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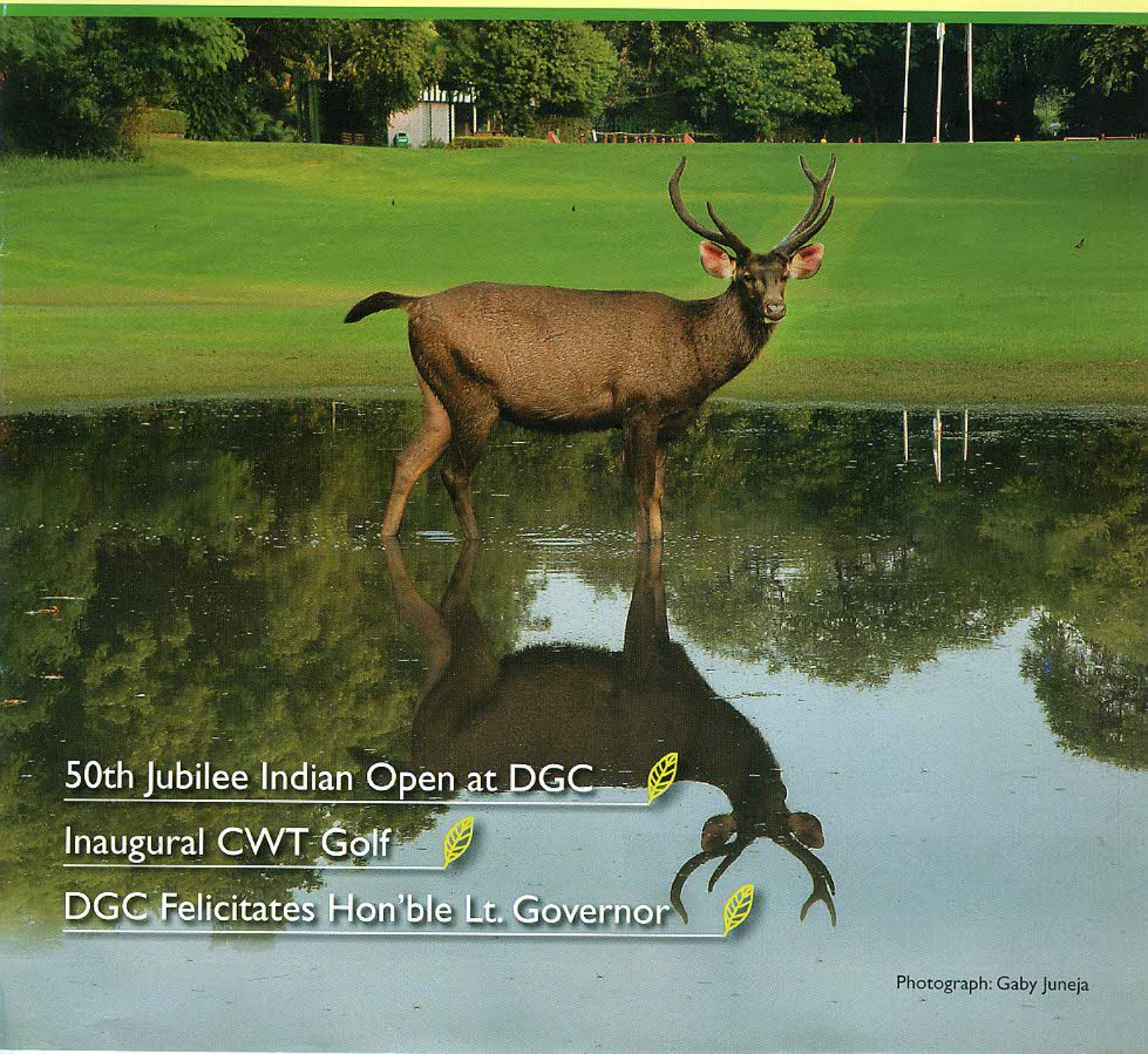


50th Jubilee Indian Open at DGC

Inaugural CWT Golf

DGC Felicitates Hon'ble Lt. Governor

Photograph: Gaby Juneja

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.

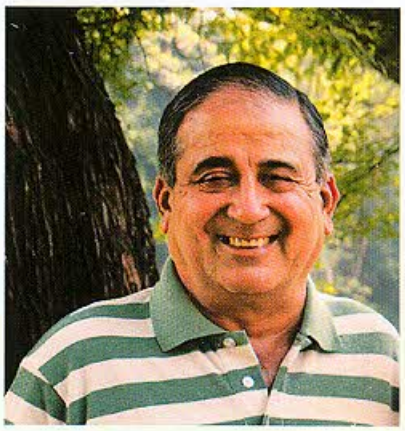
The downside is that both these Professional Tournaments are coming up in November leading to closure of the Course. However, the upside is that for the first time there will be only one week advance closure of the Lodhi Course for the Open, (the General Committee insisted on this against the earlier 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

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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 healthly and green condition. Creeper plants that grow during the monsoon season are being removed.

F&B

CHAIRMAN: MrTS 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.

Sub-Committees Reports

FINANCE

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

The implementation of strict checks and balances, continuous monitoring on budgeted v/s actual expenses and timely review of monthly accounts have shown very encouraging results. We have achieved a surplus of Rs 53.64 lacs as on 31st July 2013 against budgeted surplus of Rs 7.97 lacs, in comparison to a deficit of Rs.35.27 lacs of the corresponding period in the last year. We are sure that this process will continue and we can look forward to a healthy surplus for the financial year 2013-14.

