



# CROW TIMES

December 2024



## Captain's Letter

**Sunil K. Vasant**  
Captain, 2024 - 25

**Dear Members,**

November has been an exciting, eventful month. It all began with Kannada Rajyotsava Celebrations on the first day of the month. The Kannada Rajyotsava Golf tournament was followed by an evening of entertainment at the deck of the NCH, with singer Samanvitha and her team. The program was well attended and celebrated with great pomp in Karnataka style. Next was the Deepavali Nite. This year we had a 45 minute green fireworks show, especially for children following the games and carnival. Being the only program curated for children at BGC we had an overwhelming response.

Soon after, renowned singer Vijay Prakash kept the crowd entertained for a couple of hours. While short eats and appetizers ran out early, they were compensated by a scrumptious dinner.

A course café with limited fare has been opened at the starter hut which will operate from 6 a.m to 4 p.m. We have also got a new EV charging station from BMW consisting of two 22 KVA AC chargers. This service is free to members. A 50 KVA DC charger for quick and rapid charging has also been installed. A nominal charge will be applicable for use of this facility.

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WhatsApp Grievances and Suggestions to  **90360 40398**

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**B. Sreenivas Murthy**  
Chief Editor

What a mess! The eighth fairway and I dare say the 1st and fourth as well were quite unplayable after the resounding success of the Deepavali night celebrations. Quite a few members and their guests were delighted not only by the fireworks but also the celebrity entertainers. Should events of this magnitude continue on fairways? Is it meant primarily for members and their families or a whole lot of their guests? Deepavali Night, New Year's Eve and the Club day celebrations are the three major entertainment events allowed on the fairways, all others being restricted to the club house. These are celebrations not just for regular

golf playing members but includes all members and their families. Truly inclusive events. Notwithstanding the fact that the rains added to the slush, fairways should be prepared for non-golf use during events, with a recovery plan to restore pristine playing conditions as soon as possible. Alternate options/venues could also be explored to host these events. The only additional cost being the venue itself, maybe less expensive than putting the fairways back together.

Moving on, the BGL was off to a grand start, though a little bit drawn out, I was told. The golf has been great and being played with a lot of enthusiasm. We've got bytes from the team owners covered in this issue.

Cheers!

## Captain's Letter

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Stores operations have been optimized including shifting the liquor store to the NCH. We have also established a full fledged general main store for the whole club, which will be managed by qualified and trained personnel. We are looking out for a purchase manager who will use the transparent reverse auction site "easy source". With this we will be streamlining purchases for all departments and will now come under the direct scanner of the Treasurer.

Meeting a long pending request from members, a separate Bridge Room has been established at the OCH.

We are seriously working on doubling our present car park of 125 cars in the NCH. This facility will adjoin the New Club house and will have two floors. One below the ground and another above it. The basement floor will have a provision to further increase number of parking bays by using mechanical lifts, should the need arise. This project will be brought to the SGM for your approval after the final plans and costing is ready.

The month of November has been a month of team building, team practice matches and the BGL 5.0 games kicked in soon after the inaugural

ceremony of 16th November. We are in the midst of the action now.

We have a fantastic prize for the winners this year. The winning team goes for an all expenses paid trip to Cape Town in South Africa, enjoying the vibrant and stunning city views, two rounds of golf at Royal Cape Golf, Africa's Oldest Champion Golf Club! Another round of at Milnerton Golf Club nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Diep River. In addition Ascot travels will arrange for safari and beach tours across Southern Africa, East Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands at reasonable rates, if required. We are proud to announce that everyone who registered for the BGL 5.0 was selected and is playing the Tournament now. We have a separate prize for a hole in one during this tournament which is a 22 carat gold coin, sponsored by Abharan Jewellers.

We are grateful to all our sponsors and team owners who have contributed to make the BGL 5.0 one of the best tournaments held so far.

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings!

