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On Saturday 21st February 2009, HSBC organised the **HSBC Annual Golf Classic 2009** which was held on the course of the Mauritius Gymkhana Club (MGC) in Vacoas. The event brought together an outstanding 160 golfers! The unique feature of the event was a strong contingent of members from other clubs in Mauritius which promoted strong goodwill and competition. The competition was open to all the Club Members and invitees of HSBC. The format was stableford with 2/3 rd handicap with a maximum handicap of 24.

This year, HSBC Mauritius has upped the ante for this tournament by offering the exclusive opportunity to win a star prize for anyone having a Hole in one: **A golf holiday for two worth MUR 35,000.**

"I have started Hole No 1 with a birdie. This has given me the necessary confidence to give my best and win this tournament. Thank you HSBC for the bundle of gifts offered. I had a very good time" Commented Nand Sooredoo, Winner Men's category.

Golf is a key sport being strongly supported by the HSBC Group as part of our sponsorship strategy and are committed to supporting golf at all levels. We pride ourselves in being long-term "top-to-bottom" sponsors of golf as it symbolises the principles of fairness, honesty, integrity and inclusiveness - core values that we nurture at HSBC.

Jaganmohan Ramachandran, Head of Global Banking and Organizer of the event said: All the participants were provided HSBC Colours and the event was a great testimony to camaraderie amongst the participants, an opportunity to network and to test individual golfing skills. As most golfers would agree, it was not the sense of winning but the participation that matters.

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The journey started very early at 6:40 am for the first tee-off and the last tee-off was at 3:40 pm. In spite of a huge downpour in the beginning of the day, the excitement and thrill was building as the clock counted down to the taste of competition and challenge of the game.

"It was an excellent tournament. I wish to thank HSBC for their engagement in the promotion of golf and it is a great honour to have HSBC as one of our major partner. Thank you to Sandeep for the gifts and prizes offered to the winners. See you all again next year." said Jean Claude Liong, Golf Captain.

The youngest Player-14 years who ranked 4th in the Men's Gymkhana member category, Phil Minkley was very proud of his performance: "I am happy to have finished at the 4th place and being young I will improve myself for the next tournament and score even better results."

The tournament was followed by a cocktail and prize giving ceremony - the most awaited time by all, and a sumptuous dinner was then served at 7:00 pm. The prize-giving ceremony was chaired by the CEO of HSBC, Sandeep Uppal who handed out the prizes that included trophies, some gift vouchers and other attractive gifts. HSBC's CEO also addressed the gathering and showcased the bank's further initiative from a Corporate Sustainability perspective where HSBC has tied up with Royal & Ancient of St Andrews and the Mauritius Golf Federation to promote golf for underprivileged children.

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DETAILED RESULTS:

The Star Prize for Hole in one: **No winner**
The nearest to the Pin on No 9: **Frédéric Duthil**
Nearest to the Line on No 2: **Robert Espitalier Noël**

	Name	Tour Handicap	Net Points
WOMEN - HSBC Guests			
1	Saddul, Prabha	10	36
2	Goswamy, Roopal	20	33
3	Li Wan Po, Liliane	19	29
MGC MEMBERS			
1	King, Maria	16	33
2	Kan Wah, Marguerite	14	31
3	Chung, Jennifer	11	30
MEN - HSBC Guests			
1	Sood, Ashwini	9	34
2	Garrioch, Gerard	10	33
3	Chung Kai To, Cyril	9	32
MGC MEMBERS			
1	Sooredoo, Nand	14	37
2	Provencal, Dominic	18	36
3	Espitalier Noel, Robert	8	35

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