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### **WINNERS GALORE AT SRIXON CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SHAH ALAM, MAY 30:** It was the case of the right ball for the right competition as Srixon Z-Star loyalist Jonathan Paramanathan was crowned the winner of the inaugural Srixon Championship on May 25.

The young two-handicapper proved his tee-to-green prowess, claiming a solid three-stroke victory with a two-day combined score of 148.

Jonathan opened his campaign with a strong even-par 72 effort at the Tropicana Golf & Country Resort before grinding out a 76 on the second and final round at the Kota Permai Golf & Country Club.

Second place went to four-handicapper Sharnaz Abd Shukor, who carded rounds of 73 and 78, with Bryan Chew claiming the last spot on the podium with matching 77s at both courses.

Jonathan could not hide his delight after hoisting the magnificent Srixon Championship trophy he received from Dunlop Srixon Sports Asia managing director Takuya Ono.

"It's been quite the experience to win the Srixon Championship. I was one of the younger participants in this tournament, so I wasn't playing up my chances against the more established mid-amateurs.

"I got off to a good start at Tropicana and that's when the pressure started building up. I could stay in the moment and stick to my game plan at Kota Permai. In the end, quite thrilled to secure a comfortable victory," added the 18-year-old, who is contemplating his next move after completing his SPM examinations in March.

Jonathan has played the Srixon Z-Star ball in competitions since the age of 12 and noted that the ball was suited to his game. "It is a ball that I grew up with. I am very comfortable with it tee-to-green and it has just the right amount of spin for my game."

Alex Gan picked up the top honours in the Medal A division with a combined nett score of 142, while Wong Yong Fook triumphed in the Medal B division with a 141 total.

Contested over two of Malaysia's spectacular championship tracts, the Srixon Championship was billed as the leading mid-amateur championship in the country. The two-day event attracted a full field of 120 players from across the country and the region.

"The inaugural Srixon Championship has been an excellent avenue for us to expose our brand and product offerings to the elite amateurs in Malaysia," said Dunlop Srixon Sports Asia managing director Takuya Ono.

"This segment of the golf market is crucial to us because it is the largest segment of players who play serious amateur golf but have limited opportunities to participate in competitive tournaments.

"I believe the Srixon Championship is the perfect platform for those who enjoy the thrill of competition and constantly strive to improve their game - something that fits perfectly with our company ethos."

Organised successfully by Liberty Golf Services, the Srixon Championship was made possible thanks to the strong support of Srixon Malaysia, Viceroy Private Wealth Malaysia, Volvo Cars, Tourism Malaysia, ATG Watch (Iroas), the Malaysian Golf Association and host venues - Tropicana Golf & Country Resort and Kota Permai Golf & Country Club with The ClubHouse as the official media partner.

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