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Captain's Day



Lady Captain's Night



SAIL - SBI & Panasonic Open



Junior's Annual Day



The Crataeva Adansonii or Berna in full bloom on the 9th fairway
Photograph: Karam Puri

Tee off with the Captain



Dear Members,

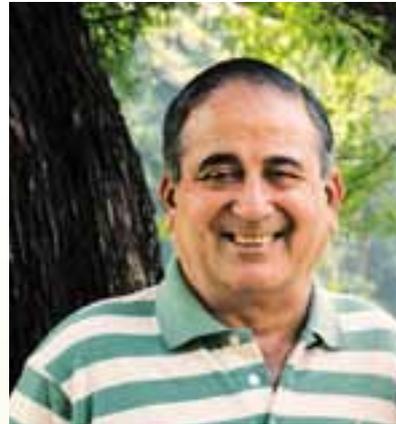
At the outset, we welcome Arun Singh who joined as Secretary, Delhi Golf Club on 1st April. Arun brings with him a wealth of experience, and considering his in-depth knowledge on Course Management coupled with his administrative skills, I am certain that Delhi Golf Club should stand to gain in the years ahead.

Course: March and April witnessed virtually back-to-back Asian Tour Tournaments in the SAIL Open and the Panasonic Open. Prior to these we had the NCR Cup for top amateurs. Both the professional tournaments were followed by competition for DGC members.

All three events went off exceedingly well with both the participants and the organizers being happy with course conditions. In fact, at the request of some of our regular players, the coring programme has been postponed by a fortnight for members to enjoy these excellent course conditions before the summer sets in.

Peacock Course: As reported in the previous issue, the GC has been working on the up-gradation of the Peacock Course, and the Course Management team has completed the design work and other tasks based on the inputs received from Phil Ryan. These were put up for Member's information and suggestions at the **Open House** held on 30th March. The general consensus was that the Peacock Course should be upgraded as per Phil Ryan's 2011 plans.

The GC decided to continue to pursue the issue regarding the felling of trees with the Government, and as suggested by a senior member, Mr Shyam Suri, (who is also assisting the Club on this project) a fresh application was submitted to the L&DO for NOC for felling of trees. We have received a favorable response. The Secretary & I met with the L&DO who advised us that as this matter was not connected to issues of breaches/misuse, we should expect the approval very shortly. Thereafter, Chairman Projects, Mr Prakash Brahma, the Secretary and I had a detailed meeting with Secretary Environment, Delhi Government, regarding the felling of trees. Although he remained non-committal, we were informed that once they receive the NOC from L&DO, he will have this reviewed. Accordingly, in the GC meeting of 5th April, it was decided to delay commencement of work on the Peacock Course by about 2/3 weeks by which time the picture would be a lot clearer regarding the time line



relating to the felling of trees.

Building Project: We successfully concluded the re-negotiations of terms and conditions with the architects as per agreement signed a few years ago, which the Membership at large had found not acceptable. We have continued to pursue this virtually on a

weekly basis with the Ministry of Urban Development and the L&DO, regarding the permanent regularization of breaches and issuance of NOC to the building projects.

At the Open House on 30th March there was a suggestion that the financials and the proposed plan of the New Building project be circulated to members. This will be done shortly.

However, it was generally agreed that no money would be spent on the building project till the Ministry of Urban Development has given us a permanent clearance on breaches as also a NOC for the building as only then would the NDMC and other bodies approve our building plans.

A meeting request with the Honorable Minister for Urban Development, Mr Kamal Nath, is pending. The DGC delegation comprising the President, the Captain, the Ex-Captain and a Government Nominee (GC Member) will meet him to stress the urgency on both the above issues. The last approval from the Government was at the time of renewal of our lease to 2050, and only a "temporary regularisation" of breaches till January 2013 with no NOC for the building project.

Governance & Administration: Our efforts to tone up the Club Administration continues and the Club Working Committee [CWC] chaired by the Secretary, with HoD's as members, meets once a week to monitor all operational issues and members' complaints/suggestions. Guidelines by way of S.O.P's covering all facets of Club operations continue to be drawn out to bring in transparency, swift action and feedback. I would urge members to communicate by email or in writing, to the respective HoD's/Secretary giving suggestions or complaints on issues which require attention.

All Weather Swimming Pool / Upgraded Children's Park: The Swimming Pool opened on 1st April and besides new grass, a lot of greenery is being added to the Pool Area. We had conducted a referendum with the Pool users regarding an "All Weather" pool and the response was overwhelming. Accordingly an exercise has begun to work on the economics based on feedback from other Clubs like the Delhi Gymkhana, Chandigarh Golf Club and Talkatora, all of whom have had All

Weather pools for the past many years.

The Children's Park adjacent to the Lal Bangla has been refurbished with new all weather turf as well as some additional modern and safe children's playing facilities.

Members Events: On March 11th we had a very successful Jazz Evening on the Club Lawn – this was a first. An eleven-piece band from Germany gave a scintillating performance! Combined with glorious weather, delicious snacks and a full bar, the ambience was perfect for members to enjoy the evening.

Captain's Day was celebrated on Sunday, 21st April. Thanks to the weather gods it turned out to be a great evening with over 800 members turning up to meet with fellow members and enjoy cocktails and dinner thereafter. The DJ did a fantastic job and the dance floor was constantly jam packed!

There was a good response as well to the large number of Club Competitions held this year, with total transparency in the "lucky draw" being held in the Main Bar where numbers were restricted.

Caddy Discipline & Training: We are happy to report that courtesy Statesman, the entire lot of 550 Caddies will be in uniform including shoes and socks, starting this summer. Golf Operations have done a great job in collating the complete data of each of these Caddies who will now be sporting a nametag as well. A training programme is scheduled for them this summer, and we are in dialogue with the IGU for the same.

The Caddy's Rest Room, Canteen Area and Toilets are being repaired and renovated and in the months ahead members will see more discipline, and also not have them loitering in the Car Park Area. Members are requested to report to Caddy Master or Sudershan Singh, Dy Mgr Golf Operations, of any indiscipline or any suggestions on this front.

Lastly, I appeal once again to all my fellow members that you and your Caddy must fill divots, repair pitch marks on the Greens and rake bunkers.

Finances: I had kept you posted on the anticipated financial results this year. At the half year April to Sept 2012 we were at a loss of ₹79 Lacs and will be ending up at a minus of over ₹1 Crore for the full Financial year up to March 2013.

The first cut budget for 2013-2014 is not encouraging as well. However we have already begun in right earnest to raise incomes through sponsorship other than Golf. I will be writing to you separately on this issue.

With best regards,



KAPIL CHANNA

F&B

CHAIRMAN: Mr TS Sawhney

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Greesh Bindra

The Club organized a Jazz Night in collaboration with Capital Jazz and Max Mueller Bahvan. Phoenix Foundation Band, a 16 member band from Germany, with world renowned Indian percussionist Ramesh Shotham and vocalist Rama Mani, performed at the concert on the lawns of DGC

on March 12. Besides the elite membership of the Club, the audience of 580 people also included members of the diplomatic corp, prominent personalities from the media and judiciary, journalists covering cultural events, senior bureaucrats and members of the business community. In house catering i.e. barbeque, continental and Chinese food was available during the concert. Stella beer was available on heavily discounted price and Opera Chips were distributed generously.

