



# The Green Scene

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## Bidding adieu

THANK YOU, RAMESH!

This is the last edition that will have Ramesh as the Editor of The Green Scene, our Club Newsletter.

For more than 17 years, Ramesh has been the interface between our members and the Club. Gathering material from many sources, coaxing the Captain to write his page; chasing sponsors to defray cost, ensuring timely printing is a job that requires not just journalistic acumen but a large heart. As we discovered over the many issues he edited Ramesh had a strong suit of both.

Along the way and perhaps as long as he has been a member, Ramesh has accumulated a large memorabilia of Club related material; a veritable archive of the history, personalities, facts (and some gossip) of our Club. It would indeed be a great boon to our Club's records if Ramesh donates his material to the archives that our Club proposes to establish. In fact, the many years spent collecting material, interviewing the iconic figures of our Club has culminated in a fascinating book, 'The Lodhi and The Peacock', by Ramesh and co authored by Gaby Juneja which was released on the first day of the centenary celebrations held two weeks ago.

I have known Ramesh now for more than 40 years and he has a smiling and ever willing colleague on the Committee and always a good friend.

Thank you for a job well done.

**Man Mohan Singh**  
(President)



**President and Captain**

Dear Members,

A year has quickly passed and we are now looking at our next term to complete two very satisfying and enjoyable tenures as Captain and President. We thought that a joint letter to members, reflecting a very harmonious and productive relationship would be appropriate under the circumstances.

The year gone by has seen some very fruitful initiatives by the last Committee which are now being followed up by the new Committee. The major thrust has been to seek sanction from the Ministry of Urban Development in respect of the long awaited permission to build the additional facilities that are so urgently required, both in terms of member facilities and Course upkeep. After a sustained follow up we are delighted to inform you that only last week the Club received a letter from the Urban Development Ministry temporarily regularising the 'breaches' that the Ministry had pointed out. This means that the Club is now in a position to seek building plans approvals from the NDMC and DUAC. We plan to submit

our plans within the next 45 days.

The second major initiative has been the proposed redevelopment of the Peacock Course into a modern, more challenging golf course. We have limited the number of trees to be pruned/cut (for which we are seeking permission) and have made every effort to maintain the

essential "Jungle Nature of our Course". While the actual yardage increased may not look like much, the actual playability and characteristics of the revamped course would be increased greatly. The drainage would allow play all year round and importantly the Course is being designed in a manner that will allow members to play even when the Lodhi Course is shut for major tournament days. The Committee is also ensuring that equitable playing facilities are granted to 'C' members who play the Peacock Course to play on the Lodhi Course when the course is shut for this project.

The Club celebrated '100 Years of Golf' in Delhi and the Committee very much appreciates the words of praise from a large number of members who enjoyed the one week of celebrations.

We are proud that our Club has been the "home" of our National Open which we very successfully conducted in October last year and again four weeks ago. SAIL and the Panasonic Open, both Asian Tour events and the Queen Sirikit

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# Committees

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Cup, were the other major tournaments staged successfully over our course and received high appreciation from both the organizers and players.

Your Committee has identified certain key areas which will be looked at this year. Among them are a more responsive administration, a more varied menu and much more attention to hygienic preparations of food items. After many years, the main kitchen will now be upgraded to reflect the improved hygiene standards and modern equipment that our members deserve.

The House Committee is also looking into various initiatives in respect of not only improving the look of our Club but to improve the facilities of the Men's Change Room; the Main Club House is to be revamped. The next year will see a redone Swimming Pool, work on which has just begun.

The HRD Committee has pioneered a private initiative from some members for a Caddy Welfare Trust. For a long time members have felt that we need to do something for our caddies. Individual contributions are very welcome to help them in times of need.

We are also very glad to report that after many years of effort we have successfully managed to get permission to relocate our Sambhar population. They have destroyed a lot of our undergrowth and will not allow any saplings to flourish. We expect to start relocation very shortly.

Both of us have enjoyed our last year and we truly appreciate the encouragement that we have received from members and look forward to a productive second term.

