



The Green Scene

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Junior Training Programme Camp



7th DGC Juniors Tournament



Photograph: Karam Puri

Tee off with the Captain



Dear Members,

A special kudos to all of you!

One of our Club employees, Farookh a Cook in the Main Kitchen, met with an unfortunate road accident on 30th April 2013 and has been in a coma ever since. Though the Club Management / Employees extended all possible assistance, it was not sufficient for his family to subsist on; as per Club rules we were not permitted to help them with the major financial help which they required. An appeal was sent out to members to which we had an overwhelming response. The collections exceeded all expectations and the family has got some relief.

Another striking example of our Club's Character! Brahm Pal, a contract worker employed through the House Keeping contractor; did the Club proud by depositing a bag containing Rs.50,000/- for safe keeping to the Reception. The member who had inadvertently left the bag in the Men's Rest Room in the Main Building, subsequently called me to say how happy he was to recover his bag. The Club felicitated this worker with a cash incentive of Rs.2,100/- as a token of appreciation of his integrity.

COURSE:

We were hit by a severe storm on 6th June uprooting a large number of big trees all over the Course. The Course Management team worked swiftly to clean up the Course and repaired the damage turf grass areas. However due to the high intensity of the storm some of the trees fell on the safety net structures at the PDR causing a major casualty.

Repair work is in process and we have already gone through the process of an insurance survey etc. The PDR has been partially opened for members.

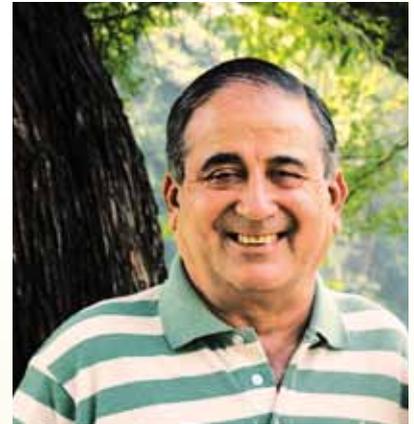
Whereas the Greens Committee has covered in detail the activities on the Lodhi Course, I am happy to report the work on hand at the Peacock Course. (space) Alongside our efforts with the Government regarding felling of trees, the Course Management continues to make progress in working on the Tees as per the Phil Ryan design.

BUILDING PROJECT:

We have been relentlessly pursuing with the Ministry of Urban Development regarding the NOC for the Building Project. Two back-to-back meetings were held with the Minister in May and June and we are hopeful that we should expect the road map soon.

CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Major renovation projects are on the card: up-gradation of the Bar; the Annexe Kitchen, the Health Club, creation of a Family Room, etc. We are aware that it would mean inconvenience to members in the coming months; (change comma to semi-colon) however in the long run it would definitely put DGC in the premier league. We seek your support and patience.



The Club Secretariat continues to bring in transparency in the systems & procedures and with the close co-ordination amongst HoDs through the weekly CWC [Club Working Committee] meetings, most of the SoP's are in place. The Club Organogram is in the process of taking a final shape – with no additional cost and I expect a major leap forward in the Club day to day operations in the coming months.

For the convenience of members an Aadhar Enrollment camp was held from 01st to 25th May 2013. A total of 1774 persons including Members, Staff and Caddies were registered over the month. The Camp was also extended to their families as well; this has been greatly appreciated as we are aware how long and tiresome this process could be. The Aadhar Office was set up next to the Card Room in the basement and Club staff was delegated to offer assistance.

The Club is in talks with IGU, PGTI & Ministry of Tourism for organizing a Caddy Training Programme planned for the 3rd week of July. We have also requested members to volunteer to help Club Staff on Wednesday mornings commencing 3rd July to assist in the conduct of short training capsule for caddies. These will be held in small batches. The formal training of caddies shall be conducted under the supervision of an International Referee /Trainer.

In view of the rains over the next few months, may I please request all golfers to take extra care of the course and observe Monsoon Rules. Please ensure that you keep your cart on the cart paths along the sides of the fairway, and keep the cart 50 yards away from the greens. This will help to ensure that our course remains in good shape.

Happy Golfing!

KAPIL CHANNA



GREENS

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

PEACOCK COURSE

We had intended to completely redesign and re-lay Peacock Course as per the design of Mr. Phil Ryan. Necessary plans have been drawn up to undertake this work but the Club has been constrained due to lack of permission to cut few trees as desired by Mr. Ryan. We are continuously pursuing the grant of an NOC by the Government for taking the matter up with various authorities. Meanwhile we have commenced work on renovating Peacock Course in a manner so as not to duplicate the work again irrespective of designs/permissions. Accordingly, Tees are being renovated by leveling and grassing them again.

Aerification and dethatching of greens on the Peacock Course has also been undertaken to promote growth of good turf. Reconstruction of these greens will be undertaken once permission to cut trees is received.

LODHI COURSE

Some **Championship Tees** have deteriorated due to continuous wear & tear and they are being renovated. Normal cultural practices maintenance of greens and fairways is also underway. We have approached Central Ground Water Authority for permission to create Recharge Wells on fairways to reduce water logging and are awaiting their suggestions.

Tif Dwarf Grass Nursery: The multiplying of the hybrid cultivars is being developed and has been constructed.

Course contamination: Tif Dwarf grass on our Course has started showing sign of mutation with age. Some contamination has also been noticed on some greens. The contamination had already been removed and replaced on greens 4 & 15. This work will continue on other greens too.

Plantation Programme: We propose to undertake a plantation programme on the Golf Course and have a target of planting 450 trees along with 1300 shrubs during the monsoon season.

