

# Nicol pays tribute

## Alex Lee Fund helps to pay for athletes' education

11th OCM - TAN SRI ALEX LEE CHARITY GOLF 2013

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Tan Sri Alex Lee Athlete Education Fund



**Rewarded:** The recipients of the scholarship at Saujana.

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**S**QUASH queen Nicol David made her presence felt during the prize-giving ceremony of the Tan Sri Alex Lee Charity golf tournament at Saujana Golf & Country Club in Subang.

Nicol, who is preparing for a series of competitions, was also invited to give a speech before the scholarship presentation to the five recipients of the Tan Sri Alex Lee Education Fund.

"I had known Tan Sri Alex Lee since I started squash. He was one of the key persons in leading Malaysian squash to greater heights," said the women's world number one squash player.

"It is good to know that his family has initiated this fund to assist sportsmen and sportswomen to pursue their education. It is also good to be among people who have come to support this noble programme," added Nicol.

The five new recipients of the scholarship were Teh Chong Chen (badminton), Wendy Lau Jun Zhen (table tennis), Samuel Chan Lup Zing (squash), Johnathan Chan Tien Sheng (bowling) and Jerusha Chan Poe Yin (bowling). Besides the five, the fund also under-

took to continue financial assistance for six other athletes.

The six are Wong Zi Jing (chess), Low Wee Nee (squash), Nessrine Arifin (squash), Ithnin Mahadi (athletics), Fazli Hisham Fauzi (archery) and Tan Hui Tien (dance sport).

Anthony Lee, Alex's son, said they were pleased with the progress of last year's recipients.

"They are all doing well in their respective education programmes. They have submitted their progress reports and they are excellent," he added.

"We will continue to assist more sportsmen and sportswomen in the coming years," said Anthony.

Zi Jin has completed his third year of a PhD with distinction and moved on to his fourth year. Wee Nee is undergoing her third year of Bachelor of Business/Economics degree and scored a Term GPA of 2.518 for her 2012 semester. Nessrine completed her second year of Bachelor of Liberal Arts (sociology) with a GPA of 2.70.

Ithnin, a teacher at Bukit Jalil Sports School (BJSS), completed the first year of his master's degree in sports coaching.

The university has accepted the progress of his research and allowed

Ithnin to further his studies for a second year.

Fazli is pursuing a degree programme (Bachelor of Science - Human Resource) at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) while Hui Tien is with the International Medical University and completed her first year of Bachelor of Science (Nutrition and Dietetics) with a GPA of 2.83.

Olympic Council of Malaysia president Tunku Tan Sri Imran Tuanku Ja'afar said they were pleased with the response for the event.

"Tan Sri Alex was a dear friend to the OCM and had served in several National Sports Associations. He will always be remembered," said Tunku Imran.

The champions of the golf tournament were Leisure Golfers comprising Ismadi Manaf, Imran Mohamed, Shahrizal Baharudin and Zaini Mohamed. The quartet returned with a combined score of 122 points. They won a four-day/three-nights golf package to Jakarta.

The foursome of Datuk Abu Bakar, Patrick Wong, Lee Kwok Meng and Wan Adlan were second on countback after finishing with 106 points, edging the team comprising Datuk Zulkifli Ismail, Low Teck San, Adi Sahar and Syed Jan Al Jefri.