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JUNIOR TRAINING PROGRAMME



JEEV'S VICTORY AT THE SCOTTISH OPEN 2012



Captain's Putts & Swings



Dear Members,

It's been a busy and satisfying time and I wish to share important news and updates about your Club. We are pleased to inform all members that the Lease for the Club has been extended by the Government until 2050. Our grateful thanks to Shri Kamal Nath, the Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development for his foresight and vision to see this Club as one of the best in Asia, if not the world.

As you are all aware, an EGM was held on 28th of June and resolutions for amendment of Articles relating to extension of the lease were put up to and, approved by the members of the Club.

Meanwhile, the new building plans are under consideration by the General Committee and once approved, the same will be placed before the members of the Club for their consideration.

The status of renovation and works to improve Club facilities is included in the Chairmen's Reports, and I'm sure the members will be pleased with the progress. Course facilities are also being addressed:

- The laying of the cart path on the 9th Hole has been completed.

This will allow senior members to play when the course is wet and also save the turf. Members are requested not to take the cart on to the fairway when it is wet.

- The course is playing well considering the intense summer and we appreciate the efforts of the Course Staff. There is some problem in the bunkers because of the non-availability of the required sand which we are trying to procure.

- We are planning on re-doing the chipping area. The design has been forwarded by our Golf Architect, Mr. Phil Ryan, and once the Greens Committee approves this, work will begin.



- Permission has been sought from the Department of Forests, Delhi Government, to develop the Peacock Course. The President and I met the Hon'ble Chief Minister and we are fairly positive approval is forthcoming. Once we receive this, we shall bring it to the

members for their views and inputs.

In other news, the Code of Conduct for the Club Elections has been approved by the General Committee and is posted on the Notice Board and placed on the Club's website www.delhigolfclub.org. The new Members' Directory, sponsored by Golf Digest India, is being prepared and hopefully this should be released during the Club Nite before the Club Elections.

I wish to introduce Mr. Amit Deb who has joined the Club as Deputy Secretary on 6th August 2012; Mr. Anunay Srivastava, Manager Accounts, who is replacing Mr. Inderjit Sharma who is retiring after 20 years with the Club and, Mr. Arvind Prakash who joined as General Manager, F&B from 13th August 2012. They come in to strengthen the Executive staff and improve the quality of service to members both within the Secretariat, as well as in the F&B outlets.

Trust you all had a Happy Independence Day!

VIJAY DHAWAN

Members benefitted from a Free Healthcare Camp by Max which was held on 4th August – a cardiologist, physiotherapist and dermatologist were available for consultation.



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



GREENS

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vijay Dhawan

Throughout this summer the course has played far better than in previous years, and is looking healthier due to better maintenance practices. Cart paths have been laid on the back nine to facilitate carts being used during the monsoon months. Senior members who are dependant on carts should continue to enjoy their game uninterrupted; closure of the course will be kept to a minimum. Members are requested to keep the carts on the cart paths so that damage to the turf is minimal, especially when the fairways are wet.

We are also looking to upgrade the chipping area to international standards. Extensive discussions are underway with Phil Ryan who will shortly be giving us a revised plan; we hope to execute this during the remaining months of this year. We have also applied for and are hopeful of receiving permission to enable the crucial removal of a few trees so that the up-gradation work of the Peacock Course may commence. This Committee hopes to put everything in place so that the incoming Committee may execute the work, after presenting the same to the members.

FINANCE

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Raj Khosla

We would like to inform you that the statutory audit for the year ended 31st March, 2012 is in progress and no major anomaly has been found by the auditors. As per the draft income expenditure account we shall close the year with the surplus. With better investments and stricter controls we have managed to achieve a surplus even after spending on all the projects recommended by the various Sub-Committee that too without increasing Subscription etc., and without burdening the members. Our cash reserve position has improved.