Storm Damage: The severe storm on 6th June caused considerable damage on the Golf Course wherein some marquee trees were uprooted. The PDR was extensively damaged due to trees falling over the Poles and the Net. Restoration work on the Golf Course was undertaken on high priority and the course was ready for play the very next day. The PDR will require extensive repairs which are being undertaken expeditiously.



F&B

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

Members enjoyed a number of promotions in the Main Bar and the Pub these past couple of months: there were promotions of Ballantines whiskey and Dewar's White Label whiskey; Ketel One Vodka Cocktail promotions included martini glasses to lucky winners; Glenmorangie Single Malt Family promotion included lucky draws for bottles of the malt whiskey; Finlandia Vodka promotions included a return ticket to Finland for one lucky winner!

The last seven matches of IPL Cricket were shown in the Main Lawn on a Big LED Screen sponsored by Waves City Malls. Most of the evenings witnessed an average of 200 members each while the last two matches averaged 400 members and guests. These evenings proved to be a huge success – Club Food Counters included Continental, Barbeque and Chinese cuisines, and drinks were at a discounted rate.

Members can look forward to Sunday Brunches by the Poolside once the good weather sets in.



HRD

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

As a number of Executive Staff have resigned from the services of the Club, this year has been very hectic for the HRD Sub Committee. The Committee has finalized the appointment of the F&B Controller, Executive Chef, Estate Manager and Maintenance Executive. The Committee is reconsidering the Organogram of the Club.

We are pleased to inform our members that the terms of contract of Max Healthcare were renegotiated and their contract was renewed for one year.

The Aadhaar Card being made necessary for every citizen of India by the Government of India, we have organized an Aadhaar Enrollment Camp in the Club wherein approx. 1700 members, staff, caddies and their families enrolled for the Aadhaar Card.

A professional training programme is being organized by the Club through PGTI/IGU which will help the Caddies to improve their skills further.



Sub-Committees Reports

FINANCE

CHAIRMAN: Mr Anil Mehra

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Rohit Sabherwal



Audit for the year ending, 31st March, 2013.

Our Statutory Audit has been completed: in consultation with the Auditors and in compliance with Accounting Standards we have realigned the depreciation and have also done the impairment of the old and nonworking machines. We have a deficit of ₹51.48 lacs as compared to a surplus of ₹61.75 lacs relating to the previous year.

The Treasurer would like to thank the Financial Controller, the Accounts Department, the members of the Finance Committee as well as the Auditors for their special efforts in finalising the Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2013. The Balance Sheet as on the date together with the schedules and notes thereon in record time and it is hoped that this deadline will continue to be maintained.

Budget for year ending, March, 2014.

The Income & Expenditure Budget for the financial year 2013-14 has been finalised. The Surplus before the depreciation is ₹136.82 lacs and after depreciation the budgeted surplus is ₹16.82 lacs. The Budget has been finalised after a thorough scrutiny of the proposed Budget received from various departments. Mechanism is in place to closely monitor the expenses on a monthly basis. The income projections have been made on a realistic basis and we are confident that the Club shall meet the budgeted surplus. Targets have been set to strengthen internal controls on food wastage, deployment of casual workers, overtime and other overheads; we hope to see better cost efficiencies during the year. The Highlights of the Budget for the year 2013-14 as compared to actual performance for the previous year ended 12-13 is given below:

- Surplus before Depreciation is ₹136.82 lacs as compared to ₹98.96 lacs previous year
- Surplus after Depreciation is ₹16.82 lacs as compared to deficit of Rs 49.50 lacs previous year
- Increase in Annual Subscription from ₹5.59 cr to ₹6.25 cr
- Increase in Dependent Fees from ₹1.45 cr to ₹1.64 cr
- Increase in Tournament Income from ₹1.21 cr to ₹1.78 cr
- Increase in Sponsorship Income from ₹5.40 lacs to ₹42.75 lacs
- F&B Surplus of ₹10.50 lacs as compared to deficit of ₹30.45 lacs
- Increase in Remuneration expenses from ₹6.72 cr to ₹7.43 cr (in line with staff agreement)
- Increase in Repair and Maintenance exps of Course and House from ₹3.88 cr to ₹4.79 cr (including major renovation work)

Current year performance till date:

Performance for the current two month period up to May 2013 was much better than the same period of last year & is in line with the budgeted surplus.

T&H

CHAIRMAN: Maj Gen KMS Shergill

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr PRS Brar



The Golf Calendar for 2013-14 is in the process of being finalized. The Committee is looking into Competitions which will cause minimum disruption the members' normal game whilst generating substantial revenue for the Club.

We are in the final stages of negotiation for the Hero Honda India Open – this will be the 50th edition of the Championship which was inaugurated at our Club in 1964 when three foreign pros including Peter Thomson participated in the historic event. 29 Opens have been played over our Course and it is a matter of pride that the Golden Jubilee will be held here.

PURCHASE

CHAIRMAN: Mr Rohit Sabherwal

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Satish Girotra

Tenders and Purchase Contracts for all F & B items ie services, house keeping, cutlery etc, have been finalized. Though prices of all purchase items have gone up, we are working on various dynamic pricing methods to get the best deals from the vendors, without compromising on quality.

