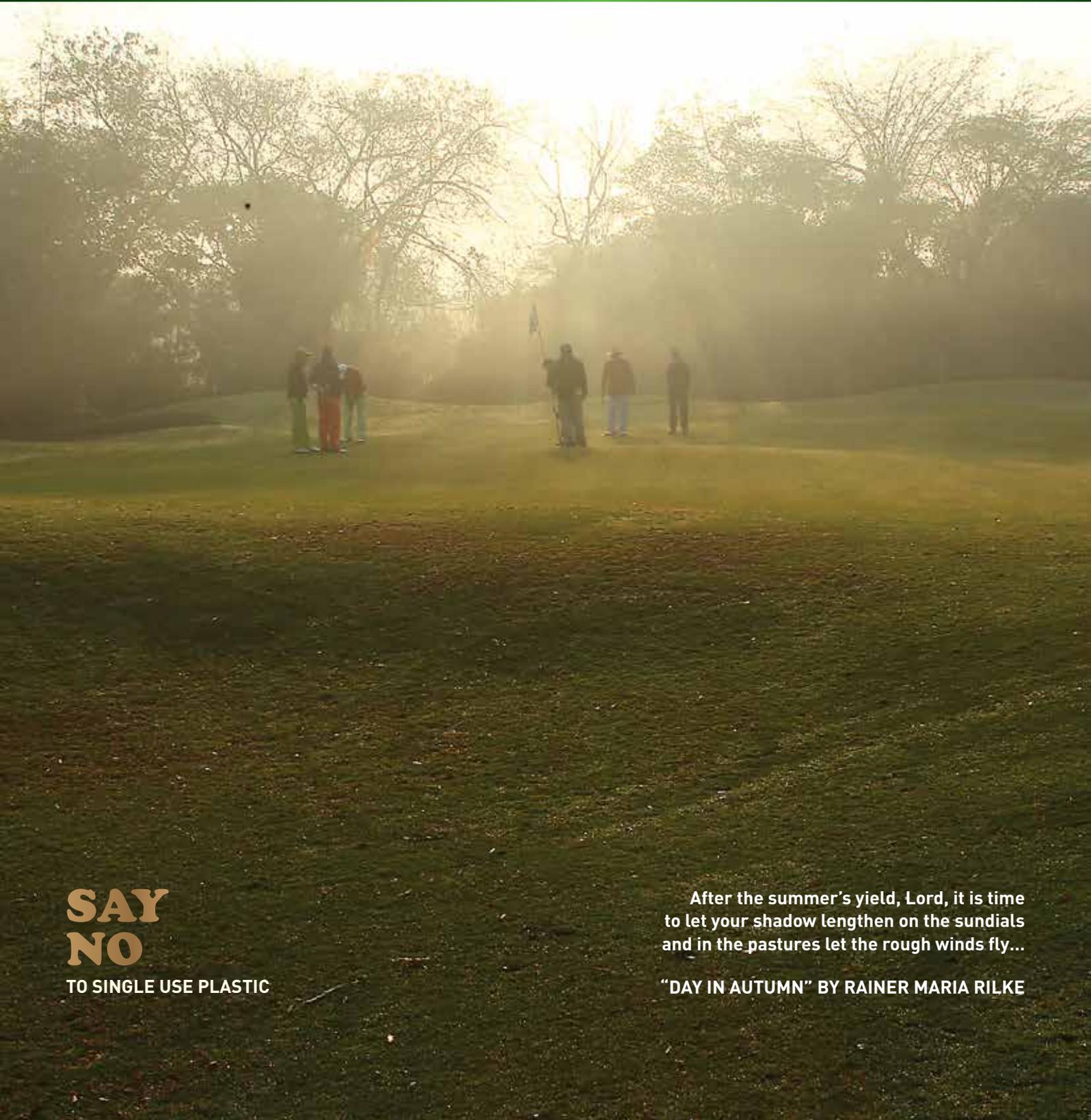




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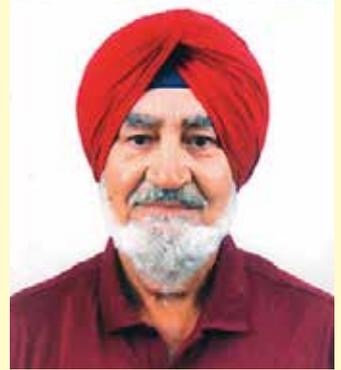
TO SINGLE USE PLASTIC

After the summer's yield, Lord, it is time
to let your shadow lengthen on the sundials
and in the pastures let the rough winds fly...

