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6th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship 2015 - An Honour for DGC

Food For Thought - Taking Care of Our Fauna

The Changing Rules of Golf

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President's Message



I would like to thank all the members for their enthusiastic and overwhelming support which made it possible for me to return unopposed, for a second term, as President.

My team and I will endeavour to live up to your expectations and further our common vision, one of progressive development of the Club.

The new Committee has loads of talent: a combination of young, combined with seniors, with a multitude of experience. They have the enormous responsibility of living up to the very high standards set by the previous General Committee who, by their team work and active support of Club members, were able to upgrade virtually every facility.

This does not, by any means, infer that the work load will decrease for the new General Committee. Maintenance of high standards is a continuous and dynamic process and, to take performance to an entirely different level, requires even greater effort and coordination.

The new sub-committees have been formed keeping in view the expertise and experience of the elected members. I would urge the new inductees to keep interacting with the members so that their suggestions and feedback are incorporated in whatever work is being carried out.

The Peacock Course is shaping up very well and, once completed, will be a top class facility. It is our endeavour to aim for its completion this year.

The renovation/relaying of the Lodhi Course is the next prime

project planned to be executed in the coming months. Top experts will be consulted before adopting new maintenance techniques. Members will be kept in the loop at all stages of planning and progress of work.

Our Club staff are the backbone of this institution. A long term wage settlement with the employees has been harmoniously reached. This will further motivate them to give their best, in the years ahead.

Winter is approaching and the golfing season is gathering momentum. Likewise, our winter lawn lunches have commenced and continue to become increasingly popular, each year. Our Club acquires a festive look during these few months. Our F&B team has worked hard to improve the quality of food during the course of last year. We may be assured of their continued efforts, to provide members delectable fare and service, during these much awaited meals in the sunshine.

Further to our decision to honour our very senior members, who have completed 40 and above years of membership, a suitable function is being organised. Members may like to send in their suggestions, to further enhance the event.

I take this opportunity to wish you, and your families, great happiness and joy for the forthcoming festive season.

Happy Diwali. Happy Golfing.



RAJESH DHINGRA
PRESIDENT



A SNEAK PEAK...



6th Hole



4th Hole



7th Hole



2nd Hole

The Club Committees bring us updates on action and innovation at the Club since the last issue of Green Scene.

Construction, Renovation and Repair

Many infrastructural initiatives have been successfully completed. The Doctor's Clinic has been renovated; new Cart Paths at Fairway No. 6 and Tee Nos. 7 & 8 at the Peacock Course and red stone steps at Tee No. 4 of the Lodhi Course have been constructed. Similar steps are planned at Tee Nos. 14 & 16. A



Hot Water Boiler Tank, new electric panel boxes and MCCBS at different locations, and new CCTVs at the swimming pool. The height of chimneys of boiler, exhaust and generator sets has been increased as per DPCC norms, and new wiring has been provided for battery chargers and preventive protection at the DGC Workshop.

Renovation and repair of storage areas on the Main Lawn, at the Workshop Executive Office, and of the Pump Room shed behind the Gent's Changing Room is complete. Extension of the paved area on the Main Lawn, is anticipated, to accommodate more seating. Work at the Children's Park is under progress and that of the PDR and PDR hut is under consideration..

A Club that Wines and Dines in Style!

The Club Night held on Saturday 19th September, 2015 had 710 members in attendance and complimentary beverages were served. Belgian draft beer Bira White and Bira Blonde were introduced that evening and again during the Club Election evening. These are now available at the Pub.



Golfers will be happy to note that on weekends, refreshments are now being made available at Tee No. 10, to facilitate pace of play. It is proposed to set up a beverage counter at the Practice Driving Range as well.

Winter Lawn Lunches commenced on Monday 2nd November, 2015. Food Counters, for this season, include Mamagoto, Tonino Pizza & Pasta, Kathi Rolls and Delhi 6. These are in addition to all the established Club favourites.

Meanwhile Thai Specials have been introduced in the Dining Room, along with a number of new dishes in the 'Day Special' Menu.

As we go to press, the Club F&B, for the second year in succession, is catering at all the three event locations, during the Panasonic Open.

Caring for our Caddies

The HRD Sub-Committee has proposed some basic infrastructure changes, with a view to improving the Caddies areas in the Club.



The first is the re-positioning of the cycle-stand/golf trolley area to facilitate increased seating space. Adequate and suitable lockers are being sourced and improved toilet facilities planned.

The directive for a close and strict eye to be kept on the Canteen Services has been issued and the caterer has been instructed to display an itemized price list with portion sizes clearly indicated.

1st CWT Caddies Inter Club Invitational Golf Tournament

Congratulations to our Delhi Golf Club caddies for winning the 1st CWT Caddies Inter Club Invitational Golf Tournament team event, held on 19 October 2015 at the Noida Golf Course.

The team comprised 4 players and the men delighted in receiving their handsome trophies and cash prizes. The Club fielded as many as 25 caddies in this inaugural invitational event. Well done DGC!



Standing L to R: Arjun Pasricha (Golf Ops Manager DGC; Col. R.S. Bedi (CWT Trustee); Raj Khanna (CWT Trustee); Cdr. Sud (Noida Golf Course Committee Member); Chief Guest Mr. Laxmi Chand (Former Chairman Noida Authority; Gaby Juneja (CWT Trustee); Suresh Sagar (CWT Trustee); Devinder Sharma (CWT Administration)
Front: DGC's Team: Manjit Singh; Man Singh; Sanjeev Kumar and Pramod Kumar



Smiling Delhi Golf Club caddies pose with CWT Trustees & DGC Golf Ops Arjun Pasricha, prior to teeing off on the road to victory, at Noida Golf Course



*Left to Right - Standing: Brig. Sanjiv Mehra (Secretary), Ashish Bharat Ram, Rohit Sabherwal (Treasurer), Harinder Bansi (House), Jasjit Singh, Karan Atwal, Gen. KMS Shergill (HRD), Amit Luthra
Seated: Capt. Lalit Talwar, Tara Laroia (F&B), Ratan P.Watal (Govt. Nominee), Rajesh Dhingra (President), Raj Khosla (Captain), Shiraz Singh (Lady Captain), Vikram Seth, Achal Nath (T&H)
Not in photograph - Mr. Dharmendra (Govt. Nominee), Mr. Madhu Sudan Prasad (Govt. Nominee)*

THE FOLLOWING REVISION IN CHARGES WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1ST 2015:

1. RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION:

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| i. Members over 80 years of age | ₹300/- |
| ii. Members over 65 years till 80 years | ₹600/- |
| iii. Members below 65 years of age | ₹1000/- |

2. GUEST CHARGES:

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| i. Week days | |
| First 4 guests | ₹100/- |
| Next 4 (maximum 8) | ₹300/- |
| ii. Week ends | |
| First 4 guests | ₹150/- |
| Next 4 (maximum 8) | ₹500/- |

iii. In view of the above change in guest charges the last subparagraph of para 23 of the administration manual will be amended as under:-

No guest charges will be levied on Mondays and Tuesdays for up to 4 guests, in the Dining Room and Main Bar after 1900

hrs. Any guest, beyond 4, would be charged at ₹300/- per guest. Members are responsible for the behaviour of their guests, at all times.

