



Nancy (fourth from left) with Shamrock Fluker Five team members (from left) Ravi, Norhisame, Poulouse, Tengku Hadzali, Vishu, Jayasandran and Pedley. The team were the champions of the team event at the Cosmo Malaysian Open Darts Championships 2016. — Photos: M. AZHAR ARIF/The Star



Players in action during the knockout stages.



The event attracted over 700 contestants from 13 countries.



The WDF Men's Singles finalists Mark (left) and Royden (right) with Hiroaki.

High five for Malaysian darters

Players emerge tops in team event at championships

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MALAYSIAN darts team Shamrock Fluker Five emerged champions of the team event at the Cosmo Malaysian Open Darts Championships 2016 after edging Philippines' Adeficator Julio Home & Away One 3-2 in a hard fought final which went down to the wire.

The only internationally sanctioned tournament in Malaysia offering World Darts Federation (WDF) World ranking points saw a fitting final for the team event and local supporters roared with jubilation when Eric Pedley's dart registered in the double four section of the board to close the game and clinch the title.

"We have been coming to this tournament for a number of years and we have always set our sights on the title but have been unable to win until now," rejoiced Shamrock Fluker Five team manager Vishu Nathan.

"The Malaysian Open has become a really tough competition as more top players in the region are now competing here, so we are especially proud to have won it with the most multi-racial team we have entered.

"Our strength this year has been in our diversity and we dedicate this trophy to Malaysia," Vishu added.

Shamrock Fluker Five was founded by Ravi Suppiah and

Jayasandran, both of whom have been participating in the Malaysian Open since its inception in 2012, but a new combination of players has proved to be the recipe for success for the team.

The team, comprising Norhisame Atan, Tengku Hadzali-Shah, Sky Soo, Eric and Victor Poulouse took home RM12,000, the largest purse of the tournament, while the runners-up were awarded RM5,000.

The Second Chance pool in the team event also saw Malaysia's Team Jokers nab the title along with RM1,000 after beating Avengers, also from Malaysia.

Malaysia also came close in both the WDF Men's and Women's singles with debutant Mark Jumin from Sabah who proved to be the surprise of the tournament after stunning several top players to reach the finals before narrowly losing to eventual champion Royden Lam from Hong Kong in the deciding game.

Royden received RM3,000 while Mark took home RM1,500.

In the Women's Singles, Angelyn Detablan from the Philippines took home the title when she beat Michelle Bridget Fernandez from Malaysia.

The tournament, held at The Federal Hotel Kuala Lumpur, recently, saw the participation of more than 700 contestants from 13 countries including

Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines, Brunei, India, Hong Kong, Taiwan, New Zealand, Australia, England, Wales, Sweden and Iran.

The tournament, organised by the Malaysia Darts Association (MDA) is among the largest of its kind in the Asia Pacific region, offering a cash purse totalling RM45,000.

It was revived after a three-year hiatus by MDA in 2012, and has been successfully developed into one of the largest and most anticipated tournaments in Asia Pacific.

The tournament has also received a boost with the signing on of Cosmo Darts as title sponsors for three years until 2018.

"We are delighted to be involved in one of the biggest darts tournaments in Asia Pacific and to be working with the good people of MDA.

"We arrived in the Malaysian market back in 2013 and since then, we have dramatically increased our market share largely due to the close cooperation with MDA and the readiness of Malaysian darters in trying our products," said Cosmo Darts managing director Hiroaki Matsubara.

"The entrance of Cosmo Darts as title sponsor has definitely given us here at MDA much encouragement on the future of the Malaysian Open.

"The tremendous support

from the sponsors is the reason why this year's tournament was one of the strongest line-ups of teams and individuals," said MDA president Nancy Ambrose.

The Malaysian Open was also sponsored by Heineken Malaysia and The Federal Hotel.

RESULTS

Team Championship Division
 Champion (RM12,000) - Shamrock Fluker Five (Malaysia)
 Runners-up (RM5,000) - Adeficator Julio Home & Away One (Philippines)
 Joint 3rd (RM2,000) - Quantum B (Philippines) / Home & Away Team One (Thailand/Philippines)

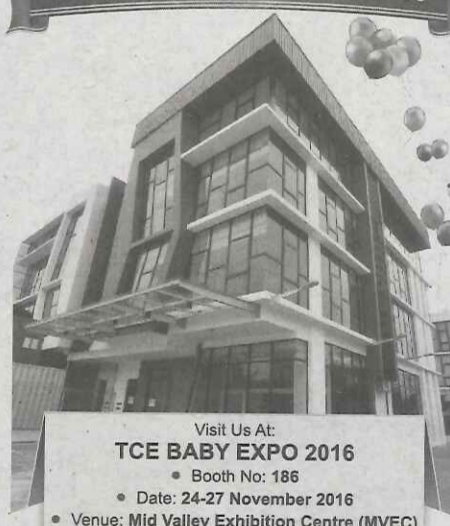
Second Chance Pool
 Champion (RM1,000) - Team Jokers (Malaysia)
 Runners-up (RM500) - Avengers (Malaysia)

WDF Men's Singles
 Champion (RM3,000) - Royden Lam (Hong Kong)
 Runners-up (RM1,500) - Mark Jumin (Malaysia)
 Joint 3rd (RM800) - Norhisame Atan (Malaysia) / Yong Thanawat (Thailand)

WDF Women's Singles
 Champion (RM1,500) - Angelyn Detablan (Philippines)
 Runners-up (RM800) - Michelle Bridget Fernandez (Malaysia)
 Joint 3rd (RM500) - Sri Jumnong (Thailand) / Rosmah Budin (Malaysia)

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