Due to the sudden increase in the price of vegetables in the month of July and an increase in prices of other raw materials due to new annual tenders, the gross margins on catering sales have come down. The F&B team is in the process of identifying the largely affected items so that a price increase may be implemented only on those items rather than increasing prices of all items, as has been done in the past. Utmost care will be taken not to increase the prices of those items already on the high side.

The present Finance Committee has approved all the Capital/ Major projects proposed by the various committees for the betterment of services to the members during its tenure, even after doing so the Cash Reserves which this Committee took over from the last, has increased by more than Rs. Seven Crores.

TECHNOLOGY

CHAIRMAN: Mr Anil Virmani

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

- A hand held device for billing at the Ice Cream Counter for better and faster service from 18 July onwards. Very soon this facility will be extended to other locations such as the 14 Tee, Swimming Pool, Card Room, PDR, Lawn etc.
- A link is being created for applicants to check their profile online through our official website www.delhigolfclub.org.
- Microfilming and digitization of documents and records has been completed and the same has been handed over to the Secretariat.
- Issuance of Application Forms online for membership after e-payment of Rs.2000/- is being implemented as a pilot project. The process will be refined further with experience, with the aim to go completely online.
- Payments may be made by members through the Club's Payment Gateway. Members are requested to use this facility to pay their bills through www.delhigolfclub.org.

HRD

CHAIRMAN: Mr Ashwini Luthra
CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Satish Girotra

During the year gone by, we have worked diligently to fill up all the vacant posts in the Club. These included Secretary, Chef, Food Controller, Estate Manager and Assistant Manager Maintenance. The last one, that of Purchase Officer was recently filled in August. It was a daunting task to find the right candidates. We are happy to inform you that today there are no posts lying vacant and we have a set of qualified and experienced personnel in place.

Incentives and promotions for staff and executives have been finalized after consultations with HODs. It was ensured that staff who have not been considered in earlier years are rewarded, if their performance was noted as worthy of recognition.

A professional Caddies Training Programme was organised in July with the help of Director Tournaments PGTI, Mr. Sampath Chari.

Assisted by DGC's Golf Operations and Course Management teams, a holistic overview of a caddy's responsibilities was imparted with the use of audio-visual aids and practical on-course training.

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T&H

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

We are delighted to inform all members that the 50th Hero Indian Open and first Ladies Hero Open both conducted under the auspices of the Asian and European Tour will be held at DGC, 7 – 10 November 2013 and 28 – 30 November 2013 respectively.

The recently concluded Caddies Welfare Trust Tournament followed by the Gala Dinner and Lucky Draw on 7 September was a great success and well received by members and sponsors alike. It is this Committees recommendation and hope that the event be established as an annual fixture on the Club's golfing calendar and that members continue to come forward to support this noble cause. The prizes were keenly contested and several winners declared on count back. The organisers also included four girls from the Ladies Section's Golfing Girl Child Programme, supported by Shreya Ghei; the girls were invitees of the CWT and the Ghei family who sponsor them.

HE Pisan Minawapat, Ambassador of Thailand, sportingly presented all the prizes including the Special Prizes, after Rakesh Whorra (W-072) unveiled the beautiful CWT Trophy he had created for the Trust, based on an image of one of DGC's own caddies.

HOUSE

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

Our big project of the Main Bar has been planned well and everything is in place including contractor material and staff. Unfortunately the recently experienced 20 days of continuous rain has put the project behind schedule. All possible efforts are being made to complete the work and allow our members the taste of enjoying a good drink in a new and improved setting. Inclement weather has also hampered the progress of the civil and plumbing work in the refurbishment of the kitchen at the Pub. These projects and a make shift kitchen on the paved area have inconvenienced members, but we sincerely hope you will bear this for a while longer to ultimately enjoy the pleasure of highly improved facilities.

This Committee's term will be ending on 13 September. We take leave from all members especially thanking those whose guidance and critical comments have helped us deliver better. More projects are planned for the financial year, which would be taken up by the next Committee.

CWT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Lodhi Course 18 Holes:

Overall Winner	R.K. Rai Chand	39 pts

Category "A" 0-17 Handicap

Winner	Babbar S.J. Bahadur	39 pts on count back
Runner-Up	Deepak Khanna	38 pts

Category "B" 18-24 Handicap

Winner	Worawuch Bunchallew	36 pts
Runner-Up	L.M. Kapur	32 pts on count back

Peacock Course 9 Holes:

Winner	Rohit Mehra	22 pts
Runner-Up	Inderdeep Singh	16 pts

As we move from a generous monsoon that sometimes restricted play, to great golfing weather and some exciting spectator events, the refrain requesting golfers to care for their Course continues. In this issue we decided to let the voice of the Keeper of the Course reach you directly. Do pay special heed.

Bhupendra Singh, the author of the piece below, is a graduate in Agriculture Sciences from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar and is presently serving as the Asst. Golf Course Superintendent at Delhi Golf Club.

Soni Manjit Singh

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THE GOLFER, GREEN & GREEN KEEPER

"At any time, the player may smooth sand or soil in a hazard provided this is for the sole purpose of caring for the course..." this is how the 'Exception 2 to Rule 13-4' reads 2012 onwards. Earlier it was not permitted to do so prior to playing from the hazard. This amendment in the Rules of Golf is significant not because it will ease the work of the Green Keeper, but if its underlying essence is understood and exercised this could make a huge difference in course upkeep and playability.

