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## KGA MANAGING COMMITTEE 2023 - 24



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Fellow Members,

As we celebrate our Golden Jubilee, we also give thanks for the glorious vision of our Founding Members and recognise the support of the Government of Karnataka.

Home to over 5000 members, the iconic KGA is the pride of Karnataka, capable of hosting world class golfing tournaments and producing champions who represent India. Today, KGA is one of India's leading golf clubs and is recognised as one of the best managed golf courses in the country. Now, our work ahead includes managing the challenges that arise from all the footfall from Course, Driving Range, Tournaments, F&B Areas, and our Junior Golf Development program. Additionally, we continue to manage ongoing issues with sewage, flooding, and financial discipline, while simultaneously planning a new clubhouse and golf course.

It is a privilege and honour to be elected President of this very prestigious club. Our new committee is already working to ensure every experience is more than just par for the course. I look forward to your suggestions, guidance, and co-operation as we, the Managing Committee 2023 – '24 work to improve all areas of club operation.

We wish all our members a safe, healthy, and enjoyable golfing experience at KGA.

Sincerely Yours,

Sd/-

**Suresh Jois Chandrashekar,**  
**President**





## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Dear Members,

It is an honour and privilege to write to you as the Secretary of the KGA Managing Committee for the year 2023-'24. Becoming the First Lady Secretary of KGA in the club's 50-year history is a significant accomplishment and achievement. This milestone is a nod to our evolution as a golfing community, bearing in mind progress and change for the better.

As we continue to celebrate our golden jubilee year, I am proud and honoured to present to you the first 2023 edition of the Double Eagle magazine to commemorate the occasion. The magazine is insightful, and talks about the various aspects of the game on many fronts, and our community.

I invite you to follow us on social media as we work towards creating more awareness, and increasing sponsorship & fundraising activities this year. (Please click on icons at the end.) I would welcome your feedback, comments and suggestions to [secretary@kga.in](mailto:secretary@kga.in).

Happy reading!

Warm Regards,

Sd/-

Roopa Pratap

Hon. Secretary

## OUR NEW LOGO COMMEMORATES 50 YEARS



The 50th anniversary logo of KGA is an ingenious intervention of 50 and the original logo. The way both bind together to form a cohesive new logo unit also speaks of our journey in time. The robust 5 on the left is symbolic of the club's robust history. The elegant original logo sits on the right, held together with a circular silhouette signifying both the zero of 50, as well as a golf ball. The partial silhouette along with the refined KGA logo is emblematic of the possibilities on the horizon for the next 50 years of the institution.



# FIFTY YEARS OF KGA

It has been a year full of celebrations, with tournaments, feasts, musical nights, game nights, and fun galore! Here's a quick visual recap:



Golden Jubilee Celebrations & Logo Launch



Duncan Taylor Black Bull Tournament



Caddies Day Tournament



Purple Academy Tournament



Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebrations



Comedy Night



ABBA Music Event



Ladies' Amateur Tournament



Staff Day





CLARET JUG BAR OPENING

## THE GRAND FINALE

The time has come to bring our 50th Jubilee to its grand end. We have a week of fun and games in store for you. We will also have visiting dignitaries join us on the final day.

Please mark your calendars for events from **August 12 - September 3**.

A must-not-miss is the Family Walk. This is a great opportunity for all who haven't set foot on the course to walk the fairways, take in the lush surroundings and all the wildlife we have.

Do watch out for emails, SMSes, and follow us on Social Media for more details.

You can also view the Club events on our website [calendar](#) as well as keep track of [tournaments](#).

### August 12

Bollywood Nite

### August 15

Independence Day Celebrations

Flag Hoisting

### August 15-17

GJ Independence Day Open Stroke Play Event.

### August 28

-Family Walk on the Course  
-Carnival at the Driving Range

### August 31 - September 2

The Greenskeeper Tournament

-Four Ball Scramble  
-Family/Friends/Player-Caddie

### September 3

-Carnival at Driving Range  
-Dignitary Welcome  
-Dinner and Band/DJ

## SPOT THESE BIRDIES



Pics courtesy Bamby Randhawa



## My Experience at the Sirikit Cup

By Avani Prashanth

I almost missed the Queen Sirikit cup as I could not participate in the Qualifying tournament held at the Noida Golf Club as I was travelling to Kenya to participate in the Magical Kenya Ladies Open, a Ladies European Tour event. The Indian Golf Union used its discretionary powers to select me and send me as one of the 3 members of the Indian Team.

