



# The Green Scene

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51<sup>st</sup> HERO Indian Open 2015

Anirban Lahiri - New 'Pin-Up' Boy of Indian Golf

CWT, NCR, Audi & Stephanian Golf

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# Tee off with the Captain



Dear Member

First and foremost, the Hero Indian Open in February concluded with a fairy tale ending - an Indian victory!! Heartiest congratulations to Anirbhan Lahiri and our enormous thanks to the delighted sponsor Pawan Munjal for his continued recognition of the legacy our Club offers the event, which was part of the European Tour for the first time.

With respect to the Lodhi Course, we are in discussion with an overseas consultant to assist with course maintenance on an on-going, annual basis. The said consultant has a successful track record spanning 6 years at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. Taking into consideration the 80,000 rounds of golf played annually on our course, it is not necessary to point out how absolutely essential it is to invest in this fundamental. Just to give you a comparison, the RCGC boasts a figure of just 45,000 rounds per annum! Furthermore, we have put in place the broad contours of the Lodhi Course upgradation to be commenced at the earliest.

Many of you would have seen the work being undertaken to relay the practice putting green by the 1st Tee; this will be completed by end-June.

In conjunction with the Caddies Welfare Trust (CWT), caddy training programmes are being initiated. These will be carefully designed to cover various aspects of the game including the immediate repair of divots/pitch marks. Whilst we are driven to establish a regular training schedule, we all know that in reality the onus is on the player to ensure on-the-spot repairs and in all humility, I must request golfers to take cognizance of this fact.

The Peacock Course revamp is being carried out as per the design of Mr. Phil Ryan, world renowned golf course architect, within the limiting constraint of not being able to cut any trees. The course will have new drainage, irrigation, greens, bunkers, tee boxes and landscaped fairways. We have been



particular in leaving enough foliage to visually insulate fairways interse. All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable and challenging golf experience is the assured outcome. I am certain that you will all be proud of the long overdue refurbishment of this jewel and am confident that the course will open later this year. Meanwhile, some dislocation is inevitable and I must request all affected parties to exercise forbearance. Having said this, we are actively looking into minimizing inconvenience and are putting in place formulas to accommodate as many golfers as possible.

The months of May and June will see a host of enthusiastic youngsters, between the ages of 8 and 17, taking part in our two prestigious annual junior events - the DGC Junior Training Programme (JTP) and the DGC Junior/Sub-Junior Golf Tournament - both sponsored by USHA. The unprecedented continuing support of the aforesaid is of course greatly appreciated by all of us.

The winter lawn lunches were an outstanding success inasmuch as a wide variety of food was available. There have been three dinner & dance evenings which were thoroughly enjoyed by all of us and we will continue these star-lit dinners as long as the weather permits.

The newly renovated Gents Changing Room at the Swimming Pool is fully operational, with the work being completed in time for the pool opening on 1<sup>st</sup> April. I'm sure you will be absolutely delighted with the new state-of-the-art facility.

Warm regards

**RAJ KHOSLA**

**PS.: Once again, between you and your caddy, please don't forget to repair all pitch marks / divots.**

# Sub-Committee Reports

## HOUSE

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Jasjit Singh

**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Satish Girotra



The following works have been successfully completed /are under progress :

1. Renovation of the Starter's Hut at Tee No. 10
2. Relaying of damaged portions of the cart paths at Tee Nos. 5, 14 & 15
3. Renovation of Swimming Pool Gents Changing Room has been completed
4. Renovation of the storage area behind the Swimming Pool Changing Room has been completed
5. Repair of the boundary wall at places where it was damaged
6. Installation of a music system in the Main Bar
7. Repair / replacement of precast slabs of rainwater chambers at Car Parks Nos 1 & 2.
8. Commissioning of NDMC Water supply at Tee No. 12 is in progress.
9. A new porta cabin for security personnel at Car Park No.1 has been installed.
10. Long overdue repair of the Pro Shop is under progress.
11. Telephone Exchange of the Club has been upgraded from 50 lines to 100 lines.

## F&B

**CHAIRPERSON:** Mrs Tara Laroia

**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Col Billu Bajaj

Lawn lunches were in full swing this winter and some Sundays saw a live band entertaining members with some good music.

The Club provided F&B services for the European Open with interesting menus that were appreciated. Other events were the Caddies Welfare Trust and NCR Cup. Valentine's Day was celebrated on the 14th February with live music and dancing – the venue was decorated in red and white and members dressed in red, white and black for the event.

Ballantine's Brand Ambassador James Arney took our members through a tasting of some of the best whiskey produced by Ballantine including their 17 year old finest. There was a Grover Wine appreciation evening held on 23rd February with many of our younger members showing a positive response.

A number of new items were included in the Pub's dinner menu commencing 1st March and members may look forward to some more additions. Low calorie food has been introduced in the Annexe for our health conscious members and a start made in using an air fryer.



The newly renovated Gents Changing Room was inaugurated by Mr & Mrs Kai Kipgen, longstanding users of the pool.

## SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Opening: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

### Pool Charges

Member

Family

Member (daily usage)

First towel

Additional towel

### Details (subject to change)

₹950/- April to October

₹1875/- April to October

₹95/- Weekdays

₹190/- Weekends & Holidays

Free of cost

₹10/-

### Guest charges

(Not permitted in the months of April, May & June.)

Maximum two guests per member

Weekdays

₹160/-

Sat/Sun/ Holidays

₹250/-

Non swimming guest

₹75/- Weekdays

₹150/- Weekends / Holidays

# Sub-Committee Reports

## HRD

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Vijay Topa  
**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Satish Girotra



The HRD Sub-Committee has been busy organizing tasks that were initiated by the previous Committee towards the end of its tenure, such as the implementation of the revised Organogram and Social Responsibility Fund.

