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Captain's Letter

Sunil K. Vasant
Captain, 2024 - 25

Dear Members,

It's been a year since I began communicating with you through the Captain's letter in The Crow Times.

Time has certainly flown by, and this will be my last letter to you as Captain.

I have truly enjoyed writing to all of you, and I hope you have found these letters just as engaging and meaningful to read. As I sign off, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride. It has

been a privilege and an honour to serve you all.

This year has seen its share of ups and downs, but I have worked tirelessly and sincerely to enhance the member experience at our Club. We have upgraded key facilities, including the toilets, rooms, kitchen, gym, spa, the 360 area, pro shop, and offices. Significant changes were also made to our organisational structure by inducting a young and dynamic team to enable more efficient administration.

I am grateful to all members for electing a fine committee that worked

closely and harmoniously with me to achieve most of the goals we set for ourselves for this term. We developed and documented numerous SOPs, which not only streamlined operations but also improved transparency with checks and balances in place.

Two major projects approved by the SGM—the toilets and the fencing along Kumara Krupa Road—have been completed. I am confident that the new kitchen at the New Club House will be operational by the end of my term.

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Change!

As we go to press, the extent of the changes is already clear. But the most awaited one—the announcement of the new Captain—will only be known on the very last day of the month.

Each time we welcome a 'changed committee', the general membership, as always, remains largely unbothered—comfortably resting in the status quo. But the new Committee, freshly empowered to implement change, bursts forth with a range of ideas—some might even call it vision, strategy, and long-term planning.

This cycle repeats itself every year.

It's only when these changes begin to affect individual members—perhaps through a hike in subscriptions or increased costs for selected services—that people begin to ask, "Who's in charge?" By then, of course, the



decisions are made, and it's often too little, too late.

So here's our nudge: Stay alert during the change of guard. Make an informed choice—or forever hold your peace until the next round, a year from now.

Farewell from the Editorial Committee

As this editorial committee signs off, we take great pleasure in having

successfully brought you every single issue of The Crow Times this past year—on time, every time, without faltering.

It's been a pleasure, a privilege, and occasionally, a panic. But always worth it.

Sayonara!

— The Editorial Team

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Thankless Job!

Getting onto the Committee is, in itself, an arduous exercise—one that typically calls upon the goodwill of voting members for their support. Then come the whispers about one's background, affiliations, or motives—rumours one must endure.

There's also the ritual of standing at the entrance, flashing a plastic smile and offering warm handshakes some warmer than others to both never-before-seen members and the regulars. It's a gesture that, if skipped, will definitely go against you—yet doing it rarely gets you any more votes. And after all this, if you're elected to the Committee... welcome to a truly thankless job!

But here are some real good reasons why any right thinking, caring person should get on the committee

1. Give Back to the Club Community

You've enjoyed the club's facilities and camaraderie—now's your chance to contribute to its continued success and legacy.

2. Influence Positive Change

Being on the Committee gives you a seat at the table where key decisions are made—from infrastructure upgrades to member services.

3. Shape the Club's Future

Play an active role in long-term planning, ensuring the club evolves with changing times while preserving its traditions.

4. Gain Leadership Experience

Enhance your leadership, negotiation, and organizational skills in a respected setting—valuable both personally and professionally.

5. Be Part of Meaningful Projects

From revamping facilities to launching member programs or digital upgrades, you'll see ideas come to life.

6. Build Deeper Relationships

Collaborate with a diverse group of members—many of whom you may not interact with otherwise.

7. Preserve the Culture

Help maintain the ethos, heritage, and character of the club for future generations of members.

8. Make Your Time Count

If you're passionate about the club and the game, your time and insights can leave a lasting impact.

9. It's Rewarding

There's real satisfaction in seeing the club flourish because of decisions you helped shape—whether it's a successful event or a better-managed facility.

Au revoir!

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We have also expanded kit locker capacity in the New Club House. The demand was immediate and encouraging, prompting us to plan for even greater capacity.

Our dedicated efforts to maintain the course during the harsh summer months have paid off—it is currently playing at its best barring a few greens. The beautification around the tee boxes is in full bloom, adding colour and charm. We've also added more benches at the tee boxes for the

comfort of our senior members.

As part of ongoing upkeep, the New Club House has been repainted. On the digital front, we are pleased to inform you that all Club data is now securely stored on the cloud, ensuring our app runs smoothly without buffering. We encourage all members to download and start using it.