3. ENTRANCE FEE:

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| i. Indian Business Category | ₹10,00,000/- |
| ii. Indian Service Category | ₹4,00,000/- |
| iii. Dependents | ₹3,00,000/- |

4. **GOLF CART HIRE CHARGES:** there will be an increase of 10% (rounded off) in all cart charges.

5. SENIOR DEPENDENTS (SD/SL) ADVANCE ENTRANCE FEE:

A deposit of ₹1.5 Lacs, equivalent to the current Entrance Fee, is being recovered from all those who became Senior Dependents effective October 2014. It was further decided that a similar deposit will be recovered from all existing Dependents.

Ladies Section



LADY CAPTAIN

Shiraz Singh

Our **juniors** continue to excel these past few months, ably balancing their academics and golf. A DGCLS team comprising Talent Promotion Members, **Akaansha Varma, Arshia Mahant** and **Sifat Sagoo**, placed 9th, 15th, and 18th respectively on the IGU Junior Merit List, were sent to participate in the 100 Plus Malaysian Juniors Golf Championship in Selangor from 11th to 13th August 2015. Accompanied by the Lady Captain, Shiraz Singh, the three girls competed as individuals, playing in different categories, with Sifat winning a prize for coming in the top 20 gross, out of the field of over a 100 youngsters.



Sifat Sagoo

Anika Varma, No 1 on the IGU Order of Merit, Category 'C' won the IGU Eastern India Juniors Girls Championship held at the RCGC from October 13-15.



Anika Varma

Himadri Singh has shown excellent progress by winning in her category at the recent IGU Feeder Tour events in Ambala and Lucknow. A product of the Golfing Girl Child Programme, she epitomizes the programme, to introduce, familiarize and facilitate the young daughters of staff/associate staff of the DGC to the game.

Congratulations are due to **Ridhima Dilawari, Seher Atwal** and **Gaurika Bishnoi** who were recently felicitated for being in the top 4 in the country, on the Ladies Order of Merit. At an event in Pune, in October, each young lady was awarded an Incentive Voucher of ₹25,000/-, by the Indian Golf Union.



Seher Atwal being felicitated by the IGU

The Lufthansa Team represented by **Shiraz Singh, Sonal Chaudhri** and **Soni M Singh** helped Rebecca Hudson to the second spot at the Pro Am of the Hero Women's Open at the DLF Golf Club.



A **Coffee Morning** to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs Sita Rawlley a living legend of the Golf Club who has done much for the game both on and off the course, was held in the Dining



Sita Rawlley being presented a commemorative silver salver by the Lady Captain Room on November 2nd. She was the first Lady Captain of a formal Ladies Section in 1963. A slide show capturing the essence of her life was shown accompanied by a commentary by her daughter Radhika Rawlley. Past DGC Captains and Presidents, Siddharth Shriram and members of the Section graced the occasion. Several spontaneous took to the mike to share their personal experiences with Aunty Sita who roped in USHA and Siddharth almost three decades ago!

Competition Results



August Medal		DEEP SINGH MEMORIAL CUP	
Gold Division Winner	Neelam P. Rudy	Winner	Veenu Sandhu
Silver Division Winner	Hanisha Daryani	Runner-up	Kamini Gupta
Runner-up	Anuva Saarah	MADHO PRASAD CUP	
September Medal		Winner	Miok Jeong
Gold Division Winner	Aashna Monga	Runner-up	Shiraz Singh
Silver Division Winner	Situ Puri	JIND CUP	
Runner-up		Winner	Miok Jeong
October Medal		Runner-up	Hanisha Daryani
Silver Division Winner	Miok Jeong	LADY MARJORIE TANGE SALVER	
Runner-up	Situ Puri	Winner	Hanisha Daryani
Runner-up		Runner-up	Kanwal Varma
9 Hole Comp.		NAVAL KISHORE CUP	
Winner	Kavita Nagpal	Winner	Aashna Monga
Runner-up	Usha Chatrath	Runner-up	Hanisha Daryani
MALIKA TROPHY		MIYAKO CUP	
Winner	Aashan Monga	Winner	Sonaal Chaudhri
FUKUMOTO CUP		RAWLLEY SALVER	
Winner	Kamini Gupta	Winner	Hanisha Daryani
Runner-up	Hanisha Daryani	Runner-up	Situ Puri

6TH DGC LADIES OPEN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2015



Lady Captain / Champion Shiraz Singh with Dhanalaxmi Rice

The **Championship 2015** and the concurrently run **Delhi Ladies Golf Week**, sponsored by USHA (28 continuous years of sponsorship), was held from 14th to 16th October, 2015. Apart from entries from the NCR clubs, we had a terrific sprinkling of players from four corners of the country: Kolkata, Pune, Mumbai, Jodhpur, Chandigarh, Bengaluru and Chennai. Once again two of our GGCP girls, Himadri Singh who came in overall 4th position in the Championship and Ishita Gupta (DGC Chef Surinder's daughter), who won the Saman Trophy (gross event, h'cap category of 15 to 24), have done us proud. In fact, their success caught the attention of USHA's Krishna Shriram, who expressed an interest in learning more about this CSR project of our Club, with a view to perhaps coming on board.



Himadri Singh



Ishita Gupta

Another feather in our cap was the DGC 'A' Team, comprising **Miok Jeong, Hanisha Daryani, Eui Suk Yun** and **Shiraz Singh**, winning the Usha Team Trophy.

The icing on the cake was **Shiraz Singh**, Lady Captain, lifting the coveted Championship trophy!!

Six years ago, the annual DGC Ladies Open assumed the

Seher Atwal came in 2nd position at the Nick Faldo Qualifier at the IGU Juniors Tournament in Kolkata.