The Sub-Committee also commenced steps towards the restructuring of the contractual manpower deployed by the Club on the guidelines as recommended by the Club's Legal Advisors.

The talk by Dr. S.K.S Marya and Dr. Anjana Bhan of Max Hospital held last November and was well attended by our members who gained from the advice of the eminent doctors on how to cope with their related medical problems on a daily basis.

## MEMBERSHIP

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Satish Girotra  
**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Vikram Seth



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

### Upgradation of Membership:

**From Mid-week to 'A':** 6 members were recommended for upgradation vide MSC dated 22 January 2015

**From 'C' to Mid-week:** 8 members were recommended for upgradation vide MSC dated 22 January 2015

Fresh Applicants are being considered with the following seniority:

• Indian Business	March 1987
• Indian Service	November 1998
• Dependent Applied in Time	July 1997
• Dependent Applied Late	January 1989
Total Members in all categories:	5172

Various pending representations of Dependents / aspiring Dependents are being actively looked into by the Membership Sub-Committee.

## T&H

**CHAIRMAN:** Capt Lalit Talwar  
**CO-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Jasjit Singh



This year for the first time, **the Hero Indian Open Golf Tournament** with a prize money of US \$ 1500,000, was played as an European Tour event from February 19th to 22nd. 132 leading professional golfers from 30 countries participated in the Tournament. The 14th hole was played from the Blue Tee as a par 4 making the course par 71.

Shiv Shankar Prasad Chawrasia who was leading the field after three rounds could not take the pressure on the final day and submitted a card of five over 76 and a gross total of 277, 7-under par for the Tournament. Tied with Anirban Lahiri for 1st position. Anirban won the Tournament in a play off and Chawrasia, for the fourth time in the Hero Indian Open finished at the runner up position.

Four professionals Marcus Fraser from Australia, Mithun Perera from Sri Lanka, Joakim Lagergren from Sweden and Prayad Marksaeng from Thailand tied for 3rd position with a total score of 278, six under par.

The Caddies Welfare Trust which is working for the betterment of caddies once again organized **'The Caddies Welfare Trust Charity Members Tournament'** on February 27. The event saw some 300 enthusiastic members vying for not only the main event prizes but the array of four ball and overall day prizes on offer. It was heartening to see the generosity of the army of sponsors, many of whom are members of our Club, enjoyed

by all. The well-stopped goody bag from ITC proved very popular. The large turnout for the evening Prize Distribution & Tea which was presided over by the CWT Chairman Siddharth Shriram, included DGC Captain Raj Khosla handing over many of the prizes, along with several sponsors.



### Results:

**Over all Winner** Rudra Shriram 41 points

### Handicap 12 & under

Winner Rudra Shriram 41 points  
 Runner up Vikram Nanda 37 points

### Handicap 13-24

Winner Himmat Kapur 36 points (on count back)  
 Runner up Sanjaya Verma 36 points

### 09 Holes Competition

Winner Mir Nasrullah 18 points (on count back)  
 Runner up Sanjay Kapoor 18 points

Delhi Golf Society conducted their annual DGS Members Tournament and **10th NCR Cup** from 9th to 13th March 2015. Seventy leading amateurs, including eight foreigners and four women, with handicap-6 and below, participated in the tournament. Viraj Madappa from Kolkata won the Tournament with a 4-round total of 7-under par 281; Aman Raj came in Runner-up at 286.

Seher Atwal won the womens prize with a total of 300; Tvesa Malik at 302 and Anisha Padukone at 320 came in 2nd and 3rd.

## NCR Cup

Proud prize winners



## Stephanian Golf

The 32nd Stephanian Golf Get Together was held on Friday 27th March 2015. Of the 97 participants, 60 were not only Club members, but Stephanians too! An array of prizes were handed out at the evening Prize Distribution and Dinner.

### Results

Super Seniors - Winner	HK Kavi Singh (S-122)
Ladies Winner	Purnima Vir
Back of The Pack	Prithvi Singh Nat (N-017)
Cloud Nine - Winner	VK Malhotra (M-535)
Seniors - Winner	Vishnu Lall
Kaly Bose Trophy - Winner	Amitav Virmani (V-148)
Champion 32nd SGGT 2015	Col RPS Mann (M-483)



Raghav Chandra, MD, Audi Delhi South, Kalpana Aggarwal, Winning Team- Sharad Anand & Madhu Misra, Nitin Kohli, Head Of Regional Sales-North & East, Audi India

## AUDI QUATTRO CUP DELHI SOUTH

Held on 30 March, the 2nd runner up team comprising Madhu Misra (M-120) and Sharad Anand (A-049), by virtue of each being proud owners of an Audi, will travel to Istanbul for the finals.

### Other Results

Straightest Drive	Madhu Misra (M-120)
Longest Drive	Aloke Mehta (M-563)
Closest to the Pin	Rajat Nadrajog
Runner up team	Bharat Dhawan (D-241) & Pradeep M Aggarwal
Winning Team	Ashok Arora and Srinivas Kumar

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## DGC Home to History

Courtesy the Indian Open being granted a European Tour sanction, the DGC was in the news on their website during the third week of February: "Delhi Golf Club showed its teeth on Day One."

"Who needs a driver? Five of the last 10 winners at Delhi Golf Club didn't use one. Following that trend, 24 of 132 players in the field teed it up without a driver in their bag today."

"Anirban Lahiri started the day seven shots back; he finished it with his hands on another European Tour trophy. It really was a day of high drama in India."

Though not many top players from the European Tour participated, the who's who of Indian pro golf were there: Shiv Kapur, Arjun Atwal, SSP Chaurasia, Jeev M Singh, Jyoti Randhawa, Daniel Chopra, Rashid Khan, along with the new kids on the block: Shubhankar Sharma, Chikkarangappa and many others.