Ballentine Promotion from April 19- May 01, was available in the Main Bar and Pub.

The extended Bar facilities on the Patio serving 7 tables were a great success in March and April.

The Captain's Night was attended by over 800 members - details on page 9.



HRD

CHAIRMAN: Mr Ashwini Luthra

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Satish Girotra

In the last Green Scene, we informed you that we were in the process of finalizing a candidate for the position of Club Secretary. Now, Mr Arun Kumar Singh has been appointed as Secretary on 01 April. He is a former Air Force Officer and brings with him a wealth of experience. He has earlier worked with Golden Greens Golf Resorts Ltd. and Air Force Golf Club, New Delhi.

Caddy Training Programme through IGU is being planned to be conducted in the near future.

A Training Programme focusing on customer centricity is being worked on for executives with a reputed HR Training Consultant. This will also include training for Club staff to improve the service provided to members.

This year has been quite hectic with regard to recruiting and employing senior people. The Club has advertised for Executive Chef, F&B Controller and an Estate Manager. This is a time consuming process but we hope to have new incumbents in place shortly.





GREENS

CHAIRMAN: Mr Kapil Channa
CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Vijay Topa



We do hope that all of you have enjoyed the excellent playing conditions on the golf course.

In our previous communication we had mentioned that preparation of the course for major events was on, and the **best possible standard** in each area i.e. greens, tees, fairways, bunkers as well as rough areas were being strived for. We were successful in achieving excellent course conditions with the least disturbance to members by avoiding lengthy closure for tournament preparations.

All the mega events i.e. the **NCR CUP, SAIL-SBI OPEN and PANASONIC OPEN INDIA** went off flawlessly and we received excellent feedback from participants as well as organizers regarding **course conditions**, especially from the **PANASONIC OPEN INDIA**.

Course Management has begun work on taking back bunkers to the original condition by digging them and filling coarse sand wherever required. To augment the healthier conditions in the turf system, aeration activities on the greens, tees, fairways as well as rough areas is also being implemented.

We had mentioned in our previous report that we had not received irrigation water for a long time from **Delhi Jal Board/CPWD**. This matter was taken up at the highest level and the pipelines near Purana Qila which had been lying broken due to an internal dispute between CPWD and the MCD were finally repaired resulting in the resumption of water supply to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

Simultaneously, we have also activated all our **internal water resources tube wells**, as some of them were not in operation for a long period of time. Now we are prepared for any emergency. In order to augment the irrigation water supply system one **new Priming Chamber** has been installed at the **WTP** as the existing one was beyond permanent repair as

FINANCE

CHAIRMAN: Mr Anil Mehra
CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Rohit Sabherwal



As informed in the previous issue of Green Scene we plan to finalise the accounts for the last financial year in May. The draft accounts have been prepared and statutory audit is under progress. We hope to meet our target.

As per the draft accounts surplus before depreciation is ₹ 90 lacs as against budgeted surplus of ₹ 205 lacs and there is deficit of ₹ 110 lacs against budgeted surplus of ₹ 35 lacs. The realignment of depreciation is being worked out in consultation with auditors.

The main reason for not achieving budgeted targets is: non-renewal of sponsorships, shifting of Panasonic Tournament to next financial year and one confirmed major tournament pulled out despite the agreement. The F&B department has achieved the sales target but is still under deficit due to the cancellation of New Year's Eve party, increase in electricity, water and gas charges and also extraordinary increase in the expenditure under Crockery and Napery items.

The exact figures will be shared with you after completion of audit. However, we have approved and supported all the Capital purchases and have spent almost Rs. 4 crores for improvement of infrastructure and purchase of new machine etc.

To augment the resources a sponsorship committee has been formed by Captain and active steps are being taken to finalise sponsorships at the earliest possible time.

The draft revenue budget for the Financial Year 2013-14 has been compiled and shall be finalised very soon. This year the revenue budgets have been prepared quarter wise and shall be closely monitored so that if at all there is any variances necessary action can immediately be taken.

it was very old. It is also planned to install a second Priming Chamber in the coming months.

The Redevelopment Design work on Peacock Course has been completed based on the plans received from **Phil Ryan** of Pacific Coast Design. All these were reviewed by the General Committee and were thereafter displayed to the members during the **Open House** held on March 30.

Meanwhile Golf Management has been working on the **improvement plan** of the **Peacock Course** by improving greens, tees, fairways and rough area turf. The results will be visible very soon as aeration practices, top dressing, bunker improvement etc. will be on **par with the Lodhi Course**.

Conversion of 5th tee off **Lodhi Course** to sand base is also planned and work will be taken up shortly.

We have planned the development of a forest area between 9th and 5th fairways as the existing **Plumaria Alba** trees do not fulfill the safety requirement due to their short height and leaf-shedding. We propose plantation of **Silver Oak** trees that will not only provide the safety to some extent but also give a better aesthetic look once they have attained full height. The existing Plumarias will be transplanted on the left of 5th green cart path to camouflage the boiler and other equipment.

T&H

CHAIRMAN: Maj Gen KMS Shergill
CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr PRS Brar



The SAIL – SBI Open 2013 was played from March 6-10. There was a tie after 72 holes between two Indian stalwarts resulting in a playoff, and Anirban Lahiri won the tournament for the second successive year beating DGC's ex-caddy boy Rashid Khan.

Panasonic Open 2013 was conducted from April 4-7. Sadly, the Indian challenge petered out on the last few holes and the winner was Wade Ormsby at 9-under followed by Boonchu Ruangkit at 8-under.

As the Course was closed for the duration of both these events, members were reimbursed green fees payable upto a maximum of Rs 350/- plus Rs 100/- caddy fees per round. Members were compensated the full green fees for two rounds on any golf club in the NCR.

Panasonic Members Tournament was held on Apr 8. As 463 members had registered for 293 slots, names were drawn out of a hat.

18 Holes: Handicap 0-12

Winner : Mr S Laxminarayan 38 Points
Runner Up: Mr Bharat Garg 37 Points

18 Holes : Handicap 13-24

Winner : Dr Manoranjan 34 Points
Runner Up: Mrs Situ Puri 31 Points

09 Holes (Above 70 Years)

Winner : Mr Man Mohan Sethi 22 Points
Runner Up: Mr Vinod Tandon 21 Points

The Club Competitions are getting very popular with over 300 members participating. Total Sports Asia has been asked to give attractive gifts to the members. The following Member tournaments are planned in May 2013.

04 May 2013 Lodhi Challenge Cup
17 May 2013 DCM Cup

PURCHASE

CHAIRMAN: Mr Rohit Sabherwal
CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Satish Girotra

Our annual tenders for supply and services were invited by advertisements and via the DGC website. A record 92 forms have been submitted by potential vendors. A review of the quotes will be completed by May 10th and contracts will be awarded within the month of May itself.

