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Captain's Letter

Sunil K. Vasant
Captain, 2024 - 25

Dear Members,

Republic Day greetings!

We began the year with an exciting victory in the Inter-Club Tournament conducted by Golf Karnataka at the picturesque Mercara Downs Golf Club in Coorg. Congratulations to the team that represented BGC!

The MC has been dedicating countless hours to preparing and finalizing the resolutions for the upcoming, highly significant Special General Body Meeting. The two key areas for the General Body's consideration and approval are:

1. A master plan for developmental works to guide efforts in making BGC one of the premier golf clubs in the city.
2. Updates and clarifications to the existing rules for greater transparency and compliance.

The increase in general entrance fees last year, from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakhs, has sparked controversy, resulting in legal disputes and governmental action through the Registrar of Societies. After thorough discussions, the legal subcommittee, in consultation with the club's legal counsel, has recommended the clarifications proposed by the MC for approval by the General Body.

Last year, a letter was issued stating that applicants who did not pay the revised entrance fees would be removed from the waitlist. This decision caused resentment among the applicants and their proposers. The MC has now withdrawn this letter and proposes to retain all applicants on the waitlist, with an option to switch between the earlier and revised entrance fees. We propose two separate queues for this purpose. This approach aims to resolve all pending litigations against the club on this matter.

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Tic!

B. Sreenivas Murthy
Chief Editor

“To do or not to do?” That is the dilemma faced by everyone at the helm—especially the Captain.

NCH parking? Water? Infrastructure? Toilets? NCH kitchen? Pudy’s Bar? OCH rooms? OCH parking? The course?

And then there are pressing issues that demand attention—court cases, GST notices, ROS matters, city development. Too many challenges to tackle in a single year. The easy way out? Do only what’s absolutely necessary and kick the can of development down the road.

Or is there another way?

Clubs were once the playgrounds of a privileged few. Today, they reflect mainstream society, with democratic elections and growing interest from all sections eager to be part of the lifestyle. Fortunately, we have a high entry barrier—golf. And that’s where our focus should be.

When making decisions, the guiding principle should be simple: If it benefits golf and golfers, go for it. If not, forget it. This approach will help prioritize, plan, and ensure continuity despite changes in leadership. After all, we are a Golf Club, established for the development and promotion of the game.

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The master plan is being presented to the General Body for approval as a guiding document for future development activities to elevate BGC to new heights. While some smaller projects, such as the restrooms, NCH kitchen renovation, Kumara Krupa fencing, and the solar project, can be undertaken and completed this year, others like the TTP project and the car parking project require extensive government approvals and will only be initiated this year.

Each project has been clearly named and accompanied by estimates to assist future committees in financial planning and in conducting detailed evaluations

before presenting them to the General Body for further consideration. A well-structured master plan also ensures the avoidance of wasteful expenditures on temporary solutions.

We are optimistic and look forward to the General Body’s approval of both the master plan and the proposed rule clarifications.

I look forward to seeing you all at the SGM on Monday, 3rd February, at 4:00 PM.

Yours sincerely,

P.S.: The restroom facility in the 3/8 tee box area is now operational.

Padma Shri Award



Prashanth Prakash
our member and Trustee of
the BGC Crow Trust.

Prakash, 58, a prominent entrepreneur and philanthropist, is the founding partner of Accel India, where he has supported successful startups such as Flipkart and BookMyShow. He has been instrumental in driving initiatives in education, healthcare and urban infrastructure including

Bengaluru Mission 2022. He co-authored Unboxing Bengaluru, exploring the city’s evolving landscape.

