



# The Green Scene

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## Rio 2016



L to R: SSP Chawrasia, Dilip Thomas (IGU), Anirban Lahiri, Aditi Ashok & Champika Sayal (WGA)

**RIO 2016 ROUND UP**

**ARNOLD PALMER 1929-2016**

**CHANGE OF GUARD - 2016-2017 GENERAL COMMITTEE**

Photographs: Dilip Thomas and Champika Sayal



## President's Farewell Message

As my term comes to a close this September 2016, I take this opportunity to thank all members who have reposed their trust and confidence in me. It is indeed a great honor and privilege to have functioned as the President of the DGC for the past two years. I take pride to have been given the opportunity to further our mutual interests in making the DGC one of the best sporting institutions in the country with top-class facilities where some of the best golfers, including Tiger Woods have enjoyed playing.

In a sense, my tenure as President has been even more eventful than my tenure as the Club's Captain more than a decade ago. I think it useful to reflect through the Green Scene some accomplishments of the past two years .

We have managed to convert The Peacock Course into a world class golf facility duly acknowledged by golfing fraternity and experts. Constant improvements have been carried out to the Lodhi course including relaying of the practice green. The renovation and upgradation of the infrastructure of the Club was systematically carried out, e.g. change room of the swimming pool, card room, pub kitchen, upgradation of toilets and the construction of a much needed Starter's Hut. The financial health of our Club is much better now with the balancing of receipts and expenditure by generating maximum revenue out of our existing resources. The wage agreement was signed with our Club staff after protracted negotiations to ensure harmonious labour relations in the interest of smooth and efficient functioning of our Club.

Whatever the Club may have achieved in recent years reflects the efforts of many people who are committed, individually and collectively, to pursuing common interests for the benefit of all members. The Club's General Committee for its part has set

exacting standards of professional integrity and work ethic. With its hard work and creativity, it has successfully addressed several trials and tribulations that arose from time to time.

During my tenure, there were taxing times, testing times, anxious times. At all times, I moved on with the confidence that there is a great institution behind me whose constitution, norms and past practices will keep me in the right direction. The experience has led to important positive changes in the Club and increased transparency.

All along I have been deeply impressed by the professionalism, agility and commitment of the staff and officers of the Club. They have served the Club with dignity and distinction and I am very proud of them.

Although the Club undoubtedly will face some difficult challenges in the years ahead, its members and their values make me confident that all challenges will be met successfully.

In closing let me say that the game of golf is all about friendship and camaraderie . You walk with your friends, make some conversation, have a few laughs, enjoy a bit of competition and later sit down to discuss your game perhaps over a glass of beer, lime or lassi! This is the real spirit of the game which we endeavour to promote and sustain.

Post September, I wish the new management team all success.

**Rajesh Dhingra**  
President 2014-2016  
September 24, 2016

## Captain Bids Adieu



Dear Members

First and foremost, kindly accept my heart-felt thanks for your most kind cooperation and support over the past two years. For me personally, it has been an enormous learning and fulfilling experience.

The Peacock Course upgrade was on the cards for over a decade; in January 2015 we finally commenced the re-construction project. After overcoming several obstacles, the spanking new 9-hole course was opened for play in March 2016. The Lodhi Course greens continue to be under stress and I'm sure will be re-laid at the earliest opportune point in time.

Earlier this year, the HERO INDIAN OPEN was an absolutely smashing success with fulsome praise for the Club as a whole. I am sure that in the coming years we will continue to showcase the best golf in India.

The F&B was of high quality, the lawn lunches were immensely

popular. All of us enjoyed Club musical evenings as also the top-grade theatre.

Looking ahead, the new President, Captain and General Committee will surely continue to further enhance the Club's stature.

With warm regards and thanks again

**Raj Khosla**

Captain 2014-2016  
September 24, 2016

## HRD 2015-2016

**CHAIRMAN: Maj Gen. KMS Shergill**  
**CO-CHAIRMAN: Mrs Tara Laroia**

The HRD Sub-Committee during the course of the year has been involved in welfare and matters relating to pay and allowances of employees.

Based on the request received from Executive Staff to review their salaries, a series of meetings were conducted. Thereafter an HR Consultancy firm AON Hewitt was engaged to look into the current market and internal scenario vis-à-vis salary and wages of employees. Based on the AON Hewitt report received and further discussion the salary structure of Executive Staff was revised and restructured, approval of General Committee taken and implemented effective 01 April 2016.

The long overdue demand of Casual Labour working in the Club through Contractors for revision of their wages was addressed and suitable increments ranging from 5-10%, based on length of service, approved by the General Committee and

implemented effective 01 July 2016.

As part of Staff Welfare, a corpus of Rs. 27 Lakhs was collected from members and handed over to the brother of Sunil Handa working at the Club Reception. Sunil Handa passed away on the night of 1st January 2016 having suffered a heart attack after attending to his duties at the New Year Eve function at the Club.

A Group Medical Insurance Policy for DGC Staff was renegotiated with New India Insurance Co. Ltd. A medical cover @ Rs.3 Lakhs was taken for employee and family i.e. spouse and 3 children upto the age of 25 years for those who applied for it.

A Sexual Harassment Policy has been drafted and adopted for Club employees.

Infrastructure and Caddy facilities have been revamped / renovated vis-à-vis caddy canteen, additional seating, toilet area, cycle stand, lockers etc. at the Club.

A caddy training module is being taken up in collaboration with the Caddies Welfare Trust.

# Sub-Committee Reports

## HOUSE 2015-2016

**CHAIRMAN: Mr Harinder Bansi**

**CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Lalit Talwar**



The House Department of the Club has been very active during the period and undertook several renovation works/projects for providing better services to the members. In particular, the following works/ tasks were carried out during the period:-

### 1. Towards General Improvement in the Club:

(a) STP: The STP constructed to conserve waste water which can be reused for course maintenance has been working satisfactorily. Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate certificates have been received from DPCC.

(b) Repair and Renovation of the Workshop Executive Office, Doctor's Clinic, Dy Course Manager's Office, CCTV Room and Old Bakery Area into three Offices of F&B Executives has been completed.

(c) Provision of additional paved area on the Main Lawn to accommodate more seating for golfers specially during the winter season has been well received by all members.

(d) Construction of a retaining wall with iron jaali in Car Park No-2, towards the hill side, to safeguard the parked cars and improve the overall look of the area.

(e) New sewer line has been laid in the swimming pool area and new grease traps/improvement have been carried out behind the Main Kitchen area.

(f) Provision of stainless steel dust bins/ash trays: Due to active efforts of the House Sub-Committee, stainless steel dustbins/ ashtrays have been provided gratis by Jindal Steel Ltd. The same have been installed in areas around the Course/Club.

### 2. For the convenience of Golfers :

(a) CART PATHS: Since the Peacock Course was being renovated it was decided to construct new cart paths near Tee Nos-7&8, and Fairway No-9 of the Peacock Course. Cart paths at Fairway No-11 near the Green and Tee and Fairway No-15 near the Green, of the Lodhi Course have been constructed/repared in patches. The quality of the newly constructed cart paths has been appreciated by members.