We are working closely with the user groups to ensure best SKU requirements. This year, some changes are planned for effective accountability and good supply chain management, as well as to reduce wastage.

HOUSE

CHAIRMAN: Mr HB Singh
CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Greesh Bindra

We are pleased to inform you that the long awaited project of the Children's Play Area has been completed with all new equipment. We are sure parents would love to bring their tiny tots to enjoy the summer evenings.



The Swimming Pool has also opened on schedule on April 1st, and its heartening to note that good numbers of members are enjoying the early summer dip.

The Porta Cabin for use by the staff as a rest room has been relocated and will be ready shortly. The staff may use it between 3 pm to 6 pm between duty times. So far they have been using the Bar, the Dining Room and any other area they could find.

We have been busy finalizing the basic re-design of the Main Bar and have shortlisted contractors of repute. The work will commence very soon. Due to leakages from the Gents Change Room at the Gym, which have affected the Main Change Rooms directly below it, renovations have been deemed necessary. Work on these two major jobs are scheduled to be completed by mid-July.

TECHNOLOGY

CHAIRMAN: Mr Anil Virmani

Technology Committee has implemented the following projects for the convenience of Members:



- Technology committee will implement the hand held device for billing in the 14th Tee area for better and faster service within a month so that member will be given the invoice instantly. In case this pilot project is successful then we shall expand to other locations such as :- Swimming Pool, Card Room, Mother Dairy/Juice Counter, PDR, Lawn etc.
- Microfilming and digitization of documents and records has been completed for the first stage and Standard Operating Procedure are being laid out for the same.
- Payments made by members through Club's Payment Gateway are credited to their accounts instantly which was being credited manually on 2nd and 3rd day. This will be very useful for members making payments during the Holidays or on Sundays. Members are requested to use this facility to pay their bills through www.delhigolfclub.org.
- List of Gazetted Holidays for the current year has been posted on the Club website for the benefit of members and green fees players.



Should/Shouldn't Tiger Have DQ'd Himself?

"For centuries, any golfer who signed an incorrect scorecard, for any reason including acts of God, was disqualified. If it was good enough for Scottish shepherds and Bobby Jones, shouldn't it be good enough forever?"

A new Rule to protect the player was put into place in 2011 – so why all this hoo-ha if a player legally was given shelter under that rule? What is this about lack of integrity and a blip on Tiger's legacy and responsibility of being World No 1..... Just because he is an icon doesn't mean that he is not entitled to a justified reprieve. What is the point of Rule 33-7/4.5 if it is not put into play when circumstances warrant it?

Those who were baying for his blood under the 'Rules of Golf' conveniently ignored the fact that it was only by Tiger's own admission during three TV interviews that gave the errant Masters officials a clue that hey, perhaps things weren't as kosher as they themselves had made them out to be. Unaware of his gaffe, he described in detail what he thought was a smart piece of strategy, but was in reality a clear violation of a rule so simple most duffers grasp it. In fact, ironically Woods candid comments were the sole cause of his penalty! Strangely, even TV interviewers directly or indirectly did not question his decision. Everyone simply raved at his great shot!

Gaurav Ghei (G-193) playing the Johnny Walker at DLF in 2008 was stunned at being DQ'd after the 3rd round for an unknown-to-him infringement that occurred during the 2nd round! With a referee standing three feet away! Because, one assumes, some armchair twit halfway across the world wanted his moment of fame. Had this rule been in play then, he had a chance at 9-under to win. So also many players including Pdraig Harrington, have experienced humiliation and dismay after the event. Imagine fans at a Test match at Lords calling in to make comments on umpire calls! Or a TV viewer pointing out a missed line-call at Wimbledon!

Tiger's fans were looking forward to the Masters as he was peaking brilliantly just in time to be the favourite to win a 5th Green Jacket. However, on Masters Saturday he was suddenly in the news for all the wrong reasons; on Friday his 3rd shot cannoned off the 15th flagstick and spun back into the creek in front of the green. Woods took the option to play from the original spot.

Tiger's illegal drop exploded into a major controversy, one that left even former champions shaking their head and simply not caring how Tiger Woods managed to stay in the field after signing an inaccurate scorecard, because no explanation was going to satisfy everyone. Some past Champions considered this

as unsporting of Tiger, the star of the game that encourages a player to call penalties upon himself. Shouldn't he have been disqualified instead? Shouldn't he have withdrawn himself from the tournament after being informed he had occurred a breach? Six-times Major winner Sir Nick Faldo was adamant that Woods should fall on his own sword despite the ruling. Greg Norman indicated that disrespect of rules indicated Tiger's lack of respect for the game's integrity.

The fact is, Saturday morning's decision was both fair and proper because while Woods may have erred on Friday, so too did the Masters officials when they failed not only to discuss The Drop with Tiger they didn't even bother to inform him that there was an issue after a TV viewer had called in a breach! So a penalty was not assessed in real time before he signed what he believed to be a correct scorecard. In effect the Masters decided against throwing him out of the tournament for their own failed and hasty investigation into the illegal drop.

Though its hard to believe that Woods, a tour pro for 17 years, could not know or could even become temporarily confused about where you drop a ball after you hit into water. Tiger was obviously so zoned into playing his next shot that he made a genuine mistake. It is far more bizarre that he would deliberately break a rule when in fourth place, and then voluntarily tell the world every tiny detail that could get him penalized or disqualified. (If blame for his mistake were to be apportioned, it is his caddy who should be taking the flack for not being vigilant.)

Ironically in the span of 24 hours, Woods had been both one of the unluckiest golfers in history as well as one of the most fortunate. Though its difficult to fathom, but one really can't get a worse break than hitting the stick and going in the water; and one can't get a better one than a rule change in 2011 that lets you have a chance to win the 2013 Masters when you would have been booted out of any tournament for the same error. Though he goofed up, it's the Masters that blew it. The scorecard controversy was created because the tournament didn't follow protocol.

However, the overwhelming support included Curtis Strange, a World Golf Hall of Famer; who pointed out that 156 players compete over 180 acres of golf course each week; some players are on camera every shot, while others are never. Some viewers call in infractions, and some do not. So it seems pretty unfair that a player should be disqualified if he did not knowingly cheat. Many respected analysts expressed that Tiger should play on to 'protect the dignity of the new Rule'.

So do the Rules of the game require further tweaking? In the modern era with HD cameras and fancy technology and humungous zooms, a few grains of sand caught on a player's backswing can cause much furore... can one penalize something that the human eye cant even see? Is it time for the Rules of Golf to simplify things by banning power to the viewer?

ELEGY TO A TOMB

By Raymond Vickery
(Guest of a member)

What great personages
Lie under mounds of rotting brick?
Surely a ruler
Whose word was command.
Now the silent sambhar
Lowers his horn-crowned head
But takes no notice
In the arched dome.
A small bat squeaks and flits
His droppings falling
As monsoon pellets
On the greatness of command.

And what of the great man's wife?
Surely a vibrant woman
Whirling in the dance

A bearer of new life
Pleased to order servants
And enforce discipline
Throughout her home
For her the peacock
Struts and frets
Looking for the worm
Extruding from the tomb.