Tournament Calender

FEBRUARY 2025

- 1. Club Gold Medal**
7 - 9 February 2025
- 2. Governor’s Cup**
TBD
- 3. Captain’s Putter**
TBD



Entertainment Schedule

February 2025

Wednesday Chitrahara _____

- 5th Gururaj Rao & Siri Chandrashekhara
- 12th Anil Kumar Lingam
- 19th Anitha Bhat & Bengaluru Haris
- 26th Shekhar Iyer & Jubilee Roy

Saturday Retro _____

- 1st Mahesh & Team
- 8th Hema Nayak
- 15th Dj Night Valentine Bash @ 360
- 22nd Mahesh & Team





The Future of Golf

Pratap Thumbboochetty

The integration of technology in sports has seen a meteoric rise, and golf is no exception. With advancements in “Golf Technology” being introduced as innovative golf equipment, players at all levels can enjoy an enhanced experience, improved skills, and a deeper understanding of their game. We have already seen improved distances from both Tour and Club golfers with changes in technology related to golf clubs and golf balls. That elusive 300-yard drive is well within reach of some of the better club level golfers and talk of back spin on a ball landing on the green is no longer reserved for exhilarating TV viewing. This article explores the cutting-edge “Technology for Golf” that’s changing how we play and what the future holds for our beloved sport.

As we look to the future of golf, the potential for Technology in Golf seems boundless. The integration of different technologies promises to not only enhance the golfing experience, but also make the sport more interactive and data-driven. A list of areas to look out for in the future include:

AI-Powered Personal Golf Coaches: Imagine having a personal golf coach powered by AI, accessible via your smartphone or wearable device. This technology would analyze your playing style, performance data, and even your fitness levels to provide customized

coaching advice, practice drills, and game strategies. It could adapt in real-time, offering tips and adjustments tailored to your current performance on the course.

Fully Immersive VR Golf Courses: Future VR technology could offer fully immersive golf experiences that replicate playing on the world’s most iconic courses with hyper-realistic detail. Beyond current simulators, these VR environments would simulate weather conditions, the feel of different terrains underfoot, and even the sounds of the course, providing an unmatched practice environment or a way to play a round of golf from the comfort of your home.

Smart Golf Gear with Embedded Sensors: Future golf gear, including clubs and clothing, could come embedded with sensors that provide real-time feedback on your performance. These smart clubs and apparel could measure everything from swing speed and posture to muscle engagement and biomechanics, offering instant feedback to improve your game continuously.

Drones for Aerial Caddying and Course Management: Drones could take on the role of aerial caddies, providing live aerial footage of the course, helping with club selection, and even offering a bird’s-eye view to strategize your next shot.

Additionally, drones could be used for course maintenance, monitoring turf health, and ensuring optimal playing conditions.

Augmented Reality (AR) Golf Glasses: Next-generation AR glasses could project valuable information directly into the golfer’s field of vision, such as distance to the hole, wind speed, and trajectory predictions. This heads-up display would eliminate the need for handheld devices or stopping to analyze a shot, keeping the game flowing smoothly.

Real-time Swing Correction Systems: Using a combination of motion sensors and haptic feedback technology, future systems could provide real-time swing correction. By offering instant tactile feedback during the swing, golfers could adjust their technique on the fly, speeding up the learning curve and reducing the risk of developing bad habits.

Golf Balls with GPS Tracking: To ensure you never lose a golf ball again, future golf balls could come equipped with GPS tracking. Not only would this technology make it easy to locate your ball, but it could also provide valuable data on its flight path, speed, and distance, directly accessible through a smartphone app.

Personalized Course Design Software: Imagine being able to design your own golf course or

practice range using software that tailors the layout to your specific training needs or preferences. This technology could use AI to analyze your performance data and recommend course features that challenge your weaknesses and build on your strengths.

Biodegradable and Smart Golf Tees: Future golf tees could be made from biodegradable materials that also contain embedded technology to record tee-off speed and angle, providing additional data points to improve your drive. These eco friendly tees would offer performance benefits while also addressing environmental concerns.

Genomic Training Programs: Leveraging genetic insights, future golf training programs could be customized based on an individual's genetic predispositions for traits such as muscle growth, endurance, and reaction times. This would allow for highly personalized training regimens that maximize an athlete's natural potential.

The evolution of golf through technology offers exciting possibilities for every player, promising a future where the game is more informed, accessible, and engaging. By embracing these innovations, golfers can enjoy a possibly richer, more rewarding experience on the course. While a lot of these might seem like science fiction today, given the pace of development and lower cost of technology, significant innovation might be just around the corner. Having said that, there is no substitute for the banter (and small bets) on the course at BGC, constant feedback from our trusted caddies, putting in time on the range and enjoying the brilliant golf weather we are blessed with in Namma Bengaluru. Golf, for most of us, will always remain a sport where there is no substitute for hard work on your own unique swing, practicing putts and knocking sand out of practice bunkers. The future is what you make it out to be, but be sure that there exciting changes on the road ahead.

