	77	Seale, Joshua	24,316.67
20	Rates, Joenard	436,111.70	49	Mamaril, Junro	141,360.83	78	Espinoza, Luis	21,925.00
21	Bernis, Jun	424,478.84	50	Murakami, Artemio	140,754.17	79	Abaring, Richard	21,925.00
22	Pucay, Mars	424,093.25	51	Alejandro, Miko	139,101.29	80	Arbole, Art	14,266.67
23	Shin, Micah	397,212.67	52	Bisera, Ramil	138,516.67	81	Morilla, Francis	12,500.00
24	Menor, Rene	390,379.87	53	Lee, Hyun Woo	132,319.17	82	Tayao, Kevin	12,150.00
25	Pagunsan, Rey	385,332.65	54	Huerva, Nelson	129,912.50	83	Tambogon, Jan Coup	11,375.00
26	Fernando, Mhark	381,638.83	55	Robles, Efren, Jr.	126,808.33	84	Villaber, Peter	10,750.00
27	Pactolerin, Robert	350,791.56	56	Delos Santos, Christopher	122,215.00	85	Bisera, Albert	10,250.00
28	Jahns, Keanu	343,127.48	57	Lam, James Ryan	117,049.99			
29	Salahog, Nilo	303,575.41	58	Villanueva, Dino	106,550.00			

2015 LADIES' PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR

Order of Merit

1	Rodriguez, Cyna	480,920.00	11	Phalajivin, Amolkan	131,061.00	21	Oh, Yeji	73,223.00
2	Ababa, Sarah	397,885.50	12	Satarak, Walailak	127,500.00	22	Que, Tracy	60,249.00
3	Ikeda, Chihiro	270,885.50	13	Landicho, Lucy	124,993.33	23	Pulsawath, Pennapa	53,000.00
4	Agojo, Jayvie	261,732.75	14	De Guzman, Lina	124,431.00	24	Torres, Sylvia	51,322.00
5	Guioguo, Lovelyn	219,832.00	15	Miñoza, Eva	124,183.50	25	Leonen, Kristine	47,500.00
6	Corpus, Cristina	207,280.00	16	Kim, So Un	122,000.00	26	Punzalan, Jan	38,150.00
7	Fudolin, Apple	186,808.50	17	Pattaranakrueang, Supakchaya	121,113.00	27	Ardina, Dottie	35,805.00
8	Chamchoi, Saraporn	164,500.00	18	Tanpinco, Anya	107,083.33	28	Chua, Heidi	32,500.00
9	Meechai, Wichanee	157,500.00	19	Henderson, Sarah	101,801.00	29	Yoopan, Tiranana	31,250.00
10	Piccio, Mia	136,710.00	20	Puilumbarit, Majonie	94,897.50			