DGC Team : Eui Suk Yun, Hanisha Daryani, Miok Jeong, Shiraz Singh with USHA's Krishna Shriram



H S Lee

void created, when the Indian Golf Union Ladies decided to rotate the Ladies Northern India Championship that had been conceived and conducted by our Club for over forty years. Bolstered with an enviable history and unprecedented sponsor, the DGC Ladies Open enjoys the most prestigious and sought after status of events open to lady amateurs. This years' entry may not have included the best in the country but it was nonetheless fiercely contested, with our very own LC emerging victor! Fighting off a stiff challenge from Dhanalaxmi Rice from Bangalore and veteran Lalitha Balasubramaniam not too far behind, Shiraz made history by being the only other Lady Captain, in the last 39 years, to win a Championship whilst in the chair! What an honour for our Section and our Club!!

Results: Championship & the Delhi Ladies Golf Week

CHAMPIONSHIP

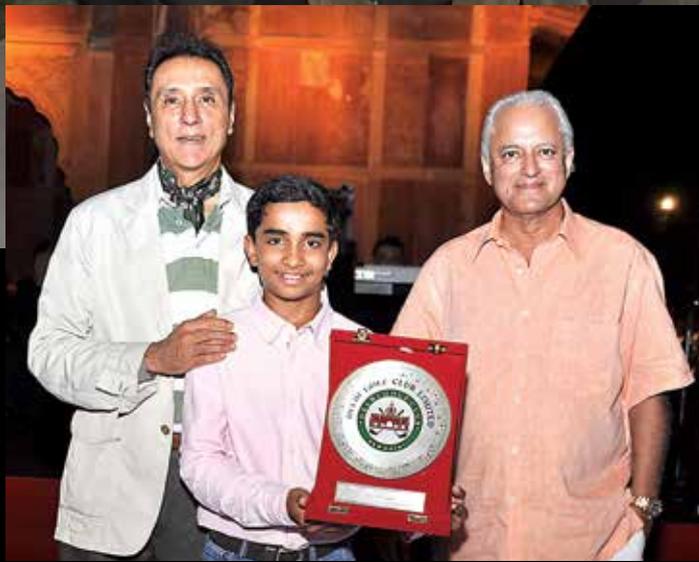
1st	Shiraz Singh,	2nd	Dhanalaxmi Rice
3rd	Lalita Balasubramaniam	4th	Himadri Singh

Event	Winner	Runner-up
DLF Challenge Cup	Shiraz Singh	
Usha Gold Trophy	Shiraz Singh	Dhanalaxmi Rice
Jahanara Challenge Trophy	H.S. Lee	Shiraz Singh
Putter of the Tournament	Dhanalaxmi Rice	
Saman Trophy	Ishita Gupta	H.S. Lee
Modi Trophy	H.S. Lee	
Sita Rawlley Senior Salver	Shiraz Singh (Gross)	
Sita Rawlley Senior Salver	Shiraz Singh (Nett)	
DGCLS Super Senior Salver	Situ Puri	
3rd Day Stableford- Cat 'B'	H.S. Lee	

Two of our members brought home silver from the Punjab Open: **Shiraz Singh** won the Seniors gross prize while **Anjali Nagpal** came in 2nd; Anjali also won the Super Seniors.

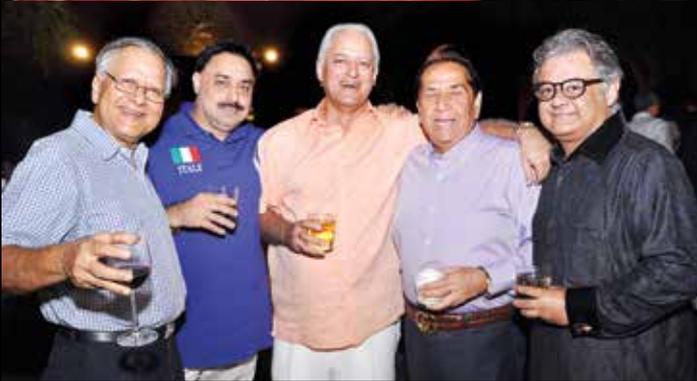
Club Nite

Some members of the outgoing General Committee 2014-2015 at the Club Nite



Shubham Jaglan seen here with Raj Khosla, Captain and Rajesh Dhingra, President was felicitated for winning two World Junior Titles. The DGC presented him with ₹50,000/- and the Golf Foundation gifted him a TVS Scooty.





FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I have been an almost daily visitor to the DGC since the mid 1970's, and I have seen the ecology of the Club change drastically over that period of time. My passion for wildlife and nature has always made me a keen observer of the other beings that inhabit the Club and, it is with great sorrow, that I see the degradation of the environment that has brought about so much change in the ecology of the Club.



Green Bee Eater



Grey Francolin



Hoopoe

The planting of flowering trees in an effort to beautify the course has inadvertently eaten away at the bushes and scrub forest that used to be the home for so many little critters. The partridges once plentiful at DGC have all but disappeared, as have the Hares, Snakes and Monitor Lizards. Black Kites rule the skies, and they prey on the smaller birds and animals relentlessly. The thorny bushes that



Peacock

provided an escape for the little birds and creatures are no longer there to provide refuge.

The peacock population is in decline and while the stray dogs are being blamed for this, they are not the main culprits. Fewer and fewer chicks survive to adulthood as they are easy pickings for Black Kites and Mongoose. The lack of safe refuge, due to the decimation of the scrub forest, is the main culprit.

On the topic of stray dogs, I think we need to understand that vacuums do not exist in nature, it is virtually impossible to sanitize the DGC against stray dogs, unless Delhi can rid itself of stray dogs. Secondly, humans are the only species that kill for pleasure, the animal kingdom on the other hand kills only to protect itself from danger or to eat. I have said repeatedly to various Committees that it would be in our interest to feed the few strays that do inhabit our Club, from the mountain of food that is thrown out as garbage from our kitchens every



Athena Brahma



Caption



Purple Sunbird



Oriental White Eye

day. If we did this, the strays would not need to kill the birds and, being fiercely territorial, they would prevent other dogs from entering the Club, as well as provide some security services. Additionally, if we could get the handful of them injected for rabies etc then they would no longer be a threat to anyone.

In typical fashion man blames everyone else for the problem but seldom looks



Oriental Magpie Robin



White Throated Kingfisher



Rufus Tree Pie

inward to realize the problems that we ourselves have created for other beings. At this moment in time, when the world is facing a crisis of deforestation and global warming, as responsible citizens of the world I would urge you to stop and reflect for a moment on the consequences of the actions we take so blithely.