(b) A stone masonry retaining wall with angle iron frame wire mesh near Green No-2 of the Peacock Course has been constructed.

(c) Red stone steps at Tee Nos 4, 14 & 16 have been constructed.

(d) Addition/alteration and renovation of the PDR hut and construction of a sitting area for members next to the Chipping range for snacks etc has been carried out. In addition, the PDR area has also been renovated by relaying the tiles, removing the planters and providing granite top platforms near the hitting area.

(e) A brick wall, with angle iron frame wire mesh, between the Putting/Chipping range upto the hitting area, has been installed.

### 3. For Members Recreation:

(a) Timely repair/maintenance of the swimming pool and the filtration equipment was carried out. A gate has been provided at the entrance of the pool to prevent unauthorized access during closure time.

(b) The AC system in the Main Bar and Dining Hall has been augmented for the convenience of members.

### 4. For Children:

(a) Improvement to the Children Park Area, installation of some new play equipment and a suitable covering to safeguard children has been carried out.

### 5. For Caddies:

(a) Repair and renovation of the caddy wash room area and construction of an additional shed for caddies, adjacent to the Caddy hut.

(b) Renovation of "Kartar's Canteen" which was in a dilapidated condition at Car Park No-2 (being used by the caddies and drivers) has been carried out. The height of the canteen has also been raised to avoid water stagnation during monsoons. The renovated canteen was inaugurated by the Captain.

### 6. Towards Improving Security:

(a) Additional area including the PDR has been brought under CCTV coverage for security of members.

(b) LED street lights with new poles and wiring has been installed in Car Park No-1 for security and energy conservation.



## MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016

**CHAIRMAN: Mr Raj Khosla**

**CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr Vikram Seth**

The Committee has actively taken up Membership issues relating to both upgradation and new memberships. A large number of outstanding issues have also been resolved. The status of new membership is as follows:

New Memberships since October 2015 till date: 122

- Indian Business September 1987
- Indian Service July 2000
- Dependent Applied in Time June 1998
- Dependent Applied Late May 1990

### Members Upgraded since October

#### 2015 till date:

'C' to 'M/W' 93

'M/W' to 'A' 57

Members deceased since October 2015 till date: 105

Results of the Elections  
for the offices of the  
**President and Captain  
& Members of the General Committee  
for the year 2016-2017**

**Mr Siddharth Shriram (Chiku) 327 votes President**

Mr Vijay Dhawan 212 votes

**Maj Gen KMS Shergill 436 votes Captain**

Mr Achal Nath 104 votes

**Members of the General Committee**

Mr Vikram Seth	325 votes	Elected
Ms Bubbles Suneja	301 votes	Elected
Mrs Shiraz Singh	279 votes	Elected
Mr Vikram Sethi	278 votes	Elected
Mr Rohit Sabherwal, FCA	263 votes	Elected
Mr Ashwani K. Luthra, (IRS) Retd.	258 votes	Elected
Mr Krishan Varma	256 votes	Elected
Mr Karan Atwal	221 votes	Elected
Capt LS Bahl (Hippy)	212 votes	Elected
Mr Anil K Virmani	208 votes	Elected
Mr Amit Luthra	201 votes	Elected
Mr Brij Anand	198 votes	Elected
Mr Rajeshwar (Kumar)	193 votes	
Mr VN Puri	121 votes	

*KS Bains*

**KS Bains**, Chief Returning Officer  
24 September 2016

**T&H** 2015-2016

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Achal Nath

**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Amit Luthra



We are pleased to inform members that the Panasonic Open India Golf Tournament, an Asian Tour event, will be held at our Club from 28th November to 4th December 2016. This proves that DGC is still a preferred venue for the Asian and European Tour Events.

"Drive Against Cancer" a charity tournament of Indian Cancer Society and Ritinjali 2nd Chance Golf Tournament will be held on Friday 30th September and 7th October 2016 respectively.



Keeping in view the main objective of the Club, the T&H Sub Committee has increased Shubham Jaglan's annual scholarship amount from Rs.2.00 lacs to Rs.3.00 lacs. He is performing exceptionally well and yet again won the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship.

# Ladies Section

A **High Tea** was hosted on 16th August 2016 in the Main Bar. This was well attended by over 60 members who came dressed for the occasion of Independence Day in colours of the National Flag. As usual the chef did us proud with a sumptuous buffet, and games added to the fun of the afternoon.



Shiraz Singh Overall Individual Winner with Mr. Chopra



\* Noida team with 94 points won the inter-club tournament held at Chandigarh Golf Club on Monday. The winning team comprised Rama Akash, Sunita Bhatt and Shiraz Singh. Delhi A team of Shiraz Singh, Aashana Monga and Banmala Singh came second, while the individual stableford was by Shiraz Singh with 35 points.

The Ladies Section was represented by two teams at the **Chandigarh Golf Club Ladies Inter Club Golf Tournament** on 19th September 2016. Whilst Noida were the winners, DGC "A" Team comprising Shiraz Singh, Aashana Monga and Banmala Singh were runners up. Shiraz did the Club proud by winning in the Individual overall category.

We are honoured that the **USHA-IGU 100th All India Ladies Amateur Open Golf Championship 2016** is slated to be held at our Club from 12th - 18th December.



DGC "A" team Shiraz Singh, Aashana Monga and Banmala Singh with Late LC Neelu Chopra's husband, who gave away the prizes.

**The 7th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Tournament, sponsored by USHA will be played from 14th to 17th November 2016.**

Those members keen on participating in the tournament and the concurrently held Delhi Ladies Golf Week events are requested to put in their entries on time so as not to face disappointment.

## IGU REGIONAL RESULTS

### IGU TELANGANA LADIES & JUNIOR GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Category 'A'

3rd Ridhima Dilawari  
5th Seher Atwal

#### Category 'A' & 'B'

3rd Ridhima Dilawari  
6th Seher Atwal

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### MONSOON MEDAL

(Hidden Hole)

Winner Kavita Nagpal  
Runner-up Situ Puri  
3rd Asha Khurana



### 9-Hole Medal

Winner Nutan Kataria

### AUGUST MEDAL

Winner Sonaal Chaudhri  
Runner-up Aashana Monga  
3rd Banmala Singh

### 9-Hole Medal

Winner Vanita Malhotra

### SEPTEMBER MEDAL

Winner Anuva Saurabh  
Runner-up Aashana Monga  
3rd Neelam Sihota

### 9-Hole Medal

Winner Neenu Bhatia  
Runner-up Nutan Kataria

### DEEP SINGH MEMORIAL TROPHY (Stableford)

Winner Banmala Singh  
Runner-up Vanita Malhotra

### LADY MARJORIE TANGE SALVER (Stableford)

Winner Shiraz Singh  
Runner-up Sonaal Chaudhri

### MALIKA TROPHY

(Eclectic Par Competition)  
Winner Shiraz Singh

### FUKUMOTO CUP

(Eclectic Par Competition)  
Winner Banmala Singh  
Runner-up Kanwal Varma



L to R: Smartly turned out Rehyanjit Singh, Raghav Chugh and Shubham Jaglan at the start

A **Junior Medal** round was conducted by the Ladies Section, on Saturday 27th August 2016. A total of 37 players, comprising 24 boys and 13 girls participated. Thoroughly enjoying the up-graded Peacock Course, the children were treated to snacks and a soft drink after the round. Moving away from IGU Junior guidelines, all categories were allowed caddies, giving due deference to the prevailing weather conditions and course maintenance.

