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Captain's Letter

Sunil K. Vasant
Captain, 2024 - 25

Dear Members,

I hope this note finds you in good health and good spirits.

I'm happy to share that all the projects approved during the recent SGM have now begun and are moving forward at various stages of planning and execution. A four-member Project Implementation Committee (PIC) has been formed, and its formal approval will be sought at the upcoming SGM. The committee has already started working closely with the sub-committees to ensure smooth, transparent, and timely execution of the projects.

The toilet renovations at the New Club House are almost complete and should be ready for use by May 15th. Renovation of the NCH kitchen

is also underway and is expected to be completed by June 30th. In the meantime, a temporary kitchen has been set up to make sure there's no disruption in canteen services for both the NCH and the banquet areas.

The Food Sub-Committee has put in a lot of effort to find new caterers for both the New and Old Club Houses. After floating tenders, advertising in newspapers, and holding multiple rounds of discussions, suitable caterers have finally been selected. I'm grateful to everyone who contributed their time and suggestions during the process. We're now looking forward to a menu that's more hygienic, tastier, and reasonably priced.

The Old Club House kitchen is also undergoing some minor repairs, so I'd like to request your patience and support during this time. Please bear with us as only a limited menu will be available temporarily.

On a more celebratory note, I'm thrilled to let you know that our club team has once again come out victorious—this time against JWGC (Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar Golf Club), Mysore, in the recent interclub match. Let's hope this winning streak continues in the matches scheduled over the next couple of months.

It's also wonderful to see our BGC Golf League winners enjoying their well-earned prizes, including some incredible trips—South Africa being one of the highlights!

Lastly, the Managing Committee has taken a bold and welcome step to restart the admission process from our various waiting lists. Interviews are planned for the end of this month and into the next. Fresh applications are also being issued for the different membership categories.

Warm regards,
Captain

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Tic!

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True Blue ?

Blue label whiskey has a high aspirational value and perturbs many who probably love it but just don't have the heart to pay for it.

Recently, a couple of cases were sold and this created quite a hula-bula. In the end all concerned were a happy lot.

As the functional year comes to an end and a change of guard looms on the horizon, such happenstances and increased sensitivities will be the order of the day. One can also expect some

polarization amongst the members, though one can fervently hope it ends with the Gordon Pearce Cup played soon after the elections.

Anybody who steps onto our lush green fairways and greens in our beautiful garden city does not want to leave but become a part of it by hook or crook. One can possibly migrate to the City but then there are rules to be followed to become an integral part of the BGC, written and evolved over 148 years.

Johnny-come-latelies, regardless of their antecedents, should not attempt to bypass these rules or strong-arm the club for entry. Take your rightful place in the queue, and your turn shall come.

Cheers!

Tournament Calender

MAY 2025

- 1. BGC vs MDGC at BGC**
7 - 8 May 2025
- 2. Mrinalini Urs Cup Semi Final**
9 May 2025
- 3. Birdies for Good Charity Golf Tournament**
16 May 2025
- 4. Central Board of Direct Taxes Tournament**
23 May 2025
- 5. BGC Vs KGF at KGF**
24 - 25 May 2025
- 6. Captain Secretary Quiach**
30 - 31 May 2025



Winners of 4th BGC Vs MDGC Interclub Match 2025



BGC vs JWGC Interclub Match 2025

WHISKEY

2+1

Chivas Regal 18 yrs
Chivas Regal 12 yrs
Glenlivet 18 yrs
Glenlivet 12 yrs
Royal Brackla 18 yrs
Royal Brackla 21 yrs
Aberfeldy 12 yrs
Suntory Toki
Dewar's White Label
Dewar's 12 yrs
Dewar's 15 yrs
Dewar's 18 yrs
Dewar's 21 yrs
Teacher's 50
Teacher's Highland Cream
Johnnie Walker Blonde
100 Pipers
Ballantine's
Royal Brackla 12 yrs

1+1



TEQUILA & RUM

2+1

Patrón Reposado Tequila
Patrón Silver Tequila
Bacardi Rum

VODKA & GIN

2+1

Grey Goose
Beefeater Gin
Bombay Sapphire Gin
Salud

1+1

BEER

Heineken Silver Draught
WINE
Jacob's Creek Red 187 ml
Sula Red 375 ml
Fratelli Red 375 ml
Grover Red 375 ml

123/-
1+1

Entertainment Schedule

May 2025

12th Tambola
Indian Premier League



Sad Demise

Kumar Mudaliar	M-134	15.03.25
Dr Thomas Chandy	T-073	04.04.25
Om Prakash	O-012	20.04.25
Mittu Chengappa	C-069	24.04.25



Water

The life line of a Golf Course!