Members' suggestions and recommendations are welcome

MEMBERSHIP

CHAIRMAN: Mr Anil K. Virmani

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Vijay Kumar Topa



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

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| • Indian Business | February, 1985 |
| • Indian Service | September, 1986 |
| • Dependent Applied in Time | May, 1996 |
| • Dependent Applied Late | December, 1988 |

2. Upgradation from Mid-week to 'A'

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| • Indian Business | 31 st March, 1988 |
| • Indian Service | 03 th Nov, 2008 |

3. Upgradation from 'C' to Mid-week

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| • Indian Business | 11 th March, 2008 |
| • Indian Service | 11 th February, 2013 |

HOUSE

CHAIRMAN: Mr HB Singh

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Greesh Bindra

The renovation of the Main Bar which was pending for a long time is in full swing and is likely to be completed by 1st week of August. The Committee has also hired a Consultant for planning and creating a modern well-ventilated Kitchen at the Annexe. This project will hopefully be completed by 31 August 2013.



All weather tensile structure is likely to be put up at the Paved area in the front lawns to create a place for the comfort of members and guests as per seasonable requirement.

Suggestions have been invited from regular users of The Health Club to make improvement and create better Change Room facilities in the Health Club. The Committee is likely to take this project in the month of August 2013.

TECHNOLOGY

CHAIRMAN: Mr Anil Virmani

We have implemented the following projects for the convenience of Members:

- Acceptance of Application Forms for membership after e-payment of ₹2000/- is being implemented as a pilot project. The process will be refined further with the aim to go completely online.
- A link is being created for applicants to check their profile online through our official website. Applicant will also be able to raise queries online.
- Technology Committee is testing a hand-held device for billing, at the Mother Dairy Counter; for better and faster service from 15 July onward. In case this pilot project is successful then the facility will be extended to other locations such as 14 Tee, Swimming Pool, Card Room, PDR, Main Lawn etc.
- Microfilming and digitization of documents and records has been completed for the first stage and same has been implemented by the Secretariat
- Payments can be made by members through the Club's Payment Gateway. Members are requested to use this facility to pay their bills through www.delhigolfclub.org.



THE DGC & ROLEX CONTINUE TO TICK



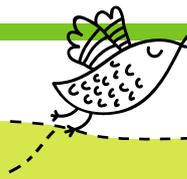
ROLEX

Rolex symbolizes a passion for excellence, a pursuit of perfection and a great appreciation for golf - it is indeed a matter of great pride for the Club that Rolex have decided to continue their association with The Green Scene for three more years.

Rolex, a major force at play behind the finest events, players and organizations in golf, as well as the encouraging the development of golf worldwide, first partnered the charismatic Arnold Palmer in 1967. He, along with fellow Rolex Testimonees Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player (who all constitute the Big Three) contributed to the modernizing of golf and giving it a worldwide dimension. Since 1967 the relationship between Rolex and golf has continuously grown and prospered thanks to the brand's trendsetting initiative in the field of sports sponsoring.

For over 30 years Rolex has been the proud partner, major sponsor and Official Timekeeper to the PGA, the LPGA, the USGA, the Masters, both the men and women's European Tours, the Asian and PGTI Tours. Rolex is a long-standing partner of the R&A and The Rules.

In addition Rolex backs many of the best players including: Tom Watson, Fred Couples, Bernard Langer, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickleson, Adam Scott, Annika Sorenstam, Lorena Ochoa and Yani Tseng.



A Fierce Farewell to the 'Leader Board' Tree

Two severe thunderstorms successively struck the city on the evening of 6th June and with wind speeds reaching 140 kmph, colossal damage was caused to trees at the DGC.

Among hundreds of broken branches littered across the course, the Club lost one of its precious landmarks - the decades old Ullu or *Ailanthus Exelsa*, which had graced the 9th green of the Peacock Course for decades. This tree which had shaded the Leader Board had the privilege of being the first with the information of who was leading, who aced a hole, who scored a disastrous double bogey etc, during all major tournaments. Many of us volunteers have enjoyed the cool shade under its magnificent leafy boughs. As we bid it a shuddering and swift farewell, significant images flashed through my mind: me rushing to put a red 3 on the board

when Gaurav Ghei chipped in for an eagle on the 18th to pull off a brilliant win of the Western Gadgil Asian Master in 1995. SSP Chaurasia the RCGC green-keeper's son, creating history at

the inaugural European Tour Emaar MGF Indian Masters in 2008 by becoming the first player to win on his maiden appearance with a score of -9, in a breathtaking play off against Damien McGrane. Going further back many decades Gaurav himself in fact, recollects as a young lad watching the Late Payne Stuart (who went on to collect 3 Majors) win the Indian Open in 1981. At the 1st DGC Ladies Open in November 2010 the Scoreboard was awash with red numbers as St. Member Gauri Monga set the 54-hole Course Record for women with brilliant rounds of 70, 67 and 68 totaling -11 under! There have been a multitude of such

glorious moments recorded in DGC history.

With two massive old Ullu trees on the Peacock Course 9th hole being ferociously uprooted by the storm, an assessment of damage of the green cover at the DGC seems necessary. It has been estimated that over 100 trees either uprooted or damaged, with the sububool and vilayati keekar experiencing maximum. I went to take photographs at 7.00 a.m. the following morning, and was horrified to see the damage all across the course.

The destruction caused by the storm should be a wake-up call to all of us members as the upkeep of this historic Club is entrusted to us. We are one of the few keepers of the legacy of the original vegetation of Delhi. Unlike most other golf courses, especially in the NCR, which have been artificially created, the DGC has been carved out of existing forest.

The sambhar, much as some of us loved them, caused much damage over the years by feeding on soft tissues of new growth.

However they stayed away from poisonous shrubs and the thorny heese. Now that they have been gone over one year, the forest should have started to rejuvenate itself. But that is a very slow process. Tree-planting within the

forest needs to be taken on a mammoth and urgent footing. In the past our forest cover has been enriched by former members the Late Mr. Bhagwati Sharan Singh who donated 500 flowering trees in 1969, and the 2001 *Van Mahotsava* (Tree Plantation Day) conceived by the Late Mr. Mukhinder Singh. Though the course management is busy with plantation work, we need to plant not hundreds, but thousands of the original Delhi trees. The planting of ornamental trees has been undertaken in small numbers, but these cannot replace our original vilayati keekar, khair etc. In fact DGC purists feel that the ornamental trees between the 3rd



Ullu tree - before and after the storm.