The Competition was refereed by Anjali Chopra, Aashana Monga and Anil Kashyap.

## RESULTS

### 18 HOLES

#### Category "A" – 6 Players (Boys)

Winner	Chirag Singh	65
Runner-Up	Kkrish Chawla	69

#### Category "A" – 5 Players (Girls)

Winner	Ananya Barthakur	70
Runner-Up	Ishita Gupta	72

#### Category "B" – 11 Players (Boys)

Winner	Shubham Jaglan	60
Runner-Up	Aryaman Mahant	65

#### Category "B" – 5 Players (Girls)

Winner	Himadri Singh	74
Runner-Up	Ritika Raina	78

#### Category "C" - 5 Players (Boys/Girls)

Winner	Aryan Kaila – 64
Runner-Up	Agastya Tandon - 74

### 9 HOLES

#### Cat "D" – 5 Players (Boys/Girls)

Winner	Syna Nijhawan	45
Runner-Up	Angad Veer S. Dugal	48

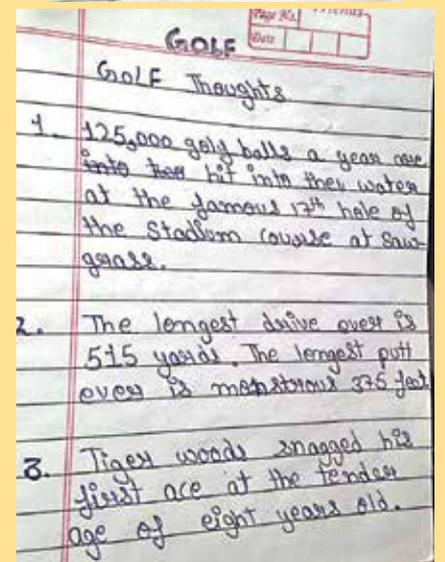
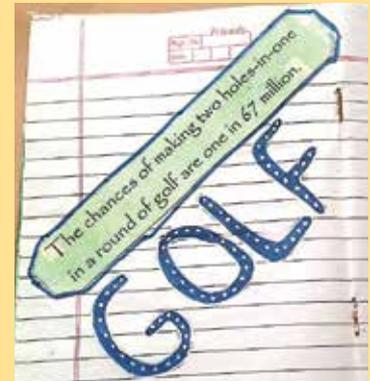


## GIVING BACK TO THE GAME

WGAI professionals **Vandana Agarwal** (A-183) and **Neha Tripathi** graciously conducted a Clinic for the Golfing Girl Child Programme youngsters, which all eight thoroughly enjoyed. Vandana commented how amazed she was at the shots the girls demonstrated. One of the girls, Riya Chaudhry shared a scrap book she was making with Vandana. A couple of pages are included.



Three of these **Golfing Girl Child** juniors, Ishita Gupta, Himadri Singh and Ritika Raina, were given the chance to play in the 4th Gautam Chadha Memorial Tournament at Classic Golf Club on 25th September. The girls, not in the least intimidated by the field of 92 amateurs and professionals, thoroughly enjoyed their maiden experience of the course, shooting creditable scores. Thank you Ghei family for providing the opportunity!



## ROLEX & RULES

Juniors would do well to always check and double check their scorecard for any errors before handing them in. **BYEONG HUN**, the youngest winner of the US Amateur Golf Championship learned an expensive lesson at the Italian Open by signing for a bogey on the 16th, though he had actually had the bogey on the 15th. The reigning PGA Long Drive Champion was disqualified for this error.

## THANKYOU

The Club takes this opportunity to thank **M/s. Jindal Steel Lifestyle Ltd** for providing the Dustbins and Ashtrays to the Club free of cost. The quality and the design of both the items has been appreciated by the members.

# Club Nite

The Club Nite which was held on 18th September saw 725 members enjoying the festivities. Catering was by Moets, the alcohol sponsors were Diageo and Pernod Ricard. Helen and her Band entertained the crowd.





Mridula Tandon felicitates Vishva

**Vishvamitra Yadav** has been caddying at the Club (#467) for the last 10-odd years. This is the only job he has ever done. Recently **Mridula Tandon** (T-170) heard his poetry whilst he was carrying her bag, and encouraged him to share the stage at a program titled "Mera Kavi Roop" (My Poetic Side), at the India Habitat Centre organized by her **NGO SAKSHI**. At an evening sharing the stage with various eminent personalities from different walks of life showcasing their lesser known talent for poetry, Vishva won the hearts of poetry lovers with his confident demeanour and expressive recitation. His poetic imagery, his sensitivity to the social issues in present day society based on his daily experience, perhaps will ensure for him his rightful place among modern day poets. This is what Vishva who has been writing poetry in Bhojpuri since Class IV in his village school in Dumraon, Bihar, recited at the seminar: He has studied only up to Class XII.

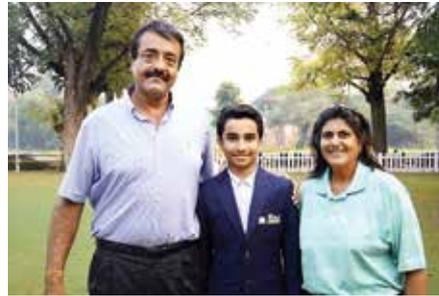
*"Jaagi duniya so rahi hai  
Apni kismet pe ro rahi hai  
Bhushan ko abhushan maan  
Pardushan ko bo rahi hai  
Jaagi duniya so rahi hai*

*Maante hain log jahan  
Ganga-Jumna ke pawan dhaarey ko  
Chalo yaaron dekho unke tat kinaarey ko  
Haalaat unki naaley se bhi bad tar  
Is pe bhi duniya so rahi hai  
Jaagi duniya so rahi hai*

*Is par bhi duniya sochti nahin  
Badhti abaadi ko rokhti nahin  
Kahti hai duniya,*

*"Main Team banaoongi cricket ka"  
Apne murukhtaon par fida yun ho rahi hai  
Jaagi duniya so rahi hai*

*Sabhi ki soch alag alag  
Ek soch samdhaan hai  
Jaise karni vaise bharni  
Yeh vidhi ka vidhaan hai  
Nain ka neer dho rahi hai  
Jaagi duniya so rahi hai"*



Mentor, player and coach

The Club felicitated **Shubham Jaglan** at a poorly attended Tea on 14th September. The Press was well represented. **Amit Luthra** (L-085), his mentor informed that Shubham whose average drive is 240 yards won the European Juniors with a 13-stroke margin. The young man also recently won the US Kids Golf Tournament in his category. So far he has approximately 150 wins to his credit. The ground is being prepared for his venture into pro golf a decade hence, and though, according to Gary Player his etiquette, his match temperament and his swing are among the best, the odds are 500:1 whether he makes it or not.



