



KARNATAKA GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Dear Members,

We are extremely pleased and honoured to begin the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of this great club with you all.

As the old saying goes “a journey of a thousand miles, begins with the first step”, as we start the celebration of our 50th Anniversary, we must thank our Founders for their foresight and determination. It has been 50 years since 18 Gentlemen and the then Chief Minister formed Karnataka Golf Association and embarked on a journey to create this green oasis in the heart of the city. The 18 Gentlemen are:

1. DR. V.M. GHATAGE,
2. MR K V SAMPATH
3. MR AYYANGAR N G
4. MR.V. S. NATARAJAN
5. MR SURENDRA V K
6. MR MAHENDRA V P
7. MR KAMATH R
8. MR KOTECHA K.K
9. MR KRISHNAMOORTHY V T
10. MR KUMAR SIDDANNA D
11. MR GAJRAJ B K
12. MR GURJAR M L
13. MR GURJAR P G
14. MR GURJAR S P
15. MR ALAN J CHAVES (SR)
16. MR CHITTIAPPA M N
17. MR SHANMUGAM S
18. MR VINAYAKA SUNDARAM P
19. MR BHOJWANI V W

This Saturday, 3rd September 2022, will commemorate those humble beginnings and the start of something special.

As Office Bearers, we have been working closely with the House, and 50th Anniversary Committee, chaired respectively by Mr S. Shanmaugam, Mr Anil Kumar Bhandari and Dr S Rao. They will be assisted in the planning of the many events associated with our year-long celebration by sub-committees specifically for the Golden Jubilee. These Sub-Committees are in Tournaments, Entertainment, F&B, Editorial and sponsorship.

As we celebrate this important milestone I earnestly believe that we as members of this most exalted and wonderful club are extremely privileged and with that comes a profound historical and moral obligation to do things better.

We thus have a moral responsibility to first and foremost inform ourselves adequately and subsequently most selflessly and honestly address issues that concern our members, employees, matters of the club and Society at large and assist them in solving them amicably and to their best interests.

In conclusion I am convinced that with everyone's dedicated and meaningful participation we would be able to build on the strong foundation of the last 50 years and make the next 50 even more memorable and joyous.

HAPPY GOLFING.

Best Wishes,

Prithvi Raj Urs

OLD CLUB HOUSE



NEW CLUB HOUSE



KGA SILVER JUBILEE

The Silver Jubilee Celebrations marked an important milestone in KGA's history. We had survived 25 years as a club and created a good Golf course designed by Australian Peter Thomason's company, out of a former sewage run off tank next to Challagatta village. It was a proud moment for us and we wanted to appropriately celebrate it. At the time we were 1927 nos members and Associates.

In the previous years under the Chairmanship of Founder Member Mr. B K Gajraj the Projects Committee completed the ITC sponsored Clubhouse in 1997 and we moved in from the old shack. Founders like Dr. V. M .Ghatge, Mr. D. Kumar Sidanna, S. Shanmugam served as Presidents and helped stabilize the club in its early years. Mr. Anil Kumar Bhandari served 4 terms as Hon. Secretary in those years. What we are today is largely due to the dedication of those mentioned above and many others .

Among the events that we envisaged conducting were serious tournaments and fun matches. Toward that end we conducted several tournaments instituting many prizes. The Founders Gross Stroke play Cup, The Silver Jubilee Trophy, and The Wills Open were the stand out tournaments. Apart from those there were fun competitions for members and spouses like the Longest drive for men and women, putting and chipping competitions for both genders.

We had social events for members and spouses and guests along with entertainment. At the gala Dinner Ms. Usha Uthup who entertained the gathering with both Indian and western songs. As there were very few neighbors at the time the party lasted till late in the night. There was a special Sit Down formal dinner for members and spouses only. Then we had a Food Court on another day.

Liquor was sponsored as was the dinner. M/s. ITC was the Principal sponsor while M/s. UB Provided the liquor.

And at a glittering Prize Distribution ceremony on the Gala Dinner night Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde former Chief Minister one of the principal benefactors for the initial construction of the Golf course when he was Chief Minister was our Chief guest for the night.

It was a week of commemoration and fun.

-Mr. Anil Kumar Bhandari

KGA GOLF COURSE

1980

2022



WORLD CUP 1983

India's record in the previous two Prudential world cups was quite a disaster and we only won one game in the 15 outings.

