



The Green Scene

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Inaugural DGC Junior Inter Club 2014

The R&A says YES to ladies

DGC members' Arctic sojourn

Monsoon sunset bathes the 18th green
Photograph: Karam Puri

Tee off with the Captain



Dear Member,

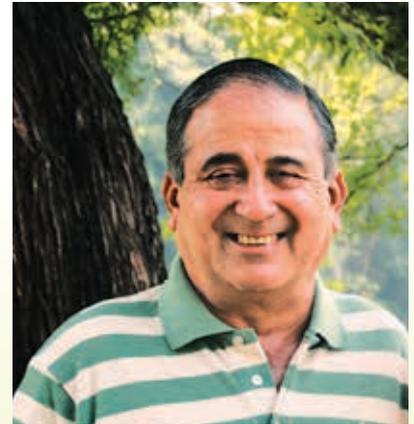
I would be demitting office shortly, after a two year term, with the election of new office bearers on September 27, 2014.

My term in office, as your Captain, has been challenging and I will be passing on the baton with a deep sense of satisfaction. I am consciously not recapitulating the thrust areas and tasks undertaken by the Committee, as this has been covered in some detail in the Annual Report, available with you. In addition, I have also had the privilege of communicating with you periodically, through the medium of our in-house magazine. A major plan for upgrading the Peacock Course, is now ready for implementation.

With the recent induction of a new Secretary and other appointments done earlier, we can organizationally, under the stewardship of the General Committee, look forward to meeting future challenges and ensuring that our Club enhances its prestigious

and unparalleled position.

I would also take the opportunity of conveying my grateful thanks to the Staff and General Committee for their unstinted support. Also my deep appreciation for the guidance and advice received from Mr IVS Juneja and his exemplary embodiment and articulation, in practice, of the role of the President, as envisaged in our Articles.



Thank you all for your support and Happy Golfing.

Warm Regards,

KAPIL CHANNA

The Delhi Golf Club extends its heartfelt condolences to the residents of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Club will shortly approach the membership to contribute towards the victims of this devastating natural disaster, and appeals to its members to donate generously as always.



GREENS

CHAIRMAN: Mr Kapil Channa

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Vikram Sethi

The work on 'turf grass' nursery development has been initiated and is being done by a professional agency, SGDC. The grass required for the new greens during the forthcoming Peacock Course upgradation will be used from this nursery. Old sods from the existing nursery have been utilized in sodding several bare areas on the Lodhi Course. Additionally, the Main Lawn has been grassed and



is now well prepared for the season.

A team from the Forest Research Institute (FRI) Dehradun, visited DGC in August. The report highlights have indicated that there is an overcrowding of trees in the forest adjacent to the fairways and roughs and that there is limited space and scope for the planting of more trees at present.

A team from a Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan arrived in August to continue the translocation of the remaining sambhar at DGC; this effort had to be temporarily suspended due to the extreme hot weather and thick monsoon forest conditions.

Poorly constructed cart path sections at the cross-over points of holes 10, 15 and 16 on the Lodhi Course have been removed and grass has been sodded.

As per the request received from the Ladies Section, the Ladies Tees on holes 7 and 16 are being extended, along with renovation of the 2nd Tee.

Work on the Pump House near Tee No. 1 has been completed.

PS.: I would once again request all members to please ensure that between you and your caddy all pitch marks / divots are repaired.

From the President's desk

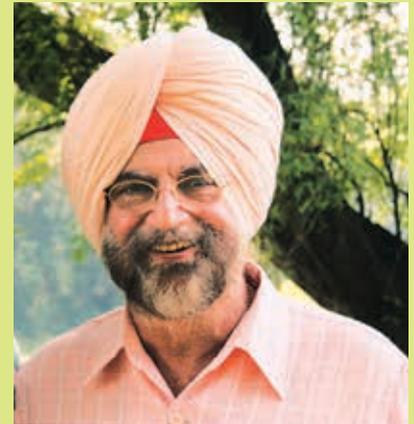
Dear Members,

This is to express my grateful thanks to you all for having reposed your faith and giving me the opportunity to serve you to the best of my abilities. In retrospect, one always feels that one could have done things differently and done even more.

I would like to thank the Captain and the Committee for having worked so hard and achieved a lot in streamlining procedures, and bringing in discipline and transparency.

I enjoyed my stint as the President. There were many hilarious moments and at times frayed tempers in the Committee meetings. However, the disagreements were expressed with total intellectual integrity. We were a cohesive group, a family that worked together for the common good of the Club.

A few things that I will remember with a sense of pride and nostalgia: Bringing back the Indian Open, hosting (the first LET event at the DGC, the Hero Women's Indian Open) and above all allowing Tiger Woods to "maul" our course.



All of it was a combined effort of the Committee and the Captain, Mr Kapil Channa.

This is to wish my succeeding President and the new Captain and the Committee the best of wishes and thank the members all over again.