Rajesh Dhingra and Nonita L. Qureshi with Shubham



Rajiv Hora, Secretary, Rajesh Dhingra, President and Vikram Seth, GC Member with Brig Sanjiv Mehra at a Farewell Tea (in July) for the latter at his retirement as Secretary after 2 years.



Siddhi receiving the winners cheque from Siddharth Shriram, President and Maj Gen Shergill, Captain DGC

In a nail-biting finish rookie **Siddhi Kapoor** of Kolkata claimed the title of the 14th tournament of the **Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour** at our Club on 29th September. She made a birdie-birdie finish to win by one stroke. Gaurika Bishnoi till recently a Student Member came in 4th in her first professional event. Mehar Atwal (A-144) came in T5. Additionally, former Student Member Sherya Ghei picked up the Best Amateur prize.

## FORTHCOMING GOLF EVENTS

- Indian Cancer Society's "Drive Against Cancer" Charity Tournament – 30th September 2016
- Ritinjali 2nd Chance Golf Tournament 7th October 2016
- 7th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship – Sponsored by USHA. 15th-17th November 2016.
- Panasonic Open 2016 28th November – 4th December 2016
- 100th USHA-IGU All India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship 2016. 12th-18th December 2016.

## SNAKE DEVOURING A SQUIRREL OFF THE FIRST TEE



Photograph: Neelam Sihota (SD-080)



## RIO 2016 - GOLF EXPERIENCES THE MAGIC OF THE OLYMPICS

7.00 am on 8th August 2016 was a historic moment for golf as the first golfers, after a hiatus of 112 years, teed up in Rio: India's Anirban Lahiri teed off with Shingo Katayama of Japan 120 Golfers, only eight from the world's top 25 male golfers, from 41 countries, competed at the newly-built Reserva de Marapendi Golf Course; men's event August 11-14 and the women's August 17-20. For most, it was the first time they saw the course.

Winning the Gold was a 7-year dream come true for Justin Rose who had relished the prospect of becoming an Olympian since the sport's return to the Games was announced in 2009. On the 72nd hole a play-off loomed, but Rose held his nerve on the par-five last, chipping his approach to two feet from the pin, while Henrik Stenson's attempt spun away to around 20 feet. It was riveting, not only to watch Rose slot in his short birdie putt to win, but afterward too, when 3 professional golfers — so often portrayed as 'me-first mercenaries' — bent to have medals draped around their necks. Rose said, "The medal ceremony is what it's all about. That's what everybody is striving for here in Rio."

Rose also created history by becoming the first ever to get a hole-in-1 in Olympic golf. Not a bad day at the office!

Quite contrary was the attitude of the world's top four players — Jason Day, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth, and Rory McIlroy, (as did former World No 1 Adam Scott) who all decided to pass, initially citing the Zika virus and family concerns for not wanting to make the trip. For those who went, they visited compatriots in the Athletes' Village - dined with them, learned about their sports, the training involved — what it means to be an Olympian. "We left the village feeling like we owed them our best performance." "I can't begin to explain to you the amount of pride I have with finishing third," Matt Kuchar said. "Typically, I would not say that. ... the overwhelming sense of pride that I felt was just remarkable." Bubba Watson, who finished 9 shots behind Rose's winning 16-under total said, "We're so blessed when you look at these other countries, and these athletes that train for not just hours — years — and they got 30 seconds, or they got a minute, or



An elated Justin Rose



Gold - Justin Rose, GB, Silver - Henrik Stenson, Sweden, Bronze - Matt Kuchar, USA

they got under 10 seconds. And I get to show up at Augusta every year from now on, because I won there. So it is humbling for sure." Like many professional athletes, golfers live in something of a cocoon, part of a traveling circus that moves into a town, sets up shop, stays for a week then blows on to the next burgh. Golf's bubble, though, includes more crudite and caviar at country clubs than sweat and stains in a gym. Exposure to the Olympics, and to athletes and endeavours from around the globe, highlighted that.

The seasoned Indian duo Anirban Lahiri, ranked 62 and SSP Chawrasia, ranked 207 (with 5 European Tour wins and 11 Asian Tour wins between them) had a disappointing outing and India's campaign in the men's category ended on a flat note as Chawrasia, who had been in the top 20 till Day 2, faced a frustrating final day carding a horrendous 7-over (71, 71, 69, 78) to drop 28 spots to T50th. If truth be told, SSP was drenched in the unexpected, torrential downpour that lashed the course, with no raingear having been provided, not even an umbrella. Due to a clash of sponsors he wasn't allowed to use his own. Finally, on the 5th, the IGF managed to get him an IGF umbrella; too late by then. Sadly, SSP's was not the only one to suffer the 'storm' so to speak - numerous instances of Indian athletes not being provided the proper uniform or even a kit in some cases, were reported. When will we get it right?

The course bared its fangs too, at an under-the-weather Lahiri who finished T57th. Indian golfing fans fought hard to hide their dejection.

However, a ray of sunshine emerged with the 439th world ranked 18-year-old Aditi Ashok, who had turned pro only six months earlier. Her 58th Olympic spot didn't make any difference to her approach coming into the Games and, facing off against higher-ranked opponents. Aditi was able, for the first 36 holes, to make a steady appearance on the leaderboard with two 68's, even sharing the lead briefly before falling away in the 3rd round. The youngest contender made the world stand up and pay attention as she finished Day 2 at T8. There was a rush of articles from the best of the world's sports journalists, there were TV interviews – what she achieved was stupendous. Even Indian media, who had been unaware of her participation prior to her departure, suddenly woke up to her strong challenge, and was awash with praise and the hope of a possible medal. Excited Indian golfers and those suddenly exposed



Gold - Inbee Park, S Korea, Silver- Lydia Ko, New Zealand, Bronze - Shanshan Feng, China

to this sport, were glued to the TV or laptop for shot by shot accounts. Short lived though this excitement was, with 79-76 in the final two rounds, this young golfer proved her worth



on the most majestic and magical of all sporting arenas.

There are two ways to look at how Aditi Ashok performed at Rio. One is that the 18-year-old was well out of medal contention - finishing 41st out of 60 players in the women's golf event with a score of 7-over 291, a full 23 shots behind eventual gold medal winner Inbee Park (66-66-70-66) who outclassed the field by seven strokes to become the first women's individual golf gold medalist since 1904. But that would miss the forest for the trees. The other is that Aditi finished 16 places above her ranking, while also (briefly) holding the lead towards the end of her second round, when she reached 7-under par. It was a heady place to be.