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Tournament Results

P G Gurjer Memorial Cup - 2025

10,11 & 12 January 2025

Open Event		
Pritam Haridass	138	Winner
Ayaan Jung	148	Runner
Handicap 0-9		
N K Lenka	139	Winner
Sanjay Nair <small>(Won Against Suhas Kulkarni (141 with Better Second Day Score)</small>	141	Runner
Handicap 10-18		
Col. Somashekar A M	138	Winner
Rakshith Shetty	138	Runner
Handicap 19 - 24		
Amar Chawla	134	Winner
Shashank Mahesh	138	Runner
Senior's - 65+ Gross		
Rajendra Patil	167	Winner
Senior's - 65+ Net		
Ahluwalia J S	148	Winner
Ladies - Open Event		
Latha Shivanna	161	Winner
Ladies - Handicap 0-16		
Anita Shrishrimal	138	Winner
Ladies - Handicap 17-24		
Sunitha Simha	147	Winner
Invitation Cup		
Dilip Kumar B R	62	Winner
Seena Shetty	68	Runner

BGC Republic Day Cup - 2025

24, 25 & 26 January 2025

Open Event		
Nishant Kulkarni	34	Winner
Naveen Wahi <small>(Better Back 9 Won against Amitabh Poddar)</small>	33	Runner
Handicap 0-9		
Nagaraj M S	39	Winner
Syed Arifullac <small>(Better Back 9 Won Against Amitabh Poddar)</small>	37	Runner
Handicap 10-18		
Theertha Prasad V	42	Winner
Shashank Mahesh <small>(Better Back 6 Won against Ajay Melwani & Better Back 9 Advith Sunil)</small>	38	Runner
Handicap 19 - 24		
Thilak Kumar Ramanna	42	Winner
Aarav S Jatti	39	Runner
Senior's - 65+ Gross		
Ranganath V T	26	Winner
Senior's - 65+ Net		
Narayan Rao Jadhav	37	Winner
Ladies - Open Event		
Varuni Narendra	25	Winner
Ladies - Handicap 0-16		
Karishma Tandon	36	Winner
Ladies - Handicap 17-24		
Dhroupadhi R	42	Winner

Golf Karnataka State Inter-club Championship

19 January, 2025

Bangalore Golf Club	319
Mercara Downs Golf Club	328
Coorg Golf Links	331
Zion Hills Golf Country	331
KGA 1	338
KGA2	345
ASC EPTA 1	357
Pilikula Golf Club	381
MEG	386
Kimmane Golf Terrain	396
Airforce Training Command Golf (AFTC)	417





75th Republic Day Celebrations



Sankranti super bumper Tambola



Golf Karnataka State Inter-club Championship 2025

Japanese Techniques

Promote your success with timeless Japanese techniques. Integrate time-tested strategies and unlock the results you desire:

Discover Ikigai - your purpose in life, to help you realize your long-term vision and stay motivated.

Start Kaizen - focus on continuous, small improvements daily and get a competitive edge.

Adopt Shigoto no Kukan (interval work) - work in focused intervals with short breaks. This concept encourages efficiency and energy maintenance, similar to the Pomodoro technique.

Take regular breaks to recharge and stay productive.

Strive for Hara Hachi Bu - achieve balance between ambition and moderation. Prioritize quality over quantity, aim for sustainable growth, maintain a healthy work-life balance.

Cultivate Shoshin - adopt a 'beginner's mind.' Stay curious and open to learning new ideas and perspectives, adapt to changing market dynamics.

Embrace Wabi-sabi - accept imperfection instead of stressing over setbacks. Find opportunities in setbacks and challenges. Your

resilience and commitment to excellence will enable success.

Accept Omoiyari - understand others needs and feelings with empathy, compassion, and deep consideration in your action.

Practice Kakeibo - adopt financial mindfulness. Clear, informed decisions will sustain your long-term goals.

Life is a game. Be mindful of your actions. Enjoy.

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