"DAY IN AUTUMN" BY RAINER MARIA RILKE

Dear Members,

The last few months have been quite eventful. The much awaited monsoon arrived, though late, and there was a marked sense of relief-especially considering the critical phase of our reconstruction of the Lodhi Course Greens complexes project. We had 3 particularly heavy showers which, while doing the Course a lot of good, also brought out certain deficiencies in the drainage of our fairways, enabling us to take immediate corrective measures. The reconstruction of the Greens complexes is going to be over with the last Green (Green No. 2) having been grassed on 30 August 2019. We are now left with just the No. 1 Practice Putting Green which would also be completed before September end. There has been a slippage of about 40 days in the completion due to circumstances beyond our control. However, that has no serious implications on the decision to complete the whole project within this season.



We had a well-attended Open House on 18 July 2019, primarily to discuss the Club's financial status. A very healthy and impassioned discussion followed, basically on how to address the huge financial liability forced on us by the revision of the ground rent and licence fee by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. As can be expected, members' views on the methodology of paying these arrears (Rs.9.6 Crores) as also catering for the recurring expenses on that account (Rs.1.2 Crores) varied considerably. The sense of the House, however, appeared to veer around the club footing the bill (arrears) from its own resources rather than recover it from the members. Meeting of the recurring cost, however, was a different matter and Club should seriously look at generating more revenue. Consequently, the General Committee decided to pay the arrears from its resources. Deliberations also took place on raising revenue and addressing the increasing losses in F&B. The whole issue is under serious review. But it cannot be business as usual.

The Environment Sub Committee has been very active. Discussions have been held with Garbage Free India with a view to sensitize our members, staff and caddies on critical environmental issues. An important aspect being worked out with them is the better disposal of our dry and wet waste- including establishing a Composting Unit the product of which can be used on our fairways extensively and the surplus put up for sale to members. We are calling this a Green on Green Initiative. Garbage Free India also conducted a very productive session with Caddies on Monday, 26 August 2019. Well over a hundred caddies attended. Plastic glasses have now been banned from DGC. All caddies have been issued stainless steel glasses from the Caddies Welfare Trust for their use in the Club for drinking tea/water.

The Reforestation drive has caught the imagination of our members and many have expressed a desire to be part of it. The involvement of members in the program will go a long way to ensure its success. Preparations are underway to start Phase-I of this program.

Members have been contacting me for adding more facilities, such as a library, a proper facility for children, a better gym etc. My pet response "happy to oblige, find me the place/space". More on this another time.

Happy Golfing!!

With warm regards,

BILLY BEDI
President



Dear Members,

It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that the Lodhi Course Greens Complexes upgradation project which started at ground breaking on 4th March 2019 at the 13th Green has finally culminated in the sprigging of the remaining Green of the Lodhi Course. This was the Green of the 2nd hole which was sprigged on Sunday, 01 September 2019. It has been the concerted and sincere effort by all concerned led by Theo Geertshuis (Project Manager), the entire project team, our DGC Greens staff, all contractors and vendors and the Core Committee for the Reconstruction of the Lodhi Course Greens Complexes. Efforts started in January 2019 and it seems like we have surprised a large section of the industry by completing the work as it stands today.

We expect to open the back 9 with temporary Greens exception of the 17th, around mid-September 2019.

As a part of this exercise, we also did some work on fairways that needed better drainage, contouring of bunkers, work on the 2nd, 6th & 7th fairways is in progress and is also likely to be completed in the next 20 days. Irrigation on all 18 fairways has been augmented and converted to an Integrated Circuit (IC) system to allow better irrigation, water and power management.

I am grateful to all members for their patience and encouragement while this project was on. Based on professional advice, we have considered opening of the Lodhi Course around early November 2019.

The look and feel of the Course and playability has changed and I sincerely hope that all members will enjoy the experience.

