



CROW TIMES

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Captain's Letter

Sunil K. Vasant
Captain, 2024 - 25

Dear Member,

Firstly, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity and the honour to serve this esteemed institution as Captain, which has been led by some of the best people of Bangalore over the past 148 years. For those who voted for me I shall do my best to live up to your expectations and for all the others I shall strive even harder to win your hearts over.

My vision, as Captain is to make BGC a great golf course with immaculate greens, smooth and fast, that are consistently true; well maintained, lush, inviting fairways and roughs; well-kept bunkers with consistent sand quality; well groomed level tee boxes and pristine landscaping. This is possible only if we have a perennial source of water.

Every year for several months the BGC course virtually becomes a "Maidan". Playing golf in those months is no fun. The Managing Committee is working on a project to ensure adequate water for the course throughout the year and will share the details with you shortly and seek approvals as appropriate.

It's been a hard landing in the past month with a myriad of issues primarily regarding the fee hike against which several applicants have gone to court and procedural lapses in the filing of rules changes in the Registrar's Office. All the issues are being addressed with utmost diligence and appropriate consultations and we should soon have a clear way forward. I am confident that we will amicably settle most, if not all, litigations as soon as possible.

Golf has been good with the weather being great and the course playing beautifully, thank you Don. We've had two tournaments the Gordon Pearce Cup soon after the elections and the popular SNC Cup sponsored and hosted by our ever supportive member Dr. Sitaram Shetty. The parking lot was so full for the PD, that we had no choice but to use the 8th fairway and

I am told that this has been happening frequently during last year too, especially in the evenings. We need to do something about this urgently and I will come back to you with a long term solution for parking.

Thank you again for electing a wonderful team to the Managing Committee and in this issue of the Crow Times you will read what each one of them hopes to achieve in 2024-25. They have hit the ground running and work has begun in right earnest in every department. White tees have been introduced for gentleman seniors. The kitchen in the new clubhouse is being completely redone to the highest industry standards of hygiene. The much looked forward to BGL is scheduled for 15th November to 15th December. Special WhatsApp members' number has been instituted for the Administrator to take quick remedial action for your grievances. Looking forward to your suggestions.

Happy Golfing.

WhatsApp Grievances and Suggestions to  **90360 40398**

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Tic!

B. Sreenivas Murthy
Chief Editor

At 9pm on Monday the 24th of June there was a collective sigh as the last vote was cast in this contentious election! Alas the adrenaline came right back as soon as the counting started and the booth by booth count was displayed on the large led screen on the upper deck. Everybody was tense till the very end. Some were close contests while a few just pulled ahead. Congratulations to all those who are elected to the leadership team and better luck to those who did not make it!

The City is developing at a rapid pace and this is putting a lot of pressure on the jewel in the crown - BGC, like on all other infrastructure. We wish that the powers that be see what BGC truly does. It beautifies the City, attracts huge investments, purifies the air, is a part of the heritage of the City and most importantly puts a smile on everyone's face who passes by the lush green fairways.

I wish the new team at the helm all success and trust they will not only have an ear to the ground but take quick action!

Cheers!



Entertainment Schedule

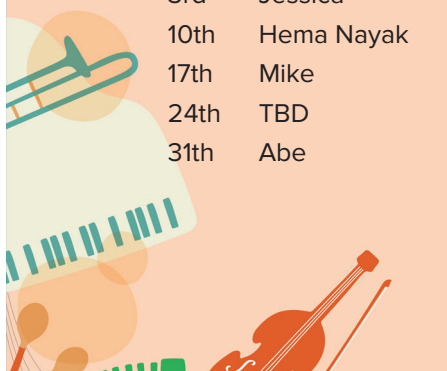
August 2024

Wednesday Chitrahara _____

7th	Ravi Sitaram
14th	Reva and Raghu Pre Independence Special
21st	A. K Lingam
28th	Hitesh Mehta

Saturday Retro _____

3rd	Jessica
10th	Hema Nayak
17th	Mike
24th	TBD
31st	Abe



Tournament Results

S N C CUP - 2024

26 & 27 July, 2024

HANDICAP 0-9	
Srirag Jayaraman	Winner
Amitab Poddar (Better Back Six Against Bipin Boob)	Runner
HANDICAP 10-18	
Karan Kunal Patel	Winner
Govind Srinivasan	Runner
HANDICAP 19-24	
T. V. Prabhu	Winner
Dilip Kumar B. R.	Runner
SENIORS CATEGORY AGE 65+	
Dr. B. Shivappa	Winner
Lukose Vallatharai	Runner
LADIES - HANDICAP 0-24	
Sunita Koogs Da Costa (Better Back Nine)	Winner
Rina Lenka	Runner

Soli K Dastur Memorial Trophy 2024

19 & 20 July, 2024

Winners

Sundar Adige & Aditya Subramanian	62 Net (8 Under)
Manpreeth Sachdev & Jasmeen Sachdev	64 Net (6 Under)

