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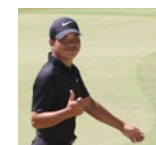


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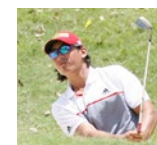
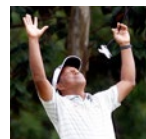
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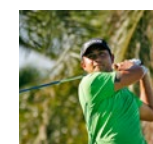
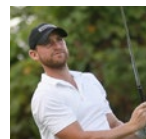
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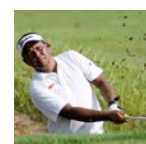


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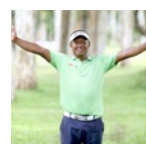
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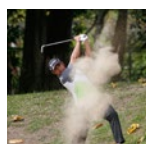
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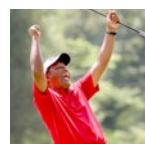
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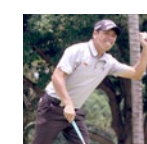


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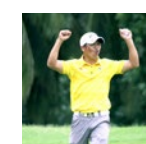
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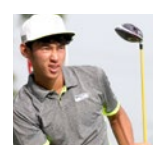
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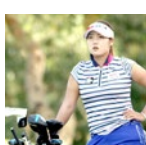
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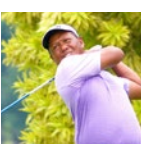
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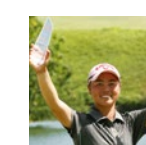
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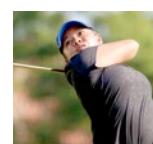
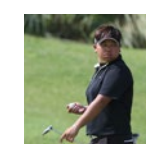
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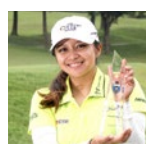
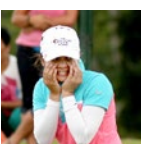
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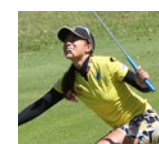
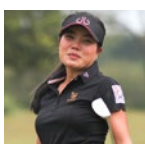
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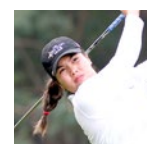
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*Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.*

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 PGT**  
GOLF TOUR

*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.





With former spearhead Princess Superal finally joining the likes of former teammates Dottie Ardina, Cyna Rodriguez and Mia Piccio in the pros, (from left) Pauline del Rosario, Bernice Olivarez-Ilas, Sofia Chabon and Mikha Fortuna have taken the cudgels and delivered the goods for Team The Country Club.

# 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, 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 value 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 two (2) subprograms that journey with a golfer's growth:

## 1

## AMATEUR

Through a golfer management system for female amateurs, ICTSI supports select amateur golfers in their training needs, including coaching, physical fitness and provision of equipment and uniforms; 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.

## 2

## 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.





Mafy Singson (upper photo) and Laia Barro are the latest recipients of the program through the ICTSI Foundation, both eager to live up to the promise

In 2015, ICTSI further enhanced the Golf Program, specifically its subprograms for 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.

# 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 tournaments 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.

## *Promotion of Philippine Golf worldwide*

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





# TIME FOR STARS TO SHINE

There can never be a bigger shot in the arm for golf than what the Philippine Golf Tour has already provided.

The results speak for themselves.

With an average of 16 legs since ICTSI revived the pro tour in late 2009 and came in full blast the following year, the circuit, which provides a decent livelihood for the country's oft-overlooked golfers, provides a venue for the sport to increase its talent base. For many years, the problem for Philippine golf has been more systematic than talent. No matter how much promise the sport holds in the grassroots level, or jungolf as it is popularly known, the fact that there has been no consistent program past the school level has hampered golf's development hereabouts.

This has been the same problem facing so many sports. More often than not, a steady professional league increases the talent base if only for the

aspirational goals it provides: Volleyball, for instance, has become huge in the grassroots, with young practitioners taking to makeshift courts in streets where normally only basketball rings would be seen, mainly because they have a goal: To be able to play professionally.

The PGT provides this. A healthy tour is an aspirational goal for young golfers who suddenly feel like their hard work will pay off in the future. Finally, there is reason to skip a day in the beach in lieu of practice so one can compete in a professional local tour in the future.

The PGT plans to improve on its calendar by shooting for 20 tournaments in the near future. It also plans to build on its international links. In 2016, three of its events were held under the Asian Development Tour aegis, providing golfers instant access to international competition. The results have been welcome.

Miguel Tabuena emerged

as an instant superstar, winning his first Asian Tour crown – the Philippine Open – in late 2015 and playing in the Sony Open and the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in 2016. Tabuena's rise has been partly credited to his exposure to foreign competition. But he has not been the only one whose game has rapidly been enhanced by constant competition on the local tour.

Long-time pro Tony Lascuña also got his share of the limelight, finally introducing himself to a mainstream audience with five leg wins and the Order of Merit title, which he held for three years from

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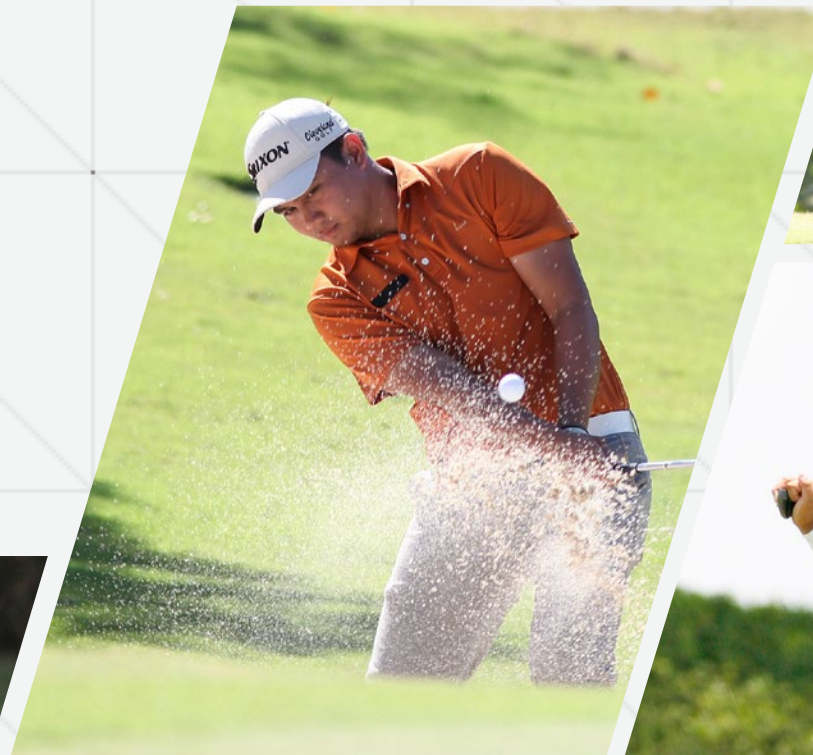


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MIGUEL TABUENA

2012. He lost it to Tabuena in 2015 then regained it last season. Clyde Mondilla and Jay Bayron have also slowly crept into household talk with publicized victories.

The PGT has been gender neutral, too, launching a ladies side of the Tour in 2013 to help young aces improve their craft. The Ladies PGT also has its share of international flavor, with three of its 10 legs held as part of the Taiwan LPGA circuit last year with more on tap in 2017. Again, this provides our local aces with international competition against a slew of shotmakers from a country

known for its solid ladies' golf program.

Moreover, the Ladies PGT has given female amateurs a chance to constantly test their skills. Girls like Bernice Olivarez Ilas, Yuka Saso and Harmie Constantino have all plied their trade in the Ladies PGT and scored victories with results felt in big international competitions.

And the Ladies PGT isn't stopping there. In a bid to catch up with the men's tour, the circuit hopes to further up its pot to encourage stronger competition on the fairways. What started out as P500,000 tournaments now have purses of up to P1 million.

The PGT is lucky that it has a willing and able partner in ICTSI, the port powerhouse whose commitment to Philippine golf is both unparalleled and unquestioned. ICTSI's financing of both the men's and

ladies' tour has helped grow the sport immensely. And its continued support of the tournaments should point golf in the right direction for the future.

The only thing left to do for the PGT is to find a way to cash in on the booming growth of the sport. Despite the sport's "ambassadors" making headway internationally as proof of concept, golf remains a niche sport whose mainstream appeal is generated mostly by newspaper headlines. Golf's superstars still do not get stopped at malls for photos and autographs.

This should be the next change goal in the coming season. For a sport to get into the next level of mainstream appreciation, it has to have a public face. Ask football, which has anchored its early rise on the Younghusbands. Tabuena, Angelo Que and other young turks both from the male and female sides should lead the campaign to make golf a more publicly discussed sport and add charm to tournaments.

And the PGT should provide golf's biggest stars the venue to do just that in 2017.





# PHILIPPINE GOLF

## Swinging to the next LEVEL

EIGHT years into its existence, the Philippine Golf Tour has become one of the most important pillars in the country's sports landscape.

Since it was put up in 2009 under the auspices of International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI), the circuit has succeeded in bringing a sport back to life while serving as the breeding ground of future champions who are bound to make the Philippines proud.

And it only continues to grow.

"We're very happy with how our tour has grown, both in terms of tournaments and players as well," said Colo Ventosa, general manager of the organizing Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. "It is also good to see younger players and foreigners competing as well."

Ventosa and the men and women behind the PGT are understandably proud of how far the tour has gone since it was launched as a three-event calendar, mainly to revive the sport after the death of previous golf circuits left the sport in a sad, decaying state.

In 2016 alone, the PGT held no less than 16 tournaments where million-peso prizes became the norm, in the process luring not only the best Filipino professionals but also emerging foreign players into the country's finest courses. That calendar included three dollar-events that were part of the Asian Development Tour calendar.

It has also given birth to the parallel Ladies Philippine Golf Tour, which in just a few years has grown to become a 10-tournament season counting three events that became part of the Taiwan LPGA circuit, the last held in the final week of the year in Alabang.

Thanks to the PGT, Filipino professionals who, until the tour's rebirth, were either left to settle for teaching jobs in driving ranges just to make ends meet or try their luck in tournaments around Southeast Asia just to be able to compete have found a home tour again.

Filipino pros led by Tony Lascuña, Clyde Mondilla and Jay Bayron have made the most of the opportunity.

Kept busy by a home tour where he can hone his game while earning a living, Lascuña continued to stand out well into his late forties, winning five tournaments to regain the Order of Merit title he won in 2012, 2013, and 2014 but lost to rising star Miguel Tabuena the year before.

While foreigners dominated the events sanctioned by the PGT and ADT at Southwoods and Sherwood, Mondilla and Bayron earned a piece of the tour spotlight by winning three and two legs, respectively.

"Every year, our tour does better and better," said Ventosa. "We have more and more tournaments and we noticed a 10 percent increase in terms of membership as well as foreigners who qualified in our Q-School."

News about the PGT's success has also spread across the region, Ventosa added.

"We receive a lot of inquiries about our tour and it is now known across Southeast Asia. The Asian Development Tour brings in a lot of foreigners who return to join our local tournaments. They enjoy playing in our tour and they've helped spread the word to other pros."

But aside from giving Filipino pros a venue to make a living and sharpen their games, the Philippine Golf Tour, more importantly, has served as the launch pad of future stars that



**COLO VENTOSA: 'Our goal is to provide the local pros with professionally organized tournaments that are competitive to top tournaments in Southeast Asia'**

have proudly flown the flag while doing well overseas.

"Our goal is to provide the local pros with professionally organized tournaments that are competitive to top tournaments in Southeast Asia," said Ventosa. "I've seen our local pros grow in this tour and be able to compete with other foreign golfers around the world."

There's no better proof of that than the talented Tabuena, a PGT mainstay, barely out of his teens, has emerged as the next most important flag-bearer of Philippine golf.

After topping the PGT in 2015, the former jungolf standout has spread his wings, winning his first Asian Tour event during the Philippine Open at Luisita in late 2015. He finished 2016 at No. 5 in the Asian Tour's Order of Merit with more than

US\$500,000 in winnings and highlighted his year with appearances in the Sony Open, a US PGA Tour event, and the Olympic golf competition in Rio de Janeiro and the World Cup of Golf in Australia.

Even the women of the LPGT are leaving their mark overseas.

Dottie Ardina came within a stroke of earning a full status card in the lucrative US LPGA circuit, making her eligible to compete in several tournaments that could give her a chance to earn full exemption in women's golf's biggest tour.

Ventosa said the LPGT expects Ardina and another talented mainstay, Princess Superal, to make giant strides in their careers in 2017.

"It is our goal to help the lady professionals hone their skills in our tour, to prepare them to compete in other tours in Southeast Asia and around the world," said the PGTI head.

As good as the present looks, the future can't be brighter for ladies golf, thanks to the LPGT. In 2016 alone, three amateur golfers – Bernice Ilas, Yuka Saso and Harmie Constantino – showed so much promise by ruling tour stops at Beverly Place, Mount Malarayat and Eagle Ridge, respectively.

The PGT, Ventosa said, will also get bigger and better from hereon.

With more corporate support coming in, the Philippine Golf Tour is planning to hold no less than 20 tournaments in the near future, including a number of events that will host a foreign field in conjunction with the Asian Developmental Tour.

Looking back at the gains of 2016 and looking ahead to a bigger year, Ventosa said: "It was a very successful year for the PGT which we plan to continue in 2017."



# Back in the groove,



**Six local winners  
in 16 tournaments  
in the Philippine  
Golf Tour's  
seventh season.**

**Not quite a good  
ratio particularly  
if one came  
away with five  
victories, another  
racked up three  
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another emerged  
triumphant twice.**

But in golf, you don't penalize talent, skills and brilliance. You reward them. Throw in grit, guts, resiliency and the will to win, Tony Lascuña has got all those in his bag.

That's why he's on top of the PGT heap once again. Sure, Miguel Tabuena, actually the current toast of Philippine golf, didn't see action in most tournaments Lascuña had ruled, so did Angelo Que. But that's beside the point since the field, toughened up by a slew of foreign players, remained as talent-laden as ever for the duration of the 2016 season.

Lascuña did turn in a couple of forgettable stints but that's the toughest part of competitive golf – to be consistent. No shots or putts are alike no matter how one has mastered them. Each course offers a different kind of challenge and every golfer will have his off day. Jordan Spieth dominated the golf world in 2015, which most golf pundits said was only the start of what could be a long reign ala Tiger Woods. But that remained a loose talk as the young American struggled and slowed down the following year, relegated to the background with the emergence of new faces.

Lascuña also fell into a stupor after lording it over the field from 2012-14, yielding the 2015 OOM title to Tabuena, who then came through with four leg victories, capping the season with a breakthrough Philippine Open romp. But the amiable Davaoño shotmaker bounced back in a fashion only a player of his caliber could dish out. He dominated Luisita, strung up three straight wins midway in the season then capped his romp with a victory at The Players Championship at Wack Wack.

Before that big Lascuña charge, however, young Clyde Mondilla appeared headed for a breakout season, nipping rookie pro Jobim Carlos in a playoff at Manila Masters before blasting the field with his A-game at Calatagan. But the 23-year-old rising Del Monte star took the backseat as Lascuña ruled the Eagle Ridge, Forest Hills and Bacolod stops in varying fashions.

Though Mondilla won again at Mount Malarayat and barely scored a fourth win with a playoff setback to Jay Bayron at Riviera, Lascuña secured the OOM title with strong finishes in the last three legs before validating his claim as the year's best with a dominant win at TPC.

Tabuena actually opened the season the way he closed out 2015 – on a winning note, besting the elite field that included Que and Lascuña to annex the Anvaya leg crown. But the young turk had to fulfill his commitments abroad and boost his stock internationally, particularly on the Asian Tour, with Que resuming his campaign on the Japan PGA Tour, leaving Lascuña to take charge in a season where the veterans continued to outgun the young ones.

Frankie Miñoza bolstered that claim by outlasting Tabuena in a record five-hole playoff in Negros, sparking hopes for another vintage year for Asia's former No. 1. But that remained a promise as Bayron won back-to-back at Aboitiz and Riviera, Mondilla nailed his third title at Malarayat and Elmer Salvador scored a late season win at Splendido.

Micah Shin, a young Korean-American who has made Davao his base, grabbed some spotlight by winning the Central Azucarera de Tarlac Open at Luisita, becoming the lone first-time winner and the only foreigner to win outside of the Asian Development Tour legs in the season.

The foreign bets still reigned in the two ADT legs at Southwoods and Sherwood but no sooner will the local aces finally step up and stop their domination of the ADT events.

# Back at the helm



CLYDE MONDILLA



JAY BAYRON



TONY LASCUÑA



MIGUEL TABUENA



FRANKIE MIÑOZA



ELMER SALVADOR



# MAN OF WORDS

*Tabuena sizzles, crumbles then sizzles again*



## ANVAYA COVE INVITATIONAL



TOUR DATES

**February 10, 2016 – February 13, 2016**

VENUE

**Anvaya Cove Golf and Sports Club**

PRIZE MONEY

**Php 3,500,000**

**WHEN Miguel Tabuena promised on the eve of the P3.5-million ICTSI Anvaya Cove Invitational to win the kickoff leg of the Philippine Golf Tour season, few doubted the Filipino golf star's word, more so after he opened with a course-record 62.**

But it wasn't as easy as it looked.

Tabuena, 22, needed to overcome a horrid third-round wobble – as well as a spirited charge by veteran Tony Lascuña – to put away a championship that reinforced his status as the country's top golfer today.

"I was confident I can do it and I'm happy I made it," said the soft-spoken Tabuena, gentle words that belied the roller-coaster ride he had to go through in a tricky Anvaya layout carved out of the coast of Morong, Bataan.

For a while, it looked as if Tabuena would run away with the championship against one of the toughest fields assembled for a local tour event – a cast that included fellow Asian Tour regular Angelo Que, Jay Bayron, former Asian Tour topnotcher Frankie Miñoza and, of course, the ageless Lascuña.

On a day when he could do nothing wrong, the Philippine Open champion gunned down one eagle and made birdies as if it was no big deal in an opening 62 that broke the course record of 64 set by Que in a final-round fightback that enabled him to deny Lascuña the championship the year before.

"It was really a fantastic game, the best round of my career. Everything was in place," said Tabuena, who played so well he missed two other makeable eagle chances that could've put him in position to go for a 59.

"I never played like this before and hopefully, I sustain this form the rest of the tournament."

By the time the first round ended, Tabuena looked both formidable and untouchable, armed with a six-shot lead over Bayron who was made to look like a slacker despite shooting an impressive 68.

"He just played a solid all-around game," gushed Lascuña, who signed for a 71 and still found himself nine off the pace.

Not even a second-round 70 – pedestrian by the standard set by Tabuena in the first day – could make a dent on the lead of the former jungolf star who stayed six up on Bayron on a 36-hole total of 12-under 132 in the championship sponsored by International Container Terminal Services, Inc.

No wonder there was an air of resignation in Bayron's voice after he could do no more than match Tabuena's 70 in the second day.

"He's simply playing at a different level right now," he said of Tabuena.

But just when everybody was ready to concede the championship to him came an uncharacteristic third-round meltdown for Tabuena that saw him balloon to a 40 in the frontnine and stumble with a triple-bogey 7 at the 17th.

Not only did Tabuena slip back to seven-under 209 after a 77, he also found himself trailing Lascuña after a 12-shot turnaround that had the Davaoño shotmaker turning an eight-shot deficit into a four-stroke lead after a flawless 65.

Tabuena looked shell-shocked after the round.

"Golf is unpredictable," he said. "It always happens. Sometimes you play good, sometimes bad."

Tabuena, though, used the final round to show that beneath that bantam frame and boyish looks was a big fighting heart.

Showing maturity well beyond his years, Tabuena piled the pressure on Lascuña in the final round and saw the tour veteran lose his poise, his game, and eventually his lead as he skied to a closing 78.

Tabuena birdied Nos. 10 and 11 for the fourth straight day to regain a share of the lead then holed another birdie on the 14th to regain control.

Struggling to keep it together while battling the flu all week, Lascuña completely faded away following a double bogey on No. 17 – the same hole that bedeviled Tabuena the round before leading to a triple bogey.

Tabuena closed with a 70 to finish at nine-under 279 for a three-shot victory worth P650,000 over a late-charging Clyde Mondilla, who finished with a 68 for 282 and took home P430,000. Lascuña tumbled down to third, another shot adrift at 283 worth P240,000.

Dutch Guido Van der Valk and Japanese Toru Nakajima finished tied for fourth at 284 after a 71 and 73, respectively, and split the combined P350,000 purse while Cassius Casas also rallied with a 69 to claim solo sixth at 286 worth P135,000.

Bayron limped home with a 76 and ended up seventh at 287 and received P115,000 while Charles Hong (71-288) and Korean Park Min Ung (77-292) wound up eighth and ninth worth P100,000 and P88,000, respectively.

Rolando Marabe shot a 69 to tie last year's winner Angelo Que (72), American John Jackson (73), Canadian Rick Gibson (73) and Orlan Sumcad (74) at 10th at 293.

But despite a third round mishap and Lascuña charge, Tabuena regained his touch, bearing and all and fulfilled the promise.



**'It was really a fantastic game, the best round of my career. Everything was in place'**

TABUENA



◀ With the championship in the bag, Miguel Tabuena breaks into a smile and flashes the thumbs-up sign. 1 Clyde Mondilla's struggle with his short game kept the Del Monte ace out of early contention. 2 Tony Lascuña's final day putting woes lead to a bizarre 8-shot swing, enabling Tabuena to snare the crown.





**1** The windy Anvaya course could be too daunting even to the best of the best as (from left) Miguel Tabuena, Angelo Que, Gerald Rosales, Japanese Toru Nakajima and Korean Park Min Ung found out after hitting wayward shots.

**2** Despite setting a course-record 62 in the opening round, Tabuena still knew he could do better, ruing a missed putt from eight feet.

**3** Jay Bayron comes up short not only with his bunker shot but also with his overall finish, ending up way down at seventh.

**4** Whatever hint Angelo Anzuris (right) got from Ryoma Miki's line of putt didn't help the obscure pro from making it past the 36-hole elims.

Decking themselves with bold, bright, luminous colors makes Charles Hong, Marvin Dumandan and Angelo Que the standouts from among the elite Anvaya field.



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### ICTSI ANVAYA COVE FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	TABUENA, MIGUEL	PHI	62	70	77	70	279	-9	P650,000
2	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	71	72	71	68	282	-6	P430,000
3	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	71	69	65	78	283	-5	P240,000
4	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	NED	71	72	70	71	284	-4	P175,000
4=	NAKAJIMA, TORU	JPN	71	69	71	73	284	-4	P175,000
6	CASAS, CASSIUS	PHI	74	73	70	69	286	-2	P135,000
7	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	68	70	73	76	287	-1	P115,000
8	HONG, CHARLES	PHI	71	72	74	71	288	0	P100,000
9	PARK, MIN UNG	KOR	73	69	73	77	292	4	P88,000
10	MARABE, ROLANDO, JR.	PHI	77	73	74	69	293	5	P78,500









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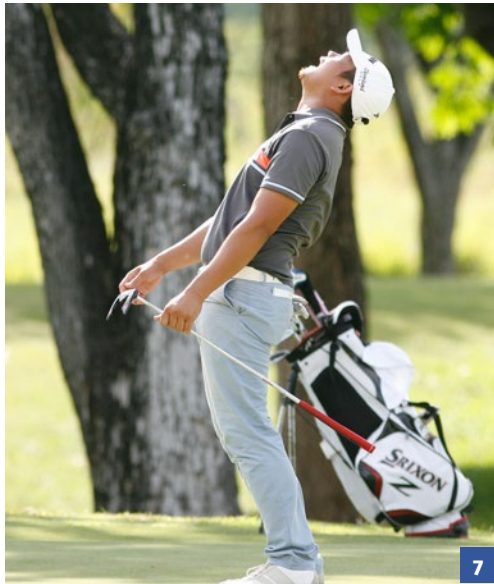
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Nakajima (69) and two up on Clyde Mondilla (69).

“I have to play extra cautious and concentrate on my game because my rivals are young and aggressive,” said Lascaña, wary of the challenge posed by Quiban and the other young guns on the tour.

However, any thoughts of a final round shootout were quashed by Lascaña, who, wielding a red-hot putter, birdied three of the first four holes, eagled the fifth then added another birdie for good measure at the seventh to leave everyone in his wake.

Just like that, Lascaña was four shots up on the field.

He could've coasted from there, but he was out to make his first victory at Luisita a memorable one. Back-to-back birdies from No. 12 put him at eight-under and on track for a new course record, only to fall back with a bogey at the par-5 16th.

Park, playing in the flight ahead of the championship, matched Lascaña's 65 and finished second at 276. Que bounced back with a bogey-free 65 and ended up tying Quiban for third at 10-under 78.

But the story was all about Lascaña, no doubt.

“He's (Lascaña) really good,” said Quiban after seeing the champion finish off a tournament from upclose. “I really wanted to win but the tournament wasn't meant for me.”

**1 Korean Park Jun Hyeok could've lined himself up for a title crack if not for a so-so 72-72 start.**

**2 Justin Quiban (right) and Japanese Toru Nakajima seem to be in cadence as they set the pace in the third round.**

**3 Angelo Que's bright and luminous-colored outfit, including a green ball, fails to light up his title bid despite a closing 65, finishing six strokes behind Tony Lascaña at third.**

**4 An early struggle didn't only hurt Miguel Tabuena's bid but also his back, forcing him to quit midway in the second round.**

**5 Pre-tournament favorites Jay Bayron and Frankie Miñoza fail to live up to the hype with mediocre starts.**

**6 Burly Orlan Sumcad's stance doesn't amuse Tony Lascaña a bit under scorching heat.**

**7 Just 2 down after 54 holes, Clyde Mondilla blows his bid with a closing 79.**

**8 Despite sinking a long birdie-putt, veteran Cassius Casas missed putting himself into contention with a run of over par cards after an opening 69.**

**9 Apart from the water hazards that come into play, (from left) Allan Remata, Benjie Magada, Nelson Huerva and Toru Nakajima also need to tackle Luisita's tight fairways and trees that loom large in almost all holes.**

First, Tabuena, who had toppled Lascaña as Order or Merit champion the season before and had won with regularity at Luisita that he called it “home,” was forced to pull out after the second round due to a bad back.

“I’m sad this had to happen. It really pains me so I decided to quit so as not to aggravate the injury,” said Tabuena, who had won five times at Luisita counting the Philippine Open in late 2015. “I have to rest and heal my back completely since I will be playing a lot of tournaments abroad.”

Next, Angelo Que, a three-time Asian Tour winner now campaigning in the Japanese Tour, lurked around near the top of the leaderboard until he

stumbled with a horrendous 7 at the 214-yard, par-3 17th hole where he dumped two balls in the water in the third round. He dropped to ninth after a 73, too far behind to seriously contend in the final day.

That left the door open for Lascaña, who, though left as the biggest name in the field, still had to play his A-game to fend off a cast of irreverent pursuers – all eager to make a name in the tour – at the Davaoeno’s expense.

First to make a bid was Erwin Arcillas, a journeyman in search of his first tour championship in 10 years as a pro. He opened with a six-under-par 66 and left the big guns in the shade, wresting a three-shot cushion.

But he came crashing back to earth with a 79 the following round and was never heard from again. But another unheralded pro, Justin Quiban, stepped up and challenged Lascaña in the second round by shooting a fiery 65, tying the course record set by Danny delos Santos back in 1988.

Lascaña needed a 66 just to keep in step with the 20-year-old rookie pro from Southwoods.

True enough, Quiban, unlike Arcillas, proved to be a tougher customer. He battled Lascaña shot-for-shot in the third round – and eventually his one-under 71 card – kept him tied with his veteran rival at the top, one shot ahead of Philippine-based Japanese pro Toru

**'I have to play extra cautious and concentrate on my game because my rivals are young and aggressive'**

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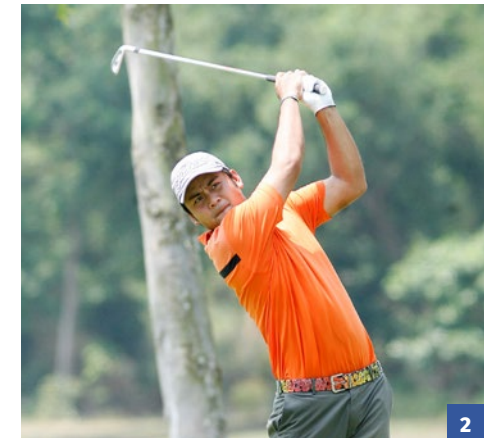
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Considered as one of the finest 18-hole, par-72 championship courses in the country, the Luisita Golf and Country Club has been home to the President's Cup, one of the country's four majors in the 90s. Situated on a 70-hectare area bounded on the east 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 a meandering creek.

ICTSI LUISITA CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	70	66	71	65	272	-16	P650,000
2	PARK, JUN HYEOK	KOR	72	72	67	65	276	-12	P430,000
3	QUE, ANGELO	PHI	69	71	73	65	278	-10	P217,500
3=	QUIBAN, JUSTIN	PHI	71	65	71	71	278	-10	P217,500
5	NAKAJIMA, TORU	JPN	71	68	69	73	281	-7	P155,000
6	BAYRON, RUFINO	PHI	70	71	74	67	282	-6	P125,000
6=	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	75	69	71	67	282	-6	P125,000
8	SUMCAD, ORLAN	PHI	71	71	70	71	283	-5	P94,000
8=	BALASABAS, JERSON	PHI	72	72	68	71	283	-5	P94,000
10	ENGINO, ALBIN	PHI	71	69	72	73	285	-3	P78,500





# SHOOTOUT TO REMEMBER

*Gavin leaves Thai, Singaporean rivals green with envy*

**'I think I handled myself really well out there'**

GREEN

◀ Gavin Green blasts the opposition, including stretch run rival Donlaphatchai Niyomchon of Thailand, with superb bunker shots to reign at Southwoods.

1 Seeking an early blessing from above nearly did wonders for a rallying Niyomchon (right) as fellow Thai Pannakorn Uthaipas walks away after teeing off.

2 Singaporean Koh Deng Shan, makes one big stride behind a solid iron game in fourth-to-the-last flight but ran out of holes, settling for joint second with a 66.

**G**AVIN Green was no different from the rest of the field on a week of wildly changing fortunes at the Legends course of Manila Southwoods, hovering briefly near the top of the leaderboard after a good run and dropping out just as quickly after a bad shot.

But he was steady when he had to be.

The plucky Malaysian emerged triumphant in a riveting finish to the ICTSI Manila Southwoods Championship ADT, two shots ahead of Thai Donlaphatchai Niyomchon and Singaporean Koh Deng Shan after putting together a closing six-under par 65 for a 16-under 278 total.

Those scores, however, hardly told the story of a memorable week that saw the Legends layout – supposedly the tamer of Southwoods' two world-class courses – produce not only spectacular golf but also a thrilling ending after it was reduced into a par-71 for the men of the Asian Development Tour.

"I think I handled myself really well out there," said Green, a longtime member of the Malaysian national team, after wrapping up his second ADT win worth US\$10,500 following his breakthrough at the PGM Northport Glenmarie Championship the year before.

Green, 22, was the man holding the trophy at the end of the week, but he was hardly the focus of attention in the \$60,000 event sponsored by

International Container Terminal Services, Inc. that saw six different men hold the lead or a share of it – and no less than eight players within three shots of the lead with one round to play.

	<b>MANILA SOUTHWOODS CHAMPIONSHIP (ADT)</b>
	TOUR DATES <b>April 13, 2016 – April 16, 2016</b>
	VENUE <b>The Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club</b>
	PRIZE MONEY <b>\$60,000</b>

An emerging storm that forced a one-hour delay in the first round due to threat of lightning came as a foreboding warning of things to come.

Soon after the threat of lightning subsided, a local bet in Mhark Fernando got Filipino fans excited when he zoomed to the top with an opening 65 that put him in a tie with Niyomchon and Taichi Nabetani of Japan.

Picking up the cudgels for more prominent compatriots Miguel Tabuena and Tony Lascuña, Fernando, a former national champion himself, continued his bogey-free play in the second round for a solid 67 and 10-under 132 – good for a share of the provisional lead with American John Jackson (64) with a good number of the players still unfinished due to another weather delay.

The resumption of the second round early

in the third day witnessed the first significant sighting of Green, who took advantage of the calm conditions in the morning to shoot a 65 for the solo lead which the Malaysian golfer gave up just as quick after a so-so 72 in the third round.

The lead, by then, belonged to American John Michael O'Toole, who, after making a big leap to second place with a 61 at the completion of his weather-delayed second round, breezed home with a steady three-under 68 to stand ahead of a pack that had eight players within three of the lead – and a total of 13 just five off the pace.

