



The Green Scene

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Dear Members,

The winter lingered on for longer than usual and we were blessed with incredible weather. However, Holi having just passed by, we can only anticipate soaring temperatures!

The General Committees over the last ten years or so have been acutely aware of the requirements that need to be accommodated in a growing and high profile Club such as ours. We have facilities to accommodate less than 50% of our current membership of 5000. However, we were unable to submit any plans to NDMC because of an on-going dialogue in respect of "breaches". To add to the shortage of members facilities is perhaps the more real problem of the space required for our course equipment, material storage and golf carts.

When you look at the next two decades the question of shortage of space becomes even more apparent.

I am very happy to inform members that the major impediment to the submission of our plans to the NDMC has now been removed by the Ministry of Urban Development. I would like to place on record our appreciation to the Ministry for their understanding of our issues.

A detailed note on the facilities that are to be added, the costs involved and time frames is being prepared and will be sent to you in the next two weeks.

I thought I would apprise you of this development in summary form.

A new building is proposed to be built on the right side of the 8th Fairway, with its entrance from Golf Links Road. The pursuit of previous projects had to be discontinued due to problems of location as per ASI guidelines.

The implementation of this Building Project is cognizant upon our renewing the lease for a minimum period of 30 years i.e. upto 2050. I am very happy to inform you that we are in discussion with the Ministry of Urban Development and hope to have this amended lease with mutually satisfactory conditions shortly. I am also happy to inform you that the two projects- the Peacock Course and Building - will be funded by internal accrual and without additional burden to the Club.

The proposed structure: There will be three Basements - The Upper Basement, will house the Office of the Course Manager and staff as well as be the Storehouse for course equipment, and Workshop, carts and so forth. The lower two to be used as Car Parks with provisions for stacking when required at a later date.

The Ground Floor will have much needed member facilities, including a large Conference / Banquet area. The covered air conditioned Banquet Area will enable members to enjoy the Club facilities year round, and not merely restricted to winter lawn lunches. This floor will have two or three rooms as well as a Medical Room.

The 1st Floor will house the Office Block.

The 2nd Floor will have 25 Guest Rooms which will only be meant for outstation members visiting Delhi, reciprocal Club members, or officials/professional that the Club may wish to accommodate. These limited rooms are being constructed to ensure the financial viability of the project and the Club's long term fiscal health.

The 3rd Floor will include a Restaurant, a Library, Members Lounge, a Bar, a Family Dining Room and a Children's Room.

The Terrace will house a state of the art

Health Club including a Spa area and Fitness Centre. If funds permit, it is hoped to include a covered Swimming Pool.

Friends, I am sure you will agree that in order to upgrade facilities and make our Club at par with the best in the world, we need to work practically on a war-footing and with utmost urgency. The spaces released after the facilities have been moved to the new building, will be used as follows:

The Main Club House: The Card Room will make way for the Pro Shop.

The Ladies and Gents Changing Room will move to the present Pro Shop. The office on the 1st floor area is being considered for other viable member facilities. Members who live at a distance from the Club would be able to use the area thus freed by the Ladies Room as a much needed Day Resting Room.

The Pro Shop will be shifted to the basement in the Main Club House where the Card Room is presently.

Annexe: The space released by shifting the Health Club will be used to extend the Pub.

At present we are in the midst of some much needed renovations.

The Kitchen in the Main Club House is going through major overhauling to create a state of the art kitchen. The work is expected to be completed by the end of April.

The Swimming Pool is undergoing necessary repairs.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members for their patience and tolerance whilst the renovations in various parts of the Club are being carried out; it is no doubt exceedingly inconvenient, and your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

I extend my good wishes for fun-filled holidays with family and friends.

Vijay Dhawan
(Captain)



Sub Committees

GREENS

Chairman: Mr. Vijay Dhawan

Co-Chairman: Cmcie. Kabir Vasudeva

Lodhi Course: Dr Micah Woods, a world authority on turf grass visited the Club recently. He was extremely satisfied with the condition of the Lodhi Course. Indeed, despite the harsh winter and the wear and tear, due not only to the pounding by members (a total of approximately 33,820 rounds of golf were played on Lodhi Course in the 3 ½ months between October 2011 and January 2012), but also the major tournaments which have taken place the last few months, the course is lush and immaculate. The Course Manager deserves kudos for the hard work put in by his team. Certain equipment necessary for the aeration of greens is being added.

Peacock Course: Although our plans of 2004 for complete change have been shelved for the time being as permission to cut 700 trees is not so easily received, interim arrangements for the renovation of the existing course to bring it to the grade of the Lodhi Course would require an expenditure of approximately ₹2.75 crores. Unfortunately the Open House to discuss this matter was not well attended.