## Tournament Results

### Soli K Dastur Memorial Trophy 19 & 20 July 2024

Sundar Adige & Aditya Subramanian	Winners
Manpreeth Sachdev & Jasmine Sachdev	Runners

### Justice C Subramanya Iyer Cup 2 & 3 August 2024

Aditya Subramaniam Anupam Sringeri Murali Manoj Thilak Ramanna	Winners
Rohan Mittal Pankaj Mittal Mangesh Rathi Dhananjay Naidu	Runners

### Pioneer Cup Finals Played on 26 October 2024

Lokesh Mehta & Kamal Neel	Winners
Sanjay Raju & Siddarath Raju	Runners



## Tournament Calender

### DECEMBER 2024

- BGL Finals**  
13 December 2024 (14th Reserve)
- BGC Centenary Cup**  
20 - 22 December 2024

### JANUARY 2025

- BGC 6 players team at MDGC**  
18 - 19 January 2025
- Republic Day Cup**  
24 - 26 January 2025





**Kodandaram Ramaiah**

## **RAMAIAH ROYALS**

BGL hasn't been as enjoyable as expected for me. This year, a few important issues could have been handled very differently. Adding 4 new teams this year defeats all logic. Beginners who started golfing six months ago were allowed to play the league. I believe, the reason for allowing these golfers to participate in the league is because not many good golfers were available to play the league. Just imagine the standard of the league matches played. Celebrating Diwali party just 5 days before the commencement of the league

matches was not a mature decision made by the managing committee.

The fairways were affected by heavy rains, resulting in muddy and slushy conditions. Refreshments during and after the game need improvement. Good quality and cost effective Cutlery and paper plates could be used to serve refreshments during the league matches. I sincerely hope the managing committee will take these suggestions in the right spirit and implement all these for the next years BGL league.

I would not say that money paid by the owners to the Club for BGL 5 was a complete waste, but I feel that there was no significant value for the money

paid. The committee could have provided better facilities and also improved the conditions of the golf course with the money collected from the owners which is quite substantial.

On the positive side, the beauty of this league and its format is that we meet and interact with many golfers whom we would have seen on the golf course many times. To start, we are all strangers to each other, but during this one month of camaraderie and interaction, we become friends and some of us will continue to be friends even after the league is over.



**Dr Deepak G Shivarathre & B. S. Patil**

## **DUDES OF SPIRE**

BGL is like no other tournament at BGC. It is truly a celebration and a festival of golf. We love to see this event getting bigger every year. As an owner, if I am honest, I am not totally happy with the visibility and the promotional value for the team owners and sponsor. A lot more can

happen, it has great potential. The live telecast can improve with lot of graphics / interactions and interviews / panel discussions.

This will enable more viewers and hence more sponsors. The owners and sponsors will also immensely benefit from better viewership. Press coverage is another thing that will make the event bigger. The inaugural function can be more exciting and fun.

20 teams are a lot, hope we go back to lesser teams. Also, the timing in Jan-Feb is much better than during Nov- Dec for many reasons.

The SA tour as a winner prize is great. May be we can have a some prizes for each of the rounds as well This League Definitely fosters new friendships and alliances. That's the biggest plus of BGL.



**Rakshith Shetty**

## **CONFIDENT PAR-TEE**

We are enjoying every minute of BGL 5.0 as this is our first time under Brand Confident It's a fun festival. We are excited to see regular interaction with other teams

and players. Regarding unlocking the potential of owning a team, only time will On the face of it, we are positive with the impact.

We are super excited to try to be winners of BGL. It'll be great to travel together as a team. We think it is the best winning price anyone can think of.

We as a team have tried to get our family involved and tried to pull team member's families.

The club should encourage fellowship between families in this festival by having some events in between the BGL.

Over all it's a great experience.



**Dr. N. Sitaram Shetty**

## **SNC EAGLES**

As the owner of SNC Eagles I am not enjoying Bgl 5, because of the totally arbitrary way in which Handicaps were cut.

I feel my money could have been spent better than on a League. The winning prize for BGL 5 is good.

BGL does not foster new friendships at all, since most of the Teams pick only their friends.

No question of cutting Handicap for players with KGA as their Home Club. There is an Handicap index to make good any differences in Courses.





**Jayaram S. Reddy**

## PROMAC PINHIGH

The BGL is Absolutely enjoyable! It's money well spent!

The prizes are Awesome and it fosters new friendships, because we meet golfers with whom we would not have an opportunity to

play normally. The only negative point is that the course needs a lot more attention and can be made much better with professional management like Troon / equivalent.



**R. S. Raghavan**

## PROMAN CRUSHERS

The BGL has been real fun and we are really enjoying the spirit of the tournament.

