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## **A weekend of Golf with HSBC attracts record number of Golfers at RCGC**

HSBC's annual Premier Golf Tournament and HSBC 5-Club Stableford Golf Tournament successfully concluded with a record number of close to 380 golfers at play at the Royal Colombo Golf Club from 25-27 September.

Ahead of the tournaments, HSBC curated an exclusive webinar with Sweden's Henrik Stenson, champion golfer of 2016 and FedEx Cup winner, that was streamed live for HSBC Premier customers on 22 September, as part of the ongoing HSBC Premier lifestyle series. The one-hour session moderated by renowned BBC Sports Commentator – Andrew Cotter was informative and inspiring and gave golfers the chance to pose their own questions to Stenson who provided his candid thoughts and golfing tactics for the benefit of all golfers.

This year's tournament saw the highest number of over 180 Premier golfers take part in the HSBC Premier golf tournament held for the eighth year, while over 250 pro-golfers from RCGC played in the annual 5-Club Stableford tournament, with this year marking an important milestone 25-years of HSBC's sponsorship.

Chanaka Perera who scored 42 points and was one under gross, was adjudged the overall winner and won the HSBC Premier Challenge Trophy and was also winner of A Division. Roshan Silva was the overall winner in the Seniors & Ladies & C division with a score of 37 points and B/B 9. Nimal Ranchigoda won the B division with 40 points and B/B 9 and Anouk Chitty won the Ladies division with 37 Points, while Nimal Perera won the Senior's division with 37 Points.

The overall winner at this year's 5-Club Stableford tournament was Air Commodore Udula Wijesinghe who secured the highest score of 45 Points. The Ladies champion was Yun Jeong Choi who scored 34 Points and B/B 9. Winning the A Division was Manjula Chandrasoma with 38 points. The B Division winner was Chamara Abeyratne with 39 points and a better back nine, while the winner of C division was Udula Wijesinghe with 45 Points.

"Thankfully the weather cleared and I probably had my best round in a tournament under 1 gross. I was ecstatic as it couldn't have happened on a better day than the prestigious HSBC Premier Tournament. Hats off to HSBC who have done a splendid job organizing such a fabulous event which was enjoyed by many golfers after a long break due to COVID-19." said Chanaka Perera

Roshan Silva commented, "It is the first time that I was able to secure the championship at a golf tournament and I will always reminisce this day with much happiness. I congratulate all the other winners and express my thanks to HSBC for a job well done."

He further added, "The HSBC Premier Golf Tournament 2020 was an unforgettable experience for me. At a time where most other events and tournaments were cancelled due to the pandemic, this was a refreshing change. I am sure the organisers would have faced many challenges in obtaining approval and carrying out the arrangements for the tournament. However, we as players did not feel any shortcomings and were thrilled to be a part of a well organised programme."

Having elevated the game in Sri Lanka through ongoing sponsorships like the HSBC Future Lions, HSBC opened up the game for Premier Juniors this year with an 18 hole stroke play to test their skills on the course. Reshan Algama won the 12 and below age group with 75 gross on a B/B 9 and Nirekh Tejwani won the 13-18 age group scoring 71 gross. Whilst Kaya Daluwatte and Kayla Perera was adjudged as runners up in their respective categories.

While congratulating both winners Chanaka Perera and Roshan Silva Nadeesha Senaratne, Country Head of Wealth and Personal Banking further said, "We are delighted at the over-whelming response of the two tournaments this year, which got underway in a post COVID environment. In spite of this challenging time, we were happy to connect our customers and RCGC members with a world renowned golf Champion Henrik Stenson and support their passion for the sport. This year also marked the first Junior Premier event with younger players entering the tournament, which was great to see and we envision a great future for Reshan Algama and Nirekh Tejwani. Golf has become a sport that is enjoyed by the entire family and is part of our customers international lifestyle. We will continue to create these experiences as part of our global Premier banking proposition to support the ambitions of our customers."

The tournament concluded with the awards ceremony held at the Club House. The complete list of winners is as follows:

<b>HSBC Premier Golf Tournament 2020</b>		
Chanaka Perera	- 42 Points	Winner - Overall Premier Challenge Trophy and Winner of A&B division
Roshan Silva	- 37 Points B/B 9	Overall Winner (Seniors & Ladies & C division)
Nimal Ranchigoda	- 40 Points B/B 9	Winner B division
Nimal Perera	- 37 Points	Winner Seniors
Anouk Chitty	- 37 Points	Winner Ladies
Lallith Rohith	- 41 Points	Runner up A division (19-28)
Samitha Perera	- 40 Points	Runner up B division (10-18)
Rajeev Pandithage	- 37 Points	Runner up C division (0-9)
Chamath Kulasinghe	- 36 Point B/B 9	Runner up Seniors
Ruani De Singhe	- 35 Point B/B 9	Runner up Ladies
Praveen Dias		Closest to the pin
Romesh Abhayaratne		Longest and most accurate drive at 8th Fairway

<b>HSBC Premier Junior Golf 2020</b>		
Reshan Algama	- 75 Gross B/B 9	Winner Age Group 12 & Below
Nirekh Tejwani	- 71 Gross	Winner Age Group 13 – 18
Kaya Daluwatte	- 75 Gross	Runner Up Age Group 12 & Below
Kayla Perera	- 76 Gross	Runner Up Age Group 13 – 18
<b>HSBC 5-Club Stableford Golf Tournament 2020</b>		
Udula Wijesinghe	- 45 Points	Overall Winner
Manjula Chandrasoma	- 38 Points	Winner A Division
Chamara Abeyratne	- 39 Points (BB9)	Winner B Division
Udula Wijesinghe	- 45 Points	Winner C Division
Yun Jeong Choi	- 34 Point B/B 9	Winner Ladies
Lal Dias	- 34 Points B/B 9	Winner Seniors
A A Mahinda	- 36 Points	Runner Up A Division
Yemindra Udalagama-	39 Points B/B 9	Runner Up B Division
Rajeev Pandithage	- 42 Points B/B 9	Runner Up C Division
Lal Rupasinghe	- 34 Points	Runner Up Seniors
Anouk Chitty	- 34 Points	Runner Up Ladies
Sarath Wickramaratne		Closest to the Pin on the 13th Hole
Gehan Siribaddana		Longest and most accurate drive on the 08th Fairway

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