2015 PGT Eligibility by Category

NO	PLAYER	COUNTRY	50	DELOS SANTOS, CHRISTOPHER	PHI	100	PARK, NATHAN	AUS
1	TABUENA, MIGUEL	PHI	51	ROSALES, GERALD	PHI	101	PARK, SUNG YONG	AUS
2	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	52	CRUZ, AL	PHI	102	PARK, JUN SONG	KOR
3	QUE, ANGELO	PHI	53	HUERVA, NELSON	PHI	103	TAKAHASHI, KEI	JPN
4	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	54	REYES, EDWARD	PHI	104	PARK, MIN UNG	KOR
5	SALVADOR, ELMER	PHI	55	LAM, JAMES RYAN	PHI	105	HWANG, KANG YOUL	KOR
6	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	56	PAGUNSAN, JUANITO	PHI	106	BUNYI, GINO	PHI
7	SUMCAD, ORLAN	PHI	57	ETTER, KRIS	PHI	107	MARABE, ROBERT	PHI
8	CASAS, CASSIUS	PHI	58	CUELLO, RODRIGO	PHI	108	RELLON, ERNIE	PHI
9	ABABA, JHONNEL	PHI	59	GINES, SOLOMON	PHI	109	ANZURIS, ANGELO	PHI
10	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	PHI	60	LABAJO, JOSEPH	PHI	110	SO, HANSON, JR.	PHI
11	HONG, CHARLES	PHI	61	VILLANUEVA, DINO	PHI	111	SANCHEZ, EDWIN	PHI
12	BAYRON, RUFINO	PHI	62	ASISTIO, TONTON	PHI	112	MATHAY, JET	PHI
13	AUNZO, FERDIE	PHI	63	QUIBAN, JUSTIN	PHI	113	ARBOLE, ART	PHI
14	MIÑOZA, FRANKIE	PHI	64	SUAREZ, JOSEPH	PHI	114	LA O', COOKIE	PHI
15	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	NL	65	ALMAZAN, SONNY	PHI	115	PACTOLERIN, MIKO	PHI
16	DUMANDAN, MARVIN	PHI	66	OCHOA, MIGUEL	PHI	116	ONUKEI, SYOTARO	JPN
17	BIBAT, MICHAEL	PHI	67	ABABA, EDGAR	PHI	117	OETINGER, CHRISTOPHER	USA
18	FERNANDO, ANTHONY	PHI	68	HONRUBIA, RUSSEL	PHI	118	MIKI, RYOMA	JPN
19	VILLACENCIO, ARNOLD	PHI	69	BOLANO, HENRY	PHI	119	LEICH, MARK	AUS
20	RATES, JOENARD	PHI	70	TAMBOGON, JAN COUP	PHI	120	SOLDWISCH, DILLON	USA
21	BERNIS, JUN	PHI	71	BALASABAS, JERSON	PHI	121	PARK, CHAN JUNG	KOR
22	PUCAY, MARS	PHI	72	QUIACHON, EBARRA	PHI	122	RATCLIFFE, BEN	AUS
23	SHIN, MICAH	USA	73	BONES, ARNOLD	PHI	123	INOCENCIO, DANIEL	USA
24	MENOR, RENE	PHI	74	ROBLES, EFREN, JR.	PHI	124	BYUN, JUN SOO	KOR
25	PAGUNSAN, REY	PHI	75	PEPITO, JOMAR	PHI	125	KIM, CHANG YEON	KOR
26	FERNANDO, MHARK	PHI	76	ABDON, JOHN KIER	PHI	126	ENGINO, ALBIN	PHI
27	PACTOLERIN, ROBERT	PHI	77	REMATA, ALLAN	PHI	127	PILAC, JOEL	PHI
28	JAHNS, KEANU	PHI	78	MORILLA, FRANCIS	PHI	128	ESTRERA, LEONARDO	PHI
29	SALAHOG, NILO	PHI	79	REPATO, ALFREDO, JR.	PHI	129	ESPARES, JOHNY	PHI
30	WOO, SEONG BIN	PHI	80	JARAUOLA, REYMON	PHI	130	SUMAMPONG, BRENT [AM]	PHI
31	ECHAVEZ, PAUL	PHI	81	LOFRANCO, LEONARDO	PHI	131	LASCUÑA, ROBERT	PHI
32	KIM, ANTHONY	KOR	82	DIZON, MARLON	PHI	132	DIOCARES, ROGER	PHI
33	GARALDE, RANDY	PHI	83	DELOS SANTOS, DANILO	PHI	133	RIVERA, MHARTS	PHI
34	DEPILO, RICO	PHI	84	YAMYAMIN, JOEL	PHI	134	DELOS SANTOS, CHRISTIAN	PHI
35	SUDO, YUTA	JPN	85	DUNGCA, OMAR	PHI	135	KIM, DO HYUNG	KOR
36	PARK, GYUHA	KOR	86	GONZALES, RAYMUND	PHI	136	HONG, SOON HYUP	KOR
37	MARABE, ROLANDO, JR.	PHI	87	ARCILLAS, ERWIN	PHI	137	LYU, HYUNG SUK	KOR
38	MAGADA, BENJIE	PHI	88	ESTRERA, EDWIN	PHI	138	KIM, CHANG HOI	KOR
39	PACTOLERIN, JOHN REY	PHI	89	EVANGELISTA, NICO	PHI	139	MINAMI, KOICHI	JPN
40	BECIERRA, DANTE	PHI	90	TORRECAMPO, JOELED	PHI	140	CHANG, CHANG GUO	KOR
41	ABARING, RICHARD	PHI	91	NAKAJIMA, TORU	JPN	141	THOMAS, STEPHEN	CAN
42	BISERA, RAMIL	PHI	92	MARQUES, KEVIN	AUS	142	KIM, KYUNG NAM	KOR
43	ZARATE, DANNY	PHI	93	SEOK, JUN MIN	KOR	143	JACKSON, DYLAN	USA
44	CARLOS, JOBIM	PHI	94	JACKSON, JOHN	USA	144	DELA PEÑA, NORMAN	USA
45	MAMARIL, JUNRO	PHI	95	TURNER, NELSON	AUS	145	CHOI, DA BIN	KOR
46	ARANCON, BELEM	PHI	96	AYOTTE, SAM	USA	146	PARK, JUN SU	KOR
47	ABAÑO, JOHNVANIE	PHI	97	GIBSON, RICK	CAN	147	SIM, JI HONG	KOR
48	MURAKAMI, ARTEMIO	PHI	98	PARK, JUN HYEOK	KOR	148	JEON, JUN YOUNG [AM]	KOR
49	ALEJANDRO, MIKO	PHI	99	KIM, IN JAE	KOR			