We still have a diverse and beautiful array of birds that call the DGC home, let's save the bushes and scrub forests they need to survive, indigenous trees that nurture



Red Vented Bul-Bul



Shikra



Koel



Collared Dove



Red Whiskered Bul-Bu;

rather than destroy the ecology. It's our heritage and we owe it to the future generations to nurture and protect this space. Let's pledge to act now before it's too late.

Nonita Lall Qureshi (L-089)

THE COLOURS OF MAN

The white man was the black man's
leviathan,
How sordid that saga is still there,
The brown and yellow less inferior,
O, can we not our planet share?

Dinned into the psyche of
The non-white populace,
Was the superiority of 'whiteness'
Over every other face.

A complex was thus created
In the minds of coloured folks,
Till they bowed their heads in
repentant shame,
In the flurry of coloured jokes.

Not much has changed, alas,
In the centuries that have gone by,
The coloured still, plaintively,
Look up to the Pastor in the sky.

Surely it wasn't His intention
To a divide on colour create,
And skin decide who Man is,
And who his enslaved mate?

O, you would be 'tanners'
Flooding beaches everywhere,
The world was made all equal,
For Man to equally share.

Ashok Sawhny (S-229) has been busy writing - he has recently come out with two more books: 'The Beauty of Silence' and 'Balm for the Soul'

SOS - SOH (Save Our Heritage)

Along the years some of the other species that have vanished from the DGC are the porcupine, the hare, jackal and the monitor lizard (extending up to 3' and more). The Club must leave no stone unturned to ensure that our precious flora and fauna do not die away.

All photographs courtesy Nonita

BACHELOR'S CUP, DELHI GOLF CLUB, 1966 OR THEREABOUTS!

Vijayendra S Nalagarh (V-001)

My late father Raja Surendra Singh (1922-1971) was a member of the Delhi Golf Club. He was also dashed keen that I excel in sports. He played cricket in his young days and had captained Aitchison college in Lahore. He went on to play the Ranji trophy for Southern Punjab as a wicket keeper batsman, which Prakash Bhandari will remember.

At the Doon School I played for the School XI as a middle-order left-hand batsman in 1962. This particular team was reputed to be the best our school had produced under the captaincy of Aditya Bhide and Mike Dalvi who was the Vice Captain, later to captain the side. Four players went on to play Ranji Trophy cricket - and Mike was the only one who donned the cap for India. Anand Bhatia, very much a part of the School XI will bear me out.

Well, so far this is not about golf, but hang on a while. Father wanted me to continue cricket so I played for Hindu College a few months. I wasn't going to make a Ranji team and all my Sundays and holidays were being eaten up. My last match was against Aligarh Muslim University on their ground where I made 64 not out, thanks to the matting wicket; and then I quit cricket for good.

Finally, came the turn of golf. Giving Binny Singh and Harsh Som Dutt a ride to the Club, Pushy and I said, "Hey, our fathers are members of the Club - why not try this stupid game?"

Being a left-hander, my grip was left hand below right; very quickly my handicap came down to a 9. I looked around for some other guys bunking college and found Viki Ujjal, M. Singh, Hobo Seth, Ravi Talwar, Sanjay Mubayi, Viki Bharatram; Ton Chopra was the only lady killer in the pack, the girls referring to him as Rock Hudson! The amount of golf we played together was amazing, and with Viki and Manjit knocking on the door of national level golf, there



BACHELOR'S CUP

- Estd. 1911. The oldest trophy in the Club. Four Ball Better Ball

were times we would have a birdie or two on every damn hole. It was the same in the month of June every summer when the venue shifted to Gulmarg!

Every winter was Club competition time. Hobo and I were the guys hung over every morning. We decided to partner and entered a handicap four ball best ball competition called the Bachelors Cup. Maybe a couple of weeks down the line we made the finals, and which pair are we up against? Billoo Sethi & M. Singh! Bloody hell, how unfair and how can they allow such a formidable combo who probably thrashed all their opponents by big margins. Hobo was a super golfer. Compact and strong with a perfect swing, he was one of those who didn't realise his true potential perhaps because of his thirst of fire water! (Ironically it's bothering him to this day, God bless his soul).

So time for the final:

P.G. Sethi 0 & M. Singh -2
vs
Vikramjit Seth -3 & V. Singh (self) -5

The quantities Hobo and I knocked back were in gallons!

We didn't need a dose to keep the nerves 'cause last night's quota was very much in effect. When you are so used to playing hung over if you land up stone sober the

game would wind up 10 & 8 against us!

Now I can't remember hole by hole half a cent down the line but my father was going to walk the back nine! If you can't make a cricketer, make a topnotch golfer at least dammit! He was dubbed Rozo by my friends because of his love of growing and developing new varieties of roses. Some friends said Bozo would have been more appropriate (no offence meant); I liked the stuff just as much as he, call it inheritance!

The match was closely contested. Our advantage was in the strokes. I got a nett bird on all my stroke holes! Hobo did the non-stroke holes so even if Billoo and Manjit played to their handicap it wasn't good enough. The old course par five 13th was stroke 3 then; after the short 14th the tight 15th, another stroke for me. On the short 16th it was all over 3 & 2. Hurray!

The down side was that even till today there is no Honour Board in the Club to show winners of the Bachelors Cup! Or any other Club competition for that matter.

It was 5 pm. Father was so proud he announced drinks at 10, Teen Murti Lane at once, no shower! Billoo being an Army man was only too happy. The five of us trooped over to our place and by 7.30 everyone was nicely tidily; M. Singh stopped after two! Billoo and Manjit went on to do well on the National and International platforms. Though Hobo made it to the Indian Team, I went as private entry three years in a row to Ceylon 1968-1970 with the official Indian team members like the illustrious Viki Ujjal, Manjit Singh, Amar Singh, S. J. Chaudhry, Gangesh Khaitan and seniors who filled in as Captains like Zachariah from Madras, Daddy Mazda from Cal, and the course record holder from Chembur, Surendr 'Bandy' Lall. No 'A' at the end of his first name! Noni will tell us about one or two 'L's' after surname? We won the individual all three years and

'GET SET FOR ANTALYA'

Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup Amateur Series

Nonita Chand (H120)



12-year old **Eshaan Sethi** (S-879) won the North Zone IGU Sub Junior Tournaments at Karma Lakelands and Ambala. He finished 3rd in Srinagar and 2nd in Lucknow where he shot an incredible 6-under par. Eshaan also won the Albatross Inter School Junior Championship where he represented The Shri Ram School, Mousari. Eshaan is leading, in his category, in North India on the IGU Merit List.

even Bandy joined the victory cocktails in a big way in '70!