The final scoreboard is not the only measure of what Aditi accomplished at these Games. For one it was the perfect opportunity to draw attention to a sport that receives little of it in India and she did her job. After PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik and Dipa Karmakar, here was another female Indian athlete making waves

at these Games. That it didn't result in a medal is secondary. With this performance at the Olympics, she has shown that Indian women's golf is in good hands. The hope is that the next generation of women golfers watching and reading this are now reaching for a golf club and setting out for the course.

Seeing as it took 112 years for golf to regain a foothold in the Olympics, its tenure is only assured for one more Summer Games, in 2020. Those who played this time badly want it to stay....

*Soni M Singh*

**Soni M Singh**

The only other years that golf was played were in 1900 and 1904... The modern Olympic Games began in 1896 in Athens as the site of the first Olympics; golf was not on the program, certainly one reason being that, in 1896, there were no golf courses in Greece. The 2nd (Paris) and 3rd (St Louis) Olympic Games termed the farcical Olympics were sideshows to World's Fairs included golf as a sport. In 1900 an event each for gentlemen and for ladies was introduced. Charles Sands, of the St. Andrews Golf Club in Yonkers won the gentlemen's event by one shot with rounds of 82-85. The ladies' event was won by Margaret Abbott of the Chicago Golf Club (born in Calcutta), who played her requisite 9 holes in 47 strokes; her mother came in 7th. (A third competition, a handicap event for the men, was held on the final day. Though not of Olympic caliber, it was, however, won by American Albert Lambert, handicap -10.) The events were a success and according to Golf Illustrated, "The entries were numerous, the play good, the weather admirable and the company (by which I mean spectators, officials, and others connected with or responsible for the meeting) distinguished and enthusiastic."

In 1904, Albert Lambert, the winner of the handicap event, finished 8th with rounds of 94-95 becoming the only person to play in both Olympic golf tournaments. 74 Americans and 3 Canadians contested at the Glen Echo Golf Club (belonging to Lambert's father-in-law). They were greeted by a plethora of golf events - driving contests, putting contests at night under the lights, handicap events, flights for non-qualifiers and match-play losers, and team Nassau competitions. Just two of the many events can be considered to be Olympic championships - a team event of 36-holes stroke play and an individual match-play event. Of the six 10-man teams which had entered, only two showed up. A third team was organized at the last minute from among the golfers present and it represented, very loosely, the USGA. A score of 183 was sufficient to move on to match play. After five straight days of 36 holes each, the day of the finals dawned cold and gloomy and both contestants would fight the rain for the entire day. When the battle was over, George Lyon was Olympic champion with a score of 3 & 2. After the match, the runner up Egan went to bed exhausted. Lyon went to the awards dinner and further showed his stamina by walking the length of the dining room - on his hands!



And thus ended the history of golf competition in the Olympics, though there have been a few attempts to revive the sport as an Olympic event. Golf-mad Britain was to host the 1908 Olympics and the organizers planned a 108-hole stroke play event at three courses. The R & A, however, became embroiled in a dispute over eligibility with the Olympic organizing committee and all the British entrants withdrew. Some measure of how the R & A felt about golf in the Olympics can be gleaned from their original response to the letter sent by the London Olympic organizers. They did not reply. Eventually, however, the organizing committee gained some support and planned the Olympic golf event which then had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. George Lyon had already set sail for Britain to defend his Olympic title; he was offered a symbolic gold medal but declined.

In 1936, a golf tournament was contested at Baden-Baden, Germany as an exhibition just prior to the Olympics. Adolf Hitler donated a trophy and hoped to present it to a winning German team. Hitler trekked it from Berlin only to be informed that the British pair of Tony Thirsk and Arnold Bentley had broken a course record and won the tournament over the Germans. Hitler got back in his car and returned to Berlin, leaving the trophy presentation to the President of the German Golf Federation.

# Members Matter

## MY RIO EXPERIENCES

A forty-five year golfing journey started as a young 13-year-old from the putting green located in the front of Gulmarg Golf Club in Kashmir, reached a high point as I sat in an aircraft flying across for over 24 hours over the heart of Africa's Sahara Desert and the Southern Atlantic Ocean into Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - the city of 2016 Olympics!

Pre-Olympic apprehensions clouded my mind, what with worldwide iconic golfers and media fostering ZIKA concerns, juvenile beach and street crimes. However my gut feeling was positive as I stepped foot on Brazilian soil! The feeling of being an "alien" left me when I walked into the arrival lounge looking at a number of look-a-likes, particularly the dark haired.

Reserva Marapendi Golf Course built specially for golf's return to the Olympics was an expanse of open land on coastal Atlantic Ocean, built on swampy waste land south-east of the mega city. The course is on the periphery of an enormous wildlife sanctuary. "Caimans" were seen floating in water bodies but seldom seen poking their heads out - probably in fear of having their heads knocked by golf balls!! A famous golf shot hit by Suzann Pettersen from inside one of the water bodies was photographed by a rules official with a "Caiman" just 10 yards behind her. This frightened the official more than the player who executed her shot with ease from just inside the water body!

The women's golf competition had nine players from the top 10 Rolex world rankings - the big names of women's golf were all present along with their loyal fans to support them. Wide fairways, no cuts, no tree lines, enormous bunkers and greens were the features of this Olympic course. Laser cutting and polishing on mammoth greens have taken a new dimension worldwide in course set ups, demanding high perception and skills on the putting greens.

A kilometre walk from the main gate and three security checks to reach the first tee was my day's start to support



India's Olympian Aditi Ashok. Aditi's performance showcased Indian women's golf globally with her 72-hole score of 7 over par - averaging less than 2 over per round a proud achievement for our young professional teenager, the youngest in the field, more so a professional golfer of just 5 months standing! Statics have shown that women's golf at the Olympics was much younger with an average age of 26 years - while for men it was well over 36 years - certainly a thumbs up for women!!

Aditi's two year's qualification process into the Olympics was a cliff hanger until 11th July. When the official list of players was announced by the International Golf Federation on the night of 11th July, Indian women's golf made huge impetus in the global scenario by making Aditi the youngest female player ever since the inception of golf in 1900 Olympics - a landmark indeed!

"Christ the Redeemer" RIO's iconic landmark would have turned his head too - looking towards the surging crowds walking into the Marapendi Reserva Golf course on both weekends of the men's and ladies back to back golf competitions.

**Brand GOLF** truly stole the show - an unprecedented turnout at the Olympic Golf Course, almost thirty thousand spectators and television viewership that surpassed all expectations! The course record - 8 under was not good enough for American Stacy Lewis on day 3, she was

surpassed by Russian Maria Verchonova at -9 on the final day which included a hole in one!

**A true test of mental and physical agility- could iconic athletes or iconic swimmers focus their attention for a converted 72-hole competition equalling 64800 seconds or 1080 minutes played over four days?** -

this OLYMPIC sport had an exclusive prize presentation at Reserva Marapendi Olympic Golf Course for the podium finishers on their 18th green. Golf being a sport that demands high etiquette stood the test in every respect from 120 players across 40 nations! The worthy winners of the Men's and Women's Gold medal had identical scores of 268, a sizzling 16 under par in adverse playing conditions over the eight rounds! Yes, golf at the Olympics was an affair to remember for me as it brought out the best of fashion, fitness & fervour!