While Fernando tumbled out of the title chase after a 73 left him in a share of 12th at 205, two young Filipino pros gave local fans a reason to be excited.

Rookie Jobim Carlos fired a five-under 66 to move up to solo fourth at 202 – just two strokes

behind leader O'Toole, while another young gun, Keanu Jahns, did even better with a 65 to be another stroke off the pace.

By the time the field went through the Legends frontside one final time on a Saturday, Carlos made a charge briefly but soon faded out of the title picture just like Jahns, unable to keep up with the pace set by Green and Niyomchon who leapfrogged O'Toole with a frontnine adorned by four birdies each.

That set up a shootout to remember at the backside.

Niyomchon actually made the first move, making birdies on Nos. 10 and 11 to seize the lead. Green answered with three straight birdies of his own from No. 11 to draw level, only to fall behind again with a bogey on No. 15.



But as the pressure mounted in steamy condition, the Thai wilted.

Niyomchon gave up the solo lead after dropping a shot on No. 15 then blew it all with a double bogey on the next hole, where, under pressure, he mishit his drive then dumped a poor recovery shot into a greenside bunker.

From there, a tournament that has seen a slew of birdies all week was won by Green on clutch pars in the three finishing holes.

Niyomchon wound up with a 67 and ended in a share of second with Koh, who closed out with three straight birdies for a 66 in a run that came too late.

“It was a really interesting round,” said Green afterwards. “I played solid and Donlaphatchai was on my back from the start. But I stayed patient out there and I just kept hitting good shots and kept the ball in play.”

**1 Frustration has many faces as 2015 ICTSI ADT Sherwood leg champion Thai Itthipat Buranatanyarat, local bet Jobim Carlos and Poom Saksansin, also of Thailand, show in a fourth round meltdown that ruined their respective title bids.**

**2 The rigors of playing in scorching heat appear to have taken their toll on Erwin Arcillas, who took time out to refresh.**

**3 With the fancied Filipino bets failing to step up, young Keanu Jahns tries to take the cudgels for the locals with his brilliant iron game – to no avail.**

**4 After back-to-back hot 69s, American Nicolas Paez turns cold under tough playing condition in the third round.**

**5 Wind is one major hurdle at Manila Southwoods with Miguel Tabuena, John Jackson of the US and Mhark Fernando all failing to tame it in all four days.**



MANILA SOUTHWOODS-LEGENDS

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Slightly shorter than the Master’s course, the Legend’s layout stands at 7093 yards long. While the challenging Master’s course is designed around ‘traps’ and water hazards, the bunker-laden Legend’s layout is dominated by high mounds, making the par 72 course friendlier to high handicappers but will pose a real challenge to those more experienced golfers trying to aim for a low score.

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	GAVIN GREEN	MAL	66	65	72	65	268	-16	\$10,500
2	KOH DENG SHAN	SIN	70	64	70	66	270	-14	\$5,550
2=	DONLAPHATCHAI NIYOMCHON	THA	69	67	67	67	270	-14	\$5,550
4	POOM SAKSANSIN	THA	68	69	66	68	271	-13	\$2,750
4=	PIJIT PETCHKASEM	THAI	66	66	69	70	271	-13	\$2,750
4=	JOHN MICHAEL O'TOOLE	USA	71	61	68	71	271	-13	\$2,750
7	YUTO KATSURAWAGA (AM)	JPN	70	70	67	66	273	-11	
7=	DINO A. GIACOMAZZI	USA	74	66	69	64	273	-11	\$1,710
7=	SURADIT YONGCHAROENCHAI	THA	67	68	66	72	273	-11	\$1,710
10	RATTANON WANNASRICHAN	THA	70	70	67	67	274	-10	\$1,250



# SWEDISH DELIGHT

*Zetterwall bucks elite field, harsh conditions to reign at Sherwood*

**SOMETIMES, one has to make his own luck.**

Oscar Zetterwall did so and was amply rewarded when he came from behind to overcome punishing conditions, rule over an elite field and top the \$60,000 ICTSI Sherwood Hills Classic of the Asian Development Tour.

"It's always war on the golf course and I was just lucky I made it," said Zetterwal, who closed out with a second straight 68 to overhaul an overnight four-stroke deficit and win by three with a nine-under 279 total.

The victory in the 11th leg of the ADT, also the fourth stage of the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour, was only the second for the 27-year-old Swede since he turned pro in 2012. It was also his first in five months of campaigning on the Asian Tour.

He headed back to his current base in Bangkok richer by \$10,500 and with six Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) points.

"This win means a lot to me. It makes me want to keep playing. I know it will also give me better chances and confidence to advance my career in the future," Zetterwall told the [asiatour.com](http://asiatour.com).

He sure earned every bit of those rewards.

Trailing Kasidit Lepkurte by four shots going into the final 18 holes, the wiry Zetterwall took advantage of the Thai's early meltdown in sweltering heat before outgunning flightmate Toru Nakajima of Japan in a windy backside shootout.

It took Zetterwall and Nakajima just nine holes to overhaul what had seemed to

be a safe lead by Lepkurte, a charge which the latter helped along by bogeying three of the first nine holes.

Zetterwall took command with a 34 while Nakajima lurked just behind with a 35 and the duo, tied with Indonesian Danny Masrin after 54 holes, battled it out out shot-for-shot and putt-for-putt until the former moved 2-up with a clutch birdie on No. 12 and the Japanese bogeyed No. 13 on a missed green mishap.

"I had a good putt for birdie on No. 12 where I sank an eight-footer downhill from left to right in the wind. I gained a three-shot lead from there and that gave me some confidence heading into the last few holes," said Zetterwall.

He preserved that cushion with another birdie on No. 15 and routine pars on the last three holes as Nakajima's last-ditch rally fizzled out with another bogey on the 17th after threatening last with back-to-back birdies from No. 14.

"I was a little nervous when I knew I was in the lead," said Zetterwall. "There were a lot of players chasing me but I stayed calm and told myself that I need to move to 10-under to have a chance of winning.

"That was the goal which I kept telling myself and I am glad that pulled me through."

Nakajima, who nipped Jay Bayron in a playoff to snare the ICTSI Wack Wack Championship in 2013, finished with a 71 for solo second at 282 and received \$6,900 following the scrambling finish in the event sponsored by International Container Terminal Services, Inc.

Lepkurte dropped one more stroke on No. 11 but tried to fight back with back-to-back birdies from the next only to bogey two of the last three. He ended up with a four-over 76.

The Thai wound up tied with American John Catlin, who shot a third straight 70, and South African Mathiam Keyser (68) for third on 283 and



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ZETTERWALL

each received \$3,400.

"It was a disappointing finish. I played no good and maybe this tournament was not meant for me," rued Lepkurte, who looked headed for a romp after storming to a four-stroke lead with a bogey-free 64 after 54 holes.

Dutch Guido Van der Valk gunned down an eagle on the par-5 12th but settled for pars the rest of the way for a solid 70 and solo sixth at 212 worth \$2,200.

Clyde Mondilla also made one big charge midway through, birdying the last three par-5s but holed out with a double-bogey and finished with a 71 for joint seventh at 213 with American Nick Sherwood and Canadian Lindsay Renolds, who both carded 70s.

Marvin Dumandan likewise rallied with a three-under card after 12 holes but like Mondilla, wavered with two

bogeys in the last six and wound up with a 71 for a 214. He settled for a share of 10th with compatriot Michael Bibat, who fired a 70, and Americans Dino Giacomazi, who fumbled with a 73, Paul Harris, who charged back with a bogey-free 67, and Samuel Chien, who also moved into contention with a 33 but sputtered with two bogeys against a birdie at the back for a 70.

Just getting to the podium was the initial aim of Zetterwall, who tied for fifth at the UMW Championship in Malaysia just the month before and had three missed cuts in his first eight tournaments in the farm league of the Asian Tour.

He bolstered that objective by firing a 72 in the second round to lodge himself firmly among the 58 players who made the halfway cut with a 143, just three adrift of Masrin.

**WET 'N WILD:** Oscar Zetterwall gets a celebratory douse from pals after a wild, windy finish that saw the Swede ace rally from four strokes down to snare the ICTSI Sherwood Hills crown by three.



## SHERWOOD HILLS CLASSIC (ADT)



TOUR DATES

**April 20, 2016 – April 23, 2016**



VENUE

**Sherwood Hills Golf Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php \$60,000**





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The opportunity was already there for Zetterwall to actually move higher since he started his second round from the back nine with four birdies in the first eight holes. But he bogeyed the next two and dropped three strokes on the par-3 second hole. He needed to birdie the sixth to match par.

Starting in the third round, Zetterwall prodded Lady Luck with a simple strategy. "I hit my driver solid and I kept the ball in play. I gave myself a lot of opportunities for birdies out there," he bared.

The play started paying dividends when Zetterwall came up with a 35-33 card with four birdies in the third round.

He actually gunned down an eagle on the par-5 eighth, but yielded the strokes right on the next with a double bogey and dropped into a tie at 211 with Masrin, who blew a 34 start with a 37 for a 71, and Nakajima, who also had a 68.



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1 Japanese Toru Nakajima rues a missed putt and a missed opportunity to snap a four-year title drought on the PGT.

2 Mathiam Keyser's wedge shots clicked a bit too late but his closing 69-68 still netted the South African a joint third place finish after a mediocre start.

3 Iron game and putting - coupled with Thai Kasidit Lepkurte's final round meltdown - keyed Oscar Zetterwall's stirring come-from-behind win.

4 Jay Bayron's wife-cum-caddy seems to disagree with his player's choice of a club.

5 Englishman Chris Cannon contemplates on where to take a penalty drop after a wayward drive.

6 Solid driving propels Lepkurte to the top with a superb 64 in the third round but the Thai tumbled after shooting 12 strokes higher in the final round.

7 The two heads are better than one adage doesn't hold true in golf, particularly for Singaporean Koh Deng Shan.

8 Lanky American John Catlin's putter never really helped him get a crack at the crown but steady putting in the last three rounds produced a string of 70s and a tied for third effort.

9 Their reactions typify American Sam Chien, Japanese Yuto Sudo and Filipinos Michael Bibat and Albin Engino's struggles in the final round.

ICTSI SHERWOOD HILLS CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	OSCAR ZETTERWALL	SWE	71	72	68	68	279	-9	\$10,500
2	TORU NAKAJIMA	JPN	73	70	68	71	282	-6	\$6,900
3	MATHIAM KEYSER	RSA	74	72	69	68	283	-5	\$3,400
3=	JOHN CATLIN	USA	73	70	70	70	283	-5	\$3,400
3=	KASIDIT LEPKURTE	THA	71	72	64	76	283	-5	\$3,400
6	GUIDO VAN DER VALK	NED	73	68	73	70	284	-4	\$2,220
7	LINDSAY RENOLDS	CAN	74	69	72	70	285	-3	\$1,600
7=	NICK SHERWOOD	USA	74	75	66	70	285	-3	\$1,600
7=	CLYDE MONDILLA	PHI	77	70	67	71	285	-3	\$1,600
10	PAUL HARRIS	USA	72	73	74	67	286	-2	\$1,045



# Not so FAST

*Rising Del Monte star foils Carlos' breakthru bid*



With solid driving and steely nerves, Clyde Mondilla emerges No. 1 from among the elite field, scoring a playoff victory over rookie Jobim Carlos.

**O**NE day, Jobim Carlos will pick up his first win as a pro.

But not yet and certainly not at the expense of Clyde Mondilla, who was spot-on when he needed to be – to the chagrin of Carlos.

Mondilla first displayed patience, then poise under pressure in carving out a sudden-death victory over Carlos and emerging as champion in the ICTSI Manila Masters at the treacherous Eastridge Golf Club in Binangonan, Rizal.

The steadily rising star from Del Monte hung on the coattails of Carlos in the early rounds and then pounced on the opportunity when the two-day leader fumbled to put himself very much in contention.

And when the most critical of openings presented itself following 72 holes of play, the 23-year-old was all too willing to barge through, capping the playoff with a tap-in birdie set up by a superb 3-iron second shot from 240 yards to the edge of the green.

It could have been an eagle on the par-5 closing hole since Mondilla's pitch stopped just inches short of the cup. But he is not one to complain, especially after Carlos missed his own birdie try from 15 feet.



**'It was a hard-earned victory and I'm lucky I did it'**

MONDILLA



**1** Rolando Marabe Jr. and Gerald Rosales figure out how to extricate themselves from stymied lies.

**2** Almost but not quite for rookie Jobim Carlos' title drive.

**3** Jay Bayron beams after surging ahead with an eagle feat on No. 6 only to find himself frowning after another botched title bid.

**4** Given a chance to shine, Rene Menor seizes the moment with a fast start only to slow down in the end.



## ICTSI MANILA MASTERS



TOUR DATES

**May 4, 2016 - May 7, 2016**



VENUE

**Eastridge Golf Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 3,500,000**





“It was a hard-earned victory and I’m lucky I did it,” said Mondilla, who rallied from an overnight two-shot deficit with a 70 to force a playoff at 283 before going on to cop his fourth title as a pro.

Effort and fate combined to give Mondilla the winner's purse of P650,000 out of the P3.5 million prize money of the event sponsored by International Container Terminal Services, Inc. and organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

Although denied of a breakthrough win by his fellow former jungolfer, Carlos was still gracious in defeat.

“We fought many times during our jungolf days and this was the first time we played in sudden-death. He played well and he deserved the honor,” said Carlos, who still banked P430,000 for his first earnings in the pros.

Still, what could have been should be on Carlos' mind had he not double-bogeyed the par-4 15th in regulation, costing him a one-stroke lead and dropping him one behind Mondilla.

But just when most thought Carlos has completely cracked under pressure, the 20-year-old birdied the par-3 16th to draw level before going on to submit a 72 and help set up the sudden-death.



But Mondilla simply won't be denied. He opened up with a 70 to lie just two shots back of first round leader Rene Menor, scrambled for a 72 in the second day and remained two adrift after 54 holes.

At least Carlos did better than the rest of the field.

Not really considered among the fancied bets in the stellar roster, Carlos took charge halfway through with a second straight 69 and held on to the lead with a scrambling 73 in the third round.

For a while, Carlos seemed to prove he's up to the challenge, bouncing back from a double-bogey mishap with back-to-back birdies from No. 2 to stay on top then ran off a slew of pars to hold Mondilla at bay.

Joenard Rates, who shot the tournament-best 67 in the third round to cut Carlos' lead to five, recovered from a bogey-bogey start with birdies

on Nos. 3 and 5 then birdied the 18th to card a 71 and snatch solo third at 287 worth P240,000.

A wild, wooly finish actually loomed with a slew of others wheeling back into contention in the early going of another hot, windy day at the rolling, mountain-top course which proved as tough as it was in the first round, yielding just 10 under-par cards and 20 in the first three days.

Menor stayed in the hunt despite a frontside 37 but flubbed a couple of birdie putts at the back and faded with a double-bogey mishap on the 17th. He wound up with a 75 for joint fourth with Jay Bayron at 288. Each got P175,000.

Bayron, the most veteran in the final threesome who threatened within one with a 70 in the third round, hardly recovered from a bogey-bogey start with a birdie on the sixth but dropped two strokes on the par-3 eighth and made another double bogey on No. 11, needing to birdie the 18th for the fourth straight day to finish with a 76.

Sentimental favorite Frankie Miñoza pulled to within two with a birdie on No. 6, only to fall farther back again with a bogey-bogey windup at the front.

He did fight back with a birdie on No. 14 but bowed out with a nasty triple-bogey seven on the next hole. He ended up with a 38 and 75 for joint sixth with a rallying Angelo Que at 289. Each received P125,000.

Que finally found his range and rhythm, only in the last nine holes which he played to four under as the last year's champion posted the final round's best score of 69 to salvage a top six finish.

Miguel Tabuena likewise rallied at the back with three birdies in the first six holes but bogeyed the 17th and settled for 70 and solo eighth at 291 while Dutch Guido Van der Valk carded a 74 and Chris delos Santos ended up with a 76 to share ninth place at 292.

Tony Lascuña, runaway winner at Luisita the month before, closed out the way he opened his campaign, on a struggling note as the former three-time Order of Merit winner wound up with a 76 and finished out top 10 at 11th with a 293.



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**1** Top guns (from left) Tony Lascuña, Miguel Tabuena and Angelo Que give way to young turks Clyde Mondilla and Jobim Carlos with so-so performances. **2** Clyde Mondilla (second from left) and Jobim Carlos (right) share a light moment before their sudden death. **3** No, vintage Frankie Miñoza isn't celebrating another triumph but is simply checking the wind direction.

ICTSI MANILA MASTERS FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	70	72	71	70	283	-5	P650,000
2	CARLOS, JOBIM	PHI	69	69	73	72	283	-5	P430,000
3	RATES, JOENARD	PHI	76	73	67	71	287	-1	P240,000
4	MENOR, RENE	PHI	68	72	73	75	288	0	P175,000
4=	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	71	71	70	76	288	0	P175,000
6	QUE, ANGELO	PHI	72	75	73	69	289	1	P125,000
6=	MIÑOZA, FRANKIE	PHI	71	72	71	75	289	1	P125,000
8	TABUENA, MIGUEL	PHI	76	72	73	70	291	3	P100,000
9	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	NED	72	74	72	74	292	4	P83,250
9=	DELOS SANTOS, CHRISTOPHER	PHI	73	71	72	76	292	4	P83,250



# SIZZLING


**CALATAGAN INVITATIONAL**


**TOUR DATES**  
**May 18, 2016 – May 21, 2016**


**VENUE**  
**Calatagan Golf Club**


**PRIZE MONEY**  
**Php 2,000,000**

## Mondilla blasts Calatagan field in style

<sup>1</sup> Superb bunker shots leave Clyde Mondilla's rivals eating his dust as the Del Monte star essayed a whopping eight-shot romp to nail his second straight Championship.



**2 Jhonnell Ababa checks the flight of his ball then later checked in second behind Clyde Mondilla.**

**3 Tony Lascaña fails to flash his vaunted short game and fell short of another title bid.**

## WHEN you're hot, you're hot and Clyde Mondilla is no exception.

The in-form rising Del Monte star was among those who proved that age-old adage true when he picked up from where he left off to rule the ICTSI Calatagan Invitational at Batangas in overwhelming fashion.

A sizzling start and a record-setting feat were used by Mondilla to kickstart his campaign before bucking a relatively so-so third round behind him with his usual steady play off the tee and around and on the greens.

Even before Mondilla wound up with a final round 69, his closest pursuers knew they were merely scrambling for runner-up honors as the 23-year-old had his second straight win in the Philippine Golf Tour securely in the bag.

As it turned out, Mondilla would pool a 72-hole total of 17-under 271 to prevail by eight strokes over Jhonnell Ababa and post the biggest winning margin after six legs into the circuit sponsored by International Container Terminal Services, Inc.

"It's nice to win again," beamed Mondilla, his account assured of another P360,000 that bloated his total earnings for the year at P1,579,896 while firming up his hold of the Order of Merit lead.

"I'm just really happy for going back-to-back," added Mondilla.

While it was a relatively trouble-free cruise for Mondilla, the same cannot be said of the others who slugged it out in a fierce battle for runner-up honors and later turned out tales of how the tight, hazard-laden course affected their own respective bids.

Just four down off Mondilla after three rounds, Ababa submitted a 73 for a 279 and claimed the P250,000 runner-up purse while Tony Lascaña, winner in 2013 when the event was last staged at the up-and-down course, settled for third with a 72 for a 280 worth P140,000.

Elmer Salvador, the closest to Mondilla at just three strokes back going to the last 18 holes, maintained the distance by matching the other's birdie on No. 4. But he sputtered with five bogeys, including three straight from No. 7, and limped home with a 76 to drop to joint fourth instead at 281 with Japanese Syotaro Onuki and Jay Bayron, who shot 70 and 71, respectively.

"I really expected Elmer and Jhonnell to make their charge, but I was able to hold them off after I birdied No. 4," said Mondilla.

Rufino Bayron rallied with a 68 to salvage seventh at 282 while 2011 champion Mhark Fernando matched par 72 for a 284 followed by Zaniboy Gialon, who also rebounded with a 68 for a 285.

Joenard Rates, who matched Mondilla's sizzling opening 67, stumbled with a 73 and ended up tied with Mars Pucay, who shot a second straight 70, for 10th with 287s.

**'I really expected Elmer and Jhonnell to make their charge, but I was able to hold them off'**  
**MONDILLA**



No matter the final outcome, set up by his opening round of five-under and stoked even more by a new course record 64 the following day that put him ahead by seven, it was by no means an easy win for Mondilla.

A bum stomach was primarily to blame for his third round 71 that enabled Salvador to pull close. Then came an attack of the nerves when he teed off to the start the final round.

Good thing he took his father's advise to heart and settled down midway through the frontnine.

"He told me to just relax and play my game," related Mondilla. "After all, he said, I'm in the lead and there was no need for me to press on. After birdying No. 4, I regained my confidence and made the right shots and putts."

Those came to the fore with his first birdie for the day on the fourth hole before he picked up another shot two holes later while his closest rivals fumbled with bogeys on a couple of holes to go five-up again as they made the turn.

What really settled it was Mondilla rattling off three straight birdies from No. 11 to post leads as many as nine as Salvador and Ababa struggled while trying to salvage pars.

Bogeys on Nos. 15 and 16 showed how Mondilla is still a human, but he still finished with a flourish, birdying the closing hole for the third straight day.

More than the title, purse and well-wishes, the one thing Mondilla cherishes are the accolades he's been receiving from his more experienced competitors, who were unabashed in their praises for the young turk.

"If he continues to play that way, it will be difficult for us to stop him," said Lascuña.

1 Jay Bayron isn't playing hide-and-seek but just checking his distance for an approach shot.

2 Benjie Magada saves a shot from a tough lie but misses the cut by one.

3 Not even a kick could push Rolando Marabe Jr. to a Top 10 finish.

4 They're all in trouble but Clyde Mondilla (left) found a way to bail himself out and run away with a second straight championship, leaving Jay Bayron, Cassius Casas and Joenard Rates behind.

5 Japanese Syotaro Onuki blasts his way to a best tied for fifth finish.

6 Mondilla seeks a ruling after landing on an unplayable lie off an errant shot that hardly stymied his bid for another victory.



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ICTSI CALATAGAN FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	67	64	71	69	271	-17	P360,000
2	ABABA, JHONNEL	PHI	68	70	68	73	279	-9	P250,000
3	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	68	71	69	72	280	-8	P140,000
4	ONUKEI, SYOTARO	JPN	72	70	69	70	281	-7	P94,000
4=	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	73	68	69	71	281	-7	P94,000
4=	SALVADOR, ELMER	PHI	69	69	67	76	281	-7	P94,000
7	BAYRON, RUFINO	PHI	75	68	71	68	282	-6	P67,000
8	FERNANDO, MHARK	PHI	71	72	69	72	284	-4	P56,000
9	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	PHI	71	73	73	68	285	-3	P50,000
10	PUCAY, MARS	PHI	72	75	70	70	287	-1	P45,000





▲ Under pressure or pressure-free, Tony Lascuña, it seems, has mastered the art of winning.

## Pressed in the clutch, Lascuña delivers

**W**HEN there's pressure, Tony Lascuña feels an adrenaline rush.

Informed that somebody had caught up with him going to the 16th hole, the multi-titled veteran went on attack mode at Eagle Ridge's Aoki course.

The play worked as Lascuña birdied the bunker-laden par 5 No. 16 to seize back the lead, negating Ryoma Miki's eagle two flights ahead that catapulted the Japanese rookie to a tie with the Davaoeno ace.

Emboldened, Lascuña also birdied the par 3 No. 17 from the fringe and was able to smile again.

The 46-year-old former caddie from Apo has weathered the storm and came into the 18th tee with a two-shot buffer as Miki could only par the last two holes.

With no more challenger to worry about, Lascuña closed out with a three-putt bogey for a four-under-par 68 and a one-shot victory worth P360,000 in the seventh leg of the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour.

"I wasn't aware that somebody was making a charge until someone told me before I teed off on No. 16," said Lascuña. "So I did the next best thing – go for birdie."



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Make that birdie-birdie as Lascuña, who pooled a 15-under 273 that included rounds of 66-70-69, scored a follow up to his four-stroke triumph over another foreign rival – Park Jun Hyook of South Korea – at Luisita Championship in the second leg.

Actually, Miki was nowhere in Lascuña's radar before tee-off being five shots away. His closest pursuers were journeyman Orlan Sumcad, just one down, Zanieboy Gialon, two off, and Clyde Mondilla, three adrift.

Wielding his sharpest form, however, Miki canned five birdies in a six-hole stretch, added another birdie on No. 11, before spiking his tournament-best eight-under 64 with that eagle on No. 16.

Though he fell short of clinching his first title in the country's premier circuit sponsored by ICTSI, Miki posted his best finish in five stints in the circuit and returned home P260,000 richer.

The 42-year-old Sumcad, the halfway mark leader following a 66, was hobbled by a frontside 39 and settled for an even 72, good for third at 278. Once again, he fell short of a career breakthrough.



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Mondilla, who failed in his bid for a third straight crown, carded a 70 and finished joint fourth at 279 with first round co-leader Jerson Balasabas, Joenard Rates, Jhonnell Ababa and Jay Bayron.

Before Eagle Ridge, Mondilla, the rising star from Del Monte in Bukidnon, was riding the crest of a playoff triumph over Jobim Carlos at Eastridge and an eight-stroke romp over Ababa at Calatagan. There, Lascuña landed third, nine shots off.

A double bogey on No. 13, however, sealed Mondilla's fate.

Bayron fired a 66, Rates carded a 69, while Ababa and Balasabas both submitted 70s.

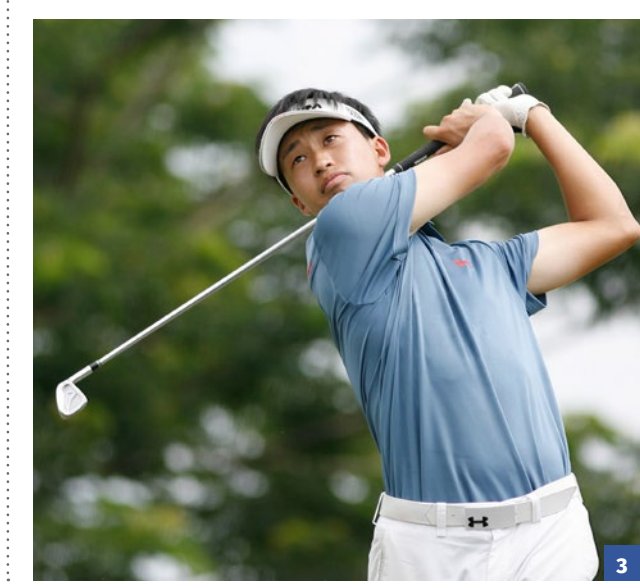
A disastrous frontside 41 pulled down Gialon, a co-leader in the first round, to a 75 and 11th place in the event organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments Inc. at 272.

More than the money, Lascuña relishes that winning feeling. Especially at Eagle Ridge where he emerged triumphant at its Faldo course in 2011 and at Aoki in 2012.

"It's nice to win again and this will surely bolster my confidence as I resume my campaign abroad," said Lascuña, the last player to notch three straight wins (Bacolod, Riviera and Southwoods) in the course-hopping circuit in 2014.

That year turned out to be Lascuña's most productive as he chalked up a total of five titles and ran away with the Order of Merit title.

While he's nowhere near that feat for now, Lascuña feels he's not done winning yet.



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**1** Tony Lascuña has gotten so used to acknowledging cheers from the gallery not only after drilling another birdie putt but also after nailing another win.

**2** No, Lascuña isn't upset over a bad shot or a missed putt but simply giving himself some relief in another scorching day at Eagle Ridge.

**3** A near-impeccable final round assault of 64 almost netted Japanese Ryoma Miki the Eagle Ridge crown.

**EAGLE RIDGE INVITATIONAL**

**TOUR DATES**  
**May 31, 2016 – June 3, 2016**

**VENUE**  
**Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club**

**PRIZE MONEY**  
**Php 2,000,000**



'I wasn't aware that somebody was making a charge until someone told me before I teed off on No. 16'

LASCUÑA

- 1 After back-to-back wins at Eastridge and Calatagan, Clyde Mondilla seems to have lost his grip of the game, finishing in joint fourth at Eagle Ridge.
- 2 In joint eighth after the opening round, John Kier Abdon slips with errant shots that kept him out of the wide fairways of Eagle Ridge's Aoki layout.
- 3 Jerson Balasabas rues a second round struggle that stymied his drive for a breakthrough win.
- 4 Elmer Salvador (right) and tournament director Bong Igaya couldn't seem to agree which direction the former should take in his approach to the green.
- 5 Like Balasabas, Dutch Guido Van der Valk laments one poor round in another failed title drive.
- 6 If looks can kill, Orlan Sumcad could've shot down birdies after birdies and nail the elusive win.
- 7 Winless in a long while, Mhark Fernando isn't asking for something from above but simply checking the wind direction.
- 8 Zanieboy Gialon could only stick his tongue in frustration after blowing his title bid with a final round 75.



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ICTSI EAGLE RIDGE FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	66	70	69	68	273	-15	P360,000
2	MIKI, RYOMA	JPN	70	69	71	64	274	-14	P250,000
3	SUMCAD, ORLAN	PHI	69	66	71	72	278	-10	P140,000
4	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	74	68	71	66	279	-9	P81,000
4=	RATES, JOENARD	PHI	70	71	69	69	279	-9	P81,000
4=	BALASABAS, JERSON	PHI	66	76	67	70	279	-9	P81,000
4=	ABABA, JHONNEL	PHI	71	68	70	70	279	-9	P81,000
4=	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	68	70	71	70	279	-9	P81,000
9	TAKAHASHI, KEI	JPN	74	72	71	64	281	-7	P47,500
9=	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	NED	70	74	69	68	281	-7	P47,500





Dutch Guido Van der Valk and Joenard Rates could only watch in awe as Tony Lascaña uncoils one solid drive on No. 10.



## FOREST HILLS CHAMPIONSHIP



TOUR DATES

**June 22, 2016 – June 25, 2016**



VENUE

**Forest Hills Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 2,000,000**

# BACK to NO. 1

*Davaoño ace posts record 11-shot romp*

## HERE was Tony Lascaña – and the rest.

Showing that when he's in-form nobody comes close, Lascaña romped to a record 11-stroke victory in the ICTSI Forest Hills Championship in Antipolo.

All Lascaña did was submit sizzling rounds of 65, despite a bogey start, and a flawless 64 in the first two rounds to separate from the field, his closest pursuer turning out to be Michael Bibat, six shots adrift.

Lascaña stumbled in the third round, firing a one-over-par 72 mainly due to a triple bogey on No. 5 when his 6-iron approach shot fell short and he three-putted.

There was no cause for alarm though as Bibat couldn't do any better with a fat 40 at the backside for a 74, lagging farther behind by eight strokes.

Even then, however, Lascaña was still wary of a possible rally by Bibat and the other pursuers.

"I like my chances but I can't get too complacent," said the ace Davaoño shotmaker after the third round. "I still have to put in a solid round to secure the win since this course (Forest Hills Golf and Country Club) is tough and punishes wayward shots and poor decisions."

True enough, Lascaña still played the fourth round as if he was the one doing the chasing. He finished the demolition job with an eagle-spiked 67, leaving joint runners-up Zanieboy Gialon and Orlan Sumcad buried under the rubble.



**1** Tony Lascaña celebrates in a way as if he had just pulled off a victory in a playoff battle and not via a record 11-stroke romp.

**2** Lascaña has made a number of long putts in a checkered career but still finds this one something to celebrate, even inducing his caddie to pump her fist.

**3** Even with a big lead, Lascaña treats each putt as crucial as his last stroke.

**'It's nice to win again. I've been working hard to further improve my game'**

LASCUÑA

Lascaña assembled a 16-under 268, while Gialon and Sumcad pooled 279s following a 67 and 70, respectively.

At 46, Lascaña, already a three-time ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour Order of Merit winner, seems to be getting even stronger and better.

He is, but there's neither magic potion nor dirty secret about his resurgence.

It was all hard work, passion and dedication to the game he learned to like at 14, when he was a *pulot* boy, and play at 16, when he was a caddie, at the Apo Golf and Country Club in Davao.

"It's nice to win again. I've been working hard to further improve my game," said Lascaña after claiming the P360,000 champion's

purse of the event sponsored by International Container Terminal Services Inc. and organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

Proof: Right after arriving from Thailand, where he landed joint 11th in the Queen's Cup, Lascaña went straight to the practice green to further hone up his swing for the Forest Hills Championship.

