

# The Green Scene

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2012-2013 CLUB ELECTIONS  
GOLF FOR ALL DEBUTS AT THE DGC  
A LIFE WITH GOLF

A family of Athene Brahmas or Spotted Owlets on their favourite tree on the 14th hole  
Photograph: Gaby Juneja

# Farewell Message

## From the OUTGOING PRESIDENT & CAPTAIN

At the end of our first term in September last year, we had decided to send members a joint communication. By doing this we wished to highlight the importance of a harmonious and understanding relationship between President and Captain. Now, at the end of our tenure we would like to reiterate and leave you with that same thought. Whatever our Sub-Committees have achieved during the past two years has been due to the guidance and hard work of members of the General Committee and the understanding we have all had about our respective roles.

By the time you read this we would have welcomed a new President and Captain. As you would have read in our letter sent to members a few weeks ago, the last two years have seen a number of initiatives. Many of them are of a nature where the groundwork and planning has been done but now require execution. Of these, two are of the utmost importance: the up-gradation of the Peacock Course and the new Building Project, both of which will have a lasting impact on the facilities and infrastructure of our Club.

We are confident that the new team elected will take these and other projects forward and our Club will justifiably retain its reputation as India's premier golf club. Both of us would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best in the arduous but rewarding task of steering the Club to an even greater future.

One of the initiatives put in place this year was the revamping of The Green Scene under a new editorial team which has received many compliments for its design and interesting articles. The previous Editor, Ramesh Kohli along with Gaby Juneja, have recently made available, on general release, their Coffee Table Book "The Lodhi and The Peacock", the first book to be written on our Club.

May we also take this opportunity of wishing all of you the very best in health and good golf. Over the last two years you have guided, advised as well as criticized us. Hopefully we have lived up to the confidence you had reposed in us two years ago. For us it has been a most rewarding and productive time.

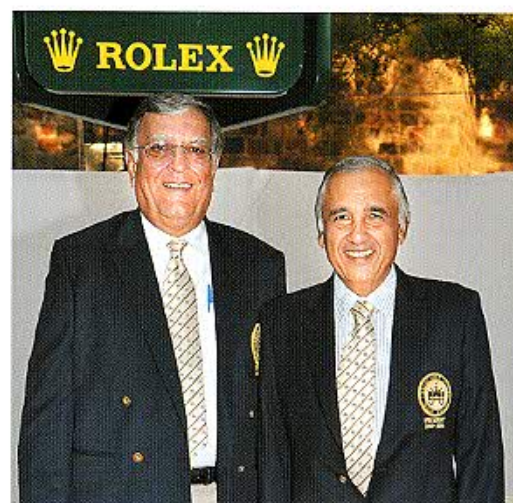
We would be failing in our duty if we did not acknowledge the hard work of all the staff, both on and off the course. They have been ably led by the Secretary, Rajiv Hora, Tejinder Singh, the Financial Controller and Babu Lal and his team on the course. Our staff are our greatest asset and we owe them a strong vote of thanks.



**MANMOHAN SINGH**  
President (2010-2012)



**VIJAY DHAWAN**  
Captain (2010-2012)



### ELECTION RESULT: DELHI GOLF CLUB LIMITED

Results of the Elections for the offices of the President, Captain and Members of the General Committee for the year 2012-2013.

#### Members of The General Committee

President	Votes			Votes			Votes	
Mr. I.V.S. Juneja	279	Elected	Maj. Gen. K.M.S. Shergill	374	Elected	Mr. H.B. Singh	244	Elected
Mr. Rajesh Dhingra	266		Mr. P.R.S. Brar	319	Elected	Mr. Satish Girotra	243	Elected
Mr. Rajendra S. Rathore	78		Mr. Rohit Sabherwal	303	Elected	Mr. T.S. Sawhney	237	Elected
<b>Captain</b>			Mr. Vijay Topa	288	Elected	Mr. Arvind Karnik	225	
Mr. Kapil Channa	251	Elected	Mr. Anil K. Mehra	280	Elected	Capt. Lalit Talwar	186	
Mr. Raj Khosla	200		Mr. Greesh Bindra	279	Elected	Mr. Sonny Chopra	133	
Maj. R.S. Bedi	171		Mr. Anil K. Virmani	279	Elected	Mr. V.S. Singh	116	
			Mr. Ashwini Luthra	254	Elected			
			Mr. Prakash Brahma	246	Elected	K.S. Bains, Chief Returning Officer		

# Change of Guard



## President's Message

Being President of our prestigious Club is a great honour indeed. I do not consider it as a position of power but an opportunity to serve the Club. I want to do my best for the Club with all humility, and I will consider my critics as my best friends. I look to them to guide me and bring to the fore what the Club's needs are.

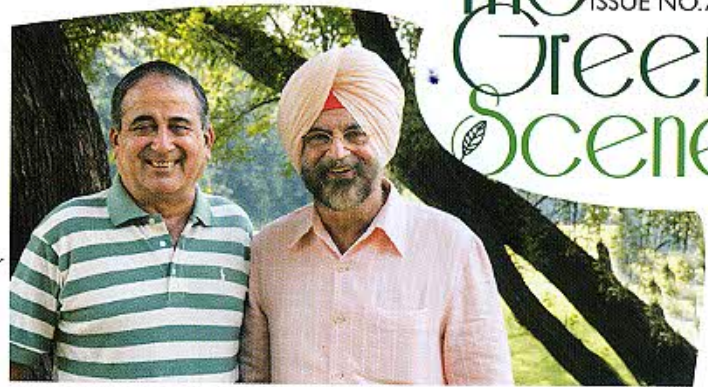
I look forward to working with the Captain and members of the Committee and I intend to bring to the table the wisdom and personal experience of golf that I have been fortunate enough to garner over several years of my association with this wonderful game.

The Captain is the CEO - he will do the work and I shall give him my unstinting support and advice. As a team we will take this great Club forward, calling on the membership whenever needed to help us achieve our goals.

I wish to extend my grateful thanks to Mr K S Bains who has been for a number of years, conducting the Club Elections with great efficiency and total impartiality.

*IVS Juneja*

IVS JUNEJA  
President (2012-2013)



Kapil Channa with IVS "Gulli" Juneja

## Captain's Message

Dear Members,

I thank you for voting me to this most important and challenging post. It was overwhelming to see so many of you at the Elections - 625 members cast their ballot in what was one of the biggest turnouts in the Club's recent past. This in its self highlights how important the Club is to all of us.