**Man Mohan Singh**  
(President)

**Vijay Dhawan**  
(Captain)

## General Committee

for the year 2011-12

### President

Mr. Man Mohan Singh

### Captain

Mr. Vijay Dhawan

### Hony. Treasurer

Mr. Raj Khosla

### Members

Mr. Anil Mehra, Maj. Gen. K.M.S. Shergill  
Mr. R.S. Bedi, Mr. Anil Virmani  
Mr. Raj Khanna, Mr. Dipak Narang  
Cmde. Kabir Vasudeva, Mr. Prakash Brahma  
Mr. H.B. Singh, Mr. Ashwini Luthra  
Mr. C.R. Bakhshi

### Govt. Nominees

Mr. Santosh Bagrodia,  
Justice Vikramajit Sen

### Lady Captain

Mrs. Veenu Sandhu (Invitee)

**Member:** Mr. C.R. Bakhshi  
**Invitee:** Mr. I.S. Bawa

## T&H

**Chairman:** Maj. Gen. K.M.S. Shergill  
**Co-Chairman:** Mr. Dipak Narang  
**Members:** Mr. C.R. Bakhshi, Mr. R.S. Bedi  
**Invitees:** Mrs. Veenu Sandhu,  
Mr. G.S. Khera, Maj. D.N. Dass

## JUNIORS

**Chairman:** Mr. Dipak Narang  
**Member:** Mrs. Veenu Sandhu  
**Invitee:** Ms. Bubbles Suneja

## HRD

**Chairman:** Cmde. Kabir Vasudeva  
**Co-Chairman:** Mr. Prakash Brahma  
**Member:** Mr. R.S. Bedi  
**Invitees:** Mr. M.M. Luther, Mr. A.N. Haksar,  
Mr. V. Chandio, Mr. Billy Shrikent

## HOUSE

**Chairman:** Mr. C.R. Bakhshi  
**Co-Chairman:** Mr. Ashwini Luthra  
**Member:** Mr. Raj Khanna  
**Invitees:** Mr. B.M. Lal, Mr. Ikram Singh,  
Mr. Jayant Juneja, Mr. A.K. Chaudhry

## F&B

**Chairman:** Mr. Raj Khanna  
**Co-Chairman:** Mr. Anil Virmani  
**Member:** Mr. Prakash Brahma  
**Invitees:** Mr. Rohit Sabherwal,  
Mr. Rajesh Mehta, Mr. Ronen Pawar,  
Mrs. Manju Bawa

## PURCHASE

**Chairman:** Mr. H.B. Singh

## COMPUTERIZATION

**Chairman:** Mr. Anil Virmani  
**Invitee:** Mr. Kulbir Singh

## PROJECTS

**Chairman:** Mr. Man Mohan Singh  
**Co-Chairman:** Mr. Vijay Dhawan  
**Members:** Mr. Raj Khosla, Mr. C.R. Bakhshi,  
Mr. Anil Mehra  
**Invitee:** Mr. Shiban Ganju

## Sub Committees

### GREENS

**Chairman:** Mr. Vijay Dhawan  
**Co-Chairman:** Cmde. Kabir Vasudeva  
**Member:** Maj. Gen. K.M.S. Shergill  
**Invitees:** Mr. Ashok Malik, Mr. Rajeev Puri,  
Mr. Sanjiv Talwar, Mr. Kapil Channa,  
Mr. V.K. Topa, Mr. Laxminarayan

### DISCIPLINARY

**Chairman:** Mr. Man Mohan Singh  
**Co-Chairman:** Mr. Vijay Dhawan  
**Member:** Mr. Raj Khosla

### FINANCE

**Chairman:** Mr. Raj Khosla  
**Co-Chairman:** Mr. Anil Mehra  
**Members:** Mr. Ashwini Luthra,  
Mr. H.B. Singh  
**Invitees:** Mr. P.R. Khanna,  
Mr. A.K. Awasthi, Mr. R.S. Ahuja