Members were surprised to note that Preferred Lies, up to 1 club length, were being used at the most prestigious tournament of the country. Though the European Tour were delighted to be at our historic golf course, they however felt that the number of divots compromised the normal development of the match. Some members felt that the Greens Committee should have addressed the challenge of producing near-perfect playing conditions prior to the frosty winter, including over-seeding with winter grass as they did during the Indian Masters 2008. Members too, need to minimize damage by filling divots and repairing pitchmarks. Golf carts should be kept OFF THE FAIRWAYS as far as possible, over-loaded carts being a prescription for ill health of the fairways.



# 51<sup>st</sup> HERO Indian Open



DGC was brimming with excitement to see the man with incredible age-defying golf exploits, 51-year old Spaniard, Miguel Angel Jimenz. The highest ranked player on the European Tour at our Open, was looking to break his own record as the oldest champion on the Tour, a record he himself had set and subsequently broken in 2014! Unfortunately he succumbed to our lethal jharis and struggled to 45th position at +4. Susanna his beautiful wife played in the pro-am (a first for pro's wives), off a handicap of -8.



## ANIRBAN LAHIRI IS EUROPEAN TOUR GOLFER OF THE MONTH

The DGC was witness to the history-making exploits of Anirban Lahiri whose motto appears to be, "Never Give Up".

The 27 year old Bangalorean's extraordinary exploits in February where he won the National Opens of Malaysia and India in the space of just three weeks helped him to climb to second place in The Race to Dubai. He also jumped 5 points to 34th in the Official World Golf Ranking, all of which places him in an ideal position to compete in all four Majors this season. Currently a ranking in the World Top 50 grants automatic entry to all the Majors as well as the World Golf Championships; in addition, rankings are the sole criterion for selection for the International Team in the Presidents Cup. As far as the immediate present goes, Anirban has secured his ticket to Augusta.

India's trailblazers Arjun Atwal (A-201) and Jeev Milkha Singh (C-271) set the bar having won tournaments on American and European soil; Lahiri has the advantage of age as he is in his mid-20's whereas Arjun and Jeev were in their mid-30's. As they say, anything can happen in golf. In his recent victories, Lahiri has shown that his dogged determination to win has translated into an uncanny ability to produce clutch putts or shots when required. When he claimed his first victory outside of India at the CIMB Niaga Indonesian Masters last April, he holed a 20-foot eagle putt on the 72nd hole for a



one-stroke victory. At the Malaysian Open he was 9 shots behind the leaders at the halfway stage when he rampaged to victory with last two rounds of 62 and 68 to edge one stroke ahead of the pack. He produced similar heroics here with a chip-in par save on the 71st hole to tie for the lead and eventually force a playoff. A mere three months ago Lahiri was battling to win a place on The European Tour at the Qualifying School Final Stage. He hopes his debut appearance at this week's WGC-Cadillac Championship will lead him a step closer towards his dream of becoming India's first Major Champion. His recent exploits – which have seen

him claim four wins in the past 10 months – have also seen him draw media interest from around the world. Anirban seems to love the DGC - he has had 3 wins here, and all via playoffs!

As he says, "It's amazing, the whole world is open to me now!"

*Anirban and Jimenez - no challenge is too much!*



# Ladies Section



## LADY CAPTAIN

Shiraz Singh

On Monday, 23 March 2015 the Pub Terrace took on a new persona as it played host to a bevy of Ladies Section members who all came together to enjoy an afternoon 'high tea'!

We were also delighted to have with us the past Lady Captain of Islamabad Golf Club, Mrs. Salma Sarfraz.

Amidst much bonhomie and a brilliant array of Mediterranean delights, artfully created by Chef Gomes and his talented team, the afternoon unfolded with members bursting into spontaneous song and dance. Prizes were awarded to the most innovative performances.

Kudos to the Administration and F&B Department for pulling out all stops to ensure the event's success. Many of those present commented on how refreshing it was to indulge in a 'new' cuisine and complimented the Lady Captain for encouraging the Chef's enthusiasm and suggestions!



Salma Sarfraz, past Lady Captain, Islamabad Golf Club





**Gaurika Bishnoi** (ST 0973) has had a great season. She is the winner of **USHA Western India Amateur**, **IGU BPGC Amateur Tournaments**; she was also the winner in Juniors Category A events at both places. She has qualified in the **Faldo Cup Asia Series 2014** and will represent India in Mission Hills, China in 2015.

Six-time Major champion Sir Nick Faldo, Britain's most successful golfer, said, "Congratulations to Gaurika on her triumph. The quality of golf was outstanding and I'm sure the Indian qualifiers will be contending at Mission Hills early next year."

She is now ranked 4th in the Ladies Amateur merit list.

## At the recently held **DLF-IJGA National Qualifier (India)**

-2015 organised by Albatross Junior Tour, **Arshia Mahant** was declared winner in Category B, and was also recognized as having the best score overall in Girls including Category A. In the **All India Junior Girls** tournament, Arshia Mahant won in Cat B with a total of 231.