He was rewarded with that opening 65 and a two-shot lead despite an early morning rain that made the unpredictable course even more daunting.

Not for Lascaña, of course, as his 11-shot victory easily eclipsed Clyde Mondilla's eight-shot conquest of the Calatagan leg earlier.

Consider also Lascaña's physical fitness routine –

Trying to deflect the effects of aging, Lascaña plays three 18-hole games and spends two hours for gym workouts and roadwork each week.

No wonder, Lascaña was breathing normally while his flightmates were already puffing going to the last three holes, where he accentuated his masterful performance with an eagle and a birdie.

Already blessed with latent talent, Lascaña continues to hone his skills and improve every aspect of his game.

Despite his lofty stature in the PGT, Lascaña still strives for perfection.

That's bad news for the other pretenders.





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1 Frustration is written all over Orlan Sumcad's face after another failed bid for a first-ever pro crown. 2 Jay Bayron breaks into a smile after a superb chip shot but his fourth place finish – 12 strokes behind Lascuña – is no laughing matter. 3 If finger pointing could force the ball disappear into the cup, Marvin Dumandan could've had a finger pointed upwards at the end of the tournament. 4 Torn between two clubs, Japanese Yuto Sudo takes his time before hitting his approach shot. 5 Michael Bibat tries to figure out what went wrong after a solid start of 67-68 as he closed out with 74 and 72 and ended up tied for fifth. 6 After posting an eight-shot victory at Calatagan and finishing tied for fourth at Eagle Ridge, Clyde Mondilla fell short at Forest Hills, dropping out of Top 10 with a joint 12th place finish. 7 A wayward drive sends Randy Garalde searching for his ball in the thick Forest Hills roughs. 8 Given a chance to shine with a solid 67 start for joint second, Nelson Huerva fails to seize the moment, tumbling to a share of 25th with over par cards in the last two rounds. 9 Korean Park Min Ung unleashes a fist-pump after an impressive 67 start but hardly pumped his fist with a 79 and two 78s in the last three rounds. 10 Joernard Rates finds Forest Hills more than a forest and a hill after an errant shot. 11 Rene Menor steps on the gas only in the last two rounds but still netted the unheralded pro a joint fifth place finish. 12 Arnold Villacencio makes a futile attempt to retrieve the ball on No. 12 hazard.



FOREST HILLS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Bo. Inarawan, Cogeo, Antipolo City • (632) 401 2368

Set in the hills of sleepy Barangay Inarawan in Cogeo, Antipolo, the Forest Hills Golf and Country Club's Nicklaus course meanders through the hills of the Sierra Madre foothills. The shots one will be asked to play are difficult and made yet more complicated by uneven terrain. This isn't an easy golf course but a demanding shotmaker's layout. The fronts of the greens will accept and approach played on the ground and the greens are mature enough to receive the well struck ball. One will need to club for shots carefully because of the elevation changes and navigate the multiple ravines.

ICTSI FOREST HILLS FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	65	64	72	67	268	-16	P360,000
2	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	PHI	77	65	70	67	279	-5	P195,000
2=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	PHI	72	67	70	70	279	-5	P195,000
4	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	69	69	71	71	280	-4	P115,000
5	MENOR, RENE	PHI	71	71	70	69	281	-3	P78,000
5=	PUCAY, MARS	PHI	71	69	71	70	281	-3	P78,000
5=	BIBAT, MICHAEL	PHI	67	68	74	72	281	-3	P78,000
8	DUMANDAN, MARVIN	PHI	68	70	71	73	282	-2	P56,000
9	PACTOLERIN, JOHN REY	PHI	72	72	71	69	284	0	P50,000
10	SALVADOR, ELMER	PHI	74	70	74	67	285	1	P45,000



# MAN of the HOUR

*Flaunting superb form, Tony makes it 3-in-row*



## BACOLOD GOLF CHALLENGE



TOUR DATES

**July 6, 2016 – July 9, 2016**



VENUE

**Bacolod Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 1,500,000**

In-between the age-old Binitin trees, Tony Lascaña spreads his wings to herald another impending Order of Merit romp following a thrilling victory in the ICTSI Bacolod Golf Challenge, his fourth in the season.

**R**EADING the banner heads of sports pages in local golf is getting to be boring.

Lascaña wins, Lascaña prevails, Lascaña triumphs, Lascaña routs field, Lascaña snatches title, to cite a few.

Same name, different verbs to suit the manner with which the title was won.

Basically, however, they are similar. They all chronicle the exploits of one man – Tony

Lascaña – who's turning the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour into his private turf.

Take the Bacolod Golf Challenge at the Bacolod Golf and Country Club in Binitin.

From being the halfway mark leader, Lascaña suddenly trailed by three shots following a horrendous 9 at the 283-yard, par-4 No. 13 that pulled him down to joint third after a 69 in the penultimate round.

A lesser mortal would have sulked and wallowed in grief with that disastrous stint at

the hole which he birdied in the first two days.

It went like this: Lascaña drove out-of-bounds twice, fell short on his third, finally made it in six then three-putted.

That five-stroke swing enabled Micah Shin and Jay Bayron to surge ahead following a 68 and a 69, respectively.

But Lascaña is made of sterner stuff. An iron will coupled with innate talent still being honed as he ages.



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"I gambled and lost. That's golf," said Lascaña, who was further hobbled by a bogey on No. 14, but salvaged a 69 with two late birdies.

As he looked at the leaderboard, Lascaña remained confident of his chances of replicating his one-shot victory at Eagle Ridge and an incredible 11-shot rout of the mesmerized field at Forest Hills.

Lascaña even dared to say that he'd repeat the same strategy for No. 13 in the fourth round.

"I will still go for that green. I just have to concentrate more and hope for the best," he vowed.

True enough, Lascaña still attacked the short, tricky hole and made a routine par.

He was also flawless at the other holes and closed out with a 65 to forge a playoff with Dutch Guido Van der Valk, who also fired a 65, and Shin, who tallied a 68. They all finished regulation play at 10-under 270.

Seizing momentum, Lascaña drilled in a 12-footer for birdie on the first playoff hole on No. 9.

Shin stumbled quickly with a missed green bogey while Van der Valk flubbed a long birdie putt and the Filipino ace beat another pair of foreign rivals after nipping Japanese Ryoma Miki at Eagle Ridge and beating Korean Park Jun Hyeok at Luisita.

Bayron, the second round frontrunner and third round co-leader, could only match par 70 built on three birdies and as many bogeys to settle for fourth at 272.

For the third time in as many tournaments, Lascaña conquered the field and with his P270,000 purse hiking his season-earnings to P2,143,115.

This early, his pursuers have conceded the Order of Merit title to Lascaña as they head to Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club where Lascaña reigned in 2014.

Of course, they will give it their best shot to foil Lascaña's speedy roll to the top.

Or hope for an even deeper collapse by Lascaña, which is, however, unlikely to happen.

**'I will still go for that green. I just have to concentrate more and hope for the best'**

LASCAÑA

**1** For all his triumphs pulled off in stirring fashions in a checkered career, this ranks one of the best for Tony Lascaña, who drilled in a 12-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to sink Dutch Guido Van der Valk and Korean-American Micah Shin.

**2** Shin looks for an opening on a troubled lie.

**3** Van der Valk could only smirk over another botched bid for a first-ever crown.

**4** Veteran Cassius Casas has a short putt for a birdie but a big deficit to overhaul.





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1 Paul Echavez hopes his search in the rough could lead to an end to a title hunt.

2 A former *pulot* boy, Tony Lascaña hones up in front of who could be future caddies and stars like him.

3 Jay Bayron is all smiles with two solid rounds of 67-66 to lead but couldn't flash the proverbial last laugh with a fourth-place finish.

4 Two-leg winner Clyde Mondilla seems to have foreseen his fate in Bacolod as he raises his arms as if signaling his 'surrender' even before he could launch his first drive. He eventually ended up at joint 20th.

5 Old hand Robert Pactolerin tries to execute a flop shot from a tough lie.

6 If not for a sputtering start, Mhark Fernando could've gained another crack at ending a long title drought.



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**BACOLOD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**  
Murcia, Negros Occidental • (034) 446 1794

The 18-hole Bacolod Golf and Country Club, designed by local golf great Celestino Tugot, is a compact course with tight, rolling fairways that require accurate iron shots. As it is located 600 feet above sea level, the 67 rating is misleading especially when the wind becomes a factor in late afternoon.

ICTSI BACOLOD FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	70	66	69	65	270	-10	P270,000
2	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	NED	69	65	71	65	270	-10	P185,000
3	SHIN, MICAH	USA	65	69	68	68	270	-10	P105,000
4	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	67	66	69	70	272	-8	P85,000
5	FERNANDO, MHARK	PHI	72	68	66	68	274	-6	P62,500
5=	CASAS, CASSIUS	PHI	70	67	69	68	274	-6	P62,500
7	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	PHI	69	71	70	66	276	-4	P41,125
7=	ABABA, JHONNEL	PHI	72	70	67	67	276	-4	P41,125
7=	BALASABAS, JERSON	PHI	71	71	67	67	276	-4	P41,125
7=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	PHI	69	69	67	71	276	-4	P41,125





*Miñoza stops Tabuena in record 5-hole playoff*

**T**HERE'S nothing like experience to prop one up when the going gets tough.

Frankie Miñoza made that old adage hold true when he mustered the poise under pressure he has accumulated over the years in nipping young turk Miguel Tabuena in their record five-hole playoff and topping the ICTSI Negros Occidental Classic at the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club.

It was Miñoza's first victory in this year's circuit sponsored by ICTSI and the 56-year-old fashioned it out in a way that made many hark back to his glory years, when he was racking up victories in the national, Asian and Japanese tours.

The splendid shotmaking of old came to the fore through a couple of spectacular bailout shots in the second and third sudden-death holes that enabled Miñoza to stay in the hunt before he capped it all up with a superb wedge shot on the par-5 18th that had the ball landing



▲ Frankie Miñoza holds his latest trophy after outlasting Miguel Tabuena and nailing a rare local victory.

**'I feel good and got inspired by my solid games in the first three days'**

MIÑOZA

just four feet of the cup.

After Tabuena missed his 16-foot putt, Miñoza calmly banged in his own to notch his first win in the circuit since racking up three in 2013 and pick up the

P270,000 victor's purse in the P1.5 million event.

"I feel good and got inspired by my solid games in the first three days," said Miñoza, whose third round 63 forced a three-way tie for the lead with Tabuena and Dutch Guido Van der Valk.

The usually reticent Del Monte shotmaker also cited his improved putting, courtesy of long-time buddy Artemio Murakami.

"My putting also clicked after I got some tips from Temyong (Murakami)," stated Miñoza. "But Miguel is good."

But not good enough on that particular day as the 22-year-old Tabuena failed to match his

senior's splendid play when it mattered most. Thus, he settled for P185,000, the setback somehow stalled his momentum heading to a first-ever stint in the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Tabuena did show flashes of the form that earned him the 2015 Order of Merit title when he overcame a two-stroke deficit in the last three holes of regulation to force a playoff. He pounced on Miñoza's bogey on the par-3 16th and then gunned down a birdie on No. 17 from six feet to match the latter's 67 and force a sudden death at 15-under 265.

It even took four trips to the 18th and once on the par-4 10th before the classic matchup between the past and present of Philippine golf, avidly watched by a big gallery, could be decided.

The duo parred the 18th the first time out in the playoff then Miñoza recovered from an errant drive to the left to salvage par and extend the match to a third hole.

Pressure and fatigue appeared to have caught

up with Miñoza as he hit a wayward second shot on their third stint on the 18th, the ball landing on the adjacent fairway. But the former Asia's No. 1 came up with a brilliant recovery shot into the green and completed a two-putt par then watched Tabuena miss a title-clinching putt from eight feet.

After matching pars on the 10th in the fourth playoff hole, the two headed back to the 18th where Miñoza hacked a solid drive, a superb second shot and a brilliant wedge shot to a putter's length.

In the end, it was Tabuena who cracked as shown by his third shot that landed some two pins away from the cup.

Relegated among the spectators was Van der Valk, who got done in by a shaky front nine that virtually dropped him out of the title race. He finished with a 69 and tied Korean-American Micah Shin, who shot a 68 for the second straight time, for third this time at 267. They split the combined P190,000 purse.



## NEGROS OCCIDENTAL CLASSIC



TOUR DATES

**July 13, 2016 – July 16, 2016**



VENUE

**Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 1,500,000**



THEY SAY IT ALL: Frankie Miñoza's caddy's pumping his fist in jubilation and Miguel Tabuena's tossing his putter in frustration could well sum up the result of the record 5-hole playoff for the ICTSI PGT Negros Occidental Classic crown.



Shin actually made it a four-way tie with a birdie on the opening hole in a flight ahead but the reed-thin shotmaker stumbled with bogeys on Nos. 4 and 6 and reeled back, never able to crowd the leaders again despite a birdie on the eighth.

Zanieboy Gialon rallied with a 67 to tie Orlan Sumcad, who made a 69, and Joenard Rates, who hobbled with a 72, at fifth on 271 while Justin Quiban fired a 67 to join halfway leader Clyde Mondilla, who had a 69, and Jay Bayron, who sputtered with a 72, at eighth at 272.

Lascuña, winner of the last three legs of the circuit organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc., finally found his rhythm and fired a 66 but still missed a top 10 finish, ending up tied at 11th at 272 with Richard Abaring and Jhonnell Ababa, who closed out with a 66 and 69, respectively.

Setting the heart-pounding finish up was Miñoza's third round score anchored on superb iron play and putting almost matched by Van der Valk, who also sizzled with a 66 and narrowly missed seizing the solo lead with a bogey on No. 15.

Tabuena, back in the local hunt after a two-month stint abroad, negated a two-bogey mishap with seven birdies, including two late feats that netted him a 65 and a crack at the

1 One wayward shot could ruin a player's bid as Zanieboy Gialon found out after hitting into the ornamental shrubs in Day 3.

2 Faced with the daunting task of overcoming an elite field, Jay Bayron also needs to tackle the old, tall Marapara trees.

3 After a mediocre opening 70, Frankie Miñoza flashes vintage form in the next three days to humble the elite field.

4 Miguel Tabuena refreshes in a long, grueling playoff duel but it was Miñoza, who quenched a long thirst for a championship.

5 Caddie and fellow pro Elmer Saban shows Micah Shin the right direction but the Korean-American, in the mix in the first three days, falls two strokes short of joining the playoff.

6 Dutch Guido Van der Valk and caddie seem to disagree on the allowance for his birdie putt.

7 In the lead with back-to-back 65s, Clyde Mondila gets undone with a 73 on so-so putting in the third round.



second crown after romping of the Anvaya Invitational crown last February.

It's just that Miñoza simply won't be denied, as shown when he fell behind by two after Tabuena birdied No. 3 and he bogeyed the next hole. But the veteran shotmaker put on a fiery comeback of four birdies to close out his frontside stint with a 32.

Tabuena failed to match that scorching Miñoza fightback, hitting just one more birdie on the fifth and making the turn at 33, enabling the latter to wrest control and go 2-up with another birdie on No. 12.

That would prove to be a portent of things to come.



NEGROS OCCIDENTAL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Marapara, Bacolod City • (034) 441 1190

This championship course right in the heart of Bacolod City which plays to 6,197 yards based on basic tee markers location is a par-70 layout with a course rating of 68.5. Fairly flat with winding fairways, 14 water hazards, hills, hillocks, mounds and matured trees, these features, however, pale in comparison with the dreaded Marapara wind of gale force at certain season. When the wind blows a par-3 hole sometimes needs a wood tee shot even at short distances. Fine club facilities await the visiting golfer at the clubhouse with good cuisine. Here, one gets a good run of seafood which Bacolod is well known for. A very friendly and accommodating golf club.

ICTSI NEGROS OCCIDENTAL CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Rank	NAMES	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	MIÑOZA, FRANKIE	PHI	70	65	63	67	265	-15	P270,000
2	TABUENA, MIGUEL	PHI	69	64	65	67	265	-15	P185,000
3	SHIN, MICAH	USA	66	67	66	68	267	-13	P95,000
3=	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	NED	65	67	66	69	267	-13	P95,000
5	GIALON, ZANIE BOY	PHI	65	69	70	67	271	-9	P59,833
5=	SUMCAD, ORLAN	PHI	69	66	67	69	271	-9	P59,833
5=	RATES, JOENARD	PHI	65	70	64	72	271	-9	P59,833
8	QUIBAN, JUSTIN	PHI	68	66	71	67	272	-8	P37,833
8=	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	65	65	73	69	272	-8	P37,833
8=	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	65	67	68	72	272	-8	P37,833



# Mr CLUTCH

*Bayron pulls thru in stretch,  
snaps long Aboitiz drought*



## ABOITIZ INVITATIONAL (ADT)



TOUR DATES

**August 3, 2016 – August 6, 2016**

VENUE

**Wack Wack Golf and Country Club**

PRIZE MONEY

**\$100,000**

**O**NE shot can make a big difference and none more so than in golf.

Jay Bayron has plenty of shots to look back on while savoring his two-stroke victory over Gavin Green for the \$100,000 Aboitiz Invitational crown at Wack Wack's notorious East course.

Bayron's final round two-under-par 70 was marked by four birdies, none more memorable than on No. 15, where he hit a solid drive and an approach shot that landed some six feet off the cup.

The putt went in and Green muffed his par bid from four feet, resulting in a two-shot swing that put him two-up on the Malaysian and levied pressure on the 22-year-old.

Green responded with a birdie on the very next hole, but, in his effort to upstage Bayron, who went on to par the last three holes, tried and terribly failed when he decided to go for broke on the 72nd hole.

"I had to hit a birdie. Too bad it did not happen," rued Green, whose drive on No. 18 landed on the fairway bunker on the left then hit the trees on the right side of the green.

Green wound up with a 69 for a 284 aggregate, two behind Bayron (282) who managed to keep

the Aboitiz crown on home soil for the sixth straight year.

As it is, Bayron's string of heartbreaks since ruling the inaugural staging of the event put up by Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. in Cebu in 2011 ended and he can now boast of being a two-time winner in the championship co-organized by the Asian Development Tour, as well as ending a four-year title drought in the ADT, where he topped the 2012 Order of Merit.

"I am very happy. It's been a while since I last won on the ADT," said the 37-year-old Davao native, adding contending with the rest of the 125-man starting field and the punishing conditions at the wind-swept, hazard-laden course did not faze him one bit.

"I came into this event feeling good because I have won this tournament before and I have had some good finishes on this course," said Bayron, who lost to American Berry Henson by one in the 2011 Philippine Open over the same layout.

"I am glad I managed to pull it through and get the job done," added Bayron, who pocketed the top \$17,500 purse (P822,500).

Thai Rattanon Wannasrichan came from behind to snatch solo third at 285 after a 69 and

**1** Jay Bayron's clutch shots as his par-save chip on the 18th end a long search for another Aboitiz win **2** With Wack Wack's old trees as backdrop, Bayron tackles the course's signature hole – the treacherous par-3 No. 8 – which he parred on his way to victory.





**1** Malaysian Gavin Green's misfortunes couldn't come at a worst time with an errant shot on the 72nd hole, resulting in a bogey and enabling Jay Bayron to win by 2.

**2** Nicolas Paez looks for a way out – off a stymied lie and a shaky finish as the American lost control of the field he had dominated in the first two rounds with a 74-77 finish.

**3** Tony Lascuña emerges as the only other local player in the Top 10 at joint fourth, ruing a poor start of 76.

**4** Solid wedge shots put Blake Snyder within one off Paez in the second round only to sputter with closing 77 and 76.

\$7,000 as the erstwhile leader and pursuers dropped out of the title chase one after the other with shaky finishes.

Tony Lascuña, who pulled to within one with a 34 after nine holes, fumbled with three bogeys against two birdies at the back and wound up with a 71 for 286, settling for joint fourth with Indonesian George Gandranata, who also pressed his bid with a three-under card after 10 holes, only to reel back with two bogeys against one bogey in the last eight. He finished with a 70. Each received \$5,000.

American Nicolas Paez, who held on to the lead despite a 74 in the third round, succumbed to pressure early, stumbling with a 37 before blowing it all with four bogeys in the last seven holes for a 77. He fell to joint sixth at 288 with Thai Poom Saksansin, who matched par 72, and Swede Malcolm Kokocinski, who also moved in contention with a two-under card after 11 holes but bogeyed three of the last seven, including the last two holes, for a 73. Each got \$3,133.

**'I came into this event feeling good because I have won this tournament before and I have had some good finishes on this course'**

**BAYRON**

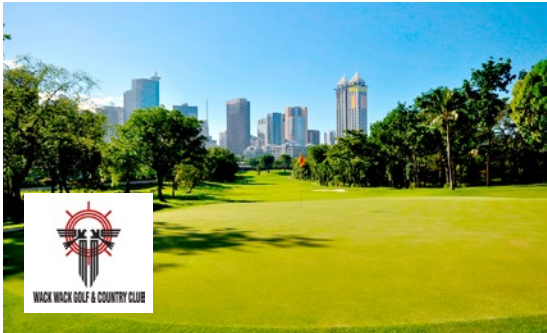
Thai Suradit Yongcharoenchai and Korean-American Micah Shin tied for ninth at 289 after a pair of 73s worth \$2,175 each while American Blake Snyder, just one behind Paez halfway through the event and Swede Oscar Zetterwall, winner of the Eagle Ridge ADT last April, shared 11th place at 291 worth \$1,825 apiece.

The road to Aboitiz glory got a lot bumpier and tougher as Green and Lascuña joined Paez and Bayron in the hunt and at least six more stood just three or four behind in the early goings.

Green forced a three-way tie for the lead at four-under after seven holes with a three-under card, spiked by opening hole eagle-2 as Bayron had a one-bogey, one-birdie stint and Paez fumbled with a two-bogey, one birdie start.

Lascuña, winner of four tournaments in the season, including three straight at Eagle Ridge, Forest Hills and Bacolod, moved to within one with birdies on Nos. 4 and 6.

**5** Thai Rattanon Wannasrichan finds his rhythm and touch only in the final round but his closing 69 could only net him a joint fourth finish. **6** Singaporean Mitchell Slorach figures out a bailout shot from under a huge tree off another errant drive. **7** Pre-game stretching does little to bolster Malcolm Kokocinski's bid but only extended the Swede ace's title spell on the local circuit. **8** Tirawat Techakanokboon lets out a big smile after a solid drive only to find himself smirking with a sky-high 80 in the pivotal third round.



**WACK WACK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**  
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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 ABOITIZ FINAL RANKING**

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	JAY BAYRON	PHI	67	71	74	70	282	-6	\$17,500
2	GAVIN GREEN	MAL	75	72	68	69	284	-4	\$11,500
3	RATTANON WANNASRICHAN	THA	72	71	73	69	285	-3	\$7,000
4	GEORGE GANDRANATA	INA	72	72	72	70	286	-2	\$5,000
4=	TONY LASCUÑA	PHI	76	70	69	71	286	-2	\$5,000
6	POOM SAKSANSIN	THA	72	75	69	72	288	PAR	\$3,133
6=	MALCOLM KOKOCINSKI	SWE	72	72	71	73	288	PAR	\$3,133
6=	NICOLAS PAEZ	USA	69	68	74	77	288	PAR	\$3,133
9	MICAH LAUREN SHIN	USA	72	72	72	73	289	+1	\$2,175
9=	SURADIT YONGCHAROENCHAI	THA	72	73	71	73	289	+1	\$2,175

Kokocinski stood at two-under overall while Yongcharoenchai, Rattanon Wannasrichan and Shin stayed within sight with one-under overall cards.

But as their rivals sputtered one after the other at the back, Bayron and Green took the spotlight and slugged it out shot-for-shot and putt-for-putt in the remaining holes.

Green actually cashed in on a two-shot swing on No. 11 which he birdied and Bayron bogeyed, shoving the Malaysian to the lead, only to drop a stroke on the next for the third straight day, enabling the Filipino ace to draw level at five-under overall.

Though the two-shot swing on No. 15 fueled Bayron's title bid, the dusky shotmaker said it was his chip-in birdie from 30 yards on the ninth that keyed his victory.

“That was the turning point,” stressed Bayron. “In the first few holes, I was looking for something to inspire me and that chip-in birdie was the answer,” said Bayron, who opened up his final round with a bogey but made other birdies on Nos. 4 and 13 to make up for his other bogey mishap on No. 11.

There were other shots to remember for Bayron, who took charge in the first round with a 67, but dropped to joint second with a 71 in the next.

His spectacular par-save on No. 2, where he hit a wayward drive that landed on the ladies tee, enabled him to scrape a 74 on the third round.

“If there was a highlight of the day, that was it,” beamed Bayron.

And there were his three homeward birdies in the second round, enabling him to bounce back from a 38 on his outward nine and save a 71.

“That was a great comeback for me. I was looking for a spark and thankfully, it came just in time,” said Bayron. “I can build on this good finish for the third round.”

No truer words were spoken.



# CASHING IN

*Bayron collars 2nd PGT win as Mondilla crumbles*

**T**HE openings took quite a while before presenting themselves. But when they did, Jay Bayron was too ready and willing to barge all the way through.

Bayron pounced on the opportunities given him, foremost of which was one by Clyde Mondilla, to bag the ICTSI Riviera Classic championship at the tough Riviera's Langer course in Silang, Cavite, his second straight Philippine Golf Tour crown.

None of the doors which were flung wide open for Bayron was bigger than Mondilla's back-to-back bad shots on their third playoff hole, the par-4 No. 1, when he hit a wild drive and followed that up with an errant approach.

Bayron did his part, driving just to the right of center of the fairway and making it easily to the green.

Seeing the futility of his bid, Mondilla conceded the hole and the match, enabling Bayron to wrap up another championship in as many weeks.

"It's a tough win, but I'm happy I made it," said Bayron, who pocketed another P270,000 after banking \$17,500 (P822,000) following his two-stroke triumph over Malaysian Gavin Green at Aboitiz Invitational the previous week at Wack Wack.

▲ **ECSTASY, AGONY:** Jay Bayron and his caddie whoop it up in victory while Clyde Mondilla sinks in defeat on the third playoff hole. (Inset) Bayron raises his arms in triumph and with his second straight trophy and future champion.

Indeed, it took quite some doing as Bayron found himself as much as seven strokes off the pace in the early going of the P2 million event sponsored by ICTSI and organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

But a pair of 69s in the middle rounds and a birdie on the 72nd hole – after bogeying it in each of the first three rounds – gave the former caddie at Apo a 71 and a 280 total.

Mondilla actually had a six-under total after three days and sat on a one-shot cushion after 54 holes but opened up the final round with two straight bogeys and dropped a crucial shot on the 17th that gave him a 73 and leave the door ajar for Bayron.

After Bayron and Mondilla wound up tied with identical four-under totals, the stage is set for what would be the second longest playoff duel this year. Frankie Miñoza outlasted Miguel Tabuena on the fifth extra hole for the ICTSI Negros Occidental Classic crown in Bacolod.

The two matched pars in the first two playoff holes on No. 18, but when the sudden death switched to No. 1, Mondilla lost his touch and consequently his poise. He hooked his drive and hit the trees on his approach, the ball bouncing back to the rough.

It was an unexpected meltdown for Mondilla, who settled for a 1-1 record in playoff duels this year after nipping tour rookie Jobim Carlos in sudden death at Eastridge last May.

That seemed a very distant possibility after Mondilla took over from Jay's brother, Rufino, at the top following a 70 and a 206 total after three rounds, one-up on American Nicolas Paez.

Not even back-to-back bogeys to open up the final round seemed to deter Mondilla as he regained the lead from Paez with two straight birdies from No. 15 before being caught by Bayron.

It was also a sorry setback for Paez,

who moved two-up with a birdie on No. 4 but dropped into a share of the lead again with bogeys on Nos. 7 and 9. The 27-year-old Californian regained the lead with another birdie on the 13th but Mondilla countered with a birdie on No. 15 before the duo succumbed to pressure and bogeyed No. 17.

Fully taking Paez out of contention was his double bogey-6 on the 18th after he landed on a fairway bunker off bounds and needed four shots to reach the green.

Paez wound up with a 74 and dropped to joint third with first round leader Micah Shin, who carded a 73, at 282 while Carlos, who fought back from six down to move within one with a three-under card after 10 holes, failed to sustain his final round charge with bogeys on Nos. 14 and 17. He ended up with a 70 for solo fifth at 283.

Elmer Salvador, who dominated this event the past two years, found his touch and rhythm a bit late, firing

a three-under 68 to share sixth place at 284 with four-leg winner Tony Lascuña, who matched par 71, and Rolando Marabe Jr., who also rallied with a 68.

Marvin Dumandan capped his comeback from an opening 79 with a 67 as he finished joint ninth with halfway leader Rufino Bayron, who wavered with a 76, at 286.

Bayron's charge actually started taking shape after the second round, when he shot a 69 and shared fourth-running spot, but still lay seven strokes behind his brother.

The grit Bayron displayed in beating Green at Wack Wack started reasserting itself as he rammed home three birdies in a four-hole stretch from No. 13 but missed joining Paez at second with a bogey on the 54th hole.

Turned out the openings were just starting to come Bayron's way.

**'It's a tough win, but I'm happy I made it'**

**BAYRON**



## RIVIERA CLASSIC



TOUR DATES

**August 10, 2016 – August 13, 2016**



VENUE

**Riviera Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 2,000,000**





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**ICTSI RIVIERA CLASSIC FINAL RANKING**

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	71	69	69	71	280	-4	P360,000
2	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	69	68	70	73	280	-4	P250,000
3	SHIN, MICAH	USA	65	72	72	73	282	-2	P127,500
3=	PAEZ, NICOLAS	USA	72	68	68	74	282	-2	P127,500
5	CARLOS, JOBIM	PHI	69	71	73	70	283	-1	P89,000
6	MARABE, ROLANDO, JR.	PHI	75	71	70	68	284	0	P67,000
6=	SALVADOR, ELMER	PHI	73	73	70	68	284	0	P67,000
6=	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	74	71	68	71	284	0	P67,000
9	DUMANDAN, MARVIN	PHI	79	70	70	67	286	2	P53,000
9=	BAYRON, RUFINO	PHI	67	66	77	76	286	2	P53,000

1 Clyde Mondilla takes a drop before dropping off the third round lead.

2 Micah Shin (right) seems to disagree with caddie and fellow pro Elmer Saban on where to launch their target.

3 After pulling to within one off the lead with back-to-back sizzling middle rounds of 68s, American Nicolas Paez cools down in a wet final day stint with a 74 and ended up tied for third.

4 Mondilla shrugs off Rufino Bayron's antics and went on to stay on top of the heap after 54 holes.

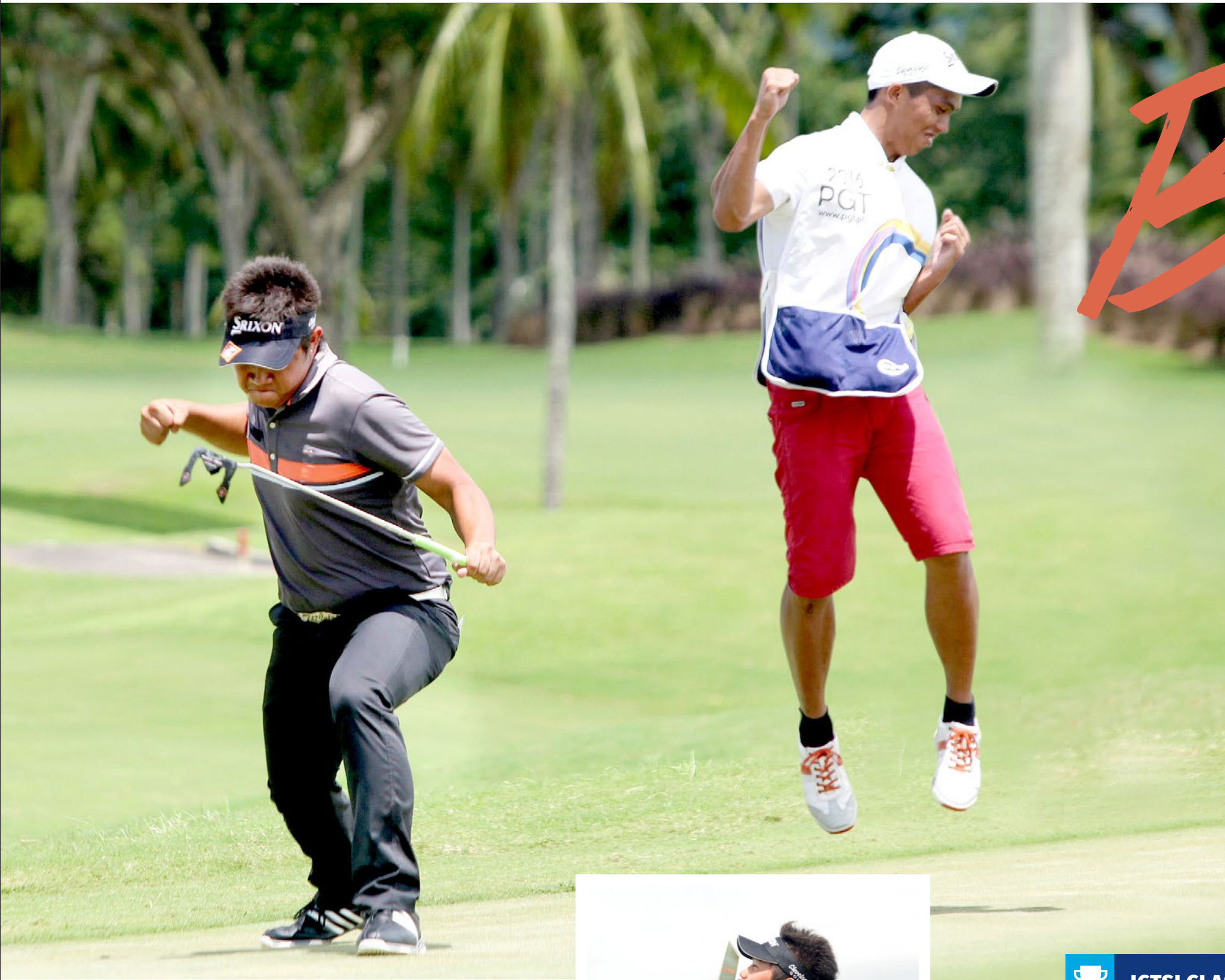
5 Tackling a treacherous course as Riviera's Langer could really be daunting on the pros, including Albin Engino.