Oh Greatness of Command!
Oh Wonders of Achievement!
Marked by this decaying mass.
Look elsewhere
To the sambhar, the peacock and the bat
Now surpassing the grand edifice
Of the tomb.

(Raymond Vickery who has played at the DGC on a few occasions has been very impressed with the overall environment at the DGC. He was part of the Clinton Administration in the US and is a great friend of India working tirelessly over the last few decades towards building closer economic relations between the US and India. After his round on July 18th, 2011 he was inspired by the beautiful tombs surrounded by the pristine and silent beauty of the course to compose this poem.)

Golf seems to be the singular sport where people can call from home during a tournament and report player infractions. The governing bodies didn't think it fair that a player could unknowingly violate a rule, turn in their scorecard, and then AFTERWARDS be subject to a late call from a viewer watching TV at home in his LayZee Boy. **"On April 7th 2011 the R&A and the USGA announced a new interpretation of the rules that apply in limited circumstances not previously contemplated by the Rules of Golf where disqualifications have been caused by score card errors identified as the result of recent advances in video technologies.**

This revision to Decision 33-7/4.5 addresses the situation where a player is not aware he has breached a Rule because of facts that he did not know and could not reasonably have discovered prior to returning his scorecard. Under this revised decision and at the discretion of the Committee, the player still receives the penalty associated with the breach of the underlying Rule, but is not disqualified. In revising the decision, The R&A and the USGA confirm that the disqualification penalty still applies for score card breaches that arise from ignorance of the Rules of Golf. As such, this decision reinforces that it is still the responsibility of the player to know the Rules, while recognizing that there may be some rare situations where it is reasonable that a player is unaware of the factual circumstances of a breach." So in effect a player may sign a wrong card but not automatically be disqualified. Technically when Tiger signed his card, it was correct by the first review of the Committee; the 2-shot penalty was added afterwards making it a 'bad card'.

The critics can cool down - Golf is more exiting than ever and just as "gentlemanly" as ever!
If the Committee gave me such a break, I wouldn't withdraw, would you?


Soni Manjit Singh

Captain's Night 2013

DUNLOP HOT WEATHER CUP (26 MAY 2012)

Winner Mr. Ajay K. Jain 44 Points
Runner up Mr. Kuldip Sarna 41 Points



LODHI CHALLENGE CUP (28 JULY 2012)

Winner Mr. Pankaj Munjal 43 Points
Runner up Mr. B.P. Ojha



DCM CUP (17 AUGUST 2012)

Winner Mr. Dinesh Kaicker 39 Points
Runner up Lt. Gen. Ashok Kumar Puri 38 Points



DELHI FLOUR MILLS CUP (21 & 22 SEPTEMBER 2012)

70 YEARS & ABOVE OVER 09 HOLES

Winner Mr. V.S. Bedi 20 Points
Runner up Mr. P.S. Prasad 20 Points
(On count back)

BELOW 70 YEARS OF AGE (18 HOLES)

Winner Mr. Dev Khurana 38 Points
Runner up Mr. Anirudh Chowdhry 37 Points

LADIES OVER 70 YEARS OVER 09 HOLES

Winner Mrs. Madhu R.K. Singh 17 Points
Runner up Mrs. Shobha Juneja 13 Points



LADIES BELOW 70 YEARS (18 HOLES)

Winner Mrs. Meeta Makhan 40 Points
Runner up Mrs. Situ Puri 36 Points

DELHI GOLF CLUB TROPHY (01 DECEMBER 2012)

Winner Mrs. Eui SukYun Pak 45 Points
Runner up Mr. Babbar S.J. Bahadur 44 Points



SENIORS TOURNAMENT (05 DECEMBER 2012)

Winner Mr. H.L. Bajaj 24 Points
Runner up Mr. Parmeshwar Khanna 23 Points



CAPTAIN'S PRIZE (29 DECEMBER 2012)

Winner Mr. Kush Kumar Sarin 41 Points
Runner up Mr. P.R.S. Brar 41 Points
(On count back)



LT. GOVERNOR'S CUP (11 JANUARY 2013)

Winner Maj. D.N. Dass 41 Points
Runner up Mr. S.S. Dugal 40 Points



PWD CUP (16 MARCH 2013)

Winner Mr. K.K. Bajoria 38 Points
Runner up Dr. Manoranjan 36 Points

LOUIS PHILIPPE CUP (24 JANUARY 2013) H'CAP 9 TO 15

Winner Mr. Rajesh Mehta Gross 79
Runner up Mr. P.R. S. Brar Gross 81

PRIZE WINNERS 2012-2013

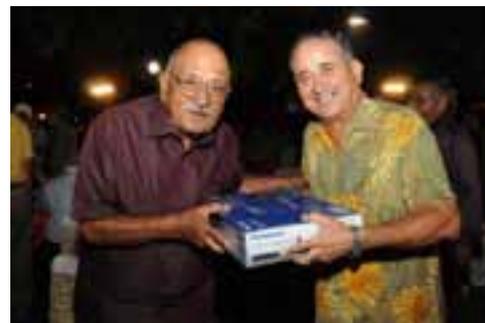
H'CAP 0 TO 8

Winner Mr. Ravinder K Verma Gross 73
Runner up Mr. Binit Rai Handa Gross 75



DGC PANASONIC MEMBERS TOURNAMENT (08 APRIL 2013) 09 HOLES (70 YEARS & ABOVE)

Winner Mr. Man Mohan Sethi 22 Points
Runner up Mr. Vinod Tandon 21 Points



H'CAP 13 - 24 (18 Holes)

Winner Dr. Manoranjan 34 Points
Runner up Mrs. Situ Puri 31 Points

H'CAP 0 - 12 (18 HOLES)

Winner Mr. S.L. Laxminarayan 38 Points
Runner up Mr. Bharat Garg 37 Points

21 April 2013: The Captain's day was celebrated on Sunday, 21st April 2013. More than 800 members attended the celebration. The décor & ambience along with live band was well appreciated by members. A varied choice of food & premium brands of beverages were available through the evening. Prizes for the competitions held during the year were distributed by the President.

RESULTS OF THE SKILL COMPETITIONS

LONGEST DRIVE

Division I : H'cap 9 & under (Gents)

Winner Amit Luthra 272 yards
Runner up R.K.Verma 263 yards

Division II : H'cap 10 to 18 (Ladies)

Winner Arshia Mahant 180 yards
Runner up Bubbles Suneja 175 yards

H'cap 10 to 18 (Gents)

Winner S. Laxminarayan 311 yards
Runner up Alok Mehra 258 yards

Division III : H'cap 19 & above (Ladies)

Winner Banmala Singh 140 yards

H'cap 19 & above (Gents)

Winner Vijay Soni 219 yards
Runner up Dr.J.M. Hans 210 yards

PITCHING Ladies :

Winner Bubbles Suneja
Runner up Sudha Mehra

Gents :

Winner Amit Luthra
Runner up Jai Leelaram

TRAP SHOOTING Ladies :

Winner Arshia Mahant
Runner up Rashika Chauhan

Gents :

Winner Aditya Gupta
Runner up Aryaman Mahant

PUTTING Ladies :

Winner Bubbles Suneja
Runner up Monica Tandon

Gents :

Winner R.K.Verma
Runner up Sai Vikrama

PUTTING: PAST PRESIDENTS/

Winner Raj Bhargava
Runner up Ramesh R. Kohli

Note :There were lot of ties in the Skill Competitions. The Ties were decided on the basis of Lucky Draw.