The Gordon Pearse Cup - 2024

(Past Captain Vs Present Captain)
Sunday 7 July, 2024

Present Captain's Team	31 Pts
Past Captain's Team	26 Pts



Chivas Regal
Ballentine's
100 Pipers
Johnnie Walker Red Label
Godawan 01
Godawan 02
Ardmore Single Malt

Suntory Whisky Toki
Teacher's 50
Teacher's Highland Cream
Dewar's 12 Years
Dewar's Whiskey
Sula Red Wine - 375 ml
Fratelli Red Wine - 375 ml

Know your Managing Committee



Raghunandan

Hon. Secretary
Human Resources, Legal & Membership

As part of my work, I would like to stabilise Legal and HR along with Membership.

Legal: It is the endeavour of this Managing Committee to close most or hopefully all the pending litigations against the club by the year-end amicably.

HR: To bring about a process or a rationale as to how the club personnel are treated and defining roles and responsibilities.

To bring about parity in pay structure and means to motivate the staff.

My Sub Committee members are:

Legal

1. Amit Mandgi
2. Arun Ponappa
3. Murali Ananthasivan

HR

1. Prabhat N. Jadhav
2. Sumanth Yadurappa N.

4. 'Tally' integration with our Bankers
5. Implementation of 'go green' initiatives
6. Sourcing of all purchases through Source EZY
7. Perform a Compliance Audit of all Statutory Requirements.
8. Implement rigorous budgeting and control.
9. Conduct a complete inventory of all our fixed assets

This I will achieve with the help of my esteemed and experienced Sub committee that will handhold and advice from time to time. My team consists of

1. Vinay Lal
(Specializing in Business Valuation, Transaction advisory funding and strategic consulting)
2. Narayan Menon
(Former senior partner at KPMG)
3. Arun Prakash
(Senior manager with Fidelity Investments)
4. Rohit Rao
(Managing Director at Accenture)



L. Balakrishna

Chairman
Bar and Infrastructure

My vision for improving infrastructure is to create a world class Golfing facility. This I plan to do by

1. Implementing efficient waste water management Systems
2. Reduce water consumption
3. Promote recycling

As the committee member in charge of the bar, I would like to create a lively atmosphere at the 19th hole not only enhancing the golfing experience but to encompass all our non golfing members.

Introduction of new exciting cocktails, wine and beer and many more member events and gatherings is part of my agenda.

I with the support of my team and our members, aim to make BGC a perfect spot to relax and socialize. My Team for

Bar

1. Mahesh B. P.
2. Sundaram C.
3. Nanjunda Reddy
4. Sandeep Raghuram

Infrastructure

1. Harish Appareddy
2. Ramesh S. Rao
3. Venkatesh S.
4. Dhananjay M. Naidu



Arjun Tallam

Chairman
Food, Maintenance, Banquets & Caddies

My vision is to

1. Completely revamp all kitchens and storeroom & washing areas to improve quality and hygiene of food. Standardization of quantity of servings and improve speed of service.
2. New chefs to introduce varied menus & food festivals/ food stall by external vendors
3. Expert external auditor to audit kitchen & stores and audit of fire safety measures every quarter
4. New Gas and exhaust lines. Installation of Solar panels to reduce BGC's carbon footprint.
5. Training and certification for FSSAI practices & to train staff to improve quality of service.
6. To have separate kitchen for veg and non veg food OR SOP's to separate them.
7. To introduce QR code for taking orders. Introduce "First-in First-use" concept in kitchen & stores.
8. Feasibility of association with a food delivery app exclusively for members of BGC.



R. N. Shashank

Hon. Treasurer
Finance, Budgeting & Taxation

My vision for our club this year is to

1. Define financial Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all the departments
2. Online Accounts payable to all vendors
3. Upgradation of Accounting software

All of this will be done along with the help of my team of Sub-Committee members consisting of

1. Subramanya Holla
2. Nayya
3. T. V. Prabhu
4. Deepak Gada

Caddies

Rules clinic, combined with workshop on etiquette, hygiene etc. Security frisking and breath analysis, Rewards points system to be introduced for caddies. Many more innovative measures will be in place as we go along.



Dheemanth N. Yadurappa

Chairman
Entertainment, Tambola & Driving Range

With a passion for bringing people together and a love for creating memorable experiences. My mission is to engage members of all ages to enjoy a variety of activities. I would like to establish BGC as a hub of social activity and cultural enrichment. I'm excited about the journey and I encourage you to share your ideas for events and activities.

Together let's create a vibrant spirit at BGC.

My team members.

