



From The Captain's Desk



Dear Members

The monsoon this year has been particularly severe. Fortunately, the course has held up much better than the previous years and we managed to hold the Merchants Cup in spite of heavy rains. We can no longer pump water out of the Club premises during heavy rains, since the residential areas now surrounding the Club get submerged. Our response has been to deepen and link many tanks, so as to increase our capacity to hold water, and this has clearly helped.

Last week we commenced a project for course enhancement, in which one of the major tasks is to further deepen and expand our network of tanks. In addition, some fairways will be raised and sloped towards the tanks to improve drainage, and additional drainage pipes installed. This is a part of our continuous effort to upgrade the course. A circular had recently been issued by the Club office regarding this work, so I will not repeat the details except to say that this winter both low and high handicap golfers can expect to enjoy their game even more.

Of course, what we need is a brand new irrigation and drainage system. Our systems are about thirty years old and in very poor shape. Each year, as a part of the fire fighting measures, we are replacing a small portion but sometime in the near future we will need to make a major investment.

Besides the course, enhancement work in the Club House is also being taken up. The new Billiards and Card Rooms have been greatly appreciated by the users. A new members' lounge is under planning and after that the 19th and the Annexe (both of which desperately need a face lift) will be taken up.

The launch of a new user friendly website is on track and we are also planning to develop a full feature App for mobile phones and tablets.

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GREENS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The monsoon's fury was in full force during June and July with rainfall of over 5 feet. This obviously saturated our course at the beginning of this really wet season. Owing to this unprecedented rain we were forced to close the course a few days in the beginning of August, which had not happened during the past couple of years. Some holes like # 2 and # 3 were completely inundated with floodwaters. We are now in the second week of August and both nines



are open and all turf areas have been mown. After six days of no rain we were finally able to get the machinery and staff out on the course. We Look forward to drier feet and lesser rainfall in the days to come which will give us an opportunity to complete the work on enhancement on the course and finish the practise putting green, which is now 50 % complete, in time for the golfing season which is only a few months away.

NATIONAL HANDICAPPING SERVICE:

The cards of members who have already applied for NHS handicap have been received by the club. Members are requested to collect their cards from the starter. We request all other members who still have not applied for the NHS handicap to kindly do so at the earliest.

Quick Guide to NHS Mobile App

Step 1- Download Halogolf app

Download the Halogolf (Scoreplus by HaloGolf) app for Android or Apple

Step 2- Entering Scores

- Open the App and choose Non-Tournament
- Choose type of scoring (4-Ball, 3-Ball, 2-Ball or Individual)
- Choose Course, Tee Box, Scoring Format and Handicap Weight
- Enter Player Name and current Handicap and click NEXT
- Enter score for each hole → Click Apply → Swipe Screen or use arrow button or swipe to move to the next hole
- At the end of the round click on Scorecard → Edit Score if required

Step 3- Submit Scores

- To Submit Score click on Player name on the scorecard → Enter your NHS Username and Password
- Enter username/Email ID of other Co-player who are NHS members. Optionally they can enter their password also
- Click Post Score → Enter marker's email ID (if only one score is being submitted) and submit score

Step 4- Email confirmation

Upon successfully posting your score you will receive an email confirmation with your score details.

The marker will receive an email requesting to verify the score posted by you. Upon successful verification the score will be posted to your NHS.



You may view your score history and Handicap Index on www.igunhs.com



COURSE ENHANCEMENT WORK:

Work on enhancements on the course have just commenced, which includes enlarging of some tees, creation of a few new tees, raising and sloping fairways to improve drainage, deepening and enlarging of tanks, addition/elimination of bunkers on some holes, replacement/installation of critical irrigation and drainage pipes, and replacement of old electrical cables. Neither the character, nor the routing of the course, are being altered, though a new hole, 1A, is being created as an additional hole which can be temporarily used whenever maintenance work demands the closure of any other hole, or holes, or for professional tournaments, which demand a longer and tougher course.

The monsoon is the most difficult period to carry out course work. However, it is also the period during which the course is under the least pressure. The plan is to complete all the



earth work by end of September and use October and November for grassing the worked, or damaged, areas.

The work has been planned to cause minimal inconvenience to members and as of now we do not envisage closing any of the holes. However, if this does become necessary, we would plan,



wherever possible, closures of the particular holes for a few days during the Monday to Friday periods.

We look forward to your cooperation and support for this work and regret any inconvenience that may be caused.



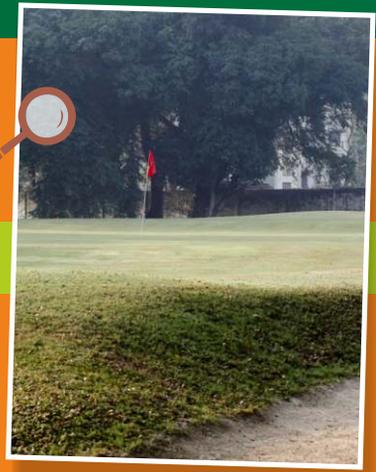
PHOTO CONTEST:

Guess the hole ?



Send your answers to - ceo@rcgc.in

First 5 correct answers will receive gift vouchers



THE LAWN BOWLS NEWS:



Monsoon Cup 2015 was played on Sunday, 12th July in which 22 Bowlers participated with full enthusiasm under wet conditions. This exhibition game was eventually won by veterans S. V. Pai and Kamal Sharma using all their experience and skill.



Hot Weather Cup 3-A-Side League which is one of the most strenuous team competitions was held in the club, saw some tough competition and closely contested matches. The trio of Samit Malhotra, Suyash Kejriwal and Kamal Sharma combined well as a team and finally emerged on top to comfortably win at the League.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:



*To find a man's true character,
play golf with him.*

– P. G. Wodehouse

GOLF TIP FOR THE MONTH:

Rory's Game Changing Tips 3:

Do a "Turn and Load" at the Top

I'm flexible enough to turn as far back as I want without discomfort. In fact, I often turn too much. I can rotate my shoulders past 90 degrees without thinking, which makes it difficult to get everything back to where it needs to be at impact. I'm not doing that as much this season.

The Key: I stop my swing when my left shoulder hits my chin. If that's plenty of turn for me, then it's plenty for you. If I stop my shoulder turn at 90 degrees while keeping my right knee flexed -- which lets me load a lot of energy -- there's not a par 5 on earth I can't reach in two. Your swing will feel tighter, not shorter -- a great feeling to have



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