Manav Jaini (SD-942) scripted a remarkable turnaround with a 3-under 69 in the final round to win the **Jaypee Greens Open** at the Jaypee Greens Golf Resort in Greater Noida on Friday, 26 April 2013

IPL CRICKET MATCHES

will be shown on a big screen in the Club Lawn at 8.00 p.m.

Friday	17th May
Saturday	18th May
Sunday	19th May
Tuesday	21st May
Wednesday	22nd May
Friday	24th May
Sunday	26th May

Members will have a choice of in-house food counters of Bar-be-que, Continental and Chinese food along with a Full Bar during these evenings.

Dependent children of Senior Dependent Members will be allowed to use all F&B facilities provided they are accompanied by their parents/grandparents, subject to applicable age group restrictions at the facilities. They will be charged guest fee @ 10% of applicable guest fee for the day. It is been considered that they be also allowed use of the Swimming Pool from 3-4 pm.

THREE GOLF BALLS –A SOLDIER’S TALE

Brig Suresh Chander (C-250)



Some of us from the weaker section of the golf fraternity had just finished a typical fun tournament at the DGC – the kind where every one gets a box of golf balls regardless of the score. It is an ego booster for golfers who have hardly won any thing other than wooden spoons. Three golf balls were trophies that had to be talked about and I admit that I was flaunting these to the littlest golfers of our Club. One of them brought me down a few notches by saying, “Only three!!” I had to tell him of the time when we would get three worn out balls in exchange for a bottle of army rum. The value of rupee had not only depreciated against the American dollar at that time but was also not acceptable to the wheeler dealers of golf balls – in other words the local caddies. This exchange, I explained, was highly unauthorized but I am safe as the dreaded army rules cannot

be applied for violations committed a few decades earlier. The little fellows showed least interest in details and continued licking their ice creams.

Most old timers would remember that despite the swagger and bluster associated with army officers of those days, the loss of a golf ball would shatter the confidence level resulting in more wayward shots and more lost balls. That was like a financial upheaval. New balls were hardly ever seen in army courses in remote locations. One had to be a top honcho to play with new shiny stuff. These rare commodities were invariably presented to the winner of the local tournament(s): the first prize was a box of balls, the second and third prizes could be anything between talcum powder and Pears soap. The senior most obviously won most contests. Lesser and junior mortals had to battle somewhat

uneven odds – the vagaries of handicap system based on honour code and perhaps the fear of producing a brilliant round that may result in far worse consequences – like posting to non golfing wilderness. As I had gone into an incoherent old timer’s mumble, one of the budding golfers asked me if I had won any golf matches in those days. “Yes, I had.” He is a sharp one, that one. Takes after his grand mother, who I used to admire when she was in college.

Things have changed. There is no shortage of balls and clubs. But some from our generation can hardly forget that we played with old balls and a rusty set of clubs most of our early golfing life. Perhaps, a good enough excuse to have stayed in the sub-standard golf category – but the category that appreciates the gift of three brand new golf balls.



HOLE-IN-ONE Congratulations on the Aces!

LODHI COURSE

The following each have won a memento and a bottle of Ballantine's whisky (for those 25 years and above) to be consumed at the Club.

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
9.02.13	Mr Vijay Sharma	TC-313	7
8.03.13	Mr Sunil Chopra	C-344	12
24.03.13	Mr Rajinder Mohan Sodhi	S-376	17
28.03.13	Mr Govind S Mann	M-441	17
29.03.13	Mr Anil K. Bhatnagar	B-528	17
29.03.13	Mr R.S. Rawal	PR-0064	12
29.03.13	Mr Kaizad Bomi Heerjee	SP-1115	7
10.04.13	Maj. Gen. A.K. Kapur	K-515	17
13.04.13	Mr Rajeev Chopra	CPA-121	17
14.04.13	Mr Vijay Pahwa	P-203	6
16.04.13	Mr Lalit Kumar Nayar	SP916	17
19.04.13	Mr Vinod Misra	M-284	17
19.04.13	Mr H.D. Puri	P-166	5
24.04.13	Mr R.V.S. Juneja	J-145	17
25.04.13	Maj Gen. K.M.S. Shergill	S-295	17
27.04.13	Mr S. Sundareshan	S-839	17

PEACOCK COURSE

The following each have won a memento

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
23.03.13	Mr Kartikeya Bharat Ram	B-491	6
23.03.13	Mr Kush Bhatia	SP-885	6
29.03.13	Mr E.K. Bharat Bhushan	TC-298	6
12.04.13	Mr Sundeep Uderai	SL-323	6
13.04.13	Mr Swaranjit S Sayal	S-918	6

OBITUARY

We are grieved to record the sad demise of the following members:

Mr Inder Lal Oberoi	O-001
Mr S.S. Bery	B-002
Justice P.N. Khanna	K-156
Mrs Mrinal Coomarie Bam	B-10

Through an oversight in the issue no. 76 the membership no. of Mr. A L Ralliarum was given as R-107; his number is actually R-007 the Green Scene apologizes to all concerned for the error.



Jasjit Singh (S-889) has been appointed National High Performance Manager by the IGU. He will be in charge of all National Squads.

The Chairperson of the IGU Ladies Committee **Anuva Saurabh** (S-496) with Nick Faldo and the Indian Juniors' Team at the Faldo Asia Series at Mission Hills, China in March 2013.



Anuva Saurabh also captained the Indian Women's Golf Team to the Queen Sirikit Cup in Taipei, Taiwan, April 2013. India came in 8th position and **Gurbani Singh** (D-210) finished a creditable individual 12th position.



As a lifetime achievement recognition, **JK Jain** (J-116) has been accredited as 'Long and Distinguished Journalist (L & D J)' by the Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt of India. Mr Jain has published numerous journals and papers including 'AVION' a specialized English language Journal on Aviation & Tourism for over two decades.



Manisha Girotra (A-206) who has received several awards in the corporate field and has been in Business India's 25 Most Powerful Women for the past five years, was assigned a full session as a Corporate Achiever at the India Today Woman Summit and Awards held at Hyatt Regency in April 2013.



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LADY CAPTAIN

Bubbles Suneja

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF LADIES SECTION



Windsor Cup, Ranikhet

Though an invitation was extended for an all-paid golfing holiday to 40 ladies by past Captain Chander Talwar and her son Navnit Talwar (T-001), only 16 enthusiastic women drove up the beautiful Uttarakhand mountains in a luxury coach they had hired. The hospitality at the Windsor Lodge, a heritage hotel, was outstanding with entertainment shows and the golfers wining and dining the evenings away. Golf on a deeply undulating course with 'browns' was a different experience altogether, a test of the women's fitness! But the views of the majestic snow-capped Himalayas more than made up! The inaugural Windsor Cup was won aptly by the LC Bubbles Suneja, with Eui Suk Yun and Soni M Singh collecting the skills prizes.