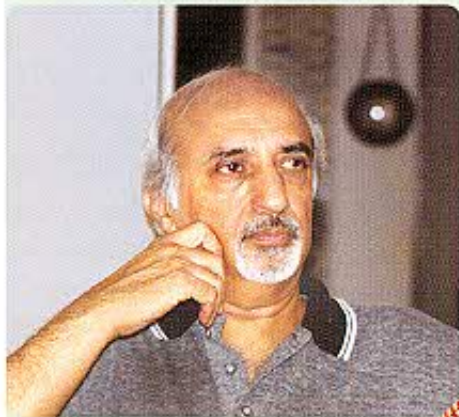
### MEMBERSHIP

**Chairman:** Mr. R.S. Bedi  
**Co-Chairman:** Mr. Anil Mehra





## Adieu and a big 'thank you'!



**Editor**

In 1993 when Dilbagh Singh, the then Captain of the Club, asked me to take over as Editor of The Green Scene from Achal Nath, who was stepping down because of business commitments, I was only too delighted to accept. I had been on the Editorial Board and learnt the ropes from Achal, who I address as 'guruji' for this reason. Having written on golf for various publications since 1971-72 also helped.

The newsletter had a well conceptualized format, rich in content, and I thought it would not be prudent to alter it. Soon after taking over as Editor, I ran into the same problem as my predecessor; the publication of the newsletter depended on procuring advertisements.

Somewhat embarrassed at having to solicit advertisements, I wrote a letter to the Captain, the contents of which were somewhat like this: "You can hardly expect the Editor to go around with a begging bowl. I suggest you charge members a nominal sum of ₹5/- to ₹6/- to defray the cost". The letter had the desired effect; instead of charging the members, the Captain used his personal influence, got an advertisement and we

were on our way.

Gradually, as interest in the newsletter grew, we ventured into a colourful and contemporary format in 1997; a new masthead, four colours, photographs, *et al* to make it more attractive. The innovation helped; sponsors started to show interest and we reached a stage when The Green Scene not only paid for itself but became a profit centre. In advertising parlance, The Green Scene had become a marketable brand.

All these years, I have enjoyed complete freedom to handle The Green Scene my way for which I am grateful to successive Captains who entrusted me with the responsibility.

Eighteen years is long by any stretch and although I have enjoyed every moment of it, for some time now, I have been contemplating to move on and pursue some of my other interests. I am sure whoever takes over from me will not only maintain the quality of The Green Scene, but also infuse fresh ideas to improve it.

Before concluding, I would like to thank all the Captains who assigned me the job; the Lady Captains, in particular Gaby, who invariably sent a perfectly compiled Ladies page; Rajiv Hora, Tejinder Singh, Arjun Pasricha, Sushil Raina, Jagdish and Pradeep for the office support they provided at all times; and the team at Benchmark Graphics, designers, for always going the extra mile for The Green Scene. The biggest 'thank you' is reserved for members for their contributions, interaction, positive response and constructive criticism.

*Ramesh R. Kohli*  
**Ramesh R. Kohli**







# Rolex and the rules of golf

2010 edition

## Definitions

**Nearest Point of Relief** The “nearest point of relief” is the reference point for taking relief without penalty from interference by an immovable obstruction (Rule 24-2), an abnormal ground condition (Rule 25-1) or a wrong putting green (Rule 25-3).

It is the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies:

- (i) that is not nearer the hole, and
- (ii) where, if the ball were so positioned, no interference by the condition from which relief is sought would exist for the stroke the player would have made from the original position if the condition of

were not there.

**Note:** In order to determine the nearest point of relief accurately, the player should use the club with which he would have made his next stroke if the condition were not there to simulate the address position, direction of play and swing for such a stroke.

**Obstruction** An “obstruction” is anything artificial, including the artificial surfaces and sides of roads and paths and manufactured ice, except:

- a Objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences, stakes and railings;
- b Any part of an immovable artificial object that is out of bounds; and
- c Any construction declared by the

Committee to be an integral part of the course.

An obstruction is a movable obstruction if it may be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage. otherwise, it is an immovable obstruction.

**Note:** The Committee may make a Local Rule declaring a movable obstruction to be an immovable obstruction.

**Out of Bounds** “Out of bounds” is beyond the boundaries of the course or any part of the course so marked by the committee.

