



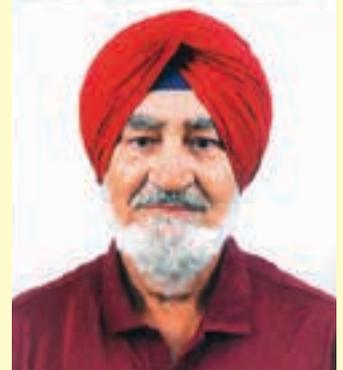
The Green Scene

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NEWSLETTER OF
THE DELHI GOLF CLUB
APRIL 2019

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Dear Members,

At the very outset, felicitations are in order to all those associated with Green Scene, past and present, on the occasion of the publication of its 100th edition. May it continue to be published and give joy to so many of us.

Much has happened since my message through the last Green Scene. It has been a very eventful few months, particularly with the Greens Complexes Reconstruction Project requiring a lot of our time. I am happy to report that the project has taken off right on schedule following a multi religious "Bhoomi Poojan" ceremony on March 04th on the 13th Green.

Leading up to this event, we held a number of Open Houses to explain in detail various aspects of the project. The Open Houses were well attended and generated a lot of interest amongst our members as a number of questions/doubts in members' minds were addressed and clarified. Consequently, you have all exhibited a commendable forbearance and tolerance and have taken the disruption caused in your stride. This has given us greater confidence to adopt an aggressive approach to finish the project in time. We are reasonably confident that all the construction machinery will be out of the Club's premises by July 2019 whereafter you should have 18 temporary greens to play on. Preparation of temporary greens has commenced.

I would encourage those of you who wish to know more about the project to meet the Project Manager and his team. I am sure they will be happy to interact with you.

I would be failing in my duties if I did not put on record the selfless work and dedication of the Core Committee in putting everything together. Rohit, Bunt, Sherry, Ashok, Manjit and Col. KKK deserve our warm thanks. Their work is nowhere near over and they have 'miles to go before they can sleep'.

The winter has come and gone, some would say too soon! It did, however, try to linger on. The lawn lunches to the very end, were popular. Alas, they had to end! As promised, the Dhupia Report on the Wage agreement was disseminated to all members. Recommendations given therein are being addressed. Thank you Sukhbir and your team! Meanwhile, enjoy the short spring as summer will creep up fast.

The Sub Committees have been working hard and a number of facilities are planned to be upgraded to standards befitting our Club.

Till the next edition- God Bless!!

With warm regards,

BILLY BEDI
President



Dear Members,

It was a culmination and a beginning!

Culmination of months of planning and years of decision making! Beginning, because it was the start of the project that so many of us have been waiting for! March 4th, 2019, marked the start of the Greens Renovation Project. A Maulvi, a Pandit and a Granthi said a prayer and we broke ground on the 13th Green. These Greens were renovated last between 2000 and 2003.

An ambitious, long awaited project has begun and the plan and effort is to complete 18 Greens of the Lodhi course and 2 practice Greens within this year.

Now the pause – lower than the budget, with more features than envisaged.

The effort is to open all Greens for play in October but it may be that some Greens may not be ready to receive traffic. So the plan is to get all Greens constructed.

A dedicated Core Committee to oversee the project had been appointed and I must thank Mr Ashok Malik, Mr Manjit Singh, Col KKK Singh, Maj Gen KMS Shergill, Mr Kulbir Singh, our Treasurer and Mr Billy Bedi our President, for their contribution, time, effort and diligence. They will continue to be involved until the completion of the project.

A professional team has been appointed to handle the project. They come with a lot of experience and dedication – we can see that on the ground! Theo is a real pro, Slade works on the bulldozer as if he is possessed and doesn't look at his watch! Team Golf Design India is dedicated and professional. They have surprised the Project Team!

Jeff Lawrence of Gary Player design was on the course during the end of March and was pleased with the way

the project is heading.

As I write this, we have excavated all 9 Greens on the back nine. The pace is picking up speed and I will update you on the progress in the coming months. Unfortunately, we are required to close the front nine as well, starting April. This will enable the project to be completed on time.

We plan to be within the budget. The Treasurer and I meet regularly to update the budget figures as work is under process. We have added some aspects on the “to do” list that were not envisaged before.