It's worth every penny of the spend to own a team. The prizes are great and makes every

team vie for it. Being a new member I am very happy to meet new golfers and making new friends.



**Shashi Kiran C. N.**

## EAST WEST MASTERS

The BGL is Absolutely enjoyable! Being a team owner in the

Bangalore Golf League has been an incredible experience. The energy, competition, and camaraderie among the teams make it truly special. I'm thoroughly enjoying every moment of it!"

Owning and paying the costs for a team is an investment in promoting

the sport, building a community, and supporting players. BGL brings people together, creates opportunities for growth, and highlights the passion for golf. The joy and value it brings far outweigh the costs, making it a truly worthwhile endeavour."

"The winner's prize this year is definitely impressive and reflects the effort that has gone into organizing the league. However, there's always room for improvement. We could explore ways to make the prize even more

unique or memorable. I'd love to discuss ideas for enhancing it further next season!"

Golf is as much about connection as it is about competition, and BGL brings together people from diverse backgrounds who share a love for the sport. The camaraderie on and off the course often leads to lasting friendships and a strong sense of community."

Thanks



**A. N. Manjunath, Jaganath Mysore & Anil Valluri**

## WEEKEND WARRIORS

Our HC system should be tightened and made more stringent. Many games are lost due to lots of strokes. Maybe having A | B | C category of golfer in each team and matches against similar category will help

Players should be completely committed for signed duration of BGL. Vacation Plans, Business travels etc.. should be clearly announced before the auction/draft pick.

We have few players who compare with previous teams they played for. Every team is different and have different ways of building teams/ motivating them. They should be mature and adaptable.

We need to have less teams and some way to filter out green golfers. Also the rule that we have to give every golfer a game at least makes it worse.

We the Weekend Warriors have thoroughly enjoyed the journey of BGL. For us it is well worth the time,energy and money spent .Playing under pressure to deliver for your team is an amazing feeling.



**S. Shailendar Babu & Suraksh Ravikumar**

## SAHASRA MAVERICKS

Thoroughly enjoying BGL. We didn't factor a value proposition, it is more on the lines of a passion project.

It surely has motivated players. Golf

vacations are always bliss. BGL in my view has created fragmented outcomes. For us, it is a shared passion and love for the game.



**Pratap M. Kamath**

## ABHARAN ALBATROSS

As a company we have always promoted and encouraged sports. Golf in particular is very close to Abharan as several of our family members play golf and as a partner with ROLEX in India we are committed to promoting golf. All in the spirit of sportsmanship.

Team spirit is the greatest takeaway from a league like BGL. Also the league is living up to the tag line "Festival of Golf".

The organising committee has done a brilliant job. Congratulations to them and wishing them the very best always.



**Kishore G. Reddy**

## EPITOME KIA

The BGL has always been a great experience and this year is no different. As I say this I know we have not qualified for the finals, but does not take away from the exhilarating feeling of the BGL. And I am sure this is across the board seeing the time being devoted by so many golfers over the 3/4 weeks. As in a

tournament of this magnitude some niggles are to be expected and if justice is done and seem to done, there's nothing more we can ask for. Three areas that can be looked into for future BGLs are - number of teams, number of players and handicaps.



**Pankaj Mittal**

## TOLEDO PUNTERS

friends getting to play the league together, it's completely worth the time and money we spend on it

The Trip to South Africa as the winning prize is something no one expected and makes us more hungry to win yet another time!!

It fosters new friendships and helps in building more connections for sure,

We've started working with a couple of guys who were in our team from the last 4 years.

The format is excellent. As a future course of action..We can think of trading of players as it happens in other sporting events.

We the owners of Toledo Punters are Definitely enjoying BGL!! Look forward to it every year!!

With 4 passionate golfers in the family itself and large number of



**Sanjay Ganapathy**

## TEAM SPAN

We are thoroughly enjoying BGL 5.0. It has been a great forum to nurture old friendships and foster new ones. South Africa or Sakleshpur is the same to us, winning is only the icing to this cake. Learnt a lot about the

rules that guide the game - and the spirit of the game. In a club like ours, money is only notional, for the opportunity to be a part of this community, it is money well spent.



**B. K. Satyaprasad**

## MORADO MASTERS

We are enjoying BGL 5.0 but not as much as the previous years. It is well worth the money we spend. We understand that the club has too many expenses to conduct an event of this magnitude.

