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Captain's Letter

Sunil K. Vasant
Captain, 2024 - 25

Dear Members,

We write this letter with immense gratitude and a heartfelt thank you to all of you for passing all the resolutions at the recently held SGM. We are overwhelmed by the response to see that many of you took time out of your busy schedule to participate in the clubs decision making. Our entire

committee thanks you for your positive support toward the growth of the club. Since it has been almost a month, our honorary secretary has informed all applicants, permanent members and children of members about the decisions taken at the SGM regarding memberships. The portability period will end on March 20, 2025 and only after that will the new lists of the various queues be published. Meanwhile, our team has begun work on the projects approved in the

SGM. Tenders are being floated and the vendors will be chosen with full transparency and careful selection. A permanent project committee has been appointed as suggested by the SGM. This committee will act as the link between the vendors, the committee and the members. They have been instructed to report directly to the members at the AGM and SGM or whenever members seek updates on the project's progress.

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B. Sreenivas Murthy
Chief Editor

Promises to keep and miles to go - all in the next four months. Restroom facilities for ladies and gentlemen. A modern kitchen in the new clubhouse, finally separating vegetarian from non-vegetarian food. Pudy's Bar, reflecting the class and grandeur of a 140+ year heritage. Plush rooms at the NCH. And detailed plans for perennial water supply to keep the golf course lush and green all year round. Additionally, plans are in place to increase parking capacity.

More than three times the required quorum wholeheartedly supported all the proposals of the Managing Committee - of course, with the necessary guardrails of an Independent Projects Committee, which will have a multi-year tenure,

and with full budgetary approvals for major projects reserved for a later date when the MC is ready with all details and, ideally, all statutory permissions and compliances.

All in all, BGC now has 20/20 vision, and we look forward to becoming a premier golf club in the city.

We also seem to have successfully navigated the hastily implemented entrance fee increase by deftly creating a two-queue system, along with a window allowing applicants in either queue to switch. This appears fair and balanced. Additionally, we were informed that all applicants in both queues will become members within the next 20 years, while those who apply thereafter will have to wait even longer. At least there is some clarity now, allowing intending members to decide their course of action.

Kudos to the Captain and his team!

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We are also floating tenders to replace our current canteen vendors. The new vendors will take over the canteens before the renovation. There may be a limited menu during the transition period, and we kindly ask for your patience.

Renovation work on the rooms at the new clubhouse has begun. Since demand for rooms remain high and we are unable to cancel bookings, we are upgrading two rooms at a time.

The room tariffs will be increased after each renovation reflecting the new facilities provided.

Our go green policy is at its peak. All billing at various POS terminals is now being sent to your mobile phones as text messages. Monthly bills have also transitioned to digital formats accessible on your mobile devices and computers. The initiative not only reduces the work involved in printing, folding and envelope packaging it also saves on postage costs. We look

forward to your continued support in making our club completely paperless, though we acknowledge that we still have a long way to go.

We extend our sincere gratitude to B Mahendran, mentor of "Towards Equal Foundation" for sponsoring the Medical Insurance (cash less) providing this benefit to 337 caddies, coach and their families. We are also pleased to announce that this benefit will be continued in the future, ensuring ongoing support to our caddies by the BGC Crow Trust.



The BGC Crow Trust initiative. Insurance distribution for the caddies and Families.

Tournament Calender

MARCH 2025

- 1. International Womens Day Tournament**
3 March 2025
- 2. BGC Senior Citizens Tournament**
5 March 2025
- 3. M.P. Davis Gold Cup**
6 - 9 March 2025
- 4. Mrinalini Urs Cup Round 1**
12 March 2025
- 5. WGL**
13 March 2025
- 6. SNC Cup**
14 - 15 March 2025
- 7. Mrinalini Urs Cup Round 2**
19 March 2025
- 8. WGL**
20 March 2025
- 9. Interclub BGC Vs JWGC at JWGC**
21 - 23 March 2025
- 10. Mrinalini Urs Cup Round 3**
26 March 2025
- 11. WGL**
27 March 2025
- 12. Governor's Cup**
28 - 29 March 2025





Ball Change Madi!!

Pratap Thumboochetty

How many times have we blamed the golf ball for the miserable round we are playing. And with that comes the magical belief that by getting the caddy to change the ball, we are going to find the perfect rhythm on the course. Is there any truth to that though? What is it about that little sphere that gets us worked up at times, and yet over the moon delirious at times. I thought I would shine a little light on where that golf ball evolved from and where its headed today. Maybe a little more knowledge about the golf ball can help you make a more informed choice the next time you are in the pro shop.

In 1764, on the hallowed grounds of the Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland, golf as we know it today, where 18 holes are played, was created. Much has changed since then, both in terms of the golf ball itself and the clubs we use. Pre-modern golf, which, again, we are defining as having started in 1764 and going back to the 14th century when a game remarkably like the modern game was being played, used golf balls that were made from wood.