Till recently this monument was covered by dense forest.

and 8th fairways and, between the 5th and 9th fairways are not in keeping with the characteristic of the course. *"The character of the course lies in the rich fauna and flora that it has on either side of the fairways thereby giving prime importance to accuracy."* – Incredible India. It is a very "unforgiving course with narrow fairways and thorny bushes. The absence of significant water hazards or dangerous bunkers or steep undulations is more than compensated for by its unforgiving rough and the mature tree line".

To any botanist or horticulturalist the DGC is a treasure trove of the history of this area. As far as possible it must be preserved as such. We have many rare trees like the unique salvadora persica (peelu/meswak), a beautiful gnarled example to be found left of the 1st green of the Peacock Course, which regenerates itself like the phoenix, from its 'dead' remains.

Apart from the original flora of Delhi, over the decades many other varieties of trees have been planted and have thrived here. However we should recognize that as our forest is growing old, it needs transplanting on a war footing if we are to maintain the original characteristic of the course. Preservation of our forest cover must be a priority. Thousands, not dozens or even hundreds, of trees need to be planted.

The DGC's very special and unique characteristic, the jharhi, has awed even World No 1's Ernie Els, Vijay Singh, Gary Player and Payne Stewart, to name a few. Respectfully even the best players keep their drivers in their bags! But if we are not mindful, we will soon become a very 'ordinary' course as the undergrowth has depleted tremendously in the last few years. The thorny

undergrowth, known as heese, seems to be diminishing in an alarming way, leaving large spaces of 'picnic spots' in the forest area. Suddenly one can see through from one fairway to the next in what was till recently a dense jungle. Older members will recall times when it was nigh impossible to find a ball lost in the jharies. Caddies who have been around more than twenty years also reminded me of the dense thorny shrubs that invariably drew blood and ripped many a favourite t-shirt. Instead of losing balls in the jharies, now 7 times out of 10, one has a pretty decent shot!

In the recent past members have noticed that two landmark trees on the left of the 9th fairway died – the first one, just down the slope on the left, though a very scraggly Silver Oak, invariably caught an errant ball that veered slightly left. The other, the only Rhodesian Wisteria (one of the 500) in Delhi, grew 50 yards short of the green: this was uprooted in a storm a few years ago, and though the Course Management team tried its best to save it, the exquisite cascades of lavender blossoms were lost to us forever. A few yards away the Gulmohur short of the 5th green was battered to death by errant golf balls. Though all these trees came into play for the professional as well as the bogey golfer, none of these trees have been replaced.

The long and the short of it is – we are an historic and exquisite golf Club the notorious jharies of which have brought to his knees even Ernie Els – spectators will not forget his 9 on the 18th as he fought a losing battle with the DGC 'bush' during the Indian Masters. The forest and undergrowth are significant features of this course. Let us do all we can to preserve our heritage. Just as much as the centuries old Monuments of the Lodhi era are to be protected by us, so too must the forest area be. Members have to wake up to this emergency call while there is still time to remedy things.

The first thing that hits a first-time visitor to the DGC is the hundreds of acres of lush green – quite a spectacular and rare sight on a golf course! Lets keep it that way.

We welcome inputs from Members in the form of letter, anecdotes, photographs etc – do please write in and we will do our best to publish as much as possible.



Soni Manjit Singh
Soni Manjit Singh

Members Matter

A doggerel that was found among the late Mr I S Malik's papers, which he had put down to having read a half-century earlier. I S, as he was known, was one of the legends of the DGC who brought many laurels to the Club including being the first Indian to win the Northern India Amateur Golf Championship in 1923.

The author of this poem about 19th hole story tellers was Grantland Rice, the greatest sportswriter of the first half of the 20th century.

THREE UP ON ANANIAS

A group of golfers sat one day, around the 19th hole
Exchanging lies and alibis athwart the flowing bowl.

'Lets give a cup', said one of them, a sparkle in his eye,
'For who amongst us who can tell the most outrageous lie.'

Agreed they cried, and one by one, they played way under par;
With yarns of putts and brasseys shots, that traveled true and far.

With stories of prodigious swipes, of holes they'd made in one;
Of niblick shots from yawning traps as Vardon might have done.

And when they noticed sitting by, apart from all the rest,
A stranger who had yet to join the fabricating test.

"Get in the game', they said to him, 'Come on and shoot your bit'.
Whereas the stranger rose and said as follows, or to wit:

'Although I've played some holes in one, and other holes in two;
Although I've often beaten par, I kindly beg of you

To let me off – for while I might show proof of well-earned fame,
I never speak about my score or talk about my game'.

They handed him the cup at once, their beaten banners furled,
Inscribing first below his name, "The Champion of the World".

Harry Vardon referred to here, was golf's first super-star, picking up The Open title a record six times, the first in 1896. He was one of the fabled Great Triumvirate of the sport in his day, along with John Henry Taylor and James Braid. The Vardon Trophy instituted in 1937, the year he died, is awarded annually on both the European and US PGA Tours to the professional with the lowest stroke average. The overlapping grip is attributed to Vardon. We all would do well to follow Vardon's advice: "Don't play too much golf. Two rounds a day is plenty."

