



At Laguna National Golf, it will be every golfer's dream to score an ace. Photo: Clayton Smith and Lee Wai-chung.

Ace Janice chalks up fifth hole in one

JANICE Khoo will be the envy of most golfers, amateurs and professionals alike.

For, while all dream of getting an elusive hole-in-one, the doctor got her fifth at the Marina Bay Golf Course yesterday.

In the process, she also debunked the myth that 13 is an unlucky number.

That is where the former international and mother of four had her ace.

Said Khoo, who used a pitching wedge for the 100-metre shot: "The ball landed 3m from the pin before bouncing twice and rolling forward into the hole."

The Laguna National Golf and Country Club lady captain was playing in a tournament organised by the Singapore Orthopaedic Association.

It really did not matter to her that there is no big prize for an



ACHIEVEMENT: No prize for yesterday's hole-in-one, but Janice Khoo does not mind that.

ace. The last time she won a Mercedes C180 worth \$153,000, she donated it to charity.

The 48-year-old, who has been playing golf since her teens, has had three aces at Laguna National, and another at the Orchid Country Club.

Her first ace was at the Classic course's seventh in 2000. The next came at Dendro's fourth during the Orchid Ladies Open in 2002, earning that Mercedes.

The other two were at Laguna Masters in 2003 (eighth hole) and 2004 (17th).

Yesterday, she admitted feeling some pressure as she stood on the red tee of the 13th hole.

All her flight-mates, including her orthopaedic surgeon husband Peter Lee, had landed on the island-green with their tee shots.

But she outdid them. For the record, the chances of getting an ace is 42,000-1.