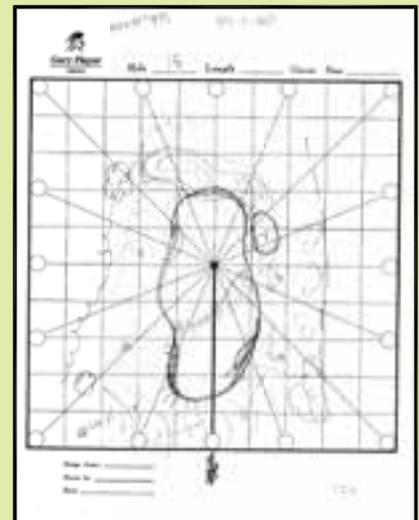
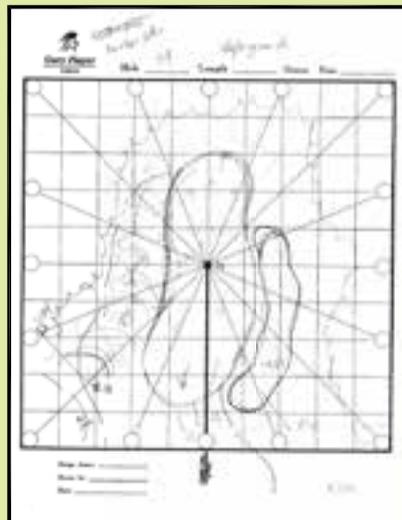
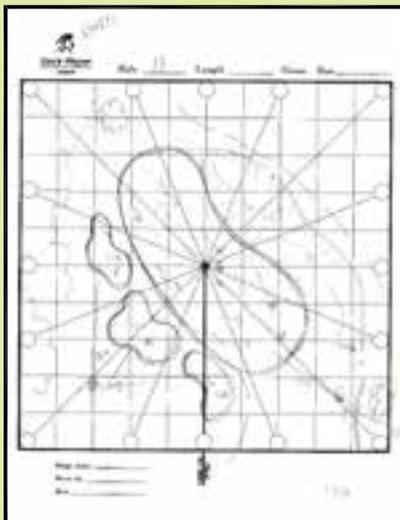
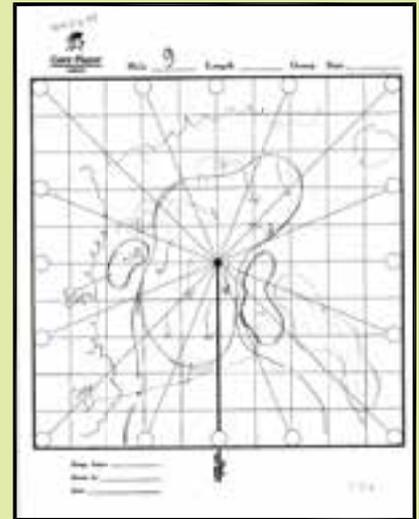
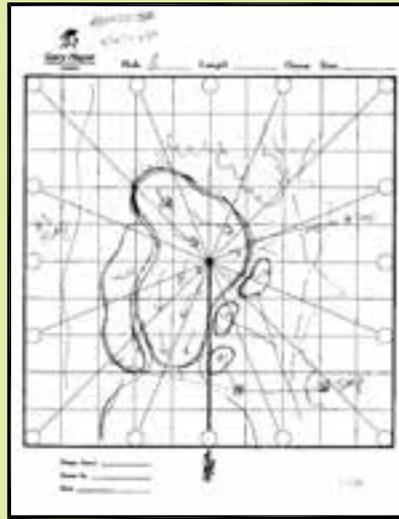
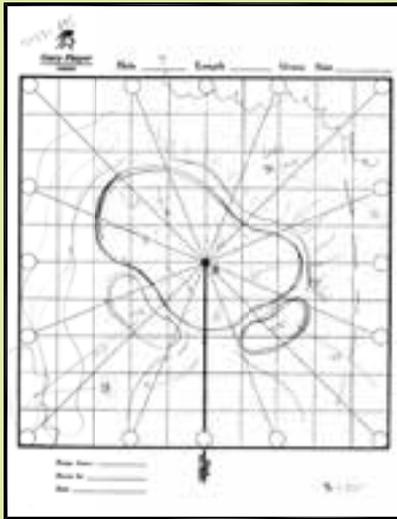
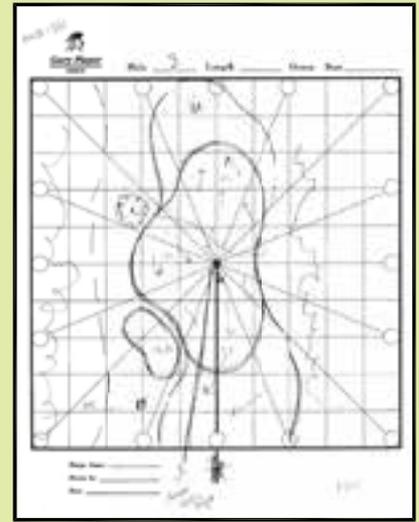
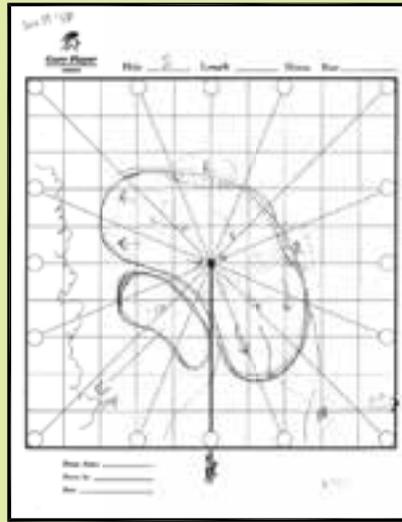
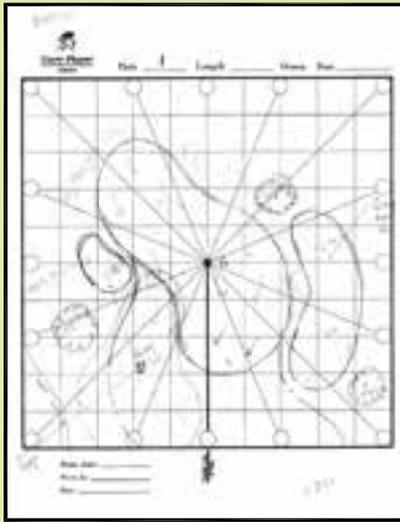
I plan to have regular and informal member interactions to answer and update members on the project progress, financials and technical aspects. A communication from the secretariat will be sent out and I'd like you to join me for a discussion over a cup of tea at the paved area opposite the Annexe.