2016 Calendar of Events



February 3 - 6
2016 PGT QSCHOOL (FOREIGN)
Royal Northwoods, San Rafael, Bulacan

February 10 - 13
ANVAYA COVE INVITATIONAL
Anvaya Cove, Morong, Bataan

March 30 - April 2
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Luisita, Tarlac City

April 13 - 16
MANILA SOUTHWOODS CHAMPIONSHIP (ADT)
The Manila Southwoods, Gen. Alvarez, Cavite

April 20 - 23
SHERWOOD HILLS CLASSIC (ADT)
Sherwood Hills, Trece Martirez City

May 4 - 7
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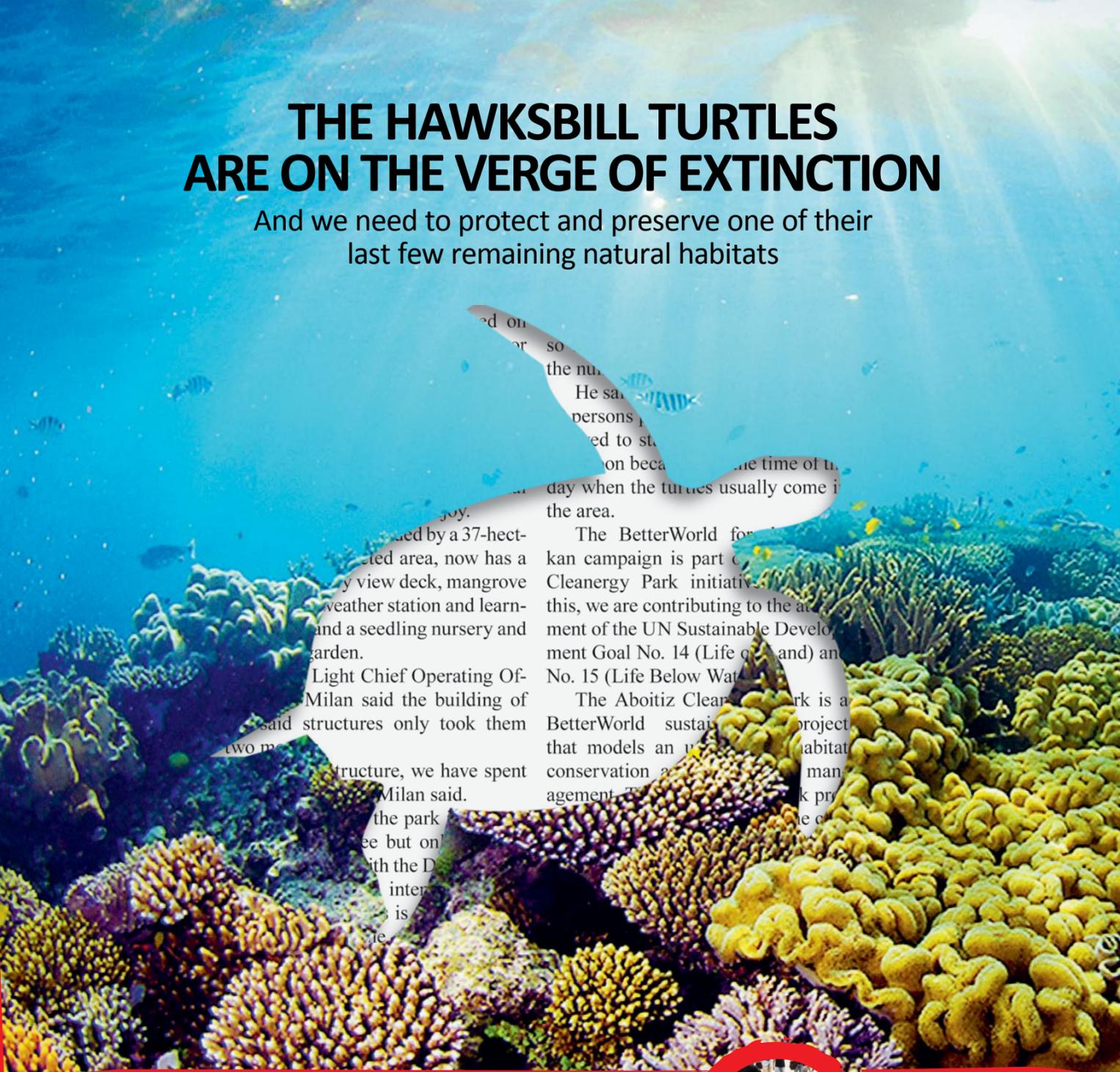


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