



KARNATAKA GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Dr. M G Bhat

President

Happy new year and all the very best in 2022!

The first month in the office has been very eventful. All the MC members have shown keen interest and are totally involved and putting all their efforts. Change and progress are seen all around. Departmental updates in the newsletter will give more insight into their activities. We propose to have an SGM around end February to present details on proposed projects and get the members acceptance. As per the AGM we will be discussing with KSTDC soon regarding the lease rent. The finance review and streamlining are in progress. We propose to have an open house in mid-February to discuss on the finance and tax issues. The “play with the president” is helping me to interact with members

Mr. Prithvi Raj Urs

Captain

At the outset of 2022, I take this opportunity to wish our members a happy, safe and healthy New Year. We certainly did not envision this as the start of our year, but I am hopeful that we will get the opportunity to get out and play more golf and things will improve. December 16th (Vijay Diwas) marks the 50th Anniversary of the 1971 war and 14th January is the Armed Forces Veterans Day. We do have a large number of veteran golfers who were part of the 1971 war and I would like to express our gratitude to them for their exemplary courage and sacrifice in safeguarding the nation. With regards to the golfing matters, we are taking small but firm steps in the right direction to ensure that your golfing related experience at KGA is the best. Be it on the surface that you play on, the driving range or your tournament participation. A couple of points that I feel are important and that we need to implement -- and enforce – 1. Equitable golfing and a pace-of-play management program, or else nothing will change. 2. Usage of driving range balls on the golf course should stop. 3. Please do not litter your golf course with cigarette butts, pan packets etc. as not only does it cause damage to the course but makes the look dirty. Lets move to make KGA a clean environment. I am sure that you will agree with us on that and also support the same.

Mr. Suresh Jois Chandrashekar

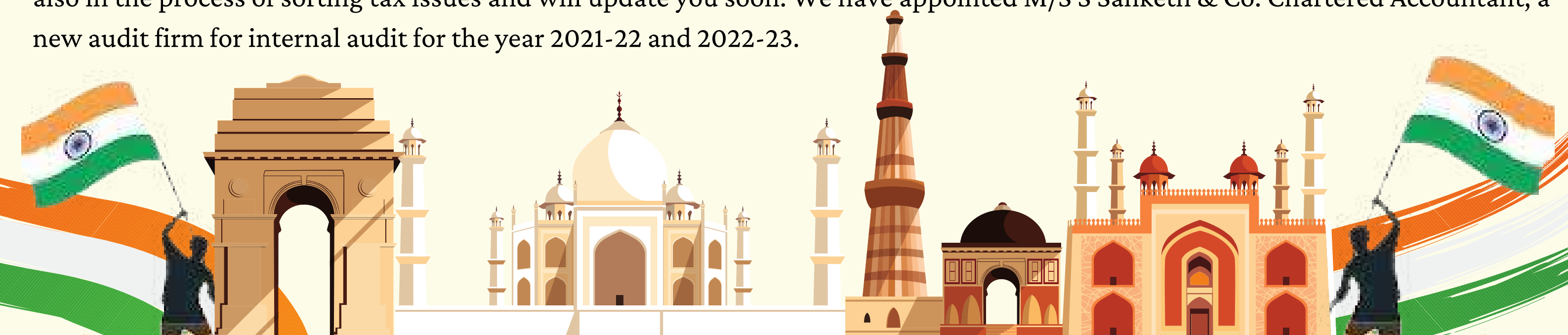
Hon. Secretary

Due to the deadly Omicron variant spreading faster during the months of December and January, we had to curtail the Christmas and New Year celebrations due to Covid 19 restrictions. During January 2022, the Government had introduced weekend curfew, hence we had to restrict golfing on weekends and thank the members for their cooperation. As a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of Omicron, the GOK had initiated a Booster dose campaign. With the support of Apollo Hospital, KGA had organized a Booster dose campaign for the Senior Citizens on 14th January 2022 and 115 members were vaccinated. The next campaign will be announced soon. The Republic Day flag hoisting event was conducted on 26th January 2022. The popular tournaments Republic Day Trophy and Civil Services N A Muthanna Memorial well participated with F & B Restrictions. Interviews for Child of Members, Permanent Members & Corporate Associates were conducted and they were inducted as Members/Associates. Through the Suggestion/Feedback Registers, we got a lot of positive responses from many members on the shotgun start on weekends and with the “No-break” option after 9 holes. Online buggy reservation has been introduced and golfers are requested to use this facility. As we are sending this newsletter, the curfew has been lifted and we look forward to normal club operations from February 2022 onwards with 50% restrictions. Happy Golfing!