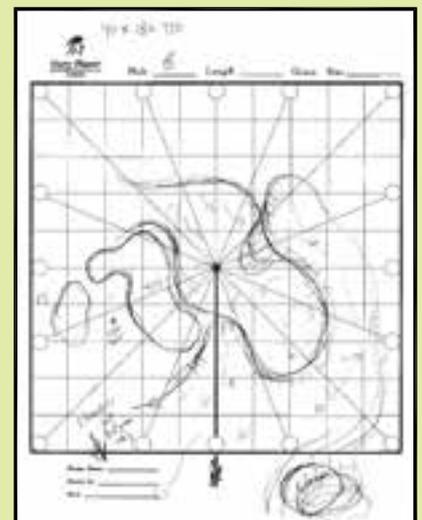
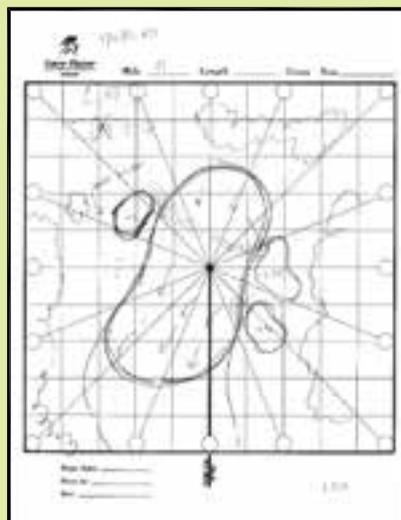
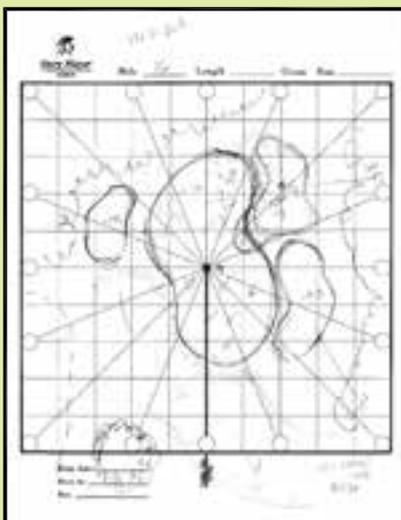
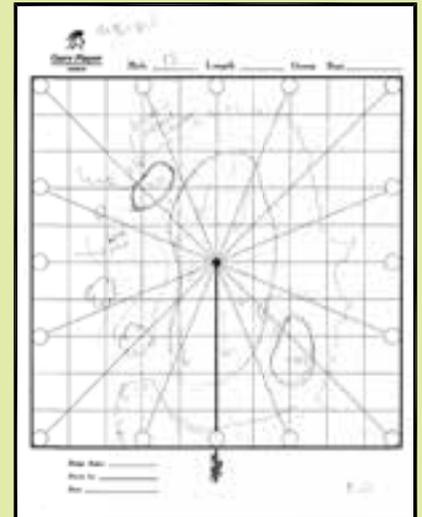
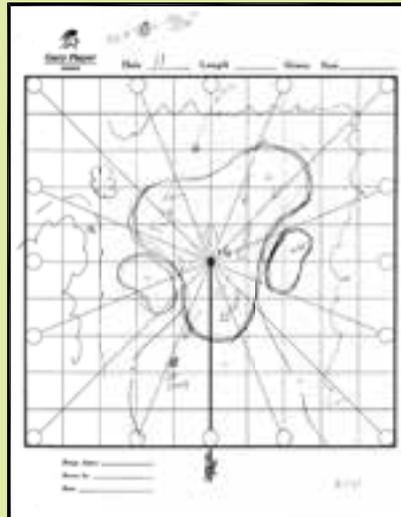
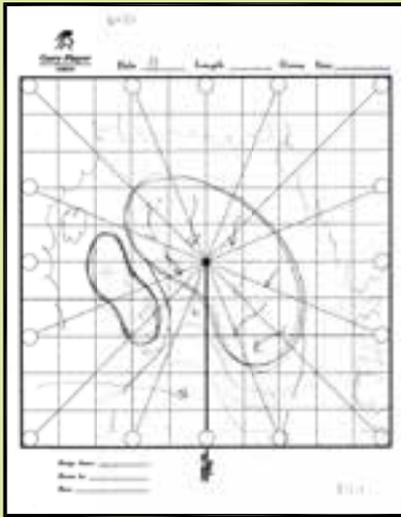
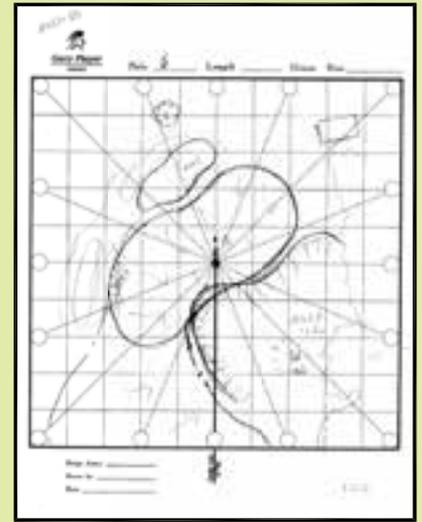
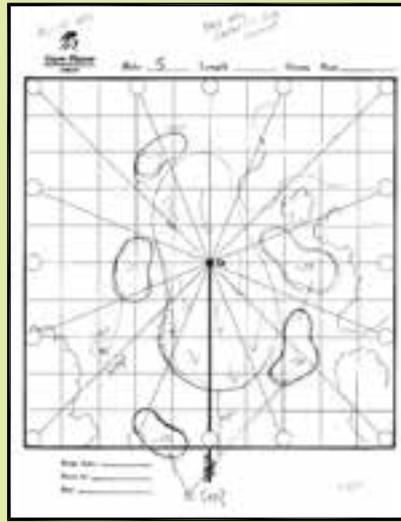
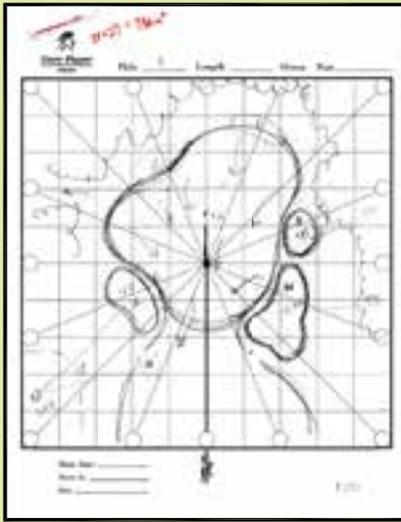
A golf fitness program is being launched soon. This will be for all members who may be interested. Dates for the Excellence program and JTP will be communicated shortly. The focus will be on getting you “golf fit”, strengthening golf muscles, flexibility and fixing the pain areas with ease.

I invite suggestions on any aspect of the Club functioning, administration and course. These will be reviewed and implemented, wherever possible.

I wish to congratulate the Green Scene for its 100th issue!! Kudos to Mr Ramesh Kohli who has always been involved and to the editorial team whose editorials, pictures, anecdotes and contributions have made this something we all look forward to. And a big thanks to Rolex!

ROHIT SABHERWAL
Captain





RECONSTRUCTION OF GREENS - BHOOMI PUJA



The President with the three priests



The first dig on the 13th Green



Bhoomi Puja

RECONSTRUCTION TEAM



Mr Stade Freeman Grant (Shaper)



Lt Col Nirupam Dhar (Project Manager)



Mr Theodore Geertshuis (Project Manager)

6TH CWT CHARITY MEMBERS GOLF

The 6th CWT Members Charity Golf event took place on 15th February. Over 350 players, dotted across both the Lodhi & Peacock courses, enjoyed a wonderful golfing day out. What made the day special for the CWT trustees was that several members handed in cheques to the Trust, endorsing the effort and complimenting them on their endeavour. The Delhi Golf Club has facilitated the CWT's activities in every way possible and, the caddies and their families have benefitted greatly from this.



