Big turnout at Cinta Sayang seminar

AS part of its continuous efforts to engage its affiliates with the happenings in MGA and the local golf industry, the Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) organized a Roundtable Dialogue & Seminar (RDS) at Cinta Sayang Golf & Country Resort on April 1 specifically for its Northern affiliates.

Headed by Dato’ Zulkifli Dato’ Ismail, the Honorary Secretary of MGA and assisted by Khalid Emran Yusuf, Deputy Chairman of the Administrative Sub-Committee, Low Teck San, Vice President/Chairman of Amateur Status Sub-Committee, Datuk Mohammed Zain Yusuf, Vice President/Chairman of National Junior Development Sub-Committee and Mohd Rom Muslim, Education Sub-Committee Chairman, the seminar was conducted from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

The participants were also treated to a golf game which was kindly hosted by Cinta Sayang.

Dato’ Zulkifli Ismail in his opening speech thanked the club managers and committee members for attending the Roundtable Dialogue & Seminar which was conducted not only to disseminate information to the affiliates but most importantly to receive feedback from the members.

He said that the Club/State Liaison of MGA will go around the country to conduct the dialogue & seminar and in the process, MGA hopes to foster closer working relationships with the affiliates.

The seminar was in line with MGA’s initiatives to educate the golfing public and the game’s stakeholders in the greater framework of developing the game in the country.

Mohd Rom Muslim kicked off the seminar with the briefing on the Education Program of MGA to provide tertiary education to its national players. He went on to stress that MGA places education as a vital and intrinsic value to its national players. Currently, MGA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with University Utara Malaysia (UUM) and University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) to provide places at these universities for our national players to further their studies at institutes of higher learning.

He added that UUM is in the process of offering courses in golf management to club managers to upgrade their skills and education. The members applauded MGA’s initiative to empower the club managers through education and edification.

Next on the agenda was Rules of Amateur Status conducted by Mr Low Teck San. He listed the rules that were commonly breached by the amateurs and gave instances where the governing body, MGA can assist to avoid the breaches. He put the emphasis that MGA’s role in Amateur Status specifically was not punitive but rather preventive by educating the amateurs on the rules. He stressed that the onus is on the golfers to know the rules of golf and rules of the amateur status.

Low Teck San also briefed the delegates on the National Handicapping System, its procedures and the importance of forming a national handicapping committee at respective clubs.

The next RDS will be held on April 30 at Royal Pahang Golf Club for East Coast clubs.