



# The Green Scene

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Junior Training Programme 2014



8<sup>th</sup> DGC Junior Golf Tournament



Shiv Kapur takes Indian golf global



Barakhamba Monument on the 17<sup>th</sup> Tee  
Photograph: Gaby Juneja

# Tee off with the Captain

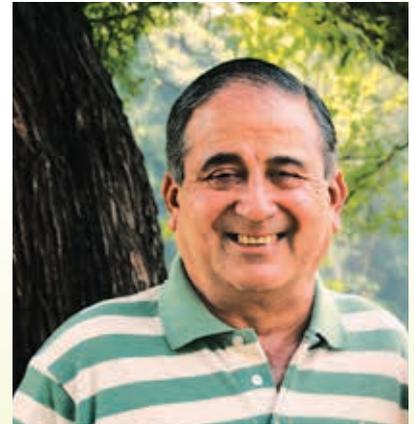


India witnessed a historic election bringing a major political party firmly in the saddle at Delhi, which should bring in the desired stability and good governance in the years ahead. However, before the previous government demitted office we were able to get permission for our “temporary” regularization of breaches/misuse for almost a year - till January 2015, against the standard six months granted earlier. This gives us time to apply to NDMC for approval of the two “misuses” for which a heavy penalty is being paid by the Club. We have met the Chairman NDMC and his Chief Architects and they have given us their “in principle” nod on our plans.

Our application for the one acre F.A.R. to L&DO has still not gone through. This is being actively pursued, and in our last meeting with them, we have been assured that this also should be with us by end July.

The Peacock Course up-gradation is finally off the ground with the finalization of the Project Management Consultant and work on the first 3 holes should begin by September/October.

The Lodhi Course is in excellent condition and unlike earlier years we started preparing the “temporary greens” in April, complete with coring and top dressing, to ensure that the course would remain open for members right through the monsoon except when there is heavy rain/ flooding.



The General Committee is in the process of finalizing various initiatives it had undertaken in the last few months relating to updating of the Bye-Laws, HR practices viz a viz the Club Organogram, and roles and responsibilities of its executives along with their remuneration packages, F&B cost reductions etc. All these would be in place by this month end.

Lastly, now that the weather is cooling off and we are all getting back to golf, may I request all members to please ensure that between you and your caddy all pitch marks/divots are repaired.

Happy Golfing

Warm Regards,

**KAPIL CHANNA**



## GREENS

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Kapil Channa

**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Vikram Sethi

The long pending issue of up-gradation of the Peacock Course has been addressed by the Greens Committee on priority and we are pleased to inform members that M/s Silver Glades have been appointed as the Project Management Consultant. The up-gradation work will commence in September/October, starting with three holes, so that the remaining six holes are available for members to play. The project will be completed in three years and the renovated Peacock Course will be of international standards.



This year Rain Water Harvesting Wells have been prepared, up to the water level, in low lying areas of the Lodhi Course. This will reduce water logging on the Course in the peak monsoon months. Further we have prepared temporary greens on the Course many months in advance, complete with coring and top dressing etc to ensure that the Lodhi Course remains open right through the monsoon, except on those days when there is heavy rain and flooding.

The existing structures of those tubewells which are not in use have been demolished. This will reduce the breaches mentioned by the L&DO.

Mats at the PDR have been replaced with new Fibre Built Mats. These mats have a longer life compared to the earlier Trustrike Mats. The lighting at the PDR/PCR is being improved by positioning some additional lights in the area. Coring/dethatching of the fairways and greens have been completed. Work on the tees will be completed shortly.

We are taking expert advice from the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun to improve our forest area around the course.

## T&H

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Ashwini Luthra  
**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Capt Lalit Talwar



To determine the Club Champion, the T&H Committee successfully organized a Club Championship (supported by Deutsche Bank and Brooks Brothers) on April 16 and 17. The Championship was open to members, dependents and senior dependents with a handicap of 9 or lower and played as a Stroke Play event over 36 Holes. Mr. Hiroyuki Fukui, a Corporate Member of the Club, was declared the Club Champion for the year 2014-15 with a two round aggregate score of 150; the runner-up was Mr. Amit Luthra with a score of 152.

On the demand of senior members of the Club, a Club Championship for Senior's (over the age of 65 years) was played on May 22 as a Stroke Play event over 18 holes. A super seniors tournament for members over the age of 80 years was played over 9 holes.

A large number of members expressed their desire to restart a Match Play event, which was last played in 1998-99. Responding to this request, the first round commenced on May 24, 2014 and will conclude by August 31, 2014.

Two Charity Events, Helpage India and Drive Against Cancer were conducted on Saturday, April 26 and Friday, May 2 respectively. To minimize disruption to members' normal play, limited tee closures were given for these events.

As per the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club, the main objective of the Club is to promote the game of golf only. Keeping this in view, the T & H Committee agreed for the Club to host the IGU Northern India Ladies & Junior Girls Golf Championship from May 6 to 8 and the NCR School Golf Championship, supported by the Salwan School on May 8 & 9. In the latter Championship, entries were restricted to a handicap of 9 or lower for boys and 12 or lower for girls.

## F&B

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Kapil Channa  
**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr PRS Brar

The following events took place in the quarter April/May/June:

1. Hardys Wine appreciation evening in the Main Bar on April 28.
2. Royal Pride Whisky appreciation in the Main Lawn, with Club's food counters, on May 9. The total attendance was 400 pax approximately. The whisky was provided complimentary.
3. Chandon Sparkling Wine appreciation took place in the Main Bar on May 21.
4. The installation of an imported wine chiller in the Main Bar, in May has ensured that our wines are stored at the correct temperature and wine connoisseur members may now select wines directly from the chiller.
5. DGC's alcohol stocks were found to be absolutely correct during the inspection by the Office of Delhi's Excise flying squad when they conducted surprise checks of all Clubs in May.
6. At the screening of IPL Cricket matches on the Main Lawn on May 28 and June 30. Alcoholic beverages were available at heavily discounted prices and several popular Club food stalls, were organized.
7. White bone china crockery with the Club's logo has been finalized for the Annexe and, will be introduced shortly.
8. The positioning of a Staff Cafeteria is slated to happen by the 2nd week of July.
9. A kitchen Quality and Hygiene audit was conducted on June 24 and 25 by an outside party; the report is awaited.