The Hairy Golf Ball was played from the late 1400s and on through to the early 1600s. This ball was made of leather and filled with cow hair or straw. These golf balls were sowed by hand and primarily produced in the Netherlands; however, in the mid-1500s, they started to be produced in Scotland.

The Featherie Golf Ball, an expensive ball at the time, was introduced in the early 1600s. This new rendition of the golf ball was similar to the Hairy, but goose or chicken feathers were used instead of cow hair or straw.

In 1848, Dr. Robert Adams Paterson invented what would be one of the first predecessors of today's modern golf ball. The Gutta-Percha Ball, often called the Guttie, was made from the dried sap of the Malaysian Sapodilla tree. By heating up the sap, a ball could be formed. The sap of the Malaysian Sapodilla tree was very rubber-like, making it much easier to make than the Featherie. Gutties could be produced much more cheaply and consistently than previous golf ball renditions. Almost by mistake, it was discovered that when a Guttie started to get some nicks and dings on it, the flight characteristics actually improved, and it became more aerodynamic. After this was discovered, manufacturers intentionally made molds with patterns of bumps on the balls. This was the predecessor of the dimple patterns we see in today's modern golf balls.

In 1898, Coburn Haskell and Bertram Work of the B.F. Goodrich Company invented a golf ball, which became known as the Haskell Golf Ball, by putting a thin cover around a rubber inner core. The process of making this ball involved putting a thin outer cover,

made of balata, around either a liquid-filled or solid round inner core, which was then wound with a layer of rubber thread to create a larger secondary inner core.

Fast forward to the 1960s, and we have the creation of a new synthetic resin called Surlyn. This Surlyn, along with new Urethane blends, are what we know as today's

modern golf ball coverings. With these modern ball coverings and new materials, golf balls now had very durable covers that would last much longer than previously made golf balls. Through these discoveries in the 1960s, combined with the process of ball-making invented by Coburn Haskell and Bertram Work in 1898, golf balls began to look a lot like what we know them to be today. Eventually, golf balls started to be classified by how many layers they had and how they were constructed. Balls were either two-piece, three-piece, or four-piece balls.

Today, within the rules of golf, the ball used to play must be no less than 1.680 inches in diameter. In terms of the weight of the ball, it cannot be any more than 45.93 grams. Additionally, While the ball's dimples must be symmetrical, there is no limit to the number of dimples allowed on a golf ball.

Modern golf balls come in the following constructions:

- **Two-piece golf balls:** These have a solid core made of acrylate or resin, covered in Surlyn or a similar kind of material. They tend to be very durable with low spin and are considered more of a “Distance Ball”. Examples include Callaway Supersoft, Titleist Velocity and Srixon Soft Feel.
- **Three-piece golf balls:** These balls have a core made of solid rubber along with a secondary rubber or a liquid-produced layer. They are covered in Surlyn, Urethane, or a balata-like material. These balls tend to be durable but softer than a two-piece ball offering more noticeable spin. Examples include Bridgestone Tour BX, Callaway Chrome Soft, Titleist Pro V1 (with 388 dimples!) and Srixon Z-Star/Q-Star Tour.
- **Four-piece golf balls:** Along with a core made of solid rubber, they have a second layer to help transfer energy from the core and a third layer that helps to increase both distance and spin. Covered in Urethane, they are constructed to maximize both distance off the tee and spin around the green and are typically seen as a ball for better players who want a little bit of everything from their ball. Examples include Callaway Chrome Soft X, Titleist Pro V1x and Srixon Z-STAR XV.
- **Five-piece golf balls:** Along with a core made of solid rubber they have three mantle layers to help increase both speed and spin. Covered in Urethane, they are constructed to optimize performance as much as possible. Examples include TaylorMade TP5 and TaylorMade TP5 X.

So how does this translate into choosing the right ball for us? Here’s a review of a few balls that we have access to that have been robot tested, keeping all external conditions, swings, clubs, etc. the same.

- **Bridgestone Tour BX S:** The Bridgestone ball that Tiger Woods uses. Like the Tour B X, the XS is designed for 105+mph swing speeds, but rather than focusing on adding distance this model helps increase spin. On long tee shots it rebounds quickly for explosive

velocity. Whereas for approach shots, the ball stays on the face for longer, providing more spin and feel.