### Competition Results

#### DCWA Salver

Winner Soni M. Singh  
33 Pts  
Runner-up Kamini Gupta 33 Pts

#### Chand Ujjal Singh Team Stableford

Winner Shiraz Singh/Neelam P Singh 34 Pts  
Runner-up Situ Nanda/Neelam Sihota 34 Pts

#### Malika Trophy Eclectic Par Competition

Winner Neelam P. Singh 4 up  
Runner-up Champika Sayal 4 up

#### Fukumoto Cup

Winner Veenu Sandhu 5 up  
Runner-up Hanisha Daryani 4 up

#### Lili Khanna Match Play

Winner Veenu Sandhu / Hanisha Daryani  
Runner-up Aashana Monga/ Sonaal Chaudhri

#### December Medal Silver Division

Winner Mridula Tandon 73 Nett  
Runner-up Hanisha Daryani 75 Nett

#### Bronze Division

Winner Kanwal Verma 76 Nett

#### 9 Hole Competition

Winner Veena Sachdev 42 Nett

#### January Medal Silver Division

Winner Soni M Singh 75 Nett  
Runner-up Situ Puri 76 Nett

#### Bronze Division

Winner Payal Khanna 81 Nett

#### 9 Hole Competition

Winner Neenu Bhatia 47 Nett

Seher won the **IJGA National Qualifiers** for the Asian Tour of Champions - she will now play the Asian Tour of Champions at Beijing China ( 16-18 April ) with players who have qualified from China, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Singapore and other Asian countries.





As the great Ben Hogan celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first victory, leaders of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives awarded the Congressional Gold Medal (the highest civilian award the United States Congress can bestow), to golfing legend Jack Nicklaus on March 24<sup>th</sup> in honor of his contribution to the game and charity efforts across the nation. Nicklaus is just the seventh athlete to be given this honor, and the third golfer after Byron Nelson (whose borrowed driver turned Hogan from bridesmaid to a winner) and Arnold Palmer.

*"It's not the trophy or the triumph, it's the respect that Jack's rivals remember the most," said Speaker John Boehner an avid golfer, adding, "He's already a legend, but he hasn't stopped. Few transcend their sport to achieve that kind of moment, or this kind of honor. With Arnie (Palmer), it was how he brought an audience to the game – an army. With Jack, it's how he gave the game a gold standard – a ladder to climb." Jack Nicklaus accepted with a few tears, humility and humour. Exerpts from his speech:*

### I JUST PLAY GOLF

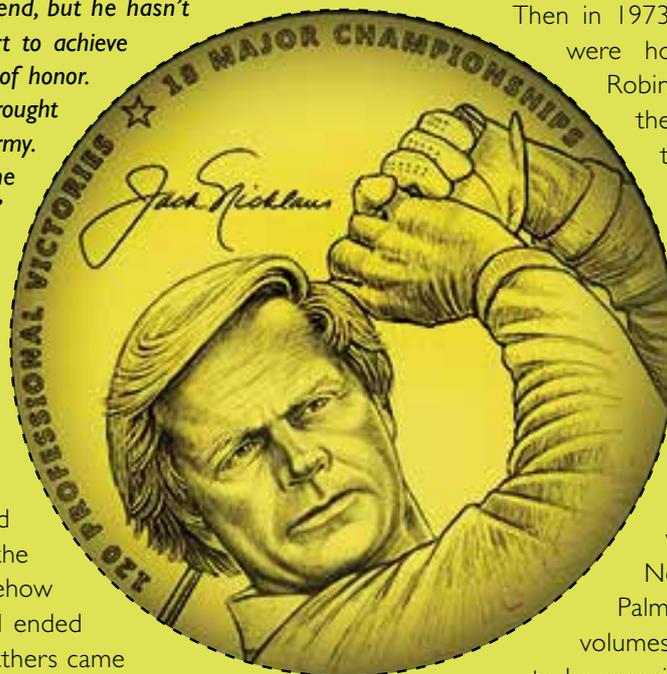
"When my son Jackie was about 6-years old, somebody asked him what his dad did. "Nothin'. He just plays golf." And I did just play golf; I played the greatest game of all. And somehow over the 65 years of playing it I ended up here today. Both my grandfathers came over from Europe and worked the railroads. Aged ten whilst following my father on the golf course, I was allowed to hit the golf ball every few holes; that is where I was introduced to my lifelong teacher and mentor Jack Grout. What a great man. That's when I began to 'just play golf'.

My father and mother sacrificed a lot for me and gave me the opportunity to pursue my career. The same can be said about my sister; as my only sibling I think she got the short end of the stick. But she has been as supportive of me and my golf throughout her life as any family member could be; for that I love her today and always, and thank her again.

Using golf as a vehicle my father taught me so many valuable lessons, among them sportsmanship, honesty and integrity. Through golf I learnt how to handle success and more important, I learned how to deal with adversity. My dad always

said the most important thing in sports is to be gracious in victory and sincere in defeat. That when someone plays better than you and beats you, you shake that person's hand and you mean it. My father always taught me to treat others as I would want them to treat me. I know it is simplistic, but sometimes doing the right thing is simple. The late Dean Smith who I knew, summed up character by saying, 'You should never be proud of doing the right thing, you should just do the right thing.'

I am honestly and completely humbled to be here today, and I guess you could say I am floored to be standing here. And when you look at the past recipients of the medal, it reads like chapters from a history book: George Washington, Ulysses S Grant, the Wright Brothers, Dr Jonas Salk, Sir Winston Churchill and so many more...



Then in 1973 the first of now seven athletes were honoured. Jesse Owens, Jackie Robinson, Joe Louis were three of these sport icons I had the privilege to meet. Men who transcended their sports by crossing racial and cultural barriers to fight for racial discrimination and intolerance and sacrificed so much including their own lives as in the case of Robert Clemento. He lost his life trying to get aid across to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. The other three athletes to be honoured were to be golfers: the great Byron Nelson, and my good friend Arnold Palmer, and now me. I think that speaks volumes about the game we are so proud to be associated with. Hopefully A.P. you will agree, we just played golf. And we enjoyed it, and we loved it.