It was during the Panasonic Open; the day Saturday the 6th; it was a hot April afternoon. The Asian Tour/Ten Sports TV crew wanted to do a story on the Club's history and the monuments within its precinct. In me they found a willing, idle old timer, happy to face their camera. The problem was to find a suitable location that would not cause disturbance to the players and have sufficient shade. After inspecting about half a dozen spots, they chose the shade of the Oolu (90-100 years) old tree on the fringe of the 9th green of the Peacock Course. As I leaned to rest against it, little did I know that it would be the last time that I would be "touching" the grand old "lady"; for exactly two months later on 6th of June, the day of the Prize Distribution for the 2nd JTP Camp, there was a high velocity squall which uprooted scores of trees. I was talking to the Lady Captain, Bubbles Suneja when we heard a very loud

SONIA and THE SEA HARRIERS

Following "A soldier's tale of three golf balls" in April's Green Scene here is a sailor's twist! DGC Members would be familiar with the Navy's Sea Harrier jump jets – they made history at Vijay Chowk on 29th Jan 1985, but more of that later.

Sonia Meredith of this tale was the wife of the Naval Attache in the British High Commission and a lively, enthusiastic member of our Ladies Section. Our Editor and former Captain may remember playing in her foursome (as I did once) when Chand Ujjal Singh was in her second stint of Captaincy in the mid 1980s. Dame Margaret Thatcher had famously once said that she batted for England in the matter of selling Sea King Helos in the Middle East. Well, Sonia M was also doing the same in Delhi - batting for her country to advertise Sea Harriers! One day she gave small packets to some of us close friends. Inside, there were neatly wrapped golf balls with the signature SEA HARRIERS. Our natural instinct was to say that we must be careful not to lose them when she immediately chided us saying, "Oh no. you must do so quickly because how else will other members know about the navy's new acquisitions!" It did not take me very long, with my modest handicap, to unsuccessfully search for 'harriers' in our luxurious roughs.

To get back to Vijay Chowk. Just before the Beating Retreat Ceremony, four of the Sea Harriers, led by a future Naval Chief (Arun Prakash), flew in from Safdarjang airfield and did a magnificent hover in the backdrop of the majestic domes of South and North Blocks. Then, watched by two very distinguished pilots, Ram Tahiliani (DGC member) and Rajiv Gandhi, respectively in the cockpits of the navy and the nation, they flew at supersonic speed towards India Gate. Quite a sight for the Gods!

(Sonia Meredith went on to become Captain in the Lip Hook Golf Club in Hampshire - her telephone number is 01428 288913)

Commodore Mukund Kunte (K-209)

thud. As we looked out, to our horror, we saw the majestic tree flattened across the 9th green. There was a photographer at hand clicking the children; I requested him to take some photographs of the fallen "lady" for posterity. He readily obliged once the storm had abated. The next morning the tree had been removed; the last rites had been performed.

This majestic Oolu tree had seen a multitude of events' catapulting scores, plummeting scores, the black and red numbers on the Tournament Leader Board over decades of its existence. On a personal note it had also witnessed my one and only hole-in-one in the late 60s when it stood by the 14th green on the course prior to its re-designing by Peter Thomson.

Ramesh R. Kohli (K -050)
Past Captain & Past Editor Green Scene



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
10.05.13	Mano Ranjan	R-196	5
17.05.13	Mohan Primlani	P-105	17
19.05.13	Jagsagar Chand	C-212	17
19.05.13	Masazumi Konishi	SP-1105	17
22.05.13	Daljit Wallia	CPA-116	12
28.05.13	H.B. Singh	S410	17
09.06.13	A.K. Purwaha	CPA-109	17
11.06.13	Rajinder Singh Bawa	B-501	17
15.06.13	Hideaki Ueshima	SP-756	17
18.06.13	Amit Kohli	K-536	5

PEACOCK COURSE

The following each have won a memento

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
12.04.13	Sundeep Uberai	SL-323	6
21.04.13	P.K. Chopra	C-085	12
02.05.13	Gurkirat Singh Uberai	U-013	3
02.05.13	Kanval Varma	V-089	3
04.05.13	Stephane Rohan Laurent	SP-998	6
14.05.13	Sohail Sood	S-692	3
18.05.13	Pranav Verma	SL-205	2
26.05.13	Inderdeep Singh	I-037	3
27.05.13	Divya Kohli	SL-179	6
03.06.13	Harnoor Singh	SP-988	3
11.06.13	Gaurav Sindhwani	ST-904	5
21.06.13	Bikram Singh	ST-958	5
28.06.13	Shambhavi Chadha	ST-916	1
30.06.13	Sifat Sagoo	ST-0921	5
02.07.13	Sai Vikrama Angrish	A-1920	1

The DGC is proud to count the new Lt Governor of Delhi amongst its members. We wish **Najeeb H Jung** (J-144) an extremely successful tenure and look forward to having a cleaner, greener and safer Delhi under his able governance. Congratulations Najeeb!



Ashwini Luthra (L-101) was unanimously elected President of the Rotary Club, Sainik Farms Chapter, New Delhi. The Club wishes him a successful tenure beginning July.



Brahm Pal with the Club Secretary Arun Singh, a worker of VKS Services was awarded Rs.2,100/- by the Club Management in recognition of his sincerity and honesty. He handed over a bag containing ₹50,000/- in cash found by him in the Main Building Gents Toilet on 9th June 2013.



STOP PRESS!

