



Carene (left) and Xiu Hong hope to hit the target for Singapore at the Asian Youth Games this June. ERNEST CHUA

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# West Spring's shooters aim high

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SHOOTERS Teh Xiu Hong and Carene Loo Yan Jun are three months away from representing Singapore at the Asian Youth Games and they're taking it all in their stride.

The two West Spring Secondary School students, along with Tan Li Mei, won the Girls B Division Air Pistol title at Yishun@Safra last Thursday with a score of 1,076 points, pushing Fuhua Secondary (1,063) into second place, CHIJ St Joseph's Convent (1,049) coming in third.

Xiu Hong scored an impressive 368 out of a possible 400, while Carene was just a point behind her team-mate.

The two Secondary 3 students took up shooting just two years ago and were selected for the Asian Youth Games team on March 7 after two rounds of trials.

While Carene kept her cool last week, she admitted nerves could take hold at the Games,

which Singapore hosts from June 29 to July 7.

"It's really exciting to be selected," said Carene.

"And because it's being held here, I'll be expected to do a lot better."

But Xiu Hong is determined to keep a level head.

"I just want to shoot my best on the day. If I don't win a medal, I'll just try harder next time," she said.

West Spring Secondary is proving a force to be reckoned with in shooting.

The school also won both this year's girls and boys C Division titles, while the B Division boys finished second.

"They are very disciplined and committed," West Spring principal Seet Tiat Hee said, of his shooters.

"They have unique natural talent, and we all believe they can help garner Singapore a medal."

Catch Xiu Hong and Carene in action on *The School Nationals*, tonight at 7.30pm on Channel 5.