Standing here in Washington one's heart cant help but swell with nationalistic pride; you cant help but thank our military men and women. I was exempted from the Draft. While I have never served my country, but I have been blessed to serve those who have. Being involved through the game of golf in a number of programs to honour them has allowed me to fully understand and appreciate what they have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice everyday. As a friend likes to remind me, they are the 1% to defend the freedom of the other 99%, and there is nothing free about freedom. Our game has opened its heart to those who have served our nation. Golf has been a wonderful outlet to men and women who have returned from combat..... golf has helped many of these veterans to

transition back into the mainstream. The healing powers of golf have given these soldiers purpose and helped them regain their lives and happiness. I have seen veterans of war on the brink of taking their lives, and golf has saved them. These veterans played for real, I just played golf.

When I first began playing professionally, I wanted to play internationally, and learn about the world. But I also wanted the world to learn about this great game. So I played wherever I could, and sought opportunities where golf courses could be built. I am proud that our company has built courses and introduced golf to 39 countries. Through the vehicle of golf I have had the opportunity to meet leaders of other countries and seven U.S. Presidents, and even further, blessed to play golf with three of them. But throughout my career I was lucky enough to make more birdies than the next guy, and because of that I have an audience and people occasionally listen to me. That humbles me beyond words.

It also provides me a window to see how amazing is our game at crossing borders, connecting cultures and bridging generations. Five years ago I was in Morocco to see how golf could lift up tourism. The Crown Prince invited me to play golf on a golf course that had not been played on for 11 years since his father King Hussein III, who loved that course, had died. However it had been meticulously maintained just in case. We just play golf, but for so many others it means so much more. For millions of people golf does so much more.

Many of you know this but it is worth repeating. The game of golf has given more back to charity than all other major sports combined. Each year golf generates almost \$4 billion in charity giving, and almost all of it goes outside the game to help countless of philanthropic causes. Please allow me a moment to congratulate the Commissioner and other members of the PGA Tour: last year the Tour generated a record \$145.5 million in charitable donations taking the total money raised in the history of the Tour to \$2.14 billion. We just play golf, and boy are we proud that we do.

The last thing has nothing to do with the game of golf and everything to do with why I am standing here today. On the back of the Gold Medal there are six stars, five of them represent my children; then there is one larger singular star that represents my wife Barbara. But yes, success is all about timing and never more so than in the game of golf. I can say

with conviction that my timing was never better than in that September day in 1957 when I met Barbara. I have dodged for years the question of what victory has been the most important or the most memorable.

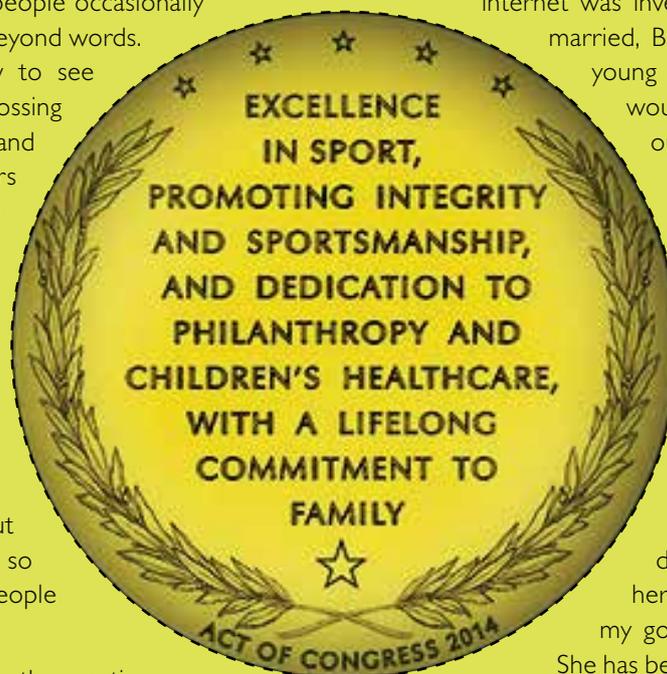
Yet I don't know if I have ever had a more important or memorable one than our wedding day in 1960. Were it not for Barbara I would have been just another golfer. People have asked me to quantify Barbara's importance in my career – I'd have to say she is the one responsible for at least 15 major championships; I'll give myself credit for 3.

I am very proud of what I have been able to accomplish in my career and my life. And you know the good thing about being 75 is that anything I may not likely be proud of was before the internet was invented. Not long after we were

married, Barbara and I decided at a very young age that if we ever gave back, it would be to children. That became our priority. All along, Barbara has been the guiding light behind this; it was her vision, her dedication. And now her reality is that the Nicklaus Children's Healthcare Foundation has the ability to touch the lives of children all over the country. Barbara always says that children are the root of the heart and she is truly the heartbeat of everything we have done on the charitable side. But her importance in my life far exceeds my golf career and our charitable life.

She has been an incredible wife and mother, and now grand mother to 22, all of whom are here tonight with their parents. She has made many personal sacrifices to allow me to do what I needed to accomplish in my career. However with Barbara by my side, I had made golf a second priority to my family. All I ever wanted from my five children was to grow up to be good citizens and to be able to know that they know their dad. That they are and today I hope it is safe to say they do know their dad. For the 22 grandkids, none of them who ever saw me swing a club in a victory, Peepaw would do just fine.

Yes Jackie, I just play golf. But my whole life work was to make you all proud of me. Hopefully I have."



*Soni Manjit Singh*  
**Soni Manjit Singh**

# Juniors

On 27 March a dream opportunity came by the way of diminutive Shubham Jaglan, a member of our Talent Promotion Programme. He got the chance to meet, and play 9 holes with, Gary Player at the DLF Golf Club!

The youngster simply states, "It was great to play with him. He means a lot to me, as he tells me a lot of things to do and also about his life. He is an inspiration for me in fitness, as he is so fit at this age."

The veteran golfer spent significant time with Shubham. Though the pictures say it all, this is what Gary had to say, "There are a million kids in the world in Shubham's age group, but he is, till now, by far the best in all departments."

