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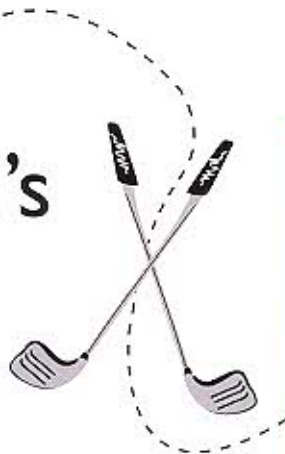


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MAIDEN FOR DIGVIJAY:
PANASONIC OPEN 2012 **PG 03** 

CAPTAIN'S NIGHT! **PG 07** 

Captain's Putts & Swings



Dear Members,

As usual the Club has had an eventful period since the last issue of the Green Scene reached you. I'm happy to share highlights as well as some valuable information for members.

The Club hosted The Panasonic Open India from 26 March to 1 April (with Panasonic Members tournament on 2 April 2012), with Prize Money of US\$17,550. Digvijay Singh won with an overall total of 277, 11 under par. The runner up was Siddikur from Bangladesh with an aggregate score of 9 under par 279.

Captain's Day was celebrated on 21 April 2012 - a warm friendly evening with about 600 members present. Members enjoyed the last four matches of the IPL on the Club lawn where a big screen displayed the games. Nothing like camaraderie and competition to add an edge to the spectacle of sport!

Junior Golf is thriving at DGC. The Junior Annual Day, with 80 children, was held on 2nd May at the JTP area. The DGC Junior/Sub Junior Tournament will be held from 26 to 29 June 2012.

We have been working to improve facilities for the members. The Swimming Pool has been renovated and operational. I trust many of you have already enjoyed your first swim of the season. A new generator has been installed. The Kitchen, as you all know, is being renovated and very shortly, a long overdue modern kitchen will be operational. New air-conditioners have been fitted in the Party Room and the Card Room. We plan to refurbish the Dining Room shortly.



from outgoing Lady Captain Veenu Sandhu to Bubbles Suneja. Several members of the committee attended a small "thankyou" evening by the swimming pool.

A Special Appeal

I request all of you for help in our endeavour to provide basic medical care and facilities for the Caddies and Staff working within the Club premises. As you are aware, the Club, in partnership with Max Healthcare, has set up a Medical Room from where medical diagnosis and care is being provided successfully to members, caddies and staff for the past two years. We have also held regular specialty camps.

In this direction, I would request you to donate surplus unexpired medicines, old spectacle frames and any medical equipment not being used by you. You can drop these in boxes kept for the purpose at the Reception and the Max Medical Room. The medicines thus collected would be kept in the Medical Room and dispensed by the Doctor/Paramedic to Caddies and Staff.

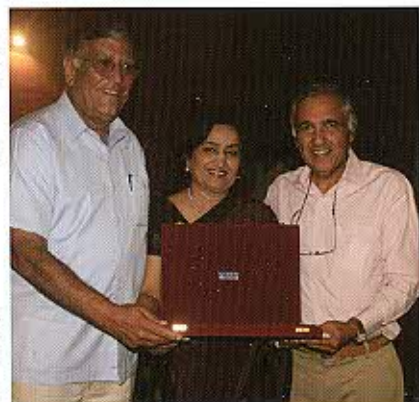
*I look forward to your generous contributions as always.
Happy Golfing this summer!*

Regards,

VIJAY DHAWAN

Senior members particularly will be happy to learn that it is proposed to gradually provide Cart Paths for movement of carts as our member's age profile changes and the requirement for carts increases. In the first stage cart paths will be provided on the back nine of the Lodhi Course, which will be undertaken during the coming months.

Early May witnessed the handing over of the Ladies Section's mantle



Veenu Sandhu bids farewell

New Reciprocal Tie Ups:

1. Orchid Country Club, Singapore
2. Briar Ridge Country Club, Chicago, USA

T&H 

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

PANASONIC OPEN (INDIA)
28 – 31 March 2012

The second edition of this Asian Tour tournament which saw a new leader at the end of each day, witnessed on the final round many a player making a charge and dropping by the wayside. DGC's Ashok Kumar, sole leader after 3 rounds, crumbled after the 12th hole ending with a disappointing 75 plummeting him to 8th position. With 6 holes left to play Gaganjit Bhullar took the lead, but 40-year old Digvijay Singh of India scored a bonanza of four birdies in the last six holes, closing with a flawless six-under-par 66 to end an agonizing 12-year wait for his maiden Asian Tour title. On a dramatic final round Singh produced a grandstand



First Asian Tour title for Digvijay

finish with a 12-foot birdie putt on the last hole to defeat Asian Tour winners Siddikur of Bangladesh and Bhullar of India by two shots with scores of 70-73-68-66, at the US \$300,000 event sanctioned by the Asian Tour and PGTI. Digvijay was engulfed in a huge hug from his more famous and very emotional brother-in-law Jyoti Randhawa. "This is very special for me. There's no feeling better than winning an Asian Tour title in India at the Delhi Golf Club." said Digvijay as he jumped 101 spots to #9 on the Asian Tour Order of Merit. The top three players

gained the right to participate in the Asia Pacific Open Golf Championship to be played in Japan in September.