As the journey towards 2020 Golf Olympics in Japan begins - may the next four-year golfing march to the land of the rising sun, reward India's tri colour with a podium finish!

**Champika N Sayal (S-589)**

(Champika, Sec Gen WGAI, was an invitee of the International Golf Federation)



**Olympics** - the World's biggest spectacle of sports. More than 10000 athletes from five continents coming together to compete at the highest level and where games never end! It's a celebration where only the best athletes come to give their perfect shot. It's an unmatched domination of brilliance!

I have represented my Country at the Asian Games, World Cup etc, and know the spirit at the games but the Olympics is a different level altogether.

Golf having returned to the Olympics after 112 years, I had the rare honour and privilege to be a part of this historic moment as an Official. A 23 hour flight and lost baggage did not dampen my spirits nor diminish my excitement as one breezes thru the airport at RIO being an accredited official. It was glorious to be among the world's best golfers and legends and have the opportunity to meet with giants like Gary Player and Nick Faldo among many others. The brand new golf course created just for the Olympics was even more vibrant with

our very own Indian boys Anirban Lahiri, SSP Chawrasia and very special young Olympian Aditi Ashok. Their excitement was endearing and in spite of the odds they put up a good show. And for me to see our 3 golfers among the top 60 of the world was a proud moment indeed.

Taking some time out from golf in the evenings, I also had the chance to watch our silver medallist Sindhu play, and Saina Nehwal, catch the sheer beauty of the swimmers, excitement of track and field, and the aggression of the boxers. The Brazilian fans beat everybody hands down with their cheering, no matter what country, but it goes beyond description if there was a Brazilian athlete in the arena.

I think the icing on the cake for me was to watch Usain Bolt win his 100 Mtrs Gold. It didn't matter that I had to wait in a queue with thousands of others but just those 9 seconds were the best parting shot of my trip to Rio! Forever imprinted.

### **Uttam Mundy (M-373)**

(Uttam, Director PGTI, was an invitee of the International Golf Federation)



Uttam with Olympic-level trap and skeet shooter and now sports administrator Randhir Singh (R-122). Randhir, recipient of the 1979 Arjuna Award, is currently the representative for India on the International Olympic Committee. He competed at the Olympic Games from 1968 to 1984 in Mixed Trap, becoming the second Indian, after late Karni Singh) (also a member of the Club), to compete at five Olympics. He has been Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association since 1987, Secretary General of Olympic Council of Asia since 1991, and member of the International Olympic Committee from 2001 - 2014, and member of the Association of National Olympic Committees Executive Board since 2002. Recently he was re-elected for the sixth time the Secretary General of the OCA.



# Members Matter



*Billy and the bears peacefully fishing side by side*

Alaska looms in our imagination as a vast northern frontier, rich in mystique and natural wonders. America's last great wilderness, it has always been (and perhaps always will be) a place to inspire wonder and the adventurous spirit in us all.

Bears, salmon and cold clear waters are icons of Alaska. An untamed and diverse country of seacoasts, islands, mountain ranges, volcanoes and forests that vanish into wide-open tundra.

Most of all, it was the lure of catching salmon and rainbow trout in an Alaskan river that tempted a group of six like-minded guys to plan out a trip to South West Alaska. Of the six, three DGC members including me were part of the group. The other two being Maj Brijendra Singh (Brij) ( and Harpreet (Bikky) Duggal. The others three joined us from the U.S.

The trip was long in planning but we managed to put it together and rendezvoused in Anchorage on Aug 26, 2016 from where we hopped to our start point in three stages by float planes to the mouth of the river Alagnak. There we caught up with our guides who over the course of the next 7 days became our friends and philosophers as well. They would pitch up our tents, provide us sustenance and advise us on the best 'flies' for the conditions. Most importantly, of course, they did the rowing, sparing us of the prospects of sore limbs. We could then concentrate on the fishing.

The fishing ranged from good to phenomenal. We were catching 4 types of salmon – Chum, Pink, King Jack and Silvers. Other species such as Rainbows, Dolly Wardens and Arctic Char were plentiful. The Rainbows, were big feisty and a delight to catch. How can I forget the grizzlies with which we shared exciting space and salmon? There was also an anxious moment when a grizzly walked through our camp at night attracted no doubt by the smell of fish cooked in camp the previous evening. We sighted 7 bears in all in the 7 days we were on the river.

Not all was rosy. The first 4 days we were plagued by an incessant drizzle. We were wet and cold but the spirits remained high. Speaking of spirits, the team ran out of booze on the 4th day. Calamity. Bad planning? Over drinking? I don't know. But word got around through Sat phone and while in camp on the 5th day, a jet boat drew up on the river bank with 2 sturdy Americans. "We heard a group of Indians have ran out of liquor so we thought we would help" and promptly dumped on us a 2 litre bottle of Scotch. Manna from heaven. Miracles do happen and there are good and thoughtful people where you least expect to find them. Incidentally, we ran out of food too but there were fish aplenty in the river, so no catastrophe.

A couple of potential tragedies were mercifully averted. Brij slipped in the fast flowing and ice-cold water, but was pulled out before the water got into his waders



*His 7lb Salmon*

and Bikky slipped and fell while "fighting" a silver salmon. Typical of a crazy angler, he kept his rod high and above the water refusing to let it go. Fortunately, he along with his 'silver' were pulled out thoroughly drenched but high in spirit. The water had not entered the waders.

The trip came to an end on the 7th day where we were picked up by float plane and brought back to Anchorage. Unforgettable. National Geographic unfolding before our eyes.

Alas, some of us are getting on. Brij has declared that this would be his last such outing. He and I have shared such adventure year after year from the battlefields in Punjab to the wildest regions in Russia, Canada and Alaska and I can't think of him not being part of such experiences in the future. To him I would like to quote the famous poet Zauk –



*with Brijendra Singh (Brij)*

"Lai hayat aye, kaza le chali chale,  
Apni khushi na aye, na apni khushi chale,  
Zindagi ne kiska rah-e-fanaa main diya  
ha saath,  
Tum bhi chale chalo yunhi, jab tak chali  
chale"

I hope he heeds it.

**RS "Billy" Bedi (B-197)**

## 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
22.06.16	Rohan Malhotra	SD-1163	17
31.07.16	Rohit Mehra	M-570	12
06.08.16	Rohit Tandon	TC-004	17
13.08.16	Arjun Khanna	K-429	17
15.08.16	H K Singh	S-655	17
01.09.16	P S Dugal	D-206	7
04.09.16	S Lakhina	L-123	17
09.09.16	Amar Singh	A-108	17
15.09.16	K S Kim	P-1063	17

### PEACOCK COURSE

The following each have won a memento

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
30.08.16	Dr. Deepali Bhardwaj	B-583	3
10.09.16	Wilfred Moore	SP-1123	5
20.06.16	Col Harish Soni	S-844	7



### FAREWELL MR. WALIA (W008)

Our Club's senior-most member, Mr. A.S. Walia (W008) passed away last month after enjoying an over five-decade tryst with golf, which he played till the age of 98! Uninhibited by the belt and neck brace he wore whilst playing, Mr.

