



## Dr. M G Bhat

## President

The year appears to be moving fast and we are already in March!!

The proposed SGM in February could not be held due to technical and administrative issues. I am hopeful to have the SGM sometime soon. We have few projects, finance and rule revision items to be discussed in the SGM. We have made progress on the follow up of the AGM with representation made to the Hon'ble Chief minister on the subjects of New Golf Course, KSTDC lease rent and for permission to build a car park in the newly acquired area next to 10th Tee box. The golfing slots are continually undergoing changes to improve and help our members. More time is required for this trial and correction process of "golf slot" to bring to the satisfaction of the members. With covid coming under control the club activities are slowly picking momentum. The first large entertainment program, a tribute to Lata Mangeshkar was well appreciated and enjoyed by many. The Interclub Tournaments have begun. The recent KGA vs BGC brought back the required comradery amongst the two clubs. The ladies team was also introduced in this game. Overall, our progress on all front is very encouraging. We had an Open House Meeting on Finance of the club with select group on Members, Past Presidents and Past Hon. Treasurers. A similar meeting is planned for the F&B services during the month to interact with members. The minutes of these meetings will be shared with the members.

## Mr. Prithvi Raj Urs

## Captain

The Course is looking in very good condition and a big thanks to Course Chairman who is working along with Course Superintendent and the Course Team for all the hard work they have put in on the course improvements during the winter and getting it in good shape. Bunker improvements continue and will be completed shortly. The renovation of the 3rd & 11th Tee Boxes is completed and we will need a month or so for them to settle. We are looking at certain enhancements on the course, however more on this later. Chairperson Tournament along with the Tournament Committee continue to work hard in finding solutions to several issues plaguing our golfers. We request you to understand that we are trying to make your golfing experience at KGA better. We are looking at implementing software for booking just 9 holes, if you so choose, this will free up 9 holes for other members, a shotgun booking mechanism, an online waiting list to share a few of the developments. Going forward there will be an increased focus on restarting our Junior Development Program which was curtailed due to the pandemic. Driving Range Chairman has been working hard on this and it should see fruition shortly. The Driving Range will also see a lot of upgrades that will assist members with their game. We conducted an Eye Camp and a Health Camp on the 14th of March for all our caddies and course staff. The Eye Camp was sponsored by the Rotary Foundation. The course will be rated again as there have been a few changes from the last time it was rated. We are in touch with IGU to complete this exercise. We are almost in the finishing stages of a KPL Handbook and an Inter-Club Tournament Guide.

## Mr. Suresh Jois Chandrashekar

## Hon. Secretary

From Feb 2022 onwards, Government started easing Covid 19 regulations and it was great to see lot more members visiting the club and enjoying the Golf Course, Driving Range, F & B, Health Club, Spa, Swimming Pool facilities, plus increased use of Party Halls by members for smaller celebrations. The Lower Deck area and Golf Course got busy with tournaments and the club was far more active with increased footfalls by both members and guests. We look forward our members to enjoy the Spring season with their family and friends in the club. We have installed Four Large high volumes fans at the Lower Deck area for the upcoming summer season. Annual Budget for the period June 22 has been displayed on the Notice Board for members perusal. Fire Training Session was conducted for all key senior staff and employees by a professional agency called Safety Circle. This was required to meet fire safety norms and CEO will be conducting Annual Training going forward. Additional Fire Equipments as recommended by the Fire Audit team will be installed soon. Health Camp for Staff conducted by support of MVJ Hospital Doctors on 14th March. Gym new equipments for light weight training has been recently added based on members request as these equipments were very old. As the Covid cases eased and Weather being great, we saw huge participation both in our Board Tournaments and Charity tournaments like Richmond Fellowship, Rotary, Police and Tri Services tournament. Members enjoyed the Fellowship with Giest Beer who had sponsored few charity events. Music nights with a Live Concert "Tribute to the Legend Lata Mangeshkar Ji" by famous the Artists Ms.Sanjeevani Bhelande and Valentines Day by DJ Clement, were attended in large numbers and well appreciated by all members. As mentioned above by the President, SGM Proposals were being revised and also keeping in mind our term ending in June 22, with this background we had to revise the SGM proposals. Meanwhile Open houses were being conducted and planned on Finance, Slot Booking and FNB Areas to get feedback from members for further improvement. KGA had requested Land for 2nd Golf Course and after meeting the Chief Minister in Jan 22, we have now received letters from DC - Bangalore Dist and DC Tumkur to take it forward by visiting the proposed sites which will be discussed in the upcoming SGM to be held in April. Interview for Child of members, permanent members and corporate associates were conducted and they were also inducted as Members/Associates. As the Covid cases are manageable, from March onwards lot more Golfing and Musical events are being planned.

## Mr. Austin Roach

## Hon. Treasurer

I am glad to state that we have contacted well know Income Tax expert Pan India Mr.Padamchand Khincha, and had a very lengthy discussions and deliberations on the KGA Tax matters. In this regard, I would like to inform our members that along with the Senior Finance officials and Subcommittee Members met Mr. Padamchand Khincha and explained the status of taxation of KGA. After going through our written explanation, Mr. Khincha agreed to come and address the Open House Session regarding this issue on Taxation, as Government has made some major changes in the Income Tax Act 1961, with respect to exemption of Income under section 12A, under which we can file our Income Tax returns. This act has been made very stringent and as such we are now trying to find ways and means to comply with the norms of this act. After several discussions and deliberations we have reached a consensus to wait for the Supreme Court orders regarding application of income for Charitable trusts under Income Tax Act 1961. The verdict is expected very soon. On receipt of the verdict, we will again seek opinion from the experts as to find out a way forward for KGA. In the meantime, we have filed all appeals, so that we can get relief in one way or other. The common consensus is that we should find a clear path to move forward. Let me assure you that I will leave no stone unturned to achieve our goal.