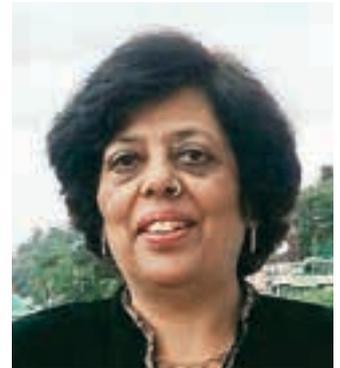
No one went home empty handed. The well-attended prize distribution saw the **CWT Overall Gross** winner on count back, Dr. Sanjeev Kalra and runner-up Rohan Malhotra proudly receive their trophies. The nett **Bharat Ram Prize** was also keenly contested, with Brig. Yogesh Kapoor winning and Chetan Singh a close second. The ever-popular Super Seniors (over 80 years) 9-hole event was won by Mr. Jaikrishan Lilaram. The members **Titliest Putting Competition**, over five holes, was won by Mr. Ravindra Singh Rawal who had three single putts, and runner-up Mr. Chaman Lal Jain, who had two!

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RESULTS:

CWT 'Category 'A' Stableford	Brig. Yogesh Kapoor	Winner
CWT 'Category 'A' Stableford	Chetan Singh	Runner-Up
CWT 'Category 'B' Stableford	Vikram Galhotra	Winner
CWT 'Category 'B' Stableford	Kapil Kaul	Runner-Up
CWT 9 Hole Peacock Event	Jaikrishan Lilaram	Winner (on c/back)
CWT 9 Hole Peacock Event	Air Marshal M.L. Sethi	Runner-Up

LOOKING AROUND...



The first issue of Green Scene came out in January 1989 and was received with enthusiasm. Interestingly, a letter to the Editor in the second issue expressed worry on the condition of the Greens. Today, thirty years later, as we bring out the 100th issue, we are again tackling the same concerns! Fortunately work has already started on the up gradation of the Course and in a couple of months it will be as good as new.



and Mr DS Majithia. One can often spot them in the Players' Lounge in the Annexe, soaking in the ambiance and catching up with other golfers. I am sure they have interesting anecdotes about their experiences on and off the Greens!



Talking of the old and the new, we took a look at the records to find the senior most members of the club. Golf really does keep you young! More than a dozen 'A' members are in their nineties. They include Mr ID Sawhney, Mr RC Nirula, Mr PL Jhunjunwala, Mr Man Mohan Bhagat, Mr GS Dhindsa, Air Com. N Chatrath



Among the longest serving employees is Keshav Kumar, a waiter in the Card Room who joined in 1982 and became permanent in 1984. He recalls the 'good old days' when they were treated like family by the members. Also of the same vintage are Jamil Hussain, who earlier worked at Moets, and Ramesh Kumar, the Office Peon.

Lalan Kumar Thakur, Deputy Manager Accounts and PN Ramesh, the South Indian Cook in the Annexe, came a year later in 1985. They have all seen the Club grow and new generations of members come in. Do take a few minutes off during your next visit to go down memory lane with them.

Green Scene has been through a few Editors and Editorial Boards in the last three decades. A big Thank You to all those who have seen it through the last 99 issues!

Cheers

Chuthra
CHANDNI LUTHRA
Editor

The New Year began with the **Genesta Salver Match play**. The closely contested match between our veterans saw Sonaal Chaudhri emerging as the Winner & Champika Sayal the Runner-up. In the Bronze Matchplay Mala Bawa & Divya Kohli were Winner and Runner-up respectively.

Sonaal Chaudhri / Mala Bawa and Divya Kohli continued on their winning spree with Sonaal winning the **Malika Trophy Eclectic Par Competition** & Mala & Divya Winner & Runner-up respectively in **Fukumoto Cup Eclectic Par Competition**.

Bacch Chopra Challenge, a Mixed Foursome Stableford was played on Friday 25th January 2019. The theme was Saffron, White & Green reflecting the Republic Day colors. It was heartening to see the men and women participants all dressed up with pride & patriotism.



Great golf was played by Neelam Sihota & her partner Ranjit Mehta, as well as Nutan Kataria partnered by Gen Shergill and Aashana Monga & her partner Amit Luthra.

On Spot prizes, giveaways, the Saffron, White and Green décor and finger licking food at the high tea after the tournament was appreciated by all.

With the Lodhi Course going in for the renovation, the Ladies Section completed its calendar and had a record number of tournaments in February, which had even the hard core lady golfers pleading for a breather.



The **17th DGC Ladies Invitational Inter-Club Golf Tournament 2019** saw a riot of colors, laughter & merriment. The smartly turned out host team of DGC stood out, in their red & white T-shirts. Teams from NGC, AEPTA, Qutab, DLF & Chandigarh Golf Club all participated.

The QGC Team of Amita Jalta / Malini Joshi & Gunjan Bijlani / Piya Ahluwalia took the honours. However, Sonaal Chaudhri / Ashana Monga & Champika Sayal / Neelam Sihota from DGC kept the DGC flag flying and were Runners-up.



Rama Khanna & Veenu Sandhu were the individual Runners up.

After the game the players enjoyed themselves at the pool side which was decorated with yellow and green Basant Panchami colors. The "oldie goldie" music in the back ground and a lavish spread of Delhi street food was dished out by our expert chefs. The participants went back full of appreciation for DGC's famed hospitality.



Phelps Cup Competition (Stableford) on Peacock Course which was held after a gap of several years was a fun way to revive family golfing ties. Teams comprised of blood relatives, with the youngsters and the seniors all participating with great gusto. Interesting prizes added to the atmosphere of festivity. The Tea hosted by Vikramjit Singh and Soni M. Singh was enjoyed by all.

The Winners - Banmala Singh & Rudratej had a dream round and finished with an amazing score of 46 points.



Chand Ujjal Singh Greensome Stableford saw whole hearted participation. The ladies enjoyed breakfast courtesy Mrs. Soni Manjit Singh.

Winning Partners – Veenu Sandhu & Neelam Sihota (35 pts)

Runner-up – Ritika Modi & Ishita Gupta (33 Pts)

The participants all had lunch together and fun prizes were handed out.

DGC MONTHLY JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT OF 2018-19 was held on Saturday 2nd March 2019.