I look forward to working with the Team you have elected, several of whom are 'first-timers' and we will do everything possible to ensure that we do what is best for the Club.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, both with advice and criticism; I will welcome both equally.

With personal regards to each one of you,

*K Channa*

KAPIL CHANNA  
Captain (2012-2013)



**GENERAL COMMITTEE 2012-2013**

**Standing:** Maj. Gen. K.M.S. Shergill, Rohit Sabherwal, Vijay Topa, P.R.S. Brar, T.S. Sawhney, Greesh Bindra, Rajiv Hora (Secretary), H.B. Singh

**Sitting:** Ashwini Luthra, Bubbles Suneja (Lady Captain), Kapil Channa (Captain), IVS Juneja (President), Vijay Dhawan, Anil K. Virmani, Prakash Brahma, Anil K. Mehra

**Not in the picture:** Satish Girotra and the Government Nominees: Rajan Gupta, Rajiv Luthra, Duke Walia

# Sub-Committees Reports



## GREENS

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vijay Dhawan

The Course experienced severe downpours during the second half of August wherein over a period of a few days Delhi made up the deficit of rainfall. The heavy rainfall resulted in the course being closed for a few days while it was being drained/dried. This year due to better maintenance practices, the effect of the excessive rain was far less and the greens and fairways are subsequently in better shape.

We have laid out a new nursery of Tiff Dwarf grass, as the old one had been contaminated; this will be used on the course as and when required. We have also laid out an area of Calcutta Doob grass for use on the fairways.

The Cart Paths on the back nine have been completed. There are a few places which require attention and these are being looked into.

The redesign of the Chipping area has been approved by the Committee as per recommendations made by Mr. Phil Ryan, after discussing the same with members. This work would require to be undertaken by the new Committee in January.



## FINANCE

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Raj Khosla



The duly audited financial results are now out. The Auditors have acknowledged in their report that there is an overall improvement of internal control and procedures. The internal control and procedure continues to progress and we need to follow more stringent procedures for the capital and major revenue expenses. We now have a reasonable amount of Reserve and Surplus.

## T&H

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

The Annual Golf Calendar for 2012-2013 has been finalized; this can be viewed on the Club website.

We are delighted to inform members that the General Committee has approved a grant of financial assistance of Rs One Lac to Shubham Jaglan who recently played four Sub-Junior Tournaments in USA winning two events in the North Jersey Summer Local Tour 2012, at the Flanders Valley Golf Course & the Galloping Hill Golf Course.

The Usha Northern India Ladies & Junior Girls Golf Championship 2012 was played from 18th to 20th September 2012 with a total of 69 participants.

The Delhi Flour Mills Cup was held from 21st to 22nd September 2012 with 426 members participating.



## TECHNOLOGY

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Anil Virmani

We have initiated a paperless concept which is now in use. You would have observed that all information related to Club activities is now being sent by email as well as being posted on the Notice Board in the Members' Area on the Club website.

To comply with Delhi Excise norms we are in process of implementing ESCIMS (Excise Supply Chain Information Management System). This system will be connected with the Delhi Excise Department which will provide online information of all liquor coming into and being consumed in the Club.

We are planning to put up a Tee-Off Time Booking Sheet for weekends on the Club website a minimum of 3 days in advance. We have also planned to put up the status for Membership Application and Membership Upgradation on the website after the verification of data by the Auditors.



## MEMBERSHIP

CHAIRMAN: Mr. R.S. Bedi

1. Applicants are being considered with the following seniority:-

• Indian Business	December, 1986
• Indian Service	September, 1996
• Dependent Applied in Time	December, 1995
• Dependent Applied Late	August, 1988

2. Upgradation from Mid-week to 'A'

• Indian Business	30 <sup>th</sup> March, 1990
• Indian Service	29 <sup>th</sup> October, 2004

3. Upgradation from 'C' to Mid-week

• Indian Business	10 <sup>th</sup> May, 2011
• Indian Service	07 <sup>th</sup> May, 2012



## F&B

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Anil Virmani

Continuing the trend of promotions and tasting the following were organised during the last two months.

- 1) Ballantine's Finest in the Main Bar and Pub from 1st to 31st August with a weekly lucky draw of a bottle of Ballantine's Finest.
- 2) A wine appreciation evening was held on 9th September where our in-house wine expert Mr. Subhash Arora,



Subhash Arora, Raj Khanna with the Bar Staff

President Indian Wine Academy introduced the members to a selection of wines from France, Spain and Chile. There was great bonhomie with sound decibels rising as members

attempted to rate each wine after being explained the basic principles of wine tasting.

- 3) An appreciation session for Bunnahabhain Single Malt was held on 16th September in the Main Bar where Mr. Rohan from Tulleeho educated our members on the production and tasting of single malt whisky.
- 4) A Jack Daniels Promotion was organised from 1st to 30th September.

The General Committee, looking into the price increase



request from the Caterer and as suggested by the F&B Committee, approved an increase of food prices at the Pub by 15% across the board and 20% on fish items. Apart from this, the General

Committee also agreed to increase prices across the board at Club catered outlets by 15% on food items. This was done as no increase in prices had taken place since 2010, even though the prices of raw material had gone up substantially.

Unfortunately the Chinese caterer, Mr. Tham took a decision to discontinue his association with the Club after 20 years. To fill this vacuum, the General Committee decided that the Pub caterer be asked to provide Chinese food in the Main Dining Room on a trial basis for 3 months.

We have moved into our newly renovated Main Kitchen and have started our new menus in the Dining Room and the Main Bar. The Pub also has a new menu.

Club Nite on 26th September 2012 saw 653 members enjoying the evening... a live band added a different ambience and a sumptuous buffet by the Club caterer had many members going back for seconds.

I would like to thank the General Committee and all members of the F&B Committee for their time and effort during the year.

## HOUSE

CHAIRMAN: Mr. C.R. Bakhshi

The House Committee has during the course of the year undertaken extensive work which has been highlighted earlier. We have now completed cleaning the air-conditioned storage room adjacent to the Card Room; it is planned to use this as a Query Area for Members granting convenience of access.

Renovation of the Bar is still pending. Unfortunately we were unable to implement our plan to make a Cigar Bar for smokers. We hope that these projects will be taken up by the new Committee.

I would like to thank my Committee for their help in achieving the successful completion of numerous projects this year.