6 Other than studying the line of his putt, Jobim Carlos may be pondering his future on the local tour.

7 Paul Echavez looks like he's got nowhere to go after landing in the tall grasses of Riviera's Langer layout.

8 Rufino Bayron must've celebrated early when after taking control of the elite field with fiery 66 and 67 in the first two rounds, he shot 10 strokes worse in the next two and wound up joint ninth.





Clyde Mondilla pumps his fist while caddie jumps for joy after the former turned what had appeared to be a disastrous double-bogey mishap in sudden death into a resounding victory, his third in the season.

**C**ALL it weird as Clyde Mondilla found out that even on a bad day, he could still emerge with the trophy.

Mondilla made sure he won't lose in a playoff this time around that despite a double-bogey in sudden death, he beat Orlan Sumcad to capture the ICTSI Classic at the Mount Malarayat Golf and Country Club in Lipa City, Batangas.

Mondilla stared at another playoff meltdown after an errant drive on the par-4 18th with Sumcad splitting the fairway on a solid hit. But as Mondilla took a drop and hit

it short of the green, Sumcad crumbled under pressure, overshooting the green from just about 170 yards, the ball going out-of-bounds.

Sumcad missed the green on his fourth shot and two-putted, enabling Mondilla to snatch the crown on a double-bogey finish in a weird ending to what was expected to be a shootout after the duo sizzled



# BIZARRE ENDING

*Despite a 6, Mondilla still hacks it out in playoff*

with low rounds in regulation.

"I will never forget this win. This is so sweet, winning what seemed to be a losing stand," said Mondilla after his great escape worth P360,000. "It also made up for my playoff loss to Jay (Bayron) at Riviera."

It was the second playoff victory for the rising star from Del Monte. Mondilla foiled Jobim Carlos on the first sudden death hole in the Manila Masters at Eastridge then dominated the field at Calatagan for back-to-back titles.

But Mondilla's form suddenly took a downswing in the next five tournaments, three of which Tony Lascuña swept. He withdrew from the Aboitiz Invitational with a sore back before losing to Bayron in another playoff at ICTSI Riviera Classic early in August.

Bayron and Marvin Dumandan took charge with identical 67s in the P2-million tournament, scores they fashioned out on fiery windups on both nines in sun and rain – wresting a one-stroke lead over an equally hot-finishing Rufino Bayron in the first round.

Teeing off at Mt. Malipunyo serving as the backside, Bayron bucked a double-bogey mishap on No. 14 with seven birdies, including four at Mt. Lobo capped by a three-footer on the par-5 ninth that tied the back-to-back winner at Aboitiz Invitational and ICTSI Riviera Classic with Dumandan.

Mondilla? He came charging back in the last flight in the first round with three birdies in the last five holes to save a two-under 70 and tie Benjie Magada, Sumcad, Mars Pucay, Jobim Carlos and Dutch Guido Van der Valk at fourth.

Mondilla, who groped for form after back-to-back

wins at Eastridge and Calatagan, appeared headed for another sloppy start with a 37 at the back but got back into the thick of things with birdies on Nos. 5, 7 and 9.

But Tony Lascuña, who beat Jay Bayron and Mondilla by six

here last year, struggled with his putting and settled for three birdies against two bogeys for a 71, four behind Dumandan and Jay Bayron.

In the second round, Sumcad got past Bayron and Dumandan with a blistering charge at Mt. Lobo and shot a six-under 66 to grab a two-stroke lead over the erstwhile joint leaders midway through the 72-hole event.

Sumcad used his power off the tee and superb iron play to set up birdie chances but surprisingly made the long ones and flubbed a couple from shorter range on a surface that has started to firm up after days of rain.

Still, his 31-35 card proved enough for the long-hitting Bacolod shotmaker to wrest control at eight-under 136, counting his opening 70, putting him 36 holes away from finally nailing the elusive win on the country's premier tour sponsored by ICTSI.

Mondilla, who also opened with an eagle-spiked 70, on the other hand, fumbled early with a double-bogey and bogey from No. 5 but fought back with three straight birdies and gunned down another on No. 14 to save a 71 and tied obscure Erwin Arcillas, who fired a 69, at fifth at 141.

And then the third round when Mondilla displayed the fierce form that won him Eastridge and Calatagan, carding an eagle-spiked seven-under 65 to bounce back from five strokes down for a one-stroke lead after 54 holes.

A crisp, solid drive sailed through the 331-yard No. 7 of Mt. Lobo rested just a club-length off the cup for eagle highlighted the 23-year-old Mondilla's 32-33 card, giving him a 206 aggregate and a one-stroke lead over Sumcad, who stayed on track for a breakthrough win despite dropping to second at 207 after a 71.

**'I will never forget this win. This is so sweet, winning what seemed to be a losing stand'**

MONDILLA



## ICTSI CLASSIC



TOUR DATES

**August 24, 2016 – August 27, 2016**



VENUE

**Mount Malarayat Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 2,000,000**





1 It was close but not quite for Orlan Sumcad, who cracked under pressure in the clutch, blowing what could've have a breakthrough win with an unlikely 7 on the first playoff hole.

2 Changing clubs hardly changed Jay Bayron's fortunes as the Aboitiz and Riviera leg winner blew a joint first round lead and his bid for a third straight championship.

3 Deep in the bunker, four-leg winner Tony Lascaña fails to climb from a second round 73 despite back-to-back 68s, ending up way behind Mondilla and Sumcad.

4 After a strong start for a joint leadership with Jay Bayron and two under-par cards to stay in the hunt, power-hitting Marvin Dumandan lost steam in the end and extended his long winless spell on the circuit.

5 Mars Pucay opts for conservative play in the first two rounds to stay in contention.

6 If looks can kill, the deep-eyed Rufino Bayron could've gunned down more birdies in pursuit of an elusive crown.

7 Dutch Guido Van der Valk's quest for a maiden win remains a dream after another roller-coaster campaign at Mount Malarayat.

8 Unable to unleash a fighting form for the longest time, veteran Rey Pagunsan has mastered the art of drawing his co-players' attention with his antics.

9 Bad back forces Benjie Magada to back out of the tournament after two rounds.

Dumandan remained within striking distance at 208 after a 70 and Bayron kept his bid for a third straight championship despite a second straight 71 at solo fourth at 209.

"I just felt I could go low so I attacked the greens. I was just too confident of my shots," said Mondilla, who was aiming to atone for his playoff setback to Bayron at ICTSI Riviera Classic.

Sumcad, who took charge halfway through with a 66, birdied the drivable No. 7 then added

two birdies linking both nines to stay in the lead but failed to hang on at the finish, bogeying Nos. 16 and 18 to drop off the pace.

"Despite falling off the lead, I'm still confident of my chances. But I'll just play and try to enjoy the game and hope my putting clicks," said Sumcad, a many-time contender but never a winner on the tour.

In the fourth round, Sumcad was close to scoring a breakthrough win with a 66 to tie Mondilla, closing out with a 67—15-under 273—

after the duo fended off their rivals throughout the last 18 holes in heavy rain in the early going and scorching heat at the finish.

Mondilla kept his one-stroke lead after matching Sumcad's 33 at Mt. Lobo, but lost his solo grip of the lead with a bogey on the 10th of Mt. Malipunyo. The duo birdied No. 12 to remain even then Mondilla regained the lead with a birdie on No. 15.

Sumcad refused to give up and countered with a long birdie on No. 16 then matched Mondilla's

birdie on the 18th to force another playoff for the second straight tournament in the circuit sponsored by ICTSI.

Sumcad took home P250,000 with the setback. Bayron, winner of the last two legs at Aboitiz Invitational at Wack Wack and Riviera, failed to unleash a strong finishing kick and ended up third this time at 279 after a bogey-free 70 and pocketed P140,000.

Tony Lascaña, the winningest player in the season with four titles, made a final round charge, going four-under after 13 but reeled back with a bogey on No. 16 before ramming in

another birdie on the next to rally to solo fourth at 280 after a 68 worth P115,000.

Marvin Dumandan wilted under final round pressure in the championship flight and stumbled with a 73, dropping to fifth instead at 281 while Jhonnell Ababa shot a 70 to tie Dutch Guido Van der Valk, who matched par 72, at sixth at 283.



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#### ICTSI CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	70	71	65	67	273	-15	P360,000
2	SUMCAD, ORLAN	PHI	70	66	71	66	273	-15	P250,000
3	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	67	71	71	70	279	-9	P140,000
4	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	71	73	68	68	280	-8	P115,000
5	DUMANDAN, MARVIN	PHI	67	71	70	73	281	-7	P89,000
6	ABABA, JHONNEL	PHI	73	69	71	70	283	-5	P72,500
6=	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	NED	70	72	69	72	283	-5	P72,500
8	FERNANDO, ANTHONY	PHI	75	69	72	68	284	-4	P53,000
8=	PUCAY, MARS	PHI	70	70	73	71	284	-4	P53,000
10	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	PHI	72	70	73	70	285	-3	P45,000





# JUST IN

*Salvador rallies late in the round, late in the season*



## SPLENDIDO CLASSIC



TOUR DATES

August 31, 2016 – September 3, 2016



VENUE

Splendido Taal Golf Club



PRIZE MONEY

Php 2,000,00



◀ Even after winning the PGT Splendido leg, Elmer Salvador is still chased by runner-up Jay Bayron.

**ELMER SALVADOR came charging in the final round like an engine in turbo mode when no one up front cared to glance at the rear-view mirror.**

Playing in the second-to-last flight that meant he had a second-to-last chance or less of bidding for the crown, Salvador squeezed from three strokes down to pull the rug from under unsuspecting leader Jhonnell Ababa, erstwhile pursuer Tony Lascuña and an equally-charging Jay Bayron to capture the International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) Splendido Classic crown by one.

What a way to end an almost winless season for Salvador.

After scattering six birdies in a 10-hole stretch from No. 2, Ababa and Lascuña lost their grip midway through as pressure wore down the leaders at the scenic Splendido Taal Golf Club.

Birdies on Nos. 10 and 11, both par 5s, put Salvador in the driver's seat, before he held sway further with his putts for pars in the last seven holes – the last a five-footer that frustrated Bayron's hopes for sudden death.

Bayron had earlier birdied the final hole ahead for a scorching 66 in a windy day and all he had to do was hope that Salvador loses his rhythm on the finishing hole.

But Salvador didn't. And the reticent Davaoño shotmaker pocketed the crown with an 11-under 277 total, in the process laughing his way to the bank with a P360,000 champion's check.

"It's nice to win again. I thought I'd go winless in 2016," said Salvador, who was nowhere in the title chase after 13 legs. He was joint 15th in two of the last three legs at Aboitiz and Mount Malarayat and was tied for sixth at ICTSI Riviera, which he ruled in emphatic fashion in 2015.

But the second round took a different complexion.

Lascuña, relegated to the background the last four legs after a three-title sweep, made his move at regaining his lofty perch on the Philippine Golf Tour. He

did so in veteran fashion and with a 66, he stormed past Rey Pagunsan by two strokes halfway through.

Flashing the form and putting that made him win Eagle Ridge, Forest Hills and Bacolod one after the other, Lascuña turned the Splendido backside into his playground with seven birdies, including five straight from No. 10, and moved from joint fourth to No. 1 at nine-under 135.

Pagunsan birdied two of the last four holes at the front to save a 70 and looked headed to grabbing the lead at 137 until Lascuña returned to the clubhouse with a six-under card that tied Korean Seok Jun Min's opening round feat.

No one had a real solid grip of the lead at Splendido in all four days of the P2 million event.

In the first round, Seok and Pagunsan teed off last at the front and were 1-2 at the day's end – the Korean birdying the 18th for a six-under 66 and a one-stroke lead over the veteran Pagunsan.

Michael Bibat also churned out a solid 68, a stroke off Pagunsan's eagle-spiked 67, to complete a lead cast of less illustrious bets in the 14th leg of the circuit where the top guns were expected to cap an exciting season.

So everyone thought everything was in order.

Not quite.

The third round saw Ababa transform a horrible start into an explosive windup, sinking in a rare double-eagle on No. 10 for a four-under 68 that netted him a two-stroke lead over Lascuña and Micah Shin.

Ababa was four-over after four holes to start the day. That included a double-bogey 7 on No. 2 as he racked up five birdies and gunned down an albatross on the par-5 10th on a brilliant 3-wood second shot from 255 yards that landed on the green, rolled sideways and into the cup.

A former amateur standout who last won on the ASEAN PGA Tour in Malaysia in 2014, Ababa had no idea of his feat and even took a step back when tournament director Bong Igaya told him that it went out of bounds.

**'It's nice to win again. I thought I'd go winless this year'**

SALVADOR



“I really can’t believe it went in, but it did. And that sparked me up all the more,” said Ababa, who bounced back from that faulty start with birdies on Nos. 5 and 7 then followed up his double-eagle exploit with birdies on Nos. 11, 13 and 16.

Lascaña? He failed to sustain his second round six-under card and sputtered with a closing 38 for a 74, as Pagunsan, who stayed in contention in the first two days, shot better with a 73 but still fell to fourth at 210 in a tie with Elmer Salvador, who missed joining Lascaña and Shin at second with a final hole bogey.

Then came the final round – which was to become Salvador’s day.

“My putting clicked. Except for my missed green bogey on No. 1, I played solid from tee to green,” he said.

Salvador went on a slump since until he sizzled with an early birdie-splurge and pounced on Ababa and Lascaña’s foldups to get into the winner’s podium again.

Bayron also rallied from the third-to-last flight with a day’s best six-under card, spiked by a four-birdie string from No. 10 and a final birdie for second at 278 – worth P250,000, and Lascaña, who led midway through the event organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. but dropped to joint second with a third round 74, regained control with back-to-back opening birdies.

Lascaña, a four-leg winner, led by two at nine-under overall and looked headed for another romp after another birdie on No. 10. But he drove out of bounds on the next and ended up with a double-bogey, enabling Salvador to storm ahead at 11-under.

Lascaña finished with a 70 for solo third at 279 for P140,000, ahead of Ababa, who never recovered from a two-bogey and double bogey mishaps after seven holes to save a 73 for joint fourth with Shin, who carded a second straight 71, at 280.

Pagunsan also closed out with a 71 and ended up sixth at 281 while Aussie Peter Stojanovski turned in a second 71 for seventh at 283 and first round leader Seok fumbled with a 73 and finished tied for eighth with Bibat, who fired a 70, at 284.



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1 Final day woes stymie Tony Lascaña, Micah Shin and Jhonnell Ababa’s come-from-behind bids.

2 Korean Seok Jun Min is on target – producing a lead-grabbing 66 in the first round, only to lose his focus and the lead in the next three days, ending up at joint eighth.

3 Though Rey Pagunsan ran out of steam after staying at second in the first two days, the veteran campaigner never runs out of pranks.

4 Seems like time has caught up big-time for the once formidable Cassius Casas, who reacts after drilling in a birdie-putt – from close range.

5 Conservative play helps Elmer Salvador sustain a fiery comeback.

6 Jhonnell Ababa raises his arms – not in triumph but after scoring a rare double-eagle on the par-5 10th.

7 Jay Bayron’s kid gets some around-the-green pointers from dad.

8 No, they aren’t stranded but Shin, Clyde Mondilla and company only wait for their turn on the tee.

9 With a ball in hand, journeyman Rico Depilo ponders on his future in the sport.

10 Jobim Carlos seems to be in a hurry to launch his bid.

ICTSI SPLENDIDO CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	SALVADOR, ELMER	PHI	73	68	69	67	277	-11	P360,000
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4	SHIN, MICAH	USA	69	69	71	71	280	-8	P102,000
4=	ABABA, JHONNEL	PHI	69	70	68	73	280	-8	P102,000
6	PAGUNSAN, REY	PHI	67	70	73	71	281	-7	P78,000
7	STOJANOVSKI, PETER	AUS	71	70	71	71	283	-5	P67,000
8	BIBAT, MICHAEL	PHI	68	74	72	70	284	-4	P53,000
8=	SEOK, JUN MIN	KOR	66	73	72	73	284	-4	P53,000
10	FERNANDO, MHARK	PHI	70	75	72	69	286	-2	P45,000



# SHINING MOMENT

*Lean, mean Korean-American stuns Lascaña for maiden win*



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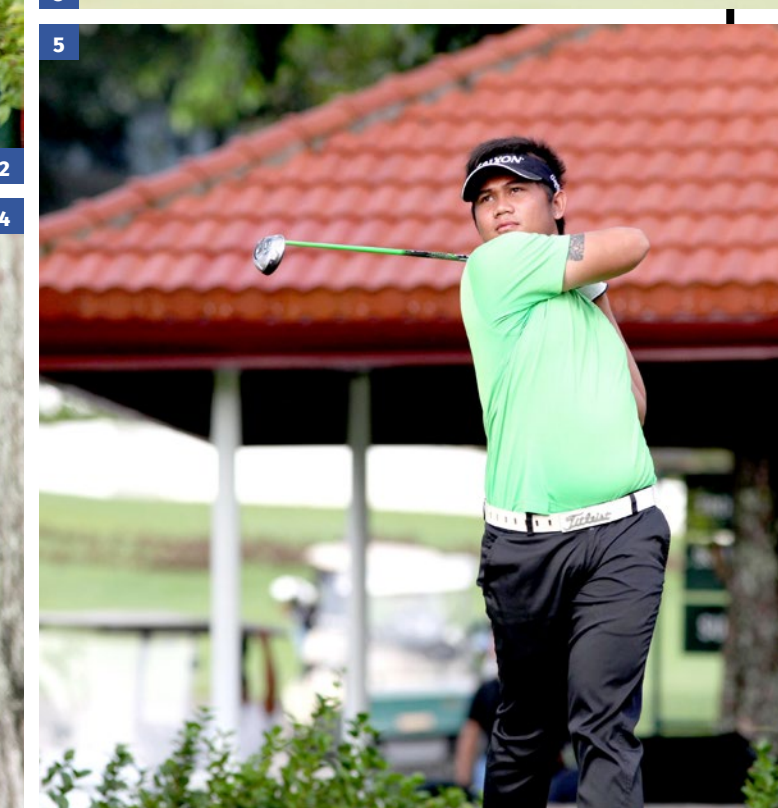
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Micah Shin breaks into a frisky mood (2) to the delight of flightmate Rey Pagunsan but to the chagrin, perhaps, of Tony Lascaña (3), Elmer Salvador (4) and Clyde Mondilla (5) whom he humbled to annex his first career win (1).



## CENTRAL AZUCARERA DE TARLAC OPEN



TOUR DATES

September 14, 2016 – September 17, 2016



VENUE

Luisita Golf and Country Club



PRIZE MONEY

Php 2,500,000

**M**ICAH SHIN couldn't ask for more. Not only did he nail his first championship on the ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour but also he did it in style.

Shin, a Davao-based Korean-American, humbled no less than eventual Order of Merit winner Tony Lascaña by two strokes to claim the Central Azucarera de Tarlac Open at the Luisita Golf and Country Club and outclassed a slew of local and foreign aces with a four-day display of superb shotmaking.

He did fumble with a late double-bogey on the treacherous par-3 17th in the final round but Shin, a perennial contender since he joined the big league three years ago, toughened up and knocked off his pursuers with a scrambling par on the 72nd hole.

"I couldn't ask for more. It was a memorable final round for me. My effort and hard work didn't go to waste," said Shin, who banked on a brilliant third day 65 to stay in command and leaned on a solid start in the final round to cushion the impact of a meltdown that has marred his past title campaigns in the circuit sponsored by the International Container Terminal Services Inc.

He wound up with a 14-under 274 on a run of under-par scores that included a 70 and a 69 and banked his biggest paycheck to date – P450,000.

"I had no problem with my game, except on the 17th," said Shin, who dumped his 4-iron tee shot into the water for that 5 but salvaged par on the final hole to beat Lascaña, who charged back with a 68, by two.

His coronation actually took a bit longer after the organizing Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. stopped play for 35 minutes due to thunderstorms and lightning with the final group set to hole out on the 18th.

But it was worth the wait for Shin.

The 19-year-old rising star actually waited for three years to realize a dream championship and it became crystal clear in the third round when he showed up veterans Jay Bayron and Rey Pagunsan with a near-flawless round that produced a tournament-best seven-under 65 and a four-shot lead over Lascaña.

"I played well. Everything's in place, especially my putting," said Shin, who put together eight birdies in the second-to-last flight in another fine day at the tight, tree-lined layout to seize control of the P2.5 million event.

Eighteen holes away from victory, Shin psyched himself up on the eve

of the final round – against the most feared player in the fold.

"I have to maintain this kind of game," said Shin, who tied for fourth at Splendido Classic where he slugged it out and lost to Lascaña in the final day.

Despite laying four shots behind, Lascaña still exuded confidence and remained upbeat of his chances for a fifth leg crown.

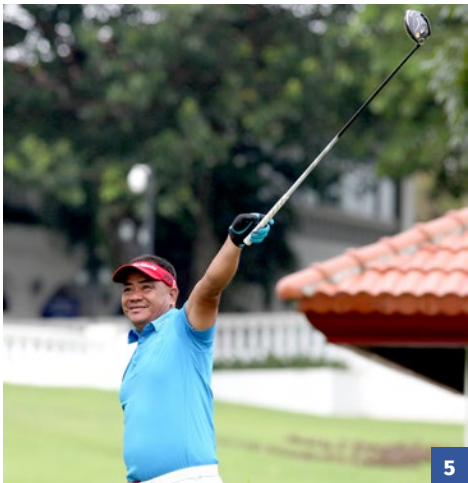
"No lead is safe here in Luisita. One mistake or one bad decision could ruin one's title bid," Lascaña said. "So every shot, every putt is important."

He was right.

**'I couldn't ask for more. It was a memorable final round for me. My effort and hard work didn't go to waste'**

SHIN





**1** Jay Bayron is all thumbs up after a four-day run of under-par rounds but just couldn't make a run at the title in the face of Micah Shin's near-impeccable performance.

**2** Jobim Carlos could only shake his head after a missed putt and another failed attempt for a breakthrough win in his rookie season.

**3** Winner at Luisita in 2014, Charles Hong couldn't put it all together this time, ending up tied at 28th with no under-par score to show.

**4** Exhausted from another grueling, title-less campaign, Dutch Guido Van der Valk could only look forward to next year's edition of the tour.

**5** Obscure Rico Depilo isn't celebrating a title win but signals a wayward drive.

**6** Rey Pagunsan waves to the gallery not after finally nailing the elusive victory but only after drilling in a long birdie putt that hardly boosted his title bid.

**7** American John Michael O'Toole consults his caddy for the right approach from a tough lie near the huge lake.

**8** Winner at Luisita Championship early in the season, Tony Lascuña fails to make it two-in-row given Micah Shin's outstanding stint.

**9** American Nick Sherwood fails to solve the Luisita puzzle and missed the cut.

Lascuña, who said he would need to shoot a seven-under card to get a crack at the crown, fell short of his bid with missed putts but still produced a solid 34-34 to finish second at 276 worth P320,000.

As in his past failed bids, he blamed his putting for the setback.

"I missed a lot of birdie putts, specifically on Nos. 2, 3 and 4 and 16," Lascuña rued.

Shin's victory at Luisita also lifted him from No. 13 to a spot among the top seven with P1,035,987 in earnings at that point of the circuit.

Clyde Mondilla, a three-leg winner and the third man in the championship group, never figured in the mix with a double-bogey mishap on the tricky par-3 second but rallied with three birdies in the last 14 holes to save a 71 and finish tied for third at 280 with a charging Elmer Salvador, the Splendido Classic winner who shot a 69. Each received P160,000.

Jay Bayron, who had targeted no less than the top spot to grab the Order of Merit lead from Lascuña, put in another 70 but had to settle for fifth at 281 and P110,000 while Zanieboy Gialon fought back with a 68 to tie Marvin Dumandan, who matched par 72, at sixth at 282.

Aussie Peter Stojanovski fired a 69 and took solo eighth at 283 while Dutch Guido Van der Valk also closed out with a 72 for joint ninth at 284 with Cassius Casas, who stumbled with a 73.



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ICTSI CENTRAL AZUCARERA DE TARLAC FINAL RANKING									
Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL	TO PAR	EARNINGS
1	SHIN, MICAH	USA	70	69	65	70	274	-14	P450,000
2	LASCUÑA, TONY	PHI	68	70	70	68	276	-12	P320,000
3	SALVADOR, ELMER	PHI	68	77	66	69	280	-8	P160,000
3=	MONDILLA, CLYDE	PHI	72	69	68	71	280	-8	P160,000
5	BAYRON, JAY	PHI	70	70	71	70	281	-7	P110,000
6	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	PHI	72	71	71	68	282	-6	P89,500
6=	DUMANDAN, MARVIN	PHI	70	72	68	72	282	-6	P89,500
8	STOJANOVSKI, PETER	AUS	71	72	71	69	283	-5	P70,000
9	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	NED	70	69	73	72	284	-4	P58,000
9=	CASAS, CASSIUS	PHI	72	72	67	73	284	-4	P58,000



# WINNER

## TAKES it ALL

### Lascaña swoops on Salvador foldup, bags TPC, OOM titles

**T**HERE'S no keeping a good man down, especially when he is as determined as Tony Lascaña.

The Davaoeno ace shotmaker re-stressed that old adage when he capped a scintillating season by nipping Elmer Salvador in sudden death and ruling the ICTSI Tournament Players Championship at Wack Wack East, in the process copping a fourth Order of Merit title in five years.

A fourth place finish would have sufficed for Lascaña as he needs only the P195,000 that goes with the placing to hold off closest challengers Clyde Mondilla and Jay Bayron and secure the OOM plum.

But the dusky ace is not one to pass up on the chance, especially when the door was left wide open for him.

Salvador could have thwarted Lascaña's bid for a fifth title in all for the season, but flubbed his chances as highlighted by two errant drives on the par-4 18th.

#### TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

TOUR DATES  
**September 21, 2016 – September 24, 2016**

VENUE  
**Wack Wack Golf and Country Club**

PRIZE MONEY  
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As things turned out, Lascaña wound up with the winner's purse of P650,000 while stamping his class anew in the eighth season of the country's premier circuit sponsored by ICTSI and organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

"It's a nice feeling closing out the season with a win – and securing the OOM crown," said Lascaña after adding on to his wins at Luisita, Eagle Ridge, Forest Hills and Bacolod.

Adding a number of Top 5 finishes in the circuit sponsored by ICTSI, Lascaña amassed a total close to P3.7 million while matching his five-leg triumph in 2014, when he snared a third straight OOM title.

Miguel Tabuena wrested the OOM title in 2015, when Lascaña was relegated to second on some P2.8 million in earnings. But with the youngster opting to campaign abroad, Lascaña lost little time reclaiming the coveted plum and regaining his status



as the country's top shotmaker.

The 46-year-old sure persevered in his quest and stoked it with tenacity, even baring his intentions before the start of the P3.5 million championship

A little luck helped on the final round at Mandaluyong's fabled course as overnight leader Salvador seemed well on his way to a second title in three weeks after going 3-up on Lascaña the day before, only to falter with a closing round 73.

But what really did Salvador in were his last two drives on the 72nd, which also served as the playoff hole.

Going one-up after a clutch birdie on the 15th, Salvador first lost his grip with a hooked 3-wood shot.

"I thought I landed on the fairway,"

related Salvador. "But when I saw it, the ball was plugged in a muddy spot under the trees."

Lascaña also blew his chance to snatch the title outright with a missed birdie putt from eight feet and had to settle for a 70 that tied Salvador up at 280.

That seemed to rattle Salvador, who promptly sliced his drive into the woods on their return to No. 18. He played out, reached the green in three again and watched his last putt roll past the cup.

Lascaña, meanwhile, again split the fairway then two-putted from 24 feet to complete his come-from-behind victory.

"I was very lucky in the last two holes. It was uncharacteristic for

Elmer to hit back-to-back bad drives so it came as a surprise and also a blessing because it opened an opportunity for me," said Lascaña.

Salvador could console himself with the runner-up prize of P430,000, bringing his earnings for the year at some P1.4 million that placed him fourth in the OOM rankings behind three-leg winner Mondilla's P2.6M and Bayron's P2.5M.

At least, Salvador fared much better than the rest of the original field of 94 players, which included some other revered names in Philippine golf.

Jerson Balasabas, the third man in the championship flight, also closed to within three with a birdie on the second hole but reeled back just as

**'It's a nice feeling closing out the season with a win – and securing the OOM crown'**

LASCAÑA



Near-flawless drives, (3) brilliant iron game (2) and superb bunker shots (1) help anchor Tony Lascaña's (4) playoff win over Elmer Salvador at Wack Wack for a fourth Order of Merit title in five years.

5 Salvador hits a fabulous bunker shot on Wack Wack East's signature No. 8 hole as if saying to the man on his left: 'Watch and learn.'





quickly with a bogey on No. 5 and never contended the rest of the way. He wound up third with a 74 for a 286 worth P240,000.

Zanieboy Gialon also rallied with a 69 to tie Micah Shin, winner of the last leg at Central Azucarera de Tarlac Open, who also limped with a 74, at 287.

Frankie Miñoza, who nipped young ace Miguel Tabuena in a record five-hole playoff to capture the ICTSI Negros Occidental Classic title last July, ended up solo sixth at 288 after a 73.

Cassius Casas bounced back with a 70 for seventh at 290, Toru Nakajima of Japan carded a 71 to share eighth place with compatriot Ryomi Miki, who hobbled with a 75, at 291 while Benjie Magada matched par 72 for a 292 and wound up 10th in the final leg of the 16-stage circuitw.



**1** Salvador falls down on his knees after watching his chip shot bounce once and disappear into the cup, highlighting his third round 68.

**2** Jessie Balasabas pumps his fist after pumping life to his title bid with 67 and 68 in the middle rounds following a disastrous 77 start.

**3** Japanese Ryoma Miki's superb short game could only help him land at joint eighth after a career-best runner-up effort at Eagle Ridge.

**4** After ripping the field at Mount Malarayat for his third leg win and after scoring a breakthrough at Luisita, Clyde Mondilla (left), and Micah Shin failed to contend for the season-ending leg crown with a pair of closing 74s.

**5** Zanieboy Gialon, who had won a couple of tournaments in rainy conditions, couldn't blast the opposition in the rain-hit ICTSI TPC with frequent visits at Wack Wack East's bunkers.

**6** Jhonnell Ababa couldn't go low with shaky putting.

**7** After a solid, lead-grabbing 69 in the first round, Aussie Frederick Park faded with a run of over-par cards, failing to point out the terrors lurking on the sleek putting surface of the fabled Wack Wack East.

**8** Veteran Frankie Miñoza could only offer a laugh after completing a rollercoaster round of 70-78-67-73 on a course where he once reigned.