Lodhi Course: In keeping with the main feature of our course, the Greens Committee is looking at removing the First Cut at certain strategic parts of the course, as it is found to be an impediment to the ball rolling into the jharies, a natural trademark hazard of our course.

You may have noticed the new red stone benches in keeping with the aesthetics of our historic monuments.

FINANCE

Chairman: Mr. Raj Khosla

Co-Chairman: Mr. Anil Mehra

The financial health of the Club is quite good and we are likely to end this Financial Year far ahead of budgeted surplus. Support has been extended to all the Sub-Committees with regard to funding of their capital projects, and whenever needed enhanced budgets were sanctioned, e.g in the purchase of a generator set, the renovation of the Swimming Pool etc, so that there is no compromise on the quality of work.

The Finance Committee has requested the Sub Committees to submit their plans for the following year with a view to funding all the Capital Budget necessary for the improvement of the Club infrastructure. All this is being done with a view to not putting any extra burden on the members.

Members are requested to kindly take note as per the recent guidelines of RBI w.e.f. 1 April 2012 the validity of Cheques / Pay Orders have been reduced to three months from the date of issue.

Currently a comprehensive exercise is underway to assess the viability of the new Building Project. We are confident that there will be a way forward and that our Club will enjoy a truly world class facility.

T&H

Chairman: Maj. Gen. K.M.S. Shergill

Co-Chairman: Mr. Dipak Narang

The T&H Sub Committee finalized the Annual Golf Calendar which is available on the Club website.

The Louis Phillip Cup Selection Trials

were conducted as a Club tournament on 10 February in two handicap categories, 0 - 15 and 16 - 24. Mr Keshav Mishra was selected to represent DGC as part of the 3C Delhi team alongwith three professionals Shiv Kapur, Rashid Khan & Shamim at KGA Bangalore. The SAIL-SBI Open Golf Tournament was successfully conducted from 23 to 26 February and we were proud to have an Indian winner in Anirban Lahiri after an exciting play off. The NCR Cup was played from 6-9 March with a restricted field of 75 players and a cut was applied after two rounds further reducing the field to 45 to ensure it did not interfere with the members' playing time. Honey Baisoya aged 15 finished a close second.

The Panasonic Open India is scheduled from 29 March to 1 April with a Panasonic exclusive Members Tournament on 2 April. Apart from compensation of Green Fee upto a maximum of ₹350/-, the Committee has decided to reimburse full Green Fees for any two days (weekdays only) on any golf course in the NCR during the Tournament week.

The main objective of the Club being "to promote the game of Golf only" the Club has adopted two promising young golfers - Honey Baisoya and Shubam Jaglan, based on their golf skills & reputation, for an Annual Golf Scholarship & Bursary as per the new IGU Guidelines from a part of the Capitation Fees received by the Club from tournaments.

The Agreement with TSA Sports has been finalised to conduct 22 Club Competitions and will include a goodie bag and six social events. Prizes will be presented during Captain's Day.

Sub Committees



F&B

Chairman: Mr. Raj Khanna
Co-Chairman: Mr. Anil Virmani

Armed with the motto "good food at reasonable prices" we have endeavoured to deliver exactly that.

Menus have been comprehensively revamped at all locations in the Club, paying close attention to consistent food quality and portion size, whilst maintaining prices. Members have responded favourably and we are currently looking at introducing options more suited to a scorching Delhi summer!

With a view to keeping spirits high a wide selection of liquor is now available at possibly the most attractive rates in town. Every effort is being made to negotiate promotions and offers with our suppliers to ensure we bring you the best for the least, all year round! Several such offers are available now at the Main Bar and Pub.

Set to take on the challenge of the impending summer heat, our bartenders are being trained to create thirst-quenching cocktails that will soon be on offer along with DGC's very own Signature Cocktail!

Members have enjoyed Club evenings and Wine Tastings held over the last four months.

Forthcoming Social events include: Baisakhi Celebration; Captain's Night; Lady Captain's Night; Big Screen Bonanzas on the Main Lawn to catch all the major sporting action around the world; Wine, Whisky, Cocktail and possibly Tea Tastings on the anvil - Check the Notice Board for details.

The new Banqueting facility, adjacent to Car Park No. 2 is proving to be very

popular and is a perfect venue for parties of up to 250 people. With its own dedicated parking (with drivers amenities available) and toilet facilities, this centrally located venue provides members a unique opportunity to host a wonderful function at very attractive rates. Check out the photographs of earlier functions available with the F&B Department. Make this facility your number one choice when deciding on your next big party! Your patronage will not only benefit you but your Club too.

The Main Kitchen renovation is underway and the temporary kitchen in place, on the main lawn is coping with our requirements, striving to ensure minimal inconvenience to members. The new kitchen being built has been designed to provide optimum use of the space available with hygiene and maximum output foremost in our minds.

We look forward to your valuable feedback. Please keep it coming!