A Tale of two periods, two technologies, two managements with one goal - an evergreen BGC.

Excerpts from a conversation with past captain Shantaram Girmaji, who was (THEN) member in charge of the tertiary treatment plant at BGC.

Water Management and Irrigation Challenges at BGC.

This is about our water requirements—specifically the quantum of water needed annually, especially during the intense summer months. The reason I'm bringing this up is due to the random and repeated expenditure every year.

Our total land area is about 58 acres, including fairways, roughs, and other parts. Out of that, around 1.5 acres are designated as greens. About 30 acres are not highly maintained, and their irrigation is minimal because runoff from other areas helps cover them. Effectively, we need to water about 35 acres.

Even if we add 10% to account for extra irrigation needs, the effective area remains manageable. Greens require more precision: KGA greens are about 3,000–5,000 sq. ft., but BGC are less than 2,000 sq. ft.

Sewage sourcing should be carried out without heavy investment, from nearby areas. Earlier, wells were at a distance of only about 50 to 60 feet and were well connected to the Rajnala Stream. However, sourcing sewage from that stream has become complicated due to petrol stations and other obstacles.

Previously, we used to receive domestic sewage, but it often got mixed with sewage from nearby hotels.

This required the implementation of control measures and the deployment of monitoring teams. The sewage was treated through an aeration tank, which added oxygen and introduced bacteria to eliminate harmful pathogens. After aeration, the water passed through sand filters and into a 50,000-litre treated storage tank, from where it was distributed via sprinkler systems. This process is a critical part of water treatment.

A key part of the system was maintaining proper bacterial balance. The allowed bacteria count was 21; however, when I took over, it was at 1,500—far too high. This led to health issues for golfers, like skin conditions, due to exposure to contaminated spray. We had to send samples for culture tests to confirm the contamination. Good bacteria would die if bad quality (oil contaminated) sewage came in, and it would take 3–4 weeks to cultivate new bacteria which we used to get from a lake in Lalbagh.

Only trained professionals can handle this kind of plant. We had frequent trouble with cast iron and spun pipes, which were prone to breakage and hard to repair.

Glass fragments in sewage flow once cut into the lines, making the system unusable. I documented everything, including when I was injured handling broken pipes.

The main issue now is that BGC is receiving sewage from elsewhere, and there's no clarity on who is treating it. They need two 50,000-liter underground tanks for proper treatment, and these may or may not be functional. The final treated water needs to pass through a UV plant with 16 functioning tubes, but only 5 or 6 were working when I inspected it. Tubes were burnt out, unavailable, or improperly maintained. Spare parts had to be sourced from Bombay, costing Rs. 2.5 lakh per set.

The plant needs a capable, accountable individual to manage it. It's not something anyone can just run—it's complex and delicate. We cannot depend solely on outside contractors.

The entire sprinkler system was automated, with one operator initiating a scan each morning to identify priority areas for watering. Not all areas need equal irrigation. But the PC board for the control system was fragile—it had to be sourced from Australia, and manual backup systems were unreliable.

We had a turning point when the course was transformed from brown to green. It started with corporate sponsorship and support from Mr B S Patil. Delegations visiting from outside commented positively, which helped garner more support.

Later, a study by an external agency estimated the volume of water we were letting flow away—about 35 lakh litres during good rainfall. That's a huge loss.

In conclusion, a detailed project report must be prepared for the sprinkler system. The responsible agency needs to be identified clearly, and we must appoint a capable, knowledgeable person to manage this vital infrastructure. It's a major undertaking—but a necessary one.



Excerpts from a conversation with Dr. Sitaram Shetty who has graciously accepted the onerous responsibility of setting up a system (NOW) to ensure BGC has sufficient water for the fairways and greens throughout the year at minimal cost.