As we go to press we have received news that with a brilliant final round 64 Shiv Kapur (SD-694) has qualified for the Open Championships to be held at Muirfield, UK later in July. We wish Shiv the very best for the tournament

COMPETITION RESULTS

Swinton Cup April 27

Winner	Rajesh Dhingra	40 Points
Runner Up	O Ravi	37 Points

Lodhi Challenge Cup May 4

Winner	Arvind Kumar Awasthi	43 Points
Runner Up	Harinder Bansi	39 Points

Sir Teja Singh Memorial Trophy May 17

Winner	Maj. Gen. Anil Malik	43 Points
Runner Up	Ravi Kathpalia	40 Points

Putting Competition (Above 70 Years)

Winner	B.S. Chandiramani	16 Putt's
Runner Up	M.L. Nair	21 Putt's
	K.G. Uppal	21 Putt's

DGC Members Tournament June 16

Winner	Raj Kumar Bhargava	46 Points
Runner Up	Rohit Mehra	40 Points

OBITUARY

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

Ms. Prem Swaranjit Singh	S-014
Mr. Apar Singh Dugal	D-016
Mr. S.L. Mehta	M-162
Ms. Sheila Loomba	L-012
Mr. K.K. Lamba	L-017

DGC JTP 2013

The 27th Delhi Golf Club **Junior Training Programme** concluded on the 26th of June, 2013 leaving in its wake 200 'sad it was over' children and eight deeply sun-burned and, exhausted coaches! The camps comprised of members and non-members kids between the ages of seven to seventeen, along with several caddy and staff kids. The only statistic that needs to change in the make up of the 200 participants is the number of girls. This year, there were only 64 girls who took part. 'Where have all the young girls gone? Come out, come out, wherever you are!' Since taking on the sponsorship of the JTP in 2006, USHA and the Shriram family have remained committed and, we are delighted to say, have signed up till 2016!

All four Camps were conducted in the usual, well-structured way in spite of the gruelling heat and odd downpour. Each child, whether novice or experienced had the opportunity to test their putting, chipping, bunker and stroke play skills and almost 250 prizes were awarded across the four camps, including some for rules quizzes set by the coaches.



JTP's fathers and sons

As testimony to the JTP's success and longevity, we were delighted to have the sons of two of our very early JTP participants – Gaurav Ghei and Vivek Bhandari, taking part. Both Raghav and Shiv proved potentially worthy successors to the legacies their fathers are still carving out on the global golfing canvas. Additionally, the ten girls who comprise the DGC Ladies Section Golfing Girl Child Programme, initiated in 2010 and sponsored by former Student Member Shreya Ghei, made us all proud by winning many of the prizes on offer.





THE 7TH DGC JUNIOR & SUB-JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT 2nd - 5th July

120 Juniors participated despite the scorching heat of Delhi June. DGC's Rohan Rana came up on top after a tough battle. Some special moments of this tournament: Mohd. Wasil shot a Sub-par round of 70. Tiny Hitashee Bakshi of DLF Golf & Country Club scored a Hole-in-one on the 6th hole of the Peacock Course on 5th. Saarthak Chhibber and Arjun Puri had a great contest in category "B", with Saarthak winning by a narrow margin of 1 stroke.

Sumptuous lunches were laid out every day, followed by a lavish tea at the Prize Distribution.

The DGC President and Captain attended the Prize Distribution Ceremony where Ms. Chhaya Shriram of Usha International presented attractive prizes to the winners. Our thanks to Mr. Siddharth Shriram and Usha International for their continued sponsorship of this event.



FINAL RESULTS

CAT

BOYS 'A'
BOYS 'B'
BOYS 'C'
BOYS 'D'

Winner

Rohan Rana - DGC (298)
Saarthak Chhibber DGC (314)
Karan P Singh DGC (310)
Shubham Jaglan DGC (188)

Runner up

Tanvir Kahlon (300)
Arjun Puri DGC (315)
Sunhit Bishnoi (315)
Sai V. Angrish DGC (203)

CAT

GIRLS 'A' & 'B'
GIRLS 'C'
GIRLS 'D'
GIRLS 'E'
(Girl Child Special Category)

Winner

Gaurika Bishnoi (242)
Sifat Sagoo DGC (264)
Hitakshi Bakshi (231)
Insha Siddique (271)

Runner up

Shivani Kohli (267)
Arshia Mahant DGC (270)
Jahanvi Bakshi DGC (238)
Swati (277)

Six days after **Derek Ernst** received a call that he was in the **Wells Fargo Championship** at Quail Hollow N. Carolina, as the fourth alternate, the 22-year-old rookie made a birdie on the last hole to force a play off and won with a stunning birdie. All the more creditable as the leaderboard was populated with big names for much of Sunday May 5, battling to pick up what has become one of the most prestigious non-majors on Tour. In a week marred by raging winds and rain and very low temperatures, Ernst jumped in World Rankings from 1207 to 123! From being practically broke Derek, who has cloudy vision in one eye, had \$1.2 million in his pocket!

With rounds of 67, 71, 66, 64 (including 6 consecutive birdies) **Billy Horschel** scored his first PGA Tour win at the **Zurich Classic of New Orleans** on April 28, showing nerves of steel and giving his best till the last round. Golf's breakout star of 2012 who comes from a blue-collar background to become the sixth first-time winner on the PGA Tour this year; is also the PGA Tour's most consistent player having made 23 straight cuts!

Richard Sterne created a fairytale story at the **Johannesburg Open** setting a tournament record. He had a bogey free final round dropping only 1 shot in 72 holes – first player since Tiger in 2002 to achieve that. All the more creditable as he came from debilitating spine arthritis which kept him away for two years.

Matt Kuchar fought a last round charge from Kevin Chappel, the only player to have a bogey-free round all week, to wrest the **Memorial Tournament** at Muirfield Village, Ohio on June 2. He has zoomed up to a career-best No 2 in the WGR as Kuchar had also won the prestigious **Walter Hagen Trophy** for the World Match Play earlier in the year.