**9** Players literally cool down in heavy rains that marred the second round action.



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3	BALASABAS, JERSON	PHI	77	67	68	74	286	-2	P240,000
4	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	PHI	75	72	71	69	287	-1	P175,000
4=	SHIN, MICAH	USA	72	70	71	74	287	-1	P175,000
6	MIÑOZA, FRANKIE	PHI	70	78	67	73	288	0	P135,000
7	CASAS, CASSIUS	PHI	71	74	75	70	290	2	P115,000
8	NAKAJIMA, TORU	JPN	73	69	78	71	291	3	P94,000
8=	MIKI, RYOMA	JPN	76	70	70	75	291	3	P94,000
10	MAGADA, BENJIE	PHI	78	69	73	72	292	4	P78,500



# FROM RIO TO TOKYO

Tabuena eyes 2020 Olympics



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1 and 2 Wearing a cap and shirt with the Philippine flag is a proud moment for the former PGT Order of Merit winner.

3 Shaky putting stymies Miguel Tabuena's bid from turning in a more creditable finish.

4 Tabuena consults with his caddy during the opening round.

5 Tabuena takes a drop during the third round.

6 Not even a shoulder injury, nor the threat of the Zika virus, could stop Tabuena from completing his dream Olympic debut.



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**Years from now, Miguel Tabuena will look back at the 2016 Rio Olympics with great pride in representing the country in the world's biggest sporting event.**

For the 22-year-old Tabuena, competing in the revival of the sport in the quadrennial event – advertised as the greatest show on earth – is so far the most memorable moment of his life.

Regardless of the result, he enjoyed every minute of it.

The reigning Philippine Open champion wouldn't have missed the Summer Games for anything – even when golf's biggest names gave up the chance to be in Rio de Janeiro.

Superstars like Jason Day, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Dustin Johnson pulled out of the Olympics one after the other, citing the threat of the Zika virus.

Another Filipino golfer who had qualified to the Rio Olympics, Angelo Que, followed the trail of withdrawal, saying it was a family decision.

Tabuena never shared the thought.

"It didn't even cross my mind," the boyish-looking golfer, who can certainly compete with men who are twice his age, said about passing up the chance.

Tabuena, the 2015 ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour Order of Merit winner, flew more than 24 hours to get to Rio

when the whole world was raising the alarm, airing concern about Zika and threats of terrorism.

"It means so much to me," Tabuena said of being an Olympian.

"I did not think twice even if there are threats of Zika. It's an honor to represent the country in events like this. To me, it is a rare opportunity," he added.

Tabuena, who grew up spending long hours on the golf course when kids his age were just learning to ride a bike, never imagined himself being in the Olympics.

"I never thought I'd be an Olympian. I always watched basketball, track and field and swimming in the Olympics. But I never thought someday I'd be part of it," he said.

At the Olympic Golf Course in Rio in mid-August, the Filipino golfer dropped the famous swoosh for the Philippine flag on his shirt.

He carried the tri-colors with honor.

Even when he hurt his right shoulder in the opening round, Tabuena went on, trying harder each day. In the end, he stared at rounds of 73-75-73-71 for a 292 total.

That was good for 53rd place among 60 entries.

"I did my best," he said, adding that if not for the Philippine flag on his shirt, he would've quit as early as the second round.

"It's all part of the experience. I just told myself and everyone else that I am not giving up until the last day,"



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said Tabuena, who came to Rio with his father, Luigi.

Justin Rose of Great Britain won the gold.

Tabuena, back in the grind closing out the year competing, said it was a dream come true to be part of the Rio Olympics.

"It was for the country. It was a commitment," he said.

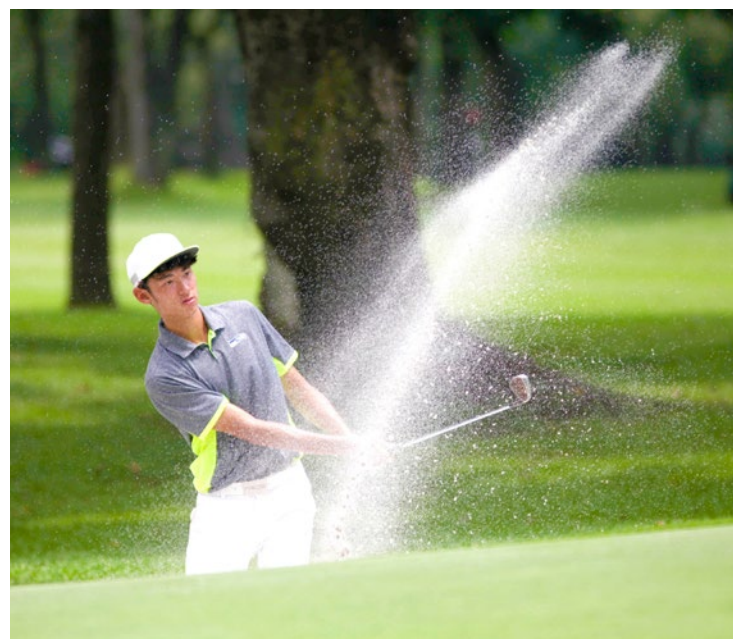
Tabuena is too young to think that his stint in the Rio Olympics will be his last. In fact, even before flying out of Rio, he had the next one, in Tokyo, in mind.

"I can't wait for the 2020 Olympics. I will be more ready," he said.



# MILLIONAIRE'S ROW

## Shin, Gialon join 4 vets in elite 2016 OOM list



Micah Shin and Zanie Boy Gialon blast their way to the elite club.

**T**his isn't about the list of properties in exclusive residential neighborhoods of the rich and famous but simply a roster of golfers who slugged it out with the best of the best, toiled in the sun and rain for four days week-in and week-out and bucked overwhelming odds to emerge among the top – earnings-wise – after the grueling 16-leg ICTSI Philippine Golf Tour in 2016.

Tony Lascaña is back on top of the Order of Merit ranking after yielding the 2015 crown to Miguel Tabuena following his three-year reign from 2012-2014, banking on another sterling campaign that produced five victories and winnings of P3,695,948, while leading five other players, including three who also raked in millions in earnings in 2015, in the list.

Three-leg winner Clyde Mondilla pocketed P2,624,587, Jay Bayron, a former OOM winner who won back-to-back at Aboitiz and Riviera, earned P2,569,465, while Elmer Salvador, another former OOM champion who made it back to the roster with a late win at Splendido, came home with P1,414,730.

Young Micah Shin, who has had a number of endgame fold-ups that stymied his early campaign in the pro ranks, finally nailed one at Luisita, capping a sizzling campaign in six of the last seven tournaments that saw him post two third place and fourth place finishes to collect P1,210,987.

Zanieboy Gialon, who had a couple of victories in the previous seasons, hit the P1,060,954 mark and clinch the sixth and last spot in the roster despite closing out the eighth season of the country's premier circuit sponsored by ICTSI without a win.

"It's an honor to be included in the millionaire's list but it's a bit frustrating since I didn't win any tournament in 2016," said Gialon, whose runner-up finish to Lascaña at Forest Hills proved to be his best for the season. But he also turned in seven Top 10 finishes, including a strong joint fourth effort at the season-ending ICTSI Tournament Players Championship at Wack Wack that enabled him to break into the elite circle of millionaires.

Guido Van der Valk, a Dutch who has made the country his base the last few years, also finished strong at Wack Wack but his tied for 11th effort only netted him a total of P999,156 in earnings for 2016 and barely missed the list.

But the year proved to be another Lascaña show as the vintage

Davaoño pro made the most of the absences of Tabuena and Angelo Que, who campaigned abroad, and racked up five victories, including three straight at Eagle Ridge, Forest Hills and Bacolod.

"It's nice to be back on top and be a millionaire again. But it entailed a lot of sacrifices," said Lascaña, who kept himself in shape with regular practice at Southwoods.

"I'm not getting any younger and a lot of young players are emerging so I have to double my effort to stay in shape and keep in step with them," added Lascaña, who has invested some of his earnings in a pro shop business in Pampanga.

So consistent was the 46-year-old Lascaña that he churned out seven other top six finishes, including one runner-up and three third place efforts to run away with the coveted crown.

That was P1 million more than what Mondilla had gained in placing second overall with the rising Del Monte star anchoring his feat on three wins, including back-to-back at Manila Masters and Eastridge, and Calatagan.

He said he bought a house and lot back in his hometown in Bukidnon while putting the rest of his earnings in the bank to fund his planned bid for an Asian Tour card in the future through the backing of Martin Lorenzo.

"If I make the AT (Asian Tour) grade, I will compete in a number of tournaments in the circuit to gain experience and possibly earn ranking points," said the 23-year-old Mondilla, who would've pursued a course in agriculture like his dad had he not picked up a club less than a decade ago.

Mondilla, now using a Srixon set of irons like Lascaña, Bayron and Salvador, has adopted practically the same work ethic that has gifted his idol and fellow Del Monte ace Frankie Miñoza – a work-till-you-drop regimen that has impressed

no less than Miñoza's coach Roger Retuerto.

"Frankie was sun-up to sun-down guy. But Clyde is different. He is a 6 (a.m.) to 6 (p.m.) worker. He doesn't stop working in pursuit of excellence," said Retuerto.

Hard work also helped Bayron gain success and reach his goals in 2016. After a long struggle majority of the season, the 2010 OOM winner and former Asian Development Tour OOM champion finally hit paydirt – in style, winning two straight in the rich Aboitiz Invitational at Wack Wack and at Riviera, where he foiled Mondilla's bid in a playoff, to end up third in the OOM derby.

Elmer Salvador, the first winner of the revival of the pro circuit sponsored by ICTSI in 2009, also averted a winless season by ruling the third to the last leg at Splendido, barely foiling Bayron's bid for a third straight championship.

"I'm happy to become a millionaire again. But I have to work hard to keep up with the games of the young ones," said the reticent Salvador, who spends 12 hours in training at Apo during the off-season. He added that he likewise used part of his winnings to refurbish his mother's house in Davao.

Now 47, Salvador also plans to try it out in the Japan senior tour in three years time.

"I really wanted to compete on the Asian Tour but I would need a budget of \$3,000 to fund my campaign in the AT Qualifying School. But since I don't have a sponsor, I will concentrate first on the local tour and try to save," said Salvador, now wielding a new set of Srixon 765 irons in his campaign.

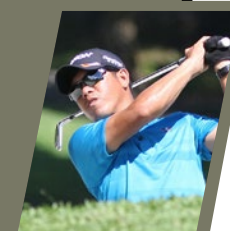
While the veterans continued to dominate the circuit, it won't take long before the young turks, including Shin, start imposing their will and begin running the show in the country's premier circuit.

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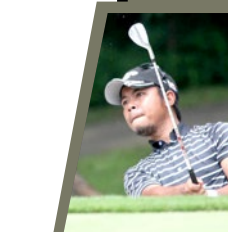
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# RESURGENCE

## *DOTTIE ARDINA*

**Many-time Junior World champion takes 2nd crack at LPGA stardom**

She needs to perform well in her first 5 or 6 events so that by mid-year she could be reshuffled and promoted to full LPGA membership. From there she hopes to keep her card and reach the Top 100



## *TONY LASCUÑA*

**Former three-time OOM winner catches second wind to the top**

Aware that his rebirth has an expiry date and monetary chances won't come as often as they do now, he wants to continue slowing the clock's ticking so he can continue milking every opportunity that comes his way





**T**HERE WAS a time in golf's history when the sport was about to enter a golden era. Talent was aplenty. Personalities were all around. Cassius Casas lorded the fairways like a don – and certainly dressed and acted the part, his penchant for flashy bling outshone only by his megawatt smile. Gerald Rosales was the video game kid ready to take over the sport in an era when the Tiger Woods phenomenon spurred the hunt for prodigies everywhere. Richard Sinfuego was hitting it long. Mars Pucay was hitting it accurately.

The local golf tour, still unburdened by health-conscious laws restricting event sponsorships, was making headlines.

In the middle of all of these, Tony Lascuña was just another name in the field. A contender, yes, but one of so many that if it weren't for a decorated amateur stint that saw him rise from the ranks of caddies and into national prominence.

"Everything was great at that time. We had tournaments and we all had careers in golf," said Lascuña.

And then everything fell apart.

With sin products barred from sponsoring sports tournaments, golf took a major hit, losing its biggest benefactor and watching its local tour slide into oblivion.

Attempts to resuscitate the local tour were often short-lived, mismanaged or ill conceived. Whatever continuity and stability the old tour provided vanished and the result was domino pieces falling one by one. And they fell hard.

"It was a difficult time for a lot of us," Lascuña said, looking back at the dark chapter of the sport.

Once the locals lost a chance to play on a regular basis, their games suffered. Their ability to make their mark in international tournaments suffered. Their shot at Tour cards abroad suffered.

"When you don't play regularly, your game goes down and your confidence, too," Lascuña said.

The former caddie from Davao probably took it hardest. Turning pro because political interests and favoritism slowed his rise in the amateur ranks, Lascuña sought to build his family's future on his 300-yard drives and steady approaches. Instead, with little options available, he turned to teaching beginners and experts at Manila Southwoods. Invariably, those sessions would include pints of beer as early as mid-morning and with little to discipline his body for,

**'He wanted something secure. He wanted to milk this Tour for whatever it had to offer. He wanted to make sure there would be no return to the dark chapters of his golfing chapter'**

Lascuña fell hard into the habit of looking for excuses to swig a bottle or two.

"Almost every chance there was, I'd drink," said the 46-year-old shotmaker.

Once, Lascuña recalled with a chuckle, during a rare tournament in that stretch of time, he admitted to being tipsy at tee-off time.

And as the lack of tournaments stretched on, inactivity eroded his game and his confidence. The only thing that kept him from falling completely into a state of glazed limbo was his faith. Faith that someone would come and rescue the sport from whatever forced hiatus it was in.

"I always thought to myself, it's impossible that this is how golf will end. There were so many people asking me to teach them to play. So the interest was never gone. It was always there. So I kept telling myself, one day someone will come and save the sport," he said.

"I just have to be prepared," he added.

At the start, "prepared" was a term he used loosely. It meant trying to sneak in a round or two at the fairways in between teaching sessions.

But when that faith became a reality, he knew he needed to up his game.

"When Mr. (Ricky) Razon came and ICTSI revived the golf tour, I knew I had to become better. I had to prepare harder," Lascuña said.

The ICTSI tour didn't look like it was prepared for this version of Lascuña.

Lascuña would get up at 4:30 a.m. to jog then hit the course for a round. Sometimes two. He'd return home in time for lunch and then take a nap. He'd wake up in the afternoon and hit the road running again before going to the gym. Then at 8 p.m., he'd take a few swings at the range. His life became a montage of training snapshots. Throw in the inspiring soundtrack and you'd think you were watching a clip from Rocky. And training days didn't pass up on holidays.

"Sometimes, I would train even on Christmas Day," he said.

He knew his contemporaries would be as excited as he was with the new, revitalized Tour and there would be a rise of newbies ready to pitch their challenge, too. Lascuña didn't want to return to the game as a washed out Tin Cup looking to win a prize here and there. He wanted a shot at rebuilding the future he envisioned for his family.

# TONY LASCUÑA





He wanted something secure. He wanted to milk this Tour for whatever it had to offer. He wanted to make sure there would be no return to the dark chapters of his golfing chapter.

“There was a time when all I had to eat was noodles and *lugaw*. Sometimes I’d ask myself, ‘what kind of meal is this. Is this how it will be for the rest of my life?’” Lascuña said.

Seized by fear, he looked for one more edge to take his game to the next level. He got it from his wife Cheryl Alferez.

“She told me to quit drinking,” he said.

He did. And as it turns out, that worry that his contemporaries before would ride the same of resurgence he was on was pretty much unfounded. Sure, there was a span of tournaments where Elmer Salvador threatened to make the new Tour his rented pony. And in a spark of nostalgia, Casas came in and recaptured a shadow of his old form with a spectacular victory.

But none of them came close to the kind of resurgence Lascuña flashed.

He won three straight Order of Merit titles, missing out on a fourth consecutive crown on the season’s final tournament before getting back on top

again last year. He had his Asian Tour card for virtually forever and now can pick tournaments he wants to play in.

His family’s future, particularly kids Antonette and Antonio III, is pretty much secure. He has tied some of his earnings to investments. He has straightened up his finances so he doesn’t get caught up in any tax issue with the internal revenue. His life is pretty much on a cruise right now.

“I like playing this way, where you don’t feel the pressure of your family’s meal riding on your next swing. It’s more fun to play like this, when you know you are secure already,” he said.

ICTSI bankrolls his career too, funding his forays into foreign fairways so that he isn’t burdened by the need to chase after a bigger share of the tournament purse every single time. He’s in it for

his legacy now, for a chance to cement his status as a golfer who shone on two different eras of the sport.

“I’ll play on for as long as I can. Then when I turn 50, I’ll see if I still have what it takes to play on the Asian Tour. If I can’t do that full-time, I’ll try to qualify for the Japan senior tour,” he said.

Some days, you’ll still find Lascuña training at Southwoods, finding ways to continue battling with the likes of current golf stars Angelo Que, Juvic Pagunsan and Miguel Tabuena, who outdueled him at Wack Wack for the OOM title in 2015. With coach J3 Altea at his side, Lascuña is constantly tinkering with his swing, finding ways to lessen the stress on a back and knees that aren’t quite the young and pliable anatomical parts they used to be.

He has traded yards for safety and accuracy, ditching lengthy drives for a lengthier career.

“There’s still the need to be fit because the opposition gets younger and younger every day. There are a lot of good golfers now. I just want to be able to give myself a chance against them,” he said.

Some days, though, he will take time out to enjoy the fruits of his hard work. Like one Thursday morning at



▲ Just another name in the field in the early 2000s, Tony Lascuña is now the most dominant player in the local circuit, winning four of the last five Order of Merit titles

the turn of the new year, when Lascuña was hitting casually at the driving range, trying out drivers certain companies were hoping he’d carry in his bag.

“They’ll pay me to use this,” he said. “But I want to use my old driver.”

He pulls out his old driver and hits one down the middle past the 270-yard mark.

“See, that’s why.”

But he is aware that this resurgence has an expiry date. And monetary chances like this won’t come as often as they do now. So after climbing back to the top by turning back time, he wants to continue slowing the clock’s ticking so he can continue milking every opportunity that comes his way.

“But I’ll listen to what the offer is,” he said, his laughter ringing with the kind of contentment of those who managed to catch that second wind with spread-out sails and successfully rode its pin-whipping gusts back to the top.





# DOTTIE ARDINA



**W**ISER FROM her short-lived initial foray in the LPGA Tour and more determined than ever, Dottie Ardina wants to make the second time in the elite circuit count.

"I'm very happy as I'll get to experience to play on the LPGA Tour again," she said after regaining her LPGA Category 17 card.

Just the thought of teeing off against the best in the world then playing in as many succeeding tournaments as possible thrills the 23-year-old shotmaker no end.

"I think I'll play 13-15 events, so I'm excited," she said.

Ardina had her first stint in the LPGA back in 2014 but missed the cut in all five tournaments she took part in, falling short of the cut-off just by one shot in four of them.

After two years down at the Symetra Tour, the Filipina ace is back in the big league.

"Gusto ko ma-resuffle ako after five or six events kasi hindi ako full card; after six events kung maganda laro ko, mapu-full card ako by midyear, yun ang expectations ko and siempre (Since don't have a full card yet, I need to perform well in my first five or six events so that by mid-year I will be reshuffled and promoted to full LPGA membership. From there) I want to keep my card for next year

(and reach) the Top 100," she said.

The many-time jungolf and amateur world titlist is not exactly shooting for the stars just yet.

"Target ko? Make cut lang muna or better. Pero win, bahala na (My target? Just to make the cut or do better first and maybe going for a win later)," she said.

Ardina is using her maiden LPGA experience in 2014 as part of her learning curve.

"As a rookie, mahirap, kasi wala akong friends, walang guide, tapos nangangapa ka pa sa scores kasi lahat magagaling (it was hard as I had no friends yet in the Tour and I had to adjust to playing against a tough field)," she recalled.

The determination to do better the second time around is high.

"In 2014 wala akong record kasi five events ko, cut-off lahat. Conditional status din ako pero five lang nilaruan ko, tapos cutoff ako lahat, four doon by one (Sadly, I had no record to

show in 2014 because I missed the cut in all five events I played in. I was conditional status, too, back then but only got to play five tournaments, got cutoff each time, falling one stroke short in four of them)," she related.

"More practice talaga kasi ibang level nay yun (Lesson learned is to practice more and more to be at par with players in that level)," she added.

She feels she's better prepared in LPGA stint No. 2.

"Nag-improve ako since then," she said.

"Strength ko is putting talaga tapos i-improve ko siguro approach shots kasi wala naman akong problema sa drive saka short game, siguro approach shots na lang, sa putting wala namang problema (I believe putting game has always been my strength and my driving is solid so I would say I just need to improve on my approach shots more)," she noted.

The experience at the Symetra Tour the past two years helped gear her up for the bigger battles ahead.

"Importante iyung sa Symetra Tour kasi mahirap iyung from dito (local circuit), bigla kang mag LPGA kasi mabibigla ka, from standard ng laro dito, pupunta ka sa parang sobrang magagaling, matataranta ka talaga. So mas okay sa akin na dumaan ako sa Symetra Tour kasi second stage ng LPGA iyon kaya nga nilagay nila 'Road to LPGA' ang Symetra Tour (The Symetra Tour plays an important role because it's not easy transitioning from the local tour directly to the LPGA; you will have difficulty keeping in step with the quality of play in the LPGA if coming from the local circuit. So I'm okay with having to go through Symetra Tour first because it's the LPGA's second stage, that's the road to take to get to the LPGA)," she said.

Highly accomplished as an amateur, Ardina still looks for that breakthrough in the pro ranks.

She admitted the frustrations outnumber the successes so far.

"Sa ngayon, pagka sa pro, (more on) frustrations kasi wala pa. You have to make the cut to make money and then if you make the cut, parang money na ang

**'The Symetra Tour plays an important role because it's not easy transitioning from the local circuit directly to the LPGA where the quality of play is high. It's the road to take to the LPGA'**





paglalabanan and saka ka lang makaka-achieve. Kasi kung achievements, sa pro tour, hindi ka laging panalo; hindi katulad nung amateur ako, lagi akong panalo so mas marami ang achievements ko (So far, in the pros, it's more on frustrations for me. I haven't really made earnings which come only if you make the cut and achieve something big. If you talk about achievements in the pro tour, you don't actually usually win. Unlike when I was in the amateur ranks, I always end up winning so I had more achievements there)," she said.

Rattling off her biggest triumphs since her illustrious jungolf days, Ardina said she was crowned world champ eight

times – thrice in the Junior World and five times in the US Kids – and was eighth-placer in the World Amateurs in Argentina. She was also the gold medalist in Asia and was finalist in the US Girls with a Queen Sirikit individual crown to boast of.

Ardina said she looks up to top golfer Fil-Aussie Jason Day but counts her parents, Ed and Gina, as her biggest influence.

"Parents ko, iyung Daddy ko lalo kasi siya ang nagturo sa akin. Parang four years old ako noon, tinuruan na niya ako. Ngayon 23 na ako, matanda na rin siya, gusto ko happy siya na nasa LPGA ako (My parents have influenced me most, especially Daddy who was my first coach.

I was about four years old then and he introduced me to the sport. Now I'm 23 and he's a bit old, I want to make him happy by playing in the LPGA)," she said.

Even at a young age, Ardina said she already got hooked to the sport.

"Noong una, naa-addict ko, ewan ko parang ang sarap mag golf. Tapos marami ang napupuntahan, mahilig ako mag-travel so sa tingin ko, kung hindi dahil sa golf, hindi ko makakapunta sa ibang lugar and kung hindi rin mangyayari ito kung hindi dahil kay Mr. (Ricky) Razon, kasi siya yung major sponsor ko since 12 years old pa ako (It was addicting at first, like I really enjoyed playing golf.

At the same time, because of golf, I was able to travel, which is something I love. If not for golf, I couldn't have gone to many great places and I also owe this to Mr. Razon, who has been my sponsor since I was 12)," said Ardina, referring to ICTSI top honcho who put up the Ardina-led women's amateur national team after the Manila SEA Games in 2005.

As member of the ICTSI team later named The Country Club squad, Ardina also learned so much from coach Bong Lopez.

"Sobrang malaking tulong si coach Bong kasi head coach siya ng ICTSI. Magmula nag mag ICTSI ako, si coach na ang nagturo sa akin," she said.

"Si coach Bong, sobrang galing niya mag-handle ng player. Parang no-pressure lagi tapos sasabihin niya lang yung mali mo, iko-correct mo lang; para ka lang naglalaro na relax ka lang (Coach Bong knows how to handle a player. You feel no pressure everytime because he only points out your mistakes and then you try to correct them; he helps you feel relaxed as you play)," she said.

The former jungolf sensation believes at 23, she's not pressed for time to make it big in the LPGA.

"Lahat naman ng nag-Symetra na players, iyung nag Top 10, most is 25, 26 years old, after college. Nung dumating ako sa Symetra at 19, 20, ako ang

pinakabata doon. So I think hindi pa huli yung target ko (I don't think I have some catching up to do. If you look at players in the Symetra, even those in the Top 10, they are mostly 25, 26 and started after college already. Me, I was like 19 or 20 when I first played there, and I was the youngest. So I think my target is still within my timetable)," she said.

"Kung maglalaro ako next year at maganda yung performance ko, talagang hindi pa huli. Walang huli. Try, try and try (I'll play in the LPGA next year and if I perform well, definitely it's not too late for me. I'll try, try and try)," she also said.



A five-time US Kids champion and three-time Junior World titlist, the 23-year-old shotmaker maintains she's not pressed for time to make it big in the LPGA but vowed to deliver just the same.







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# AMATEURS STEAL SHOW AS LPGT GROWS

*Three Taiwan LPGA events highlight tour's 4th season*

**K**orean Lee Jeong-Hwa swept the first two legs, also part of the Taiwan LPGA Tour, while the Thais took the last two tournaments, including another TLPGA event. And while Princess Superal marked her pro debut with back-to-back wins at Sherwood and Eastridge, three amateurs came off the block and scored emphatic victories to steal the thunder in a season of triumphs, heartaches and surprises.

Bernice Olivarez Ilas sparked the surge of the lesser-fancied bets by anchoring a 1-2 finish by the amateurs at Beverly Place with Sam Martinez claiming runner-up honors while Yuka Saso stamped her class at Eagle Ridge and diminutive Harmie Constantino scored big at Mount Malarayat.

The troika's victories only underscored the readiness of the country's youthful players to go big-time and slug it out with the best in the fold. But winning is one thing, keeping up with the rigors and challenges of the pro tour is another. So Ilas, Saso and Constantino would be better honing their crafts and toughening up in the amateurs for now. More stints on the pro circuit won't be a problem for as long as they stay in shape and keep that competitive fire burning.

The way Lee sustained her form and bested a crack international field to score back-to-back wins at Splendido and Southwoods to open the LPGT and TLPGA seasons.

Chihiro Ikeda also hogged the spotlight by nailing her maiden win after a long, long spell coming off a prolific amateur stint while

Superal lived up to the hype and launched her pro career on a winning note.

Make that notes as the former US Girls' Junior champion claimed two victories – in scary fashions with the first emerging on top from a four-way playoff and the other via a one-stroke victory over former The Country Club teammate Pauline del Rosario.

Then the Thais took the last two events with Saruttaya Ngam-Usawan scoring a breakthrough at Royal Northwoods and teener Saranporn Langkulasettrin beating Superal, Lee and compatriot Kanphanitnan Muangkhumsahul in the season-ending Philippine Ladies Masters in Alabang.

From the inaugural six-leg circuit in 2013 to an eight-stage tour in 2015, the Ladies Philippine Golf Tour continued to grow in numbers – in tournaments and participation – with the organizing Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. putting up a record 10 tournaments for 2016 with a promise of additional legs in 2017.

Truly, the ladies pro golf is on an upswing.





# MINDING OWN BUSINESS

*Korean ace edges Japanese rival in shootout*



## CHAMPION TOUR



TOUR DATES

**March 9, 2016 – March 11, 2016**



VENUE

**Splendido Taal Golf Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**\$ 75,000**

Korean Lee Jeong-hwa gets a celebratory shower from a supporter after outdueling Japanese Fumika Kawagishi and nailing her first victory in four years in the country.

Korean Lee Jeong-hwa gets a celebratory douse from a supporter after outdueling Japanese Fumika Kawagishi and savoring the sweet taste of victory, her first in four years in the country.



**U**NABLE to get untracked trying to figure out somebody else's game, Lee Jeong-hwa did what she was supposed to do in the first place:

Mind own business.

"It was so hard for me to make birdies in the first nine holes as I was focusing more on her (Fumika Kawagishi) who's really good in short game," said Lee of her Japanese rival, who led by two with eight holes to play in their final round duel for the crown in the ICTSI Champion Tour presented by Champion and Taiwan LPGA at Splendido Taal Golf Club.

"But I was able to re-focus at the backside and start making birdies," added Lee.

Make birdies the Korean did and Lee turned what had appeared to be a losing stand into a triumphant windup in the kickoff leg of the 2016 ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour.

Lee pulled through in a nerve-racking final round shootout, draining clutch birdies in the stretch to card a two-under 70, frustrate

Kawagishi and snatch the top \$15,000 purse on a 54-hole total of eight-under 208.

And four years since beating then jungolfer Princess Superal by three in the Philippine Ladies Open at Southwoods, Lee found herself a winner here again.

"Mission accomplished. My goal from the start was to win this tournament," said Lee, who battled back from two strokes down with eight holes left, birdying the par-5 11th for the third straight day and pouncing on Kawagishi's bogey on No. 14 to draw level. She then rammed in birdies on Nos. 15 and 17 for a closing 34.

Kawagishi, who wrested a one-stroke lead over Lee with a solid seven-under 65 in the second round and battled the Korean ace shot-for-shot and putt-for-putt to pad her lead to two after 10 holes, recovered from that costly mishap on the 14th a bit too late, her final-hole birdie could only save her a pair of 36s-72 for a 209 worth \$7,500.

So upset was Kawagishi, whose superb second round charge sparked hopes for a successful maiden stint on the local circuit sponsored by International Container Terminal Services, Inc. that the 21-year-old bet from Yokohama left as soon as she turned in her scorecard.

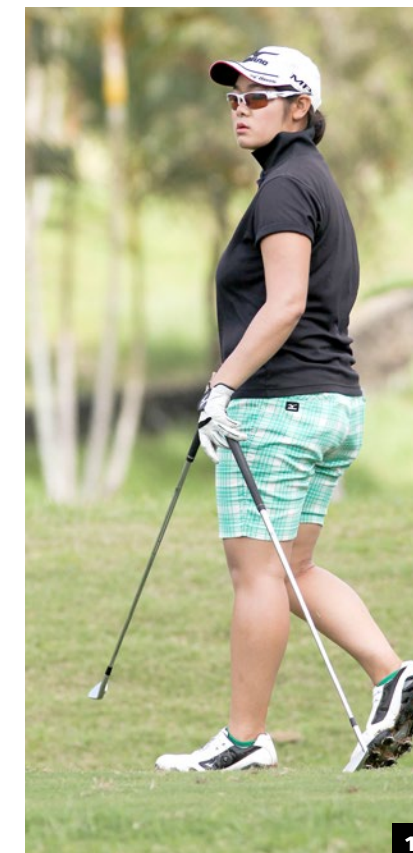
She actually moved eight holes away from achieving that feat but muffed her birdie bid on No. 11 and flubbed a par-putt try from six feet on the 14th.

Forcing a tie, Lee birdied No. 15 to wrest control then struck a solid 6-iron tee shot on the par-3 17th to within five feet for another birdie and the cushion she needed to thwart Kawagishi's final-hole birdie.

Lee and Kawagishi forged ahead with brilliant second round outputs with the latter spiking

**1** Kawagishi is torn between using a wedge or a short iron in tackling a par-3 hole and ended up sputtering in a spirited backside duel with an in-form Lee Jeong-hwa.

**2** Thai Kanphanitnan Muangkhumaskul watches her tee shot on No. 8 fall short of target, so with her final round rally of 69.





her flawless 65 round with an eagle, as the rest, including the cream of the local pro crop, struggled and sputtered in demanding condition at the up-and-down, wind-raked layout in Tagaytay.

Three-time Order of Merit winner Cyna Rodriguez never recovered from a mediocre start of 76, so did Symetra Tour campaigner Mia Piccio (73). Dottie Ardina, another Symetra Tour veteran, actually bucked illness to match par 72, the same output put in by Superal in the opening round. But all failed to unleash a strong finishing kick with Superal running out of holes in her botched comeback bid in the final day.

Mookharin Ladgratok and Kanphanitnan Muangkhumaskul actually set the early pace with 69 and 70 but the Thais reeled back in the second round with 76 and 75, respectively, and hardly contended when it mattered most.