Water Storage and Sewage Treatment Project – Summary and Plan

We are working towards enhancing our water storage capacity and implementing a sustainable sewage treatment solution for the facility. Below is a summary of the key developments and decisions.

Water Storage Expansion

Current Capacity: We currently have 35 lakh litres of water storage.

Proposed Increase:

- We aim to increase storage to 70 lakh litres, effectively doubling the current capacity.
- 25 lakh litres will be added to the two existing reservoirs (currently at 18 lakh litres each). We'll raise them to around 25 - 30 lakh litres, keeping in mind the geological limitation of hitting rock, which could require costly blasting.
- An additional 10 lakh litres will be stored in a new reservoir planned beside the 13th hole. This location is favourable as it's adjacent to the planned sewage treatment plant and requires minimal work—just lining and membrane installation.
- Another 25 lakh litres of storage exists under the NCH (New Clubhouse), already measured and confirmed.

Treated Water Demand at Bangalore Golf Club

Month	Lacs Litre Per Day
January	6
February	8
March	10
April	10
May	10
June	1.5
July	1.5
August	1.5
September	4
October	3.5
November	3.5
December	4.5

Total Storage Goal: 70 lakh litres, ensuring 7 days of water availability at any given time, even if treated sewage water is temporarily unavailable.

Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)

- **Operation Timeline:** The plant is designed to operate only from January to May each year, aligning with the peak irrigation requirement. It allows a 6-7 month shutdown without issues—an important feature that influenced our choice of technology.
- **Electricity Cost Savings:** By running the STP for only 5 months, we save significantly on electricity, which is critical given the high costs. The plant will be maintained under an AMC (Annual Maintenance Contract).
- **Type of Technology:** The STP is based on a compact, French-designed, odourless treatment system. One key condition in the contract is zero odour—any detectable smell will result in non-payment.
- **Site Visits:** We will organize visits for committee members to inspect existing installations of the same technology, including one at Cubbon Park, which has been proven odour-free.

Sewage Transportation

- **Distance:** Sewage will be transported over a 2.5 km pipeline from the source to our treatment plant.
- **Pipeline Specification:** The proposed pipeline will be 150 mm (6 inches) ductile iron (DI) pipe, which is weldable and durable.
- **Routing Challenges:** Laying the sewage pipeline along the stormwater drain using ductile pipes has presented several challenges. As an alternative, we propose using a Ditch Witch to install 220 mm diameter ductile pipes beneath the footpath, with inspection chambers placed at intervals of 25 to 30 meters. This method is cost-effective and enables the transportation of sewage water to BGC by laying 2.3 km of ductile piping—well within the budget approved at our S.G.M.

Cost and Budget

- **Sewage Treatment Plant:** Approx. Rs. 7 crore
- **Pipeline and Initial Treatment Infrastructure:** Approx. Rs. 2.5 crore
- **Total Project Cost:** Rs. 9.5 crore
- The budget is within manageable limits, and we will ensure the project stays within this estimate.

Site and Aesthetic Improvements

- **Parking and Landscaping:** Once the pipeline and treatment infrastructure are laid, parking and landscaping (including flower beds) will be developed simultaneously to enhance the overall visual appeal.
- **Rock Excavation:** A section of the parking area sits atop solid rock. Since blasting is not feasible due to nearby structures, we may opt for chemical excavation—though costly.

We are also evaluating a well located near the drain, which could supplement our water supply if the quality is acceptable after treatment.

Once the final permissions are in place and the project is greenlit, we expect to move forward rapidly.