## MEMBERSHIP

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Raj Khosla  
**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr RM Sodhi



### INCREASE IN MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION

The General Committee in its meeting held on January 07 2013 had decided to revise the subscription every year keeping in mind the increase in inflation and wage bill which increases by more than 10% every year. The decision was again ratified by the General Committee in its meeting April 07 and subscription rates have been accordingly revised w.e.f. April 01 as per details given alongside.

### MEMBERS

	Present Subscription w.e.f. 1.04.2013	Revised Subscription w.e.f. 1.04.2014
In Station Members (up to 65 years) p.m.	700	800
Outstation Members (up to 65 years) p.a.	7200	8200
In Station Member Sr: Citizen p.m.	350	400
Outstation Members Sr: Citizen p.a.	3600	4200
Subscription (US \$) Quarterly	\$225	\$250

### DEPENDENTS

Junior Dependent Fee p.m.	350	450
Junior Dependent Fee Outstation p.a.	3600	4500
Sr. Dependent Fee p.m.	700	800
Sr. Dependent Outstation p.a.	7200	8200
Dependent Fee (US \$) Quarterly	\$60	\$75

Applicable taxes will be extra on all the above amounts.

# Sub-Committee Reports



## HRD

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Vijay Topa

**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Satish Girotra

In line with the effort to professionalize and create greater accountability, executives have been briefed and Performance Appraisal based on KRA's introduced. Additionally their grades and emoluments are being revisited with the help of a Professional Consultant. HR policies have been defined for uniformity and transparency.



The contract with Max Healthcare has been renewed for a year. Max Healthcare will provide Doctor, Paramedic and Ambulance free of charge and give discounts at all Max hospitals all over India. Only cost of medicines and tests would be borne by members/patients.

A Group Medical Policy for staff is under consideration to cater to the urgent medical requirements of the employees and their families.

The successor to our outgoing Secretary, Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, would be joining the Club in July 2014.

## HOUSE

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Satish Girotra

**CO-CHAIRPERSON:** Mrs Tara Laroia

We are delighted to inform all members that the following works have been carried out during the previous quarter:

1. Replacement of AC system in Gents change Room: A state of the art VRV AC system has been installed for the convenience of members.
2. The furnishing of the Main Bar has been completed and the members have appreciated the changes. A new Trophy Cabinet to house Club trophies has also been made.
3. The renovation of the Annexe and Pub kitchen has been completed. The modification of Mother's Dairy outlet and Juice Counter next to the swimming pool has also been completed.
4. Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant is in full swing and the work is likely to be completed soon.
5. The resurfacing of the road from the PDR to Course Manager's office near Gate No. 2 has been completed.
6. Upholstery of Dining Room chairs has been changed and new blinds have been put up. The wooden service counters have been renovated. The painting work of Dining Hall and Party room has also been done.
7. A staff cafeteria is being constructed.
8. The Swimming Pool was opened on schedule on April 1st. The entrance area to the swimming pool has been made more comfortable by providing an extra step at the entry near the juice corner as senior members were finding it difficult to climb the previously high riser. In addition, SS side railing near the steps has been fitted for the convenience of the members.
9. CCTV cameras have been installed in Main Building, Dining Hall, Main Bar, Main Kitchen, Party Room, Card Room, Annexe, Annexe Kitchen, both Car Parks and Starter Huts at Tees No. 1 & 10.
10. Plans for renovation of Entrance/ Exit at Gate No.1 are being prepared and work will be taken up soon.
11. Bedi Hut at Tee No.1 is being renovated.

## TECHNOLOGY

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Kapil Channa

**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Vijay Topa

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



1. A link, showcasing the Lodhi Course is being created for members and other viewers, so that they may enjoy the course, as well as the historical monuments within and, the Club facilities, in HD quality.
2. The second phase of Digitization and Microfilming of Membership Records has been awarded to M/s Micrographic India.
3. **WEBMAIL:** This is a specialized feature, included in the Member's Area, through which members may interact with the Club and receive an instant reply. We request all members to maximize the use of this facility, so that the Club through <http://dgcmembers.com>, may respond to your queries immediately.
4. Payments may be made directly by members through the Club's Payment Gateway. Members may pay their bills through <http://dgcmembers.com>.

## FINANCE

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Rohit Sabherwal

**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Brij Anand

The balance sheet for the year 2013-14 has been audited and adopted by the General Committee at its meeting on July 7, 2014. Setting a trend that began last year, the accounts were completed by early June and some discussions were held with the auditors to finalise the same. Internal controls are being further strengthened.



## PURCHASE

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Vijay Topa

**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Capt Lalit Talwar

Annual tenders for the year 2014-15 have been finalized at almost same rates as 2013-14 in most categories. We have also introduced the concept of V1 & V2 vendors for keeping our options open for taking on material at tender rates for similar product from another vendor.

We have introduced system generated purchase & work orders and I.O.N (Ace software) to avoid any duplication/hidden PO/WO/I.O.N of any nature.

# Ladies Section



## LADY CAPTAIN

Shiraz Singh



Proving to be an even more popular post than usual, two ladies threw their hat into the ring, this past May, for the post of Lady Captain. However, an election was averted when Ms Situ Nanda graciously stepped aside for Mrs Shiraz Singh to take over for the next two years, with Situ as her Vice Captain. In 2016 Situ will step up taking the Ladies Section to the 2018 mark! Shiraz, a past national champion, 7 time regional title winner and Indian team member; assumed the mantle with a positive, single point agenda - to improve and raise the standard of junior girls and ladies golf at our Club. Her very first task, along with several ladies of the Section was to take on the Clubs' annual junior and sub-junior tournament, in which over a hundred children participated, in the first week of July.