Delhi Golf Club has approved the grant of Golf Scholarships to two young promising golfers from the economically weaker sections, in keeping with its overall commitment to promote the game of golf. The two talented young men are Shubham Jaglan and Honey Baisoya. Honey is currently a member of the Indian squad and has already represented India internationally; Shubham, who turns eight this month is eagerly waiting in the wings until such time he may be included in the junior team. Coincidentally, both these young men share a birthday, the 16th of August and, Honey is exactly twice the age of Shubham!



Shubham Jaglan

Shubham, assisted by the Club, has just returned from a successful tour of the USA, where he participated as an individual entry. He played four tournaments in the 7 – 8 years category and distinguished himself by winning two US Sub Junior events by 10 strokes scoring 2-under par for each round; coming 4th in the US World Junior Golf Championship and 10th in the Callaway Junior World Championship. DGC congratulates Shubham for his outstanding performance.



COMPETITION RESULTS

Lodhi Challenge Cup 28th July 2012

Winner	Mrs. Madhu R.K. Singh (S-514)	45 pts
Runner up	Mr. B.P. Ojha (O-027)	42 pts

Dunlop Hot Weather Cup 26th May 2012

Winner	Mr. Ajay K. Jain (J-142)	44 pts
Runner up	Mr. Kuldeep Sarna (S-493)	41 pts

9-hole Caddy Competition, Peacock Course, 8th Aug 2012

Winner	Raj Kumar (Rs 10,000/-)	28
2nd	Ali Zan (Rs 7,500/-)	29
3rd	Pramod Kumar (Rs 5,000)	29
4th	Md Wazir (Rs 2,500)	29

Sub-Committees

HRD

CHAIRMAN: Cmde Kabir Vasudeva

The HRD Committee was tasked to draw up an Election Code of Conduct. I am pleased to report that this has been successfully completed and put up to the General Committee for its implementation.



Recruitments have been on in full swing to hire the best:

Amit Deb, previously Operations Head at PGTI, has joined us as Deputy Secretary; Anunay Srivastava takes over as Manager Accounts from retiring Inderjit Sharma, and Arvind Prakash has come in as the new General Manager F&B. We are certain that these new staff members will strengthen service efficiency in the Club.

The organizational structure continues to evolve in response to the Club's needs. Caddies were provided two t-shirts each by M/s JCB earlier this summer.

Caddy rates have been marginally increased keeping in mind the never-ending inflation; we urge the membership for their understanding in this regard.

Revised Caddy Rates

	Existing Rates	Revised Rates
9 Holes	₹130/-	₹150/-
18 Holes	₹180/-	₹210/-
Agewala/'B' Caddy 9 Holes	₹90/-	₹100/-
'Agewala/'B' Caddy 18 Holes	₹140/-	₹160/-
Practice 30 Minutes	₹60/-	₹70/-
2 nd 30 Minutes	₹40/-	₹45/-
Next 30 Minutes	₹20/-	₹25/-

F&B

CHAIRMAN: Mr Raj Khanna

The finals of The Wimbledon Championships were screened on a big screen on the Main Lawns on 8th July, 2012. Similar screenings are planned for T20 World Cup in September.



Promotional evenings of Vodka Ciroc took place on Fridays and Saturdays from 29th June to 2nd July 2012. The Finlandia Vodka Promotion took place from 7th June to 3rd July.

We hope the members enjoyed the complimentary pegs, and the prizes offered by both Ciroc and Finlandia. Finlandia's two bumper Grand Prizes of discount vouchers of Rs 10,000/- toward a Tissot watch were won by MS Grewal (G-212) and SS Dhupia (D-218).

Tim Judge, expert Mixologist and Brand Ambassador, Diageo, was turning out exotic cocktails in the Main Bar and the Pub from 18-21st July, to the delight of members.

While we had planned COINTREAU Rendezvous Privé evenings organized by Tulleehoo for members on Friday 10th August 2012 & Saturday 11th August 2012, these had to be called off due to lack of participation by members.