No need to send him to Butch Harmon or any other coach, he knows more than them and can give them a lesson".

Clearly the few tips Gary shared with Shubham came good for the junior: He just sent a message from the **14th**

*An afternoon never to be forgotten!*

**TrueVisions International Junior Golf Championship** in Thailand, to say he had won the overall event prize, by two shots, with a score of 213. This is even more amazing as he was a "D" Category entry for the 10 and under age group. He basically annihilated the opposition!



Receiving the True Vision prize



Getting a feel of Gary Player's core strength



The much looked forward to annual Junior Training Programme sponsored by USHA, gets underway next month with one of each of our top four "A" Category coaches at the helm of each 10-day session. This year, having done away with the 'if you have participated 3 times you can't take part' rule, due to popular demand, this unique programme is bound to keep the youngsters on their toes!

## Camp

Camp 1

Camp 2

Camp 3

Camp 4

## Registration

Saturday, 9th May 2015

Registration  
Tuesday, 19th May 2015

Registration  
Friday, 29th May 2015

Registration  
Monday, 8th June 2015

## Coach / Dates of the Camp

**Coach:** Mr Vikram Sethi  
May 11th to 20th 2015

**Coach:** Mrs Nonita Lall Qureshi  
May 21st to 30th 2015

**Coach:** Mr Jasjit Singh  
May 31st to June 9th 2015

**Coach:** Mr Ajai Gupta  
June 10th to 19th 2015

## CADDIES WELFARE TRUST

Trustees of the Caddies Welfare Trust organised an event for DGC caddies which included an update on the Life and Medical Insurance being provided and paid by the Trust for them. DGC members Pawan Puri (P-196) and Kapil Mehta (M-468) experts in the two insurances respectively, painstakingly explained the favourable schemes to the large numbers present.

This was followed by an address by DGC Captain Raj Khosla announcing a collaborative DGC/CWT Caddy Training Programme scheduled for this year and several cheques being presented to those eligible for financial assistance, including one for the widow of caddy Deepak who died aged only 25 years. The event concluded with a mouth-watering 'bara khana' for over 400 caddies.



Deepak's brother receives a cheque from the Captain



## BROKEN CLUB – WHAT'S ALLOWED UNDER THE RULES OF GOLF? RULE 4-3A

When Zack Johnson repaired his driver during the final round of The Barclays, it set off an interesting discussion across the golfing community. What's allowed and not allowed if you unintentionally damage a club? A synopsis of Rule 4-3a: If a player's club is damaged in the normal course of play, he has three options – 1/ He can continue to use the club for the remainder of the round, 2/ He can repair it or have it repaired without unduly delaying play, or 3/ If the club is unfit for play he can replace the damaged club with any club with 3 caveats: 1/ he can't borrow a club from anyone playing the course, 2/ he can't fix it by carrying around spare parts, and 3/ he can't delay play while making the switch.

If a player happens to break a club before the round, it's not an issue if he has time to go back to the car or the pro shop for a replacement. "A player may choose his 14 clubs all the way up to the start of his stipulated round," says Byron Jones, Co-Chairman of the PGA Rules Committee. If however you bend a shaft, lose a grip or crack a wood during play, it comes down to how you define 'damaged' and 'normal course of play'.

Rule 25-3: why the rules can keep you from being a hazard to yourself and the course. Obviously we've all been with someone who has snapped a shaft against a tree or tossed a club into a pond in a fit of rage. That doesn't constitute 'normal course of play' as you get no relief from temper tantrums!

Instead Rule 4-3a is more about unexpected equipment failure. If your clubhead snaps off, you can't keep using it or repair it, so the third option comes into play. If the damage escalated to the rule category 'unfit for play – which is defined as a dented or broken shaft, loose detached or significantly deformed club head or a loose grip, then you may replace the club with any club you choose. That means if you break a driver you don't have to replace it with another driver you can add any club as a replacement as long as you keep it to the 14-club limit. However you can't borrow it from anyone in your foursome, or delay play in your search for a replacement.

## A FISHY TALE

**Vijay Soni** (S-119)

It was a milestone year for us as I hit 70 and my wife Tania turned 60. So, we packed in some action and celebrated with friends and family for a while. Importantly, we had to be with our children and grand children in America. So off we flew; it was a warm and motherly experience as the air conditioning was weak and the hostesses were elderly, but we reached.

Somebody had twisted my arm hard and persuaded me to go fishing! By some fluke, we arrived at Boca Grande, Florida, the tarpon capital of the world and checked into a nice beach hotel. Our fishing guide arrived promptly and whisked us away to his 20-foot jet boat and soon we were rolling on the waves. We saw many fish in the crystal clear waters, and on the menu were Kingfish, Snappers, Mackerel, Barracuda and some Sharks as well, but no Tarpon or Tuna. Each fish would have to be approached differently in terms of tackle, lure, depth, location, etc. and we had all the clubs in our bag, so to say! Having decided to settle for "the one in hand" as it was getting late, we targeted Barracuda as they were feeding aggressively. Casting gaudy 8-inch wobbly rubber lures off medium tackle, we landed a few, the biggest one being 12 lbs. Bigger ones sparred but were suspicious after watching our smaller catches. But we couldn't complain for the excellent start.

We were off early the next day, jetting across the Gulf of Mexico and got into a boil of feeding Tarpon. Out came the big tackle of 50-lb braided line off 9-foot rods casting crab or herring into their midst. My son Varun (SD-634) hooked a big silver sub which took off like Mike Schumacher at Monza, and having stripped a couple of hundred yards, started the typical Tarpon aerial acrobatics. Equal and opposite forces were at play so it was hard 'gymming' for Varun, but a beautiful sight to watch both opponents at the battle. Finally, after 30 minutes of play, his 50-lb mono leader frayed on the famous bony mouth, leaving a dejected angler wiping his brow. Other anglers had moved in by now so we decided to head off to silent deep waters after big Groupers.