Though Keegan Bradley came guns blazing to seize command by firing a 60 in the opening round of the **Byron Nelson Championship**, it was **Sang-Moon Bae** who played stellar golf for four rounds chipping away at the lead each day to win on May 19. Bae became a first-time winner by picking up the trophy with Lord Byron's image on it.

Italy's **Matteo Manassero** became the youngest champion in the 58-year history of the European Tour's flagship tournament, the **BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth Club, UK**, beating Simon Khan with a birdie on the fourth playoff hole on May 26.

Ken Duke proved that patience, persistence and passion pays off: after 187 starts he became the oldest at 44 years, first-time winner on the PGA Tour in 18 years! He birdied the 2nd playoff hole at the **Travellers Championship** in Cromwell, Connecticut on June 23, punching his ticket to a plethora of events next season.

Steve Stricker's lessons in putting to his friend **Tiger Woods** helped the latter win the **WGC-Cadillac Championship** at Blue Monster, Doral. Tiger's 76th victory included 27 birdie putts. He also made a career-best 100 putts in 4 rounds! Steve came in 2nd spot!

At 37 years **Tiger Woods** won his 78th tournament, the **Players Championship** (known as the 5th Major) at the ever-challenging TPC Sawgrass Players Stadium Course. Over his career he has won 26% of his career starts, and finished in the top 25 80% of the time. A Golf Channel commentator called that last statistic "unfathomable".

Woods having transformed his game since falling from grace in 2010, appears to be the ultimate technician and competitor, not merely the player with the most athleticism.

After a two year slide when Roger Federer overtook him, 37-year old **Tiger Woods** is back on top of the **Forbes List of the Top 100 Most Paid Athletes** with earnings of \$ 71.8 million last year including endorsements worth \$65 million plus winnings of \$13.1 million. Till 2011 Woods had been at the top of the list for eleven consecutive years! He continues to set new records: in 300 starts on the PGA Tour he has made the cut in 280, with 78 wins and 182 top-10 finishes. He has had the fastest four wins in a calendar year in his career. He is No 1 in Putting on Tour in 2013, and averages \$ 98,000/- per round over his career!



After a 5 year drought **Brent Rumford** picked up two back-to-back victories at the **Ballentine Championship**, Korea and the **Volvo China Open** (where Jeev M Singh was T14) to lead in the Race to Dubai Standings.

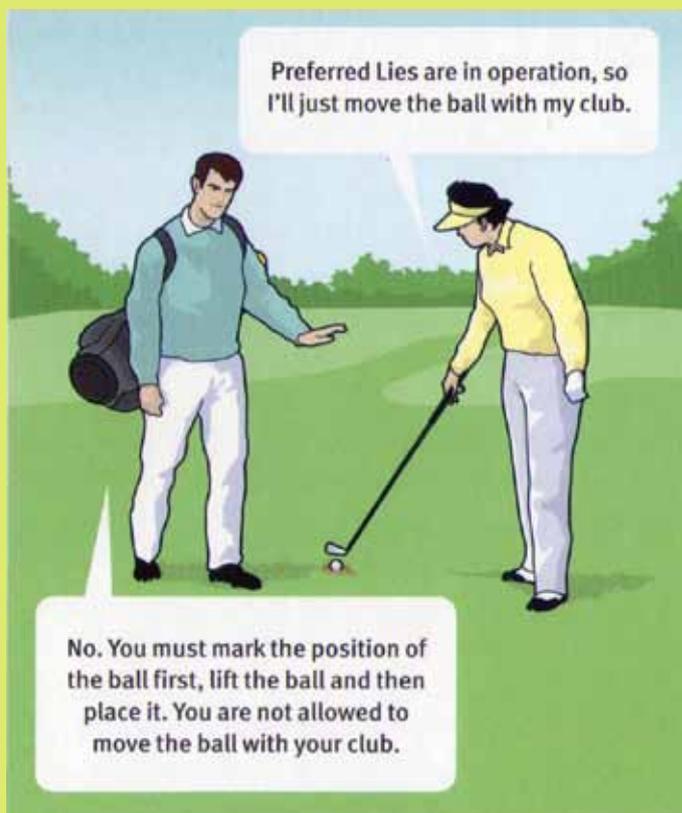
Taking relief from an immovable obstruction at the **Volvo Match Play Championships**, at Karvama, Bulgaria led Nicholas Colesarts inside the bathroom right next to the toilet, which was the closest place! Among much hilarity he was allowed to take a drop outside on the grass.

Boo Weekley took the win in the 2013 **Crowne Plaza Invitational** on May 25 with a 14-under performance, his first PGA Tour win in over five years.

Inbee Park of South Korea methodically marched to history Sunday at seaside Sebonack Golf Club with an authoritative four-stroke victory in the **68th U.S. Women's Open**, joining Babe Zaharias as the only players in LPGA history to win the first three major championships of the season. Adding Sunday's title to the wins in the **Kraft Nabisco Championship** in April and the **Wegmans LPGA Championship** in June. Park will go to St. Andrews with chance to become first male or female to win four pro majors in a season!!!

Despite a last round charge Anirban Lahiri was pipped to the post at the **Worldwide Holdings Selangor Masters** in Malaysia on 23rd June by Thai **Pariya Junhasavasdikul** when he missed a pressure-packed 5-foot putt on the last hole. **Anirban** went on to win the **PGTI-Eagleburg Open** in Bengaluru by 5 strokes with scores of 73, 62, 64, 69.