HOUSE

Chairman: Mr. Chit Ranjan Bakhshi
Co-Chairman: Mr. Ashwini Kumar Luthra

1. The Swimming Pool is undergoing repairs with a view to plugging the leakages and provide better ambience.
2. The furniture in the Main Bar, Dining Room and Annexe will be changed/reupholstered to improve the overall look of these areas.
3. Piped music is planned for the Main Bar and the Dining Room.
4. The toilets at the 14th Tee, the Men's Changing Room and the Office will shortly be renovated.
5. The Caddy Toilets have been renovated and the sewer line in that area has been relaid.

MEMBERSHIP

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

The Membership Sub-Committee has met eight times since its inception in October 2011. During this period 28 applicants have been elected as 'C' Members, 22 upgraded to 'M/W' and 16 upgraded to 'A' category.

Status of various Categories of applicants elected is as follows:

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| 1. Indian Business | October 1986 |
| 2. Indian Service | September 1995 |
| 3. Senior Dependents | September 1995
Applied in Time |
| 4. Senior Dependents | July 1988
Applied Late |

More importantly the Membership Sub-Committee has taken up the review of Articles relating to Membership matters to correct anomalies where they exist. Issues that directly concern our Senior Dependents and their children are being looked at.

HRD

Chairman: Cmdr. Kabir Vasudeva
Co-Chairman: Mr. Prakash Brahma

The HRD Sub-Committee has been meeting regularly to take forward various initiatives, the primary one being fast tracking of recruitment for the various posts in the different departments. A new Deputy Manager (Golf Operations) has been appointed and your Committee expects to fill all vacancies of the well perceived organogram of the Club, in a time bound manner.

Caddy discipline and employee welfare, effective and optimum utilization of surveillance system and professionalization are the thrust areas.



Sub Committees

TECHNOLOGY

Chairman: Mr. Anil Virmani
Co-Chairman: Mr. Kulbir Singh

The Billing process has been upgraded: Bills and Notices are being sent via email, and are also available on the Club website www.delhigolfclub.org under the Members Area Log in facility. Members cooperation is sought in optimizing this by informing the Club Office of your email id, if not already done, thus helping us to become more environment friendly and more efficient. Also in the Members Area, a **Notice Board** has been introduced in which Club Notices and Minutes of Meetings are posted. Efforts are on to further improve the content and visual appeal of the website!

Up-gradation of Computer Hardware: A new server has been installed to improve efficiency. A terminal has been installed at the Club House Reception to enable the Receptionist to provide basic information to members' enquiries. Looking ahead, it is proposed to have computer terminals at each food outlet during Lawn Service, to minimise members inconvenience.

Procedures and systems have been installed, so that queries received via webmail, are answered promptly; the status of the reply is posted on the website. An efficient tracking system has been installed to monitor and ensure all emails are answered.

KNOW YOUR CLUB

Log on to www.delhigolfclub.org for the latest information on the Club, Course, Competitions, F&B Promotions and forthcoming Golf and Social events! You can access your Club Account too by following the simple procedures mentioned. **START TODAY!**

News in Brief

A new 'Ror'(y) on Top of the World!

Rory McIlroy didn't falter despite Tiger Woods' spectacular final round challenge of 8-under including an eagle on the last hole, to become the second youngest to don the World No 1 crown after winning the Honda Classic on 4 March 2012. (The youngest being Woods himself!) Rory said: "It was always a dream to become the World No 1, but I didn't know that I would be able to get here this quickly. Hopefully I can hold onto it for a little longer." In the past 70 weeks Martin Kaymer, Lee Westwood and Luke Donald have each donned the mantle of World No. 1.

Tiger wins Chevron Classic: Tiger Woods' fans heaved a huge sigh of relief when he finally registered his first win in over two years since the 2009 Australian Masters, at The Chevron World Challenge in December 2011. With a score of 10-under Woods beat Zach Johnson by one shot after birdying the final two holes.

Anirban Lahiri has qualified for The Open Championship by winning the

IFQ Asia in Thailand in February, with a tournament score of 9-under. The 141st version of the Championship will be played at Royal Lytham & St Annes 15-22 July, 2012.



Sharmila Nicollet: The 20-year old leggy lass from Bengaluru, who has been creating a sensation not only with her impeccable game, but also with her tremendous dress-sense, clinched the final spot in the Ladies European Tour in La Manga, Spain in December 2011. She is the first Indian since Simi Mehra in the 1990's to have qualified.

The Women's Indian Open was held at the DLF Golf & Country Club in December 2011. All four Indian pros who made the cut went to La Manga, Spain to compete in the Ladies European Tour Qualifier. Whilst Nalini Siwach was sponsored by DLF, Simi Mehra, Sharmila Nicollet and Neha Tripathi went as Brand Ambassadors of the Ministry of Tourism. This is great news for women's golf!