Less said the better about Hobo and I, sometimes on the course and after exiting the Championship, mostly in the tea garden clubs of Nuwara Eliya in the company of the Scots was just great. Pakistan also sent a team every year but the champion hosts are the Ceylonese by far!

{The members in the tale: **Prakash Bhandari** (B-339), **Mike Dalvi** (D-265), **Anand Bhatia** (B-189) **Binny Singh** (Jagvinder J-027), **Harsh Somdutt** (expired), **Viki Ujjal** (Vikramjit Singh V-040), **M. Singh** (Manjit Singh M-008), **Hobo Seth** (Vikram Seth S-049), **Ravi Talwar** (T-059), **Sanjay Mubayi** (expired), **Viki Bharatram** (Vivek B-076), **Ton Chopra** (Praveen C-085) **Biloo Sethi** (Maj PG Sethi, expired) **Amar Singh** (Ambi A-018) **S. J. Chaudhri** (C-205) **Surendr 'Bandy' Lall** (expired)}



Nonita with Lee Westwood

DGC Member Nonita Chand builds a compelling case for golf aficionados to be there for the next Turkish Airlines Open in Antalya. And if it's travel, leisure and exotica too that excites you, that's just an added bonus!

Antalya is a golf resort town, situated on the Mediterranean coast, in Turkey's southern region. This is where the Turkish Airlines Open, part of the European Tour, has been held every year since 2013, at the Montgomerie Maxx Royal signature golf course. It got a lot of publicity in its first year, when Tiger Woods was signed up to play the tournament, which is hosted by Turkish Airlines for 3 years for an annual fee of 3 million dollars! Unfortunately, after his first appearance where he finished 3rd, he has been injured and hasn't been back. This year's star attraction was Rory McIlroy, who is expected to continue to play this tournament in the coming years.

Almost all the spectators are/have flown in just to watch the golf. So, it felt like a very private and lavish tournament for invitees, volunteers and of course the players and their families. It's pretty easy to get "up, close and personal" with the top players.

This year Jaco van Zyl from South Africa set a blistering pace with an opening 61. He maintained his lead by carding a 69

on the second day, followed by a 70 on day three. By the third round Victor Dubuisson, a previous winner of the inaugural tournament in 2013 had caught up with Van Zyl and both were tied at -16 under par at the start of the final round. The third person in the final group was

our very own Asian Thai 'tiger', Kiradech Aphibarnrat. The last round was played in perfect weather and saw the lead swing from one, to the other, to the next. No one could really say which one of the three would clinch it. The fact they finished first, second and third, separated by a shot each, highlights the fact that there was a gritty battle on, all day, in the last group. Dubuisson hit it very close to the pin on the 18th green for an eagle; finally, a birdie was good enough for him to clinch the tournament from Van Zyl, who only managed a par.

Put this on your calendar for next year and enjoy some great weather, superb hospitality, scintillating golf and the classiest golfers!



Capt Amarinder Singh (A-114) launched his coffee table book, **The Monsoon War**, on 19th September 2015. This has been co-authored by Lt Gen Tajinder S Shergill, PVSM.



Recently, the nation celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the success of the 1965 Indo-Pak War on an unprecedented scale with major events including a War Carnival on Raj Path in Delhi. The finale was a High Tea at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 22 September where few selected army veterans were invited by The President of India, Hon'ble Shri Pranab Mukherji.



Major Satish Khanna (Retd) (K-227) and **Major R.S (Billy) Bedi, VC** (Retd) (B-197), senior members DGC, were among those who participated in the 1965 Celebrations and were part of the galaxy of a select gathering at Rashtrapati Bhawan which comprised service veterans and decorated soldiers awarded for bravery and Next of Kin of martyrs of the 1965 War.

The gathering of veterans was inspiring and awesome.

The honour of lighting of the flame at the inauguration ceremony was also given to Wing Commander Nath, MVC & Bar and Maj RS (Billy) Bedi, V C.

*The following excerpt has been taken from **Commodore Mukund R Kunte's** (K-207) article 'African Safari of a Different Kind' which recently appeared in The Tribune. President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia had played a round at the DGC during one of his visits to India.*

"For the NAM Summit in 1983 over 100 Heads of State and Government had gathered when Indira Gandhi passed on the Chairperson's baton to Cuban President, Fidel Castro.

One too, has had a few encounters of the African kind. On the sidelines of a Rajiv Gandhi Foundation seminar, I had asked Zambia's former President, Kenneth Kaunda, if he would like a round of golf. A bit taken aback, coming as it did from an absolute 'nobody', he replied that there was no time to spare. His love for the game must have got the better of him, however, because not long after his Aide-de-Camp came to me saying that a nine-hole game could be possible.

So I moved fast and arranged a foursome with the former Jammu and Kashmir Governor, Garry Saxena and Dorothy Zender, the Swiss Ambassador's wife. Our Club rose to the occasion, found

HOLE-IN-ONE

Congratulations on the Aces!



LODHI COURSE

The following each have won a memento and a bottle of Ballantine's whisky (for those 25years and above) to be consumed at the Club.

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
05.08.15	KK Bajaj	B-371	17
16.08.15	K P Krishan	TC-447	5
16.08.15	Rohit Mehra	M-570	7
19.08.15	S Sahni	S-669	5
21.08.15	Ajay Singh Sirohi	S-846	17
22.08.15	H G S Dhaliwal	PR 0037	7
25.08.15	Prem Vashitha	CPA-099	17
29.08.15	Hitesh Ahuja	A-233	17
03.09.15	Gaurav Gupta	SD-737	17
03.09.15	Rajan Narain	SL-446	17
08.09.15	D H Chung	SP-1124	12
12.09.15	R Sahai	TC-349	17
13.09.15	Vikram Dhirani	D-291	5
19.09.15	Madhavinder Singh	M-557	17
24.09.15	Ali Sher	A-173	17
09.10.15	Brig N Sodhi	SD-440	17
14.10.15	Vijay Dev Datt	D-220	7
15.10.15	Kulbir Kohli	K-438	17
18.10.15	Babbar S J Bahadur	B-408	7
22.10.15	Hyun Chil Hong	CPC-150	7
27.10.15	Nipender Kochhar	K-622	17

a size 11 pair of golf shoes for 'Kenneth Sir', arranged a VIP tee-off and stylish tea to follow after the game. Our guest was charm personified and was 'tall' in every sense, telling us how he had introduced peacocks on the golf course in Lusaka. A photographer also materialized from somewhere and President Kaunda and his caddy – dhoti-clad Deshram, in his Gandhi topi, were seen on the sports page in next morning's Statesman. In the caddies' circle, Deshram was referred to as 'Member' since he had once contested the UP elections."