Now the real Big Berthas found our hands and these had been pre-tested yanking out mothers-in-law!! We lowered 2lb Mulletts on 5-inch hooks into the depths. Varun had an instant hit and a tug of war ensued as a mighty Goliath Grouper powered off. Varun struggled gutsily for 10 minutes and was almost yanked off his unbelted seat. I went to help and got flung aside in a sudden rod bounce. In the emergency, the Captain locked the line on the

reel and backed his powerful boat till the line snapped. It was a 300-lb test mono that bust off by an estimated 900-lb quarry! Serious biz here and Varun could either have let go the rod or have been yanked into the sharky swim - very irresponsible of the Captain to have been disorganized regards proper grounding!

We then flew off to Key West, another big Angling destination. Here Varun and wife Wasika scuba dived and saw some brilliant fish including Sharks at close range. I took Mama out fishing and surfing. We went through a school of frolicking and friendly Dolphins who'd suddenly dash off like torpedoes. A massive colourful sea turtle was locked in with his beau on the surface of the sea, quite oblivious of us, but a rare sight nevertheless.

My luck was finally in and I got into a good Tarpon and he sped off mightily. It was an exceptionally long haul and we were forced to follow in the boat. Suddenly we discovered a great shadow hounding my fish - it was a 15-foot Hammerhead Shark who had been triggered off by the vibes of a struggling quarry. However, swimming through a school of fish the Shark got distracted yet managed to send a frenzy of them leaping into the air - NOTHING is more scary than an attacking Shark! I landed my fish by the boat and disgorged the hook in the water to avoid damaging it. It was a 5-foot Tarpon weighing in at approximately 110 pounds. Further fishing was stopped as a big sharp hook pierced my finger and I was apprehensive that a mid-sea surgery might have to follow. But we managed to push the hook through the finger and cut its barb at the other end with Titanium Fishing pliers - God bless tech, but it pained just a little!

So, as we were forced to have an 'off' day, we visited Ernest Hemingway's old house, and what a treat that was! We spent pleasant evenings on the wharf, sampling the local brew and the cuisine and the music. Music of all kinds wafted around the piers. At a Cuban hole a lovely crooner filled the air with familiar Latin strains as the aroma of Rum and whiffs of Monte Cristo's charged the atmosphere romantically. A 'must do' Rumba followed! And then of course the steaks!! Weren't we lucky?



In the Republic Day Honours list on 26th January, **Dr Nikhil Tandon**

Professor of Endocrinology at AIIMS was awarded a Padma Shree.



(SD-377)



(M-336)

**Milkha Singh** has started a multi-sport fitness programme Milkha Surefit, which aims at nurturing sporting fitness of school children from 4-17 years across the country, using scientifically developed and tested criterion.



(S-589)

**Champika Sayal** won the Ladies Stableford prize at the Lt Governor's Cup 2015 at the Qutab Golf Club among a total participation of 527 golfers in all categories.



(M-568)

**Sarabjot Kaur Malik** had her first solo exhibition of Watercolours on Landscape & Architecture at the Lalit Kala Akademi in December 2014.

## HOLE-IN-ONE

*Congratulations on the Aces!*



### LODHI COURSE

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

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
25.11.14	Indrajeet Singh	I-008	7
28.11.14	Harish Khosla	K-229	17
02.12.14	Lalit Verma	V-090	7
10.12.14	Aditya Prakash Gupta	SD-585	17
28.12.14	Ajay Bisaria	TC-275	7
28.12.14	Mohd. Hamid Ansari	A-198	7
28.12.14	Vikram Galhotra	SD-179	12
30.12.14	Vijay Chhiber	C-304	7
02.01.15	Y M Tiwari	T-129	12
08.01.15	S Sundarshan	S-839	5
08.01.15	Jai Prakash Srivastava	S-616	7
07.01.15	N S Sodhi	S-504	17
10.01.15	Govind S Mann	M-441	7
16.01.15	Ashok Kumar Trivedi	SP-1003	5
22.01.15	Kanwal Verma	V-089	17
28.01.15	Vijayendra Singh	V-001	7
29.01.15	Sandeep Ahuja	A-063	12
25.01.15	Chandramauli Kumar Prasad	P-244	7
03.02.15	PK Agrawal	TC-370	17
06.02.15	Indrajeet Singh	I-008	12
08.02.15	Moni Bhalla	B-325	17
07.03.15	K S Kim	SP-1063	5
21.03.15	Harinder Bansi IRS	B-482	7
25.03.15	Charanjit Singh Pantal	P-239	5
25.03.15	K K Sabharwal	S-544	17

At last count Indrajeet Singh had 9 holes-in-one and NS Sodhi had 5 holes-in-one in a span of 13th months!

### PEACOCK COURSE

The following each have won a memento

Date	Name	M'ship No	Hole
12.10.14	Praveen Kumar Tiwari	TC366	6
20.12.14	Kartikeya Nahar	N151	6
29.12.14	Rahul Malhotra	M439	7
31.12.14	Ajay Bisaria	TC375	1
02.01.15	Ekant Kohli	SL225	2
09.01.15	Harjeet Sikand	S823	1
13.01.15	Rahul Raina	SF005	6
26.01.15	Rohan Galhotra	ST898	6
08.02.15	Daksh Shokeen	ST0964	1

### OBITUARY

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



M S Sanjeevi Rao R-129    Neena Verma V-006    Muthusamy Varadarajan V-107    S K Talwar T-045    Gen. Jagjit Singh S-706



Neena Sahni S-046    Bimla Jaini WS-091    R N Sachthey S-384    Bimla Devi R-008    K Amrit Lal A-009



