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Wild boar spotted at Changi Golf Club

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SINGAPORE : The hunt is on for a wild boar that is running loose at Changi Golf Club.

The animal has been burrowing for food, destroying the greens.

A cave at Changi Hill is where the wild boar is believed to live.

But not even an unexpected early morning visit at the crack of dawn could flush out the camera-shy boar.

It was something of a wild goose chase for maintenance workers at the golf course.

Mr Lukman said: "I think it is about three feet long, one metre tall."

Mr Ali said: "All our group go inside jungle. We find it, but the wild boar run very fast...so we cannot catch it...it saw us, it is so scared we also panic, both panic, it ran off and we cannot find it."

The nearby army camp is fenced off, so the boar is forced to look for food elsewhere.

So it turned to the adjacent Changi Golf course.

The result was a trail of holes and uprooted grass where the wild boar has been scavenging overnight.

Three staff at the club now have to patch up the damage each day.

So far, the boar has destroyed the greens around the 4th to the 7th holes - the areas closest to the cave.

One golfer said: "One of these days if the wild boar charge at us, it will be very dangerous for the golfers."

"The boar is more scared of us than we are of it!! It sees humans and run off in fright!"

For everyone's safety, the club is going all out to hunt down the animal.

But the wild boar has proved too fast, and too smart - using a different escape route each time.

Workers have even resorted to cages with food, but the boar has managed to get the food without getting trapped.

Now, bigger manhole traps are being dug.

Meanwhile, regular golfers have come up with their own incentive scheme to motivate the workers hunting the boar.

Raymond Tang, Manager of Changi Golf Club, said: "Some of the members say if anybody can capture (the boar), they will offer \$500 to barbecue it. We have a good



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