Lastly, the furniture at the 360 Golf Hut smoking area has been upgraded, and new outdoor seating has been installed.

Thank you once again for the trust, opportunity, and support you have extended to me throughout this memorable journey. I wish the incoming Managing Committee all the very best and remain available for any support they may need.

Warm regards,

Sunil K. Vasant

Captain



Winners of BGC vs CGC Interclub Match



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Reel Life Golf

Pratap Thumbboochetty

For most of us there is nothing that comes close to the thrill of a game of closely contested golf with a group of close buddies. Braving the sun, testing your skills, making those crazy clutch putts, and all of it coming down to the 18th hole. Sounds like a movie?

Unlike many of the other sports genre films, golf films have an interesting wrinkle that you don't find in many other competitions. Unlike football, baseball, or basketball, for example, the central theme behind golf isn't man-versus-man; it's man-versus-himself. (You could also say man-versus-nature, but that's perhaps being a bit too literal.)

Here's a quick look at some of my favourite golf movies.

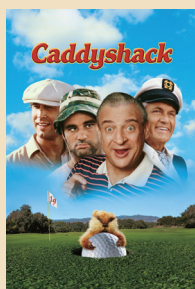
The Legend of Bagger Vance (2000)



Directed by Robert Redford and starring Will Smith, Matt Damon, and Charlize Theron this movie is set in the aftermath of World War I. The film follows the story of

Rannulph Junuh, a once-promising golfer who has lost his way. When a mysterious caddie named Bagger Vance appears, Junuh is given a chance to rediscover his passion for the game and confront the demons of his past. What makes The Legend of Bagger Vance so compelling is its exploration of the deeper spiritual and philosophical aspects of golf. Through the character of Bagger Vance, the film presents a unique perspective on the game, one that emphasizes the importance of finding one's true self and connecting with the natural rhythm of the world. With stunning cinematography and a powerful performance from Will Smith, The Legend of Bagger Vance is a golf movie that transcends the genre, offering a meditative and deeply moving exploration of the human experience.

Caddyshack (1980)



When it comes to golf movies, there's one that stands head and shoulders above the rest: Caddyshack. This uproarious comedy, directed by the legendary Harold Ramis, is a true masterpiece of the genre. Starring the likes of Chevy Chase, Bill Murray, and Rodney Dangerfield, Caddyshack follows the antics of a group of eccentric characters as they navigate the halls of an exclusive country club. From the iconic gopher subplot to the unforgettable dance scene, Caddyshack is a non-stop laugh riot that perfectly captures the absurdity and camaraderie of the golfing world. But beyond the hilarity, the film also manages to explore deeper themes of class, privilege, and the pursuit of the perfect game.

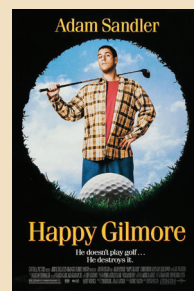
Tin Cup (1996)



If Caddyshack is the king of golf comedies, then Tin Cup is the undisputed champion of golf dramas. Directed by Ron Shelton, this 1996 film stars Kevin Costner as Roy "Tin Cup" McAvoy, a former golf prodigy who now runs a driving range in the middle of nowhere. When his old rival, David Simms (played by Don Johnson), comes to town, Tin Cup sees an opportunity to redeem himself and win the U.S. Open. What follows is a heart-warming and often hilarious journey of self-discovery, as Tin Cup navigates the ups and downs of his quest for golfing glory. Costner's performance is nothing short of iconic, capturing the passion, determination, and occasional recklessness that define the

character. Tin Cup is a film that celebrates the spirit of the game, reminding us that sometimes the greatest victories are found not in the scorecards, but in the lessons we learn along the way.

Happy Gilmore (1996)



If you're in the mood for pure, unadulterated golf-themed Junehem, look no further than Happy Gilmore. Starring the one and only Adam Sandler, this 1996 comedy

follows the story of a failed hockey player who discovers a hidden talent for golf. With his unorthodox swing and his penchant for violence, Happy Gilmore sets out to win a major tournament and save his grandmother's home from foreclosure. What makes Happy Gilmore so endlessly entertaining is the way it gleefully subverts the traditional golf movie tropes. From the iconic hockey-style tee-offs to the hilarious on-course antics, the film never takes itself too seriously, delivering a constant stream of laughs that will have you in stitches. But beneath the surface-level silliness, there's a surprisingly heart-warming story about finding one's true passion and overcoming the odds.