Results:

Peacock Course – 18 Holes

Category “A” – 6 Players (Boys/Girls)

Winner: Rohan Galhotra 64
 Runner-up: Insha Siddique 74

Category “B” / “C” – 5 Players (Boys/Girls)

Winner: Shravan Kadyan 68
 Runner-up: Keya K. Badugu 81

Peacock Course – 9 Holes

Category “D” – 6 Players (Boys/Girls)

Winner: Ayush Baisoya 39
 Runner-up: Krishiv Jain 35



JUNIOR TRAINING PROGRAMME (2019 EDITION)

Sponsored by USHA

From 13th May 2019 to 21st June 2019 (AGE CRITERIA: 8 TO 17 YEARS)

CAMP	REGISTRATION FOR THE CAMP	COACH / DATES OF THE CAMP
CAMP 1	Saturday, 11th May 2019	Mr. Ajai Gupta - 13th- 22nd May 2019
CAMP 2	Tuesday, 21st May 2019	Mrs. Nonita Lall Qureshi - 23rd May - 1st June 2019
CAMP 3	Friday, 31st May 2019	Mr. Vikram Sethi - 2nd - 11th June 2019
CAMP 4	Monday, 10th June 2019	Mr. Jasjit Singh - 12th - 21st June 2019

TIMINGS : 7 am to 9 am • 9 am to 11 am • 5 pm to 7 pm

SALIENT FEATURES:

- Golf coaching by leading NGAI certified 'A' category coaches.
- Golf rules clinic with new changes effective 1st January 2019.
- Fitness training module by tpi certified trainer.
- Enhanced kit bag.

ADMISSIONS OPEN for Members

Entry Forms can be collected from Mr. Mohammad Zeeshan, Main Club Office during office hours.

JUNIOR GOLF LEAGUE

Further to our earlier mail, to promote golf amongst the younger generation, we are launching a JUNIOR GOLF LEAGUE (JGL) which will be an annual feature to be held on our Peacock Course. All matches of JGL will be held in MAY/JUNE (Friday afternoon /Saturday late morning). The first Edition of the Junior Golf League (JGL-2019) will have its finals played during the first Week of July 2019.

Necessary number of teams of JGL 2019 will be formed between 21st - 28th April 2019. During its inaugural season, all teams of JGL will play matches amongst each other involving different formats.

ELIGIBILITY: Dependents of our Club with a valid handicap.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

- Team outfits
- JGL Kit for participants
- Dedicated coaching for each team
- On site refreshments during matches
- Dedicated JGL scoreboard
- Prizes for teams & individual players

Kindly encourage your Dependents to play rounds and fill score cards on the Peacock Course, Valid Handicap will remain a must for Participation. Cut-off date to submit score cards is 20th April 2019. All Dependents who are interested should enter their names along with membership no/contact details in the register lying at Starters Hut at Tee No.1.

Once the total number of Dependents interested in participating in JGL are ascertained by the Club, total number of teams for the 1st Edition of JGL will be firmed up. The endeavor will always be to include as many Dependents to be a part of Junior Golf League (JGL).

DIKSHA DAGAR'S OUTSTANDING FEAT

We are all familiar with the name Diksha Dagar - she won the DGC Open in 2018. At 18, she became only the second Indian to win a title on the Ladies European Tour. The fearless hearing impaired teenager is aiming for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She was recently seen at our Club for a spot of practice.

SWIMMING POOL



The Swimming Pool is now operational. The following are the rules and regulations.

TIMINGS

Weekdays

7am to 12.00pm
4pm to 9.00pm

Weekends (Sat/Sun & Holidays)

7am to 12.00pm
3.00pm to 9.00pm

- All swimmers must take a shower before entering the Swimming Pool.
- Wearing of caps is mandatory for persons keeping long hair.
- Swimming Pool users must be attired in appropriate swim wear.
- Children below the age of eight years are not permitted to enter the Swimming Pool unless accompanied by parents.
- Children below the age of 4 years are to use Toddlers Pool only.
- Children are permitted to use the Pool including Toddler's Pool till 7.00 pm only.
- Club does not take any responsibility for any injury sustained in and around Swimming Pool.
- Diving into the pool is prohibited.
- No extraneous objects such as floats, toys or exercise gadgets are permitted in the Pool.
- Members are responsible for safe custody of their valuables.
- Food & Beverages are to be sourced from Club outlets only.

SWIMMING POOL CHARGES

CHARGES

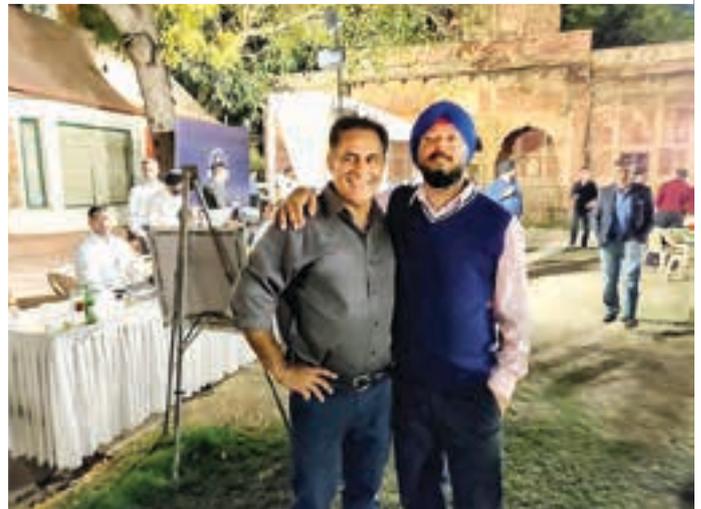
CHARGES	Details
Member (Apr - Oct)	RS. 1200/-
Family (Apr - Oct)	RS. 2200/-
Member (Daily) Weekdays	Rs. 100/-
Sat/Sun/ Holidays	Rs. 200/-
Daily Guest Charges - Weekdays	Rs. 200/-
Sat/Sun/ Holidays	Rs. 350/-
Non Swimming Guest - Weekdays	Rs. 200/-
Sat/Sun/ Holidays	Rs. 250/-
First towel	free of cost
Additional towel	RS. 10/-

NOTE :

- Maximum two guests are permitted in the Swimming Pool area.
- **No guests are permitted in April, May & June.**
- A maximum of 20 swimmers will be allowed in the Pool at one time.
- Applicable taxes extra.
- The Swimming Pool charges are subject to change from time to time.

SATURDAY CLUB NITES

The DGC has started 'Club Nites' for members and senior dependent members on every fourth Saturday of the month. There is music and dancing in the front lawns. Food and beverage is at a discounted rate. The first two such events in February and March were a grand success. The first night hosted 550 members and guests and the one in March had over 1000 including 250 guests.



PUB GRAND RE-OPENING

Wednesday 3rd April witnessed the grand re-opening of the Pub. It was full house, as usual; members enjoyed the live music and delicious snacks that were on offer. The old arrangement came to a close on 1st April. The Pub will henceforth be catered in-house.