With the rising popularity of golf and ever exceeding expectations of golfers from their course and Green Keeper, probably the creators of the constitution of golf realised that now the time has come whence every golfer should carry 'a bit of the Green Keeper' within him.

In golf it is a 'GOLFER' who always comes in capitals but the basic rule of golf even in lower case states 'play the ball as it lies' and the basic etiquette enunciates 'leave the course better than you found it'. Golf is a game of character. The spirit of golf lies in following the Rules with integrity and honesty. And the Golf Rule Book begins with etiquettes that include raking the bunkers, repairing divots and pitch marks.

Sometimes the spirit of golf is bruised during a golfer's crusade of conquering 18 holes of the course. With his eyes glued to the green and satisfied with the success of his shots a golfer moves ahead leaving behind the divot scars. It is the Green Keeper who then enters, to put some sand so that the scar and the spirit can heal!

Golfers thrive on good greens, a little applause with lights and camera on, while the Green Keeper prefers a life of obscurity. He enters the course preferably when there is no golfer around to perform his rites and rituals that are little understood by those playing the game. However, when a golfer and a Green Keeper are face to face, the golfer goes all out to extract from the Green Keeper what has been done to his greens lately and, during the course of the discussion, try to drill into him how to grow a good green! He never fails to mention that he has played hundreds of golf courses around the world in his last forty years, before moving to address his ball that lies in an old divot scar on the fairway. He takes his shot, curses the divot scar and moves briskly to catch up with the other three players who have reached the green by this time. So in the Golf Kingdom, the 'Golfer' is the undisputed king and it is true that due to him the 'object' and the 'subject' exist.

The Green is the object of year round discussion amongst golfers, greens committee members and green keeping staff. The green is the battleground of champions on which records of victory are written, with stories of others, missed by a few inches. However a green is not just sod and soil put together, it is a breathing piece of earth and grass cultured consciously and it is affected by the weather, the climate, the treatment by golfers and the decisions of the Green Keeper or greens committee. It responds to climatic conditions, care of golfers and acts of the Green Keeper. Whilst the climate cannot be controlled, the care of golfers is reciprocated with salubrious surfaces and enriched putting experiences while for a Green Keeper, a good healthy green is a living certificate of all his hard work and effort.

A Green Keeper who is subjected to situations that sometimes occur on the course and many a time traced to the psyche of the golfer is expected to perform better with every passing day. After all, the entire onus of running the golf show rests with the Green keeper. He is looked upon to do some magic even in severe winter months when all plant life comes to a standstill including the grass on the green.

The Green Keeper is expected not to touch the Siren, which loudly declares that the course is closed for play due to rains. During the good times, when the ball rolls on the green velvet dipping straight into the hole, cheers of success echo from green to green. The Green Keeper silently smiles and nods in agreement when he hears a golfer remark 'the weather is producing good greens!' as he moves to the next hole to discover some more reasons for festivities on the course.

I have narrated what a golfer wants from a green and Green Keeper to some extent. Now let me tell you what a Green Keeper does and what he expects from a golfer. The Green Keeper has limited resources to meet unlimited expectations. The Green Keeper mows the green, cuts the hole, rakes the bunker, repairs the divot, repairs pitch marks, sweeps the dew and prepares the course with his crew and then leaves the course early in the morning to the golfers to whom it truly belongs. The golf course soon starts synthesizing the joys of the golfer who begins his day afresh accompanied by his favourite buddy and his caddy.

In a busy golf course such as this, some 300 golfers tee off with their 300 caddies in a day, the course being at the disposal of these 600 people. Now if everybody played golf with the practice of basic etiquette they would certainly leave the golf course at least the way it was handed over to them, if not better. However, everybody does not read the Rules of Golf and those who read it probably flip across the first few pages. Okay, let me put it straight. A Green Keeper expects that a golfer should help him by ensuring that the bunker is raked before he leaves it and the divot mark on the fairway and pitch mark on the putting green is repaired properly. This is a great help for a Green Keeper because a pitch mark or divot mark that is attended to immediately heals in few days. But if left open for a day, it takes several weeks and sometimes months to fully heal. Don't think me greedy, please, but one more expectation a Green Keeper has, is that the golfer should cooperate when the Green Keeper punches small holes in a good looking green twice or three times a year. This very important process is technically known as 'core aeration' and it is inevitable if one is to keep the green healthy in the long term.

I have a lot to say but let me wrap this story here quickly, as the dawn is about to break and I have to rush to the golf course to mow the greens and cut the holes before another golfer grounds his club for his first shot.

- Bhupendra Singh

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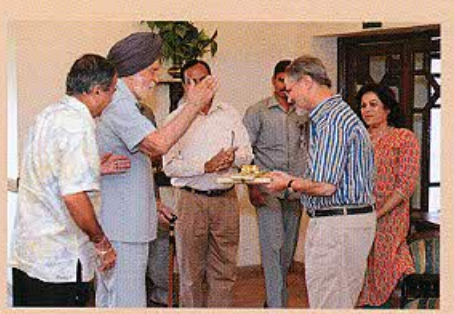
Members of the Delhi Golf Club gathered on the afternoon of 7 September, 2013, to felicitate Delhi's Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Najeeb Jung (J-144).

With an illustrious career that began in the IAS in 1973 during which time he held several portfolios; saw him join the ADB in Manila in the 90's, punctuated with two stints to Oxford University, one as a visiting fellow; finally returning home in 2008 with the thought of retirement on his mind. This, however, was not to be, as in 2009 he was appointed Vice Chancellor of Jamia Millia, a post he held for 46 months earning a salary of Re. 1 per month; the rest went towards the Abba Endowment Fund (named after a faithful domestic that worked with the family for many years), which he set up to assist students from the weaker sections of society.