Best Regards,

IVS JUNEJA



Arnold Palmer



Ben Hogan



Jack Nicklaus



Bobby Jones



Gary Player



Tiger Woods

President of the Club, Mr IVS Juneja had personally commissioned the above paintings of global golfing greats - Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Tiger Woods and Arnold Palmer:

These iconic paintings now hang in the Main Bar of our Club, a most generous gift from the President! We are delighted to add that two of these legends have not only visited, but played our course - Gary Player and Tiger Woods!!

Sub-Committee Reports

HRD

CHAIRMAN: Mr Vijay Topa

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Satish Girotra

The HRD Sub Committee hired a consultant to review the Club's organizational structure, evaluate executives, review their roles and responsibilities and provide a Compensation Policy, based on market rates, which shall be evaluated through appraisals based on Key Result Areas. The General Committee approved the implementation of a revised Organogram to streamline the functioning of the Secretariat. Vacancies created as a result, have been filled. Departmental Heads have been empowered in order to improve accountability as also to enable the Secretary to focus on managing Club resources, redefining policies and effectively responding to external obligations and requests. Outsourced areas have been augmented wherever required in terms of compliances to the law. HR policies have been revisited and redefined for uniformity and transparency.



Group Medical Insurance Cover: The absence of medical cover for staff has been taken care of by taking up a Group Medical Insurance Policy for staff, spouse and two dependent children up to the age of 25 years, with the Club contributing 75% of the premium payable. The balance 25% premium has been paid by those staff who opted for the Policy.

Staff Cafeteria: A separate area has been set up to provide clean, hygienic and subsidized food for all permanent staff of the Club.

HOUSE

CHAIRMAN: Mr Satish Girotra

CO-CHAIRPERSON: Mrs Tara Laroia



The following works have been carried out during the previous quarter:

1. Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant including fencing has been completed and STP has started functioning.
2. Staff Cafeteria construction is complete and it has started functioning.
3. Upholstery of Board Room chairs has been carried out. New blinds have been installed at the reception area of the Secretariat.
4. CCTV cameras have been installed and are working satisfactorily.
5. 'Bedi Hut' at Tee No-1 has been renovated.
6. Cart Paths crossing fairways No. 10, 15 & 16 have been removed.
7. The connection for NDMC water to Tee No. 14 is in progress.
8. The Pump House at Tee No. 1 has been renovated.
9. The pathway to the 6th tee under the arch bridge is ready and golf carts may drive through without any hindrance.
10. The renovation of the F&B outlet at Tee No. 14 is under progress and likely to be completed during September.
11. The repair and renovation of New Banquet Area is under progress and likely to be completed by September 20.
12. The steps to Tee No. 6 are being redesigned and re-laid with red stone.
13. The re-caning of chairs at the Pub Terrace has been completed.
14. Kota stone has been laid at the entrance to the Secretariat.
15. The fixing of fibre sheeting on the boundary wall from Car Parking No. 1 to the Petrol Pump corner is complete.
16. Pest Control and fumigation are being carried out regularly.
17. The Card Room bridge tables have been redesigned and the cloth/felt of all tables has been replaced.
18. The Swimming Pool Ladies Changing Room has been renovated with new carpets and fans. Colour lights have been installed in the fountain. Pool Water Testing by the Shri Ram Institute for Industrial Research has been done and the report is displayed.
19. The caddies' Rest Room has been improved; a new TV has been installed.
20. Urinals etc in the Gents Changing Room have been replaced.

FINANCE

CHAIRMAN: Mr Rohit Sabherwal

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Brij Anand

Towards streamlining the Internal controls and Club's administration, a Best Practices Manual cutting across the departmental jurisdictions has been made. This Manual was adopted by the Finance sub-committee at a meeting held on August 27, 2014. It will be implemented with effect from September 1, 2014.



T&H

CHAIRMAN: Mr Ashwini Luthra

CO-CHAIRMAN: Capt Lalit Talwar

Brainchild of the T&H Committee, the 1st DGC Inter Club Junior Golf Tournament was played on August 21 and 22, 2014. The idea behind this event is to provide children the opportunity to represent their Clubs and play in the true spirit of competition, as a team. A full report is on the Juniors page.

The finals of the Match Play event started on May 24, being played between Mr Amit Luthra and Mr Rajendra Prasad, is slated for the September 20. A worthy mention is Mridula Tandon, who overcame Dennis Kapur, Greesh Bindra and Vivek Chandra to lose only to Amit Luthra!

A record 362 members played the inaugural Zai Kipgen Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 30, 2014. The tournament has been instituted by the Club and members of the Kipgen family in the memory of the much loved, hugely talented Zai. Even the spoilsport weather could only dampen a few spirits and marginally reduce the field.

Winners: Nett - Maj Gen Shergill

Gross - Arjun Chaudhri.