The next three months will see the Section busy planning the biggest fixture on their golfing calendar, the DGC Ladies Open Golf Championship. International events are being scrutinised with a view to sending teams to participate, reviving past practices with a renewed fervour and commitment.

## IGU NORTHERN INDIA LADIES & JUNIORS

Gurbani Singh (D-210) perpetuated her winning ways at the Ladies Northern India played over the Lodhi Course in May. A last minute birdie helped her finish the final round at one under, pulling away from Ridhima Dilawari (ST-0878) who finished 2 shots behind.

Other DGC girls who finished at noteworthy positions – Sifat Alag (ST-0848) joint 4th, Seher Atwal (A-144) 6th and Gaurika Bishnoi (ST-0972) at 9th.



Gurbani Singh (left) Northern India Ladies and Junior "A" Category winner with Siddharth Shriram (centre) and Ridhima Dilawari Northern India Ladies Runner-Up and Junior "A"/"B" Category Winner

## STOP PRESS

- Gurbani Singh makes it to the Asian Games Indian Team, at Incheon, in South Korea. Ahead by 17 shots from the next contender, Gurbani finished 3 under for 6 rounds in the qualifying team trials!
- Arshia Mahant selected for Evian Masters Junior Cup

## 2014 - 2016 LADIES COMMITTEE AND 2014 - 2015 PRIZE WINNERS



Back (L-R): Neeraj Ghei, Rama Khanna, Gaby Juneja, Nimmi Dhir, Deepali Rao Kataria, Shalini Malik. Front (L-R): Situ Nanda, Neelam Sihota, Shiraz Singh (Captain), Bubbles Suneja, Soni M Singh.



Shiraz Singh wins Madho Prasad



Banmala Singh & Kamini Gupta receive Chand Ujjal Singh Trophy from Vikramjit Singh



Rama Khanna wins Sita Rawley Salver



Bubbles with Monica Tandon



...Neenu Bhatia



...Gurbani Singh



...Gaurika Bishnoi



...Seerat K Alag





## HOW YOUNG WILL THEY GO?

Golf made history last month. Or rather Lucy Li did. The recent news of the 11 year-old phenom becoming the youngest player, male or female, ever to qualify to play in a major, the US Women's Open at Pinehurst No 2, North Carolina, June 19-21, has piqued the interest of golfing fans across the world. Most kids her age wouldn't know a thing about the tournament let alone compete in it. Li's rounds of 74 and 68, an incredible 7 shots ahead of the field at the qualifier tournament earned her a slot. In the latest remarkable tale of a child prodigy emerging in golf, the Californian however missed cut at +16 (to put her scores in perspective, she tied with Natalie Gulbis). The charismatic and confident pre-teen with the cute 'Minnie Mouse' braids surpassed the tournament record set by Lexi Thompson, who at 12 years old was a part of the 2007 US Women's Open field.



*Barely 5' tall Lucy Li wows the Press with her composure*

In the recent past children like Lucy have emerged as one of the key story lines of important events. Although he was three years Lucy's senior at the time, the Chinese Guan Tianlang made big buzz at the Masters last year when he arrived on the world stage, and played all four rounds. He followed on the heels of Andy Zhang who played in the Masters 2012 aged 14. A couple of years ago New Zealander Lydia Ko became the youngest player to win a professional event on the LPGA Tour at 14 years. Matteo Manassero became the youngest male golfer to win a European Tour event at age 17 in 2010, adding 3 more wins thereafter!

But there is a bit of brow-furrowing unease at hearing news like this as it naturally dredges up the age-old question: "How young is too young?" Does allowing a child into a professional event amount to exploitation or is it to be seen as legitimate opportunity? Is life rosy for these child prodigies? Remember when Michelle Wie shot to stardom at 14 years? The early fame and glory deterred her natural development into perhaps becoming a force to be reckoned with. It took Michelle 10 years to win her first major – the US Open 2014 where Lucy Li made her debut. Tiger Woods, on the other hand, took it slow and steady and played his first amateur event at 16-plus and didn't turn pro for another four years. Making their own piece of history on the amateur circuit is essential in the process of fast-tracking youngsters to fame on the global golf stage.

A lot of people have no problem with juniors competing at the highest level; the philosophy being, whether you are 13 or 30, if you shoot the lowest score you win. It's all about merit after all; why should these youngsters not compete? And if one looks around there are more talented youngsters now

than at any time in the history of the game. But should one pause to think that despite shooting under par consistently, a 13 year old is still a child. If a child peaks early, there is a danger of burning out in a few years. Should they be subjected to the pressure and expectations of such big pro events? So often these children end up hating not only the game but also their pushy, over-ambitious parents.

Beverly Klass who was only 9 years of age in 1965 when she turned pro, could drive the ball 223 yards; But the LPGA had other ideas, and rewrote its eligibility rules, effectively ending the experiment after four tournaments. Hers was a story of a shadowy world of unfulfilled promise, of physical and emotional abuse by an ambitious parent, of mental institutions and nights spent shivering in fear.

All this makes me look at the good stuff in our very own backyard... The best example of a pre-teen who has more than flourished in the last seven years since she set a world record of becoming the youngest player ever to win a National title, is DGC's Gurbani Singh, who won the Ladies All India Golf Championship at 13 years 3 months. On the threshold of leaving for her second Asian Games this September, she has added multi-fold to her trophy cupboard, all as an amateur.

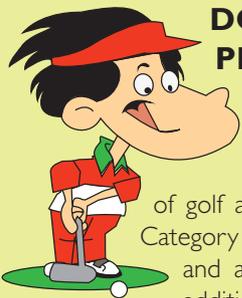
The jump from amateur to pro golf, even in India, is huge. From being a winner, suddenly the player is relegated to the backbenches, struggling to merely make the cut. The weekly travel to different tournaments, not being home with family and friends, not being able to attend regular school and do all the things that other normal kids do, all take their toll.