The Queen Sirikit Cup started in 1979, 44 years ago. The tournament this year, the 43rd edition, was conducted at the SouthWoods Golf club, Manila, Philippines.

12 Asia Pacific countries participated including Golf Power Houses Japan, South Korea, Thailand. I shot a score of -16 under over four days to win by a margin of 10 shots over Fiona Xu from New Zealand.

What made this victory very special were the following

1. It was the first time an Indian had won the Queen Sirikit Cup in the 43 year history of the tournament. This was only the 2nd time India had finished T2 in the event.
2. There were 9 other players who were ranked higher than myself on the World Amateur Golf ranking, including World No.5 Yuna Araki and World No.16 Mizuki Hashimoto (winner of Women's Amateur Asia Pacific in 2021).
3. My margin of victory equaled the highest ever achieved in the history of the tournament.
4. This was the first time that all the rounds were underpar & this was my lowest score ever though I missed a Course record by 1 shot on day 2.



The Exhilarating feeling as I walked up to the stage to receive the Winners Trophy gives me inspiration even today. It reminds me that I am capable of winning any tournament when I play my best. This tournament has further enhanced my self-belief: that I have the game to beat the best players in the world.

Of course, I owe a lot to my support system in India. Prior to reaching Manila, I had spent considerable time at my Home Club, the Karnataka Golf Association working a lot on key aspects of my game. The support provided by the club and its members is unparalleled and I am very grateful to them for all their encouragement and support. Every time I meet a member, their words are so encouraging and inspiring, it makes me want to win bigger. I am now actively looking forward to Winning a Gold Medal at the Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou, China.

*Avani Prashanth, one of KGA's young golfers, is India's top amateur female golfer. Avani picked up a club for the first time at the age of three and four years later started winning events. Avani has won several awards and trophies, and is considered to be the nation's most promising female golfer.*



# Callaway Performance Centre at KGA

By Ravi Sharma

The Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) is now home to India's first golf fitting centre. Established by one of the world's leading golf equipment manufacturers, Callaway Golf, the Rs 70 lakh, 700-square foot, plush, state-of-the-art 'Callaway Performance Centre' will cater to golfers of all levels, irrespective of handicap, from the beginner to the professional. No more do you need to buy a club off the rack.

Callaway who have been in a long and robust partnership with the KGA since 2011, including equipping the driving range with around 30,000 practice balls every year, choose the KGA and Bengaluru over several other Indian golfing cities, primarily because South India has the fastest growing golf market in India. Callaway Golf believes that the facility will ensure every golfer identifies the perfect set of Callaway equipment, ultimately elevating their performance and enjoyment on the course.

The Callaway Performance Centre was inaugurated on July 25, 2023 by cricket legend and former India captain Kapil Dev. Eulogizing on the game of golf, Kapil Dev confessed that he couldn't imagine himself loving another game (besides cricket) so much. Stating that he regretted not taking up golf during his cricket playing days Kapil Dev said: "I never imagined that the game of golf will impact me so much. Golf teaches you how to concentrate and play better. If I had taken up golf earlier I would have scored many, many more runs. Golf is not a just a sport, it is a way of life."

Flashing his customary mischievous grin, Kapil Dev explained that the 'bets' that golfers indulged in were not in the true sense betting, but just a way to inculcate a "thrill, and not wanting to lose".



Kapil Dev was all praise for the KGA course, stressing that it was in excellent condition as compared to when he last played on it, three years ago. Said Kapil Dev, "I cannot imagine that this course could have developed so beautifully."





## Playing Preferred Lies

By C S Murali



A 7 Stroke Penalty! It happened to none other than Lydia Ko, former World Number 1, in the final round of the recently concluded Dana Open, an LPGA event.

How did this happen? With the forecast calling for heavy rain, LPGA officials made the decision to play preferred lies for the entirety of the third round. But for the final round, the conditions improved and the local rule was changed to allow preferred lies only on holes 1 thru 10.

Ko was unaware of this and played preferred lies on the 3rd, 7th and 9th fairways. It wasn't until the 11th when a rules official was notified that Ko had been playing preferred lies, that she called for the ruling only after marking her ball.