In the book 'The Lodhi and the Peacock' it is mentioned that, "The genial statesman Dr Kenneth Kaunda, former President of Zambia was one of the many dignitaries who played at the DGC. He is said to have remarked after the game, 'You have a lovely course here, though my golf did not quite match it!'

OBITUARY

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



N.C. Khanna
K-017



Avtar Krishan Luthra
L-079



M.S.K. Murthy
M-053



Kapil Bhagat
B-029



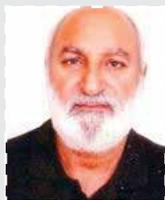
Dr. M.L. Chibber
C-188



Vibhuti Sharan Singh
S-258



S.N. Bhat
B-094



Jugtar Singh Purewal
J-020



Sanam Harbakhsh
Singh (H-055)



Jagdish Sabharwal
S-168



Manmohan Singh
M-188



Man Mohan Lall
L-092



Harinder M. Lall
L-068



A.R. Shaw
S-434



R.N. Sinha
S-643



Kapil Kumar Nanda
N-174



S.B. Thappar
T-019



Jagdeep Kapur
K-647



Maharaj Kumar Vig.
V-088



Gajanand Palriwala
P-019



Sheila Dua
D-176



Usha Sethi
S-098



Raj Bikram Singh
B-041



G S Oberoi
O-024



M.K. Bhatnagar
B-30



Radhakrishnan Hariram
Tahiliani (T-121)



Satish Soni
S-041



Nazir A Bakshi
B-248



Gen. I.J. Khanna
K-318



Kamla Kapahi
K-394



Rajinder Vir Handa
H-125



Viney Malhotra
M-316



Romendra K. Basu
B-423



O.P. Jhalani
J-105

K.B. Gokhle
G-082

M.N. Nanda
N-112



Ashwani Kumar (IP)
A-081

Ashwani Kumar, Padma Bhushan President 1995-1996

A highly decorated Police Officer, he was also adjudged the 'Policeman of the Millennium' in Sydney, in 2001. His posts included Director General, BSF and, President of the Indian Hockey Federation and Vice President of the International Olympic Committee.

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It may be considered by some as the bastion of masculine tradition but the Delhi Golf Club is first and foremost a Club for golfers and it is proving to be the home of a progressive sports culture that embraces the best of diversity and inclusion. Women have always been a small but vibrant group of golfers and members, and over the past 50 plus years the Ladies Section has grown to be a force to reckon with. Lady golfers have excelled in various tournaments nationally and internationally, and continue to do so, bringing honour to their Club.

On 16 October 2015, the Delhi Golf Club added to their list of achievements. After 42 years a Lady Captain, during her tenure, won the Club Ladies Open Championship. Shiraz Singh pulled off a superb win of the 6th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship 2015. The only other Lady Captain in tenure to have won the Championship (played as the Northern India for 43 years) was Elizabeth Durant in 1973. While Shiraz, a past winner of the Ladies All India and member of the Indian Team to international ladies tournaments, has won the former Northern India three times earlier in 1982, 1985 and 1987, only four Lady Captains of the DGC have ever won the Championship, including Sita Rawley in 1969 & 1979 and Sumohini Bhagat in 1976.

Admittedly the field was not very strong due to a clash of dates with the IGU Tour, but Shiraz played superb golf (below her handicap) to wrest the trophy from her closest challenger Bengaluru's Dhanalakshmi Rice who had started to burn the course half way through the back 9 on the final day. For the gallery it was a treat to see a 'senior' player (Shiraz won the Sita Rawley Senior Salver as well!) playing with the determination, passion and game, worthy of any of our younger top golfers.

Apart from the fact that Shiraz swept away more than half a dozen prizes both gross and net, at the events of the concurrently running Delhi Ladies Golf Week, there was a feeling of

achievement for everyone behind the scenes when Himadri Singh, granddaughter of our beloved professional Ram Dayal, and Ishita Gupta, daughter of Chef Surinder took home some silver.

What shines through most, is the success story of the Club's Junior Talent Promotion Programmes, as both these young girls are products of the Golfing Girl Child Programme; the CSR element of the Programme. Over the decades the Club's Junior Training Programme and competitions have been the nursery where youngsters have honed their skills and gone on to establish names for themselves across the globe – Daniel Chopra, Shiv Kapur and Chirag Kumar to name a few in the recent past. And the excellent programme to encourage and nurture 'caddy boys' which resulted in players like Rashid Khan, Ashok Kumar, Kapil Kumar who are competing on the Asian as well as the PGTI Tours. Going back many decades it was the likes of Vikramjit Singh and Nonita Lall to name but two, who cut their teeth

at the DGC's weekly competitions, both of them who went on to win several National Titles, the Arjuna Award as well as play for the Indian flag for many years. Luckily for the girls, the Ladies Section's comprehensive calendar of historic competitions continues to provide a competitive playing field.

While on the subject of Champions of the Club - it is time to give

these masters of the game their due recognition by perhaps dedicating a wall in the Main Bar to them. There are numerous top players, both amateur and professional, both men and women, both seniors and juniors, who have brought fame and honour to our Club. There are Arjuna Awardees, Asian Games Medalists, Nomura Cup Winners, National Title Holders... the list is endless. The Club would do well to give them a place in its history before everything and everyone fades into memory....

Meanwhile - Well Done Shiraz!

(With inputs from Anita Vasudeva and Shalini Malik)

Soni Manjit Singh



Lady Captain Shiraz Singh winner of the 6th DGC Ladies Open Championship with the array of prizes won during the week

PHIL MICKELSON'S ONE-BALL CONTROVERSY FURTHER EXPOSES 'RULES' CONFUSION

Jason Sobel has been a strong voice in golf coverage since 2004 and has often covered the Masters Tournaments. Here he is with some great insights and questions on the 'peculiar situation' about Golf Rules. Winner of four Sports Emmy Awards, Jason became ESPN.com's golf editor in 2004, and then a columnist/blogger in 2008, before leaving ESPN in 2011 to become a senior writer for Golf Channel.com. He's back at ESPN this year much to the pleasure of his team. You can follow Jason at @JasonSobelESPN.

You can't play a game without rules, and we've been led to believe that the so-important-they-must-be-capitalized Rules of Golf are so black and white that there is no room for any gray areas.

But there is the peculiar situation of Phil Mickelson on the seventh hole of his Friday four-ball match at the Presidents Cup, during which he broke a somewhat obscure rule, was assessed an even more obscure penalty and later was found to have been given the wrong advice for that violation -- none of which could be overturned.