The Club has a rich history. The Green Scene too has a history of its own; the first issue was brought out in 1989 and was edited by Achal Nath. I was then a part of his team which included some eminent members like Harji Malik, Kavi Singh, Nonita Lall, Surendr Lall, K.K Modwel, Ranjit Nanda and M.M. Singh.

Sponsors were difficult to come by in those days but this did not in any way prevent the dedicated team from bringing out regularly, the newsletters with quality content. However, the financial constraint reflected in the newsletter being a monotone one.

When Achal relinquished his editorial responsibilities, the baton was passed on to me. It was 1993.

Soon after taking over, I ran into the same problem as my predecessor; that of procuring advertisements to meet the cost. An industrialist friend was approached to help out in return for a back cover ad. It involved a meagre sum by the standard of his vast industrial empire. This was his response: "I am afraid we will hardly get any mileage from advertising in the Club newsletter but I can suggest ways to raise the money." I was aghast and the "No thank you", that followed spontaneously, was

curt. Upset at my failure to procure the ad, I wrote a letter to the Captain, the contents of which were somewhat like this: "You can hardly expect the Editor to go around with a begging bowl. I suggest you charge members a nominal sum of Rs. 5/- to Rs. 6/- to defray the cost". The letter had the desired effect; instead of burdening the members, the Captain

used his personal influence, got an ad and we were on our way.

Gradually, as interest in the newsletter grew, we ventured into a colourful and contemporary format; a new masthead, four colours, photographs, et al. The innovation helped; sponsors started to show interest and we reached a stage when the Green Scene not only paid for itself but became a profit centre. In advertising parlance, the Green Scene had become a marketable brand.

Global brand Rolex, who are known the world over for their patronage of sports, are our sponsors.

I finally bid adieu in November 2011.

Soni M Singh and her dedicated team of Gaby Juneja and Anita Vasudeva brought out a "new look" Green Scene in April 2012. The new visually rich format was much appreciated by members. Each subsequent issue had a distinct flavour. Soni and her team moved on in April 2018 and Chandni Luthra has handled the onerous responsibility since then.

Ramesh R. Kohli

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BALL HITS THE PLAYER OR EQUIPMENT

Previously, a penalty stroke was incurred if the player hit himself or his own equipment.

Now, this is without penalty provided it happened accidentally. You are therefore not allowed to use your equipment or your foot as a ball stopper.

REPAIRING DAMAGE ON THE GREEN

Previously, repairing the line of putt was not allowed, apart from a few exceptions such as pitch marks and old hole plugs. Now, you are permitted to repair nearly all damage on the green, including spike marks.

But this is not free licence to smooth out the entire line of putt, as natural imperfections are part of the game.

NO HELP FROM THE CADDIE TO LINE UP THE SHOT

Previously, the player was allowed to get help from his caddie, for example to line up the putt.

Now, the caddie is no longer permitted to stand behind the player and help him to line up.

This rule change mainly affects professionals and is of little interest to the average club golfer.

PENALTY AREAS

Previously, water hazards could only be marked as such if they actually contained water.

Now, water hazards are called penalty areas and no longer have to contain water.

This means that golf clubs are free to mark other parts of the course as penalty areas to enable sideways drops and thus speed up the game.

LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS

Previously, touching leaves, twigs, stones, branches and other loose impediments in bunkers and water hazards was not allowed.

Now, you can remove them anywhere without penalty, including in bunkers and penalty areas (new name for water hazards).

Please bear in mind that the ball is still not allowed to move when removing loose impediments.

BALL MOVED DURING A SEARCH

Previously, the player usually incurred a penalty stroke if he moved his ball during a search.

Now, a mishap such as this is without penalty.

You can therefore use your feet and your clubs when searching in thick grass without any consequences. The ball must be put back.

EMBEDDED BALL

Previously, the player only got relief if the ball had become embedded in a closely-mown area.

Now, you can take a free drop from all embedded balls in the "general area", including in the semi-rough and rough.

Balls embedded in a bunker or in penalty areas still have to be played as they lie.

DROPPING OPTIONS WITH PENALTY AREAS

Previously, with lateral water hazards, it was possible to drop on the opposite side of where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard.

Now, it is called a red penalty area and it is no longer possible to drop on the opposite side.

This option was hardly ever used and it only led to confusion.

UNPLAYABLE BALL IN THE BUNKER

Previously, the player had three dropping options – each incurring one penalty stroke – if he declared his ball in a bunker unplayable.

Now, a fourth option is available. You can also drop the ball directly behind the bunker. However, this option costs two penalty strokes instead of just one.

You can use this to avoid playing a bunker shot at all but in most cases it will not be worth it.

WRONG GREEN

If the ball lands on the wrong green, playing it from there is not allowed, as this would most likely damage the green. However, if the ball only lands near the wrong green the player was previously permitted to stand on the wrong green to play his ball.

Now, you also have to take a free drop if you would have to take your stance on the wrong green.

The spot for dropping is therefore now usually a bit further away from the green.

CLUB-LENGTH

Previously, the player could use any of his clubs to measure out a club-length.

Now, a club-length is defined as the longest club in your bag, except for the putter.

Using extra-long, "broom handle" putters for measuring is thus no longer allowed.

NO POSITIONING OF THE CLUB TO HELP LINE UP THE SHOT

Previously, laying the putter down on the green to line up your shot was permitted.

Now, you are no longer allowed to position your club to help you line up your stance.

The same applies to other objects that could help you to line up.

ANIMAL HOLES

Previously, the player was only given relief from animal holes if they were made by burrowing animals and reptiles, or birds.

Now, the restriction to certain species of animals has been lifted and you can take a free drop from holes and tracks left by all animals (except for insects and worms).

This usually involves molehills and mouse holes.



BALL ON THE GREEN MOVED ACCIDENTALLY BY THE PLAYER

Previously, accidentally moving the ball on the green was only without penalty with certain exceptions.

Now, a mishap such as this is without penalty in all cases.

If, for example, your club slips out of your hand or you make a practice swing too close to the ball and your ball moves as a result – just put the ball back without penalty.

IDENTIFYING THE BALL

Previously, if you wanted to pick up your ball to identify it, you had to inform a fellow-player in

advance and give him the opportunity to observe the process.

Now, you no longer have to inform a fellowplayer.

If circumstances allow, it is still advisable to inform your fellow-players before you pick up your ball as a matter of courtesy and in order to avoid misunderstandings.