**GST matters:** Based on the advice of GST consultant, we have streamlined the whole process of GST matters of the club and all GST Annual Returns have been filed upto date.

**Monthly Bills :** We are striving to implement environment friendly measures and practices. E-invoicing is one such initiative to reduce the consumption of paper. It is proposed that the monthly Bill of the members w.e.f the bill of Mar 2022 be sent as a soft copy only.

# Managing Committee 2021-22

## Ms. Roopa Pratap

## Chairperson-Tournament and Ladies Section

The Founders Day Trophy was successfully completed, we had a good response from our members. As we are trying our best to streamline booking of slots at KGA, we introduced an OTP for the online booking. KPL handbook - work in progress, will be ready shortly. New KGA course guide is underway, will be another added feature for guests/ members. Online Shot gun software, is almost ready to be tested and implemented. Manual kiosk booking software- We are testing for further improvement, will be ready for use very shortly. We are happy to let you know that we won the KGA vs BGC inter club match for 2022. We had an inaugural ladies team for the first time between the two clubs- KGA won. We are looking forward to the Inter club tournament between KGA/ HGA. (Hyderabad Golf Association). Do continue with feed back and suggestions as we are trying, to do our best for a seamless, golfing experience at KGA. Happy Golfing!

## Mr. Vijay M. R

## Chairman - Club House

In continuation of previous letter, here are the latest updates, we are dropping the below items from SGM projects due to paucity of time, (1) Veg Kitchen and Rooftop Balcony (2) Umbrella Bar (3) Golfers Bay Area plus corridor renovation (4) New Flooring around the swimming pool area and landscaping plus perimeter re-alignment. (5) Double-Storey change room cum Toilet – Both Men & Ladies (6) Party Hall Renovation - Toilet, Interiors, Flooring and Facelift. We are taking up Only repairs and renovation items, as mentioned below, (1) Golfer's toilet between the 16th green and 17th tee box at the gazebo (2) Green keepers' toilet at the workshop (3) Staff toilet at sand storage area adjacent to the 11th green (4) GYM EQUIPMENTS – Old items to be replaced with new ones.

## Mr. Sanjay. G. Mathias

## Chairman - Food and Beverages

A Big Thank You, to our sub-committee, for getting involved to raise the quality and efficiency of our food and beverage service. Our vendors were given feedback on areas to improve on with a focus on ensure adequate kitchen staffing, good prep of ingredients, plating, efficient delivery and getting feedback from our members on how the food/beverage tasted. We are continuously taking feedback and welcome suggestions to help us get better. 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. We unfortunately, were unable to get this done by June, 2022, so will transfer the ideas, design and estimates for the next committee. We are looking to opening up the Sports Bar (next to Claret Jug) in the evenings so our members can enjoy the spectacular views and beverages. Please continue to stop by after 18 holes of golf, to have that special south Indian vegetarian breakfast and special non-veg lunches with our specially curated beverages. Also please look out for the special deals on beverages and our buffet offerings. Please find our latest menus and offerings on our website: <https://www.kga.in/fb-menu/>

## Mr. Ranjan Biswas

## Chairman - Course

The new tee boxes on the 3rd and 11th holes are growing very well since the temperatures have increased these last few weeks; we aim to have them back in play by the first week of April. Once these are re-opened, we propose to take up two more tee boxes, the 2nd, and 15th, for the same renovations and up-gradation. The first of our bi-annual course renovations are on-going this week. We are expecting a full recovery in approximately two weeks; while the disruption to our playing surfaces will be frustrating during this window, it is an essential practice that must be carried out, especially on a course like K.G.A., which gets so much play. Please note the five main reasons for course renovations

1. Relieve compaction 2. Improve drainage 3. Improve root development 4. Promote healthy and robust grass growth 5. Reduce and prevent the accumulation of thatch and organic matter content. The capillary concrete project is moving along at a good pace; and they are currently working on the 3rd hole green-side bunkers. The contractor aims to be completed by April 15th; we thank all our members for their patience with the hole closures and bunkers being G.U.R. during the installation.

## Mr. Adith Kumar Bhandari

## Chairman - Driving Range

In addition to the newly painted and refurbished driving range, we have added target greens at different yardages. These greens would be up and running in about 3 to 4 weeks. We are looking at adding additional range balls to mitigate any delays and inconvenience to members. We are also taking the trouble to make it convenient for all members to get a hit despite the heavy traffic at the range. Like mentioned earlier, the Junior Golf Program is a few steps away from culmination. This would go a long way in providing young golfers a professional and structured platform.

## Mr. Arun Bajaj

## Chairman - Entertainment

As the Covid 19 regulations were eased, and after a long gap of 2 years, the subcommittee has planned great music events for members to relax and enjoy at the KGA Lower Deck area with friends and family for the coming months. To celebrate Women's day, a Special Bumper Tambola was organised with sponsored attractive prizes, which was very well attended by members. Musical Night in the memory of the Legend "Lata Mangeshkar Ji" by famous Artists first ever winner of "Sa Re Ga Ma" Ms. Sanjeevani Bhelande, was organised and attended by more than 600 members. Her melodious voice enthralled the members and members enjoyed and had a great evening after long time. Valentines Day by Bollywood DJ Clement, were attended in large numbers and well appreciated by all members. Fortnightly Tambola events will be conducted on Monday nights. Weekly Friday and Saturday nights events also have been planned to encourage young and budding artists. Summer special, Large Music event with renowned artists has been planned.