In contrast, Kawagishi and Lee pooled seven-under (137) and six-under (138) cards, respectively, to claim the 1-2 posts heading to the final 18 holes with Superal taking joint third with Taiwanese Yu Ju Chen with a 71 but stood six strokes adrift at 143.

The rest just strayed too far behind.

Superal tried to launch a final round charge to no avail, her two birdies in the last seven holes just enough to put her in joint third at 214 with Chen, who also made a 71, and Muangkhumaskul of Thailand, whose 69 proved the best in tough condition in the final round of the \$75,000 event which served as the kickoff leg of the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour and the fifth stage of Taiwan LPGA Tour.

Chen and Muangkhumaskul split the combined purse of \$7,650.

Lee's triumph also ended Superal's quest for an eighth straight victory but the then The Country Club ace still emerged the top Filipina finisher, and best amateur, as Piccio matched par 72 for the second straight time and ended up joint ninth at 217 with Thai Chorphaka Jaengkit, who also had a 72.



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ICTSI CHAMPION TOUR FINAL RANKING							
Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	JEONG-HWA LEE	KOR	72	66	70	208	-8
2	FUMIKA KAWAGISHI	JPN	72	65	72	209	-7
3	KANPHANITNAN MUANGKHUMASKUL	THA	70	75	69	214	-2
3=	PRINCESS SUPERAL (AM)	PHI	72	71	71	214	-2
3=	YU-JU CHEN	TWN	71	72	71	214	-2
6	JI-WON KANG	KOR	73	72	71	216	0
6=	MOOKHARIN LADGRATOK	THA	69	76	71	216	0
6=	MIN-JOU CHEN	TWN	72	72	72	216	0
9	MIA PICCIO	PHI	73	72	72	217	1
9=	CHORPHAKA JAENGKIT	THA	73	72	72	217	1

**1** Princess Superal unleashes her patented final round charge but could only stare at a joint third finish.

**2** After an impressive opening of 69, Thai Mookharin Ladgratok loses her grip of the lead with a second round 76.

**3** Taiwanese Chen Min-jou's steadiness fails to put her in title contention with three 72s.

**4** Despite her solid iron play, Dottie Ardina fails to uncork the kind of game expected of her.

**5** Eager to re-stamp her class, three-time OOM winner Cyna Rodriguez ended up being thumped by a talent-laden international field.

**6** Players warm up on the practice green, where most title conquests are clinched.

**7** Thai Amolkan Phalajivin continues to figure out her game, which went on a downswing since scoring a breakthrough at Splendido two years ago.





Korean Lee Jeong-hwa gets a hug from Mia Piccio after going back-to-back on the Champion and Taiwan LPGA Tour.

# COMEBACK QUEEN

*Lee-thal Korean essays another from-behind triumph*



**C**HAMP again. But what makes Lee Jeong-hwa's latest comeback victory doubly impressive was she did it by edging a rival who did play flawless in the final round.

In fact, Mia Piccio spiked her closing bogey-free three-under 69 with an eagle but still came up short of her breakthrough bid in the Manila Southwoods leg presented by Champion and Taiwan LPGA Tour.

"I didn't expect to win but I was lucky I made it," said Lee, who charged back with a closing five-under 67, nipped Piccio by one and pocketed another \$15,000 from the total pot of \$75,000 put up International Container Terminal Services, Inc.

Nobody really thought she would be able to

pull it off in the end. But like the way she foiled Japanese Fumika Kawagishi in their backside shootout to snare the crown at Splendido, Lee put on another comeback worthy of another ICTSI Champion trophy in a victory that was more a triumph of the spirit and character of an emerging Korean star.

Four down with nine holes to play, Lee went to her putter then watched Piccio flub birdie putts after birdie putts to snare the victory and sweep the first two legs of the Champion and Taiwan LPGA Tour.

"My putting did it for me," said Lee.

That also unmasked Piccio.

"I played relatively good. I could have won it outright had I made my four birdie putts at the back," said Piccio who missed it inside six feet on Nos. 11, 15, 16 and 17.

Unlike in her Splendido win where she battled from two shots down in the last eight holes to repel Kawagishi, the Busan native needed to

overhaul twice a deficit at Southwoods but proved up to the task just the same, winning it all with a fiery closing 31 for that 67 and 54-hole total of 11-under 205.

Piccio did play good too, putting in a solid 69 with an eagle to boot. But Lee, who turned pro at 18 after winning the Philippine Ladies Open at Wack Wack in 2012, proved better and finished stronger.

Piccio's putt on No. 17 could've forced a playoff but the Bacolod ace, who earlier buried a 20-footer for birdie on No. 2 to move two-up and hit a solid 3-wood second shot from 250 yards to set up a five-foot eagle putt on the third to pull away by four, had to settle for runner-up honors at 206 worth \$7,500.

"Golf is like that – you aren't sure of winning until the last hole. Maybe the tournament wasn't meant for me," said Piccio.

It wasn't actually a two-way fight for the crown as amateur Sam Martirez held her ground against Lee and Piccio in the featured flight,



## CHAMPION TOUR



TOUR DATES

**March 16, 2016 – March 18, 2016**



VENUE

**Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**\$ 75,000**

**1** Not even a solid, eagle-spiked closing 69 could anchor Mia Piccio's bid for a breakthrough win on the local circuit.

**2** Thai Kanphanitnan Muangkhumaskul reaches out for her putter but fails to achieve the desired result despite a closing 68.



fighting back into contention with three birdies in a four-hole stretch from No. 11. But she lost steam and finished with a 68 for solo third at 207.

Pauline del Rosario, Martinez teammate in The Country Club stable, also stayed in the hunt in second-to-last flight but ran out of holes and ended with a 69 for fourth at 210 while Thai Kanphanitnan Muangkhumaskul also shot a bogey-free 68 to tie Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong, who also carded a four-under card, at 211.

Kawagishi turned in a 71 while compatriot Senno Yasufuku fired a 69 as they shared seventh place at 212 while Dottie Ardina finally broke par after two 72s, shooting a 69 to salvage a share of ninth with Taiwanese Wu Yi-ching, who made a 69, and Chen Yu-ju, who carded a 71, at 213.

Tumbling down the leaderboard with back-to-back bogeys from No. 3, Lee put on a comeback to remember, birdying seven of the next 14 holes to rally from four down and snatch the victory, completing a remarkable sweep of the second leg of the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour and the sixth stage of the TLPGA.

She launched her fightback with a birdie on No. 10 then strung up three straight from No. 13 inside eight feet. As she waxed hot with her putter, Piccio groped with hers, missing key putts that would've stymied the Korean's rally.

After birdying the par-5 17th for the second straight day and watching Piccio squander another birdie chance to finally wrest the lead, Lee closed out with a routine par to cap her stirring win.

1 Korean Lee Jeong-hwa just couldn't go wrong with her dad on her back and bag.

2 Japanese Yumi Takabayashi finds an awkward spot to rest her trusted putter while studying the line of her putt.

3 Sam Martinez stays in the mix majority of the final round with solid driving and superb iron game. The Country Club ace lost by just two strokes but ran away with the low amateur honors.

4 Taiwanese Chia Pei Lee is all eyes on target but the coveted plum.

5 Chen Cih-Hui of Taiwan keeps the leaders in sight with back-to-back 71s on steady putting.

6 Unlike compatriot Lee, Kang Ji-won finds Southwoods' surface not to her liking.



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4	PAULINE DEL ROSARIO (AM)	PHI	74	67	69	210	-6
5	KANPHANITNAN MUANGKHUMASKUL	THA	70	73	68	211	-5
6	SENNO YASUFUKU	JPN	70	73	69	212	-4
6=	FUMIKA KAWAGISHI	JPN	69	72	71	212	-4
8	DOTTIE ARDINA	PHI	72	72	69	213	-3
8=	YI-CHING WU	TWN	69	75	69	213	-3
8=	YU-JU CHEN	TWN	74	68	71	213	-3



# BER-NIL WIN

## Amateurs show up pros at Beverly Place Classic

**She came into the event just trying to seize the rare chance to play with the pros and gain some experience. But Bernice Olivarez Ilas came out of it a big winner, her confidence reaching sky-high after essaying an emphatic win in a victory that further enhanced a promising career for a 14-year-old shotmaker.**

"We're so lucky to be given this chance to play with the pros because it's a different feeling and challenge playing against them," said Ilas after bucking final round jitters and then thwarting stablemate Sam Martirez to win the duel of amateurs in the ICTSI Beverly Place Classic at Beverly Place Golf Club in Mexico, Pampanga.

It wasn't actually the first time in the four-year history of the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour that an amateur had humbled the pros. Princess Superal did it more than twice and Korean Hwang Min Jeong, also then 14, reigned at Mount Malarayat in 2015.

But Ilas did the trick when nobody, except perhaps her and her coach, thought she could pull it off, what with a tough field and a short but tricky course that could dupe young, inexperienced players like her.

That was most evident when she double bogeyed a relatively easy par-5 opening hole in the final round. Three-up after 36 holes, the Team Country Club mainstay found herself threatened by first day leader Chihiro Ikeda and Martirez. But instead of cracking up, Ilas quickly toughened up, coming through with a birdie from six feet on No. 3 to gain another three-shot cushion then kept a safe distance from her TCC teammate by matching her lone birdie, pars and bogeys in the next 14 holes.

The De La Salle-Zobel student then capped another romp in a day of soaring scores at the flat but bunker-laden par-71 layout with a birdie on the par-5 18th, her closing two-over 73 card and a 215 total proving more than enough to secure her biggest win in a young career.

"I'm glad I played steady and was able to focus on my game," said Ilas, who actually won the Jungolf-The Junior Golf League tournament at the Pampanga layout the previous week.

That win over her peers somewhat manifested in Ilas' opening day

Amateur prodigy Bernice Olivarez Ilas knocks down the opposition with her solid knockdown shots, ending up with not one but two trophies, including the coveted pro championship.



### BEVERLY PLACE CLASSIC



#### TOUR DATES

**April 27, 2016 – April 29, 2016**



#### VENUE

**Beverly Place Golf Club**



#### PRIZE MONEY

**Php 500,000**

performance, where she put on a two-birdie, two-bogey stint to trail Ikeda by two. She assumed the early challenger's role as majority of the pros groped for form despite coming off back-to-back stints in the Champion Tour and Taiwan LPGA Tour.

Ikeda, the former amateur ace still in search of a breakthrough pro win, took one big step in pursuit of the elusive crown, hitting three birdies at the front then birdying the closing hole to negate her bogey mishaps on Nos. 10 and 17 for a 69 and a two-shot cushion on Ilas.



Superb bunker shots help Sam Martirez complete a rare 1-2 finish by the amateurs in the country's ladies pro circuit.

Mikha Fortuna, another talent from the TCC stable, missed wrestling solo third with a bogey on No. 17, another par-5, and wound up in a tie with Lovelyn Guioguio, who gunned down four birdies but had the same number of bogeys with one double bogey in hot, humid condition for 73s.

Martirez, the 17-year-old graduate of the Masters Academy Home School who put in an impressive third place finish in the Taiwan LPGT Manila Southwoods, grappled with her balky putter all day and hobbled with 74 while Sarah Ababa, a former leg winner, also finished without a birdie but had four bogeys for a 75 in a tie with fellow leg champions Jayvie Agojo and Fil-Am Cristina Corpus.

Malaysian amateur Kellie Kan showed a lot of promise despite stumbling with four bogeys and a double bogey as she came through with two birdies in the end to join the four-over par scores at sixth.

But just when Ikeda thought she had gained the early momentum and built a cushion needed in her breakthrough bid, Ilas recalled the form that netted her a victory at Beverly Place the previous week, carding a one-under 70 then pouncing on Ikeda's backside foldup to grab a three-stroke lead after 36 holes.

Ranged against the pros, including the veteran Guioguio, the young ace proved she's up to the task, even putting the pressure on her rivals with superb driving and iron shots and steady putting.

At the end of the day, Ilas found herself up by three over Ikeda, who fumbled with a 75, and Martirez, who charged back with a 70, with Agojo and Kan laying too far at six behind with a pair of 72s, reducing the chase for top honors to a three-way battle.

Ikeda rued her poor iron shots but never got discouraged and vowed to strike back and try to minimize her errors.

"I struggled with my irons, most ending up in trouble and I missed a lot of greens. But there are still 18 holes left, I just have to minimize my mistakes," said Ikeda.

Expecting a final round charge from Ikeda and Martirez, Ilas vowed to "take it one shot at a time" while stressing the need to stay focused all throughout the final round.

She did all that, and despite a fumbling start, Ilas rolled to victory, with Martirez, who matched Ilas' closing 74 for a 218, marking the second time in the country's ladies pro tour that the amateurs took the top two spots after Hwang edged Superal at Mount Malarayat.

Ilas also ran away with the low amateur honors.

Ikeda, tied with Martirez at second after 36 holes, never got back into the mix against her amateur rivals, making four bogeys in a five-hole stretch from No. 2 and limping home with a 78 to finish a far third at 222.

She, however, took the top purse of P100,000 as the top pro but remained in search for the elusive LPGT crown.





**1** Chihiro Ikeda is all smiles after a league-leading opening 69 and P100,000 richer despite losing the crown. **2** After another fruitless campaign, former Philippine Ladies Open champion Jayvie Agojo looks forward to finally snapping a long search for a second crown on the ICTSI Ladies PGT. **3** Calling a friend seems to be an option for Anya Tanpinco after a high opening round of 77. **4** Amateur Mikha Fortuna weighs on her two options for a third shot. **5** Malaysian amateur Kelly Kan tries to provide the foreign challenge but sputters in the end with poor wedge shots. **6** Amateur Kayla Nocum does some pre-game stretching in a bid to give her campaign a strong opening kick. **7** Former leg winner Sarah Ababa gives herself a good angle for an approach shot in her rebound bid from a high 78 in the second round. **8** Awesome form off the mound fails to produce awesome scores for amateur Sofia Chabon. **9** Gone are the days when former Philippine Ladies Open champion Heidi Chua could blast the opposition with solid bunker shots. **10** Tackling the Beverly Place Golf Club won't be complete for Louise Manalo, Lina De Guzman, Apple Fudolin and Eva Miñoza without at least visiting one of its numerous bunkers.

ICTSI BEVERLY PLACE CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	BERNICE OLIVAREZ-ILAS (AM)	PHI	71	70	74	215	2
2	SAMANTHA MARTIREZ (AM)	PHI	74	70	74	218	5
3	CHIIHIRO IKEDA	PHI	69	75	78	222	9
4	ANYA TANPINCO	PHI	77	73	74	224	11
4=	MIKA FORTUNA (AM)	PHI	73	76	75	224	11
4=	JAYVIE AGOJO	PHI	75	72	77	224	11
7	KELLIE KAN (AM)	MAS	75	72	78	225	12
8	SARAH ABABA	PHI	75	78	73	226	13
9	LOVELYN GUIOGUIO	PHI	73	78	76	227	14
10	KAYLA NOCUM (AM)	PHI	78	75	78	231	18



# IN THE

# GROOVE

*Strong finish keeps Saso rolling*



## EAGLE RIDGE LADIES INVITATIONAL



TOUR DATES

**May 11, 2016 – May 13, 2016**



VENUE

**Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 500,000**

Teener Yuka Saso (right) pumps her fist in the air after outduelling and humbling Thai pro Chatprapa Siriprakob in their final round showdown to nail the crown, along with the low amateur honors.



**C**OMING OFF a win, amateur Yuka Saso sees no problem nailing another. Even when ranged against the Thai pros, a host of local rivals or fellow amateur ace Princess Superal.

For as long as she's playing with utmost confidence and riding the proverbial momentum of a recent victory, she feels she's good for another.

She was right.

Bucking the wind and a shaky backside start with a scorching windup, the young Fil-Japanese shotmaker coasted to a three-stroke victory over Korean Kang Ji-won as erstwhile rival and former teammate Superal cracked at the finish in the ICTSI Eagle Ridge Ladies Invitational at Eagle Ridge's Aoki layout.

"I was pretty confident with my game and my chances and I really wanted to win this coming off a victory in the national match play," said Saso, who actually completed a wire-to-wire triumph in the fourth leg of the Ladies Philippine Golf Tour, her first in the country's first-ever circuit.

But it didn't come easy. In fact, the many-time national team mainstay

had to rebound from a bogey-par-bogey-double bogey mishap from No. 11 – miscues that could easily break players of lesser caliber.

But Saso proved one tough nut to crack, so to speak. While her rivals hardly recovered from fumbling starts in the final round, she gunned down clutch birdies on Nos. 15 and 17, turning what had appeared to be a wild finish into a runaway victory.

"I lost my focus at the back but was lucky to have recovered," said Saso, who took charge with an opening 67, dropped into a lead share with a charging Chatprapa Siriprakob of Thailand in the second round and won by three with a 54-hole aggregate of five-under 211.

The 15-year-old home study program





1 Thai Chatprapa Siriprakob strikes a pose but fails to strike in the final round.

2 Hwang Min-jeong's awesome form off the tee and a solid start proved not enough to put the Korean lass into contention for a second LPGT crown.

3 Amolkan Phalajivin continues to find her touch that helped anchor her breakthrough win on the LPGT two seasons ago.

4 Pushed against the wall and with a tough lie for her second shot, Anya Tanpinco did the next best thing – make light of her dilemma.

5 A former amateur standout, Lovelyn Guioguio remains in pursuit of the elusive crown.

6 Whatever momentum Thai Chatprapa Siriprakob (right) had hoped to build on with her fine start is easily lost by a long, excruciating wait under the sun.

7 Like majority of the early contenders, amateur Pauline del Rosario loses steam in tough conditions in the last two rounds.



student from Harvard School of Laguna, who dominated the Philippine Juniors Match Play Championship the previous week, thus became the second amateur to win on the circuit sponsored by International Container Terminal Services, Inc. after absentee Bernice Olivarez Ilas reigned at Beverly Place Classic in the third leg in Pampanga.

A down-to-the-wire finish actually loomed as Superal, in a flight ahead, tied Saso at two-under overall with a third straight birdie on the par-5 15th. But Saso, unaware of the former US Girls' Junior champion's charge, chipped in for birdie on her turn to regain a one-stroke lead then added another birdie on the 17th to anchor her roaring triumph.

Kang fell behind by as many as seven but pulled to within two with an eagle on No. 15, only to settle for pars on the last three holes for a 71. With a 214 total, the Korean placed second overall but took the top purse of P100,000 as the top pro in the fourth leg of the circuit organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

Just one down with three holes to play, Superal lost her bid for a fourth pro crown with bogeys on Nos. 16 and 18 in a rare late meltdown by

the top The Country Club bet whose stretch-run brilliance has marked her previous wins here and abroad. She ended up with a second straight 73.

Thai Chatprapa Siriprakob, whose impressive 69 netted her a share of the lead in the second round, never recovered from a wind-blown 40 start and wound up with a 76 to tie Superal, who last won at Wack Wack in 2015, at third at 215. She, however, took the P70,000 runner-up prize.

Storming ahead by five over her nearest pursuer with an eagle on the par-5 seventh for a 34 going out, Saso fumbled with a bogey on No. 11 and had tried to recover the stroke she lost on No. 13 by cutting the dog-leg left par-4 No. 14. But she drove into the hazard instead, overshot the green on her third shot and reached the green in four and two-putted for 6.

That enabled Superal to move within one before drawing level with a birdie on No. 15, which Saso matched minutes later to stay on top. Saso then hit another birdie on the 17th from close range and coast to the victory as Superal bogeyed two of the last three.

Another amateur Hwang Min-jeong, who toppled Superal and Cyna Rodriguez at Mount Malarayat in 2015, carded a 73 to finish solo fifth at 216 while Thai Supakchaya Pattarankrueang skied to a 76 after a 70 and 71 and tumbled down to sixth at 217 worth P45,000.

Pauline del Rosario, the other Team TCC mainstay who showed a lot of promise by matching Superal and Hwang's opening 69s, hardly rebounded from a second round 78 with a 73 to end up seventh at 220 while last year's Sherwood leg champion Sarah Ababa limped with a 77 for a 221.

Chihiro Ikeda turned in a 73 to tie former leg winner Jayvie Agojo and Lovelyn Guioguio, who shot 76 and 78, respectively, at 224.

Saso actually kept rolling even after her Eagle Ridge romp as she, with Harmie Constantino and Sofia Legaspi, led the Philippines to the team championship in the third World Junior Girls in Canada later, while running away with the individual crown.

Talk about being on a roll.

ICTSI EAGLE RIDGE LADIES INVITATIONAL FINAL RANKING							
Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	YUKA SASO (AM)	PHI	67	72	72	211	-5
2	JI WON KANG	KOR	70	73	71	214	-2
3	PRINCESS SUPERAL (AM)	PHI	69	73	73	215	-1
3=	CHATPRAPA SIRIPRAKOB	THA	70	69	76	215	-1
5	MIN JEONG HWANG (AM)	KOR	69	74	73	216	0
6	SUPAKCHAYA PATTARANAKRUEANG	THA	70	71	76	217	1
7	PAULINE DEL ROSARIO (AM)	PHI	69	78	73	220	4
8	SARAH ABABA	PHI	71	73	77	221	5
9	CHIHIRO IKEDA	PHI	73	78	73	224	8
9=	JAYVIE AGOJO	PHI	72	76	76	224	8





With a 'strong' 72 start in tough condition, Chihiro Ikeda didn't have to look behind her rivals as she completed a wire-to-wire triumph for a breakthrough LPGT win.

# A LONG TIME COMING

*Ikeda finally nails one in severe condition*

**ORCHARD GOLF LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**TOUR DATES**  
**June 27, 2016 – June 29, 2016**

**VENUE**  
**Orchard Golf and Country Club**

**PRIZE MONEY**  
**Php 750,000**



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**S**ome good things, they say, never last. So do the bad ones.

It took Chihiro Ikeda three years to snap a string of heartaches, heartbreaks and near misses and the Fil-Japanese shotmaker relished every minute of her victory that surprisingly came a bit too late for a player who came into the pro ranks with so much promise after a checkered amateur career.

"It's nice to finally get this victory. It's been a long ride," said Ikeda, a former SEA Games gold medalist.

It's been a long ride, indeed. And a bumpy one. Hobbled by late round collapses in the past, the last at LPGT Beverly Place Classic which she led only to succumb and lose to amateurs Bernice Olivarez-Ilas and Sam Martirez in the final round, Ikeda finally put it all together at the ICTSI Orchard Golf Championship.

An opening 72 in adverse conditions proved enough to net her a three-stroke lead over former Philippine Ladies Open champion Heidi

Chua and she went 5-up after 36 holes despite a second round four-over 76, a score that could easily turn a contender into an onlooker.

But that's how it was at the Orchard's Player course in all three days – sun and rain, sun and rain and the field endured a series of rain delays and hobbled with soaring scores.

But throughout the ordeal, Ikeda kept her head above water, completing a wire-to-wire triumph in the P750,000 event with a closing 73 for a three-stroke victory over Lovelyn Guioguo.

With a five-shot lead at the start of the final round, Ikeda played pressure-free all day, even posting a seven-shot margin with a 34 start before slowing down in the tougher backside which she tackled in three-over par, enabling Guioguo to close the gap at the finish.

But not even Guioguo's three-birdie binge to kick off her backside charge and Ikeda's three-bogey mishap in a five-hole stretch from No. 11 could alter the outcome of the tournament sponsored by ICTSI as the former, who pulled to within two after 13 holes, bogeyed the par-3 14th then watched the latter birdie the 17th.

**1** Veteran Heidi Chua provides the early challenge to Chihiro Ikeda only to lose steam when the going got tough in the last two rounds.

**2** A little body English accentuates Lovelyn Guioguo's long birdie putt off the fringe.

**3** Amateur Marvi Monsalve makes it look easy with her superb bunker shot.

**4** If only for churning out a 78-75-74 card, things could look up for Jayvie Agojo in the succeeding LPGT legs.





Ikeda, a multi-titled amateur but who could not seem to put it all together as a pro and toiled in the first three years of the circuit organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc., finished with a 221 and pocketed the top P150,000 purse.

Guioguo wound up with a 71 and secured second place at 224 worth P95,000 while Jayvie Agojo, a former leg winner, turned in a 74 and ended up third at 227. She took home P60,000.

Amateur Marvi Monsalve carded a second straight 77 and finished solo fourth at 230 while Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong, a pre-tournament favorite but never recovered from a 77 start, shot a 75 to snare fifth place at 231.

Sarah Ababa, who scored a breakthrough at Sherwood in 2015, came in sixth at 232 after a 76 but took the fourth place purse worth P52,000 while Korean Euna Koh and Chua finished tied for seventh at 235 after a 74 and 75, respectively. Each received P43,750.

Apple Fudolin also rallied with one of the day's best 71s and ended up tied for ninth with last year's Luisita stop winner Cristina Corpus, who skied to an 81, at 238 worth P37,250 each.

But as if the three-year spell wasn't enough, Ikeda actually waited a little bit longer for her coronation due to a series of weather delays in the final round. But the game Fil-Japanese took all the delays in stride, fully aware that what mattered most was the result – that was worth the long wait.



**1** Anya Tanpinco spots, putts then drops after sinking a long birdie try. **2** Though she fails to put up a challenge, amateur Chanelle Avaricio still provided the spark, class and aura in an otherwise gloomy campaign in the LPGT Orchard Golf Ladies Classic. **3** Rain or shine, the durable Sarah Henderson of England keeps pounding the ball and slugging it out with rivals half her age. **4** Marvi Monsalve and Daniella Uy appear to be bracing for an MMA match than a golf competition. **5** Monsalve figures out her shot over the thick bushes fronting the green.



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**ICTSI ORCHARD GOLF LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING**

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	CHIRO IKEDA	PHI	72	76	73	221	5
2	LOVELYN GUIOGUIO	PHI	80	73	71	224	8
3	JAYVIE AGOJO	PHI	78	75	74	227	11
4	MARVI MONSALVE (AM)	PHI	76	77	77	230	14
5	HWANG MIN JEONG (AM)	KOR	77	79	75	231	15
6	SARAH ABABA	PHI	78	78	76	232	16
7	EUNA KOH	KOR	81	80	74	235	19
7=	HEIDI CHUA	PHI	75	85	75	235	19
9	APPLE JEEN FUDOLIN	PHI	85	82	71	238	22
9=	CRISTINA CORPUS	USA	77	80	81	238	22



# WHEN small IS BIG

*Harmie rocks, shocks Malarayat field*



## MALARAYAT LADIES CLASSIC



TOUR DATES

**July 26, 2016 – July 28, 2016**



VENUE

**Mount Malarayat Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 750,000**



Dwarfed by taller, older rivals, 15-year-old Harmie Constantino stood tall and proud in the end.

**BIG THINGS come in small packages. And diminutive amateur Harmie Constantino delivered the goods in the most surprising way – beating an elite pro field that included a slew of Thai campaigners.**

And she didn't snare the ICTSI Mount Malarayat Ladies Classic crown via playoff or by a hairline but in swashbuckling fashion – 8-shot romp.

While most would toil to realize a dream pro victory, the 15-year-old Constantino needed just three solid rounds of shotmaking and iron game to dominate a badly outclassed international field and become the third amateur to win on 2016 ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour.

"I'm overwhelmed since I didn't expect to win. I just went out there and played my game," said Constantino, the reigning national amateur champion who came into the 54-hole

event sponsored by ICTSI in top form with a couple of top three finishes in the national stroke and match play championships and a victory in the Gary Woodland Championship in the US weeks before the LPGT event.

"I'm so proud of my feat, especially after beating the Thais," said Constantino, who completed her remarkable three-day stint with an 11-under 205, spiked by a 66 in the second round and a closing 68.

The rising star from Bulacan stunned and overwhelmed veteran Thai campaigner Saraporn Chamchoi, who hobbled with a closing 74 for a 213, by eight.

Just two shots up on Chamchoi after 36 holes, Constantino actually braced for a final round shootout not just with her nearest pursuer but also with another Thai pro Chatprapa Siriprakob and Orchard leg winner Chihiro Ikeda, who stood at joint third, seven strokes behind, still a manageable deficit given the windy condition at Malarayat.

But instead of wilting under pressure, Constantino instead showed up her more experienced rivals, hitting a birdie on No. 2 then stringing three straight birdies in mind-boggling fashion from No. 6 to pull away.

**1 Looking to rattle amateur Harmie Constantino in the pressure-packed final round, Thai ace Saraporn Chamchoi found herself on the receiving end instead with a wobbly finish.**

**2 Chihiro Ikeda couldn't get going despite solid stint off the mound.**

**3 Driving woes keep Jayvie Agojo out of the title picture.**





That literally broke the backs of her rivals as she went unassailably ahead with that solid opening 32 with Chamchoi fumbling with a 38 and falling by eight and the rest also failing to at least match the young shotmaker's scorching start.

Ikeda, who took three years to record her first pro win at Orchard, did turn in a 34 at the turn but settled for two birdies against the same number of bogeys at the back. She finished with a 70 and failed to get past Chamchoi and placed third at 214.

But though she lost the crown, Chamchoi, who had hoped for a breakthrough after a couple of near-misses in the country's premier ladies circuit, took the top P150,000 purse.

Jayvie Agojo and amateur Channele Avaricio carded identical 74s and finished tied for fourth at 220 while Siriprakob, after back-to-back 72s, made four straight bogeys from No. 12 and limped with a 77 for 221.

Apple Fudolin shot the day's best of 67 on a sizzling five-birdie splurge to close out her 34-33 card and salvaged a share of seventh with 2015 Sherwood Hills leg winner Sarah Ababa, who made a 73, for 223s.

Amateur Daniella Uy, an early contender with an opening 72, tumbled down to ninth as she skied with a 79 for a 224 while Fil-Am Cristina Corpus, first-time winner at Luisita in 2015, rebounded from a 76 and an 80 with a 73 and ended up 10th at 229.

Constantino's amazing streak didn't actually end at Mount Malarayat as the SEA Games veteran teamed up with Yuka Saso, who also won at LPGT Eagle Ridge Ladies Invitational, and Sofia Legaspi to win the third World Juniors Girls for Team Philippines in Canada, where they beat powerhouse teams from Korea, the US and the host squad.

Seems springing surprises has become a constant fare for Constantino.

- 1 Deep in the bunker, Harmie Constantino easily bails herself out with one of the many shots that blasted the opposition big-time.
- 2 A scorching 67 finish hardly put Apple Fudolin back in the hunt, no thanks to an early visit to the tall grasses of Mount Malarayat.
- 3 Lovelyn Guiguio (left) sizes herself up with the gangling Sheryl Villasencio.
- 4 Cristina Corpus' search for a follow-up to her breakthrough Luisita triumph in 2015 extends to another season.
- 5 Thais Chatprapa Siriprakob and Supakchaya Pattaranakrueang and Filipino amateur Channele Avaricio need to look far beyond their drives to contend for an LPGT crown.
- 6 Former LPGT leg winner Sarah Ababa gives fellow players Avaricio, Marvi Monsalve, Guiguio and Villasencio something to digest as they wait for the championship flight on No. 18.



ICTSI MOUNT MALARAYAT LADIES CLASSIC FINAL RANKING							
Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	HARMIE CONSTANTINO (AM)	PHI	71	66	68	205	-11
2	SARAPORN CHAMCHOI	THA	72	67	74	213	-3
3	CHIIHIRO IKEDA	PHI	72	72	70	214	-2
4	JAYVIE AGOJO	PHI	76	70	74	220	4
4=	CHANELLE AVARICIO (AM)	PHI	75	71	74	220	4
6	CHATPRAPA SIRIPRAKOB	THA	72	72	77	221	5
7	APPLE JEEN FUDOLIN	PHI	82	74	67	223	7
7=	SARAH ABABA	PHI	74	76	73	223	7
9	DANIELLA UY (AM)	PHI	72	73	79	224	8
10	CRISTINA CORPUS	USA	76	80	73	229	13





# SEPTEMBER THRILLER

*Superal edges 3 rivals in playoff, records maiden pro win*



Princess Superal reacts after drilling in her winning putt from 12 feet and getting a well-deserved congratulation from Thai rivals Ajira Nualraksa (left) and Aunchia Utama.



 **SHERWOOD HILLS CLASSIC**

 **TOUR DATES**  
**September 6, 2016 – September 8, 2016**

 **VENUE**  
**Sherwood Hills Golf Club**

 **PRIZE MONEY**  
**Php 750,000**



**S**he came to win and she expected to win. And for a player whose name has become synonymous to winning, Princess Superal's victory at the ICTSI Ladies Sherwood Classic didn't come as a big surprise to many.

Never mind if it was her first tournament as a pro. Never mind if she was up against a crack field toughened by the presence of the Thai aces. And never mind if she was to tackle one of the country's toughest courses.