## HRD

CHAIRMAN: Cmde Kabir Vasudeva

We have had a watershed year and had manifold achievements. Some salient aspects undertaken include:

- a) Recruitment of key appointments of Deputy Secretary, General Manager F&B and Manager Accounts so as to improve overall Club efficiencies.
- b) Drawing up of a Code of Conduct for Club Elections and other Club activities in line with other leading Clubs.
- c) Augmentation of CCTV has been carried out for better and more comprehensive surveillance.
- d) Caddy availability, turn out and discipline has improved during the year. Caddy rates have also been revised in keeping with the times.





The seed of this editorial began with the wonderful news of young Student Member Shreya Ghei's achievements at Yale University in the United States. It also made us realise the opportunities Delhi Golf Club has provided to so many, successfully. It gave us an immense feeling of pride that the Club has been able to provide the environment conducive to nurturing and supporting golfing talent in young individuals. Some of our youngsters cemented their success stories after being awarded scholarships at Universities in America (interesting to note not one went to the United Kingdom. Perhaps had we been a cricket club the story would be different!). Some examples follow.



**Shiv Kapur** (SD-694), having honed his golfing skills over the fairways and greens of DGC and making an early mark as a sub-junior, attended Purdue University, Indianapolis, USA with a 100% scholarship thanks to his golf. Of course obtaining a good SAT score for admission, and continuing to

maintain a required GPA, secured him a successful University experience. Shiv comments "It isn't easy but with hard work and drive, it's possible!" Presented the Arjuna Award in 2003, Shiv now has a very successful career as a professional on the Asian and European Tours.



When **Rishi Narain** (N-145), applied to American Universities back in 1981 for a college scholarship to play in the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association), there was no precedent from India. Most US college coaches were surprised to learn that golf was even played in India! However

because of his international scores on the Asian Tour, where he had played with a number of star US professionals with some degree of success, he got lucky and was accepted by Brigham Young University, which happened to go on to become the No 1 ranked team in Division A of the NCAA that year. He has never looked back since!

Rishi has this advice to share with budding golfers and their families:

*"The combination of practice regiment, tournament play, competition with the best young players in America and rigorous college education is in my opinion, the best preparation for a career in professional golf. You get a proper education while honing your game at no cost to you. Nothing can be better. Look at the depth of players on the USPGA Tour and most of them have been through this three to four year college education. Even the brilliant Tiger Woods completed three years at Stanford before taking the plunge on tour. In my opinion going in for a professional tour career without completing a college education is too risky. If for some reason your game goes sour or you are injured, what do you have to fall back on?"*

*Also the education gives you a different perspective and prepares you better to deal with media, sponsors, administrators, pro-am partners etc and you will enhance your playing success because of a college education. It certainly helped me.*

*If for some reason, you cannot make a career as a professional tour player, the college experience paves the way for a career in golf. When my back injury occurred at the peak of my tour playing years, I was able to get into a career as a teacher and then into sports marketing, thanks to my college education. The odds against making it really big on tour are high and there is no doubt that my degree in business management and accounting at one of the best business schools in the USA, helped me forge my second career in the golf business.*

*American university golf coaches are looking for talent outside their country especially among the girls. Even if the scholarship doesn't cover the complete cost of education and only covers half of it – it is a real boon. The programmes provide golf sets, balls, gloves and all the practice facilities required for you to work hard on your game without taxing your personal resources. Access to top notch courses, camaraderie with other top-ranking players from the US and overseas and travel within America playing college tournaments – the college experience doesn't get better than this. For any family with a potential young golfer, this is certainly one fabulous experience to strive for."*



**Vivek Bhandari** (B-411), professional golfer attended the University of Southern California after a coach came to watch him here after his All India win. Vivek got on to the College team after the first semester and thereafter was awarded a scholarship, on the basis of his golf, without which he could not

have dreamt of going abroad at all.



**Shalini Malik** (M-469), attended the University of Hartford, Connecticut (NCAA Division I) on a golf scholarship from 1993-97. She played in the ECAC (Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference), was Team Captain 1995-96, and Scholar Athlete 1994-97. R&A qualified, she has refereed men

and women's European tour events in India, and hopes to be a full-fledged European tour referee!



**Shruti Khanna** (K-690), attended Rollins College in Orlando, from 1994-98, and graduated with honours in economics and business. She played for the College team

all 4 years and finished No. 1 for her last 3 years on the team in the NCAA Order of Merit. Shruti was Athletic All American for 4 years – a huge honour for a collegiate athlete. Today R&A qualified Shruti has refereed Asian Tour events and other amateur and professional events, including the Dubai Ladies Masters.

### IN THE NEWS

**Shreya Ghei**, All India Champion 2010, has been awarded the prestigious honour of **“All American Scholar 2011-12”** an award presented by the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) of America. One of the highest honours in College Athletics in America, the award recognises excellence and athletic achievements along with outstanding academics and a high GPA score of more than 3.6.

Shreya's outstanding effort helped Yale to win the team Inter-Collegiate Tournament at Dartmouth; with a total of 1-under par she also walked away with the individual prize.



Young **Mehar Atwal** (A-144), has just joined SMU (Southern Methodist University) at Dallas, Texas, where she is on the College

Golf Team on an Athletic Scholarship.

Golf was the stepping stone that enabled them to get some of the best University education available in the world. The famous



**Jeev M Singh** (C-271), the first one to go to the US on a golf scholarship in the early 1990's. A Collegiate Player of the Year, he also graduated in Business and International Studies. A recipient of the Arjuna Award, Jeev was conferred the prestigious Padmashree Award for his contribution to sport. He is the most successful professional Indian golfer

to date. Most of them would not have been able to afford the exorbitant fees without excellence in the game. A majority of them topped in academics as well. Each one was brimming with passion and enthusiasm regarding the importance golf has played in their lives.

Now, pause a moment, it is not only the youngsters who have gone overseas to combine excellence in the game as well as in academics, but others too, who have created alternate careers associated with the game, like refereeing, coaching, event management, golf administration, golf course architecture, golf journalism, to name a few.

And there are those who, recognised for their talent, were or have been picked up by large corporations and given the security and financial support required to play this game. Companies like Oil India, Indian Oil, SAIL, GAIL, HERO, USHA, BILT and others play their part in the promotion of the game, but there is always room for more!



**Gaurav Ghei** (G-193) may not have studied abroad but is till today one of our 'home-

grown' success stories. As a professional, Gaurav has this to say, "Golf teaches you about life, how to conduct yourself in various situations, including in the corporate world. Golfers are great ambassadors of the countries they represent." Probably the most memorable chip to win on the 18th, witnessed by a thronging DGC crowd, was Gaurav's Gadgil Masters' victory in 1995 right here at our own Club, which won him big money in those days, a whopping \$50,000! His \$100,000 cheque at the Taiwan Masters in 2006 was huge!