Mr. Austin Roach

Hon. Treasurer

Dear members, Wishing you all a very happy healthy prosperous year ahead. The budgets of all the different departments have been submitted and we are collating them. We are in the process of finalising the budget for all new development, such as the outdoor bar, vegetarian kitchen etc. This will be submitted for the member's approval, at the forthcoming proposed SGM. We are also in the process of sorting tax issues and will update you soon. We have appointed M/S S Sanketh & Co. Chartered Accountant, a new audit firm for internal audit for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23.



Managing Committee 2021-22

Ms. Roopa Pratap

Chairperson-Tournament and Ladies Section

We have made some changes after multiple discussions in the committee with some invitees. Generally, the "No Break" and the Shotgun for the weekends are appreciated and accepted by most members. Going forward this month, we are evaluating on a trial basis, an option of "equitable" golfing, to give all our playing members, a fair and seamless golfing experience at KGA. A monitor has been installed both at the 1st and 10th Tee to display the timesheet. (1)The Republic day tournament was completed with all covid protocols in place. (2) Golfer of the year at KGA, based on certain board tournaments played, points allocated for Ladies / Men will be monitored from the month of January. (3) Online booking software has been enabled with an OTP now, will be ready to be implemented in a week. (4)RFID tags with sensors to be implemented to monitor pace of play work in progress. KGA app is being modified with a lot more features - work in progress. (4)Shotgun Software being developed to make bookings easier and workable to all Work in progress will be active very soon.(5) Ladies monthly rounds will continue, with fun formats, including a KGA ladies Matchplay. Pls, do email me at chmn.tour@kga.in if u have any feedback/ suggestions, as we are looking to make a difference. Happy golfing!

Mr. Vijay M. R

Chairman - Club House

I am happy to update on the plan for the activities in my department. My subcommittee members are very supportive and enthusiastic and together we will do our best for the club. Few projects, to be under taken, for the betterment of the club, (1) Main Entrance & Reception area and surrounding (2)Party Hall upgrade including toilets (3)Swimming Pool Toilet upgrade (4)Swimming Pool surrounding areas to be paved and land scaped. (5)Toilet in Course workshop for greens keeper. (6)Toilet for daily workers, near sand yard close to 11th green. (7)Toilet near 16th green and 17th tee box. (8)The Civil work on the Newly acquired area for car park (next to 10th T box). The drawings and cost will be displayed on the notice board.

Mr. Sanjay. G. Mathias

Chairman - Food and Beverages

A Big Thank You, to all our playing member golfers, for grabbing a quick bite, after 9 holes and keeping the pace of play. We are continuously taking feedback and welcome suggestions to help us get better. Please stop by after 18 holes and continue to have that special south Indian vegetarian breakfast and special non-veg lunches with our specially curated beverages. The team has worked hard during the lockdown to provide you with efficient service and good food. To help give our members, tasty food, delicious beverages, efficient service and a great ambience, the Office Bearers, Managing Committee and Sub-Committee members have had numerous insightful meetings with our Architect to redo our Umbrella Bar area, rebuild our Veg Kitchen and golfer bay area. Please keep a lookout on our notice board for the plans and budget.

Mr. Ranjan Biswas

Chairman - Course

Attention to detail is a quality that will absolutely set us apart and serve us well going forward. We are happy to have Comin as our Greens Keeper, as he credits his success to learning to plan, establishing systems, and anticipating challenges so he can produce a top-quality product every day. Our aim to provide you a surface that is consistent and challenging. We are renovating the 3rd and 11th tee boxes in house, due to the excessive wear on the current tee boxes. We are providing temporary measures so that your game is not interrupted. Over the past year or so, we have been observing trials of two bunker liner systems. Capillary Concrete was installed in the bunker on the left side of the 11th green. The Better Billy Bunker (BBB) system was installed on the bunkers of 10th hole. Our research and due diligence have led us to choose the Capillary Concrete system for our bunker renovation. The ultimate goal is to finish the project in a 6-week window. Our half yearly course renovations will start from the 21st to 23rd March and will take roughly 2 weeks to return to normal.

Mr. Adith Kumar Bhandari

Chairman - Driving Range

The Driving Range has been refurbished. New Hitting Mats have been provided. Brand new Range Balls have been purchased . The Range House has been painted. We intend creating a double decker driving facility for which a structure needs to be created. Due to heavy demand for practice slots. The design for that structure has been received and will soon be placed on the Notice Board. The same will be brought forward at an SGM for General Body sanction. The Junior Golf Program is being finalized and will soon be rolled out. Members suggestions to improve the practice experience is always welcome.

Mr. Arun Bajaj

Chairman - Entertainment

Greetings friends. With the easing of lockdown, we will now start our programs. Please ensure all protocols are followed. Let us enjoy the golf and fun