TECHNOLOGY

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



The Technology Committee has implemented the following projects for the convenience of members in 2013-14:

- Online attendance system for Tee Off (1st & 10th Tee) w.e.f. September 2 as a pilot project. Members are requested to show their Membership/Swipe Card to the Starters.
- Video-link of the Lodhi Course is being created, providing a hole by hole view as also the historical monuments in HD quality.
- The Work order for the second Phase of Digitization and Microfilming of membership records has been awarded to M/s Micrographic India.
- Introduction of a hand held billing device for the Lawn, Pub & Reception to record guest entry for better and faster service.
- A link has been created for applicants to check their profile on line through our official website www.delhigolfclub.org.
- Dynamic List for "A", "M/W", "C", "SD/SL", "TENURE", "SPECIAL", "CORPORATE", "SURVIVING SPOUSE" Members and "PLAYING RIGHT", "TALENT PROMOTION" categories has been added into Member's Area.
- **WEBMAIL:** We request members to address queries to <http://dgcmembers.com> so that they can be dealt with immediately.
- Bills may be paid through <http://dgcmembers.com>.

PURCHASE

CHAIRMAN: Mr Vijay Topa
CO-CHAIRMAN: Capt Lalit Talwar

The Annual tenders for the year 2014-15 have been finalized at almost the same rates as 2013-14 in maximum categories. The Service Contracts for the year 2014-15 have been finalized, keeping in mind all legal and statutory compliances.

We have successfully implemented computer generated purchase documents for correct tracking and to avoid any duplication.

Financial authority has been delegated to all line managers and has been revised in a manner that clearly demonstrates responsibility and accountability for the operational management.

F&B

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

1. Pub prices were streamlined exactly 15% higher than the Dining Hall.
2. Receipt of FSSAI License valid up to July 17, 2017 for all Fish & Fish products, Egg products, Meat products including Poultry & Game, prepared food & beverages.
3. Procurement of kitchen equipment as per the guidelines of FSSAI.
4. Staff Cafeteria is fully operational adjacent to NBA.
5. Soft Skill Training on personal grooming for F&B staff was conducted by Mrs Guneeta Duggal on August 11, 13 & 15, 2014.
6. Training regarding hygiene and service etiquette for the F&B staff was conducted by Mrs Guneeta Duggal on August 26, 27 & 29, 2014.
7. Successful facilitation of all F&B aspects of the DGC Inter Club Junior Golf Tournament.
8. Mr Phillip Gomes joined as Executive Chef from August 28, 2014.
9. Wine Appreciation Evening planned in September 2014 with the support of Mr Subhash Arora.



MEMBERSHIP

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

The Committee has actively taken up Membership issues relating to both upgradation and new memberships. The status of the upgradation and new membership are as follows:

Upgradation of Membership

From Mid-week to 'A': March 1993
From 'C' to Mid-week: November 2011

Applicants are being considered with the following seniority:-

- Indian Business March 1987
- Indian Service November 1998
- Dependent Applied in Time April 1997
- Dependent Applied Late April 1989





GENERAL COMMITTEE 2013-2014

Standing: Brig Sanjiv Mehra (Secretary), Raj Khosla, RM Sodhi, Ashwini Luthra, Vijay Topa, Brij Anand, Capt Lalit Talwar

Sitting: Tara Laroia, Kapil Channa (Captain), IVS Juneja (President), Rohit Sabherwal, Shiraz Singh (Lady Captain)

Not in the picture: Satish Girotra, PRS Brar, Jasjit Singh, Vikram Sethi and the Government Nominees: Rajan Gupta, Rajiv Luthra, Duke Walia

KISSING THE R&A CAPTAINS' BALLS - an age-old tradition

Talking of change, a snippet from the history of the R&A recounted to me recently by the President, IVS (Guli) Juneja, comes to mind. When it came into existence, it was as poor as any other Club at that time - that is how the concept of club committees came into being. (Today, the R&A is totally managed by the Secretary and the paid staff.) The R&A in its wisdom decided that to add to the wealth of the Club; every Captain on his retirement would gift a silver golf ball, much bigger than the real golf ball. Royalty was supposed to present a similar golf ball, but in gold. A time came when the Club had dozens of these golf balls lying uselessly stored in boxes when someone came up with the bright idea to hang all these balls on silver clubs. Till today these are displayed with great pride in the clubhouse.

This led to another tradition, that irrespective of the number of years that one may have been a member of the R&A, one's membership is not considered complete till one has attended the Autumn Meet, the second of its two Annual General Meetings, which is when the accounts are passed and the new captain nominated; hence being the more important one. Coming back to the tradition, all those members attend the subsequent black-tie dinner induction ceremony, the annual R&A dinner which is like a state dinner for golf royalty, full of pomp and ceremony — including a toast to the Queen — but also surprisingly moving and full of good cheer. The incoming and outgoing captains make their grand speeches, amid rowdy and genuine fellowship. Not too many details of the time-honoured ceremony are revealed, but all the 'newbies' get in a queue to kneel down in front of these trees and kiss the golf balls. As a double entendre, this tradition is called "Kissing the Captains' Balls", leading to much mirth and laughter. You have to give it to the so-called conservative Brits!



The R&A says YES to Ladies!