**Ranjit Nanda** (N-114) having played successfully as an amateur, pursued a career in Golf Course Architecture. He eventually joined courses designed by the American Society of Golf Course Architects and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), with whom he has

been an active member continuously for the past 24 years. His association with several golf courses across India has established him as the leading golf architect in the country.



**Nonita Lall Qureshi** (L-089) only took up golf in her LSR College days. After establishing her credentials as an amateur champion representing India too many times to list, and an Arjuna Awardee in 1987, Nonita turned professional; took up teaching; flirted with professional women's golf for a while;

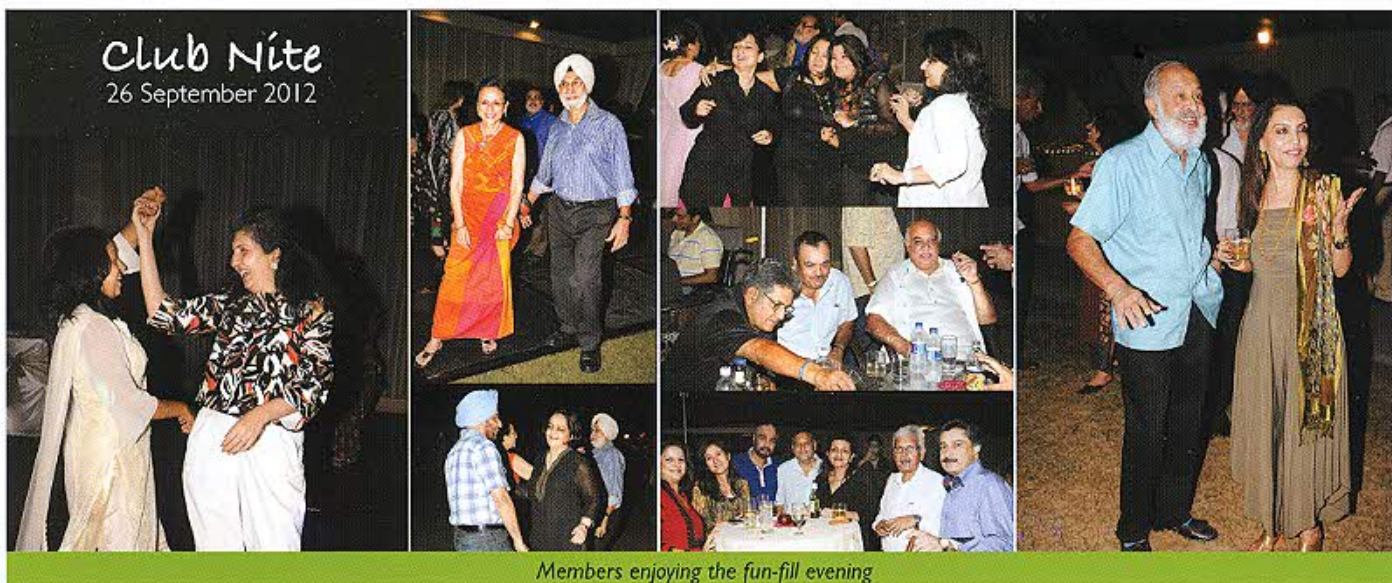
was appointed National Coach and is currently High Performance Manager of the National Ladies & Junior Squad. Instrumental in setting up the Indian National Golf Academy with Donato Ponziano appointed by the R&A, she is possibly the most sought after teaching professional today.

We have only highlighted a few names; there are many other Club members who have achieved greatness courtesy the privilege of having honed their knowledge and skill at our beautiful Club. There are many others, and will be many more in the future. The path taken by them and sharing their experiences can hugely benefit youngsters in our very own community as they build a life out of their love for the game. It is quite wonderful that in a country pre-occupied with a slightly bigger red ball, a smaller white orb is not too far behind and remember, it is not only as a professional player that you can build a career out of golf!

**Soni Manjit Singh, Gaby Juneja and Anita Vasudeva**

*More on golf being vehicle for improving lifestyles to follow*





**Club Nite**  
26 September 2012

*Members enjoying the fun-fill evening*

## Golf For All Foundation debuts at DGC!

Established as a non-profit organization earlier this year, the Golf For All Foundation (GFAP) conducted a first of its kind 5-day camp at the Club, for the physically challenged, under the guidance of DGC Coach, Jasjit Singh, who incidentally is the only coach in India trained to teach individuals with such disabilities.

A forerunner to this event was the Tournament for Differently Abled held at our Club, in 2010, which saw the participation of individuals from all over India, including an amputee survivor of the war in Sri Lanka, who with a handicap of -9 went on to win the event! Since then, Managing Trustee, Pratap Dube along with a team of like-minded individuals has worked tirelessly towards establishing the Foundation, which extends across India and Asia, and share its endeavour to sensitise society towards equal opportunity for all, through the game of golf.

This August, the JTP facility parallel to the Peacock Course 8th fairway provided the ideal venue for the camp which was conducted with great enthusiasm by all, as the motive was to inspire and include people with disability, whilst working alongside those more able-bodied. We had those with Downs Syndrome, Aspergers Syndrome, Hearing Impairment, Polio, Low Vision, Autism and Wheel Chair Users all enthusiastically taking part.

What we amazingly discovered was that their disability was definitely not inability. Each participant with a disability was paired up with an able bodied person – termed a “buddy”. These “buddies” comprised some of our juniors, student members, caddy boys, staff children and members, amongst others from the Foundation. They shared the nuances of putting, chipping and long shots to a more than willing audience. They even played one hole, to get the experience of playing the course in a four ball!



At the Prize Distribution held on 20th August, 2012 in the presence of the Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Mrs. Stuti Kacker and other distinguished guests, DGC President, Mr. Manmohan Singh announced a Rs. One Lakh donation on behalf of the Delhi Golf Club, to the Golf For All Foundation and, promised the Club's continued support of this noble cause. Prizes were presented to all – differently abled, physically challenged and able bodied - who each played and learnt together as a team! This was an event about inclusion rather than exclusion.

Hopefully GFAP's vision of sending a team to the 2020, if not 2016, Para-Olympics will be realized!!







**Shiv Kapur** (SD-694) finished a creditable T4 at the **Asia Pacific Panasonic Open** in Hyogo, Japan in September 2012. His final round superb four-under 67 gave him a four-day total of 13-under 271, ending four shots behind the leader.