All the participants at Ranikhet



Prize Winners with Brig Navnit Singh and Navnit Talwar

The 11th **DGC Invitational Inter-Club Tournament**, held on March 25, attracted teams from seven clubs in the NCR region. 78 ladies were treated to giveaways and a delicious breakfast, followed by a shot-gun start. AEPTA Team 'A' won with 97 points, with NOIDA 'A' coming in 2nd. A sumptuous lunch followed in the annexe.

Spring Coaching Camp

This April, the bi-annual coaching camps took on a different flavour. Nonita Lall Qureshi held separate sessions on two days in Putting and Chipping. She reiterated the importance of the short game, specially for women who need accuracy to score well. Both sessions were very well attended, individual attention was given to all. The scores are bound to come down! The sessions ended with coffee and light snacks and further tips from Noni!

The IGU Ladies Committee organized a Coaching Camp at the DGC conducted by Nonita Lall Qureshi for the second rung of junior girls over five days in April 2013. The Ladies Section members Sifat Sagoo, Sifat and Seerat Alag and Arshia Mahant greatly benefitted from this experience.



Ladies honing putting skills with Nonita Lall Qureshi

DGCLS COMPETITIONS' RESULT

The Jind Cup (Match play) March 26

Winner Monica Tandon
Runner-up Shiraz Singh

The Genesta Salver (Match play) March 26

Winner Champika Sayal
Runner-up Anjali Nagpal

Madho Prasad Challenge Cup March 28

Winner Kamini Gupta 75 (count back)
Runner-up Vanita Malhotra 75

The 11th DGC Inter-club Golf Competition March 25

Winner Team AEPTA 124 Pts.
Runner-up Team Noida Golf Club 122 pts.
Individual Winner Rashika Chauhan 35 pts.

The March Medal March 28

Silver Division	Winner	Kamini Gupta	75 Nett
Bronze Division	Winner	Vanita Malhotra	75 Nett

The May Medal May 01

Silver Division	Winner	Nimmi Dhir	74 Nett
Bronze Division	Winner	Kanwal Verma	75 Nett

Lady Irwin Cup (Match play) April 30

Winner Gauri Monga
Runner-up Neelam Sihota



A Night of the Golfing Queens!

The Lady Captain's Night on Sunday April 14 celebrating 50 years of the Ladies Section was a resounding success! On this spectacular evening those who had contributed to the growth of the Ladies Section were honoured with certificates and gold-plated silver spoons to mark the occasion. They included past Lady Captains, the record-holding sponsor Siddharth Shriram, past National Champions as well as two senior most members of the section including the 97 year old Shakuntala Bhatia, who still takes active interest in the matters of the Section! The President Gulli Juneja and Captain Kapil Channa were also similarly felicitated. Past Captain Soni M Singh took the guests on short ride down memory lane. The 270-strong guests included past DGC Captains and those who have made regular contributions to the Ladies Section coffers over the years.

A fun program conceived by Lushin Dubey was brilliantly enacted by comic Andrew Hoffland and Rueben Israel sang songs written specially for the occasion, to the catchy tunes of Abba's music! Many ladies jumped onto the stage to join in the chorus, and stayed on to dance to brilliant music by DJ Mohit.



Special 50th Year Competition

60 enthusiastic ladies participated in the Stableford Competition on April 10. The players were treated to breakfast and giveaways. A Monster Putting competition on the Practice Putting Green after the round saw a winner emerge in each group.

For the first time a competition was simultaneously held on the Peacock Course, which proved popular:

DGCLS 50 Years Competition Lodhi Course

Winner	Shiraz Singh	39 pts.
Runner-up	Monica Tandon	37 pts.

DGCLS 50 Years Competition Peacock Course

Winner	Asha Sahgal	34 pts.
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Raphael Jacquelin won the the European Tour event, the **Open de Espana** in the longest playoff on the European Tour since 1989 – 9 holes which took over two hours!

Tiger Woods earned his 76th career PGA Tour win at the **WGC-Cadillac Championship** at the Blue Monster course, Miami on March 11th. He fended off a star-studded leader board to finish at 19 under par for his second victory of the year.

Sharmilla Nicollet retained her Ladies European Tour card with an impressive 9-under total at the 5-round qualifying event in Marrakesh, Morocco. The Indian golfer joins the top 30 and ties for 2013.

Gaganjit Bhullar zoomed to the top of the Asian Tour money list momentarily after an impressive 2nd place finish at the Avantha Masters at the Jaypee Greens on April 16. Bhullar, atop the Asian Order of Merit, also became India's top ranked golfer in **World Rankings at # 85**. Inspired by greats like Els and HG Choi, he launched a charity in March. "The Gaganjit Bhullar Foundation for Underprivileged Kids". He has been named the Brand Ambassador of Tourism Authority of Thailand.

China is producing them young! 14-year old **Guan Tianlang** astonished the world by earning a spot at the Masters. The 12 year old **Yo Wocheng** qualified to play in the Volvo China Open. In 2008 Hong Kong's **Jason Hak** became the youngest player at 14 years and 304 days to reach the weekend rounds of an European Tour Event. **Andy Zhang** at 14 years is the youngest competitor at the US Open in 2012.

DAZZLING AMATEUR

Chinese teenager **Guan Tianlang** completed an historic Masters appearance as the youngest golfer ever at 14 years with a creditable score of 12-over tying for 58th place; this included 1-stroke penalty for slow play. He is also the youngest player ever to make the cut on the PGA Tour. Incredibly, with four



different green-speeds over four rounds, the youngster did not make a single 3-putt! He came in 71st place at the Zurich Classic. A very mature and easy-going head on a 125-pound body!

Thomas Aiken achieved success on his maiden trip to India with a flawless last round 67 to win the **Avantha Masters** at the Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida on March



17. Aiken was aided by a brilliant second round 62! Himmat Rai was the second Indian golfer to finish in the top ten.

Tiger Woods clinched his 77th PGA Tour win at the **Arnold Palmer Invitational** at Orlando, Florida on March 24.

With his eighth win of this tournament Woods tied a PGA Tour record set 48 years ago by Sam Snead. His putter was like a magic wand through the tournament: of the 77 players who made the cut, Tiger was way down at No 75 in driving accuracy!

The record for maximum number of wins of a single tournament is held by Gary Player: 13 wins of the South African Open!

Tiger roared back to reclaim his throne at the **World No 1** on March 24. He proved that his pursuit of excellence is alive and kicking even though he was off for 125 weeks. This is the 11th time Tiger is on the top.

Stacey Lewis won the LPGA **Founders Cup** on March 18, to end Yani Tseng's 109 weeks as World No 1 at Desert Ridge, Phoenix, with a tournament record of 23-under 265, despite a 2-shot penalty.

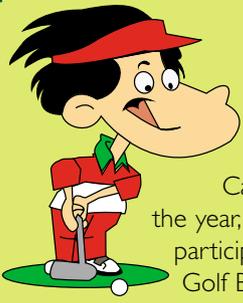


GREAT SCOTT! THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER!