The winners prize is really exciting.

BGL does foster friendships to a certain extent, but it can be much better. BGL has evolved in the last 5 years and it becomes prudent for us to learn from the mistakes of the past and not to repeat them. More creative ways can be adopted to foster friendship awareness of rules and outcomes.

The all inclusive objective this year had added more number of players

and new teams in the foray however it has increased the challenges associated as well. More strict measures need to be adopted with regard to availability of players for the entire tournament once selected into a team and not allow anyone to take a team for granted.



**Srinivas Moramchetty**

## SUMADURA DEVELOPERS

This is the first time we have owned the team and enjoying every moment. The league is played with so much passion and really glad to be part of it.

The time and money spent on BGL is well worth. The game is played with

so much of passion and interest makes every penny count.

Owning a team and specially the team we have is a matter of pride. It has been super fun with a great bunch of players who is playing in this league.

As first time owners, we are still getting to understand the league, the format and all. Only thing is perhaps 50% of the teams playing finals is too many.

It could be limited to top 8 teams from 20. Additionally feedback from players is for frivolous calls for referees during the game to be limited so that the game goes in a good pace. Also get to hear that handicaps are manipulated which essentially takes away the essence of competition and rules - perhaps this needs to be looked into.



**Prabhakar C.**

## GOPALAN GIANTS

We the Gopalan Giants are thoroughly enjoying BGL 5.0. The winning prize is the highlight of this event. Its money, time and energy well

spent. It brings a lot of people together and we get to meet a lot of other Golfers..



**Dr. Ramegowda IAS (RTD) & H C Kishore Chandra IPS (RTD)**

## GARDEN CITY STARS

from this BGL and we need to rectify this as we move along to the next year

1. It's very difficult to host 20 teams/19 players in this format. We have to go with only 16 teams. It is unfortunate that non BGL playing members have few playing opportunities during the month
2. Catering has been below par. It is unhygienic and can be served in a better way during the golf game. Same thing goes for after the

game at the NCH. Food served during the BGL inaugural was Substandard.

3. The 8<sup>th</sup> fairway being destroyed just before a tournament of this magnitude is unacceptable. We have to remember that we are primarily a Golf club.

BGL does not greatly foster friendships... But we still look forward to it year after year.

As owners of Garden city stars... We are thoroughly enjoying this festival... For us it is money well spent.. The Trip to South Africa is great... But the rest of the prizes are a huge let down.

There are a lot of lessons to be learnt



**Adi Bhaskar**

## LA MARVELLA

BGL 5.0 has been a fulfilling event for us, Selecting new team of players while having only 6 players in the core has been an exciting challenge. With players having a whole range of handicaps and been asked to play to 75% has bought out the best and the worst in every player.

We have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this BGL even though the results didn't go our way. We are happy to have played with a

whole set of new players and surely friendships have been made for life, which is what we feel the BGL is all about.

The BGL takes a lot of our times and a some of our money too but its totally worth it. The fierce competition every round and the up's and downs of a win or lose is an emotional Roller Coaster that makes the time and money truly worth it.

Team spirit and camaraderie and the feeling of belonging to our team are the main takeaways from a tournament like the BGL not to mention a whole set of goodie.

We would like to see this tournament evolve and be more competitive for players of low handicap, We would like to suggest that the BGL be conducted in 3 handicap categories were players of the said category play against each other.

BGL 5.0 has been a fantastic tournament very well conducted and we would like to thank the BGL organizing committee and the Managing committee of BGC for all the effort in making this a grand success.



## Entertainment Schedule

December, 2024

### Wednesday Chitrahah

- 4th M. K. Vidya & Team
- 9th Members' Tambola
- 11th Hitesh Mehta
- 18th Divya Raghavan & Kannan
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BGL Inauguration Ceremony



Winners and Runners of Pioneer Cup



BGC congratulates Ms. Jasmine Shekhar for winning Hero Women's Pro Golf Tournament 2024 - Leg 15, Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club, Hyderabad held on Friday 22.11.2024.



Winners and Runners of Soli L Dastur Memorial Cup



ICICI Bank conducted a Health Check-up Camp for the employees of Bangalore Golf Club



Deepavali Nite at BGC with performance by renowned singer Vijay Prakash