Here are the nuts and bolts of the situation: Mickelson put a different model ball into play than he had started with on the par-5 hole, one which would potentially offer extra yardage off the tee. That might sound like an underhanded ploy, but it could also be considered a veteran move. There's no one-ball rule -- Rule 5-1, as it is commonly known -- during Ryder Cup competition, but the rule does exist in the four-ball portion of this event. After realizing his mistake and reporting it to a rules official, Mickelson was told it was a "loss of hole" penalty and was disqualified from playing the remainder of the seventh hole. Only half of that was correct. Even though he and partner Zach Johnson did indeed lose a hole to International team opponents Jason Day and Adam Scott, the rules committee didn't realize until after the fact that Mickelson could have continued playing that par-5, with his score counting toward the match.

Mickelson picked up his ball, and Day won

the hole with a birdie, essentially giving his side a 2-for-1 special. They entered the hole all square, and Mickelson and Johnson walked off 2-down.

In sports, mistakes happen, and officiating mistakes happen pretty frequently, even with the checks and balances and video replay technology available.

There's a bigger problem here -- and it has nothing to do with the point that the teams halved after eventually splitting the match.

In golf, in which rules aren't just rules but official, black-and-white Rules, the follies of both parties involved should only further alienate those who might have otherwise been inclined to play and watch the game. Think of it this way: If a player competing in his 11th Presidents Cup didn't know the rule, and the governing rules committee didn't know the proper penalty, what hope is there for the rest of us?

For years, every organizing body in the sport has instituted and supported grow-the-game initiatives aimed directly at garnering more interest worldwide. In the aftermath of this situation, even those who believed they understood the Rules were left muttering questions to themselves.

If a match is 2-down after 17 holes, shouldn't they keep playing in case this happens again?

The answer is no, unless there's reason to believe lightning could strike twice.

Does the one-ball rule apply in other tournaments?

For those events run by the PGA Tour, European Tour, USGA, R&A and others, yes; for those run by the PGA of America, no.

That time I hit an entire sleeve of balls into the pond and finished the hole with a Slazenger range ball -- was that a violation?

Trust me, that was penalty enough.

The rules -- sorry, Rules -- serve as the game's ultimate catch-22, its theoretical double-edged sword. Without them, competitions would be anarchy, everything left as a judgment call. With them, they often take on all the fun of commercial law, precise language of a rulebook affecting the results.

When you use a foot wedge to move your ball from behind a tree, that's a youproblem. When one of the game's most experienced players unknowingly commits a violation and then is given improper advice by a committee whose very job is presiding over the rules, that's a golf problem.

Those words served as the perfect epilogue to a scenario that confused Mickelson, had the rules committee dumbfounded and left the rest of us baffled as to how much gray is actually included in golf's black-and-white Rules. It also left us wondering: If they all got that one wrong, how many other important rulings have been similarly misinterpreted over the years?

Just saying.

Jason Sobel, Senior Golf Writer, ESPN.

Global & Indian Golf Stars

Anirban Lahiri's card and status for the **PGA Tour for 2016** was confirmed on Sunday at the end of the Web.com Final Series; a total of 50 cards are given out. The Indian ace, who skipped the last two events of the four-event finals, finished in the Top-25 of the Money List compiled for the Four event finals and joined the Top-25 earners from the regular season. Lahiri now becomes the third Indian after Arjun Atwal and Jeev Milkha Singh to hold a PGA Tour card. He will also appear in the Race to Dubai's Final Series events, including the DP World Championships, where he will become only the second Indian after Jeev to tee off.

Lahiri ended his President's Cup campaign, where he was the first Indian to feature in the biennial team event, with three losses but vowed to fight his way back into the International Team in two years' time. The top 10 international players (excluding those eligible for the European Ryder Cup team) from the OWGR's, plus the Captain's Pick, make the Team.

Denmark's **Emily Pedersen**, a rookie on the LET, won the 9th **Hero Women's Indian Open** at the new Gary Player designed DLF Golf Club. She shot an even par 216 to win the \$400,000 tournament which saw some really high scoring owing to a tough course and some tricky greens.

The **USA** Team beat the International Team to win the **2015 Presidents Cup** for the sixth consecutive tournament, narrowly beating the Internationals 15.5-14.5 on Sunday in Incheon City, South Korea. Bill Haas, the son of



American team captain Jay Haas, clinched the win in the final singles match as he defeated Sangmoon Bae two up. Anirban Lahiri lost 1 down when lipped out his 3' putt on the 18th hole. Unlike other golf tournaments, rather than giving out prize money the Presidents Cup instead gives its proceeds to a variety of charities—raising over \$32 million since the tournament began in 1994

On October 17 Australian **Scott Hend** claimed a second **Venetian Macao Open** victory in three years after holding off title holder Anirban Lahiri and Chiragh Kumar of India with an impressive final round of five-under-par 66 on Sunday. Chiragh came in second place.

The **6th CIMB Classic 2015** is the PGA TOUR's only official FedExCup event in Southeast Asia. It was raining birdies in Kuala Lumpur, but no one harvested better than **Justin Thomas**. The 22 year old American marched to the maiden title of his promising career with a resilient 66 in the final round for a one shot victory over a rampant Adam Scott on October 31st, having already set the course record with a blistering 61 on Day 2. He also set the tournament record at 26-under.

Interesting to note that The CIMB Classic is the fourth consecutive TOUR event won by a player under the age of 24:

- TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola – Jordan Spieth, 22 years
- Frys.com Open – Emiliano Grillo, 23 years
- Shriners Hospitals for Children Open – Smylie Kaufman, 23 years

The **ADT India Masters** was decided in a playoff after Shubhankar Sharma shot four straight birdies to catch **Chikkarangappa**. However Chikka played steadily to clinch the title with a birdie on the first playoff hole against Sharma.

A final round 72 capped a steady week for **Aditi Ashok** on her LPGA debut in Malaysia, on October 11 at the **Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia**, to finish T42 as the best amateur in the field. This, coming soon after her historic victory at the Ladies British Amateur in August - the only Indian to do so and, the youngest ever!

Japan edged out Chinese Taipei to win the **27th Nomura Cup** in a nail biting, count back finish. The **Indian team**, led by Aman Raj, finished ninth on the final day of the Asia-Pacific Amateur Golf Team Championship at the Yas Links Golf Club, Abu Dhabi. Raj's four day total of 10-under 278 played a big role in India collecting the team total of one-under 863 (218, 219, 210, 216). Teammates Samarth Dwivedi, Rahul Ravi and Harimohan Singh, IGU ranked 3rd, 5th and 7th respectively, struggled to put up a low score throughout the week. In the Individual category Raj kept getting better from first day's tied 9th position and finally grabbed the 5th position after shooting 2-under 70 on the final day.