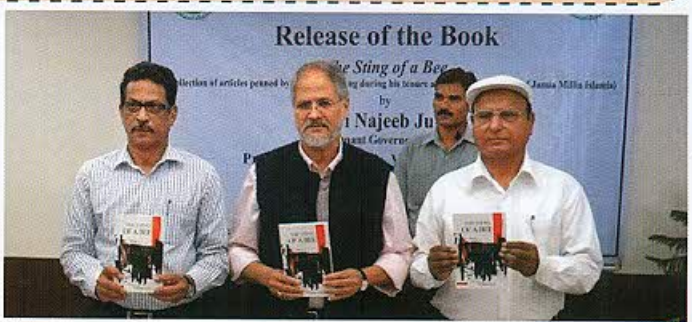
Travelling down memory lane, both our President and His Excellency affectionately recounted stories of yesteryear. The speeches concluded with the President requesting Marshal of the Air Force, Arjan Singh (A-79) to present a copy of the Coffee Table Book 'The Lodhi and the Peacock" alongwith the limited edition Club Tie.

Over the high-tea that ensued members were able to informally chat with our most affable Lt. Governor and all went home feeling a sense of pride at belonging to the same Club that counts amongst its members not simply the present LG but several other LG's who preceded him!



BOOK LAUNCH

At a book launch organized by Jamia Millia Islamia, former Vice-Chancellor, **Najeeb H Jung** (J-144) formally released his book, **"The Sting of a Bee,"** on 26 August. Currently the Lt. Governor of Delhi, his debut book is a compilation of newspaper and magazine articles he wrote during his tenure at Jamila Millia Islamia, on subjects like education, politics and society.



Najeeb H Jung (centre), with S.M. Sajid (left) and Khalid Mahmood (right)

INTER CLUB TEAM MATCH-POLAND

On the invitation of MD of Binowo Park Golf Club, a 4-member team comprising Amit Luthra (L-085), Suman Puri, Kapil Kathpalia (K-350) and Advait Luthra (L-085) from Delhi participated in the three events comprising the Foreign Investor's Trophy in the small town of Sczcecin, Poland.

The first event was played at Binowo Park Golf Course, a challenging Links style golf course; though playing very short at under 6000 yards, it's narrow fairways and 3 foot tall grass skirting the edges made it extremely challenging. There were three teams from Poland and one each from Berlin and Brussels. After a long day of golf in windy conditions, Amit shot a spectacular one over, followed by a three over par by Suman Puri to clinch the title by a substantial margin.

The second event was Match Play also played at Binowo Park. The first round comprising 9 holes, decided the finalists, who would play for first and second position on the back nine the same day. The first game saw Amit play against Binowo Parks' star player which the former won 3&2. On the same day, Suman clinched a victory against his opponent while Kapil had some trouble and stumbled against his opponent. It was all down to Advait to make par on the challenging last hole to push team India-DGC through to the finals, which he managed to do with ease. The final round saw a gruelling battle in which Amit, who was one down half way through, won 3 holes in a row to win 2&1. Advait Luthra sailed to victory with a 5&4 victory against his opponent. The score was tied at 2 all as Suman and Kapil narrowly lost their matches in spite of an early lead, Amit proved to be the saviour by winning the playoff in great style in front of an enthusiastic local crowd.

The final day was played at Modry Las, a Gary Player designed course two hours outside of Sczcecin. The individual event seemed to be an easy win by Amit who shot a one under on the 6000 yards challenging course to clinch the title, followed by Suman in second with a strong 5 over par. Advait finished in 4th with Kapil close behind. In a gracious display of sportsmanship, Amit gave his first place prize to the leading junior who seemed ecstatic to have received the trophy and the gifts.

The team definitely upheld the name of Delhi Golf Club as well as that of India by taking the international teams by storm.

- Amit Luthra

GOLF IN THE VALLEY

The IGU's newly instituted NIGS (National Initiative for Golf in Schools) got off to a flying start with two programmes comprising Srinagar school children, under the NIGS-WGAI Golf Coaching Programme.

Executed and subsidized by Women's Golf Association of India, the programme is being run by Secretary General **Champika Sayal** (S-589) and has held two 10-day camps for over 150 children from 24 June to 6 July and 24 August to 2 September.

DPS Srinagar had morning sessions which were conducted within their own school premises. President of Indian Golf Union, General Bikram Singh in his newsletter has complimented the execution of NIGS-WGAI Golf Coaching in Srinagar specially when he was informed that 300 girl applicants were in the queue from Presentation Convent, Srinagar to take golf lessons!

A chipping, bunker and putting area has been constructed at the DPS School premises to facilitate the on-going programme. Presentation Convent and Burnhall School children had their lessons at Royal Springs Golf Course. Vikram Sethi (S-570) and Anjali Chopra (SD-907) both coaches at the DGC were appointed by the IGU for the programme.

Golf and the Girl Child

Mrs Neeraj Ghei (SD-558), mother of former Indian national champion, Shreya, made a valuable financial contribution to the second camp, as an incentive for the 'girl child'. The camp reflected this with more than 80 girls participating, who have been introduced to golf for the first time.

