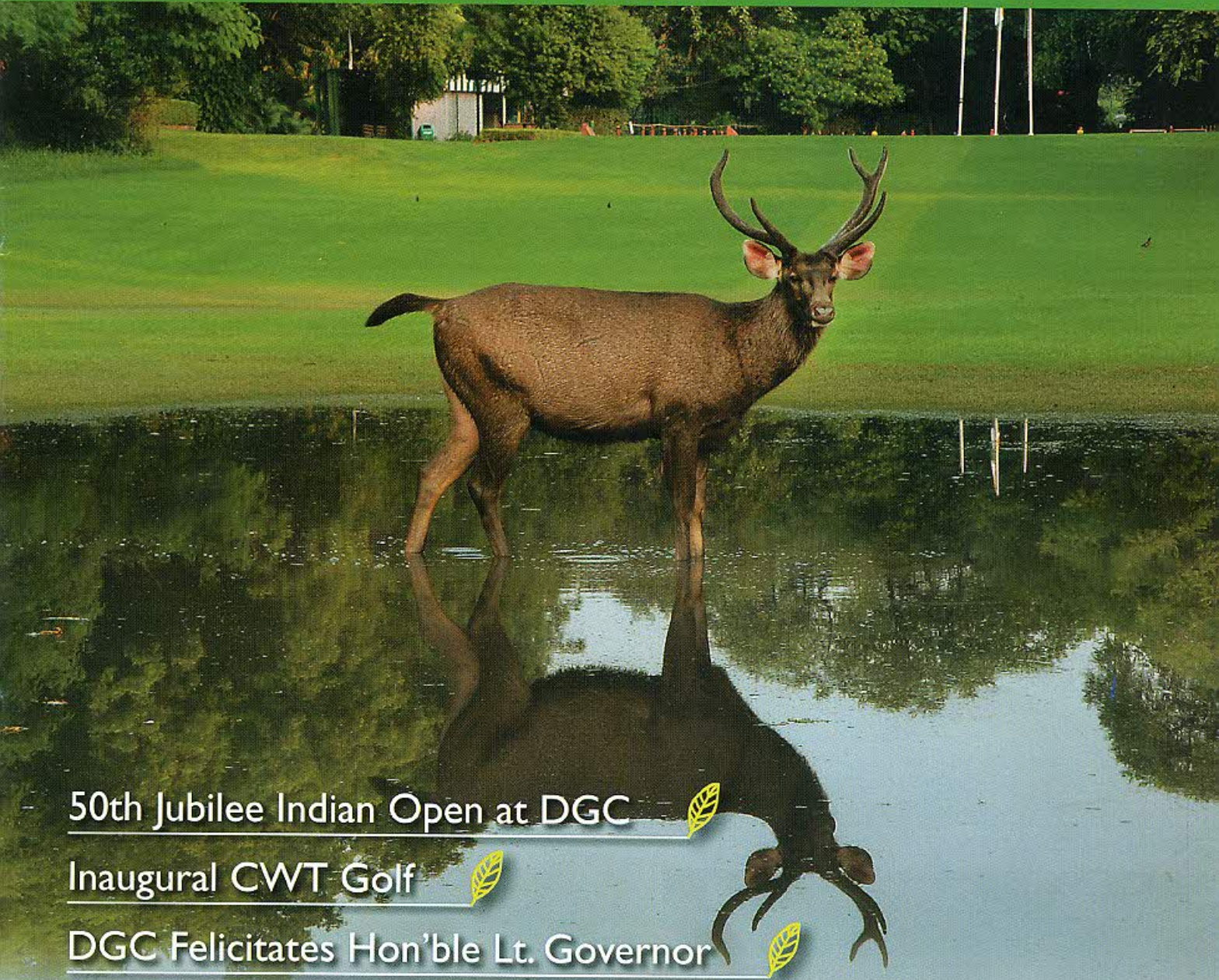
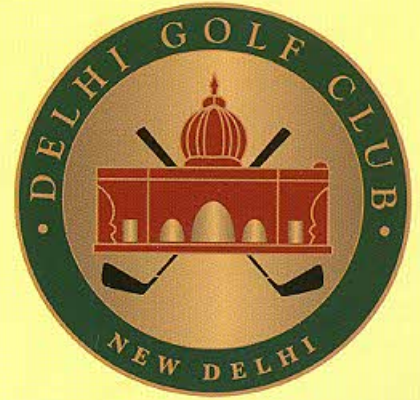




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50th Jubilee Indian Open at DGC

Inaugural CWT Golf

DGC Felicitates Hon'ble Lt. Governor

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Tee off with the Captain



Great News Members!