Walia had adopted a particular tree on each of the 4th and 14th holes, from which he could often be seen hanging from a branch, twisting and turning as a form of outdoor physiotherapy.

An astute competitor, he placed bets with his four-ball and, the group ahead. Often losing in his own game, he would apply the 'double or quits' funda, which usually made him a winner!! This, his daughter recounts, would make Dr. Lala Bharat Ram sulk!

In 1982, the Club's August Minutes record an ALBATROSS achieved on the 14th Hole and an EAGLE on the 8th a rare occurrence in anyone's golfing history.

### OBITUARY

We are grieved to record the sad demise of the following members: The Club extends its heartfelt condolences to their families.



Mr. Pami Singh (P-151)



Mr Prafull Gaurishanker Daftry (D-002)



Mr Brij Bans Bahadur (B-023)



Air Cmdr Manjeet Singh Judge (J-061)



Mr A. K. Verma (V-051)



Mr S. I. Chopra (C-138)



Mr R. Virmani (V-085)



Air V Mshl Dan Singh Nagi (D-180)



Mr Peshori Lal Lamba (L-011)



Lt Gen. Khem Karan Singh (S-089)



Mr Hari Dang (D-172)



Air Marshal P.K. Puri (P-173)



Mr. Nitin Bhalla (B-523)



Mrs. Anjali K. Varma (V-044)



Mr Karamjit Singh Bedi (B-035)



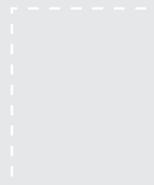
Mr Brij Mohan Thapar (T-004)



Mr A. S Walia (W-008)



Mrs P. Matthen (M-007)



Brig G. K. S. Chadha (C-114)

# Golf Loses its Greatest Legend

## ARNOLD PALMER

1929 – 2016

“What other people find in poetry, I find in the flight of a good drive.”



any sport has left a legacy like Arnold Palmer has. You come to the United States and there is a drink named after him. It is incredible what he did, his character, his charisma, everything about him. He did a lot for community, for charity and for his children's hospital in Orlando. No one in any sport has left the kind of legacy that Arnold Palmer has on golf. If it wasn't for Palmer the PGA Tour wouldn't be what it is today. Even though he wasn't the most successful golfer of all time, he definitely is the one who will leave the lasting legacy. Over all the sports over the last century, no other sportsman will leave a legacy quite like Arnold Palmer."

"When he hits the ball, the ground shakes," said Gene Littler at the 1954 US Amateur of fellow golfer Arnold Palmer who became this magnetic golfer people really wanted to watch. His 'go-for-broke' rather than cautious attitude paid rich dividends for him on many occasions. It was the dynamic way Palmer carried himself and the derring-do nature of his bold charges that came to define his career. It was also how he was able to make his legion of followers believe they were making the charge with him, that they were invited guests, welcomed along in his adventures. And so the galleries swelled with fans who were affectionately referred to as Arnie's Army.

He was widely credited with making a country club sport popular with the masses. His rise to stardom coincided with the advent of televised golf. It would be fair to say that he was the most important golfer ever to pick up a club; and his influence on the game was lifelong. It was his desire to cross the pond to play in the Open Championship that kept the tournament afloat when it was struggling in the late 50's and early 60's. Alongside his rival and friend Jack Nicklaus he brought golf into the fore front of America's sporting consciousness.

He unleashed his corkscrew swing motion that produced a piercing draw, with the ferocity of a summer squall, in his inimitable swashbuckling style winning over 90 titles including 62 PGA Tour titles and 7 majors from 1955 – 1973. He is at No 5 on the Tour's all-time victory list. Though he was not the greatest, he was the most beloved. That, his real legacy is what earned him his nickname "the King." That's why there is such deep grieving. The marks Palmer left on the game as a World Golf Hall of Famer go beyond his playing record.

The 2016 FedEx Cup Champion Rory McIlroy said, "He was the most influential man in the history of golf. I don't think anyone in

Gary Player one of the triumvirate who took part in the Ceremonial Tee Off at the Masters each year, once said "I never like to say any one man is bigger than the sport, but Arnold Palmer is a man for whom our sport owes a great debt. He has been a wonderful ambassador to the game. He behaved well. He was passionate with people."

But his greatest friend was Jack Nicklaus of whom Palmer said late in 2013, "It was a great rivalry, and the rivalry didn't take away from the friendship". As Nicklaus put it beautifully " He was one of my best friends, closest friends, and was for a long long time. He transcended the game of golf. He more than a golfer or even a great golfer. He was an icon. He was a pioneer in his sport and took the game from one level to a higher level virtually by himself. We were great competitors who loved competing against each other. Arnold always had my back and I had his. We were always there for each other. He was the King and always will be."



"One of my greatest life memories was the afternoon I was lucky enough to meet and chat with Arnold Palmer. He was charming, charismatic and gave freely of the time he spent with the Rollins Women's Golf team that afternoon. A true legend of golf. May you rest in peace Arnie." **Shruti Khanna (K-690)**





On August 31st at the **PGA Championship**, New Jersey, Justin Day made an eagle on the 18th to leave **Jimmy Walker** scrambling for his par to win. This year's four prime events have each had a player break his major duck. Walker became the 98th US PGA champion with scores of 65, 66, 68 and 67 for a total 14-under-par when he lifted the Wanamaker Trophy.

(The 72 hole record for men is 20-under and for women was 19-under). Chun also joined Se Ri Park as the only players to make their first two wins major titles (having won the US Open in 2015).

**Russel Knox** closed with a 2-under 68 for a 14-under 266 total at TPC River Highlands to win for the second time on the tour.

**In Gee Chun** shot a final round 69 to capture her Second major in wire to wire fashion at the **Evian Masters**, France. She broke a couple of records along the way to a 21-under par at the LPGA's final major of the season, establishing a major scoring record in relation to par for both men and women.



The **Rolex Annika Major Awards**, established in 2014, was handed out at Evian Masters. Evian-les-Bains, France on 17th September. **Lydia**



**Ko** joined Inbee Park and Michelle Wie as the player who had the most outstanding record in all five major championships, with her win at the ANA Inspiration (being compulsory to win at least one major), clinching the deal.

**Jim Furyk** shot the lowest round ever on the PGA Tour during the **Traveller's Championship** ....His 12-under par 58 included 7 successive birdies from the 6th to the 12th. (scorecard below). Furyk almost didn't make the cut, but courtesy this round eventually finished 3 shots off the lead.