Entertainment

1. Paritosh Shetty
2. Hema Priya
3. Naveen Sridhar
4. Prithvi Kumar H. P.

Driving Range

1. Subramani
2. Ranganath V. T.

Tambola

1. Anjali Santosh
2. Bina Sridhar
3. Meena Prakash



Utpal Desai

Chairman
Tournaments, Junior Golf and IT

My vision along with my team is to conduct tournaments flawlessly through the year. The initial tournament calendar has been published and preparations are underway for the first of the 20 plus tournaments planned for the year. I plan to conduct BGL 5.0 building upon the past years. I assure our members that we will work hard to ensure that the course stays accessible to our young players to help grow this Great Game of Golf.

My team consists of

1. Nishanth Kulkarni
2. Vignesh Hebbar
3. Govind Srinivasan
4. Pratibha Lokesh



Ravi Venkatesh

Chairman
Project, Chambers and Indoor Games

As a MC member I would like to enhance the club experience. I plan do this by

1. Upgrading Infrastructure
2. Introducing innovative programmes
3. Lever aging technology
4. By transparent governance and accounting
5. Strengthen junior golf to nurture future champions.

With the support of our members. Drive progress and preserve tradition. Together let's make BGC a beacon for Golf and beyond.

My team consists of Projects Sub Committee.

1. H. C. Thimmiah
2. Vinay Gurkar
3. Meghal Karekar
4. Sumanth Yadurappa N.

Chambers and Indoor Games Sub Committee.

1. Tanisha
2. Naveen Sridhar
3. Dr. A. R. Anand
4. Prashant Rudrappa
5. C. G. Subbiah

Tournament Calender

1. **Justice C Subramanya Iyer Cup**
2nd & 3rd Aug, 2024
(Both Day Morning & Afternoon)
2. **Independence Shield**
14th & 15th August, 2024
(Both Day Morning & Afternoon)
3. **Karnataka Open Amateur Golf Championship**
30th, 31st Aug & 1st Sept, 2024
(Fri Afternoon, Sat Morning / Afternoon & Sun Morning)



Sad Demise
2023 - 2024

Inamdar D. B.	I-018	25.04.2023
Upamaka Raghuna Rao	R-384	30.07.2023
Nanda Kumar A.	N-229	29.05.2024
Deepak Channa	D-073	26.06.2024
Sunil Narayan	S-225	05.07.2024
Yogananda S. R.	Y-014	07.07.2024

A deep dive with Our effervescent and enthusiastic Course Superintendent from Troon - DON DISSA

An interesting chat with him last week that revealed some wonderful insights into his work life as well as his personal life.

Having notched over 20 years of experience in the golfing industry, and that has given him the confidence to build teams in the course he is managing to effectively carry out the necessary tests and abide by the guidelines.

Don graduated in 2003 and immediately started work at a course named Waters Edge in his home country Sri Lanka. A team of local graduates, worked tirelessly with the information and technology at hand to build a 18 hole golf course. This sparked his passion for the field he worked in. And decided to pursue higher studies in Turf Management from Ohio State University and interned with a top 100 course there while studying.

Since then he has been in Jumeirah Golf Estate, Tiger Woods golf course in Dubai. Worked in different countries gaining valuable experience. USA, Thailand, Singapore Malaysia, Doha, Karachi...and now in Bangalore .

Don, has been with our club since January 2024 and his tenure is for 2 years. There is a visible and marked difference in the way our course is playing. His unique approach to the course that he manages makes him a valuable member of our faculty. His passion is obvious as he loves what he does.



He says he observed for a few weeks before he started changing a few things around. He finds BGC unique because in his opinion it's one of the smallest 18 holes golf course in the world at 58 acres. It's also the most shaded course he has worked in with over 2700 trees. Shade management has proven to be beneficial. And improves the quality of the course. His desire is to see our golf course dial up a notch in terms of play, infrastructure and preservation.

His approach as a leader is to be kind but firm. He has 40 people working in his team, and his preference is to train the youth who have a better understanding of technology and gadgets and who can hopefully stay, refine and hone their skills, and run the course in the years to come.

A teetotaler, a non-smoker, with a preference for vegetarian food.

A practicing Buddhist, a good samaritan. He comes from a humble background and gives back to society in many ways. He is someone who has financially aided over 1000 young students through a charity organisation set up with a group of his friends called Sasnaka Sansada.

He hopes there will be more opportunities in universities to study sports, turf science and other streams here in Asia.

Don feels being married to his job is the reason he's currently single. He is a keen photographer, and says he has good oratorical skills. He said while he is in India, visiting places like Kashmir, Mysore, Chikmagalur, and surrounding places are on his to-do list. Currently he spends his weekends with the Sri Lankans living in Bangalore and gets his fix of home food. He thinks of himself as a social butterfly and enjoys meeting new people.

He values time and would like to go back to his home country after his retirement and spend quality time with his family.

While he is our Course Superintendent, we extend to him our support and appreciation of his hard work.

Go say Hello to him next time you see him around!

- Sunita Koogs Da Costa



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