Many a young lad from the caddy boy ranks, have been pushed into turning pro too early, as a means to supplement the family income. It is difficult to find sponsors and generally it takes years before the youngster is able to perform consistently well again. The pressures of professional golf are mammoth compared to amateur competition, many have faded into oblivion. There are of course exceptions, like our 'caddy boy' Rashid Khan, who was obviously well advised to "climb the stairs, not take the elevator". From being one of the best juniors in the country, to a terrific stint as an amateur, to life on the professional tour... Rashid has made an enormous success of his golfing career.

The upside is that many of these pre-teens who are exceptionally mature have the confidence and freedom of youth to help them perform unintimidated against their idols. We have to get used to this major shift in the profile of a professional golfer. For each one, it is an individual journey - and we can sit back in wonder and awe, enjoying these incredibly talented, focused and dedicated young golfers, wishing each every success in this amazing game called golf.

*Soni Manjit Singh*  
**Soni Manjit Singh**

## DGC TALENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME



Following on from the 'Camp of Excellence' that existed in the past, DGC has instituted a year round programme to improve the standard of golf amongst our juniors wherein 16 boys/girls from Category A, B & C who have shown talent and potential and are on the IGU/IGULS Merit List will be given additional facilities/benefits.

These children will be entitled to, amongst other things, 500 practice balls, 5 times a week up to a maximum of 100 balls per session. One 30 minute lesson per week with their allocated DGC Professional Coach, totaling 4 lessons per month. The expense of 2 lessons will be borne by the Club and 2 by the junior. Medal Round tournaments will be held on the Lodhi Course during non-priority timings (no weekends/holidays) for this group. These will be held once a week (every Friday) during holidays and once a month (first Friday) the rest of the year.

Of these 16 children, DGC will select a junior team comprising 3 boys/3 girls (from each category) to represent DGC at various junior tournaments. Those selected for this programme have give an undertaking declaring DGC their home Club and have confirmed they are not receiving any financial help from any other organization.

Kshitij Naved Kaul (ST 0877) has been making news. Runner up with scores of 80, 76, 72, 73 at the Junior Northern India, ITCC Classic, Gurgaon, April 21- 25 as well as at the Yes Bank IGU Karnataka Juniors, Eagleton, Bengaluru June 2 – 6 in the "B" Category Boys. He followed it up with a win at the Yes Bank IGU Tamil Nadu Juniors Coimbitore, June 19 – 23., 2014.

TOP 10 AS PER IGU MERIT LIST		
'A' CATEGORY GIRLS	RANKING	COACH
RIDHIMA DILAWARI	No 3	Mr Anitya Chand
SEHER ATWAL	No 4	Mrs Nonita L Qureshi
GAURIKA BISHNOI	No 5	Mr Jasjit Singh
'B' CATEGORY BOYS		
SAARTHAK CHHIBBER	No 3	Mr Jasjit Singh
'B' CATEGORY GIRLS		
ARSHIA MAHANT	No 2	Mrs Nonita L Qureshi
SEERAT KAUR ALAG	No 9	Mr Jasjit Singh
'C' CATEGORY BOYS		
ARYAMAN MAHANT	No 1	Mrs Nonita L Qureshi
AARYOMAN BOSE	No 3	Mrs Nonita L Qureshi
'C' CATEGORY GIRLS		
SIFAT SAGOO	No 1	Mr Jasjit Singh
ANANYA BARTHAKUR	No 4	Mr Jasjit Singh
ADDITIONAL		
SHUBHAM JAGLAN	No 1 in 'D'	Mrs Nonita L Qureshi

## SALWAN CUP 2014

The inaugural Salwan Cup – NCR School Golf Championship, was held on the 8th and 9th of May 2014. This first of its kind tournament witnessed 48 boys compete for the honours to be called the NCR School Champion over 36 holes. They were joined by 12 girls on the second day vying for the same honours making the total field of 60 top junior golfers in the Delhi/NCR region. This event, staged under the aegis of Delhi Golf Society, is the initiative of the Salwan Education Trust, who strives to bring golf into Indian schools.

Delhi Golf Club was a fitting venue for this never-before golfing spectacle and the management and staff provided their unflinching support to turn the tournament into a major success.

Piyush Sangwan was crowned the first NCR School Golf Champion, with a score of even par 144 for 2 days. DGC's own occupied the next 3 slots - Vinay Kumar Yadav finished runner-up with a two day total of 149, Mohd Wasil came in third position at 152 and, Rohan Rana, who led on the first day with a brilliant even par round, which included three birdies, finished a disappointing fourth.

In the girls' category, Indian National Team Squad Member Seher Atwal finished first followed by Afshana Fatima who finished runner up.



L- R. Seher Atwal, Mr Paramjeet Khanna (Secretary, Salwan Education Trust), Shri JN Chaudhry (Director General - NSG), Piyush Sangwan, Shri IVS Juneja (President - Delhi Golf Club)

## Junior Training Programme 2014

The annual DGC Junior Training Programme was held from the May 11 to June 20, 2014. Sponsored by USHA for the eighth year in succession, this prestigious 'home grown' event, comprising four camps spread over the six week period provided a range of golfing components, from precise putting and chipping, to bunker shots and hard-hit long drives, to a keenly contested stroke play event on the Peacock Course.

The 215 beginner, inter-mediate and advanced level children bore the brunt of the Delhi summer with incredible enthusiasm and each camp ended with many taking home multiple prizes. DGC's finest coaches managed to imbibe and then extract the best of each child's potential – some will go on to become champions and others will have added to their treasure-chest of youthful experiences, a brush with one of the world's greatest sports!

