



Karnataka Golf Association NEWS LETTER



From the President

Dr. M.G. Bhat

I wish you all a Merry X' mas and a Happy New Year. My sincere thanks for electing me as President of KGA. I have an excellent team and would like to assure you that we will do our very best during this short tenure. This newsletter is the first step to bring transparency. It will be once a month and the entire managing committee members will participate in giving an update on the activities. I am hopeful, that all the concerns raised in the AGM will be addressed satisfactorily in the next few months. As per the AGM, Mr M S Siddaraj has been authorized to help with the KSTDC lease rental and the Club Governance, based on the Review Committee report. Given the covid situation, the Christmas and New Year functions will be simple and low key. Please follow the Covid protocols and let us be safe. I am open to suggestions and criticisms from members and I shall try and address all your concerns. In this process, I wish to interact with members during a game of golf and get to know them and their views. I am proposing to introduce the "Playing with President for Interaction" once a week on a Tuesday from the 28th December. Those interested in playing with me may kindly give their names to the starter. I look forward to a friendly game of golf and fruitful discussion. Wish you all the very best for a great 2022.

From the Captain

Mr. Prithvi Raj Urs

It's a great honour and privilege to be Captain of the KGA for the year 2021-22. I look forward to meeting as many members as I can over the coming months as well as welcoming new members. One thing I know about our members is that we are all passionate about golf and care deeply about making KGA, an enjoyable place to play golf. Our tenure is short, however, we aim to make your experience at the course, driving range or participation in weekday golf and tournaments an enjoyable experience. Looking ahead to this year, we do intend to introduce changes in our time sheet booking, the mandatory break is being experimented with, a shotgun starts on the weekends to share a few of our ideas. It will certainly not be the same again initially but I am confident that as we move forward it will only get better. The KPL is finishing on the 17th of December and one of the most noticeable aspects was that golfers played with "strangers" and great camaraderie was built over the span of the tournament. This must be carried on though the tournament is over. The course is looking in very good condition and thanks to Coman and his team for all the hard work they have put in on the course improvements. We are looking at restarting our Junior Golf Program shortly. Besides that, we had missed out on some of our key KGA Board Tournaments and we will schedule them shortly. Happy Golfing!!!

From the Hon. Secretary

Mr. Suresh Jois Chandrashekar

Season's Greetings for Christmas!! I would like to thank all the members for electing me as Hon.Secretary of this prestigious Club for the year 2021-22. We will ensure good governance, practices in running the administration of the club and create an efficient working environment in the office. After the Nov 21 elections, each Chairman are busy forming their Sub-Committee with enthusiasm and vigour to focus on areas that will enhance members Golfing experience, FNB Experience and other facilities of the Club. To improve further Member's Relation, we intend to develop and enhance Member Relationship department to resolve complaints/queries quickly. We will soon start surveys and feedback from members across all department, so that we can improve upon the member's concerns and upgrade the facilities accordingly. Membership's interview is being conducted from December 2021, and the intake of the members will be as per the rules of the club. We look forward to members' participation in the upcoming Christmas lunch and New Year's Event which is being planned subject to approval from all Govt authorities. We wish you all a Very Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year 2022!!

From the Hon. Treasurer

Mr. Austin Roach

First of all, I thank each member, for putting me in charge of the treasury. I assure you all that I will do my utmost to uphold your trust, bestowed on me. We have formed the subcommittee, comprising of seasoned finance professionals, who had been guiding us for some time. We also have a new member in the subcommittee, who has good knowledge of society/ charitable institutions. Will make the budget for January to June 2022 and publish both reports in the next newsletter. Wishing you and your family a very happy healthy New Year 2022.



Managing Committee 2021-22

Chairperson - Tournament & Ladies Golf Section

Mrs. Roopa Pratap

Thank you all and Merry X mas and Happy new year 2022. The tournament committee going forward has made some radical changes, the feedback received from our members is very encouraging and appreciated. **Some key Highlights for December:** (1)The recently completed KPL tournament was very successful and enjoyable. We made some changes after taking over by changing the committee with non-playing members for fair play. We will ensure the future KPL will not interfere with golfing of our members and will be a committee that has been set up with individuals not involved in the tournament. This has been done in the interest of fair play and to be unbiased in conducting the golf league (2)Shotgun starts over the weekend- Saturday/ Sunday has given members seamless golfing rounds. The feedback is positive. Manual booking opened for the weekend for transparency and fairness. The software updates will take a few more weeks for online booking. (3)The mandatory break is removed and F and B services are available on the course to speed-up play.

Going Forward: (1)Clocks to be placed on various T boxes to improve pace of play (2)LCD Monitors to be placed on holes 1 and 10 to display the timesheets, tournament draws, rules of golf etc to bring in more transparency for our members. (3)Manual kiosk type software being developed for all manual bookings.(4)Addressing all emails/ messages/ feedback/ suggestions from all our members who have written to us. (5)Ladies monthly medal will be restarted.