Raj Kochar K-082    Ratan Dayal D-171    V K Dewan D-164    Amrit Lal Bery B-165    Kamla Datt D-182



Kapil Bhargava B-186    K C Mahajan M-078    Ravindra P Singh S-057    Minakshi Gupta WS-008    Sumitra Charat Ram C-001 Padma Shri 1966



M Damodaran D-147    Malti Khanna WS-092    Gautam Khanna K-043    B K Bakshi B-282    Manohar Singh M-219



Devinder Singh Puri CPA-133    Gen. S N Luthra L-069



Bajjit Singh Talwar T-139



G Nandy Singh N-027

A member of the Gold Medal Indian hockey team at the 1948 London Olympics and the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. Awarded the PVSM. A recipient of the Dhyana Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports in 2006

The PGA Tour kicked off in style in 2015 with the **Hyundai Tournament of Champions** at Kapalua, Hawaii. Ten months



after he proclaimed himself "one of the top five players in the world," **Patrick Reed** prevailed in a playoff over Jimmy Walker on January 12. Reed moved up 9 spots to No. 14 in the latest OWGRs, the highest in his professional career.

**Jimmy Walker** did though capture his second consecutive **Sony Open** title in Honolulu, Hawaii, the following week on January 19, winning in a convincing fashion by firing an 8-under 62 on Saturday and a 7-under 63 on Sunday. He finished with a 23-under par 257 victory total, a tournament record-breaking nine shots clear of his nearest competitor.



The eagerly awaited return of Tiger Woods at the **Waste Management Phoenix Open** at TPC Scottsdale, Arizona turned out to be a damp squib, as he missed cut. **Brooks Koepka** used an eagle-3 at the 15th hole to jump ahead of a crowded

leaderboard for his first PGA Tour victory on February 1.



Australian **Jason Day** won the **Farmers Insurance Open** at Torrey Pines in a play-off after four player tied at 9-under. A par at the second extra hole on February 8 was good enough.

After a miserable season with some injuries, a swing coach change, and a tumble out of the top 50 in the OWR's, **Brandt Snedeker** got back on track with an early 2015 win at the

**AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am**, cruising to a comfortable three-shot win.



On March 29 **Jimmy Walker**

comfortably won the **Valero Texas Open** with a total score of -11 (71,67,69,70) at TPC San Antonio, his second victory this year.

With some scintillating putting,

**Mark Everly** walked off with the **Arnold Palmer Invitational Trophy** on March 22, the last big tournament before the Masters. In addition two players **Daniel Berger** and **Zach Johnson** made the first ever



albatrosses for this tournament on consecutive days at Bay Hill, Orlando. The albatross (or double-eagle) is so rare that there have been just 121 double eagles on the entire PGA Tour since 1970.



American **Dustin Johnson** who had been trailing the leader by 5 strokes after the third round, fired a three-under-par 69 to win the **WGC-Cadillac Championship** by one stroke on March 8 in Miami, Florida.

The bar for Indian women's

golf was raised dramatically at the Classic Golf Resorts in March at the 8th leg of the Pro Tour. **Kiran Matharu** played flawless golf winning with a score of 17-under par (-5,-6,-6). Smriti Mehra set the tournament record with a score of 7-under in the second round.



# Thyroid problem in women

**D**o you often feel fatigue, aches & pains, depression, weight gain, constipation, irregular menstrual cycles, a swelling in your neck and have pain touching the front of your neck. Or it's just the opposite i.e. unexplained weight loss, anxiety, irritability, reproductive disorder or eye problems.

All these symptoms could mean that you have a thyroid problem and you need to see an Endocrinologist or Hormone Specialist.

Thyroid Gland is a hormone producing gland. This gland is a regulator of body and mind and can change its normal course specially more in women. Women are three times more affected than men.

A simple blood test, done by almost all laboratories and examination by your doctor can diagnose most thyroid problems. Sometimes special tests like Thyroid Scan or a FNAC (Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology) may be needed.

When the gland makes too little of the hormone, it is called underactive or Hypothyroid and all you need for treatment is a tablet a day, periodic blood tests and adjustment of the doses.

Thyroid is specially important to diagnose and follow target values of the hormones in pregnant women or those desiring pregnancy. It's not only important for the mother but also for the unborn baby, for its mental and physical well being.

When the gland makes too much thyroid hormone or is overactive, it is called Hyperthyroidism. Treatment can be long with either tablets or radioactive Iodine. Rarely a surgery is required. Sometimes an evaluation by the Eye Specialist is also required, as eyes can also be affected in overactive thyroid states.

A new study supports the notion that Thyroid disorders can cause significant reproductive problems in women. Thyroid problems can cause reduced rate of conception, increased miscarriages and adverse foetal and maternal outcomes.

A recent survey by Indian Thyroid Society says that 1 in 10 adults suffer from thyroid problem in India.

Very rarely, bumps & lumps called nodules form in the Thyroid Gland. Most nodules are non malignant, but an ultrasound and FNAC is then required to rule out malignancy which is rare and if present, to treat it.

## QUICK TIPS

1. Do not ignore early symptoms of unexplained weight loss or gain, bowel pattern changes, intolerance to heat or cold, irregular menstrual cycles, hair fall, depression or even hoarseness of voice. If cholesterol levels are high, get a thyroid test done.
2. Get proper diagnosis by Thyroid profile blood tests.
3. Eliminate stress by exercise, yoga and balanced diet which includes iodized salt.
4. If there is a family history of thyroid problems, or type 1 Diabetes go for a screening test.
5. If there are reproductive problems, get a thyroid blood test done.

Remember, you can seek help, only if you are aware of the problem. Familiarize yourself with thyroid and its problems. The treatment often is simple and very effective.



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