It has been noticed that large number of members have been taking their golf carts close to the Greens despite

several communications where they had been cautioned that golf carts must be left on the cart paths. We cannot maintain the Greens surrounds, if these are used for parking of carts and this is detrimental for the turf on that area. It is my appeal to all members to desist themselves from these practices. The Course Management Staff and Secretariat will issue warning letters to all members who are found infringing the rules.

I welcome suggestions from all members and am available to meet on any day.

These are the landmark photographs of March 4th 2019 and September 01st 2019.



ROHIT SABHERWAL
Captain

LOOKING AROUND...



The DGC is a world in itself. Like any nation, it has its own 'Senate' of 'A' members who elect a 'Syndicate' or GC with a President, Captain and 12 members. They spend a whole year endeavouring to take the club to greater heights and add to its activities and facilities. Unlike many politicians who run countries, these members look for no personal gains except to earn a good name and make their second home more 'user friendly'.

Then, come September, a new group is elected to carry on the good work. This year, the outgoing GC is leaving behind a legacy that prioritised the environment and repair and maintenance. The Greens are being refurbished and a Heritage Group has been formed to help preserve the club's monuments and nurture the flora and fauna. We look forward to many members volunteering their services on this group.

Talking of maintenance and ambience, I had an introductory chat with the new Chief Executive and Secretary of the club, Cdr(Retd) Anil K Rattan. He



lists "looking for revenue generation alternatives" and improving the 'customer experience' through attention to quality of services as his primary task. He is looking at housekeeping issues, painting and polishing, illuminations, background music and

a cuisine that will make you want to "bring your best guest here". He would like to see the DGC recognised as "the very best in the NCR" and to get its rightful place on the golf circuit. He hopes to be able to reach out to every member and understand his requirements.

I wish the new Secretary and the General Committee that comes in after the elections on September 28, a glorious innings.

Do write in with your suggestions to nurture the environment and better the ambience of our club.

CHANDNI LUTHRA

Editor

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31st March 2019 will be held in the lawns of the Club on Saturday 28th September 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Elections for the President, Captain and the General Committee for the year 2019-2020 will take place on the same day.

With the Lodhi Course closed and despite the heat & the humidity, there was no lull in the Ladies Section activities.



Rules Clinics were held throughout the month of July for all club members by our own highly qualified International Referee Shalini Malik. Shalini was joined by Neha Majithia for the 3rd session. The wonderful AV presentation prepared by Shalini, clarified many doubts & helped all the golfers who attended, get a clear understanding of how the game should be played fairly with the correct rules.

Shalini & Neha's efforts to make it an easily understood & clear presentation was appreciated by all present.

On the occasion of **Independence Day**, the ladies got together on 14th August, for a Pot Luck Tea. They took the opportunity to demonstrate their culinary skills & share them with their golfing buddies. The ladies dressed appropriately in Saffron, White & Green and the décor with Saffron Marigolds, White Mogra flowers & Green Banana Leaves on each table, added to making the occasion a colorful one, with a celebratory mood.

A Tiranga Tambola & an Independence Day quiz had the ladies engaged throughout the evening. Delicious food which was brought in by the ladies was enjoyed & appreciated by all the ladies.



A round of golf & a fun competition was planned at the Air Force Golf Course, for lady golfers. Despite the weather the ladies had a wonderful time bonding over lunch after their round of golf. Much hilarity saw the Party Room at the Air Force club come alive with laughter, fun bonhomie.



Raghav Chugh 'Student Member' of the Club for the past several years and groomed in the 'Junior Training Programme' brings fresh Laurels not only to our Club but to the Nation also. He is the 1st Indian to win the U.S. Kids World Teen Championship (15-18 years) at Pinehurst U.S.A

Raghav, 16 years old top ranked junior golfer in the Indian circuit steam rolled the strong world-wide field to post convincing win in the U.S Kids World Teen Championship. He played rounds of 68, 73 and 75 to have a level par score over 3 days beating his nearest rival by 5 shots.