Ko ended up getting two-stroke penalties for each of the first three times she played preferred lies on the front nine. Since Ko did not replace her ball to its original position on the front nine, she was penalised for playing a ball from the wrong spot each time under rule 14.7a. However, on the 11th, she was alerted to the infraction before placing her ball again. She replaced it to its original position, meaning she only got only a one-stroke penalty for deliberately touching and moving her ball under rule 9.4b.

Such incidents show that even professionals get careless and do not read the local rules that vary from one course to another and from one day to another.

Several years ago, a Japanese player was penalised 32 strokes in a round! He was used to the Japanese tour's local rules where when preferred lies are in operation, the ball must be placed within 1 club length from its original position. In the European Tour event, it was one score card length and his fellow player noticed this mistake only on the 16th hole.

*[(Rule 16.3b). 2. PREFERRED LIES: A ball lying on any closely mown area in The General Area may, without penalty, be lifted, cleaned and placed within 6 inches (150mm) of where it originally lay, but not nearer the hole and not in a penalty area or on a putting green.]*

### Tips for us Amateurs:

- Know the rules and that they may vary from one course to another!
- Pay attention to preferred lies when playing on rainy days. Remember to clean and place the ball.
- A more general tip – When you pick up your card before a tournament, check if your handicap is correctly mentioned. If it needs to be corrected, you must do it before tee off.





## Health & Nutrition

**By Rahul Ganapathy - Golf Coach & Founder, Epic Wrx Golf**

Whether you are a bodybuilder, a professional athlete, or a golfer, nutrition plays a key role in optimising the effects of physical activity. Consuming the right balance of food and drink is important for anyone, but more so for those who are active sports people, as it can also affect performance.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind when working on your health and nutrition:

- Ensure you have a good nutrition plan. It may be helpful to consult a sports nutritionist.
- Fuel your body with the right foods essential for sports performance, including fats, protein and carbohydrates.
- Remember hydration is integral to performance.
- A balanced diet can help increase energy levels and promote overall good health.
- Good nutrition will help manage weight and improve concentration.



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Make informed decisions with nutrition and hydration and work towards improved performance, injury prevention and quicker recovery times.

## Junior Golf Update

The Epic WRX Junior Golf Program is designed exclusively for the development of junior golfers aged 11 - 18. The program welcomes juniors of all athletic abilities, experience, and competitive desires. It has been designed to create world-class players by starting them off right at the grassroots level. We provide performance training, fitness programs, course lessons, progress tracking, state of the art technology, with 16 hours of training monthly. We started this program in May 2022, and it is generally held on weekends with practice days on Mondays and Wednesdays.



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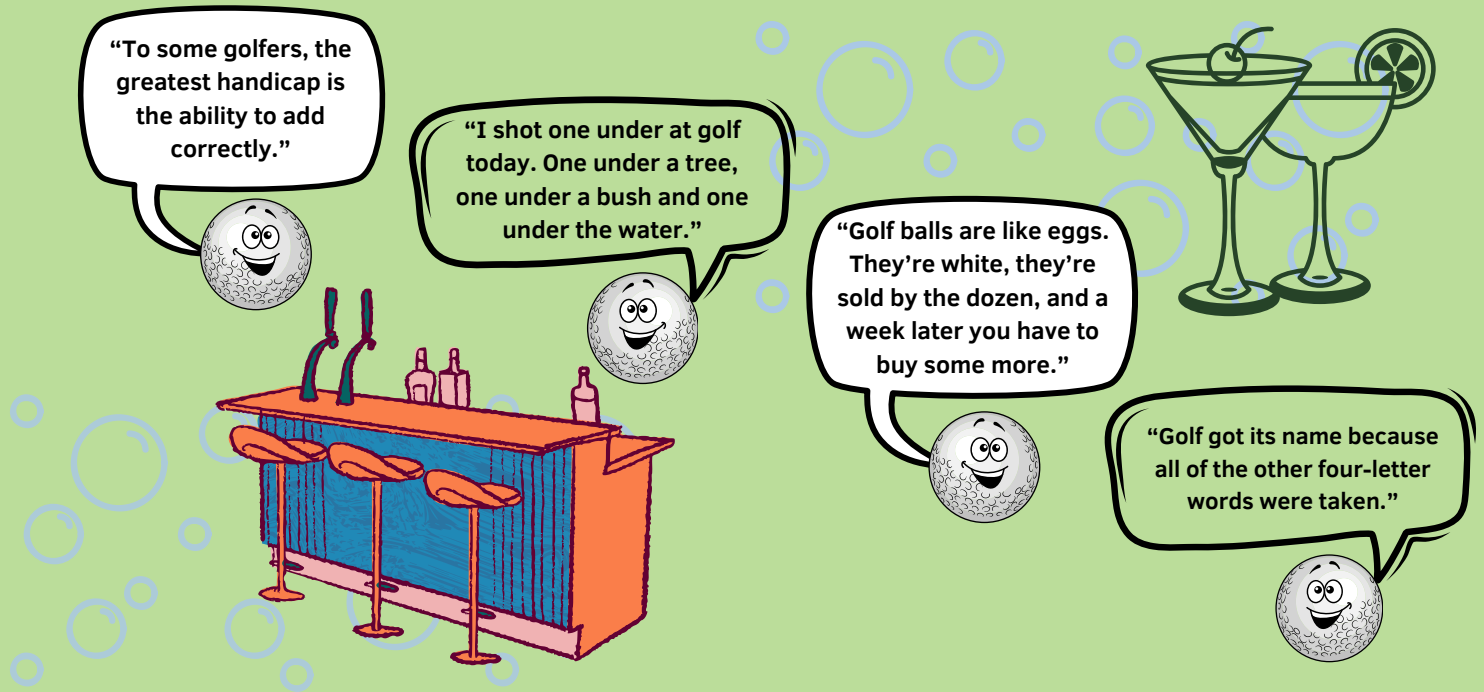
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# BUNKER SHOTS