### THE JUBILANT PRIZE WINNERS



JTP Camp No. 3



JTP Camp No. 2



JTP Camp No. 1



JTP Camp No. 4

# Juniors

## 8<sup>TH</sup> DGC JUNIOR/SUB-JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again joining hands with sponsor USHA, this annual DGC owned junior tournament attracted young golfers from as far as Chandigarh, with a final count of 102 participants. Managed by the Ladies Section, the event saw all departments of the Club rally, each committed to ensuring that next year this prestigious junior event is categorized once gain, becoming a part of the Indian Golf Union's junior golf circuit. The Club is grateful to all the ladies who came out in force, to help and, even the weather gods prevailed, providing cloud cover, intermittent breeze and scattered showers throughout the week.

Divided into the Age/Handicap Categories as laid down by the Indian Golf Union, the Lodhi Course proved a strong challenge to the 11 to 17 year olds. So strong that the final deciding hole of the "A" Category witnessed two young men play the 18th hole no less than five times, before a winner was declared. Kudos to DGC's own Rohan Rana who heroically kept forcing the ultimate winner, Shubham Narain, back to the tee. With pars, birdies and even an eagle, the Prize Distribution was delayed by almost an hour and we extend our grateful thanks to Mr Syed Anjum Nabi, VP Usha Power Products, for being so patient!

Supporting DGC's commitment to junior golf, a Special Category was added for those not as qualified, who played a special event on the Peacock Course. By doing this, we were able to offer 'tournament conditions and experience' to many youngsters who are on the threshold of discovering their talent. Congratulations to overall winner in this category, Ishita, a member of the Ladies Section's Golfing Girl Child Programme, instituted and sponsored by Shreya Ghei and family. Separate special prizes were presented for this category.

### Tournament Results

Boys:	Winner	Runner-Up
"A" Category	Shubham Narain	Rohan Rana
"B" Category	Sunhit Bishnoi	Kartik Sharma
"C" Category	Manav Bais	Bharat Sharma
"D" Category	Shubham Jaglan	Aryan Kaila
Girls:		
"A" Category	Shweta Man Singh	
"B" Category	Sifat Sagoo	Shagun Narain
"C" Category	Himadri Singh	
"D" Category	Khushi Hooda	
Special Category	Ishita	Tushar Saini



Shubham Narain

Rohan Rana



Sunhit Bishnoi

Manav Bais



Sifat Sagoo

Shubham Jaglan



Khushi Hooda

Ishita



## AT HOME WITH THE MASTERS

by Suhel Seth (S-943)



Suhel Seth (S-943) with tennis icon Rod Laver at the Masters

Augusta teaches you many lessons. Almost all of them seeped in history. From the time Bob Jones founded the tournament. These lessons are not those in golf alone. They are about something much deeper. About human character and human values but above all about decency. When life around us is so hurried and at times even shallower; there are places like Augusta, and games like golf, which help a human being, reflect on the life he or she is living. I have been an avid golf fan but not a fanatic. I have been a believer but not a preacher about the religion of golf. But then Augusta is not for the believers. It is for the pilgrims of golf. It is like making an annual pilgrimage to where the Masters are held and where some of the greats even today are spoken of in reverential whispers.

Having been to the United States a zillion times, I wouldn't ever dream of going to Augusta if there wasn't the draw of the Masters. What is equally interesting is that the residents of Augusta think so too. So forget your usual retinue of hotels, it is homes where you stay at when you are down for the Masters Week. Luxurious homes which are let out for the week, by their owners, who know what golf fanatics are like. So it was in one of these homes that I ended up staying. The Holsten Residence as it was called. Perched in the 'Hills' area, like the Lutyens Zone of Delhi, these are homes that are not just beautifully appointed but equally combine the charm and the historicity of Augusta. The Augusta National is about a five-minute drive away. But then it helped being a guest of Rolex, who as partners of this tournament, have privileged access like you can't even imagine. Your car drives into Augusta National when almost everyone else is waiting in serpentine queues to get in. The hospitality marquee of Rolex is called Tea Olive: every thing about it was timeless. From the subtle branding in the room to the plushness of the leather sofas to the fact that on one afternoon I saw four greats: three golf greats: Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player and then the tennis icon, Rod Laver.

There is a ritual to every pilgrimage. So is it with Augusta. My routine was fairly simple but deeply exhausting. One would wake up early to get to the course by about 8am...the first

tee-offs of the day would typically be at about 7.45am or thereabouts. You would then traverse the course with any player(s) you were keen on seeing: so the first day (April 10) I was tracking both Bubba Watson and Adam Scott but the leader of that day when the final tallies were all added up was Bill Haas. So day one was typically exciting: I was getting to know the lay of the course; meeting some interesting folks: I saw only three other Indians: Pawan Munjal, Sunil Mittal and Dilip Thomas. I was told Siddharth Shriram was there but I didn't see him. Day One was also about figuring the holes out: which were the ones that were extremely challenging and which were the spectacular ones. The most photographed hole at Augusta is Hole # 12 but the most difficult is Hole # 15 also called Firethorn. So one did a lot of reading up and at the end of Day One, the immersion at Augusta was complete. I was now ready to take on the Augusta Pilgrims.

But nothing I had ever read could have prepared me for a meeting with Richard Van Frank. I noticed Richard because of his hat. His hat, which on its rim had tickets to the Masters, all the way back to 1964 (when I was one year old): Richard has been at every Masters since 1964. The ticket in 1964 cost him \$ 2 and now the official ticket price is \$ 250 though it sells for about \$ 8500. The passion with which Richard spoke seemed to suggest that there are many who live a year only to be able to spend this one week at the Masters. Such is their dedication and so deep is their faith.

Days Two, Three and Four were similar in terms of the routine. Every evening in Augusta you have cocktails and dinners hosted by various corporations: I obviously went to the ones hosted by Rolex and then wound up at the house that Pawan Munjal had hired for some amazing Indian food: trite as it may sound, but then when one is away from India for more than a month you crave the spices and home-cooked food.