The other big vote in Scotland resulted in The Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews no longer being just for men. It became the latest golf club to end years of male-only exclusivity on September 18 when its members voted overwhelmingly (an astounding 85%) in favor of inviting women. The vote was effective immediately. The club's 2,500 members worldwide voted to include women for the first time in the R&A's 260-year history, and also the first time that members were allowed to vote by proxy at the Annual Business Meeting. The members also voted to fast-track a "significant" number of women to join in the next few months; previous reports indicated that as many as 15 women could be invited.

- The 'all girl' Editorial Team



It is that time of year again – time for change in the Club Management. We will soon have a new Committee headed by a new President and Captain. In the last few months there have been quite a few changes in the Executive and other staff scenario of the Club, with old, and some not so old, guard making way for new. Though change is the natural order of things, there are definitely some people the DGC will miss.

beautiful ancient monuments and tombs. As it is, a large number of members remain unaware of its rich inheritance in about a dozen members who over the decades have set records in the game and been Champions at various levels: Men, Women, Junior and Professional, have represented the country internationally and have been awarded with the prestigious Arjuna Award for golf.



Starter Krishan Lal

The one most of us were familiar with is Starter Krishan Lal, glaring ponderously from behind his specs at the Starter's Hut, registers open, trying to see how to fit one in for a round of golf on what is perhaps the busiest course in the world! Or chasing errant fourballs who were slowing down pace of play. Krishan honed his skills under his mentor Bedi Sahib, the most famous face at the DGC for decades, and after whom the 1st

Tee Starter's Hut has been named. More members had Krishan Lal's number saved in their cell phones than that of any other Club member perhaps! A large chunk of DGC history has gone with him as he had served the Club for 38 long years.

The previous Financial Controller Tejinder Singh completed a decade before he finally retired last April. Arun Singh left after a short but eventful 15-month stint as Secretary. He has gone on to greener pastures as Director General of the IGU and the Club wishes him well.

Two of our senior malis, Arjun Prashad and Shyam Lal, responsible most visibly for the abundance of prize-winning dahlias and chrysanthemums and numerous other stunning blooms that dazzled members with their beauty each winter, retired after almost twenty years of service. It is hoped that they have trained their juniors well, as we look forward to feasting our eyes at another myriad of colour this winter.

When its comes to traditions, unfortunately our Club has none, nor any history that seems to have been retained by the Secretariat. The only history lies on the Course, in the



Tejinder Singh, FC with Kapil Chana



Arun Singh, Secretary with Kapil Chana

Though some have been felicitated by the Club at Club Nites and special occasions, it is not an on-going, regular thing. We have even lost most of our annual Competitions, including the oldest, the Bachelor Cup going back over 100 years.

Surely it is worth thinking of and doing something about preserving the history and tradition of this prestigious golfing institution.

Soni Manjit Singh

Soni Manjit Singh

Ladies Section



LADY CAPTAIN

Shiraz Singh

MEHAR TAKES ON THE PROS

DGC's Mehar Atwal stunned the professionals at the Hero Women's Pro event at Eagleton, Bangalore, by beating them all, as an amateur entry! Mehar's win rightfully made the local headlines and her 'brilliant bogey-free -3 under on the final day' nailed the event for her. On holiday from college in the US, Mehar certainly left everyone with enough to think about.till she returns in the winter! Fabulous job Mehar!!



SKILLS CLINIC BY AMANDEEP JOHL

As part of the Ladies Section's drive to promote the game, a Skills Clinic, covering Bunker play and Chipping, was conducted by DGC teaching professional Amandeep Johl.

The intense August heat did not deter the enthusiasm of the 15 ladies present and with a visibly sweaty coach, perfect shots were executed within a short space of time.

The next Clinic is scheduled later this month! Make sure you don't miss out!!



PHELPS CUP FAMILY FOURSOME

Showcasing one of the Club's armoury of historic competitions, this year, the annual Phelps Cup Family Foursome Competition attracted a record number of entries - 32 teams in all ranging from grandpas and grannies with grandkids, parents plus progeny and enthusiastic siblings!

Over a yummy tea, prizes were handed over by the sponsor including Best Team Name won by Gaurav Ghei and son Raghav - "Weapons of Grass Destruction", Youngest Participant Veedant, Lucky Dips of Dinners at 5 Star Hotels as well as a sleeve of golf balls for every participant!

Winning Team	Vijay Dhawan & Neenu Bhatia
Runner-Up Team	Aashana Monga & Gauri Monga
Winners 100+ Years	Palli Chopra & Navi Chopra
Winners Under 30 Years	Mehar Dhawan & Nylah Dhawan



DEEP SINGH MEMORIAL TROPHY

This year the Deep Singh Memorial Trophy attracted more than two dozen entries. The competition was followed by lunch at the Annexe, hosted by the Singh family represented by Shiraz Singh.



80TH SINGHA THAILAND AMATEUR OPEN 2014

At the Panya Indra Golf Club in Bangkok, the IGU sent an Indian ladies team comprising DGC dependent member Seher Atwal and Talent Promotion Member Ridhima Dilawari to the event. Under the watchful eye of Council Member Anupama Singh, the children experienced high-level competition under tough conditions.

Another Talent Promotion Member Gaurika Bishnoi participated as an individual entry in the event. Her 4-day gross score of 3 over was the best of the Indian girls, and earned her the 9th position slot.