Most suitable technology for BGC is SBR (Sequential Batch Reactor)

SALIENT FEATURES OF SBR

- Batch process
- Can handle fluctuating flows, best to adopt for seasonal variable discharge
 - Can handle varying water quality
 - Can handle shock load (varying influent parameters)
 - Suitable for smaller plants
 - Automated process and minimal intervention
 - Less space compared to conventional process
 - Economical Process compared to conventional and advanced process
 - Less labour requirement compared



Winners and Runners up of Governor's Cup 2025



Winners and Runners up of SNC Caddies Open Championship - 2025



6th BGC Crow Trust Charity Golf 2025 & Gift Draw



Tournament Results

SNC Caddies Open Championship - 2025 21 April, 2025

Premium Category		
Sunil	67	Winner
Nayaz	71	Runner
Open Event		
Ramu M	73	Winner
Eshwar	74	Runner
Soloman (Better Back 3 against Raju S)	75	2nd Runner
Caddies Putting Competition		
Manjunath M P		Winner
Siddaraju N		Runner
Gunashekar		2nd Runner
BGC Staff Putting Competition		
Srinivas (Marshala)		Winner
Murali		Runner
Gagan		2nd Runner
Course Staff Putting Competition		
H K Ramesh		Winner
Uallas		Runner
Madesha		2nd Runner
BGC Ladies Staff Putting Competition		
Rathnama		Winner
Gouramma		Runner
Rekha		2nd Runner

BGC vs JWGC Interclub Match 22 - 23 March, 2025

Main Team			
BGC		JWGC	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
4 1/2	8 1/2	1 1/2	3 1/2
Total	13	Total	5

Fellowship Team			
BGC		JWGC	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
3 1/2	5	1/2	3
Total	8 1/2	Total	3 1/2

Ladies Team			
BGC		JWGC	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
1 1/2	1	1 1/2	5
Total	2 1/2	Total	6 1/2

Governor's Cup - 2025 26 - 27 April, 2025

Open Category		
Rahul Ravi K T	132	Winner
Sunil S	138	Runner
Handicap 0 - 9		
Ayaan Jung (Better Second Day Score against M S Nagaraj)	141	Winner
M. S. Nagaraj	141	Runner
Handicap 10 - 18		
Anil Bathija	133	Winner
Ravikumar Raju G	137	Runner
Handicap 19 - 24		
Bharat Srinivasmurthy	138	Winner
Raihaan Ponnappa	139	Runner
Ladies Category - Gross		
Anita Shrishrimal	162	Winner
Ladies Category - Nett Handicap 0 - 16		
Karishma Tandon	139	Winner
Ladies Category - Nett Handicap 17 - 24		
Prema Prasad	135	Winner
Senior 65 + Category - Gross		
Ranganath V T	149	Winner
Senior 65 + Category - Nett		
Motilal Kathare	138	Winner
Senior 75 + Category - Nett		
Siddalinga Swamy S	132	Winner

4th BGC Vs MDGC Interclub Match 7 - 8 May, 2025

Main Team			
BGC		MDGC	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
3 1/2	8	2 1/2	4
Total	11 1/2	Total	6 1/2

Fellowship Team			
BGC		MDGC	
Doubles	Singles	Doubles	Singles
3 1/2	7 1/2	1/2	1/2
Total	11	Total	1

BGC Crow Trust Charity Golf - 2025 2 May, 2025

Handicap O - 9		
Nagaraj M S	39	Gold
Srirag Jayaraman	38	Silver
Nishant Kulkarni (Better Back 9 against Ravi C M)	37	Bronze
Handicap 10 - 18		
Sunil K Vasant	44	Gold
Anurag Arya (Better Back 9 against Prabhakara B K)	42	Silver
Prabhakara B K	42	Bronze
Handicap 19 - 24		
Rajesh K R	40	Gold
Girish H V (Better Back 9 against Umesh K S)	37	Silver
Umesh K S	37	Bronze
Seniors 65 +		
Sathyanarayana S L	40	Gold
Subbaiah B K	38	Silver
Srinivasan K (Better Back 9 against Prakash N)	38	Bronze
Ladies Category		
Aruna Rao	42	Gold
Mansi Kiran	39	Silver
Uma H Manay (Better Back 9 against Hema Priya & Suparna Mahesh)	37	Bronze
Overall Special Prizes Closest to Pin		
Nagarjun Teeka (Hole In One)	5th Hole	
Overall Special Prizes Closest to Pin		
Neeraj Arora (5 Feet 6 Inch)	10th Hole	
Overall Special Prizes Straightest Drive		
Sunil K Vasant (On the Line)	8th Hole	
Overall Special Prizes Longest Drive		
Nitin Sood (291 Yards)	17th Hole	