And thankfully all the conversation at Augusta is always around golf. You are transported to a world of greens and the Green Jacket. It's almost as if an entire life is only worth a good tee shot and an even better putt. But to suggest that the charm of Augusta National is only limited to its spectacular course would be a trifle unfair. It is about assembling the most committed golf lovers in the world for one week where they celebrate history with contemporary prowess. Where every pine tree tells a tale of heroism and where every blade of grass yearns for someone better than the last player who walked the turf. That is the defining quality of Augusta. Which is why the home of the Masters is so masterful, in both its embrace and its welcome.

## SHIV KAPUR TAKES ON THE BIG GUNS

The atmosphere at the US Open was electrifying. Pinehurst 2, N.Carolina, where the tournament was held this year was bursting at the seams. However thanks to the organizational abilities of USGA it was a seamless wonder. I happened to be at Pinehurst only because my son Shiv was playing.

Shiv was paired with Jim Furyk and Justin Leonard for the practice round on wednesday. As spectators are allowed to walk inside the ropes and come up close and personal with the big names, that is where I was! The highlight of the day however was the arrival of the contingent from Purdue University, Shiv's alma mater, comprising of the Chairman Board of Trustees, the Athletics Director and Shiv's college coach. They came in the Purdue University private plane just for the day to show their appreciation for one of their own.

Thursday saw the arrival of a string of private planes from New York carrying Shiv's friends and fans from the corporate world.

Shiv played sublime golf on all four days except for a slight hiccup on the 16th hole in the second round, which he triple-bogeyed. Frankly, my loud cheering became a mere whimper as I got nervous about Shiv making the cut which was being predicted at 3over; and Shiv was on 3 over with only 2 holes to go. I was a bundle of nerves! Shiv made the cut quite comfortably at 3-over with 2 strokes to spare.

He continued his good form over the next two days. As I was in the gallery I could hear whispers about this boy from India. Surprisingly many in the crowd did not know where India was.

The final round is traditionally held on Father's day. When Shiv holed his final putt the grandstand erupted and saluted him with an unprecedented applause that can only be experienced at the US Open. That is why the US Open is the US Open! My son played like a champion and could not have given me a better gift on Father's Day!

Ravi Kapoor (K-397)



Shiv signing autographs at the US Open

Shiv's scores at the US Open: 73,70,71,72 totalling +6 for the championship earned him a commendable T23 position.

Shiv followed this sublime tournament with another great performance a few weeks later at the Aberdeen Asset Management **Scottish Open** on July 13, with scores of 69, 75, 68, 69 to finish joint 27th. It is most unfortunate that Shiv will not be showcasing his great form at The Open at Royal Liverpool GC this week due to an oversight on the part of his management company not sending his entry for The Open qualifier in time.

Next time we share Shiv's news with you, hopefully it will be of a win.

## CAPTAIN'S DAY SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2014 SKILLS COMPETITION RESULTS

	Winner	Runner up
<b>Longest drive (ladies)</b>		
H'cap 19 & above	Anita Malhotra	Anuva Saurabh
H'cap 10 – 18	Sonal Chaudhri	
H'cap ( & under	Rashika Chauhan	
<b>Longest drive (gents)</b>		
H'cap 19 & above	MS Grewal	
H'cap 10 – 18	S Laxminarayan	PK Chopra
H'cap 9 & under	I Shiv kumar	Aditya Gupta
<b>Pitching</b>		
Ladies	Ritika Raina	Apar Chaudhry
Gents	S Mitra	Nitin Aggarwal
<b>Trap shooting</b>		
Ladies	Sonaal Chaudhri	Rashika Chauhan
Gents	Bharat Anand	Rajeev Puri
<b>Putting</b>		
Ladies	Jemini Tien	Aashna Monga
Gents	Jai Kishan Lilaram	Manav Grewal
Past Presidents/ Captains	Dr Ajay Dua	Rajeev Puri

## DGC MEMBERS PROVE THEIR WORTH

On July 10 the Club sent out an appeal to its members regarding the 11 year old daughter of Mrs. Madhu Batra, Office Executive, who had been diagnosed with TYPE 1 diabetes in November 2013. The child is being administered insulin four times a day and considering there are frequent hypoglycemia episodes, an insulin pump costing approximately ₹2.5 lakhs had been recommended in addition to a recurrent monthly cost of ₹9000/-. As we go to press on July 15, ₹3.20 lakhs has been received from Club members who are to be applauded for their timely generosity.



## 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
27.02.14	Inderjeet Singh	I-008	12
15.03.14	Bharat Wakhlu	CPA-100	12
23.03.14	Manas S Ray	TC-389	12
03.04.14	Subrata Kumar Dash	TC-296	17
10.04.14	Vijay Kumar Topa	T-112	5
15.04.14	Avtar Singh	S-731	7
23.04.14	Ravi Capoor	C-336	17
01.05.14	Rajendra Prasad Maganti	CPA-112	12
03.05.14	Vikram Kapoor	K-294	5
08.05.14	IS Bindra	B-271	17
22.05.14	Shafi Goroo	G-286	12
22.05.14	Sarabjit Singh Sabharwal	S-906	5
23.05.14	Kabir Advani	A-207	5
27.05.14	BS Bassi	HM-10	17
04.06.14	Gurdeep Singh	S-713	17
06.06.14	Charanjit Singh Pantal	P-239	7

### PEACOCK COURSE

The following each have won a memento

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
06.01.14	Master Eshaan Sethi	S-879	7
11.01.14	Aakarsh Puri	ST-0975	1
03.03.14	Suchet Singhal	ST-0950	3
16.03.14	Sajiv Khanna	K-307	5
16.03.14	Master Angad Kumar	K-499	6
18.03.14	Shrey Kandhari	ST-0971	1
30.03.14	Master Reyhanjit Singh	S-889	5
31.03.14	Mrs Deepak Chopra	C-222	1
11.04.14	Arjun Batra	B-122	5
13.04.14	Aditya Malhotra	SD-1200	5
13.04.14	Aabir Choudhary	ST-0993	6
13.04.14	Shrey Kandhari	ST-0971	1
14.04.14	Yash Aggarwal	ST-0946	3
16.04.14	Arun Sahay	S-893	6
21.04.14	Farid Bakshi	SD-872	3
25.05.14	Prithvi Gupta	SF-026	3
29.05.14	Aditya Shiv Talwar	ST-0978	6
05.06.14	Anisha Chadha	ST-0967	6

'When God Said Cheers', a play directed by Cyrus Dastur, was performed on the Main Lawn on March 23, 2014. The play starring the veteran popular actor Tom Alter, was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by an audience of five hundred plus. The Bar and Food Stalls were open to the members.