Players from countries in two southern continents fought a bitter battle for **The Masters** tournament 2013 at the Augusta National Golf Club. The 43-year old popular and lovable grandfather from Argentina **Angel Cabreros**, world ranked 269, with his son on his bag, pulled out shot after miraculous shot to steadily climb up the Leaderboard, the most spectacular being his approach shot to the 18th green practically a gimme, to force **Adam Scott** into a playoff. Scott himself had holed a dramatic 25 foot putt on the 72nd for the lead. The wet and windy conditions didn't lessen the motivation of both players wanting to wrest the title. The scars from his devastating defeat at The Open 2012 were blurred in an instant when Scott showed tremendous determination to birdie on the 2nd playoff hole to become the first Australian to win the Masters!



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Juniors Annual Day 22TH APRIL 2013

Once again youngsters dotted the JTP area, 80 in all, to compete in the various Skills Competitions organized by the Ladies Section. The occasion had a festive atmosphere with balloons, maples and music. The President, Captain and Lady Captain interacted with the juniors and presented the prizes for overall performance over the year, as well as for competitions held during the afternoon. 30 children of staff/caddy boys participated in the event. The DGC's efforts are bearing fruit. Shubham Jaglan was presented a Callaway Golf Bag for his stupendous performance through the year in India and overseas. The 8-year old thumped the ball 210 yards down the fairway! The Tea was a runaway success!

GOLFER OF THE YEAR 2012-2013 SHUBHAM JAGLAN



Proud Prize Winners with the Captain and the President



Winners (Boys)

Category "A"	Satwik Jain
Category "B"	Arjun R. Bahadur
Category "C"	Sarthak Chibber
Category "D"	Eshan Sethi

Winners (Girls)

Category "A" & "B"	Sifat K. Alag
Category "C"	Arshia Mahant
Category "D"	Himadari



Seher Atwal (A-144) finished 3rd in her division at the Hank Haney Asian Tour Of Champions April 2-4, at Chachoengsao, Thailand. By virtue of a top 3 finish including 3-under in the 1st round, she has won US\$ 10,000/- towards a full year training or summer training programme at the Hank Haney International Junior Golf Academy, USA.

The Ladies Section sent two junior girls - **Sifat Sagoo** (ST-0848) and **Seerat Alag** (ST-0644) - to play **True Visions International Junior Golf Championship 2013** from March 26-29 at Windsor Park & Golf Club, Bangkok, Thailand, organized by Thailand Junior Golf Federation.



Rohan Rana (SF-001), son of the Club Peon Jagdish did the DGC proud by his creditable 3rd position out of 74 entries, at the **Usha-IGU Delhi Juniors Golf Championship** at the Qutub Golf Course, April 16-19, with scores of 70, 73, 76, 71. Rohan is No 10 on the IGU Junior Merit List.

Usha Army Junior Girls Golf Championship,

April 9-11

Category "A & B"	Winner	Gurbani Singh	222 gross.
Category "C"	Winner	Arshia Mahant	254 gross



ORMSBY WINS PANASONIC OPEN INDIA

Australian Wade Ormsby claimed a nerve-jangling maiden Asian Tour title at the Panasonic Open India to deny Thai veteran Boonchu Ruangkit a historic victory at the Delhi Golf Club.

Ormsby overcame a disastrous triple bogey on the third hole to shoot a final round one-under-par 71 to win the US\$ 300,000 tournament by one stroke from the 56-year-old Boonchu, who was bidding to become the oldest winner on the region's premier Tour.

The wire-to-wire win earned Ormsby's the winner's cheque of US\$ 54,000 and moved him up to eighth place on the Order of Merit.

Singapore's Lam Chih Bing, who led briefly during the final round, settled for third place after carding a level par 72 while Shiv Kapur's search for a first win on his home course was extended after he bogeyed two of his last three holes to finish three shots

behind Ormsby in fourth position.

However, the Aussie showed great character by shooting birdies on the fifth, seventh and eighth holes to stay in the title hunt.

He bogeyed the 12th and needed an 18-foot birdie conversion on 17 which proved decisive as Boonchu's title challenge faded with a bogey on 16.

"It means so much. I've played tournaments worldwide but to finally get a win in Asia is fantastic", said Ormsby.

Boonchu, age 56 years who was bidding to become the oldest winner in the Asian Tour history, seemed on course to create history but a costly bogey on the 16th put paid to all hopes.

Shiv Kapur was the highest-placed Indian in the field at fourth position, SSP Chowrasia and defending champion Digvijay Singh finished tied fifth at five-under-283. Shamim Khan (284) in tied eighth position and Rahil Gangjee and Manav Jaini (285) in joint 10th were the other Indians in the top-10.

PANASONIC OPEN 2013

Panasonic India Pvt Ltd and the Asian Tour extended an invitation for one team comprising juniors to participate in the Pro-Am. This opportunity, a first, was wrested by two boys and one girl who topped in two junior qualifying events hosted by Champions Junior Golf Tour. Along with their pro Sanjay Kumar, the team finished at the very creditable score of -16.

On 6th April, pros Stephen Lewton and Dodge Kemmer, who had captained their teams whilst at college in the US, held an hour long golf clinic for over thirty juniors invited by the CJGT, with whom they also shared information regarding college golf in the States. The extra challenge of the juniors long drive competition on the Stimulator won them some great prizes sponsored by Taylormade.

Another first was experienced on the last day when the five



Juniors escorting the pros onto the 1st tee

leader groups were escorted onto the 1st tee by uniformed school kids who were tournament prize winners on the CJGT much like what happens at major soccer events! As all this was live on TV; it was tremendous exposure for the synergy between schools and golf.

India's **Anirban Lahiri** successfully defended his title at the SAIL-SBI Open presented by Incredible India, Ministry of Tourism following a thrilling play-off victory over young countryman Delhi's **Rashid Khan** on March 8.

The 25-year-old Lahiri birdied the 18th hole from 10 feet in regulation play to force extra-time and then claimed his third Asian Tour victory with a four-foot birdie conversion on the same hole in front of a large gallery.

The two were tied at 15-under after 72 holes after Lahiri birdied the 18th for the fourth day in a row. Then Lahiri birdied the 18th in the play-off yet again – this one for the fifth time this week – and it gave him the title.

Lahiri became only the second Indian to successfully defend an Asian tour title.

It was a great week for the Indians; as many as seven Indians finished in top-15 and ties.

There was heartbreak for Khalin Joshi, the early leader in the tournament. He closed the week with a triple bogey on 18th and from a top-5 he dropped to tied 11th. A top-5 would have ensured a spot in the event at Chiangmai later this month.

The final round of the US\$ 300,000 event, which is part of the Asian Tour's milestone 10th season celebration in 2013, was a

nail-biting affair with Rashid and Lahiri exchanging leads on the back nine.

The slender Rashid, playing in the penultimate group, brilliantly birdied his 72nd hole from three feet but could do very little as Lahiri coolly matched his closing birdie from 10 feet to force the play-off.