Raghav who has honed his game at the DGC from a very young age tells us that conditions at the iconic Pinehurst are totally different from the conditions on Indian courses. The wind, bunkers and greens that slope away on all sides as well as the waste area that catch hold of errant shots makes it a very tough challenge. He rates this win as his most satisfying one till date. Raghav says "I am extremely grateful to Delhi Golf Club for their full support and encouragement without which I would have never been a successful golfer"

ASARA SAWHNEY EXCELS

Another product of our unique camp of excellence programme is Asara, who participated in the USKids Golf European and USKids Golf World Championship in Scotland & Pinehurst respectively in which she was placed 3rd in the former and 8th in the latter.

She has been recognised for being "one of the world best young players"



GOLF ETIQUETTE: GUIDE FROM TEE TO GREEN

Golf Etiquette is an essential part of the game. To make the game of golf safer and more enjoyable, here are some basic rules of golf etiquette for golfers.

- Keep carts wholly within the cart path, especially at Greens and tees. Do not drive carts onto the Tee.
- Repair your ball mark plus one other, on Greens.
- Replace divots, place neatly, plus one other. Add sand if required, plus one other.
- Tee up between the markers.
- Do not move the markers.
- Do not direct the ground staff where to place the markers.
- Play one ball only.
- Beware, during dry hot conditions of the potential fire hazard when discarding cigarette butts.
- Rake bunker when completed. Place rake outside bunker when finished.
- Do not drop flag stick onto Green, place carefully.
- Warn ground staff when hitting up.
- Do not take divot when practicing your swing, especially on the tee.
- Do not take hand trollies between Green and bunker - Direct caddy to go around the bunker.
- Beware of golf shoe spike marks on the Green.

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

A FUN TOURNAMENT FOR JUNIORS



Just as the new academic year began, junior golfers from North India had the opportunity to play a fun match on the Peacock Course of the Delhi Golf Club.

The 5th Maharaj Krishan North Zone Juniors Golf Tournament, for girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 18, was organised on July 12, 2019 by the Asian

Education Society. Over 60 students participated in the day long event. Some were budding champions and some six-year olds were getting a chance to play on the course for the first time. The spirit of comraderie and sportsmanship created a relaxed ambiance as ' young champions' munched their snacks and played a round on the prestigios course.

The Club President, Billy Bedi, inaugurated the tournament. Prizes for winners, runners up, longest drive and nearest to the pin were given away by Deepak Sharma and Ajay Varma, representatives of the major sponsor, Indian Oil, and Raushan Khanna, a keen golfer and great grandson of Maharaj Krishan. Other sponsors included , the Power Finance Corporation, The Delhi Golf Society and the golfing equipment brand,Taylor Made.

The prize winners included Chaitanya Pandey, Trish Kalkal, Keya K Badugu, Sifat Sayal, Hiransh Singh, Arjun Malhotra, Muskan Bhardwaj and Eshaan Sethi.



HERITAGE GROUP ON THE GO

The Heritage Group being co-ordinated by Maj. DN Dass is working with great enthusiasm to restore and preserve the heritage monuments, flora and fauna of the club. They have identified the monuments in the area, researched their history and are cataloguing the information for the members. They have also planned an annual Calendar for the DGC.

The group welcomes volunteers who would like to be a part of this movement. This is just the beginning. There is so much more to be done. They should contact Maj Dass through the email: tigertravelservices@gmail.com and call on 9818434225.

The club Environment Committee is actively involved with a tree plantation drive.

Approximately 500 trees are being planted in the first phase at six locations. Members are coming forward in large numbers to donate Rs.500 per tree as a token of their participation. The plants have been carefully selected to compliment the existing environment and lead to an increase in the population of birds and butterflies. It is proposed to put name plates on the trees for easy identification. The species identified compliment the existing nature of our beautiful forest.

HERO WOMEN'S INDIAN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP (OCT 6-9)

The leading nine players on the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour's dynamic Order of Merit have all secured their spot in the flagship event, the US\$ 500,000 Hero Women's Indian Open (HWIO) to be held from Oct 6-9 at the DLF Golf and Country Club, Gurugram. With 13 events of the season completed on the domestic Tour, Gaurika Bishnoi, who had a Top-15 finish at the HWIO in 2018, is leading the Order of Merit and is followed by the seasoned Neha Tripathi.

Ridhima Dilawari, Diksha Dagar and amateurs Seher Atwal and Nishtha Madan from our Club will also be participating in this prestigious event.

