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**RISING JUNIOR GOLF STARS SHINE AT THE 2023 MGA JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Pasir Gudang, Johor: After three exciting rounds of golf, it all came down to the final day of the tournament, where the top junior golfers from around the region battled it out for the coveted championship title.

The final day began with a lot of anticipation and excitement, as the leaderboard was tightly contested going into the final round, with several players in contention for the top spot. The weather conditions were ideal for golf, with clear skies and minimal wind, creating perfect playing conditions. The players took advantage of the favorable conditions, producing some fantastic golf throughout the day.

Syed Nor Ismail who hailed from Johor led from day 1 and managed to hold his nerve in the final few holes, sinking some crucial putts to secure the championship title.

The Johorean finished with a final round of 73, which gave him a total score of 214, 2-under-par for the tournament. Muhammad Adif Haikal finished 3 strokes behind him, with a total score of 217 for second place.

The victory was a good start for Syed Nor Ismail, who had been working hard to improve his game and had come close to winning several tournaments before. He was ecstatic as he lifted the trophy, thanking his family, and friends for their support.

In the girls' competition, Nur Diana Syafiqah emerged as the winner, with a total score of 229, 13-over-par. She played with incredible poise and consistency throughout the tournament and was a deserving champion.

Overall, it was an unforgettable final day of the MGA Junior Open Championship, with some fantastic golf and great weather. Congratulations to all the players who took part and especially to the winners!

“Today, we saw some incredible golf from these talented young players, and it's a testament to the hard work and dedication they've put in to get to this level. We are proud to have hosted such a fantastic event, and we look forward to seeing these young golfers continue to excel in their careers,” said MGA President, Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor.

Conducted by the MGA National Junior Development Program (NJDP), the MGA Junior Open Championship at Tanjung Puteri Golf Resort was a 72-hole stroke play event being played on Plantation Course (A course) the par-72, 6454-metre for the Boy’s Division and par-72, 5043 metre for the Girl’s Division. The tournament was open to junior boys and girls between 12-18 years old.

“We are thrilled with the level of competition we saw at this year's MGA Junior Open Championship. The young players demonstrated remarkable skill and sportsmanship, and it was a joy to see them compete. We hope that this event will inspire other young golfers to pursue their dreams and strive for excellence in the sport,” said Mohd Fauzi Mesran, the NJDP Subcommittee Chairman.

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