In November 2013, DGC will host for the first time both the **Indian Open** Men and Women.

The men's Indian Open is celebrating its Golden Jubilee and it is only befitting that it be held at the DGC where it began, in 1964. Since then the Open has been played at DGC 25 times, this being the 26th! The Ladies Open (part of the European Tour) will be a first.

Thanks to a very pragmatic approach taken by the General Committee, all major hurdles were discussed and crossed and we will be witnessing some high quality international golf. I would like to specially thank the IGU, Secretary General, General Parmar.

The downside is that both these Professional Tournaments are coming up in November leading to closure of the Course. However, the upside is that for the first time there will be only one week advance closure of the Lodhi Course for the Open, (the General Committee insisted on this against the earlier requirement of a minimum two to three weeks in the past). There will be no advance closure of the Course at all for the Women's Open which again the General Committee made clear to the organizers on a "take it or leave it basis" during negotiations.

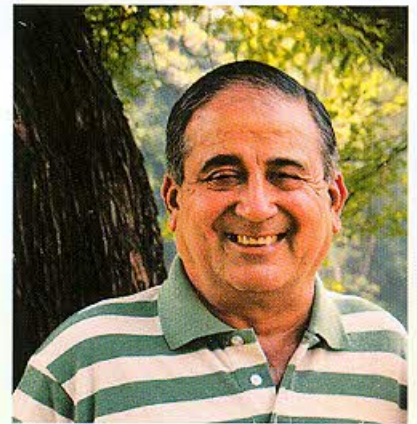
In real terms, the actual closure of the Lodhi Course for members will be two weeks in November. The good news is that your Committee for the first time has been able to get both the organizers to agree that the PDR and Chipping Area will be open for the members throughout both the Tournaments. Additionally, the Peacock Course (Holes 1-8) will be open for members except on the actual days of the Tournament. We have already started our dialogue with all the Golf Courses in the NCR (including the latest Unitech one on the Greater Noida Highway) for members to play during the closed days.

This year July / August saw the monsoon in full fury and the Course Management did a great job by working round the clock to keep both the Courses going. They also kept the members posted 24 / 7 by SMS on Course conditions. This experiment proved very successful especially for the morning golfers.

The news on the Breaches / new Building NOC has been disappointing. Despite our back-to-back meetings in July we still have not been granted permission. The only silver lining is the NOC received in August for the cutting of 133 trees required in the up-gradation of the Peacock Course, from the L&DO.

Major renovation projects have been on, and the first phase of the Main Bar should be completed by mid September. The Annexe kitchen, and the indoor and outdoor kitchens of the Pub

are massive projects and this will be one facility which all of us will be proud of when completed. Both these projects have been on the drawing board since 2006 and finally it was put together and started in July. The new Annexe Kitchen (which will also service the Swimming Pool) and the Pub kitchens will also go a long way in promoting hygienic and healthy working conditions for our kitchen staff.



On the HR front, all Interviews / Appointments have been completed and the new inductees joined in July. The Club Organogram is being updated and it has been decided to take the professional help of a specialist in this field to benchmark these on all fronts as per industry guidelines.

The herculean task of compiling up-to-date information about our members for the latest Member's Directory, which included details of A, B & C category members, has been completed. The Directory was sponsored by Living Media Ltd through the good offices of Mr Anil Mehra (Treasurer) and has been couriered to all in-station members living in Delhi and the NCR.