The HWIO celebrates its 10th anniversary on the Ladies European Tour and is now in its 13th staging.

OPENING OF LODHI COURSE (BACK NINE)

Lodhi Course back nine was opened with temporary Greens from Tuesday, 17th Sep 2019. The reimbursement of Green Fees for alternate arrangement for playing on other courses will hence stop wef 16 Sep 19.

To ensure better up keep/ permit proper grow-in of the fairways & the new Green surround areas, Members are requested to follow the below guidelines -

- Carts must be kept strictly on the cart path only.
- Avoid entering or walking on freshly/ newly grassed areas on fairway, Greens & Green surrounds.
- Drop zones have been provided on the fairways next to freshly grassed areas. Members are requested to drop the ball in drop zone only to continue playing.
- The new Greens are in grow-in process & the turf is still tender; Members are requested to totally avoid going on the new Greens and also the surrounds which are clearly demarcated to prevent contamination.
- Use the demarcated exit & entry points to enter/ leave the fairway / Green.
- Fill up divots & repairs pitch marks.
- Instruct Caddies (as required) to follow the promulgated guidelines and report any defaulters.

Additional Information: To ensure that maximum members are able to play, the following guidelines are to be adhered to.

- Lodhi Back nine not to be repeated.
- Tee off / booking will be permissible from 1st tee of Peacock course or 10th tee of Lodhi Course.

Requesting your cooperation to adhere to these instructions!

TRIFURCATION FOR AMIT LUTHRA & RISHI NARAIN

Amit & Rishi are the only Indians who have had the honour of winning the 3 National titles-Jr, Men's & Sr's.

Amit was 1st to do so in 2015, followed by Rishi in 2018. At the recently concluded Sr Nationals in Eagleton, B'lore, Amit Luthra was victorious (55-59 yrs category) with a score of 225, followed by Ajai Sirohi & Rishi Narain at 232.

All of them have made it to the Indian team to play at the Asia Pacific Sr's in Thailand later in the year.



OBITUARY



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



Tejinder Singh Oberoi
(O-032)



Sudarshan Agarwal
(A-147)



Gulab Primalani
(P-100)



Surinder Kumar
Kandhari (K-629)



B M Khaitan
(K-252)



Brijesh Narain
(N-155)



Man Mohan Thapar
(T-016)



Avinash C Gupta
(G-127)



Jasbir Singh Bir
(B-192)



Kailash Lamba
(L-018)



Omesh K Karnik
(K-478)



Ajit Sistani
(S-487)



Ranbir Nanda
(N-061)



Kuldeep Singh
Khajuria (K-361)



Rajpal S Chowdhury
(C-237)



Arun Raj
Khanna (K-121)

HOLE-IN-ONE: PEACOCK COURSE

CHARAN JIVE PARTAP AHLUWALIA (A-227)
7th Hole 16.06.2019



CHANDAN KUMAR YADAV (CD-105)
7th Hole 19.06.2019



YUVRAJ NIHAL DUGGAL (D-274D)
5th Hole 25.06.2019



RAJAN NARAIN (SL-446)
5th Hole 03.07.2019



ROHIT MEHRA (M-570)
5th Hole 07.07.2019



REYHANJIT SINGH (S-889D)
5th Hole 16.07.2019



NEELAM SIHOTA (SD-080)
7th Hole 17.07.2019



RAJAN NARAIN (SL-446)
6th Hole 19.07.2019



NEELAM SIHOTA (SD-080)
6th Hole 19.07.2019



RAJESHWAR SINGH GILL (CPA-201)
5th Hole 24.07.2019



RAJIV GUPTA (CPA-193)
1st Hole 28.07.2019



NARESH K SINGH (S-772)
1st Hole 30.07.2019



PIA SINGH (S-811)
6th Hole 31.07.2019



ROHAN DHAWAN (D-228D)
5th Hole 07.08.2019



VIKRAM GALHOTRA (SD-179)
7th Hole 07.08.2019



VIJAY BAHUGUNA (B-379)
1st Hole 08.08.2019



ROHAN GALHOTRA (COE)
1st Hole 10.08.2019



MANO RANJAN (SS-260)
3rd Hole 21.08.2019



CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE



Dr. Anupam Goel

**Principal Consultant – Interventional Cardiology
Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket**

Women are caregivers & caretakers of the family and their being healthy is of utmost importance. But most of the times they are so busy with caretaking that they ignore their health and so does everyone else very conveniently, including family, community and doctor also at times.