BALL MOVES ON THE GREEN AFTER BEING MARKED AND PUT BACK

Previously, the ball had to be played from the new spot if it moved either by itself or due to the wind after being marked and put back.

Now, you have to put the ball back. Most players already used to put the ball back

out of reflex – even though this was incorrect. The new rule is thus in line with natural instinct.

HITTING THE FLAGSTICK

Previously, the flag had to be tended or removed as the ball was not allowed to hit it when putt.

Now, hitting the flagstick is without penalty, which means you can always leave the flag in the hole.

Statistically speaking, it is better to always leave the flag in the hole as the flagstick helps to hole out.

DOUBLE HIT

Previously, a penalty stroke was incurred if the club got stuck when a stroke was played and, as a result, the ball was hit more than once.

Now, a mishap such as this is without penalty.

A double hit therefore just counts as one stroke.

TOUCHING THE GROUND AND WATER IN PENALTY AREAS

If you decide to play a ball from a water hazard as it lies, you were previously not allowed to

touch the ground or the water before your stroke.

Now, you are allowed to ground the club in or out of the water when you play the ball out of a penalty area.

Experience has shown that it usually doesn't make sense to try and hit a ball out of the water if it is completely covered by water.

SEARCH TIME

Previously, five minutes were available for finding a lost ball. Now, the maximum search time is only three minutes.

Most balls were previously found within three minutes and searching during the last two minutes was often unsuccessful – it is therefore not expected that this rule change will have a negative impact on scores.

DROPPING

Previously, the ball had to be dropped from shoulder height.

Now, you have to drop from knee height.

If you drop from shoulder height out of habit don't worry, just pick the ball up and drop it again correctly, without penalty.

BALL WEDGED ON THE FLAGSTICK

Previously, the flag had to be removed in this case to let the ball fall into the hole.

Now, the ball is classed as having been holed if part of the ball is below the lip.

A ball wedged on the flagstick is therefore virtually always classed as holed.

PROVISIONAL BALL

Previously, a provisional ball could only be played before the player walked down the fairway to look for his first ball (however, going forward as far as 50 yards (45 meters) was allowed).

Now, you can also play a provisional ball after you have already looked for your original ball for a while.

Now that the search time has been reduced to three minutes, it will be virtually impossible to play a provisional ball after you have already searched for a while. Because, after the three minutes have expired, it is no longer a provisional ball but it automatically becomes the new ball in play.

TOUCHING THE SAND IN THE BUNKER

Previously, touching the sand in the bunker before the stroke was not permitted, except for very few exceptions.

Now, touching the sand incidentally is basically allowed, i.e. you are permitted to lean on your club. However, you are still not allowed to test the condition of the sand before the stroke is played, improve the line of play, ground the club in front of or behind the ball or touch the sand during practice swings.

You therefore now do not have to be extra careful in bunkers, especially if you are not very close to the ball.



SUMMER MORNINGS AT THE DGC POOL

When my husband became an avid golfer, I found him getting up at the crack of dawn to rush off enthusiastically to the Greens practically every day! I on the other hand enjoy swimming and decided to accompany my husband and spend my time swimming at the pool. I was a bit daunted at the thought that the pool would have young beautiful damsels in perfect figures in their bikinis!

On my first day I arrived at 6 am and walked around the club and enjoyed hearing the morning bird calls and seeing the peacocks, squirrels, pigeons with a smattering of bright green parrots congregating around the bajra strewn thoughtfully for them! I caught sight of a deer that quickly dashed into the forest hedge. There were beautiful yellow butterflies flitting around and they matched the bright yellow and white golf balls on the green in the practice area! The dewy grass shimmered in the first rays of light! It was magical and mystical!

Sharp at 7 am I went into the changing rooms. The lady help was very kind and assisted me on my first day. I was really happy to find the pool empty and looking pristine and inviting! The changing rooms were a delight and beautifully clean and well maintained. The ancient monument by the side of the pool lent it a special air! Where does one get an opportunity to be with peacocks and ancient Mughal monuments while swimming?

I appreciated the thoughtfully made stairs on the side which were built in to make it safe for seniors to enter the pool.

With a splash in the cool water every pore suddenly comes alive! I felt I was in my little private heaven in the blue shimmering waters. I swam a few lengths with a peacock perched on the roof of the monument watching from a distance! I looked on enviously, as an agile and excellent swimmer, who though she was a grandmother, dived in and swam like an athlete!

Then the pool started filling up. Many enthusiastic seniors are regular swimmers. They credit the pool

as a reason for their good health! My worries about being surrounded by only slim and beautiful damsels evaporated! Then a lady, who was obviously finding it difficult to walk, enter the pool and started her swim by chanting 'OM'! She then proceeded to recite several sacred mantras! Wow! This was most unexpected! She made her way slowly around the pool and told me how much she treasured her time there every morning.

Gradually over the season I made numerous friends and enjoyed exchanging news and tidbits with them! I realized what a blessing the pool is specially for those with arthritis and mobility problems! Even if they cannot swim, many enjoy the pool because it is so easy to walk in the water. The pool is shallow and not so deep even at the deep end. It is just about 5 ft. so it is very safe for kids and seniors alike! Many remark that they are alive just because of their swims at the DGC!

The waiters and staff are attentive and I have discovered a lovely way to spend the summer mornings! My only wish is that somehow it can be heated so we can swim through winter too.

Mohini Narain

HAPPY HOLI!



I am sharing some of my happiest moments on the Delhi Golf Course. The day was very happy for me because it was the birthday of my daughter Manali and Holi (21st March, 2019). I was playing Golf on the 4th hole.

I noticed a नील गाय standing in the woods and staring at me, I waived Happy Holi. To my great surprise and delight, she responded to my greetings by flapping her ears and wishing me Happy Holi. Hardly had I walked few steps ahead that she came out of the woods and crossed the course with the other 6 नील गाय (total 7). This was equally delightful.

So Delhi Golf Club is one of the best places where you enjoy unimaginable joy.

Murlidhar Bhandare

DREAM PRAGMATICALLY

Dream, but dream pragmatically
Knowing you can't touch the stars,
You're grounded, as you have no wings
Like the pleasure of golf's not just in the pars.

There's an ambience you miss
If the 'Green's' just the focus,
The trees, the birds and the sun above
Are all magic, not hocus-pocus.

