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## 29TH SABAH AMATEUR GOLF OPEN

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Sabah's top golfer Aretha Pan clinched the ladies' title as Mohd Wafiyudin Abd Manaf took the men's honour in the 29th Sabah Amateur Open that ended yesterday.

On a day where the early favourite faltered, Aretha hit top form at the right time as a two-under 70 propelled her to the top and left Michelle Koh Lay Sia disappointed.

Aretha, who started the final round tied for third, totalled 221 over three days of play having scored 76 and 75 in the first and second day respectively.

As for Koh, it was a harsh ending having led the tournament in the opening two rounds and was two-shot ahead prior to tee-off at the Sabah Golf and Country Club (SGCC) here.

However, a three-over 75 for 222 ended the national junior's title hope. Koh played 69 and 78 earlier.

A further shot behind was Nur Durriyah Damian at 223 having added a 74 to her earlier scores of 73 and 76.

It was the same story in the men's category where Wafiyudin rose to the occasion when it mattered most.

Out of the top three going into the final day, the Universiti Utara Malaysia representative finished the day at one-over 73 to force the title race into a play-off.

Wafiyudin opened with 76 and 77 for 226, which was matched by Muhd Afifi Muhd Razif with his score of 73, 78, 75.

The play-off hole was set at the

par-four ninth and Wafiyudin emerged triumphant with a par to Muhd Afif's double bogey.

Chan Tuck Soon, who led by two at the start of the final round, settled for third having posted 78 for 227 while Solomon E. Rosidin was Sabah top finisher at fourth placing with 228 (76, 76, 76).

The three-day tournament attracted 120 golfers including from Australia, Taiwan, Singapore and Brunei.

Head of State Tun Johar Mahiruddin presented the prizes to the winners.

Among those present were Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Peter Pang En Yin, former chief minister Tan Sri Harris Salleh, Sabah Golf Association president George Bandusena and SGCC president Willie Ng.



**CHAMPIONS ...** Wafiyudin (left) and Aretha pose with the trophies after winning the men's and ladies' titles respectively at the 29th Sabah Amateur Open yesterday.