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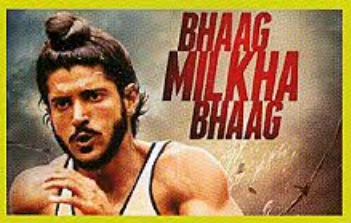

A Bollywood biopic based on the life of India's best known athlete and winner of gold medals at a plethora of events, Milkha Singh (M-336) was released in July. The film received tax free status and is enjoying immense popularity.

Congratulations to **JK Jain** (J-116) for his appointment as Visitor of Teerthankar Mahaveer University which runs over 100 academic programmes in a multitude of vocational subjects.

The Club congratulates **Dhruv Sawhney** (S-438) for being invested with the Honorary Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order by Queen Elizabeth II for his contribution to the Commonwealth.

ZAI LIVES ON!

When I had just returned from my 4 year college stint in America, I landed up at the DGC only to discover that the 1st tee was shut for Northern India Juniors. All the caddies were betting and it seemed the money was on a young 14 year old. Shy, and with boyish good looks, the young lad smacked one down the middle. With a big laugh, he strode down the fairway and marched all the way to victory. A product of the JTP, this boy was quite possibly the most talented junior golfer the DGC has ever produced. He was one of the few golfers from the DGC who went on to win on the pro tour. In fact his win at the Hyundai Open at the Guindy links, Chennai was possibly one of the most popular wins ever.

He played his golf just as he lived his life... effortlessly and with gay abandon... and always with a smile on his face!!

DGC will miss you... RIP ZAI KIPGEN...

-Vivek Bhandari (B-411)

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 25years and above) to be consumed at the Club.

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
05.07.13	Mr. Amar Singh	A-018	7
01.08.13	Mr. Indrajeet Singh	I-008	5
10.08.13	Capt. L.S. Bahl	B-366	17
10.08.13	Mr. Harinder Bansi	B-482	12
10.08.13	Mr. Himmat Singh	S-671	7
15.08.13	Mr. Manavjit Singh Garewal	SP-1053	17
15.08.13	Mr. Neeraj Dhawan	CPB-133	6
29.08.13	Mr. Dinesh Trivedi	TMB-72	17
24.08.13	Mr. Rajive Sawhney	S-909	5
03.09.13	Mrs. Neelam Pratap Singh	TC-202	17
05.09.13	Mr. Arinder Singh Wadhwa	W-073	5

PEACOCK COURSE

The following each have won a memento

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
07.07.13	Lt. Col. Ajit Singh	S-861	6
02.08.13	Mr. Rajan Batta	B-380	6

OBITUARY

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

Mr. D.Bhushan Mohindra	M-167
Mr. N.K.P. Salve	S-074
Maj Gen. Kanwarjit Gill	G-097
Mr. A.L. Sarna	S-322
Mr. Rajendra Prasad Mittal	M-054
Maj Gen. P.C. Rajaratnam	R-012
Mr. K. Lall	L-090
Mr. Lal Zai Kipgen	SL-15
Dr. S.P Kumar	K-190
Mr. D.V.Virmani	V-065
Mr. Man Mohan Khanna	K-057
Mr. Ashok Vaish	V-019
Mr. Anil Sikand	S-090
Mrs. Ajit Singh	A-014
Mr. R.C. Sharma	S-446
Mr. Kishan Chandra	C-144

DGC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CLUB ELECTIONS

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

A new procedure is being adopted this year for conducting the AGM and voting for elections to the post of the President, Captain and Members of the General Committee. The salient features of this new procedure are :

- The voting will be conducted from 11 AM to 6.30 PM and the order of the Agenda points have been changed to facilitate the new timings. Voting during the day light hours is being conducted to facilitate senior members, morning golfers and those residing a distance away from Delhi.
- The Annual Accounts and appointment of Auditors will be discussed in the evening after closure of voting at 6.30 PM.
- The Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of the Delhi Golf Club on 28th September 2013 will be as follows:-

1. To elect the President for the Year 2013-2014.
2. To elect the Captain for the Year 2013-2014.
3. To elect other Members of the General Committee for the Year 2013-2014.
4. To adopt the Audited Accounts of the Club for the year ended 31 March 2013 together with the Committee's and Auditors' reports thereon.
5. To appoint the Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

For the first time DGC members will be treated to witness top women professional golfers from Europe and Asia at the **Hero Women's Indian Open** from 28 to 30 November - the tri-sanctioned event by the LET, IGTA and WGAI has become one of the most coveted events on the Ladies tours.

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The 4th DGC Ladies Amateur Open Golf Championship, hosted and run by the Ladies Section, will be played from 15-17 October. Sponsored by USHA for the fourth year in succession, the event promises exciting golf all round!

WINNER: RHYME TIME QUIZ

Congratulations to Poonam Sethi (S-570) who made a clean sweep with all correct answers!

FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS

Lodhi & Peacock Course Members' Competitions

14 Sep	DGC Members Tournament
22 Sep	Wilkinson Memorial Trophy
5 Oct	Delhi Flour Mills Cup
11 Oct	Ritinjali Golf Tournament (Charity Event)
23 Oct	Tata Autumn Harvest Golf (Peacock Course)
25 Oct	Celebration Cup

CLUB NITE
THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Hero 50 Indian Open 1964-2013

INDIAN OPEN 2013

The Club is proud to announce the dates for the 50th **Hero Indian Open**: 07 - 10 November 2013. It is befitting that the Golden Jubilee of the Open which started in 1964 at the DGC should be held at the very same venue, making it a really special event. We are sure that members will support this event with crowds that only the DGC attracts!