For she perfectly knew what it would take to win on the Ladies Philippine

Golf Tour. After all, she had won not once but thrice on the country's first-ever ladies pro circuit as an amateur, including a record-setting 17-under feat at John Hay when she first won in Baguio in 2013.

But her maiden pro win didn't come easy. In fact, she had to beat not only one but three others in a four-way playoff.

And in her first crack at a pro crown, she went through a wringer and came out the winner.

The 19-year-old future star drilled in a delicate 12-foot downhill, sidehill birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat Thais Aunchia Utama and Ajira Nualraksa and former teammate Pauline del Rosario and complete a dream pro debut in September at the tough Sherwood Hills Golf Club in Cavite.

Superal actually blew an early two-

stroke lead as she lost her putting touch but rallied from two down on a lost ball on No. 12 with a clutch birdie on No. 16 to scramble for a 72 and force a playoff with the Thais and Del Rosario, who all put in under-par cards, at four-under 212s.

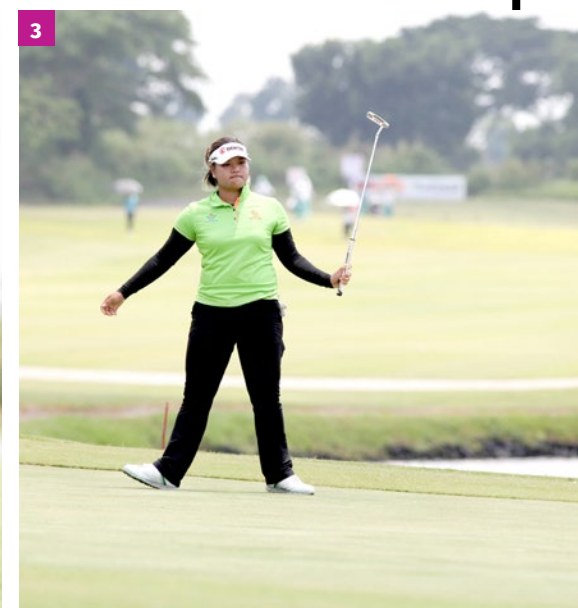
Utama fought back from four down to tie Del Rosario on top with back-to-back birdies from No. 14 but bogeyed the 17th and finished with a 68, while Nualraksa wrested the lead with a solid 32 start but dropped three strokes in the first two holes at the back and needed to birdie No. 15th to shoot a 70 and gain a crack at the crown.

Del Rosario worked her way up with an impressive birdie-birdie-eagle feat from No. 12, moving from three-down to two-up and appeared headed for a romp with four holes to go. But the spearhead of Team The Country Club hit an errant drive on No. 18, struggled to reach the green and wound up with bogey for a

**1** Looking back, amateur Pauline del Rosario would hope to toughen up on the 54th hole, preserve a one-stroke lead and clinch what could've been her biggest victory to date.

**2** Thai Ajira Nualraksa gears up as if 'cocking' her trusted driver for the big event.

**3** Aunchia Utama rues a muffed putt that spoiled her bid in a four-way playoff.







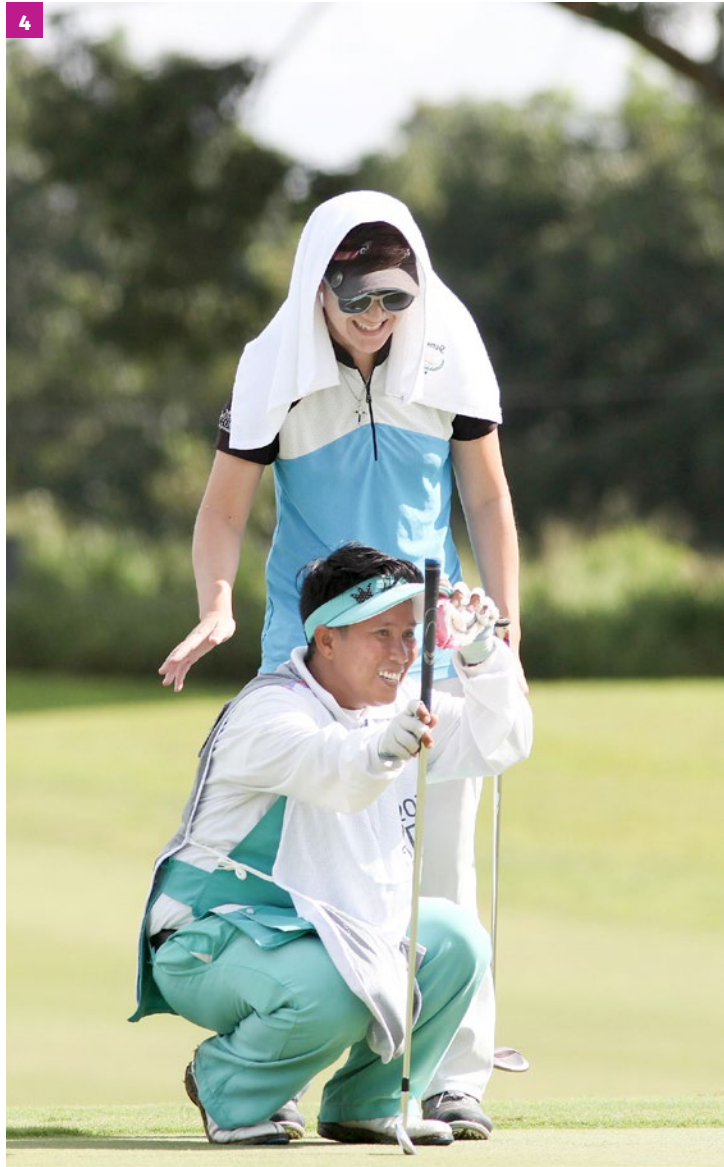
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69, setting the stage for a four-player playoff.

But Superal picked herself up in sudden death back on No. 18, coming away with two brilliant shots, then banging in that gem of a putt that shattered Nualraksa's confidence as the Thai lost her poise and missed extending the match after flubbing her bid from eight feet out.

The two others actually made it in regulation but Utama's birdie bid from long range fell short and Del Rosario, who putted next, flubbed her try from afar before Superal, figuring the slope and the speed needed a couple of times, rolled in the clincher that proved too much for Nualraksa to overcome.

"I feel very happy. Though I missed a couple of putts early, I still found a way to win," said Superal, basking in glory as she received her first pro trophy and first check worth P150,000 in the 54-hole championship sponsored by ICTSI.

"This win means a lot to me," said Superal, who also came into the event brimming with confidence after finishing tied for second in Stage I of the LPGA Qualifying School. "I really did my best to win."

All the others also did their best to spoil her pro debut but Superal proved steadier than the rest in the end.

"Princess has been through a lot of tough challenges as an amateur but this one is different. She was vying not just for a championship. But she handled herself well and rode through the pressure. This win should put her in good stead in her future tournaments," said Superal coach Bong Lopez.

After birdying three of the first five holes to go 2-up, Superal said she lost her rhythm and touch and made back-to-back bogeys from No.

5. She dropped another stroke on No. 11 and bogeyed the par-5 12th after losing her ball on a wild drive to the right, casting doubts on making it to the podium on her first try.

"But I told myself to relax and take in one shot at a time and luckily, I was able to regain my bearing and confidence after I birdied No. 16," said Superal.

Utama and Nualraksa split the combined second and third prizes worth P155,000 while Del Rosario settled for a trophy after blowing the chance to become the fourth amateur to win this year after TCC teammate Bernice Olivarez-Ilas at Beverly Place, Yuka Saso at Eagle Ridge and Harmie Constantino at Mount Malarayat.

Seven players actually earned a stab at glory heading to the closing holes, making it the most

tightly fought tournament in four years of the country's first-ever ladies pro circuit.

LPGA veteran Cyna Rodriguez moved to within two with a birdie on No. 10 but reeled back with a double-bogey on the par-5 15th; Thai Chatprapa Siriprakob, a co-leader in the second round, birdied No. 15 to likewise pull within two but bogeyed two of the last three; and former leg winner Jayvie Agojo birdied Nos. 10 and 15 to also close in within a couple of shots but holed out with a double-bogey.

Siriprakob ended up with a 75 and placed fifth at 215 while Rodriguez finished with a 73 and Agojo hobbled with a 74 to wind up tied at sixth at 216.

Amateur Mikha Fortuna of Team The Country Club fought back with a 71 to salvage solo eighth at 223 while 2015 Mount Malarayat leg winner amateur Hwang Min Jeong of Korea matched par 72 and tied recent Orchard leg champion Chihiro Ikeda, who carded a 73, at ninth at 224.

In the end, it was all about heart and poise and Superal proved she has those qualities in her arsenal as she sets out for more wringers and thrillers.

1 Cyna Rodriguez falls way short off target – in her putt and title drive in a circuit she used to dominate.

2 Amateur Sofia Chabon does some stretching before tee-off with the help of The Country Club team fitness trainer Jojo Nabor.

3 Thai Chatprapa Siriprakob reacts after a flubbed birdie-putt that enabled Princess Superal to salvage a tie in the second round.

4 Anya Tanpinco and caddy switch places in an attempt to change the former's fortunes – to no avail.

5 Veteran Lina de Guzman gives her ball a peck after a birdie feat, hoping to plant a kiss on a championship trophy next.

ICTSI SHERWOOD HILLS CLASSIC FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	SUPERAL, PRINCESS	PHI	70	70	72	212	-4
2	UTAMA, AUNCHISA	THA	71	73	68	212	-4
2=	DEL ROSARIO, PAULINE (AM)	PHI	71	72	69	212	-4
2=	NUALRAKSA, AJIRA	THA	73	69	70	212	-4
5	SIRIPRAKOB, CHATPRAPA	THA	69	71	75	215	-1
6	RODRIGUEZ, CYNA	PHI	73	70	73	216	0
6=	AGOJO, JAYVIE	PHI	72	70	74	216	0
8	FORTUNA, MIKA (AM)	PHI	78	74	71	223	7
9	HWANG, MIN JEONG (AM)	KOR	81	71	72	224	8
9=	IKEDA, CHIHIRO	PHI	76	75	73	224	8



# ESCAPE ARTIST

*Another cliffhanger, another win for Superal*

SUPERAL 2  
OLIVAREZ 4  
DEL ROSARIO 4

Head bowed and down by 2 to Pauline del Rosario and Bernice Olivarez-Ilas in the early going of the final round, Princess Superal flashed another backside rally to frustrate her amateur rivals and come out of another thrilling finale with head held high.



## EASTRIDGE LADIES INVITATIONAL



TOUR DATES

September 28, 2016 – September 30, 2016



VENUE

Eastridge Golf Club



PRIZE MONEY

Php 750,000

**D**RAGGED INTO another nerve-wracking finish, Princess Superal pulled off another squeaker of a win at the ICTSI Eastridge Ladies Invitational, thus earning a Houdini tag this early in her pro career.

But scoring come-from-behind victories has marked Superal's stint in the amateur ranks, foremost of which was her fightback from one down with one hole to go to force a playoff before nipping Mexican Marijosse Navarro on the first extra hole to snare the coveted US Girls' Junior crown in 2014.

Moving to the pros, however, is no easy matter. Pressure to win with money on the line often separates the contenders from pretenders.

But Superal has been a top competitor since she burst into the golfing scene as a jungolfer in the mid 2000s and diligently worked her way to become one of the country's leading stars.

As an amateur, she has proved she can win big-time tournaments, racking up three titles on the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour the past three years.

That's why it came as no surprise when she marked her pro debut with a victory although she had to go through the proverbial eye-of-the-

needle to clinch the LPGT Sherwood Classic, nipping three tough rivals in a playoff.

Placed in a similar situation in her second pro tournament, Superal didn't blink and relied on her championship poise again to edge an equally talented young, amateur rival and former teammate and go two-for-two as pro in the country's premier ladies circuit.

"I'm super happy to win but I didn't expect it, given Pau's (del Rosario) equally solid game. But I really did my best and thank God I did it again," said Superal, who banked another P150,000 after topping the eighth leg of the 10-stage circuit sponsored by ICTSI with a seven-under 209 aggregate at the Eastridge Golf Club.

Del Rosario was actually one of the three, the two others being Thais Aunchisa Utama and Ajia Nualraksa, whom Superal foiled at Sherwood with the talented shotmaker actually all set to get back at Superal after seizing control down the stretch at the up-and-down layout.

But staring at defeat after going two down after 36 holes and one behind with three holes left to play, Superal banged in two clutch birdies – a five-footer on par-3 No. 16 then tapped in after her eagle-putt bid from 25 feet on the par-5

closing hole lipped out.

She then watched former The Country Club teammate crack under pressure, completing her rally for a one-shot victory on a bogey-free 34-33 card.

Del Rosario, who led Superal by two after rainy 36 holes on a fiery 69, also closed out with a flawless 70 but just couldn't pull it off in the end, including a sorry miss on the 54th hole when she misread a side-hiller from just around three feet, missing forcing a playoff and enabling Superal to escape another wringer of a win.

It was a sorry loss indeed for Del Rosario, the former Thailand Ladies Amateur Open champion who even went three-up over Superal with a birdie on No. 4 then held sway majority of the way until she faltered on her last putt.

"My ball-striking is quite solid and I think



**1** After pulling to within one with a 69 in the second round, Bernice Olivarez-Ilas sputters with a closing 75 and drops from second to joint fourth. **2** Three-time Order of Merit winner Cyna Rodriguez (left) could be briefing Princess Superal on the passing of the LPGT mantle. **3** Whether she hit it fat or thin, only Chihiro Ikeda would know as the Orchard leg winner grimaces after hacking her approach shot.





- 1 Cyna Rodriguez and Chihiro Ikeda seem to be playing one of the traditional Filipino games although they were actually fist-bumping after being bumped off the title race with so-so final round outputs.
- 2 Finding one's ball in the thick rough and rocky Eastridge layout could be a distressing experience, at least for Anya Tanpinco, Sarah Ababa and Apple Fudolin.
- 3 While Princess Superal basks in glory on her steady putting, Pauline del Rosario rues her late-hole struggle with her balky putter.
- 4 More than a year since scoring a breakthrough at Luisita, Fil-Am Cristina Corpus continues to search for the shots and form that put her in the elite circle of LPGT winners.
- 5 Veteran Sylvia Torres has only the rain to blame for her sky-high opening 85.
- 6 Three holes into the tournament, Lucy Landicho still keeps a happy outlook but no one would know her disposition after opening with a fat 80.
- 7 Other than solid driving, amateur Mafy Singson knows she still has to flex more muscles, so to speak, to polish her iron game and putting, not to mention be able to build confidence to at least contend in big-time tournaments.

that's the key to my victory. I also made two late good shots and made the putts," added Superal, who finally hit back-to-back birdies from No. 6 to move behind Del Rosario, matched the latter's birdie on the par-5 13th then pulled even with that clutch five-footer on No. 16.

Del Rosario, who also missed a couple of birdie chances before sinking her second birdie on No. 13, wound up with a 210 for second and took the low amateur honors while Cyna Rodriguez blew a scorching start with a sputtering finish and ended up third with a 71 and a 215. She took the runner-up prize of P95,000.

"She (Superal) had a hard time gaining her rhythm but I knew it's just a matter of time before she'd get

going and hit those birdies," said TCC coach Bong Lopez, who also handles the pros who vied for the crown, including Superal, Rodriguez and Chihiro Ikeda.

Superal fell by three with a run of pars in the early going as Del Rosario birdied No. 4 with Rodriguez, in a flight ahead, battling back from four-down to within one with four birdies in the first six holes.

But the three-time LPGT Order of Merit winner failed to sustain her charge and made three bogeys in the next five holes then settled for pars the rest of the way.

Amateur Bernice Olivarez-Ilas tied TCC teammate Del Rosario with a birdie on No. 1 but the Olivarez College student and winner of the LPGT Beverly Place leg last April

wavered with four bogeys in the last 11 holes, finishing with a 75 for joint fourth with Ikeda at 216.

Ikeda, who broke a long title spell at LPGT Orchard Classic, also stayed in contention with a birdie on No. 2 but like the majority of the field, sputtered midway through another tough day at the mountain-top layout. She fumbled with six bogeys against a birdie but made a last-hole eagle to pocket the P60,000 third prize.

With back-to-back wins in gripping fashions, Superal won't be surprised if she goes through another wringer on her third try. What would be surprising is if she goes through a spell and fails to wield her stretch-run magic again.



ICTSI EASTRIDGE LADIES INVITATIONAL FINAL RANKING							
Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	SUPERAL, PRINCESS	PHI	71	71	67	209	-7
2	DEL ROSARIO, PAULINE (AM)	PHI	71	69	70	210	-6
3	RODRIGUEZ, CYNA	PHI	71	73	71	215	-1
4	IKEDA, CHIHIRO	PHI	70	72	74	216	0
4=	OLIVAREZ-ILAS, BERNICE (AM)	PHI	72	69	75	216	0
6	FORTUNA, MIKA (AM)	PHI	73	74	71	218	2
7	NOCUM, KAYLA (AM)	PHI	75	70	77	222	6
8	ABABA, SARAH	PHI	75	81	74	230	14
9	GUIOGUIO, LOVELYN	PHI	79	79	73	231	15
9=	FUDOLIN, APPLE JEEN	PHI	78	71	82	231	15



# NEVER SAY NEVER

*Resilient Thai ends 6-year title quest, upends Cyna*

She's not into anything extraordinary but Saruttaya Ngam-usawan simply does her style of reading and lining up her putt, resulting to career breakthrough victory.



## ROYAL NORTHWOODS LADIES CHALLENGE



TOUR DATES

**September 28, 2016 – September 30, 2016**



VENUE

**Royal Northwoods Golf and Country Club**



PRIZE MONEY

**Php 1,000,000**



**FINDING HERSELF below the midline of a compact field in the early going, Saruttaya Ngam-usawan never gave up, never got discouraged and never lost hope.**

In the end, she was happy she never did.

For the 28-year-old Thai finally hit paydirt, humbling no less than three-time Order of Merit winner and former LPGA campaigner Cyna Rodriguez in a frenetic finale at the ICTSI Royal Northwoods Ladies Challenge, her first since turning pro in 2010.

"I'm so happy to finally score a big victory. But I really didn't expect to win after a poor start although I gained some confidence in the second round then made the most of my chances in the final day," said Ngam-usawan, who had forgettable finishes in three events on the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour the past two years.

In an early stretch, that string of mediocre stints had seemed to point to another frustrating campaign at the Royal Northwoods Golf Club in San Rafael, Bulacan – when she opened with a 40 and hobbled with a 77, finding herself seven down behind Rodriguez, who asserted her might early and shot an impressive 70.

Seven adrift in a 54-hole tournament and against the country's top player? It's a long shot indeed for Ngam-usawan to at least get back into the thick of things.

But she didn't only jump from 10th to solo third with a second round 69-146 but also put herself

within reach of the new leader in compatriot Jaruporn Palakawongnaayuttaya, who surged ahead with a second straight 72 for 144.

Rodriguez? From awesome, she turned awful in just one round, shooting herself in the foot with a 77 and tumbling down to joint fourth at 147.

With Orchard leg winner Chihiro Ikeda moving to solo second with a 71-145 and 2015 Luisita stage champion Fil-Am Cristina Corpus catching Rodriguez at fourth despite a 75, a five-way battle for top honors shaped up in the final round of the richest ever leg in the country's premier ladies circuit sponsored by ICTSI.

But there was no stopping Ngam-usawan.

Sustaining her second round charge, the Thai used a strong start to wrest control then flashed near-impeccable touch on the greens to close out with a 70 and edge Rodriguez by two with an even 216 total.

Like Rodriguez in the second round, overnight leader Palakawongnaayuttaya wilted under pressure and floundered with an even worse 86, enabling Ngam-usawan to take charge in the early going before foiling Rodriguez's own stretch run rally in a flight ahead with clutch pars at the back to rule the P1 million championship and snap a long title spell.

It was indeed a surprising win as it was mind-boggling.

Birdying three of the first seven holes in the final round, Ngam-usawan stormed upfront then as she watched Palakawongnaayuttaya fumble and stumble in the early going, the former held sway with a run of gutsy pars at the finish to thwart a charging Rodriguez.

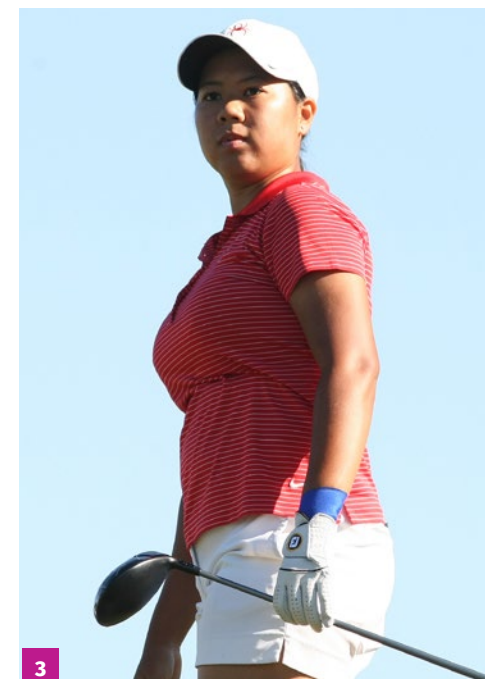
She did reel back with a bogey on the ninth but parred the rest, including five up-and-down



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Saruttaya Ngam-usawan breaks into a smile after breaking a long title spell.

**1 Cyna Rodriguez looks every inch a winner despite falling short by two and ending up winless in a circuit she used to rule.**

**2 Chihiro Ikeda seems having a hard time figuring out what went wrong after a solid 34 start in the final round.**

**3 If not for an atrocious start, Indonesian Jessica Lydia could've bettered her fifth place effort in her first-ever stint on the local circuit.**



feats that firmed up her hold of the lead and frustrated Rodriguez no end. She pocketed the top P250,000 purse in the event organized by Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

Rodriguez actually tied the Thai with a birdie opening then grabbed the lead with another feat on No. 7. But she dropped just as quickly with bogeys on Nos. 9 and 10 and hardly recovered from another bogey-bogey mishap from No. 14 with birdies on the next two and another bogey on the final hole.

The ace Filipina shotmaker ended up with a 71 and pooled a 218 and settled for P120,000 runner-up prize.

Corpus snatched third place and P85,000 at 221 after a 74 while Ikeda also squandered a two-under card at the front with a closing 43 marred by two double bogeys for a 77. She wound up fourth at 222 and took home P76,000.

Indonesian Jessica Lydia failed to follow up a sterling 69 in the second round as she faltered with a 73, finishing fifth at 223 in her first stint in the country's first ladies pro tour. She received P65,000.

Korean amateur Hwang Min-jeong, who upended Rodriguez and Princess Superal at Mount Malarayat in 2015, turned in a 73 for sixth at 224, former leg winner Jayvie Agojo hobbled with a 76 for joint seventh with Lovelyn Guioguio, who matched par 72, at 225, while Apple Fudolin placed ninth at 228 after a 75.

Palakawongnaayuttaya, who wrested control with two 72s, dropped off the lead early with a bogey and double-bogey in the first two holes then limped with three double bogeys and six more bogeys against a lone birdie to finish with a 14-over 86. From the top, she slid to 10th at 230.

But while Palakawongnaayuttaya failed to recover, Ngam-usawan stepped up to deliver.

- 1 A rare chip-in birdie gives Lucy Landicho something to relish in another mediocre campaign.
- 2 Korean amateur Hwang Min Jeong gets a few pointers and direction from her father the way she did when she bested the pros at Mount Malarayat in 2015.
- 3 Jaruporn Palakawongnaayuttaya's stint at the top fails to match her long surname, no thanks to a closing 86.
- 4 Jayvie Agojo makes the right approach to a harrowing second round performance – take it easy.
- 5 Sheryl Villacencio reacts to a flubbed birdie putt that hardly mattered to another so-so campaign.
- 6 Unlike her eminent brother, Eva Miñoza finds it tough coming through with bailout shots off errant drives.
- 7 Apple Fudolin continues to reach out for a low score and a high finish.



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Considered as the jewel of the north, the Royal Northwoods Golf and Country Club boasts of well-maintained fairways with Bermuda grasses and rolling terrains. It also has deep bunkers that make it more challenging both to weekend golfers and pros. Designed by Australian pro Graham Marsh, the 27-hole, all-weather championship course in San Rafael, Bulacan blends classic traditions and contemporary technology to further enhance the terrain's natural beauty.

ROYAL NORTHWOODS LADIES CHALLENGE FINAL RANKING

Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	NGAM-USAWAN, SARUTTAYA	THA	77	69	70	216	0
2	RODRIGUEZ, CYNA	PHI	70	77	71	218	2
3	CORPUS, CRISTINA	USA	72	75	74	221	5
4	IKEDA, CHIHIRO	PHI	74	71	77	222	6
5	LYDIA, JESSICA	INA	81	69	73	223	7
6	HWANG, MIN JEONG (AM)	KOR	75	76	73	224	8
7	GUIOGUIO, LOVELYN	PHI	74	79	72	225	9
7=	AGOJO, JAYVIE	PHI	74	75	76	225	9
9	FUDOLIN, APPLE JEEN	PHI	74	79	75	228	12
10	PALAKAWONGNAAYUTTAYA, JARUPORN	THA	72	72	86	230	14





## PHILIPPINES LADIES MASTERS



TOUR DATES

**December 21, 2016 – December 23, 2016**


VENUE

**Alabang Country Club**


PRIZE MONEY

**\$ 80,000**

**F**or a teenager hardly heard of for a singular feat, Saranporn Langkulgasetrin dished out one big triumph that reverberated all the way to native Phuket.

In a pressure-packed final round, Langkulgasetrin produced clutch shots – off the mound and into the green – and displayed steely nerves while pouncing on her rivals' meltdowns in scorching heat to clinch her biggest win in a young pro career.

In her own words, it went according to plan – hitting the fairways and greens and making the putts.

"It was a good round and it generally went according to plan," said Langkulgasetrin, who

And she did it in style – not with her fizzy outfit but with the way she handled herself against a pair of veteran campaigners.

Ranged against Lee Jeong-hwa and Chihiro Ikeda in the final round of a tightly fought championship, Langkulgasetrin didn't flinch, knocking off the fancied Korean in the early going then outlasting the local ace in a wild wooly finish to claim the ICTSI Philippine Ladies Masters crown at the posh Alabang Country Club.

methodically disposed of the very player who swept the first two legs of the Taiwan LPGA and Ladies Philippine Golf Tour at Splendido and Southwoods and a Fil-Japanese banking on her local knowledge of the layout and the home crowd.

But Langkulgasetrin and dad-cum-caddie Surat had figured out how to beat her rivals while drawing some impetus on the good fortune that a birthday brings.

"Winning my first championship here in the Philippines is a good birthday gift for me, too," said the rising Thai star who turned 17 last Dec. 9.

But overall, it was her determination, spunk and poise rarely seen in a player her age that carried her through the \$80,000 championship sponsored by ICTSI that also served as the final leg of both the Ladies Philippine Golf Tour and the Taiwan LPGA Tour.

In a brief stretch late in the final round, Langkulgasetrin appeared headed for a big collapse when she lost a two-stroke lead on a missed green bogey on the par-3 15th which Ikeda birdied from six feet. But she gained on a rare, decisive four-shot swing on the next to beat Ikeda and turn what had been a fierce, nerve-racking finish into a runaway triumph on a four-under 212 total worth \$17,000.

Ikeda actually sparked hopes of a big local celebration when she canned in a birdie on No. 15 to tie Langkulgasetrin at four-under overall. But she choked and triple-bogeyed the par-5 16th, which the Thai birdied to go four-up with two holes to play.

It was over from there as Langkulgasetrin cruised to a three-shot romp despite a bogey-par windup, savoring the big victory she later dedicated to his father who carried the bag for her in all three days of battle.

"The key was in the backnine, although I shot one-over, I just focused on my game. When she (Ikeda) missed her shot, I said to myself, alright, I think it's mine," said Langkulgasetrin, who played steady in another sweltering day with one-birdie, one-bogey stint at the front.

With Ikeda finishing with a 77 after back-to-back 70s, Princess Superal birdied the last hole

Not even the presence of mentor Bong Lopez on her bag could propel Princess Superal to a desired result – a third straight championship on her rookie season although a final round charge netted the former US Girls' Junior champion a joint runner-up finish.



**1** With a superb 68 in the second round and a share of the lead, Korean Lee Jeong-hwa looks forward to a more solid card in an attempt to sweep the three legs of the LGPT and Taiwan LPGA Tour here after ruling the Splendido and Southwoods stops. **2** Thai Kanphanitnan Muangkhumakul blasts the opposition with her superb bunker shots in the opening round only to falter in the next two with wayward shots on the tight Alabang fairways.



# BEST LAID PLANS

*Methodical Thai lass upends Lee, Ikeda*



Saranporn Langkulgasetrin soaks it in after turning back Lee Jeong-Hwa in the early going and repulsing Chihiro Ikeda in the stretch to win the inaugural ICTSI Philippine Ladies Masters crown.



to fire a 71 and share second place with first round leader Kanphanitnan Muangkhumasakul, who carded a second 73, and Lee, who also limped with a 76, at 215. Each received \$5,900.

Korean Hwang Ye-nah, who won the LPGT Southlinks leg in 2015, rallied with one of the day's two best scores of 69 to finish fifth at 216 worth \$3,200 while Ikeda wound up sixth at 217 and settled for \$2,800 after moving three holes away from snaring what would've been her biggest career win.

"It's tough since I was just three holes away. But I got too excited and felt tired in the end," said Ikeda, who tied Langkulasettrin at six-under with birdies on Nos. 3 and 7 but fell back with bogeys on Nos. 8 and 10 before bouncing back with that birdie on the 15th.

But she hooked her drive on No. 16, needed two shots to play out from a stymied lie, reached the green in 5 and three-putted. She failed to

recover and double-bogeyed the next.

"But it's okay and will just try to prepare hard and try again next year," Ikeda said.

Lee, who pressed her bid for a sweep of the three TLPGA legs here with a 68 in the second round to join Langkulasettrin at the helm, bowed out early with a double-bogey on No. 4 and three bogeys in the next five holes.

She later blamed her poor start to fatigue following a grueling two-week campaign in China.

"I felt so tired and I couldn't focus on the frontnine. And it's too hot," said Lee.

Malaysian Michele Low shot the day's other 69 to place seventh at 218 while Thai Saraporn Chamchoi and Taiwan Order of Merit frontrunner Lin Tzu-Chi carded identical 71s to tie local amateur Yuka Saso, who faltered with a 73, at eighth at 219. Saso, the reigning

World Junior Girls champion, also took the low amateur honors.

LPGA Tour-bound Dottie Ardina finally broke par but her 71 still failed to land her a Top 10 finish, ending up one rung lower at 220 worth \$1,480.

In contrast, Langkulasettrin more than made up for her joint 12th effort at Splendido and 14th place finish at Southwoods – the first two legs of the ICTSI Champion Tour, also part of the Taiwan LPGA Tour, last March won by Lee – with a scintillating victory that should augur well for her 2017 campaign.

"This win is a confidence booster for me," said Langkulasettrin, looking for more victories in the new season.



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The par-72 golf course was built on 58 hectares of slightly undulating, rolling terrain, which measures 6,489 yards from the blue tee. There are five lakes and a natural creek winding through the course. There are many mango trees shading the 18-hole course. The most difficult hole is the 432-yard par 4 fourth, a blind right dog-leg hole with three sand traps, a creek to cross and out-of-bounds hazard on the left side all the way from tee-off to the green.

ICTSI PHILIPPINES LADIES MASTERS FINAL RANKING							
Rank	Names	REP	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	TO PAR
1	SARANPORN LANGKULASETTRIN	THA	70	69	73	212	-4
2	PRINCESS MARY SUPERAL	PHI	73	71	71	215	-1
2=	KANPHANITNAN MUANGKHUMSAKU	THA	69	73	73	215	-1
2=	JEONG-HWA LEE	KOR	71	68	76	215	-1
5	YE-NAH HWANG	KOR	72	75	69	216	0
6	CHIIHIRO IKEDA	PHI	70	70	77	217	1
7	MICHELE LOW	MAS	77	72	69	218	2
8	SARAPORN CHAMCHOI	THA	75	73	71	219	3
8=	TZU-CHI LIN	TWN	75	73	71	219	3
8=	YUKA SASO (AM)	PHI	77	69	73	219	3

- 1 A confident Saranporn Langkulasettrin strikes a pose that complemented well with her shotmaking and putting.
- 2 Chihiro Ikeda ponders on what club to use in tackling the wind at the par-3 No. 6 of Alabang Country Club, unmindful of a disastrous ending to her title drive.
- 3 Hounded by poor putting, pre-tournament favorite and LPGA Tour-bound Dottie Ardina never really got the chance to showcase her real worth, breaking par 71 just in the final round.
- 4 Mia Piccio, another Symetra Tour veteran, remains winless on the local circuit with another mediocre campaign.
- 5 After a solid opening 70, Taiwanese Ai Chen Kuo fades in the sun and wind and ended up tied for 12th.
- 6 The father-daughter tandem of Surat and Saranporn Langkulasettrin is all focused since Day One all the way to the finish.
- 7 Two of the country's future stars – amateur Yuka Saso (left) and rookie pro Princess Superal – share a light moment as they head to No. 17.
- 8 Young aces Saranporn Langkulasettrin (left) of Thailand and Fil-Japanese Yuka Saso hope to ride the momentum of their respective feats at the close of their 2016 campaign into the next season.