The Club is grateful to **Neeraj Ghei** (SD-558) for her generous donation of five new golf sets for the Girl Child Initiative, which was instituted by her Student Member daughter Shreya Ghei, in 2010.



The Club congratulates **Ashok Sawhny** (S-229) on the publication of his 10th volume of poetry, "Till the End of Time" a collection of 230 poems. His recently produced feature film "LISTEN AMAYA" starring Farouque Sheikh and Deepti Naval is one of the four Indian Films selected for screening at the South Asian Film Festival in Chicago in early October. Mr Sawhny has also recently published three children's books in Hindi.



**Hemant Kapur** (K-395) won a Lucky Draw for Ballantine's Finest promotion held in the Main Bar between 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on 21st September 2012 to participate in the Chiang Mai Golf Challenge (Thailand) from 18th -22nd October 2012. Apart from his return tickets, this includes five star Hotel stay, free golf with caddy and cart and a Prize Distribution Gala Dinner.

## OBITUARY

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

Mr. Surinder Nath	S-079
Mr. R.K. Vir	V-095
Mr. Perminder Singh Sandhwalia	S-380
Mr. Tej Ram	T-035
Mr. Prem Kumar Soi	S-097



## HOLE-IN-ONE

Congratulations on the Aces!

### LODHI COURSE

The following each have won a memento and a bottle of Ballantine's whisky to be consumed at the Club.

Date	Name	Hole	M'ship No
02.08.12	Mr. Amandeep Johl	5	J-122
07.08.12	Mr. Samir Kuckreja	17	SD-281
14.08.12	V Adm. K.K. Kohli	5	K-047
16.08.12	Mrs. Neelam Sihota	5	SD-080
16.08.12	Justice S.K. Katriar	5	K-637
04.09.12	Mr. Jayant Sahai	17	S-525
18.09.12	Mr. Aditya Prakash Gupta	17	SD-585

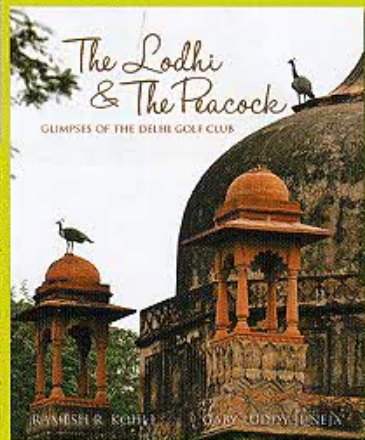
### PEACOCK COURSE

The following each have won a memento

Date	Name	Hole	M'ship No
14.08.12	Mr. Ansh Kapoor	6	ST-796
17.08.12	Mr. Kamal Kumar Kapur	6	K-250
20.08.12	Ms. Renu Rattan	6	SD-149
28.08.12	Mr. Sarabjit Singh Sabharwal	6	S-906
01.09.12	Mr. S. Roy Chaudhury	1	CPA-126
15.09.12	Mr. Jayant Malhotra	6	CPA-125



**Ramesh Kohli** (K-050) and **Gaby Juneja** (J-126) have recently co-authored the first coffee-table book on the Delhi Golf Club. "The Lodhi and the Peacock" which is available in the Pro Shop is a pictorial tribute to the Club, and comes with a special discount for DGC members.



**THE BILT CHAMPIONSHIP**, a Rs 1 crore PGTI Tour event, will be played over the Lodhi Course from 9th to 13th October 2012, with a Pro Am being played on the 14th. Both the courses will remain closed on all days. Members will be reimbursed a maximum of ₹350/- towards Green Fees as well as ₹150/- towards Caddy Fees during rounds played at other clubs over those days. As a special gesture, members will be compensated the full green fees on actual basis for one round played on any Golf Club in the NCR area, such as DLF Country & Golf Club, Jaypee Greens, ITC Classic Golf Club, Golden Greens etc.

# Ladies Section

## LADY CAPTAIN

Bubbles Suneja



**Millie Saroha** (ST-218) held her nerve against a higher ranked Gurbani Singh (D-218) to win the **Usha Northern India Ladies Golf Championships** held at DGC in September. With a three day total of 1-over par she rallied in the late stages to force a play-off against Gurbani. She sank a 10-foot putt for a birdie on the second play-off hole to win.

It is a matter of great pride that a member of our Section, Gurbani Singh was a part of the first ever Indian Team to the **Espirito Santos Women's World Team Championships** in Turkey.

The National High Performance Manager Nonita Lall Qureshi (L-089) accompanied the team. With scores of 78, 73, 72, 77 (300), Gurbani came in T34, the best finish by an Indian.

A **High Tea** held in



Millie Saroha receiving the Northern India Trophy from Chhaya Shiram

the Bar on 21st August was a huge success. As Pace of Play is a matter of great concern during competitions, Shruti Khanna's talk on the subject was very welcome. This was followed by a short presentation by Nancy Althea, Clairvoyant and Spiritual Consultant, on health and spirituality. The menu was a hit yet again!

**Staff Gifts** for the year 2012-2013 were distributed to the entire Club staff in recognition of their work.



Bubbles Suneja handing out staff gifts

Three DGC girls participated in the **ANNIKA Invitational Golf**

**Tournament** at the Annika Course, Mission Hills, China from 22-24 August. They were selected as a result of their performance at the Qualifier held by Albatross. Seher Atwal (A-144) finished in 4th spot in the under-15



Seher Atwal, 2nd from right, at the Annika Invitational

age category with a score of 10 over (+5,+4,+1). Millie Saroha (ST-722) came in 6th position in Category 'A', and Riddhima Dilawari (ST-878) came in 8th. The top three won berths to play in the American Junior Golf Association 2013 Annika Invitational in Florida, and the winner has also been invited to the World Celebrity Pro Am and the World Ladies Championships later this year. At a Dinner attended by Annika Sorenstam, Riddhima crooned on stage whilst Millie accompanied her on the guitar... They were quite a hit!

## 3RD DGC LADIES OPEN 2012

DGC Ladies Open & Delhi Ladies Golf Week, sponsor by USHA will be played from the 6th-8th November 2012. Our association with the Shri Ram Group of Companies began in 1987 and this year celebrates 25 years of their commitment to Ladies Golf, a record in its own right. We hope to make it a very special and memorable event and request inputs from our members towards advertisements for the annual tournament brochure.



## Competitions Results

### August 2012

#### DEEP SINGH MEMORIAL CUP

(H'cap -36 & Below) (Stableford)  
 Winner Hanisha Daryani (31 Pts.)  
 Runner-up Kamini Gupta (30 Pts.)

