



James Leow ended a 30-year wait for SEA Games gold.

South-east Asia Games individual gold medallist James Leow was named the Singapore Golf Association's President's Trophy winner for 2019.

Leow 23, was a unanimous choice for winning the SEA Games gold medal in Manila after a lapse of 30 years following Samson Gimson's triumph in Kuala Lumpur in 1989.

Among Leow's other achievements are: low Amateur at SMBC Singapore Open 2020, tied-fifth at the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship 2019 and being a member of the SEA Games team silver medal showing.

With his fabulous record, Leow was a shoo-in for yet another spot in the National squad.

The other members are: Men: Low Wee Jin, Lucius Toh, Justin Kuk, Brandon Han, Donovan Lee, Sean Lee, Hiroshi Tai, Wong Qi Wen (overseas), Nicklaus Chiam (overseas) and Zachary Ong (overseas)

The women's squad members are: Hailey Loh, Yoko Tai (overseas), Jen Goh, Shan-

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non Tan (overseas) and Ashley Menne (overseas).

Zachary and Shannon, at 15, are the youngest members of the squad.

There are also 15 members in the National Development Squad and 13 in the National Junior squad.

SGA's vice president Lyn Yeo said: "We are not here to create champions but create an environment where champions are inevitable."

So SGA's focus will be a professional approach to train-

ing under national coach Matt Ballard and High Performance coach Joshua Ho with regular tournaments here and abroad.

The selection criteria for tournaments: are World Amateur Golf Ranking as primary source and National Ranking Games (six events have been slated) Order of Merit as secondary source of ranking.

Other considerations are Skills tests/assessments at trainings, participation and commitment, and discipline and attitude.

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Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific (last week), Siam Country Club, Thailand; Queen Sirikit Cup (March 10-13), Pondok Indah GC, Indonesia; Santi & Kartini Cup (Aug 5-8), Templer Park GC, Malaysia; Espirito Santo Trophy (Oct 14-17), Venue: TBC; Nomura Cup (June 7-12), Clearwater Bay GC, Hong Kong; Putra & Lion City Cup (Aug 5-8), Templer Park GC, Malaysia; Eisenhower Trophy (Oct 21-24), Venue: TBC; and Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (Oct 29-Nov 1), Royal Melbourne GC.

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