L to R: Seher Atwal, Anupama Singh, Ridhima Dilawri

ROYAL SELANGOR TURNS 40

The DGC Ladies team that was sent to Malaysia for the 40th Royal Selangor Open 2014 comprised Shiraz Singh, Neelam Pratap Singh (TC-202) and Sonaal Chaudhri (C-293). Though the team did not place, Neelam won the Best Nett Medal on Day 3.



MALAYSIAN LADIES AMATEUR OPEN 2014

Gauri Monga (M-591) came in T3rd position with a 3-day total of par, with scores of 70,76,70. Gaurika Bishnoi who had gone as an individual entry, but was invited in Kuala Lumpur to join the Indian Team finished in 19th position. India came in second position.



Competition Results

Naval Kishore Cup

Winner	Neelam Sihota	0 Pts
Runner-Up	Monica Tandon	1 Pts

Rawley Salver

Winner	Mridula Tandon	40 Pts
Runner-Up	Kamini Gupta	39 Pts

July Medal

Silver Division (H'cap -13 to 24)		
Winner	Hanisha Daryani	73 Nett
Runner-Up	Kitty Puri	75 Nett

Bronze Division (H'cap - 25 to 36)

Winner	Divya Kohli	76 Nett
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Deep Singh Memorial Trophy

Winner	Sonaal Chaudhri	35 Pts
Runner-Up	Neelam Sihota	34 Pts

Monsoon Medal

Silver Division (H'cap -13 to 24)		
Winner	Banmala Singh	69 Nett
Runner-Up	Sonaal Chaudhri	71 Nett

Bronze Division (H'cap -25 to 36)

Winner	Divya Kohli	76 Nett
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9-Hole Medal Competition

(H'cap -36 & Under)		
Front Nine		
Winner	Usha Chatrath	17 Nett
Back Nine		
Winner	Veena Sachdev	23 Nett

DGC INTER CLUB JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Eighteen teams from various Clubs of North India participated in this inaugural Tournament.

Chandigarh Golf Club was declared the winner with a two round team score of 455, followed by Delhi Golf Club 'A' Team (Rohan Rana, Sunhit Bishnoi, Ridhima Dilawari and Sartak Chibber) one shot behind on 456 and Delhi Golf Club 'B' Team (Arshia Mahant, Daksh Shokeen, Sifat Sagoo and Gaurika Bishnoi) in 3rd position, on 461.



Winners - Chandigarh Golf Club



Runner-Up - DGC "A" Team



3rd position - DGC "B" Team

SEHER WINS ALBATROSS EVENT



Seher Atwal (A-144) was the winner of Category "A" Girls (15-17 years) at the Albatross Inter-School Junior Golf Championship August 28-29, 2014 at ITC Classic Golf Club, with scores of 77 and 74.

EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR CUP

This year, at the Evian Championship Junior Cup, September 16-17, 2014, India finished ahead of Denmark and Norway, a disappointing 16th position, with a total score of 465. USA were the winners with a total score of 418. DGC Talent Promotion Member, Arshia Mahant, playing better than team-mate Riya Ahuja, tied 27th with four others, in the Girls Category, with a total of 157 (77,80), twenty shots behind the winner.

The Evian Championship Juniors Cup is a unique annual tournament that gathers the best international players under 14 years old. In the past, India's best finish in this event was when dependent member Gurbani Singh (D-210) won in 2010, with scores of 69 & 74!



Arshia Mahant practising at Evian

A TRIP TO THE UNKNOWN R.S. Bedi (B-197)

"Are you out of your mind", "Have you gone mad?" were some of the reactions from family and friends with whom I spoke of plans to undertake an 11-day canoeing/fishing trip in the Sutton River in the Sub Arctic region of Northern Canada.

Eight of us, six of whom were DGC members, did finally undertake this adventure beginning 4 August 2014. The trip started with a 12 hour road journey from Toronto to Hearst, some 1500 kms north of Toronto. Hectic planning and preparation for working out the logistics had commenced six months earlier as we were required to be self contained for 11 days.

The group was dropped by sea-plane to Lake Hawley, a three hour flight further north of Hearst on 5 August, given four canoes, a satellite phone, a GPS and the location of our pick-up point in the Hudson Bay for 14 August. The satellite phone was to be used in an emergency only, with no guarantee that help would reach soon thereafter. There was no human habitation within 400 kms radius – the lone exception being the Cree Indian camp where we were dropped. That would give you an idea of the remoteness of the place. As we were to pass through polar bear territory we were advised to carry appropriate arms for self protection should the need arise. Fortunately the need did not arise although we encountered a full grown black bear in one of our camps and three polar bears in another. Weapons were at the ready but we were not threatened. Fires had to be kept going through the night – even in wet conditions – to keep the bears away.

To say the least, it was one tough trip – considering the ages of at least two of us being over 70 years and another around 65. Three of the four canoes had father and son teams, enabling a balance of brawn and experience. A wise decision in retrospect.