### September 2012

#### SEPTEMBER MEDAL (Silver Division)

Winner Mridula Tandon

#### RANI LAXMIBAI

(H'cap -18 & Below) (54 holes Open Strokeplay)  
 WINNER Gauri Monga (245 Gross)  
 Runner-up Biran Nagi (275 Gross)

#### OISHI CUP

(H'cap -19 TO -36) (36 holes Open Strokeplay)  
 WINNER Mridula Tandon (198 Gross (back nine))  
 Runner-up Eui Suk Yun (198 Gross)

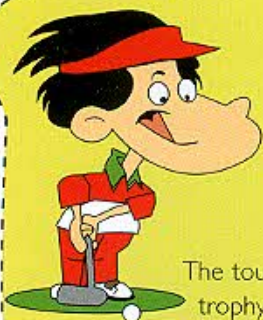
#### LILI FUENTES (H'cap -18 & below) (Stableford)

WINNER Sonaal Chaudhri (35 Pts.)  
 Runner-up Gauri Monga (30 Pts.)

#### JOGI RAO (H'cap -19 to -36) (Stableford)

WINNER Mridula Tandon (38 Pts.)  
 Runner-up Neelam Sihota (27 Pts.)





## 4th BDA STEEL INTERNATIONAL INTER-SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT 5th-6th September 2012

The tournament played on the Peacock Course saw Modern School, Barakhamba Road walk away with the Winner's trophy; they also came in Runner-up as well as won the 9-hole competition. Our Club juniors surpassed themselves:

Category	Winner	Runner up	Category	Winner	Runner up
Cat D Boys	Shubham Jaglan	Eishan Sethi	Cat B Boys	Mohd Wasil	Rohil Khan
Cat D Girls	Himadri Singh	Avantika Bahadur	Cat B Girl	Cat A Boys	Suchet Vir Singh
Cat C Boys	Aniket Singh		Cat A Girls	Sifat Alagh	
Cat C Girls	Sifat Sagoo	Jasman Kaur			

### MONTHLY COMPETITION - 18th AUGUST 2012

CATEGORY "A" - 10 PLAYERS (BOYS/ GIRL)	NAMES	Scores
WINNER	Akash Kumar	63
Runner-up	Vardaan Vaisoha	65
Sifat K. Alag (only Girl)		
CATEGORY "B" - 11 PLAYERS (BOYS / GIRL)		
WINNER	Arjun Raj Bahadur	64
Runner-up	Rohil Khan	64
Janya Sandhu (only Girl)		
CATEGORY "C" - 16 PLAYERS (BOYS)		
WINNER	Aaryoman Bose	68
Runner-up	Kshitij Naved Kaul	70
CATEGORY "C" - 7 PLAYERS (GIRLS)		
WINNER	Arshia Mahant	75
Runner-up	Seerat K. Alag	81
PEACOCK COURSE - 9 HOLES CATEGORY "D" - 15 PLAYERS (BOYS)		
WINNER	Shubham Jaglan	30
Runner-up	Aryaman Mahant	37
CATEGORY "D" - 6 PLAYERS (GIRLS)		
WINNER	Himadri Singh	45
Runner-up	Avantika Bahadur	48

### MONTHLY COMPETITION - 18th SEPTEMBER 2012

CATEGORY "A" - 10 PLAYERS (BOYS/ GIRL)	NAMES	Scores
WINNER	Akash Kumar	60
Runner-up	Ayushya Uppal	67
Sifat K. Alag - 68 (only Girl)		
CATEGORY "B" - 9 PLAYERS (BOYS / GIRL)		
WINNER	Arjun Raj Bahadur	65
Runner-up	Arjun Puri	65
Janya Sandhu - 100 (only Girl)		
CATEGORY "C" - 20 PLAYERS (BOYS)		
WINNER (OVERALL)	Kshitij Naved Kaul	64
Runner-up	Nikhil Sharma	68
CATEGORY "C" - 5 PLAYERS (GIRLS)		
WINNER	Simran Chowdhry	81
Runner-up	Seerat K. Alag	85
CATEGORY "D" - 15 PLAYERS (BOYS)		
WINNER	Eshan Sethi	36
Runner-up	Sachin Dayal	37
CATEGORY "D" - 6 PLAYERS (GIRLS)		
WINNER	Avantika Bahadur	39
Runner-up	Himadri Singh	47

### CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

DELHI FLOUR MILLS CUP (21 & 22 September 2012)

	WINNER	RUNNER UP
18 Holes (Men)	Dev Khurana (K-320) - 38 pts	Anirudh Chowdhry (C-343) - 37 pts
9 Holes (Men above 70 Years)	Mr V. S. Bedi (B-061) - 20 pts	Pandey Surendra Prasad (P-122) - 20 pts
18 Holes (Women)	Meeta Makhan (CPB-108) - 40 pts	Situ Puri (P-206) - 36 pts
9 Holes (Women- Above 70 Years)	Madhu R. K. Singh (S-514) - 17 pts	Shobha Juneja (J-118) - 13 pts

## **RULE 13-2 – IMPROVING LIE, AREA OF INTENDED STANCE OR SWING, OR LINE OF PLAY.**

A player must not improve or allow to be improved :

- The position or lie of his ball
- The area of his intended stance or swing
- The line of play or a reasonable extension of that line beyond the hole
- The area in which he is to drop or place a ball

By any of the following actions:

- Pressing a club on the ground
- Moving, bending or breaking anything growing or fixed (including immovable obstructions and objects defining out of bounds)
- Creating or eliminating irregularities of surface
- Removing or pressing down sand, loose soil, replaced divots or other cut turf placed in position, or
- Removing dew, frost or water.

However, the player incurs no penalty if the action occurs:

- In grounding the club lightly while addressing the ball,
- In fairly taking his stance
- In making a stroke or the backward movement of his club for a stroke and the stroke is made
- In creating or eliminating irregularities of surface within the teeing ground or in removing dew, frost or water from the teeing ground or

- On the putting green in removing sand and loose soil or in repairing damage (Rule 16-1)

Exception: Ball in hazard - see Rule 13-4

### **Penalty for breach of Rule:**

**Match play - Loss of hole;**

**Stroke play - Two strokes.**

Rule 13-2 is one of the fundamental Rules of golf. It is also one of the most contentious - especially at the DGC! So what exactly does it mean?