A Jazz Nite with performance by Yatra was held on March 15. The bar and multi-cuisine food stalls organised were a great hit with the members.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Ashok Sawhny (S-229) whose latest book of English poetry, "The Shepherd Said: a collection of poems" has recently been published.

### OBITUARY

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

T S Brar	B-066	HS Garewal	G-043
Meera Mathur	M-326	OM Kidwai	K-163
Parphul Singh Gill	G-026	AJS Walia	W-004
Rajendra Nath Mittal	M-280	Mohini Bhel	WS-083
RN Kakar	K-014	Gen RD Mehra	M-295
Birender Nihal Singh	S-696	JN Goel	G-145
Harbhajan Bedi	B-152	Puneet Bagrodia	SD-326
E Chawla	C-029	Surbir Jit Singh Chhatwal	C-042
Charandeep Singh Kataria	K-169	RCA Jain	J-155
Usha Khera	K-103	Seeta Parkash	WS-028
VV Mohindra	M-372	BV Reddy	R-118
Krishan Bans Bahadur	K-002	Krishan Khullar	K-179
Shankar Ghose	G-137	Harminder Singh Uberoi	U-019
Kanta Khanna	K-178		

The Committee appreciates the honesty of the Security Guards and Caddies who return valuable items to the Secretariat.



#### Ram Dayal Yadav

On April 24, 2014 he found a bag containing ₹6000/- near Gate No. 1 and handed it over to the member.



**Manoj Yadav** (Secure Service) : Found a wallet containing ₹3800/- on June 5, 2014 at the Main Gate and handed over the same to the member.

**Caddy Subhash** (Caddy No. 390) found a TAG Heuer watch on the Course. He returned it to the Golf Operations Department and the same was returned to Maj Gen. Amarjit Singh, the owner of the watch.

A few golf clubs have also been found on the Course; these are lying in the Golf Operations Hut. Members are requested to identify and collect their clubs.

### Results of Club tournaments:

	Winner	Runner up
<b>Club Championship</b>	Hiroyuki Fukui (150)	Amit Luthra (152)
<b>Senior Members</b>	KK Bajoria (78)	Cdr KS Brar (81)
<b>Super Seniors</b>	GS Bawa (46)	JM Kapur (47)

Thai stars **Kiradech Aphibarnrat** and **Thongchai Jaidee** claimed the top accolades at the **2013 Asian Tour Awards** Night in Jakarta in April. Kiradech swept the 'Players' Player of the Year' title and 'Special Achievement Award' and the prestigious 'Order of Merit' crown. Thongchai was named the Player of the Decade (2004-2013), an award voted by the players. Kiradech earned over US\$1 million, becoming only the second man to achieve the feat in Asian Tour history. Thongchai took home the 'Lowest Stroke Average' (69.46) and 'Greens in Regulation' (75%) titles. Among the nominees was India's Jeev Milkha Singh who was named the 'Best Putter' with an average of 1.71 putts.

**Hideki Matsuyama** won on the first playoff hole at Muirfield Village at the **Memorial Tournament** on May 26<sup>th</sup>, rolling in a 23 second cliffhanger par putt. It was a wild and bizarre final two hours on the PGA Tour, with Bubba's teeshot landing in someone's private property, multiple water balls, and a fan's knee dimpled by a Hideki wild shot, as well as breaking the head off his driver.

American **Mo Martin** was the surprise winner of the **Ricoh Women's British Open** at Royal Birkdale on July 13<sup>th</sup>. On a high-scoring final day, the 31 year old World No. 99 made an eagle on the 18th hole to finish one under par to claim her first major.

**Johnathan Spieth** who was attempting to be the youngest champion, won the hearts of the golfing public in Georgia and identified himself as this sport's brightest young star. However **Bubba Watson** at a score of 8-under par 280 at the **78<sup>th</sup> Masters** Golf tournament re-acquainted himself with the Green Jacket. The emotional Watson has learnt to overcome his ADD and focus on the job at hand.

**Tiger Woods** makes news even when he's laid off due to back surgery. The effect on the game, devoid of its most iconic figure, hugely impacts ratings and the sport's finances. Analysts say it's impossible to put a precise price tag on Tiger's absence, but according to one estimate, the 'doom and gloom' is worth a reported \$15 billion in a golf industry valued at around \$68.8 billion.

At the **Quicken Loans National** at a Congressional Country Club, Maryland, **Justin Rose** made most of his second chance on June 26<sup>th</sup> when he parred the sudden-death play-off hole which he had managed to force by scrambling a bogey on the 18th. Tiger made a premature return to golf after back surgery as his Foundation supports the tournament— but he missed cut

**Justin Rose** heads to The Open with back-to-back victories having demolished the field with a final round 65, giving him a total of 16-under at the Aberdeen Asset Management **Scottish Open** played at the Royal Aberdeen GC. Rory McIlroy, on the Par 4 13th, drove the green 436 yards – with a 3 wood; it can be viewed on <http://progolfnow.com/2014/07/10/rory-mcilroy-smahes-436-yard-drive-video/>

**Martin Kaymer's** surprise holing of a 30-foot par putt on the 17th green at the TPC Sawgrass carried him to a one shot dramatic victory at the **Players Championship**. The former World No. 1 almost blew his 3-shot lead when mother nature threw her best at the players, with rain stopping play for 90 minutes.