The journey entailed rowing 130 kms in pretty trying conditions. The river was running low which meant portage at many places. With God's grace we had only one mishap where Brij's canoe hit a rock in a rapid and tipped over but the crisis was overcome with team efforts and no serious dampening of spirits. We also encountered an arctic lightning storm the likes of which none of us had ever witnessed. We were forced to get off the river as quickly as possible until the storm passed. I have to admit that though we put up a brave front, our hearts were in our mouths. Into the 5th day of the trip we were hit by chilling northerly winds and cold and wet weather. We were never really able to dry out our equipment for the rest of the trip. The northerly winds also meant that we were always rowing against the wind

making the task very difficult.

The river is a fly fisherman's dream. It was full of Brook Trout and we landed 188 fish, none of which was below 2 pounds – the biggest being 7 pounds. We could have landed twice that number had we fished more and been less anxious about covering the 130 kms distance to our pick-up point. En route we established seven camps with the tougher chores being undertaken by the younger lot. The relentless and aggressive bugs and mosquitoes didn't make our lives any easier. Fish were the staple diet throughout, particularly for breakfast and dinner with Captain Jagatjit Singh Bedi producing some delectable fish preparations under camp conditions. Oh, and the Northern Lights – how can I not mention that! We sat out on two nights just looking in awe at that wonderous phenomenon.



All in all it was a relief when we saw the plane landing at the pick-up point at the appointed time on 14 August. It was an unforgettable experience for all of us and all the hardships we went through were worth it since we all - particularly the older lot - felt a huge sense of achievement having successfully completed a journey into the unknown. Would I undertake such an adventure again? Hmm – I don't know. But then Mohamad Iqbal comes to mind:

***"Sitaron sey aage jahaan aur bhi hain
Abhee ishq key imtahan aur bhi hain"***



DGC Members: Karan Dass, Jai Diwanji, Jagat Bedi, RS Bedi, Anil Dass, Brijender Singh

Members Matter

SHALINI MALIK ROOKIE REFEREE AT THE OPEN



In July this year, DGC lady member, Shalini Malik (M-469) was extended the huge honour of being invited to join the pool of referees and observers at The Open, Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. Once the pride and thrill of the invitation had been absorbed, the enormity of the task at hand took over and before long she found herself dressed in her

crisp, Ralph Lauren official uniform, credentials carefully hanging round her neck, walking the course with Chris Hilton, Chairman of The Open Rules Committee.

To put the scale of The Open in perspective, the biggest events Shalini had worked on previously were the Avantha Masters, a

European Tour event in India followed closely by the Dubai Ladies Masters on the LET. There were, at most, a dozen rules officials working both. At the 143rd Open there were eighty-three. The number of spectators through the week exceeded two hundred thousand. More than three thousand men and women volunteered at the event!

The group Shalini was assigned, as referee, consisted of Matt Jones, Chris Wood and Bernd Wiesberger. Her role as observer on Days One, Three and Four gave her an unimaginable equation with the event - the opportunity to study just how the best in the world (players and officials) perform under pressure. To end the week, standing by the 18th green watching Rory McIlroy kiss the Claret Jug was a moment no amount of money in the world could buy.

Shalini remains forever indebted to the Indian Golf Union and the R&A for giving her an opportunity that was simply awesome.

We, the members of the Ladies Section, feel hugely privileged to have her as a Technical Member on our Ladies Committee. Shalini recently conducted a dedicated 'Rules' session for the Golfing Girl Child kids, now recognised within the DGC's Talent Promotion Programme. This continues to flourish under the guidance of the Ladies Section and the philanthropy of the Ghei family.



Ashok Sawhney's (S-229) 14th book of english poetry – "Three Cheers for poetry" has been released. His first book was published in 2009 and in the past five years he has also published 5 books in Urdu.



Avtar Singh's (S-731) second book "Necropolis" has just been published by HarperCollins. A mystery novel set in a Delhi full of poetry, beauty, crime, politics and would-be vampires and werewolves.



Mr. Raghav Chandra (C-341), a regular morning Golfer and a Senior Bureaucrat, recently released his book SCENT OF A GAME. A thriller that plunges the reader into the captivating world of wildlife and the sinister game of trophy hunting; the book has been very well received and got excellent reviews from critics. Congratulations!



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
02.07.14	Gautam Seth	SD-941	12
06.07.14	Vinod Kumar Sibal	S-829	17
09.07.14	Arjun Munda	M-548	17
18.07.14	BP Ojha	O-27	17
23.07.14	NS Rana	R-116	17
23.07.14	NS Sodhi	S-504	17
03.08.14	Atul Chaturvedi	TC-413	7
07.08.14	Shruti Khanna Sodhi	K-690	5
08.08.14	Swaranjit Singh Sayal	S-918	12
24.08.14	Alok Malhotra	S-1078	17
26.08.14	NS Sodhi	S-504	17
26.08.14	Yogesh Prasad	P-208	7
28.08.14	Shafi Goroo	G-286	17
04.09.14	Vivan Som Datt	SD-955	17