# TAKING CHARGE



*Del Rosario now in command as Superal turns pro*



For all the crowns stacked in her trophy cabinet, the Philippine Ladies Open trophy will be one precious jewel Princess Superal will relish for the rest of her golfing career.



**P**auline del Rosario made sure Princess Superal's moving to the pro ranks won't interrupt or slow down, at the very least, The Country Club's winning drive here and abroad.

The 16-year-old shotmaker nailed not just one or two but three titles in row to cap another big season for Team TCC with its compact but intrepid six-player crew racking up 28 victories (pls check), including the low amateur honors in the local pro circuit.

Superal actually stood at the forefront of the team's charge like she went to, opening the season with big victories in the Philippine Open and the Hong Kong Ladies Amateur Championship following a string of victories to close out the 2015 season.

The former US Girls' Junior champion then added the DHL Amateur crown, campaigned in Malaysia to claim the Kuala Lumpur Amateur diadem then moved to the US to clinch the PNGA (Pacific Northwest Golf Association) plum.

She then took the low amateur honors at LPGT Splendido, the Cactus Tour in Palm Springs and the NWGA (National Women's Golf Association) to cap a checkered amateur career.

Finally shedding her amateur tag, Superal marked her pro debut, fittingly, with back-to-back victories on the ICTSI Ladies Philippine Golf Tour. But it didn't come easy. In fact, she had to go through the proverbial eye of the needle to clinch the Sherwood leg title, edging not one or two but three rivals, including Thais Aunchisa Utama and Ajira Nualraksa, in the playoff.

Moving to Eastridge two weeks later, Superal rallied to edge del Rosario, the other player in the playoff at Sherwood, by one and make it two-for-two in the pro circuit where she won three titles as an amateur.

But the year didn't end quite well for the smooth-swinging Superal, who missed the final 70-player cut in the LPGA Tour Q-School Final Stage in Florida, settling for a Symetra Tour card where she hopes to flourish in the first half to gain a crack at an LPGA card during the re-rank midway of 2017.

Despite her failed bid, Team TCC coach Bong Lopez still expressed satisfaction over Superal's performance, saying: "Reaching the Final Stage of the tough LPGA School on her first try is quite a feat. She's young and is sure to have learned her lesson."

But Lopez said the future looks bright for her prized ward, who is upbeat of her upcoming Symetra Tour stint with a number of tournaments abroad being lined up for the multi-titled 19-year-old shotmaker.

Superal also fell short in the LPGT's final leg, the inaugural Phl Ladies Masters where she wound up tied for second behind Thai Saranporn Langkulgasettrin.

There were other big near-misses, like in the US Four-Ball where Sofia Chabon and Mikha Fortuna dominated and topped the Qualifying, only to falter in the tournament proper and the Superal-Del Rosario tandem losing to eventual runners-up Angelina Kim and Brianna Navarrosa in the Final Four, also in Florida.

"The putts just didn't go in for Cess and Pau in their semis duel with Kim and Navarrosa. It could've been big but that's golf. We'll just have to prepare hard next year," said Lopez.

Other winners for the team were Sofia Chabon, who topped the FCG (Future Champions Golf) Callaway World Championship (Class A) and the Ping 2 day Series at Industry Hills (Class A); Mikha Fortuna, who ruled the National Tour Valley Open in Texas and the FCG Challenge Cup; Sam Martinez, who copped the low amateur honors at LPGT Southwoods; and Bernice Olivarez Ilas, who ruled Class B of the FCG World Championships and the Ping 2 Series at Industry Hills.

Ilas also underscored her potential by winning a pro tournament on the ICTSI LPGT, leading a 1-2 finish by the amateurs with Martinez in the ICTSI LPGT at Beverly Place, where she also ran away with the low amateur plum.

But it was del Rosario who provided the big windup this time, sweeping the Penang and Melaka Opens in Malaysia before keeping the SICC/DBS Junior Invitational crown, which Superal took in 2015.

Del Rosario, also the low amateur at LPGT Eastridge and Sherwood and low medalist in the US Girls' Junior Qualifying and won the FCG crown at Belmont and the Ping 2 Series title at Tustin Ranch, was actually set to join the University of Kansas as a golf scholar but had a changed of heart and opted to campaign here with an eye on joining the pro ranks in early 2017.

That should make the likes of Ilas, Chabon and Fortuna as the likely spearheads when Team TCC resumes its pursuit of glory in 2017 here and abroad.

1 Mikha Fortuna holds her USGA certificate after clinching a spot in the US Girls' Junior Championship.

2 Princess Superal (left) and Sam Martinez hold their trophies after the former edged the latter in the semis then went on to beat Amanda Jacobs of Oregon and capture the Pacific Northwest Amateur Championship crown in Washington.

3 Rising star Sofia Chabon beams as she holds her trophy after bagging the Ping 2-day Series in Los Angeles.

4 Pau del Rosario caps her sizzling season windup with an emphatic 13-stroke romp in the Singapore DBS Junior Invitational Championship, winning the Class A and overall crowns, which Superal also won in 2015.



# TWENTY SIXTEEN BEST GOLF COURSE

# LUISITA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

## THE LUISITA Golf and Country Club has just taken another big step in its road back to former glory.

By being recognized by the Philippine Golf Tour (PGT) of the International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) as the Best Host Venue of the Year 2016, officials of the course believe the layout carved in the heart of Tarlac will soon regain its lofty place among the country's best.

"I'm very happy for the club. I believe Luisita is really due for such an award as this one," said Jeric Hechanova, who takes care of Luisita's marketing requirements and is hands-on in looking after every players' needs.

The hospitality and capability of Hechanova

and the other Luisita GCC officials passed with flying colors when the PGT staged the ICTSI Luisita Championship in March won by Tony Lascaña and the Central Azucarera Tarlac Open in September topped by Micah Shin.

With those, Luisita became one of the two clubs to host two major championships in one season in 2016.

More awards, or at least favorable reviews, are expected to come for the undulating, par-72 layout designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. since efforts are still being done to make it even better and up to par with the world's best.

Nothing less simply won't do, considering Luisita's historic and colorful past.

It was home to the President's Cup, one major tournament for professionals, up until 1989 when it was last staged. Since then Luisita's popularity

went down considerably.

In 2015, it was acquired by the group of Martin Lorenzo with the vision of making it great again.

Before that year ended, Luisita, in partnership with ICTSI and Asian Tour, hosted the full-field US\$300,000 98th edition of the Philippine Open won by Miguel Tabuena.

In 2016, Luisita did something extra, according to Hechanova, as the club not only took care of the green fees but also allowed the pros to use the sports club function rooms as quarters.

"It was all for free (accommodation). On top of that, we also extended them free breakfast and lunch in all tournament days," related Hechanova.

The renovation of Luisita was supervised by Robert Trent Jones Jr., who has seen the club's growth to become a great course from its simple opening in 1968.

At the time, it was just an exclusive 9-hole course but Jones Sr. loved it so much and called it one of his best creations and most beautiful over the others worldwide. That coming from a man who has also designed other world-renowned courses like Spyglass and Pebble Beach.

Even one of the greats, Billy Casper, said it was the best course he has ever played during a visit in the 1970s.

"My dad's so proud of Luisita," said Jones Jr. "The moment he saw the land, which was shaped like that of a sexy woman's body, he had a vision to make something special of it."

The course was dressed with the Tifton 328 grass, which suits the land, and the par-3 holes were re-made with a lot of "sexy curves," according to Jones Jr. when he first saw it in his early 20's.

Jones Jr. recalled too that there were lengthy tee mounds. "We used to call them runaway tees. Bantam Ben Arda, when I played with him, liked the tee mounds," he said.

Nowadays, the course is a lot different although it still carries the same vision as that of his father as a golf gem of the North.

The original challenge of the course, meant to test a player's skills, remains.

The fairways were re-shaped to make full use of the artistic landscape, elegant-looking bunkers and vast greenery the way it was inaugurated.

The greens have several sections for multiple pin placements. Water hazards and large traps around the greens are still present.

In all, 11 holes have undergone improvements, complete with big water ponds that are

strategically placed within, and the par-3 17th hole was stretched to a maximum 215 yards.

Twelve out of the 18 holes have water hazards while two are signature holes – Nos. 8 and 17 – the latter especially the hardest with a huge lake guarding the frontside.

"Luisita is in championship condition. Nothing much was left except for just a few minor adjustments. Otherwise, it is all good," Hechanova pointed out.

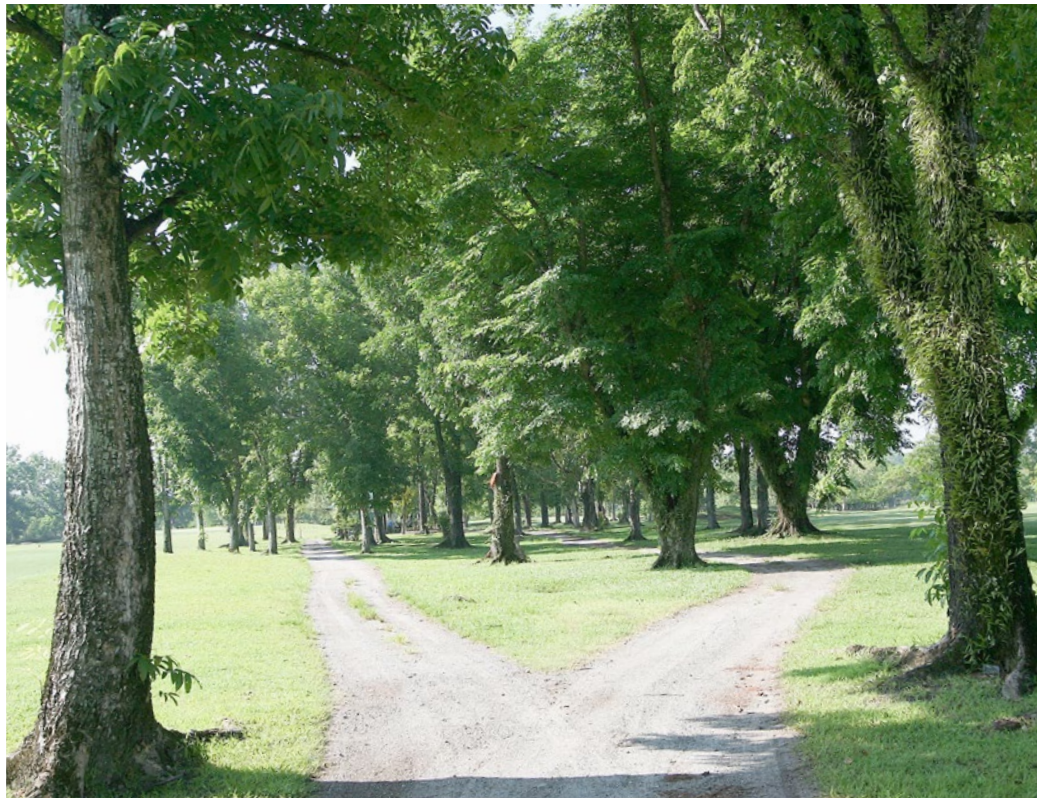
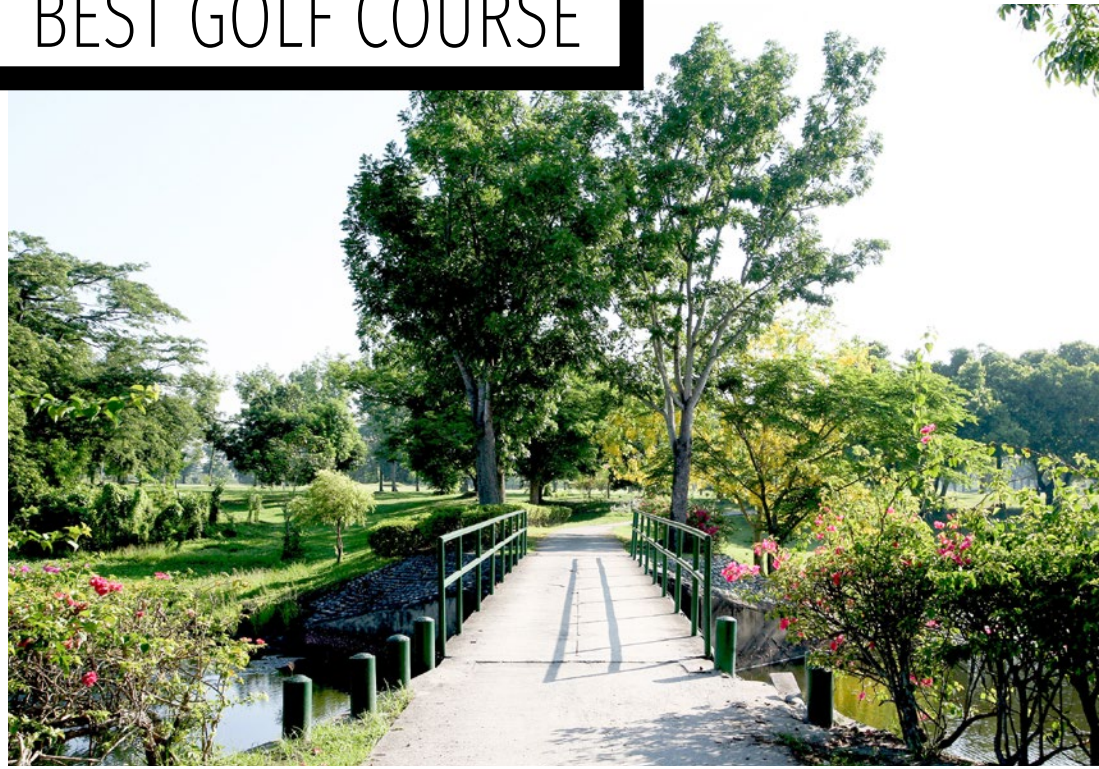
Indeed, from the majestic clubhouse that brings the visitors back to the days of the haciendas up to the modern-day amenities and inherent pleasantries, Luisita GCC beckons.

More is yet to come, although Hechanova is not to fully divulge the enticing details.

"I hope other clubs follow our lead," were all he said.



# TWENTY SIXTEEN BEST GOLF COURSE



LONG REGARDED AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST CHAMPIONSHIP COURSES, THE LUISITA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB – HOME TO THE PRESIDENT'S CUP, WHICH USED TO BE ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S FOUR MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – OFFERS NOT JUST A TRUE TEST OF GOLF BUT A KIND OF HOSPITALITY RARELY SEEN IN OTHER VENUES. IN FACT, IT DID SOME EXTRA – TAKING CARE OF THE PROS' GREEN FEES AND ALLOWING THEM TO USE THE SPORTS CLUB FUNCTION ROOM AS QUARTERS. -- IN TWO TIMES THAT IT HOSTED THE PGT.





# Modern Golf SUMMIT

*Sport's brightest minds in rare Phl gathering*

**F**rom golf swing and techniques to coaching and performance, the Modern Golf Coaching Summit tackled all that with the event proving to be a big success, a milestone for the country where the leading minds in golf instruction shared their expertise and knowledge with the local teaching pros and coaches.

The summit at the Green Sun Hotel in Makati featured a world-class collection of speakers that delved into all aspects of golf coaching and performance. It was the best line-up of speakers ever assembled in 2016. The subjects covered by the industry's leading experts included their latest research on swing mechanics, biomechanics of the swing, the statistics of a golf score, the latest research in the full swing, the short game and putting and much, much more.

Speakers included Hall of Fame golf coach Mike Adams, professor and Vice Dean at Columbia University Mark Broadie, author of "Every Shot Counts," a ground-breaking study of how shots contribute to score in golf, Mark Timms, founder and CEO of Cool Clubs who discussed club fitting, Dr. Scott Lynn who specializes in orthopedic biomechanics, Dr. Will Wu of the Sport Training and Research Institute, Terry Rowles who pioneered integrating mind, body and swing and high tech assessment into a complete teaching system.

Another by-product of the summit, which was accredited by the PGA and LPGA of America, was that Philippine golf had seemed to find a

new godfather in Salvador "Buddy" Zamora. In a show of support for the game and personal generosity, Zamora stepped up and paid the fees of 50 local teaching pros. It was a pity that not all the slots were filled but the few that did were most impressed with the wealth of knowledge that the speakers had to share.

Adams was particularly impressive. One of the most sought-after instructors in the country, he has dedicated his life to improving the game for all levels of golfers. He has written and co-written 18 golf instruction books, including two GOLF Magazine Instruction Books of the Year: Play Better Golf and The LAWS of the Golf Swing.

His desire to learn everything about the golf swing has driven a lot of the research into all facets of the golf swing by his esteemed colleagues, many of whom hold doctorates in their respective fields of study. His methods first assess the golfer's body type and natural tendencies. Once done, the golfer is taught a set of fundamentals (grip, stance and release) that optimizes his physical gifts. There is no such thing as "one swing fits all."

Current technology has exponentially increased the amount we know about the golf swing. Using force plates and 3-D mapping technology coupled with launch monitors and the proper analysis tools, it has become necessary to brush up on your physics before attempting to fully wrap your head around some of the topics discussed. The detail and the depth of their understanding are unparalleled.

The Modern Golf Coaching Summit was a revelation for all those who took part. We all left with a deeper sense of understanding of the inner workings of the golf swing. We can only hope and pray these gentlemen find their way back to the country next year to follow up on the seeds they have planted.



(1) Mark Broadie (inset), Vice Dean at Columbia University, gives his insights on putting before a select group of attendees (2) during the first-ever Modern Golf Summit at Green Sun Hotel in Makati. (3) Golf coach Hall of Famer Mike Adams (right) checks on the swing of a participant while another (4) hacks out a shot on an artificial mat.





# BEST OF 2016



Sharing center stage during the season's awards rites at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club are Tony Lascuña, Clyde Mondilla and Luisita Golf and Country Club's top official Jeric Hechanova, who received their trophies from Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc. general manager Colo Ventosa for winning the Order of Merit, Player of the Year and Course of the Year honors, respectively.

## ORDER OF MERIT



### MEN'S PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR

 <b>TONY LASCUÑA</b> 1	 2 <b>CLYDE MONDILLA</b>
 <b>JAY BAYRON</b> 3	 4 <b>ELMER SALVADOR</b>
 <b>MICAH SHIN</b> 5	 6 <b>ZANIEBOY GIALON</b>
 <b>GUIDO VAN DER VALK</b> 7	 8 <b>MIGUEL TABUENA</b>
 <b>ORLAN SUMCAD</b> 9	 10 <b>JHONNEL ABABA</b>



### LADIES' PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR

 <b>CHIHIRO IKEDA</b> 1	 2 <b>PRINCESS SUPERAL</b>
 <b>MIA PICCIO</b> 3	 4 <b>LOVELYN GUIOQUIO</b>
 <b>JAYVIE AGOJO</b> 5	 6 <b>CYNA RODRIGUEZ</b>
 <b>SARAH ABABA</b> 7	 8 <b>CRISTINA CORPUS</b>
 <b>CHATPRAPA SIRIPRAKOB</b> 9	 10 <b>ANYA TANPINCO</b>



2016 MEN'S PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR  
ORDER OF MERIT

1	LASCUÑA, TONY	3,695,948.83	34	MARABE, ROLANDO, JR.	286,070.66	67	REPATO, PEDO	77,662.50
2	MONDILLA, CLYDE	2,624,587.74	35	PAGUNSAN, REY	256,230.00	68	ZARATE, DANNY	75,900.00
3	BAYRON, JAY	2,569,465.83	36	ECHAVEZ, PAUL	253,070.84	69	ABDON, JOHN KIER	75,112.50
4	SALVADOR, ELMER	1,414,730.97	37	MAGADA, BENJIE	246,890.03	70	KIM, IN JAE	72,720.00
5	SHIN, MICAH	1,210,987.50	38	DEPILO, RICO	244,242.74	71	ROBLES, EFREN, JR.	62,987.50
6	GIALON, ZANIEBOY	1,060,954.85	39	AUNZO, FERDIE	238,691.67	72	HWANG, KANG YOUN	55,050.00
7	VAN DER VALK, GUIDO	999,156.00	40	PACTOLERIN, JOHN REY	218,632.50	73	MORILLA, FRANCIS	52,991.67
8	TABUENA, MIGUEL	976,058.18	41	JARAUULA, REYMON	211,791.83	74	MURAKAMI, ARTEMIO	52,441.67
9	SUMCAD, ORLAN	943,904.53	42	FERNANDO, ANTHONY	208,890.43	75	KIM, ANTHONY	48,916.67
10	ABABA, JHONNEL	909,824.43	43	LAM, JAMES RYAN	198,541.16	76	SOLDWISCH, DILLON	48,329.17
11	NAKAJIMA, TORU	790,465.13	44	JAHNS, KEANU	182,156.15	77	LYU, HYUNG SUK	47,380.00
12	CARLOS, JOBIM	781,915.32	45	PARK, MIN UNG	177,241.67	78	ABAÑO, JOHVANIE	44,966.67
13	BALASABAS, JERSON	661,025.00	46	PARK, FREDERICK	174,604.17	79	CUELLO, RODRIGO	44,087.50
14	MIÑOZA, FRANKIE	647,977.50	47	REYES, EDWARD	173,670.00	80	ETTER, KRIS	43,400.00
15	RATES, JOENARD	644,078.34	48	ROSALLES, GERALD	166,954.17	81	LA O', COOKIE	42,625.00
16	CASAS, CASSIUS	615,262.50	49	PACTOLERIN, ROBERT	165,932.67	82	VILLANUEVA, DINO	39,912.50
17	MENOR, RENE	560,600.09	50	ABARING, RICHARD	163,404.17	83	ANZURIS, ANGELO	38,900.00
18	DUMANDAN, MARVIN	532,688.41	51	HUERVA, NELSON	160,941.67	84	OCHOA, MIGUEL	36,800.00
19	BIBAT, MICHAEL	527,559.88	52	SALAHOG, NILO	156,861.04	85	RATCLIFFE, BEN	33,408.33
20	PUCAY, MARS	525,348.82	53	SUDO, YUTA	150,867.23	86	KIM, THOMAS	32,480.00
21	PARK, JUN HYEOK	486,612.50	54	BERNIS, ROBERTO, JR.	149,777.08	87	MAMARIL, JUNRO	32,400.00
22	HONG, CHARLES	485,082.64	55	TAKAHASHI, KEI	148,620.68	88	LABAJO, JOSEPH	30,091.67
23	MIKI, RYOMA	484,700.00	56	BISERA, RAMIL	138,688.33	89	PARK, JASON	24,983.33
24	BAYRON, RUFINO	479,588.32	57	JACKSON, JOHN	109,158.18	90	ASISTIO, TONTON	24,750.00
25	QUIBAN, JUSTIN	459,858.33	58	PARK, JUN SONG	106,087.50	91	JACKSON, DYLAN	24,375.00
26	QUE, ANGELO	410,600.00	59	GIBSON, RICK	100,500.00	92	GINES, SOLOMON	24,000.00
27	FERNANDO, MHARK	388,767.82	60	MATHAY, JET	98,987.50	93	MALAGA, GHEROME	19,400.00
28	VILLACENCIO, ARNOLD	365,662.09	61	DELOS SANTOS, CHRISTOPHER	98,825.00	94	MADRILEÑO, ERWIN	17,400.00
29	ENGINO, ALBIN	340,543.28	62	BECIERRA, DANTE	97,488.15	95	SUAREZ, JOSEPH	16,937.50
30	GARALDE, RANDY	326,544.59	63	DUNGCA, OMAR	94,800.00	96	ARBOLE, ART	15,800.00
31	ONUKI, SYOTARO	311,085.00	64	MARQUES, KEVIN	94,528.58	97	MARABE, ROBERT	13,866.67
32	ARCILLAS, ERWIN	299,805.83	65	OETINGER, CHRISTOPHER	85,487.50	98	BAYRON, JIMMY	12,150.00
33	SEOK, JUN MIN	294,174.58	66	AYOTTE, SAM	84,866.08			

2016 LADIES' PHILIPPINE GOLF TOUR  
ORDER OF MERIT

1	IKEDA, CHIIRO	P732,222.67	10	TANPINCO, ANYA	258,030.00	19	LADGRATOK, MOOKHARIN	99,975.00
2	SUPERAL, PRINCESS	594,174.00	11	FUDOLIN, APPLE JEEN	245,750.00	20	KIM, SO UN	70,118.73
3	PICCIO, MIA	457,393.50	12	ARDINA, DOTTIE	222,763.50	21	PHALAJIVIN, AMOLKAN	69,654.50
4	GUIOGUIO, LOVELYN	412,234.67	13	DE GUZMAN, LINA	168,275.50	22	VILLACENCIO, SHERYL	69,500.00
5	AGOJO, JAYVIE	347,615.42	14	LANDICHO, LUCY	154,500.00	23	TORRES, SYLVIA	68,000.00
6	RODRIGUEZ, CYNA	346,275.47	15	MIÑOZA, EVA	152,750.00	24	CHUA, HEIDI	64,750.00
7	ABABA, SARAH	334,630.00	16	HENDERSON, SARAH	136,750.00	25	CHAYUDA, SINGSUWAN	15,345.00
8	CORPUS, CRISTINA	297,691.48	17	PATTARANAKRUEANG, SUPAKCHAYA	124,076.25			
9	SIRIPRAKOB, CHATPRAPA	279,275.33	18	KOH, EUNA	101,500.00			



Calendar of Events 2017

January

JANUARY 10 – 13  
**2017 PGT Q-SCHOOL (LOCAL)**  
Splendido Taal Golf Club

JANUARY 17 - 20  
**2017 PGT Q-SCHOOL (FOREIGN)**  
Splendido Taal Golf Club

February

FEB. 2 – 5  
**THE COUNTRY CLUB INVITATIONAL \***  
THE COUNTRY CLUB

FEBRUARY 15 - 18  
**ANVAYA COVE INVITATIONAL**  
Anvaya Cove Golf & Sports Club

March

March 2 – 5  
**SOLAIRE PHILIPPINE OPEN \*\***  
The Country Club

MARCH 14 - 17  
**CHAMPION TOUR**  
Splendido Taal Golf Club

MARCH 21 - 24  
**CHAMPION TOUR**  
Riviera Golf & Country Club

April

APRIL 5 - 8  
**MANILA MASTERS**  
Eastridge Golf Club

APRIL 20 - 22  
**LUISITA LADIES CHALLENGE**  
Luisita Golf & Country Club

APRIL 26 - 29  
**LUISITA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Luisita Golf & Country Club

May

MAY 10 - 13  
**ORCHARD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP (ADT) \*\***  
The Orchard Golf & Country Club

MAY 17 - 20  
**MANILA SOUTHWOODS CHAMPIONSHIP (ADT) \*\***  
The Manila Southwoods Golf & Country Club

MAY 24 - 27  
**VILLAMOR PHILIPPINE MASTERS**  
Villamor Golf Club

MAY 30 - JUNE 1  
**CANLUBANG LADIES INVITATIONAL**  
Canlubang Golf & Country Club

June

JUNE 7 - 10  
**DEL MONTE CLASSIC**  
Del Monte Golf Club

JUNE 14 - 17  
**PUEBLO DE ORO CLASSIC**  
Pueblo de Oro

JUNE 28 - 30  
**BAGUIO LADIES CLASSIC**  
Baguio Country Club

July

JULY 5 - 8  
**THE DUEL**  
Camp John Hay Golf Club

JULY 19 - 22  
**ICTSI CLASSIC (MALARAYAT)**  
Mount Malarayat Golf & Country Club

JULY 25 - 27  
**MALARAYAT CLASSIC**  
Mount Malarayat Golf & Country Club

August

AUGUST 2 - 5  
**SHERWOOD HILLS CLASSIC (ADT) \*\***  
Sherwood Hills Golf Club

AUGUST 9 - 12  
**ABOITIZ INVITATIONAL (ADT) \*\***  
The Country Club

September

SEPTEMBER 12 - 14  
**SHERWOOD HILLS LADIES CLASSIC**  
Sherwood Hills Golf Club

SEPTEMBER 27 - 30  
**CALATAGAN GOLF CHALLENGE**  
Calatagan Golf Club

October

OCTOBER 11 - 14  
**RIVIERA CLASSIC**  
Riviera Golf & Country Club

November

NOVEMBER 1 - 4  
**CAT OPEN (ADT) \*\***  
Luisita Golf & Country Club

NOVEMBER 15 - 18  
**TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Wack Wack Golf & Country Club

December

TBA  
**PHILIPPINES LADIES MASTERS**  
TBA

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\*\* Filipino pros' earnings included in OOM ranking

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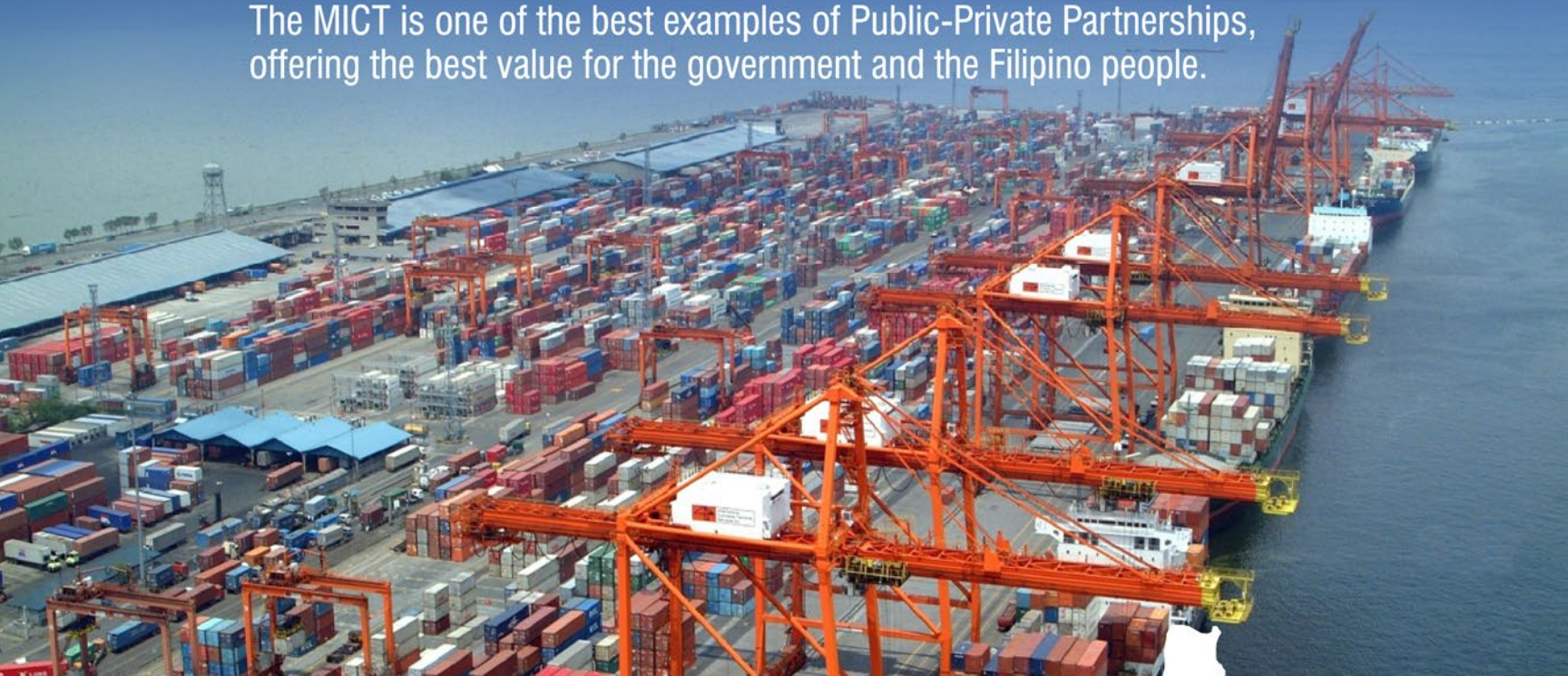
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