You can dream you can
And then, the Everest climb
See birdies, eagles and kites galore
But, bear in mind and always do
There's more to mountains and Golf too.

Dream you must or else you'll rust
The iron within you will vanish,
With your eyes open or dreamily shut
Never the Reality, banish.

You're neither Tenzing nor Tiger Woods
So, keep the "tiger" within you in check,
Remember the world's neither forest nor Course
But dream, you must, what the heck!!!

Ashok Sawhny**A RARE FEAT**

Mr. Vinod Misra
(M-284)



Mr. Naresh Dayal
(D-262)

For the second time in less than a year, there were two Holes-in-One on the same hole. On 23rd March, Mr. Vinod Misra and Mr. Naresh Dayal had Holes-in-One on the 5th hole of the Lodhi Course.

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OBITUARY

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



Mr Satish Saxena
(S-401)



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(D-051)



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LODHI COURSE

RAJAN NARAIN 17th Hole	(SL-446) 12.12.18	
AJAI SINGH SIROHI 17th Hole	(S-846) 14.12.18	
HARGOBINDER SINGH DHALIW (D-303) 17th Hole	(D-303) 09.09.18	
RAJESH MEHTA 17th Hole	(M-466) 23.12.18	
KULDIP SINGH MADAN 12th Hole	(M-388) 27.12.18	
AYESHA KAPUR 7th Hole	(SD-793) 02.01.19	
AMARJIT SINGH 12th Hole	(CPB-162) 03.01.19	
RAVINDRA GUPTA 5th Hole	(G-227) 03.01.19	
SUNIL AMAR 17th Hole	(A-129) 08.01.19	
V S BEDI 5th Hole	(B-061) 09.01.19	
ANIL RAI GUPTA - HAVELLS (CPA-161) 17th Hole	(CPA-161) 12.01.19	
RAKESH BHALLA 17th Hole	(B-487) 15.01.19	
RAMINDER SINGH SIDHU 7th Hole	(S-985) 17.01.19	
ASHOK SWARUP 7th Hole	(S-1010) 18.01.19	
MAJ JAGAT JIT SINGH 5th Hole	(S-394) 30.09.18	
ARJUN SAWHNY 5th Hole	(CPA-168) 26.12.18	
ROHIT MEHRA 17th Hole	(M-570) 27.01.19	
NAVEEN KOHLI 17th Hole	(K-155) 27.01.19	
RIKI SINGH 17th Hole	(S-930) 22.02.19	

PEACOCK COURSE

VIKRAM MADHOK 3rd Hole	(SD-099) 05.11.18	
RAJIV GUPTA 3rd Hole	(CPA-193) 16.12.18	
KAMALJIT CHAUDHRI 1st Hole	(C-134) 20.12.18	
GUNJAN MUBAYI 1st Hole	(M-160) 29.12.18	
KRISHNA DHRUV VERMA 5th Hole	(SD-1372) 30.12.18	
VIKRAM SETHI 7th Hole	(S-570) 01.12.18	
JAIDEV SUNEJA 5th Hole	(S-661D) 08.01.19	
ROHAN GALHOTRA 3rd Hole	(ST-0898) 11.01.19	
DEEPAK CHOPRA 1st Hole	(C-222) 17.01.19	
REYHANJIT SINGH 1st Hole	(S-889D) 19.01.19	
PARMESHWAR N. KHANNA 5th Hole	(K-242) 11.01.19	
JAYANT KUMAR 6th Hole	(SD-0981) 26.01.19	
ARTI BHARDWAJ 5th Hole	(SD-1229) 03.02.19	
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RITU LUMBA 7th Hole	(S-250) 16.02.19	
SAMEER BHALLA 6th Hole	(B-459) 17.02.19	

HEALTH RUMOURS

ABOUT CANCER –



busted or confirmed

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Does promiscuity cause cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer is the cancer of the cervix which is the lower part of the uterus that opens into the vagina. Primarily, it is caused by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) association – the oncogenic strains in over 95% cases of cervical cancer.

The association between sexual activity and the occurrence of cervical cancer was established in the last century. Although, HPV is considered a necessary but not sufficient cause of cervical cancer. Most of the women develop an immune mechanism to clear out the viral load by developing antibodies. In a fraction of those affected, HPV incorporates within the genome and causes mutagenic transformation of the affected cells. So, promiscuity doesn't per se cause cervical cancer, but promotes HPV infection which has a direct association with cervical cancer.

Does obesity cause cancer?

Obesity has been associated with induction of a chronic inflammatory state in the body which can cause cancer by direct and indirect mechanisms. Various cancers that have been seen at an increased incidence like breast, endometrial, esophageal, gall bladder, bowel, pancreatic, liver, kidney etc. the exact reasons are obscure.

Only women get breast cancer?

Although rare, men also get breast cancer. The breast tissue in men is smaller than that in women, but the nature of the tissue in an adult male breast is like that of a breast of a girl before puberty. The reason for contention in male breast cancer is that they are diagnosed at a later stage compared to women due to a low index of suspicion. Also, because of the amount of

tissue is less it makes it difficult to detect these cancers early and they also spread more quickly to the surrounding tissues.

Following are the risk factors for male breast cancer

- Breast cancer in a close female relative
- History of radiation exposure of the chest
- Enlargement of breasts (called gynecomastia) from drug or hormone treatments, or even some infections and poisons
- A rare genetic condition called Klinefelter's syndrome
- Severe liver disease, called cirrhosis
- Diseases of the testicles such as mumps orchitis, a testicular injury, or an undescended testicle

Do cellphone cause cancer?

Cell phones emit a form of energy known as

radiofrequency (RF) waves, so the American Cancer Society has raised some safety concerns for its use. Although, these rays are the non-ionizing types and are not known to cause any direct damage. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified RF fields as "possibly carcinogenic to humans" based on limited evidence of a possible increase in risk for brain tumours among cellphone users, and inadequate evidence for other types of cancer.

Breast cancer in young women

After all, under 7% of all breast cancer cases happen in women under 40. Delays in diagnosing breast cancer can cause problems. Many younger women ignore the warning signs -- such as a breast lump or unusual nipple discharge- because they believe they're too young to get breast cancer. They may assume a lump is a harmless cyst or other growth. Some doctors may also dismiss breast lumps in young women as cysts. In young women, breast cancer tends to be diagnosed in its later stages and be more aggressive. Young women also have a higher mortality rate and higher risk of metastatic recurrence (return of breast cancer in areas beyond the breast).



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