PEACOCK COURSE

The following each have won a memento

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
24.06.14	Master Nishaan Singh	S-898	6
14.07.14	Raghav Chugh	ST-940	7
22.07.14	Kapil Goswami	G-237	7
02.08.14	Aditya Rattan Bhalla	ST-998	6
24.08.14	Sandeep Singh Sindhu	SD-113	5
04.09.14	Umang Goswami	SL-160	6
06.09.14	Rahul Singh	SL-416	6
11.09.14	Nipendra Kochar	K-622	

MEMBERS TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

Competition	Winner	Runner-Up
July 11	Rohit Mehra	Satish Girotra
June 22	BP Ojha	Sunil Bapna

FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

October 6 - 11, 2014

BILT Open, Professional Golf Tournament (PGTI Event)

October 15, 2014

Dr. Bharat Ram Memorial Golf Tournament for Delhi Golf Club Members.

November 2 - 9, 2014

Panasonic Open India, Professional Golf Tournament (Asian Tour Event)

OBITUARY

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



K K Batta
(B-228)



Col YP Chadha
(C-198)



Shyam Mohini Chopra
(C-012)



Lt Gen Joginder Singh,
MVC, MC (J-009)



Devinder Singh Kapur
(K-367)



RS Talwar
(T-085)



Tony Vaswani
(V-158)



Indira Mathur
(M-068)



HK Pargal
(P-081)



Brig VK Ghai
(G-179)



Manohar Lal Wadhwa
(W-049)



Lt Gen VC Khanna
(K-297)



Gp Capt K Advani
(A-112)

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On August 31, 2014 Anirban Lahiri collected his Arjuna Award from President Pranab Mukherjee at a glittering function at the Rashtrapathi Bhawan. Lahiri, currently the Order of Merit leader on the Asian Tour, having finished third on the list last season is the 18th



Anirban Lahiri receiving the Arjuna Award from the President of India

golfer to be thus awarded. The 27 year old has been a four time winner on the Asian circuit, having won the Panasonic Open India (2011), SAIL-SBI Open (2012), SAIL-SBI Open (2013), and the CIMB Niaga Indonesian Masters earlier this year. Lahiri has also won ten other professional tournaments in India besides also being our nation's most consistent presence on the European Tour in recent times.

The **World Amateur Team Championships** were played in Japan in September 2014. India with a score of -4, finished T17 among 50 participating nations at the **Espirito Santos**. Aditi Ashok had the best score at -1, Gurbani Singh (D-210) had a total of +1, and Astha Madan finished +12. **Australia** came in 1st position with a total of -13. Canadian Henderson Brook had the individual best score of -19 (66,69,66,68).

At the **Eisenhower Cup**, the Indian Team came in T29 among 67 participating nations, with a total score of -12. Udayan Mane's individual total was -14 (68,70,67,67) for the tournament. **USA** had a back-to-back win with a score of -38 including a 61 by Bryson DeChambeau. Spain's Jon Rahm came in individual 1st position with a score of -23. (70, 64, 62, 67)



The Indian team led by National Coach Jasjit Singh (S-889)

At the **Summer Youth Olympics** 2014 held at Nanjing, China (August 16-28) India fielded one team of two athletes who qualified based on the 8 June 2014 IGF combined World Amateur Golf Rankings. In the Boys Individual Feroz Garewal came in 5th with a total of 212 (73,69,70). The Indian Team which also included Aditi Ashok, came in 21st position.



Hyo-Joo Kim

Little-known **Hyo-Joo Kim** won the **The Evian Championships** with



last 3 round scores of 72, 72, 68 after firing a 10-under 61 to take the opening-round lead. At the fifth and final major on the LPGA Tour at Evian Resort Golf Club France, the South Korean had a flawless outing, carding five birdies on each the front and back nines to establish a new course record. According to the LPGA Tour, Kim's 61 is also the lowest opening round ever in a major championship. (The record for a men's major is a 63, achieved multiple times)

In a dominant show of force **Rory McIlroy** won **The Open Championship**, the **World Golf Championships – Bridgestone Invitational** and the **PGA Championship** in the span of a few weeks to capture, in three years, his second **PGA of America Player of**



World No 1 Rory McIlroy

the Year Award and the **Vardon Trophy**. To put his phenomenal performance into perspective, it was due to his 160 points to 2nd placed Bubba Watson's 62. This has been an even more exceptional year for McIlroy who has made every cut and had 11 top-10 finishes in 16 events. He is the third youngest player after Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus to win four of golf's biggest prizes by the age of 25; a win at the Master's in April 2015 will make him only the sixth player to complete a career Grand Slam. Rory has also once again grabbed the **No 1 spot in the WGR's** with 11.62 points ahead of Adam Scott with 9.07 points.

Michelle Wie's breakthrough 2014 LPGA season was worthy of Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam. Even though a lingering finger injury forced her to withdraw from the final major of the season, Michelle nailed the inaugural **Annika Major Award**, which goes to the golfer who accrues the most points in grand slam events.