Given a third straight chance to finally win a major 27 year old **Jason Day** (shared the 54-hole lead at the U.S. Open and the British Open and had to watch someone else



celebrate) delivered a record-setting performance at Whistling Straits to win the **PGA Championships**. He returned to No. 1 in the OWGR, having zoomed to No. 1 for the first time in his career when he won the **BMW Championship** in mid September; a week later he fell from the top spot to Spieth. Turns out the biggest fight was to hold back the tears sobbing on the shoulder of Colin Swatton, his caddie and longtime coach who rescued Day as a 12-year-old struggling to overcome the death of his father.

Day cruised to The Barclays starting the final round with the lead; he promptly jumped way in front and strolled down the back nine with a multi-shot cushion thanks to some unconscious putting slotting in 89 feet of putts on the 10th, 14th and 15th holes!

At 22 years **Jordan Spieth** became the second-youngest **World No 1** (Tiger Woods was 21 when he went to No 1 in 1997). He had had a remarkable run in the majors that saw him win the Masters and U.S. Open, miss a playoff by one stroke at The Open, and finish 3 strokes back of PGA Championship winner Jason Day. He capped off a dream season when he poured in putts from all over East Lake and closed with a 1-under 69 for a four-shot victory in the **TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola**. That was all he needed to become the youngest player to capture the finale of the season, the **FedExCup** and its \$10 million bonus.



At age 22 Spieth became the first \$22 million man in golf. The Texan set a PGA TOUR record with \$12,030,465 in earnings. If that wasn't enough, Spieth went back to No. 1 in the world. Jordan is also the youngest player to win five times in a season since Huston Smith in 1929, almost a century ago.

Cataract Surgery

- choose the right lens

Which Intraocular Lens (IOL)? A confusing array of choices.

People suffering from cataract and planning for cataract surgery are faced with this difficult question 'Which Intraocular Lenses (IOL) to choose?'

What is Intraocular Lens (IOL)?

In cataract surgery, the natural lens of eye is removed. This leads to a significant decrease in the optical convergence power of eye also known as Hypermetropia. IOL are small lenses made of polymers, implanted in the eyes in place of natural lenses to help focus the light on to retina.

Non-foldable Lenses: In conventional cataract surgery or in SICS, a large cut / incision is made in the eye to remove the cataract and lens is inserted. These lenses are rarely used these days.

Foldable Lenses: In phacoemulsification, the entire operation is done through a small hole of 3.0 mm or less. It is not possible to implant a rigid lens. This difficulty is overcome by use of very flexible lenses which can be folded and loaded in special injectors and inserted through the small hole into the eye. These are currently the preferred lenses to be used.

Lens Material (Silicone, Hydrophilic Et Hydrophobic Acrylic)

Silicone was used in older lenses and gave good optical results in the immediate post-operative period. But these lenses are somewhat bulky and lead to severe thickening of anterior Et posterior capsules (membrane covering of natural lens which is left behind to provide support for artificial intraocular lens)

Hydrophilic Acrylic lenses are highly flexible and slim, therefore, can be introduced through extremely small incisions. They have good immediate visual results but suffer from tendency to cause thickening of posterior lens capsule.

Hydrophobic Acrylic lenses are slightly less flexible and somewhat thicker than their hydrophilic counterparts. But they are extremely inert and do not lead to lens capsule thickening.

Spheric v/s Aspheric IOL

Spheric are the conventional lenses where both surfaces of the lens are uniformly curved or are part of a sphere. These lenses have inherent problem of spherical aberrations caused by excessive bending of light at the edges.

Aspheric or advanced optics lenses have their curvatures flattening out towards the periphery or edge, thereby, minimizing spherical aberrations. Aspheric lenses give much sharper vision and better contrast but due to decreased depth of focus, the need for reading glasses becomes more urgent.

Monofocal v/s Multifocal IOL

Monofocal lenses have a single focal length and unlike the natural lens do not possess the ability to change the focus. Therefore, the patient needs to wear reading glasses in order to focus at near fine print. But

these lenses provide much better contrast and image clarity.

Multifocal lenses

have 2 foci; a distance and a near focus. This is achieved by having multiple optical zone fashioned in the lens in the form of alternating rings for distance and near. This leads to splitting of light into distance and near foci.

As a result, both the distant and near objects can be focussed in the eye at the same time. However, the contrast and sharpness of the vision is reduced significantly.

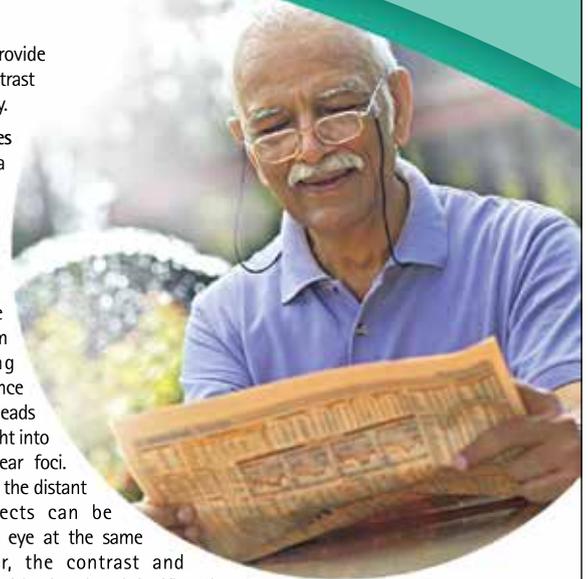
So for patients who need sharp vision and better contrast, monofocal lenses are most suitable. Whereas, those who do not want dependence on reading glasses but are willing to compromise on contrast and sharpness of vision, can opt for multifocal lenses. Please note that both eyes should have the same type of lens monofocal or multifocal.

Toric v/s Non-toric

Toric lenses, besides having spherical power, also have cylindrical power which corrects astigmatism present in the eye. **Non-toric lenses** do not have any cylindrical power. Eyes with no or negligible astigmatism require non-toric lens and the eyes with significant astigmatism would benefit from toric lenses.

My preferred lens

Currently, I prefer to use **Foldable Hydrophobic Acrylic Aspheric Monofocal Lens** with a natural colour tint and toric, where required. Multifocal are preferred where cosmetic requirements are more important and there are no critical visual needs. Toric, if there's a high cylindrical power in cornea.



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