JIM FURYK																		-11		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
4	2	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	35	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	35	70
4	3	2	3	3	4	3	2	3	27	3	2	3	5	4	4	2	4	4	31	58

## FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS

In 2006, PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem announced the birth of the FedExCup and a points race aimed at crowning a season-long champion. Nine years later and the 4-event playoff system has produced 8 different FedExCup champions and signature clutch moments. The past nine players to win a playoff event were under age 30. The format was revamped a few years back so the title couldn't be clinched before the end of the Tour Championship.

**Patrick Reed's** first victory in almost two years (and fifth of his PGA Tour career) could not have come at a better time. With his win at the **Barclays**, Bethpage Black, NY, he moved from seventh in the FedEx Cup points standings to the top spot and secured an automatic berth on the United States Ryder Cup team.

The reset top 100 advanced to the next leg. **Rory McIlroy** went from a miserable start to a memorable finish, closing with a 6-under 65 on 5th September at TCP Boston, to make up a six-shot deficit and win the **Deutsche Bank Championship** for his 20th career title around the world. His score of 15-under par 269 put him two shots ahead of Paul Casey.

The top 70 advanced to the third leg. **Dustin Johnson** blistered his way to pick up his third win of the season at the **BMW Championship** at Crooked Stick, Carmem, taking the lead in the FedExCup standings. Paul Casey was the bridesmaid by one shot for the second week in a row.

The last and final tournament saw the top 30 advancing. Each player in the top five of the standings stood to win the \$10 million Cup prize. Three shots off the lead with three holes to play at the **TOUR Championship by Coca Cola** in Atlanta on 25th September, **Rory McIlroy** had already produced the shot of the tournament, a hole-out from 137 yards for eagle at the par-4 16th. He completed the rally with a birdie at the par-5 18th to shoot a blistering 6-under 64 to get into a playoff with Ryan Moore and Kevin Chappell. Four holes into sudden death, McIlroy finally sealed the deal with a birdie putt from 14 feet, 6 inches to win the TOUR Championship and the FedExCup.

# National Arena



After a gap of almost two years **Rashid Khan** registered a win on the PGTI at the **TAKE Solutions Classic** at the Noida Golf Course with a winning total score of 10-under par.

**Chikkarangappa S** tasted success at his home course to clinch the PGTI **Eagleburg Masters** title in Bengaluru after shooting a 5-under par in the final round for a total score of 13-under par on 10th September.



**Rashid Khan** turned the tables to win the PGTI **Ahmedabad Masters** title at the Kalhaar Blues & Green course on 17th September. He had been trailing by 3 strokes at the start of the final round and his round of 69 gave him a total of 12-under par. This win takes him from 5th to 2nd place in the Rolex Rankings.

**Chikkarangappa S** (71-74-72-74) of India returned a final round score of two-over-74 to claim tied ninth place at the Asian Tour's **Mercuries Taiwan Masters**. Chikka's 3-over 291 placed him eight shots behind champion Lu Wei-chih of Taiwan

**Vani Kapoor** has been going great guns on the WGAI Hero



**Gaganjit Bhullar** recorded his first win since 2013 at the **Shinjan Donghae Open**, South Korea on 2nd October. His final round 4-under par including 7 birdies was good enough to give him a single shot lead. This is his 6th Asian Tour title.

Women's Pro Golf Tour; she won her sixth title this season at the Jaypee Greens on 23rd September with a score of 214, 8 shots ahead of the runner up.



India has been voted onto the Administrative Committee of the International Golf Federation, the IGF. India now occupies one of the Asia Pacific's five slots.

Home golfers will now come under the ambit of International Doping rules as the 10-year old PGTI took the initial steps in implementing its guidelines. This came into play about a year ago when players were educated about the do's and don't's of doping through a series of workshops and the distribution of exhaustive literature on the subject. Now the deck has been cleared for the actual implementation of anti-doping roles in a couple of months. Golfers will start undergoing random tests on a regular basis.

PGTI will be observing the WADA protocol.

An initiative to introduce children of the weaker section of society to the game has had a successful start with their initial exposure at the Golden Greens Golf Club, Gurgaon, this September. Professional golfers Jyoti Randhawa (R-163) and Digvijay Singh, and Navita Man Singh have set the program into motion. It aims at giving children from local government schools who are transported to the course in buses in batches of 60-70, an opportunity for a short lesson followed by a practice session with a view to tapping new talent. Teaching pros who are contributing their time are Pritam and Chimmy. Arun Singh, Director General IGU is ideating and backing the programme and providing range balls FOC. Coke has come on board with free water and tetra pack juices. If out of 1000 children from local government schools only 50 take to the game, it will be well worth the effort. The three sponsors are thinking BIG.



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## AUTUMN AND WINTER FOOT CARE TIPS:

Winter is the time when you should take good care of your skin. Because of excessive dryness of skin at times leads to cracking of skin and it becomes a painful condition, when the dryness and cracking of feet is excessive it becomes

There are few general and few specific to some conditions foot care tips

- Few basic foot care tips.
- Wash your feet daily with Luke warm soap water.
- Dry your feet well specially between the toes.
- Use a moisturizing cream over your feet, better to use urea or paraffin based cream. Avoid using moisturizing cream between the toes because the moisture content is already there and excessive moisture retention may give rise to fungal infection. Urea or paraffin based cream will have moisturizing effect and will help in getting rid of the dry skin when you do scrubbing with pumice stone while cleaning your feet. Never use the moisturizing cream between the toes because the moisture content is high in web spaces.

- If your feet are wet because of excessive sweating use a talcum powder before putting on footwear, especially between the toes. If your feet are smelly it might be having some fungal infection, you can consult a doctor who can prescribe antifungal powder or a cream.
- Always wear extra width, extra depth well cushioned footwear made of natural material, avoid tight pointed and high heel footwear. Always buy foot wear in the evening because 5% of the people have a tendency for swelling in the feet by the end of the day so footwear bought in the morning may become tight and may cause shoe bite. Always wear activity and sports specific foot wear.
- Take extra care while trimming your nails, avoid long nails, they accumulate dirt and dust, cut them straight and file the corners with a file. If there is any skin damage during nail trim, do not neglect it use any antiseptic and antibiotic cream for few day.
- If you are diabetic, you need to be extra careful for your feet. Avoid walking bare feet even at home, avoid hot water bottles or dipping your feet in hot water, heating electric pads, avoid direct exposure to heater or any other heat. Because in diabetic they may have loss of sensation and diabetic people have high risk of getting burn injury.
- Do not try bathroom surgeries for corn and callosities, you can do scrubbing with pumice stone, but avoid cutting of corn and callosities by your own. Diabetic should not use corn caps available in the market.
- Always do regular exercise for lower limb and back muscles, like stretching and strengthening exercises. It will increase endurance level of your lower limb and back muscles and they will not get fatigue and tired easily.
- Can go for pedicure, but the place should be clean and you should not get infection from there, diabetic should avoid experiments with their feet.
- If you find a swelling, redness, discoloration and painful areas in feet, you must visit a Podiatrist.

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