- **Callaway Chrome Soft:** With its current 3-piece construction, it offers low driver and iron spin, along with high launch, mean the Chrome Soft is a very straight and accurate ball. Callaway typically say this ball most suits golfers swinging driver at less than 100mph.
- **Callaway Super Soft:** The biggest selling ball in the USA last year offers a blend of distance and durability with reasonable levels of feel and spin. Built for the average club golfer, this is a low-spin ball, which isn’t always the best option if you have issues flighting shots high enough to maximize carry distance at lesser speeds.
- **Srixon Z Star:** Srixon’s tour-level ball for 90+mph swing speeds, offers a softer feel with a lower mid-flight. If you are a reasonable speed club golfer, take a look at the Z Star Diamond too – it is fractionally longer off the driver, slightly shorter on the irons but with a little more greenside spin.
- **TaylorMade TP5X:** It recorded above-average spin with a 7-iron and wedge, and was longer than average with the driver. Consider this if you are a fast swinging, hard hitter – this is the ball Bryson DeChambeau, Rory McIlroy and Dustin Johnson use!
- **Titleist ProV1X:** The four-piece Pro V1x targets higher launch and more spin in the long game than the Pro V1, and feels slightly firmer, too. Titleist’s latest advice has the pair spinning at high levels within the short game, so don’t be fooled into thinking you play the softer Pro V1 for maximum short-game control. If you are a lower handicap, club level golfer and if launching shots higher will help you land approach shots softly and accurately more often, it’s likely the Pro V1x will be the best Titleist golf ball for your game.

Now that you know a little more about a golf ball, I hope you have a brilliant round the next time you are on the course by choosing the right ball for you. If not, you can always tell your caddy to ball change madi!!

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WHISKEY 2+1

- Royal Brackla 12 yrs
- Royal Brackla 18 yrs
- Royal Brackla 21 yrs
- Chivas Regal
- Dewar’s 12 yrs
- Dewar’s 15 yrs
- Dewar’s 18 yrs
- Dewar’s 21 yrs
- Ballantine’s
- Johnnie Walker Black Label
- Johnnie Walker Blonde

Jameson

100 Pipers

Black & White

Roulette

VODKA & RUM 2+1

Absolut Vodka

Bacardi Rum

WINE 1+1

Sula 375ml R/W

Fratelli 375ml R/W

Grover 375ml R/W

GIN 1+1

Salud



Sad Demise

V. S. Angadi A-046 18.1.25

Meghal S. Karekar M-347 4.2.25

C. L. Balasubramanya B-122 10.2.25



Winners and Runners up of Republic Day Cup, P G Gurjer Memorial Cup and Club Gold Medal

180 Golf Presents
“The Women’s Golf League” (WGL)
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WGL by 180 Golf was founded by four BGC members - Anjali Santosh, Hema Priya, Samruthi Sujesh and Tanisha - with a vision to create a competitive yet inclusive space for women in golf. Hosted at BGC, a hub for golf excellence, this pioneering event aims to elevate women’s participation in the sport while fostering camaraderie and skill development.

Entertainment Schedule

March 2025

Wednesday Chitrahhar _____

5th Shekhar & Jubilee
 12th Divya Raghavan & Narsiman
 19th Hitesh Mehta
 26th Arvind

Saturday Retro _____

1st Soundarya
 8th TBA
 15th Hema Nayak
 22nd Sampa & team
 29th TBA

Tournament Results

BGC Club Gold Medal - 2025
 7, 8 & 9 February, 2025

Open Event		
Saanvi Somu	146	Winner
Naresh P.	153	Runner
Handicap 0-9		
Vignesh Hebbar	142	Winner
Theertha Prasad V.	146	Runner
Handicap 10-18		
Ameesh M. Karekar	130	Winner
Prabhakara B. K.	135	Runner
Handicap 19 - 24		
Rangaswamy B. M.	141	Winner
N. M. Dhoke	147	Runner
Senior’s - 65+ Gross		
Ramesh Rao	166	Winner
Senior’s - 65+ Net		
M. N. Krishana Murthy	144	Winner
Ladies - Open Event		
Jayanthi Ravi	171	Winner
Ladies - Handicap 0-16		
Devika Kamath	148	Winner
Ladies - Handicap 17-24		
Rina Lenka	144	Winner

Captain’s Putter – 2025
 21 & 22 February 2025

Handicap 0-9		
Nishant Kulkarni	42	Winner
Amitabh Poddar (Better Back 9 against Sanjay Nair)	36	Runner
Handicap 10-18		
Advith Sunil	47	Winner
Kamal Neel (Better Back 9 against Kedarnath Mudda)	42	Runner
Handicap 19 - 24		
Sachindra Karanth	42	Winner
Suryabhan Meshram	40	Runner
Handicap 25 - 36		
Hiremat J. N.	36	Winner
Shashikiran C. N. (Better Back 9 against Rajanna A)	35	Winner
Senior’s - 65+ Gross		
Ajit Rana	27	Winner
Senior’s - 65+ Net		
Ravi Venkatesh	48	Winner
Ladies - Open Event		
Devika Kamath	28	Winner
Ladies - Handicap 0-16		
Susanne Peris	40	Winner
Ladies - Handicap 17-24		
Chitra Dinakar	39	Winner

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