India will have the largest heart disease burden by 2020. Most of us believe that CAD i.e. Coronary Artery Disease is the disease of men and women only has to worry about mammography & Gynaecology visit. In fact, world over, fifty thousand more women than men die of heart disease every year. One woman dies every minute from cardiovascular disease in U.S.A. other than awareness, it's the under diagnose & under treatment of heart disease that contributes to excess mortality in women. CAD is the leading cause of death in women. Each year more women die of cardiovascular disease than from all the cancer combined together. For every woman that dies from breast cancer, there are six that die from heart disease and unfortunately, younger women are more likely to die from CAD than older women.

Heart disease in women doesn't have typical presentation like retrosternal chest heaviness in men. One should see the doctor if there is any of the following complaints:-

- Difficulty in breathing especially while going upstairs or walking fast
- Unusual fatigue or dullness
- Gastritis like feeling / burning in chest
- Pain abdomen or pain in shoulders, back, arms or hands

- Palpitation
- Nausea, vomiting or feeling of indigestion
- Sweating
- Light headedness or dizziness

Because of atypical presentation, a diagnosis of heart disease is delayed in women leading to worse outcome.

In general one in five women has some form of CVD Cardiovascular and almost one-third of women who have a heart attack die within one year.

Though heart disease can occur without any apparent risk factor also, but common risk factors are:-

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Dyslipidemia (absence of good cholesterol HDL)
- Smoking
- Overweight
- Sedentary lifestyle (Physical inactivity)
- Family history of CAD

Awareness about CAD in women is coming in developed countries like USA with special campaign like RED Dress. Sundays are being observed for making women aware of heart disease risk but we have a long way to go in developing countries like India.

Wide spread awareness, early recognition of symptoms and diagnosis of CAD is of utmost importance to save invaluable lives of caregivers of the society.

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DGC Toons: The wrong one

Ramesh Kohli & Ramendranath Sarkar



THE NEW BALANCE SHEET

There's a new Balance Sheet around town
Of course it's about liabilities and assets,
Losses are up and profits down
But, there are some different, interesting, facets

For, it's not about the businesses
I run It's what I do with each day I live,
As Time goes by and and the tape draws near
"Take", now replaced by the item called, "Give".

It's not all over for the "taking" though
For, as night meets day so must expenses be met
But, more with Reserves and accumulated stuff
And less, much less, with repayable Debt.

No use of quarterly figures now
It's the daily numbers that count for more,
Things like pressures, sugar, heartbeats and the like
These more useful than inventory and full store.

No AGM's now, they're too far away
Shareholders all around me now,
'Cause they need to clearly comprehend
That fields are theirs and they need to plough.

It's a Balance sheet of a different kind
Where Depreciation is all too real,
All things once bright and beautiful
Now worn-out, corroded
The minuses of Life can indeed be cruel.

Ashok Sawhny



Did you know:
that Golf ball divers could earn between \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year

Many golf courses are located either near a lake or have a lake within their premises. Needless to say, several hundreds of golf balls go missing at the bottom of these lakes. And golf courses would hate for them to just lie there; so they hire divers to retrieve these balls. To become one, you need to be a qualified scuba diver. But a word of warning: Ponds may often be inhabited by snakes or alligators.

Brit - Wit

Some of the top jokes at the recently concluded Edinburgh Fringe Festival:

"A thesaurus is great. There's no other word for it."
- Ross Smith

"I accidentally booked myself onto an escapology course; I'm really struggling to get out of it."
- Adele Cliff

"To be or not to be a horse rider, that is equestrian"
- Mark Simmons

"I believe a person can be full of contradictions. And I also believe that they can't."
- Juliette Burton

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LYDIA KO 2017



ANNIKA SÖRENSTAM 1995



LEXI THOMPSON 2018



NANCY LOPEZ 1978



BROOKE HENDERSON 2018

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