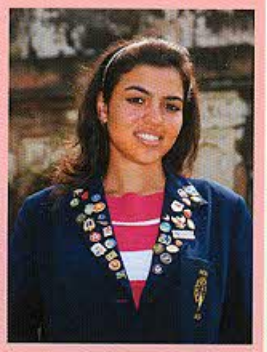
Ladies Section

LADY CAPTAIN

Bubbles Suneja

High Tea was held on Monday, 19 August and 60 ladies attended the function. Those ladies present derived great benefit from the Yoga and Meditation Clinic conducted by qualified instructors Anjali Singh and Gunjan Khanna. The lavish tea, as usual, was enjoyed by all.

126th SRI LANKA AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2013



The Indian Team of Trishul Chinnappa, Saqib Ahmed, Gauri Monga and Millie Saroha participated in one of the oldest amateur golf championships, in Sri Lanka, 20-24 August.

Gauri Monga won the Individual Stroke Play event from Millie Saroha by just one shot. The Indian Ladies won the Team Championship by a huge margin of 37 strokes over the Sri Lankan Ladies Team. The Ladies Match Play finals were played between Gauri Monga and Rasika from Sri Lanka. Gauri played brilliant golf and won the 126th Sri Lanka Ladies Amateur Championship from Rasika, with the terrific score of 14 up!

The Indian Team made a clean sweep of the prizes in this Championship by winning the Ladies Stroke Play Event, Ladies International Team Event, Overall Ladies Event and the Overall Men's Event.

FAREWELL PARTY

The Club bid a poignant farewell on 31 August to Ladies Room Attendant, Sushila after 21 years of loyal service. The Lady Captain and several members of the Ladies Committee and Ladies Room staff attended the Farewell ceremony. The Lady Captain, Saima & Jagriti paid glowing tributes to Sushila, as did Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, Secretary and Mr. Kishan Lal, Starter.

RENOVATION

The renovation in the Ladies Room is in full swing and all efforts are being made to give the Ladies Section a completely new look.

DGCLS COMPETITIONS' RESULT

July Medal played on 10 July

SILVER DIVISION

Winner	Mridula Tandon	74 nett

BRONZE DIVISION

Winner	Vanita Malhotra	83 nett

The Naval Kishore Cup (Par Competition) played on 17 July

Winner	Neelam P. Singh	3 pts
Runner-Up	Hanisha Daryani	3 pts

Deep Singh Memorial Cup played on 7 August

Winner	Neelam P. Singh	36 pts
Runner-Up	Shiraz Singh	33 pts

August Medal played on 14 August

GOLD DIVISION

Winner	Gauri Monga	
74 nett		

SILVER DIVISION

Winner	Rana Alam	
74 nett		

BRONZE DIVISION

Winner	Banmala Singh	80 nett

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS 2013

The 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing China – 18 and 19 August

Ridhima Dilawari 8th position 146 gross

DGC GIRLS IN JAPAN

Gurbani Singh (D-210) and Seher Atwal (A-144) went to Utsunomiya in Japan with Team Manager Nandita Rao (R-083) and three boys from DLF Golf Club and Chandigarh Golf Club, to participate in the Ryo Ishikawa World Junior Invitational Golf Tournament.

The Royal Meadow Golf Stadium proved to be a tough course with steep slopes, and no caddies.

The first two days of stroke play decided the team championship followed by match play for the top 8 boys and girls, while the rest of the field continued with stroke play.

SHUBHAM WINS MASTERS OF JUNIOR GOLF

Shubham with Callaway World Juniors winners.

Shubham Jaglan, a member of DGC's Talent Promotion Programme, returned from a successful tour of the US during July and August. Shubham won the Taylormade Masters of Junior Golf in Las Vegas and came second in both the Callaway World Juniors in California and the US Kids World Juniors at Pinehurst.

DGC congratulates Master Shubham for his outstanding performance!

Coach Nonita L. Qureshi (L-089) clicks a proud Shubham Jaglan as he poses at the Range with his three trophies.

The Ladies Section conducted the Junior's Monthly Competition on Saturday 20 July and Saturday 3 August, results of which are below:

PEACOCK COURSE 18 HOLES

Saturday 30 July

Category "C" – 16 Players (Boys)		
Winner	Aryaman Bose	63
Runners Up	Aryaman Mahant	63
Category "C" – 5 Players (Girls)		
Winner	Avantika Bahadur	75
Category "D" – 7 Players (Boys)		
Winner	Sai Vikram Angrish	35
Category "D" – 5 Players (Girls)		
Winner	Himadri Singh	47

Saturday 3 August

Category "A" – 14 Players (Boys)		
Winner	Angad Singh	62
Runners Up	Vinay Kr.	63
Category "B" – 13 Players (Boys)		
Winner	Arjun Puri	63
Runners Up	Toshane Khullar	64

As the saying goes, "good things come in small packages"! But, did you know that even at the tender age of three plus, you can spot a golfer in the making!!

Master Agastya, son of Parul Bakhshi (B-536) shows us all how its done, whilst proud grandad, Chit Ranjan Bakhshi (B-191) looks on.

The Green Scene
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TIPS FOR IMPROVING PACE OF PLAY

Pace of play at the DGC in the past few years has become a big thorn in the side of members, with an 18-hole round taking more than 6 hours at times. No doubt being held up frustrates us all, but perhaps we ourselves are at fault at times. The most important issue is concern and courtesy towards others on the course: by being vigilant regarding oneself, things will improve. The USGA has recently come up with suggestions for improving pace of play as listed below. (Source: www.usga.org). Tip off to Ranjit Raj (R-063) for sending in this link.