## Golf one-liners

To try when you're next up at the Double Eagle Bar!



## Bar Stories

The Claret Jug is now open, liquor prices are down and Friday Night Live is back!



Offer valid till stocks last  
Standard Pour - 30ml

	Menu Price	Offer Price
Beer		
KF Premium Draught	90	65
KF Ultra Draught	110	85
Single Malt		
Aberfeldy 12 YO	325	275
Glenlivet 12 YO	395	325
100 Pipes	110	80
Whiskey /		
Jim Beam	160	140
Bulleitine's Finest	160	140
Bourbon /		
Jameson	185	160
Irish		
Chivas Regal 12 YO	275	240
JW Black Label	280	255
Gin		
Stranger and Sons	120	90
Bombay Sapphire	165	130
Perry Road Press	170	140
Bricks	340	290
Vodka		
Kent One	175	140
Grey Goose	290	220
Rum		
McDowell Celebration No. 1	35	20
Tequila		
Patron Silver	490	430
Liqueur		
Baileys	255	180
Wines		
BB Cabernet Sauv. 375 ml	495	350
JC Chardonnay 187 ml	405	360
1+1 Offer		
Dad's Hack Kombucha		

1+1 Offer  
Bottle Pricing  
Min. 200ml



As we edge closer to winding up 50th Year celebrations, we hope you've made time to try the 'Swing Easy 50' at the Double Eagle Bar?



If you haven't, you should! And then try to replicate it at home:

### Recipe

Martini Fiero 45ml  
Guava Juice 60ml  
Soda 120ml



## What's Cooking?

The F&B team at KGA is always busy cooking up treats, banquets, and all manner of feasts for us. We'd love for you to try something new - like this delicious Shakshuka



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- ¼ teaspoon chili powder
- 128-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes
- 6 large eggs
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 small bunch fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 small bunch fresh parsley, chopped

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat olive oil in a large sauté pan on medium heat. Add the chopped bell pepper and onion and cook for 5 minutes or until the onion becomes translucent.
2. Add garlic and spices and cook an additional minute.
3. Pour the can of tomatoes and juice into the pan and break down the tomatoes using a large spoon. Season with salt and pepper and bring the sauce to a simmer.
4. Use your large spoon to make small wells in the sauce and crack the eggs into each well. Cover the pan and cook for 5-8 minutes, or until the eggs are done to your liking.
5. Garnish with chopped cilantro and parsley.

Shakshuka is a favourite in Israel, Turkey & South Africa. Mainly this is about poached eggs on a bed of tomato concasse with paprika, cumin, and bell pepper.

Try the recipe at home or sample these scrumptious eggs next time you visit!



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We hope you have enjoyed the July-August 2023 edition of the Double Eagle! Do write to [secretary@kga.in](mailto:secretary@kga.in) with your feedback & suggestions.

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