The US Open, especially at the brutal Merion, Philadelphia is a test of survival of the fittest; the cut was at +9! **Justin Rose** became the first Englishman in 17 years to win a Major. His 2-stroke victory over Phil Mickleson who had played hot golf all week, delegated the latter to a heart-breaking 6th time runner up of this event. All eyes were on Tiger who however stood out by making his highest score to par in a Major (+13) in the last round, including a 44, his worst score ever for 9 holes.



PREFERRED LIES / MONSOON RULES

Adverse conditions such as prolonged rains (as in the case of the monsoons), heavy snows, spring thaws or extreme heat can make fairways unsatisfactory and sometimes prevent use of heavy mowing equipment. When such conditions are so general throughout a course that the Committee believes 'preferred lies' or 'monsoon rules' would promote fair play or help protect the course, the following Local Rule is recommended:

"A ball lying on a closely-mown area through the green (or a more specific area, e.g. at the 6th hole) may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within (specify area, e.g. six inches, one club-length, etc) of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

NOTE: "Closely mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play Loss of hole • Stroke Play 2 Strokes.

If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local Rule, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied.

CWT BRIGHTEN DGC CADDIES FUTURE

The Caddies Welfare Trust, an initiative of SOME DGC members organised an Eye Camp for our caddies in April during which 90 of our caddies received spectacles (courtesy Rotary Delhi) and 10 underwent eye surgery, by another member, Dr. Anjali Mehta, at a heavily subsidized rate at her clinic.

Proving hugely successful, a second caddies Eye Camp is scheduled for 22 July, followed by a Max Health Camp on 12 August and a Dental Camp conducted by Clove, another member driven enterprise, on 16 September.

The CWT continues to assist our caddies, including financially for those in dire need and, in recognition of their philanthropic endeavour, the Club has allowed CWT to organise a members tournament on 7 September to help them raise funds. It is hoped that members will enthusiastically and generously participate, thus ensuring their good work continues.



CADDY TRAINING PROGRAMME

1. The Club is in discussions with PGTI and IGU for conducting a professionally managed high quality Training Programme for our Caddies. The programme would also include experts from the Tourism Ministry and incorporate inputs from members through some volunteers among them.

2. The Club would also be conducting short capsule training packages for our caddies in small batches on every Wednesday beginning 03 July 2013. Member volunteers would be very welcome!

3. Formal training of Caddies under supervision of an International Referee/Trainer would be conducted in third week of July.

Ladies Section

LADY CAPTAIN

Bubbles Suneja



The AGM of the Ladies Section was held on Monday 6th May 2013. Traditionally the Lady Captain's Day celebrations kick off with the LC's Competition on the Peacock Course followed by skills events. This year too saw enthusiastic lady participants, and it was heartening to see that despite the heat wave 12 teams participated and many more ladies turned up for the skills events!

As this is the Golden Jubilee Year, the LC had organized gifts for members of the Ladies Section. Approximately 100 members attended the AGM. All present received generous food hampers from Leonardo Olive Oil and chocolates from Chocco Suisse. The Ladies Committee had beautiful silk scarves specially made for the occasion; members of the Ladies Section are advised to collect their gift from the LS on presentation of the Club Membership Card. At the conclusion of the AGM, the Annual Prize Distribution took place with Mridula Tandon waltzing off with a well-earned arm-load of silver!

LADY CAPTAIN'S DAY RESULTS

Greensome Stableford

Winner	Soni M. Singh & Rama Khanna	20pts
Runner-up	Monica Tandon & Aneeta Bhatia	19 pts.
Putting	Neelam Sihota	9 putts
Chipping	Kamini Gupta	2' 2"
Bunker	Arshia Mahant	3 pts.

Usha IGU Karnataka Ladies & Junior Girls Golf Championship,

Bangalore Golf Club 5 to 7 June:

Ladies Winner	Gurbani Singh	207
Ladies 3rd Pos	Gauri Monga	218
Jrs 'A' & 'A' & B' Winner	Gurbani Singh	207

Usha IGU Southern India Ladies & Junior Girls Golf

Championship, Bangalore Golf Club 10 to 12 June 2013.

Ladies Winner	Gauri Monga	219
Ladies Runner-up	Gurbani Singh	220
Jrs 'A' & 'A' & B' Winner	Gurbani Singh	220
Jrs 'B' 3rd Pos	Arshia Mahant	253
Jrs 'C' Winner	Sifat Sagoo	





Be Heart Healthy

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Every 36 seconds, one person dies from heart disease. Therefore, it's imperative to learn all you can about heart health.

What causes a heart attack?

It occurs when the blood flow to a part of the heart is blocked, often by a blood clot. This happens because coronary arteries that supply the heart with blood slowly become thicker and harder from a build-up of fat, cholesterol and other substances called plaque.

If the plaque breaks open and a blood clot is formed that blocks the blood flow, a heart attack occurs.

Here are some of the symptoms of a heart attack:

- Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, or pain in the centre of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
- Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, your back, neck, jaw or stomach
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort

If you or someone you are with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the above signs, don't wait more than five minutes before calling for help. Call the emergency medical services (EMS) in your area or get to a hospital immediately.

How can I recover from it?

You may only be in the hospital for a few days but your recovery involves making changes in your daily life. Start by modifying your lifestyle to reduce your risk of having another heart attack.

- Don't smoke, and avoid inhaling second hand smoke as well.
- Maintain a healthy diet that's low in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol and salt.
- Exercise at least 30 minutes on most or all days of the week. Aim to keep your weight in the normal range.
- Take your medicines as prescribed and control your blood sugar if you have diabetes
- Talk with your doctor about what physical activity you should be indulging in and avoiding altogether.



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Joining a cardiac rehabilitation programme can help too. ■

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