**Martin Kaymer** became the 4<sup>th</sup> European in the last five years to win the **US Open**. His commanding 8-shot victory on June 15 at

Pinehurst 2, North Carolina where he led from start to finish, equalled the lowest halfway total (130) in major championship history.

A great moment for Asian golf was witnessed at the inaugural **EurAsia Cup** played over the Glenmarie Golf & Country Club, KL, Malaysia in March. Team Asia came storming back to force shared honours with Team Europe to tie 10-10. Indians **Anirban Lahiri** and **Gaganjeet Bhullar** added to the list of wins.

**Shubhankar Sharma** became the youngest winner on the PGTI at 17 years, by claiming his maiden victory in style with a score of 9-under at the **PGTI Cochin Masters**.

As expected, **Europe** cruised comfortably to their 6<sup>th</sup> victory in 8 editions of the Asia Pacific vs Europe Amateur Team Golf for the **Sir Michael Bonallack Trophy** presented by Hero at the KGA course, Bengaluru from March 26-28 by a 17 ½ to 14 ½ margin. The lone Indian on the team, National Champion Karan Taunk lost to Walker Cup player Irishman Gavin Moynihan

**Adam Scott** bolted into the **No. 1** spot in the **Official World Golf Ranking** after doing almost nothing over the past six months. It was as if Scott's practice sessions, television watching and lounging around on the couch were so impressive that they allowed him to just tear on past Tiger Woods and into the No. 1 position in the World Golf Ranking. Scott hasn't won a tournament anywhere in the world since the Talisker Masters in November.

The **LPGA** waived its age requirement to let 16-year old **Lydia Ko** from New Zealand become a member; Tour members have to be a minimum of 18 years old. As an amateur Lydia became the youngest winner of an LPGA event at 15 years, and the rookie is already a two-time winner on the Tour.

**Jason Day** and **Adam Scott** sealed a runaway victory for **Australia** in the **World Cup of Golf** on November 23, 2013, with Day making it a double celebration by taking out the individual title. This was Australia's first victory in 24 years, made all the more special as it was played on home soil at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club. The US team at 10 strokes behind, was in second position. The tournament has existed in some format since 1953 but became a biennial event in 2011 to fit around the inclusion of golf as an Olympic Sport from 2016. The entry format using World Rankings and the number of players eligible from each country based on those rankings will be used at the **Rio Games in 2016**.

**Patrick Reed** trumped both the world-class field and the 7,400-yard Trump National Doral in Miami, Fla. at the **WGC-Cadillac Championship** for his third victory in eight months and a whopping \$1.5 million in prize money. The world ranked #44 overcame wind and water where some of golf's most prominent players had trouble staying under par.

**Anirban Lahiri** holed a sensational 20 foot eagle putt on the 18th to grab his fourth Asian Tour title (his first outside India) at the **CIMB Indonesian Masters** making him the highest ranked Indian in the Official World Golf Rankings.





## A planned diet for old age

**A**s one gets older, it becomes even more important to eat healthy as with the decreasing appetite and reduced ability to absorb nutrients, one does not get enough of the essential proteins, vitamins, mineral and fiber. Even though the quantity of food intake goes down, the quality of food one is eating becomes very important.

### BASIS OF A HEALTHY DIET SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

**1. Base your meals on carbohydrates:** 60-65% of the total calories should come from carbs and especially the healthy or complex carbs. Go in for cereals like oats, dahlia, ragi, wheat, brown rice and reduce the intake of refined carbs like bread, cornflour, maida etc. Complex carbs are an excellent source of fiber too, hence encouraging elderly to eat more of healthy carbs, prevent constipation.

**2. Eat protein from your diet and not your muscles:** Proteins are mandatory for repair and maintenance hence even at old age one needs a minimum of 0.8gm/kg body weight, unless one has underlying renal or liver problems. But go for the lean proteins like low fat dairy products like milk, paneer, curd etc, lentils, egg whites, soyabean, fish, chicken and nuts.

**3. Drink enough water:** Water/fluids are essential for hydration, digestion and blood volume. Due to low activity and reduced mobility, usually old people drink very less of fluids leading to dehydration and electrolyte imbalance. Aim to drink atleast 6-8 glasses of water or fluids per day which can include tea, fresh lime water, coconut water, soups and juices beside water.

**4. Eat lots of fruits and vegetables:** Fruits & veggies are the powerhouse of nutrients. They provide us with all the vitamins and minerals besides being the source of antioxidants too. One must take minimum of 4-5 servings of fruits and veggies per day. They also provide with bulk to the diet, which is essential in old age and helps in normal bowel movements. Go for the seasonal fruits and veggies and try to consume as fresh as possible. Follow the farm to plate theory. Less processing or cooking a food undergoes, more healthy and nutritious it is.



**5. Keep moving:** Regular physical activity is the key to healthy ageing. Involve yourself in daily household chores, enjoying a leisure walk with a friend or your pet in the park. Being active not only reduces the risk of lifestyle disorders like heart diseases, increased blood pressure but also helps in psychological well being.

### 1500 CALORIE DIET SAMPLE MENU

Start your day with a handful of nuts

#### Breakfast

1 bowl oatmeal  
1 glass skim milk  
1 bowl fruits

#### Midmorning snack

Fresh lime water / coconut water  
Fruit

#### Lunch

2 chapati  
1 katori seasonal vegetable  
1 katori dal  
Salads  
Bowl of curd

#### Tea snack

Tea / coffee  
Snack: digestive biscuits / steam corn / bhelpuri

#### Dinner

2 chapatti  
1 katori dal / chicken curry  
Bowl of vegetable  
Curd  
or Milk at bedtime



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