The PGA TOUR Season point standings determined the top 125 players who qualified for the first event, of the **FedExCup. The Barclays** at Ridgewood Country Club, NJ. **Hunter Mahan** emerged the winner birdying five of the last eight holes on August 24. This win vaulted him from 62nd place in the FedExCup points standing to the top spot.

With the field cut down to the top 100 at the **2014 Deutsche Bank Championship** (August 29th –September 1st) at TCP Boston, **Chris Kirk** fired a bogey-free final round of 66 winning at 15-under par.

The third tournament, the **BMW Championship** (September 1-7) in Chicago, was reduced to 70 players (with no cut). **Billy Horschel** claimed the biggest title of his career so far with a score of -14 after an impressive nerveless display over the weekend.

Billy Horschel went on to claim the biggest victory of his career on September 14 at the season's finale **TOUR Championship** by Coca-Cola in Atlanta (top 30 qualifying) beating World #1 McIlroy with scores of -11 (66, 66, 69, 68). He also finished on top of the **FedExCup Rankings** pocketing a bonus of US \$10 million, an amazing feat considering he started the Play Offs at 82nd position.



Billy Horschel wins the FedExCup 2014

Jaundice

-a preventable disease

DR. VIVEK RAJ

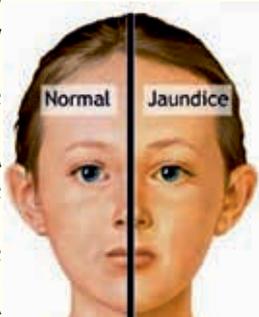
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As summers and monsoon come, there is a spurt in cases of jaundice in Delhi and India, in general. It causes a lot of concern due to weakness, less productivity and can also cause severe liver damage which in a small percentage of cases, can lead to death.

Jaundice is a symptom of liver injury and not a disease by itself. Many different forms of liver diseases can lead to jaundice as a symptom. The common jaundice that we see in community is caused by Hepatitis A or Hepatitis E virus. Both of these viruses are transmitted via contaminated water and food. The incidence increases in summer and monsoon, but the disease is endemic and seen all through the year. It starts off as fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea, and after a few days, development of dark urine, yellow eyes (jaundice). Diagnosis is made with blood tests and Ultrasound. Both Hepatitis A and E are self limiting conditions and improve in 2-6 weeks in most cases. No specific treatment is needed, but supportive treatment like medicines for vomiting, fever etc. and intravenous fluids may be needed. 0.5 - 2% of patients can develop severe hepatitis with liver failure and there is a risk of death in these cases. In pregnant women, with Hepatitis E, the risk of severe liver injury and liver failure can be as high as 15 - 25%. It is advisable to consult a doctor, if you have jaundice, be investigated fully and follow up with the doctor.

The other 2 viruses which cause liver disease and jaundice are Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. These are transmitted via blood or blood products like plasma, sexual intercourse or from mother to child at birth. They can cause long term progressive damage to liver which progresses to cirrhosis, and can cause liver failure and liver cancer. Hepatitis B is very prevalent in India. Upto 4-5% of Indians have this virus. In majority of cases, they are carriers which means their liver is not inflamed however they carry the virus which can infect others.



Hepatitis B is also one of the commonest causes of severe liver failure, and worldwide one of the commonest causes of liver cancer.

Hepatitis B is completely preventable with due precautions. All the blood, plasma etc that is used for transfusion has to be tested for Hepatitis B. It is very important to get blood from authorized blood banks only. Unprotected sex is a very common cause of Hepatitis B. Use of condoms decreases the risk but does not eliminate it. There is a highly effective vaccine available widely for Hepatitis B. It is recommended at birth for all babies. Any adult who has not been vaccinated and has not had Hep B, should get vaccinated, since it protects one from a severe and dangerous disease. All pregnant women should be tested for Hepatitis B, HIV and Hepatitis C. The child can then be protected at birth by due precautions and treatment. Hepatitis C causes less severe initial disease but has higher chance of becoming chronic and causing long term damage to liver, cirrhosis and liver cancer. It is present in about 1% of Indians.

The other common and unfortunately increasing cause of liver damage and jaundice is alcohol. Regular, frequent or large volume binge drinking can cause progressive and immediate liver damage and can present with jaundice. It is the commonest cause of cirrhosis, progressive liver failure and can increase the risk of liver cancer. There are no good guidelines on what is safe alcohol limits in Indians. Western data does not apply as well to Indians due to genetic variation in ability to handle alcohol safely. Besides liver, it also causes damage to pancreas, nerves, brain, heart and increases the risk of certain cancers like esophagus, liver etc. Unfortunately the availability and use of alcohol in India is increasing at a very rapid pace, resulting in increasing incidence of alcohol related diseases as well as social menace like drunk driving, crime, and heinous crimes like rape and murder. Limited and controlled use of alcohol can decrease personal as well as social problems

Another form of jaundice is called obstructive jaundice, caused by obstruction of bile flow due most commonly to stones in bile duct. The other cause of obstructive jaundice is tumour in bile duct or pancreas gland.

It is therefore recommended that jaundice should always be investigated, so that exact cause is found and proper treatment started.



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