On the F&B front, members have already written to us on the new introduction of Soups, Continental & Indian Dishes in the 'Day's Special Menu' created by Rohit Anand, our new Executive Chef.

You can expect major changes in the working of our F&B arm as with the new professional team of Pushkar Singh (F&B Mgr) / Rohit Anand (Executive Chef) / Rajendra Singh (Food Controller) in place, a major leap forward is on the cards vis a vis menus, portions, pricing etc and we will see the results from October onwards.

Lastly the General Committee lays down office at the end of September and I would like to thank each one of my colleagues on the General Committee for their advice and support. We stuck to our first Monday of every month for the monthly General Committee meetings (a few happened in between) and except for the first 2/3 months, a lot of good work has been done and I will send you the report card of those achievements by way of separate letter:

Last but not the least, with all the rain the turf on the fairway and the greens has been really soft. May I request all members to please ensure that between you and your caddy, you repair, if not all, at least 3 pitch marks / divots each time you are on the Course.

Happy Golfing!

Regards,

KAPIL CHANNA



GREENS

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



This year Delhi witnessed a full monsoon in July / August which no doubt was good for our forest and Course. On certain days it did lead to flooding, resulting in Course closure. However, for the first time we introduced a SMS system to keep the Members posted on Course conditions.

This monsoon season, the Course Management has planted 470 tree saplings and 3947 saplings of other small shrubs, hedge plants etc on the Course. Besides deseeding of tees, fairways and rough areas were also undertaken to control grassy weeds growing in turf grass areas.

Chipping Area renovation work was undertaken in-house in August and the work should finish soon. There was a demand from members for correcting the existing design layout of chipping bunkers and greens. Now the two bunkers have been expanded and raised while a portion of green is worked out to suit proper chipping practice by everybody including the youngsters and coaches.

The Practice Hitting rope station near Tee No 1 has also been refurbished and the old decaying structure replaced. In the Practice Driving Range the damaged poles have been replaced and safety net installed. New bay dividers have also been positioned.

In the workshop machinery fleet we had a new entrant "Cushman Trickster" a heavy duty multi-utility vehicle, with multiple attachment options, that can be used for multiple Course operations.

On 13th August there was a site visit for the Indian Open [scheduled for 7-10 November 2013] by Asian Tour Director, Jittisak Tamprasert. He has submitted his requirement regarding Course conditions and suggested pruning of overhanging of tree branches at some places along with compacted bunkers.

Now that the monsoons seem to be over and sunny weather predicted, the Course Management will immediately start with maintenance operations like sand topdressing and fertilization of greens to bring them back to a healthy and green condition. Creeper plants that grow during the monsoon season are being removed.

F&B

CHAIRMAN: Mr TS Sawhney
CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Greesh Bindra

A **Jack Daniel's gift promotion** is in place 08 August - 30 September:

Members get a chance to win J.D. playing cards, J.D. wrist bands, J.D. t-shirts, exclusive J.D. pens with LED lights, J.D. collapsible bags, and visiting card holders. Fill in a coupon, on purchasing a small drink to participate in a Mega Draw to win a **Harley Davidson bike**.



A successful **Ballantines Finest promotion** was held from 09 August to 08 September with exciting prizes won in Lucky Draws and the chance to participate in a mega draw of a trip to the Phoenix Golf Resort in Hanoi.

Fosters Pint Beer promotion currently gets members a complimentary Fosters pint with every purchase of Chicken Malai Tikka, Chicken Gilafi Kebab and Mutton Seekh Kebab.

Renovations: The Main Bar counter is expected to be operational in the first week of October. Renovation of the Annexe commenced 01 August. Meanwhile, a makeshift kitchen has been erected on the paved area, to facilitate service.

The Executive Chef has introduced new soups, continental and Indian dishes in 'Day Special' menus. A physical Inventory of hard and soft beverages is conducted every Monday by the F&B Controller.

Events: A Caddies Welfare Trust Members Tournament and Gala Charity Dinner / Lucky Draw was organized on 07 September:

Below are pictures of some of the Lucky Draw winners; members enjoying the party and having a traditional Thai massage during their round.