Rashid, 22, gave himself a great chance of a maiden title on the region's premier Tour with a superb final round of six-under-par 66 which included a closing birdie but he could not prevent a dominant Lahiri, who signed off with a 68, from grabbing the winner's cheque of US\$ 54,000.

"It's not sunk in. I'm still in disbelief that I made the putt in regulation and got into the play-off. After that, in the next 15 minutes, I didn't know what happened. Unfortunately for Rashid, it didn't work out for him. I feel bad for him as he doesn't have a card on the Asian Tour. He's got a bright future ahead of him," said a gracious Lahiri.

Rashid, who grew up at the Delhi course, held his head up high. "I played really good. Holed good putts and played really well this week. Starting with a par 72 on the first day and losing in a play-off, it's disappointing," said Khan, who picked up US\$ 33,000.



Anirban Lahiri receives the winner's cheque from Montek Singh Ahluwalia

ETIQUETTE: BEHAVIOUR ON THE COURSE

Golf can give us tremendous amount of joy, happiness, good health, respect and honour provided we play according to Rules and observe Etiquette as prescribed in the Rule Book. It is a pity that those who break the Code of Etiquette miss out on enjoying the game themselves and cause uncalled for disturbance to fellow members.



Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn. This can be achieved by lining up putts while other players are playing, provided there is no disturbance or distraction for them. Here Phil Mickelson putts out while Tiger Woods prepares for his putt.

Stewart Lawson, past Captain of the R&A, had observed that while the Rules of Golf were responsible for the conduct of the game, Etiquette was the Soul of the game of Golf, and that every golfer should do whatever possible to make golf enjoyable for himself and others by his proper behaviour on the course. No wonder every R&A member takes special pains to thoroughly study the Section I on Etiquette which helps him to conduct himself in a most admirable manner during a round of golf.

Let us also go through some of the provisions as provided in the

Section "Etiquette" in this issue of The Green Scene:

INTRODUCTION

The overriding principle is that "Consideration must be shown to others on the course at all times". This includes NO shouting or using harsh language with any one including caddies and fore caddies.

SPIRIT OF THE GAME

Golf relies on the integrity of a player to call penalties on himself even if no one has seen the breach of rules. This is the height of sportsmanship and deserves highest praise. All players must conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times.

SAFETY

Like any sport Golf can also cause injury if players are careless. Players on the course can be hurt by an opponent's golf club during a stroke or a golf ball in various ways. In fact only a few months ago a caddy at one of the neighbouring courses died due to injuries sustained from an errant golf ball. Players must ensure and take suitable action to avoid injury to others.

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PLAYERS

This is the main theme of this Section. Players MUST NOT DISTURB OTHER PLAYERS' PLAY by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise. Players should not stand close to, or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play. On the putting green, players should not stand on another players' line of putt or, when he is making a stroke, cast a shadow over his line of putt and remain near the green until all players in the group have holed out.

PACE OF PLAY

Nobody likes slow play. Golfers feel frustrated if they have to suffer long waits during the round. PLAYERS must therefore keep up with the group in front and be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When the play of the hole has been completed, they must immediately leave the green. Player should play a provisional ball, if he believes his ball may be lost or out of bounds, to save time.

PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

Priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. Term "group" includes a single player. Any group playing a whole round is entitled to pass a group playing a shorter round.

CARE OF COURSE

Bunkers: Before leaving a bunker, a player should make sure to smooth over the bunker.

Repair of Divots, Ball-Marks and Damage by Shoes:

Players should repair any divots and damage to the putting green.

Preventing Unnecessary Damage:

Players should avoid causing damage to the course by taking extra practice swings or hitting the club into the ground in anger. They should be extremely careful not to cause any damage to the hole in any manner whatsoever, as could be caused by lifting the ball out with a putter. Notices regulating the movement of golf carts should be strictly observed, especially during the monsoon when much damage can be caused to the course.

CONCLUSIONS; Penalties for a breach

If a player follow these guidelines, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone. If the Committee finds a player has breached these guidelines more than a couple of times, it can forbid the offender to play for a given period. AND it would be a good idea for the Committee to honour those who observe Etiquette.

If golfers follow the R&A guidelines, they will feel proud of their own behaviour at the course and find fellow golfers treat them with great admiration.

Just try and see the difference.

Prakash Bhandari (B-339)
(President Delhi Golf Society)



(1) Always repair divots, (2) carefully repair pitch-marks on the putting green and (3) smooth over footprints and other marks when leaving a bunker. (4) Do not lean on your putter when removing the ball from the hole.



Tackle Obesity

By Dr. Pradeep Chowbey

Vice Chairman – Max Healthcare & Director – Minimal Access, Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery at Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket

What is Obesity?

Obesity is a medical condition characterised by excessive fat stores which adversely affects the health and well being of a person.

What causes Obesity?

1. Lack of Caloric Balance – Eating more calories than the body is using, one will store the extra calories as fat and gain weight
2. An Inactive Lifestyle
3. Easily available processed and unhealthy foods and oversized food portions
4. Genetic factors
5. Variations in body metabolism

What is BMI?

Obesity has been quantified to represent a range of weight groups from healthy, overweight, obese and morbidly obese. This mathematical calculation of a person's unit weight is called Body Mass Index (BMI).

It is calculated by the following formula:

$$BMI = \frac{\text{Weight (in kilograms)}}{\text{Height (m)} \times \text{Height (m)}}$$

How to fight Obesity?

1. Prevention

Gaining knowledge about the disease, its causes and associated risks right from childhood. More than 80% of obese children grow up into obese adults. It is essential to sensitize the school authorities, parents and children about Body Mass Index (BMI), which should be kept within normal range and maintained with a balance of healthy dietary habits and exercise regimes

2. Treatment

- For people whose BMI is above 27.5 kg/m² with any obesity related medical conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes etc or people who BMI is above 32.5 kg/m² without any obesity related medical condition; dietary changes and lifestyle modifications including an exercise regime help the patient to reach their normal BMI

At Max Healthcare, we offer a scientific and multidisciplinary



approach to weight loss at OBESITY CLINIC. Our team of dieticians, counselors, bariatric physician, endocrinologist and psychologists work closely with our patients to help them adjust to their new eating habits and lifestyle changes.

- For people who fall in the Morbidly Obese category i.e. BMI >37.5kg/m² with or without obesity related medical conditions or BMI >32.5kg/m² with obesity related medical conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, sleeping disorders, joint pains etc.; Surgical Intervention is advised.

Bariatric Surgery not only helps in long term sustained weight loss in a healthy way, but also helps in resolving a lot of obesity related health problems such as Type II Diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, sleeping disorders, joint pains etc.

BMI CHART

<18.5 kg/m ²	Underweight
18.5-23.5 kg/m ²	Normal
23.5-27.5 kg/m ²	Overweight
27.5-37.5 kg/m ²	Obese
>32.5 kg/m ² with obesity related medical conditions like Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Sleeping Disorders	Morbidly Obese
>37.5 kg/m ² with or without obesity related medical conditions	
>50 kg/m ²	Super Obese
>60 kg/m ²	Super Super Obese

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