Match play can result in faster rounds than Stroke Play.

By USGA June 5, 2013

Playing at a better pace is not about hurrying up or rushing around the course. It is simply about being more efficient with your valuable time, as well as everyone else's. Adopting this mindset – and not being afraid to share it with your fellow players – will ultimately add enjoyment to your golf experience. Here are some recognized tips for improving pace of play:

Start Smart. Confirm your tee time in advance and make it a point to arrive at the tee early with your golf equipment in order, ready to play. Remember essentials like extra balls, tees, gloves and appropriate clothing for the day's weather conditions.

"Tee It Forward" unless you are consistently able to reach greens in regulation from the back tees. In other words, play from a set of tees that is comfortable for you – one where you are more likely to hit lofted irons into greens instead of hybrids or fairway woods. It is acceptable for players in the same group to play from different tees. (The USGA Handicap System provides a formula for adjusting handicaps from different tees.)

Try alternate forms of play to speed up your round. Match Play, Stableford, Best-ball and other formats are easy and fun alternatives to individual stroke play because not every player has to hole out on every hole. There are multiple resources online and in print to learn about the many different golf formats. Try one out.

Minimize your time on the tee. On the tee it is usually acceptable for players to "hit when ready." You can also save time by playing a provisional ball (Rule 27-2) if you think your original ball might be lost or out of bounds.

Plan your shot before you get to your ball. Once you are off the tee, think ahead. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play. Very often, you can do this while others are playing, without disruption. If you take your glove off between shots, have it back on before it is your turn to play. Even a small step like this saves time.

Keep your pre-shot routine short. Pick your line of play once and trust yourself. Try to take no more than one practice swing, then set up to the ball and play your shot. Most importantly, be ready to hit when it is your turn. Be efficient after your shot too. Start moving toward your next shot promptly.

Aim to play in 20 seconds. From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in 20 seconds when it is your turn to play. Help keep play moving at a brisk pace.

Develop an eye for distance. You don't have to step off yardage for every shot. If you need to determine precise distance, try to find a yardage marker before you reach your ball, then step off the yardage on the way to your ball. Or, consider investing in an electronic range-finder or global positioning system for golf and use it when permitted by Local Rule. If others you are playing with are not familiar with the course, the Rules permit players to exchange yardage information without penalty.

When sharing a cart, use a buddy system. Don't wait in the cart while your cartmate hits and then drive to your ball. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn and then let your cartmate pick you up. Or, drive to your ball after you drop your cartmate off and then pick him or her up after you hit.

Be helpful to others in your group. Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Once in the fairway, help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Volunteer to fill in a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others.

Keep up with the group in front of you. Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. Arrive at your next shot just before the group in front leaves the area in front of you. If you are consistently not able to keep up and a gap opens in front of you, invite the group behind you to play through, irrespective of the number of players in the group.

Be efficient on the putting green. Mark your ball and lift and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. You can usually line up your putt while others are putting, without disturbing them. Leave your clubs on the side of the putting green closest to the next tee, and leave the green promptly after holing out. Wait until the next tee to record your score.

Remember that picking up your ball is permitted by the USGA Handicap System. If not in an individual stroke play competition, it is generally OK to pick up your ball and move on to the next hole if you are "out" of a hole and want to maintain pace of play. This applies in Match Play and many forms of Stroke Play, including Stableford and Best-ball play.

Don't Have Time? Play Nine! You won't always have time in your schedule for an 18-hole round of golf. But you can still enjoy the game by playing nine. It's fully compatible with both the Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System. And when it comes to golf, nine is better than none.

Our thanks to Ranjit Raj (R-063) for his input on this important aspect of the game.

We would like to hear your ideas and thoughts about Pace of Play; if there is a technique that your have employed to speed up your playing partners, your input will be helpful to this process. We welcome your suggestions from your own experiences that you would like to share. Please email us at thegreenscene@delhigolfclub.org

Global Golf News

Gaganjeet Bhullar was honoured with the Arjuna Award by the President of India on 31 August, an honour that comes to a golfer after a gap of many years. This is a great boost for golf especially coming ahead of the game's debut at the Olympics in 2016.

17 year old Gurgaon golfer **Manu Gandas** carded a 68 in the final round to win the Silver Medal in golf at the Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, China on 20 August.

Masters champion **Adam Scott** didn't think his final round 5-under 65 was good enough at **The Barclays**, Jersey City, NJ, as there were 4 leaders almost throughout the day. Scott finished at 11-under 273 and moved to a career-best No. 2 in the world. As the leaders crumbled, Tiger started hunting down birdies until a back spasm on the par-5 13th hole made him drop to all fours in pain. He also dropped a shot on the 15th, but then gamely fought back with birdies on the 16th and 17th holes to get within one, giving hints of Woods of the past.

Swede **Henrick Stenson**, who has been nipping at the Champion's Door these past weeks overtook Garcia for a 2-shot victory at the **Deutche Bank Championship** at the rainy TPC Boston, Norton Mass. His win of the second of four FedEx Cup Playoff events enabled him to overtake Woods for No 1 spot on the points list. The top 70 players move on to next week's BMW Championship.

With her win of the **2013 Ricoh Women's British Open Championship** American **Stacy Lewis** ended a sequence of ten consecutive Asian victories in the women's majors. Inbee Park's dreams of the first player to win a Grand Slam were dashed when she crumbled to a 6-over finish. Lewis's 280 (67, 72, 69, 72) at St Andrews, Scotland was all the more creditable as from the age of 11 to 18 she had to wear a back brace 18 hours a day to correct a curvature in her spine, as well as undergo surgery to insert a rod and five screws into her back!