We could consider holding these in the future if there are enough interested members who wish to go through a 90 minute fun-filled Session with an expert instructor on how to concoct cocktails with Cointreau.

The Club has a promotion of BALLANTINE'S FINEST in the Main Bar & Pub from 1st August 2012 to 31st August 2012, where a peg would be offered at Rs 50/- as opposed to the usual Rs 70/. There will be Lucky Draw coupons every week for 750 mls of Ballantine's Finest (to be consumed at the Club). In addition two lucky winners across four golf clubs in north India will be sent to the Chiang Mai Golf Challenge Tournament to further enjoy the Ballentine's experience.

A special wine appreciation evening is planned for 8th September, 2012, by our in-house wine expert Subhash Arora, President Delhi Wine Club, Indian Wine Academy and Editor of "Delwine". Subhash will introduce the members to five wines from France, Spain and Italy that he has specially selected for the Club – an evening to look forward to. It is planned to have a 10 day celebration on the completion of the new kitchen. Do look out for the schedule and dates.

A Club Nite has been planned for 26th September, 2012.

HOUSE

CHAIRMAN: Mr. C.R. Bakhshi

The furniture in the Dining Room and the Party Room has been re-upholstered; new linen and napery has been purchased.

The GC commissioned photographer Karam Puri to take 200 photographs of the Club - these are now the property of the Club. A few of these beautiful pictures showcasing the Lodhi Course now grace the walls of the Dining Room.

Air-conditioning in the Dining Room, the Party Room, the Card Room and the Bar has been re-done. The air-conditioning plant has been moved from the basement to the mezzanine atop the Bar which will make it more efficient. This has released valuable space in the basement, adjacent to the Card Room.

The main sewer line that choked often, has been re-laid. The Men's Changing Room has been renovated in a record time of three weeks. Plans are afoot for renovating the Ladies Room, the Pub Toilets, the 14th Tee toilets as well as the Pantry.



MEMBERSHIP

CHAIRMAN: Mr. R.S. Bedi

1. Applicants are being considered with the following seniority-

- Indian Business December, 1986
- Indian Service May, 1996
- Dependent Applied in Time October, 1995
- Dependent Applied Late August, 1988

2. Upgradation from Mid-week to 'A'

- Indian Business 30th March, 1990
- Indian Service 29th October, 2004

3. Upgradation from 'C' to Mid-week

- Indian Business 10th May, 2011
- Indian Service 07th May, 2012



TECHNOLOGY

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Anil Virmani

To facilitate control in F&B, we had recommended to the General Committee the implementation of the rule that makes it compulsory for members to produce their Swipe Card before placing an order. The General Committee has approved the same and this will be implemented w.e.f. 1st September, 2012. It will have numerous advantages and a detailed circular has been sent to members.

We are also in the process of developing an Assets Life Cycle Management Programme which will be helpful in the follow-up of a Regular Maintenance Servicing & Replacement Schedule of all the Club's equipment and course machinery.

The Club has started the process to customize an Electronic Document Management System by digitizing and microfilming all documents and records of the Club. This will assist in the storage, as well as retrieval, all paper records instantaneously.

The Club is in the process of posting the status of up-gradation of 'C' to 'B' and 'B' to 'A' membership on the website.

PURCHASE

CHAIRMAN: Mr. HB Singh

Significantly, despite high inflation in the cost of all food items and steep increases in the prices of many other products, we were able to finalize the annual rate contract with a marginal increase of only 5.9%. The Finance Department worked hard to enroll new suppliers, thus creating competition to get the best prices.

The second thing of note is that the important project of the renovation of the kitchen is in its final stage. Members would be happy to note that the brand new state of the art kitchen will be operational shortly.

The Green Scene can be accessed on the club website <http://www.delhigolfclub.org>. Members are welcome to write in at the greenscene@delhigolfclub.org