The tournament, which will return to the DGC in 2013 was a resounding success. Our club members would be pleased to know that one of the ESPN commentators had remarked, "The course is in excellent condition and members would be proud to present it for the tournament".

Panasonic held a Pro-Am and thereafter a members' tournament on the Monday. Though the sponsors had agreed to host 350 players, the total on both the Lodhi and Peacock Courses was 480, all of whom received Goody Bags.



GREENS

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vijay Dhawan



Lodhi Course: For the first time in the last 11 years the fairways been cored using a vertidrain to improve the drainage and irrigation on the Course. Members would have already noticed the improvement on the course. The fairways have also been verti cut. The Greens are been treated as advised by our expert Dr. Micah Woods. We have already done numerous hollow tyne coring and solid tyne which have helped improve the conditions of the Greens and even in such adverse weather conditions our course is playing well.

Your Committee is looking into upgrading course machinery and we would be also getting reel and bed knife grinders in order to improve the quality of cut and enhance the life of the blades.

The Greens Committee has decided that in the first phase Cart Path be put on the back nine. This work would be starting shortly and is proposed to be finished before the end of July.

The majority of Sambhars have been relocated successfully to Rajasthan and we hope to be able to get plants on the course to survive.

Peacock Course: The Club is shortly putting in its plan for permission to cut trees to be able to extend the Peacock Course and upgrade the playability. We shall keep you informed on the progress on the latter as without it the work cannot be undertaken.

We would like to give full credit to the staff for the excellent work done in such blistering and tiring conditions. We would like to point out that some members who recently played on the Course commented that this is one of the best maintained courses. We would like to mention that we get well over 100,000 tee offs a year.

Sub-Committees

FINANCE

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Raj Khosla



Working closely with the Committees and Management we have approved the installation of new Air Conditioning in the Party Room, Card Room and Main Bar. The first two areas are complete and the Main Bar is currently being tackled. The approval of budgets for the renovation of the Men's Changing Room, 14th Tee, Pub Rest Rooms and, the construction of Cart Paths, is currently being looked at.

In keeping with the inflationary trend we have now increased the limit of Member's from Rs. 30,000/- to Rs. 40,000/-; this means that at any given time the account balance of a Member must not cross Rs 40,000/-. In the event that a Member signs a voucher that pushes the account balance over Rs. 40,000/- the computer will automatically block the signing facility of the Member which will only be reinstated when the outstanding balance is reduced or cleared. For the convenience of Members the current outstanding amount is always printed on the computerised bill generated each time a Member orders and, a reminder SMS will also be sent to those Members whose accounts cross the signing limit.

As a prudence policy a compliance mechanism has been setup by the Finance Sub-Committee that will ensure statutory compliance related to the various laws that are being complied with.

HRD

CHAIRMAN:
Cmde Kabir Vasudeva



The HRD Committee has been working on recruitment for various posts and taking measures for streamlining of caddy shortages during the harvest months.

Both the Asian Tour events - Sail/SBI Open and Panasonic - were highly successful and acclaimed from our supplied manpower standpoint. The Committee also renewed the existing arrangement with Max Hospital for a further period of one year.

F&B

CHAIRMAN: Raj Khanna



The F&B subcommittee has continued with the policy of "good food at reasonable prices" and efficient & personalised "table service".

This committee will continue its efforts to improve the quality of Chinese cuisine served at the club, and the table service in the pub.

Members will be pleased to note that F&B sales for the financial year 2011-2012 are approximately 20% higher than for the financial year 2010-2011. We have had no price increase since Dec 2010. Kudos to our staff who have embraced new ideas and supported all F&B subcommittee initiatives.

The F&B subcommittee plans to position an efficient responsible General Manager (F&B) over the next few months.

Professional training was organised for our bar staff in the art of making cocktails & mocktails. Since May 2, the new range of these drinks (with matching glassware) has been introduced in the main bar and there has been a great response. Similar training is now being planned for our service staff.

We have started to build evenings around popular sports events. We began with a big screen on the lawn during the last 4 matches of the IPL, and thereafter we will screen Wimbledon, Olympics, T20 World Cup and golf events.

A new, friendly banqueting policy is ready. Kindly ask our F&B manager for details. Do use the banqueting facilities, and I hope you're happy with the Giani ice cream stall with a range of cool flavours for the hot summer.

IPL NIGHTS The four IPL nights featuring the semi-finals and finals were a resounding success. A huge 13' x 9' screen was in place; discounted drinks were offered at the bar; multi-cuisine food stalls comprising Club Barbeque, Continental and Indian Food, Nizam's Kathis and Giani's Ice creams were available on these self-help evenings. Despite soaring temperatures members flocked to be a part of the camaraderie and support the home team, which unfortunately didn't make it to the Finals. Numbers were as follows: 22 May - 200, 23 May - 175, 25 May - 325 and Final Day 27 May - 400.

The Club has planned for Tim, a mixologist from Diego's, to train the bar staff in the mixing of Cocktails in mid-June; members are also welcome to join in and learn the skills. This will be followed by a Cocktail Evening in the Main Bar when Tim will unveil the DGC Signature Cocktail.