One of the game's best putters **Brandt Snedeker** with a score of 16-under, recorded a 3-stroke victory at the star-studded **RBC Canadian Open** at Glen Abbey, Ontario. Snedeker thanked Hunter Mahan's wife for his win as she went into early labour resulting in Mahan, who had been leading the field after 36 holes, to withdraw from the game to be at her side.

Defending champion of the **Scottish Open**, Jeev M Singh (C-271) opened with a solid 5-under 67 which included 8 birdies, at the picturesque Castle Stewart Links, Inverness. But it was **Phil Mickleson** who forced a play off at a score of -17 to win his first tournament on British soil – and only the 2nd title in Europe following a victory in 1993 in Paris!

The Open Championship though Shiv Kapur (SD-694) stormed on with 6 birdies to lead the field after 9 holes, he was unable to sustain his brilliant streak and finished T73.

Phil Mickleson's (69,74,72,66) final-round performance at the 2013 Open Championship will go down as one of the most impressive feats in tournament history. His five-under-par score of 66 gave him a three-shot lead over the field, setting up his first British Open victory. Both Mickleson and his caddy of 20 years, Bones, considered it the best round of his career.

WGC-Bridgestone Invitational For the 8th time **Tiger Woods** walked off with the trophy, his 79 career wins taking his WGC titles to 18! To protect his substantial lead he played to a conservative par in the last round after four days of struggling with wild shots, confrontations with tree roots, sand traps, high rough and other obstacles on his far from 'straight and narrow' path to victory by 7 strokes; however he tied the course record of 61 in the 2nd round. It is the 6th time he has won with a margin of a minimum of 6 strokes!

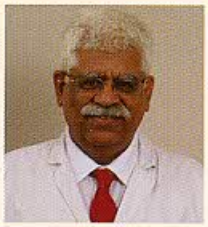
50 years ago when Nicklaus won the **PGA Championships** for the first time, it was so hot that he had to hold the trophy with a towel! **Jason Dufner's** quiet persistence won him the trophy this year 2 strokes ahead of Jim Furyk, his 10-under total including a hot course-breaking 63, in the second round.

Jordan Spieth at 19 years, became the youngest player to win a PGA Tour event in 82 years – he survived a grueling 5-hole sudden-death play off with defending champion Zach Johnson and David Hearn at the **John Deere Classic** at Silvis, Illinois. He was elevated to full-fledged PGA Tour Member status with a two-year exemption.

Patrick Reed went from almost certain disaster to his first PGA Tour victory at the **Wyndham Championship**, Greensboro, NC beating Jordan Spieth with a most improbable birdie on the second playoff hole on August 18. Both players had recorded scores of 14 under 266.

Neha Tripathi is leading the WGAI's list with her third win this season at Eagleton Golf Course, Bengaluru on 16 August.

Golf art created by Attica Correctional Facility, USA, inmate **Valentino Dixon** illustrates a kind of serenity he has never known. Dixon, a convicted murderer has spent the past twelve years creating the most exquisite and elaborate layered pencil sketches copied from a fellow inmate's Golf Digest subscription. He has never stepped foot on a golf course.



For A Healthy Back

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Back problems are endemic in today's world. Many of these are lifestyle related – sedentary life, obesity, long hours of sitting. Fortunately, these can be easily resolved.

How do we prevent back problems and stay healthy?

POSTURE

- The normal spine is a balanced construct with a double S curve; the head is supported on top of these curves. When the spine is unbalanced, muscles, ligaments and joints have to work harder. Fatigue and pain are inevitable.
- Avoid prolonged sitting

- Walk around from time to time
- Raise and rest one foot on a block about six or eight inches high when standing
- If you have been bending forward, stretch and bend backwards
- Crouch periodically to relax your back

SLEEP

- Sleep in a comfortable position; a pillow under the knees helps
- Mattress should be firm and supportive
- Remember mattresses have a limited life span and need replacing periodically
- Sleep adequate hours

DIET

- Maintain the weight that is ideal for your height
- Eat a balanced diet and drink plenty of water
- Drink adequate fluids to maintain proper hydration
- Take a calcium rich diet.
- Expose your bare skin to sun for 20 minutes to manufacture vitamin D

EXERCISE

- Start with a daily brisk walk and with basic PT exercises taught in school
- Specific back exercises for the back are extension and flexion exercises.

  Extension exercises are done by lying on the tummy and raising one leg and thigh and holding it for six seconds each time. One can also raise the upper body while keeping the pelvis on the couch. Each time the body is put to maximum contraction and held for six seconds, this helps in best toning of the muscles.

  Flexion exercises are done by lying on the back and raising the straight leg; this stretches the nerve root and conditions the nerve. In this position, bend the legs fully, raise the pelvis to maximum height, and hold for six seconds. Lastly, in standing position raise the arms in front and half squatting and holding there for six seconds.
- All exercises should be done in gradual, gentle manner to start and become tougher as the body gets conditioned. It may be wise to take the guidance of a physiotherapist while doing exercises.

WORK

- Most of the back problems arise as result of unprotected bending forward. This is avoided by working on a workstation at the correct height.
- Be especially cautious when making beds!
- When sitting, the spine should be well supported, in the chair; the knees are at the same level as the hips and the feet rest flat on the ground.
- The table should be at the correct height.

Pain, numbness, weakness, disability, associated fever, unexplained weight loss are reasons to see your doctor. ■

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