When out of bounds is defined by reference to stakes or a fence or as being beyond stakes or a fence, the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports). When both stakes and lines are used to indicate out of bounds, the stakes identify out of bounds and the line define out of bounds. When out of bounds is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. The out of bounds line extends vertically upwards and downwards.

A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds. A player may stand out of bounds to play a ball lying within bounds.

Objects defining out of bounds such as walls, fences, stakes and railings are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed. Stakes identifying out of bounds are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed.

**Note 1:** Stakes or lines used to define out of bounds should be white.

**Note 2:** A Committee may make a Local Rule declaring stakes identifying but not defining out of bounds to be movable obstructions.

### NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF

Yes. You have taken the club with which you wish to play the stroke and you are simulating the address position for the stroke. In so doing you will identify the nearest point of relief with reference to where the ball lies.





# Ladies Section



## Golfing Season

in full swing

With the golfing season in full swing the ladies and young girls have been successfully competing in not only our own ladies section competitions but at various venues, nationally and internationally. Hanisha Daryani has 'cleaned up' on the prizes, winning five of our competitions, with great aplomb, followed by young Student Member, Millie Saroha winning three! It's wonderful to see Shiraz Singh's name making a comeback on the honours' lists too. Watch out all!

## Sisters Act

Mehar and Seher Atwal

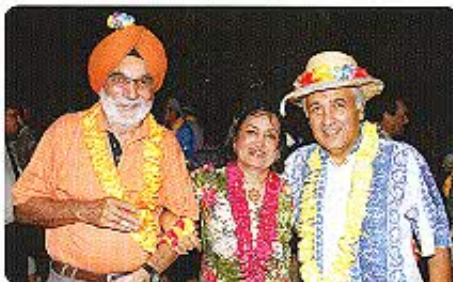


The Atwal girls have been making waves both at home and overseas, in super style. Older sister Mehar clocked up a stunning victory at the Southern India Championship with a 54-hole winning score of 218 and another win at the Pune Open; Mehar's performance up until the Noida Ladies Open had her pegged at the number one slot on the Merit List, earlier this month. Thirteen year old sibling, Seher made sure she was noticed at the Malaysian Open in September, by scoring an eagle on the first day! Her win, at the Albatross Junior Tour event is only the beginning; there is a lot more to come.

## Lady Captain's Nite

a Hawaiian do

September saw the Ladies Section transform the lawns of the Club by creating a fabulous Hawaiian Nite under the stars. Lady Captain, Veenu Sandhu went all out to make this wonderful balmy evening a night to remember. Hula hoop dances, fluorescent leis and excellent food ensured fun for all. Even the slight drizzle added to the ambience, keeping the revellers cool.



## Ladies section Results:

### SEPTEMBER MEDAL

**Gold** Winner : Millie Saroha  
**Silver** Winner : Anuva Saurabh  
**Bronze** Winner : Kitty Puri

### OCTOBER MEDAL

**Silver** Winner : Hanisha Daryani  
**Bronze** Winner : Kumkum Kapur

### NAVAL KISHORE

Winner : Millie Saroha  
Runner-Up : Kamini Gupta

### LADY IRWIN CUP

Winner : Hanisha Daryani  
Runner-Up : Situ Puri

### DEEP SINGH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Winner : Sonaal Chaudhri  
Runner-Up : Shiraz Singh

### LADY MARJORIE TANGE SALVER

Winner : Hanisha Daryani  
Runner-Up : Situ Puri

### MADHO PERSHAD

Winner : Hanisha Daryani  
Runner-Up : Shiraz Singh

### CHAND UJJAL SINGH TROPHY

Winners : Hanisha Daryani/  
Neelam Sihota  
Runners-Up : Shiraz Singh/Soni M. Singh

## Gurbani wins

Sri Lanka Open title



Gurbani Singh overcame Malaysian Isza Fariza Ismail to win the coveted Sri Lankan Amateur title on the 34th hole. Gurbani's current form is keeping

her high up on the ladies and junior rankings making her a strong contender for a top three finish in every event she takes part in!

## Stop Press!

Gurbani Singh wins DGC Open