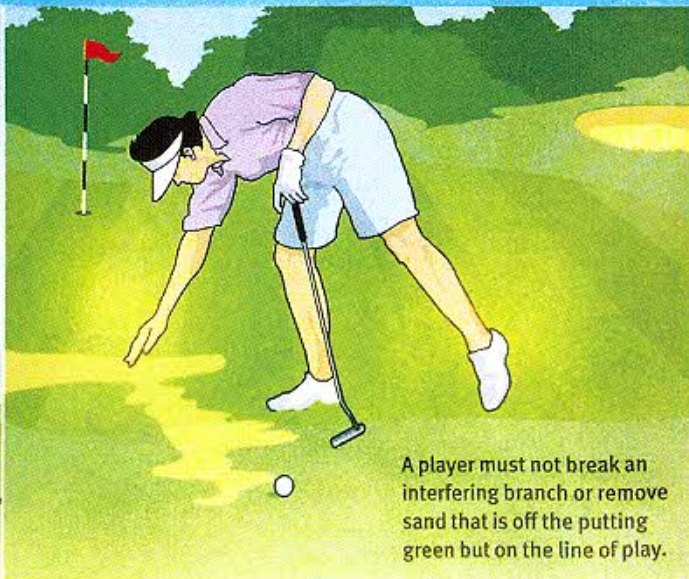
Can a player stomp down long rough around the ball? Can he step on a sapling while taking his stance? Can he move away a branch that is growing on a tree on his line of play?

Many a caddy has been heard telling a player "Isko pair mein le lo" when there are long weeds or saplings near a player's ball. All of the above are clear breaches of Rule 13-2. So how exactly may a player play if his ball is stuck in the jhaadi and simply going in will result in a breach of the Rule?

The Rule allows a player to fairly take his stance - defined in the decisions book as:

"The least intrusive course of action which results in the minimum improvement in the position or lie of the ball, area of intended stance or swing or line of play. The player is NOT entitled to a normal stance or swing. He must accommodate the situation in which the ball is found and take a stance as normal as the circumstances permit. What is fair must be determined in the light of all the circumstances."

### **IMPROVING AREA OF INTENDED SWING OR LINE OF PLAY**



A player must not break an interfering branch or remove sand that is off the putting green but on the line of play.

### **CREATING OR ELIMINATING**



Examples of actions which do constitute fairly taking a stance are:

- Backing into a branch or young sapling if that is the only way to take a stance for the selected stroke, even if this causes the branch to move out of the way or the sapling to bend or break.
- Bending a branch of a tree with the hands in order to get under the tree to play a ball.

Examples of actions which do NOT constitute fairly taking a stance are:

- Deliberately moving, bending or breaking branches with the hands, a leg or the body to get them out of the way of the backswing or stroke.
- Standing on a branch to prevent it with interfering with the backswing or stroke.
- Hooking one branch on another or braiding two weeds for the same purpose.
- Bending with a hand a branch obscuring the ball after the stance has been taken.
- Bending an interfering branch with the hands, a leg or the body in taking a stance when the stance could have been taken without bending the branch.
- Stamping down the area around the ball.

**Shalini Malik** (M-469)  
IGU Certified Tournament Director

### Some interesting Decisions:-

**13-2/1:** Another question that often comes up with regard to this Rule is whether the breaking of leaves during a player's practice swing results in a breach or not. The answer lies in whether the action of breaking the leaves resulted in improving his line of play, area of intended swing or stance. Sometimes the breaking of many leaves will make no difference at all to the above, while other times the breaking of one leaf can result in an improvement. The situation must be taken into account before a ruling is made.

**13-2/5:** A player's ball comes to rest in front of a divot which is folded over but not completely detached. The divot may not be removed or replaced.

**13-2/23:** After heavy rain, a player's ball comes to rest under a tree, a branch of which interferes with his backswing. Before playing his stroke the player may NOT shake the water off this branch which could have caused a distraction and thereby improved the area of his intended swing.

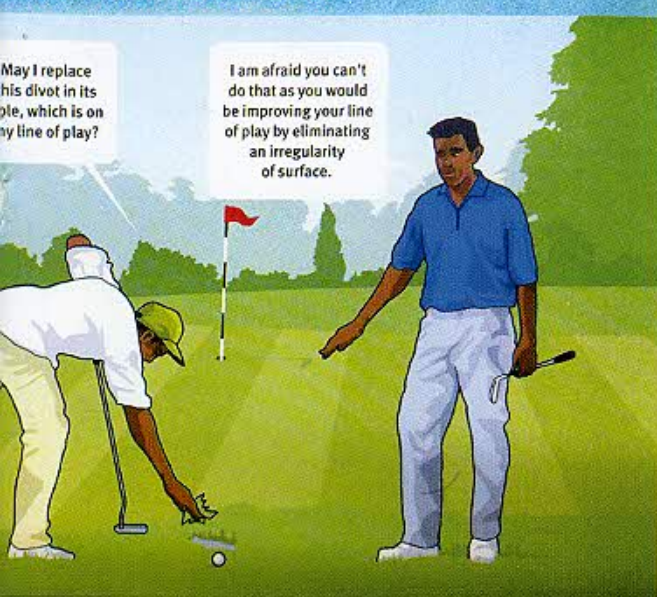
**13-2/26:** A player is entitled to move a natural object, eg a long blade of grass/ a twig, for the specific purpose of determining whether the object is loose, provided that if the object is found not to be loose, 1/ it has not become detached and 2/ it is returned to its original position before the next stroke.

**13-2/34:** A pool of casual water on the putting green between the ball and the hole may not be mopped up.

### FIXING IRREGULARITIES OF SURFACE

May I replace this divot in its hole, which is on my line of play?

I am afraid you can't do that as you would be improving your line of play by eliminating an irregularity of surface.



## Photography Competition "BIRDS OF THE DGC"

Members are invited to mail in photographs taken with their Mobile phones ONLY. No snaps taken with a camera will be accepted. Any bird other than the peacock. Please email your pics directly from your cell phone to [thegreenscene@delhigolfclub.org](mailto:thegreenscene@delhigolfclub.org).

## QUIZ WINNER

Congratulations to Gaurav Seth (SD-407) who has won a bottle of Scotch for the maximum correct answers

The gender barrier fell at golf's most hallowed grounds, **The Augusta National Golf Club**, in August 2012 when the club admitted its first women members in 79 years of existence. The male-only bastion invite to former US Sec of State, Condoleezza Rice and investment banker Virginia M Rometty grabbed the golfing world's attention.

**The 25th Women's World Amateur Team Championship** for the Espirito Santos Trophy in Antalya, Turkey saw Korea emerging Champions with a total of 13-under par 563. Although there is no official recognition, **Lydia Ko**, 15, of New Zealand, No.1 in the WAGR, set a Championship mark for lowest individual score at 14-under-par 274.