Chairman - Club House

Mr. Vijay M. R

I am very happy to be part of the managing committee and look forward to working with all of you and managing the clubhouse to the best of my ability. I am happy to update you on the plan for the activities in my department. My subcommittee members are very supportive and enthusiastic and together we will do our best for the club. We will immediately complete the repair work around the pool and some of the other repair work. We are in the process of finalising the upgradation and renovation projects of our Reception, the upper deck bar the party hall and the Kitchen. We will work together as a family with other departments to give all a great experience in the club. The details will be announced soon.

Chairman - Food and Beverages

Mr. Sanjay. G. Mathias

Thank you for allowing me to serve you on the F&B committee. We at F&B, look forward to continuing to give our members, tasty food, refreshing beverages and great service. We have started working to provide our golfers with quick snacks to help with the pace of play. We are looking at getting a cart so we can provide our golfers, snacks and beverages, on the course. We will also start providing beverages and snacks in other areas, like our driving range and Junior Golf Range areas. On the 23rd Dec, we bring you a "Maka Zai" featuring Carlton Braganza, a live singing event that will bring in the Christmas Season cheer and greetings. Please look out for our Winter Specials, where we bring special discounts on our beverages. We will also provide a Christmas Lunch Special on the 25th Dec for our members. Please look for our feedback survey, to help us look for areas, that we can improve on. Would also like to thank our new sub-committee members, Ms Pep Kumar, Mr Desmond Rice, Mr Sumanth B H, Mr Suraj Sonti and Mr Michael Piers who have graciously offered their expertise and helped to advise us to make F&B a delightful experience. Season's Greetings and wishes to all from the F&B team.

Chairman - Course

Mr. Ranjan Biswas

My aim, along with the committee, is to continue and improve the great work Troon started since their arrival here at KGA. Coman Mulry is the Course Superintendent, we look forward to his insights and advice. As always, the course itself has been incredibly busy, possibly one of the busiest 18 hole golf courses in the world, so we must continue with our good agronomic processes and crucially, the essential renovation works. After an extremely wet monsoon season, we are glad to see the golf course come out on the solid side of it. So far, we have received 1256 mm of rain versus 691 mm recorded last year. I must thank all the course personnel for keeping the course in stellar condition. Looking ahead, we aim to work on improving the presentation and conditioning of the golf course. We have identified areas that require additional landscaping which will commence in the coming weeks. The bunkers require an upgrade, we hope to decide in the coming month for the next steps of this planned project. Refurbishment of the tee-off areas is overdue. We will remodel is similar to the tee box upgrades at the 1st and 10th tee. The edges of our lakes will also be a priority moving forward. Finally, we will look to repair the lights on our course, it is not up to the expected quality and requires immediate attention. Governance- Along with the Secretary and the Treasurer, we will look at aligning the workflow and the IT systems. A committee comprising of a few members have been identified, and I look forward to working with them. We must look at professionalising the staff and the out-puts. This is an important initiative and it will take a few years to streamline the same.

Chairman - Driving Range

Mr. Adith Kumar Bhandari

This year will see an upgrade in the club's Driving Range and practice facilities. The bays and artificial turf will be replaced wherever necessary. All the netting around the Range will be repaired or replaced. We will attempt to acquire fresh and better quality Range Balls. In addition, we intend to restart the Junior Golf program for Karnataka youngsters. This is in line with the commitment made by KGA in 1983 when we acquired our land, that our principal aim is to improve Golf in Karnataka. Details of the program will be circulated in due course. We also attempt to establish a connection with premier International Golf coaching academies to collaborate with them for our Junior program with visiting coaches. Also to continue the development of outstanding junior talent at these International Academies overseas. The committee is also going to tie up with Callaway for a state of the art performance centre at the driving range

Chairman - Entertainment

Mr. Arun Bajaj

Greetings from the Entertainment Committee !!The Sub-committee has planned an exciting entertainment calendar for the coming 6 month period to bring in fun times for all members of KGA. Starting with a gala New Years eve party to ring out the challenges of 2021 and ring in a hope-filled 2022, we have signed up a hugely sought after band A26 to perform. After nearly 2 decades of entertaining and enthralling the crowds individually with other bands, A26 has become a musically empowered act that is guaranteed to bring the house down at KGA. This will be followed by a powerhouse DJ from Mumbai. Needless to say, a well-curated bar and dinner will add to make the evening memorable. Besides this, on the anvil is "If it's Saturday, it's KGA" nights. Great music and an opportunity to unwind every weekend with some fine food. On the drawing board is also a first of its kind event - "KGA's got talent". Fashioned on the lines of the famous TV shows UK has got talent etc. this promises to string together all sections of the KGA membership into a truly memorable annual event. The blueprint is in progress. Watch this space !!! Look forward to keeping the cheer at KGA with all the necessary precautions mandated.