The Greatest Game Ever Played (2005)



While the previous entries on our list have focused on the comedic side of golf, The Greatest Game Ever Played takes a more dramatic and inspiring approach.

Directed by Bill Paxton, this 2005 film tells the true story of Francis Ouimet, a young caddie who defied the odds and won the 1913 U.S. Open, defeating the reigning champion, Harry Vardon. What sets The Greatest Game Ever Played apart is its meticulous attention to historical detail and its ability to capture the sheer drama and emotion of the golfing experience. The film's stunning visuals, combined with a powerful performance from Shia LaBeouf as Ouimet, create a cinematic experience that is both visually stunning and deeply moving.

Over the years, Hollywood has blessed us with a treasure trove of golf-themed films, each one offering a unique perspective on the game we love. From hilarious comedies to inspiring dramas, these movies have the power to

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Reel Life Golf

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transport us to the heart of the golfing experience, leaving us entertained, inspired, and sometimes even a little nostalgic. Other notable mentions and movies I would recommend you watch include A Stroke of Genius: Bobby Jones (2014), Tommy's Honour (2016), Seve: The Movie (2014) and Loopers; The Caddie's Long Walk (2019).

On a note closer to home, as a new cast gets ready to star in the sequel to Bangalore Golf Club, I wish them all the very best and hope they produce a term that's memorable and true to the values that we all hold so dear.

Lights, camera, action!

The author would like to acknowledge contributions from thebeat/Daniel Cooper, Golf Monster/Brendon Barker and Golfista



Annual tree audits and lopping a must - best time is pre-monsoon.



Renovated Rest Room facilities in New Club House



WHISKEY 2+1

Glenlivet 18 yrs
Glenlivet 15 yrs
Royal Brackla 12 yrs 1+1
Royal Brackla 18 yrs
Royal Brackla 21 yrs
Aberfeldy 12 yrs
Laphroaig 10 yrs
Ardmore
Godawan
Suntory Toki
Chivas Regal 12 yrs
Dewar's White Label
Dewar's 12 yrs
Dewar's 15 yrs
Dewar's 18 yrs
Dewar's 21 yrs
Teacher's 50
Ballantine's 7 Yrs
Johnnie Walker Blonde
100 Pipers
Jameson

TEQUILA & RUM 2+1

Patrón Reposado Tequila
Patrón Silver Tequila
Bacardi Rum

VODKA & GIN 2+1

Grey Goose
Beefeater Gin
Monkey 47 Gin
Bombay Sapphire Gin

BEER

Heineken Silver Draught 123/-

WINE 1+1

Jacob's Creek Red 187 ml
Sula Red 375 ml
Fratelli Red 375 ml
Grover Red 375 ml

Tournament Results

Captain & Secretary Quaich 2025

30 - 31 May 2025

Handicap 0 - 9		
Sunil K Vasant (Better Back Six against Sanjay Nair)	36	Winner
Sanjay Nair (Better Back Nine against Anand Srinivasan S, N K Lenka & Shashank Mahesh)	36	Runner
Handicap 10 - 18		
Dr. Rame Gowda	41	Winner
Shashank C S (Better Back Six against Dr. Girish Rithvik)	40	Runner
Handicap 19 - 24		
Gautham Kammaje	39	Winner
Murali M Raghuram (Better Back Nine against Kishan Govindraj)	39	Runner
Ladies Category - Gross		
Sangeeta Jagadesha	25	Winner
Ladies Category - Nett Handicap 0 - 16		
Sunita Koogs da Costa	36	Winner
Ladies Category - Nett Handicap 17 - 24		
Suparna Mahesh	40	Winner
Senior 65 + Category - Gross		
Col. V N Gowda (Better Back Nine against M K Satya Prasad)	25	Winner
Senior 65 + Category - Nett		
Kishore Chandra H C	37	Winner

BGC vs CGC Interclub Match

13 - 14 June, 2025

Main Team			
BGC		CGC	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
6	8 1/2	0	3 1/2
Total	14 1/2	Total	3 1/2

Fellowship Team			
BGC		CGC	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
5 1/2	9 1/2	1/2	2 1/2
Total	15	Total	3

BGC vs KGF Interclub Match

21 - 22 June, 2025

Main Team			
BGC		KGF	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
3 1/2	7 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2
Total	11	Total	7

Fellowship Team			
BGC		KGF	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
3	6	1	2
Total	9	Total	3



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