**Gaganjeet Bhullar** settled for 2nd position at **The Worldwide Holdings Selangor Masters** in September, 3 strokes behind 14-time Asian Tour winner Thaworn Wiratchant.



Gaganjeet commented, " My game is coming back. I feel the time is right to click another one. " He stayed true to

his prediction by picking up his third Asian Tour title with a final round 3-under-par 69 at the typhoon-shortened **Yeangder Tournament Players Championship** in Taipei the following week! With a 3-day total of 12-under par 204, Bhullar turned the tables on Thaworn Wiratchant who was 4 strokes behind.



**Sergio Garcia** followed his second round scorching 63 - his lowest round on the tour in a decade - with another brilliant 66 in the rain-delayed final round of **The Wyndham Championship**, Greensborough, USA, to capture his first PGA Tour win in four years. With this welcome title Garcia, one of the few players on the tour who uses a 43" driver, moved from the sidelines onto the Ryder Cup Team.

23-year-old **Rory McIlroy** won his second Major of his career taking home **The PGA Championship** at Kiawah Island, S. Carolina. At 7676 yards it is the longest course in Major championship history, and Rory became the youngest player to win this tournament. His 8-shot victory set a new tournament record in a field where, for the first time the top 100 played in the same event since the World Ranking System came into effect in 1986. Rory also regained the No 1 spot.

## The FedEx Cup Playoffs

After enduring the regular season the top 125 players competed for the FedEx Cup. The playoffs are a series of four tournaments culminating in the Tour Championship, after which the FedEx Cup points champion is crowned and awarded \$10 million from a \$35 million prize pool.

(The FedEx Cup points series was introduced to the PGA Tour at the 2007 season. It is a season long points chase in which golfers accrue points over the course of the year. Each week golfers earn points for their finish in PGA Tour events; those points add up. At the end of the "regular season," the Top 125 on the points list move on to the "playoffs." The other important things to note are that point values are quintupled in the playoff events, and are also reset prior to the Tour Championship.)

In the first of these events, **The Barclays**, Bethpage State Park, NY, **Nick Watney** came from two strokes off the overnight lead to overtake Sergio Garcia and beat a world-class field that included all the usual suspects by three strokes with his 2-under 69 for a total of 10 under.

The following week saw the top 100 golfers move to **The Deutsche Bank Championship** at TPC Boston. On a leaderboard decorated with some of the biggest names in golf - Woods, Mickleson, Oosthuizen, the 23-year-old **Rory McIlroy** took a giant leap toward establishing himself as the best in the game. His final round 4-under 67, including four birdies in the first

six holes, gave him not only a one-shot victory over Oosthuizen, but he was also able to oust Tiger from the No. 1 in the FedEx Cup.



The top 70 golfers now moved on the week thereafter to **The BMW Championship** at Carmel, Indiana. Vijay Singh, the overnight leader was facing a star-studded challenge in Westwood, Mickleson, Woods, Scott, and Dustin Johnson. However it was **Rory McIlroy** who continued his

hot streak by shooting a final round 67 to go to a brilliant 20-under for the tournament. He finished in the 60s in each of the four rounds and is a phenomenal 54 strokes under par in the last four tournaments. He joined Nicklaus and Woods with six wins before his 24th birthday!



The last tournament of the season, **The Tour Championship by Coca Cola** in Atlanta, Georgia, saw the top 30 breeze in. **Brandt Snedeker**, who held the overnight lead with Justin Rose, held his nerve to comfortably win the

Championship as well the FedEx Cup jackpot of \$10 million as he zoomed to the top of the FedEx Points table! His 2-under par gave him a 10-under overall and Rose had to be content at T2nd.

HEY BEAUTIFUL! TAKE VERY GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF DEAR  
WITH YOU IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT, THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR!

**Dr. Geeta Kadayaprath**  
Senior Consultant- Surgical Oncology

A woman, without doubt, is a multitasker - balancing her home and her work with dexterity unique to her. It is impossible to overemphasize the role a woman plays in the lives of the many who depend on her for their day-to-day needs. In the process, she often pushes back her needs. In this incessant cycle of life, her needs are rarely ever addressed. Her health almost always takes a backseat as she always has better things to do – FOR OTHERS!

It is time we pause and take a hard look at the health of this all-important person in our lives - our mother, sister, wife, daughter and friend! October is the month to create breast cancer awareness and one has to factor-in an alarming fact, that breast cancer is on the rise in our country. In the urban population, it is the most common cancer among women, ahead of cancer of the cervix. One in every 25-30 women in the cities will suffer from breast cancer in their lifetime. Urbanization and lifestyle changes have been listed as a probable cause for this increase. What can we do to counter this menace?

In our country where there is no screening programme in place, our best chance is in being aware of our body - being breast aware! Breast self-examination - to become familiar with one's own breasts may help pick up abnormalities earlier than later. It goes without saying that early diagnosis is the key to improved outcomes in breast cancer.

For premenopausal women, a week after the periods is an ideal time to examine one's breasts and for the postmenopausal, a fixed date coinciding with one's birthday may help remember this important activity. Opportunistic screening with mammograms is often performed in our country. Women over the age of 40 may undergo a baseline screening mammogram and then once every 2 or 3 years. For women over the age of 50, annual mammogram may be useful in picking up abnormalities early. High risk women with very strong family history of breast cancer, need to be screened with annual mammograms and a clinical examination with a breast surgeon every year. While a mammogram is a good screening modality, it can miss up to 10- 20% of abnormalities. An ultrasound of the breast and sometimes an MR mammogram may be required to better understand mammographic ambiguities.

All palpable new lumps should be investigated and seen to its natural conclusion. Too much of emphasis on any one investigation especially if it is normal, may not be the right thing to do. A good combination of clinical examination, imaging and pathology will be the best thing to do!

Let the threat of breast cancer not come in the way of you and your dreams, your aspirations and your family! Be breast aware and gift yourself and the other loved women in your life, over the age of 50, a mammogram today!

As a part of the DGC-Max Hospital arrangement a Complimentary Health Camp was held in the Dining Room on Saturday, 15 September, 2012. The following specialties were available:

1. Dr. Akhilesh Srivastava - Sr. Consultant - Cardiology
2. Dr. Pushkar Chawla Consultant - Ortho-Spine Unit
3. Dr. Nipunbir - Sr. Resident - Neurology
4. Dr. Chanchal Chaudhary - Sr. Dermatologist

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