When the team was picked after our domestic competitions in May there were not too many fans who gave the team any chance

The team was stacked with all-rounders and the likes of Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Vengsarkar to steady up the batting.

England with its weather and pitch conditions was always challenging for most teams as scores around 200 were winning totals in many a game.

We started our campaign against the world champions and till now they had never lost a game in the 1975 and 1979 Prudential World Cup they were an outstanding team with a great mix of batsmen and bowlers ideally suited for the one-day game.

We took the first strike and put up a decent total on a seamer-friendly pitch just before tea there was a huge downpour and the game was called off for the day and we back the next morning to resume play. It was a very cold and miserable day at Old Trafford when the West Indies resumed their innings and the wind had picked up which suited our bowlers as it started to swing and seam and soon the mighty West Indies were in serious trouble as their main batsman Greenidge, Richards and Lloyd were back in the pavilion and we kept the pressure up and came out victorious and the West Indies their first defeat in two world cups.

That victory triggered our team and there was a sudden transformation in the team our confidence grew from match to match.

We had some very close games like the one against Zimbabwe. I walked in to bat with the scoreboard reading 17 runs for five wickets in 7 overs still another 53 overs to go and I meet Kapil Dev in the middle of the pitch and his encouraging words don't worry we have a lot of overs to play so let's do that.

What happened after that was a miracle Kapil stringed together and was dominant in all. The partnership with Kirmani was 126 runs and Kapil made a hundred of them. There were very few boundaries in his hundred but in the last ten overs, he tore into the Zimbabwe bowlers who had no clue where to pitch the ball.

Kapil's captaincy was brilliant he always lead from the front and was aggressive.

Kapil had a great influence on the team with his performance and encouragement.

We were still not out of the woods after beating Zimbabwe as we had lost to Australia in the first outing and West Indies in the second so we came up against Australia in a do-or-die situation for the semifinal.

We put up a fighting score with everyone chipping in still it looked a smallish target considering the Australian lineup but we turned out a good performance and won the game quite easily

That took us back to Old Trafford against the Hosts who had played very well and won all their games. The press was not very kind to us and the headlines before the game started were the end of the road for India and all sorts of unwanted comments.

We bowled first and England after a very good start fell apart as we were able to contain them by some good fielding and bowling. We won the game very easily which shut up the British press.

There was a lot of interest generated by us coming to the finals and there were no tickets available. We had our friends from India turn up. We had many fans turn up at our practice session a day before the final

The Lord's cricket ground is every cricketer's dream to play on and we were going to play the world cup final. The team was quite tense but confident the west Indies were overconfident entering the final. The wicket at Lords was a green top and covered with grass not made for us and to make matters worse Kapil lost the toss and we were put into bat and immediately one could see the behaviour of the pitch it was bouncing around and seaming that's when Srikanth strolled down the pitch to his senior partner Jimmy Amarnath saying what to do and Jimmy just told him to play your game and we some classic Srikanth shots which lifted us early on. We still kept losing wickets and had a few partnerships which took us to 183 which at that stage didn't look enough for the mighty West Indies.



We had an extended lunch break and were quite disappointed with ourselves that we had thrown it away. We had half an hour to get in when Kapil stood up and gave us a lecture not to give in we had come this far so let's go out and give it our best which did a lot of good to our morale.

The game started with us quite nervous and at Lords, the crowd is almost on the ground just a handshake away and we had a lot of our supporters on the ground Sandhu started the slide with a classic delivery to get rid of Greenidge and we picked up Haynes. Richards strolled with his usual arrogance and started to attack us and finish the game early but his luck ran out and Kapil took a terrific running catch which changed the game around and our bowlers kept the pressure on. The West Indies didn't look like the side which won the previous years.

Finally, 183 was a winning score and the wicket which was made for them suited us we bowled the better line and wicket-taking balls.

We were overjoyed to contribute to our country and the fans the reception we got when we landed home was unbelievable we had fans lined up from the airport to the Wankhede stadium an unbelievable sight.

-Mr. Roger Binny

THE STORY BEHIND THE LOGO

The 50th anniversary logo of KGA is an ingenious intervention of 50 and the original logo. The way both bind together to form a cohesive new logo unit also speaks of our journey in time. The robust 5 on the left is symbolic of the club's robust history. The elegant original logo sits on the right, held together with a circular silhouette signifying both the zero of 50, as well as a golf ball. The partial silhouette along with the refined KGA logo is emblematic of the possibilities on the horizon, for the next 50 years of the institution

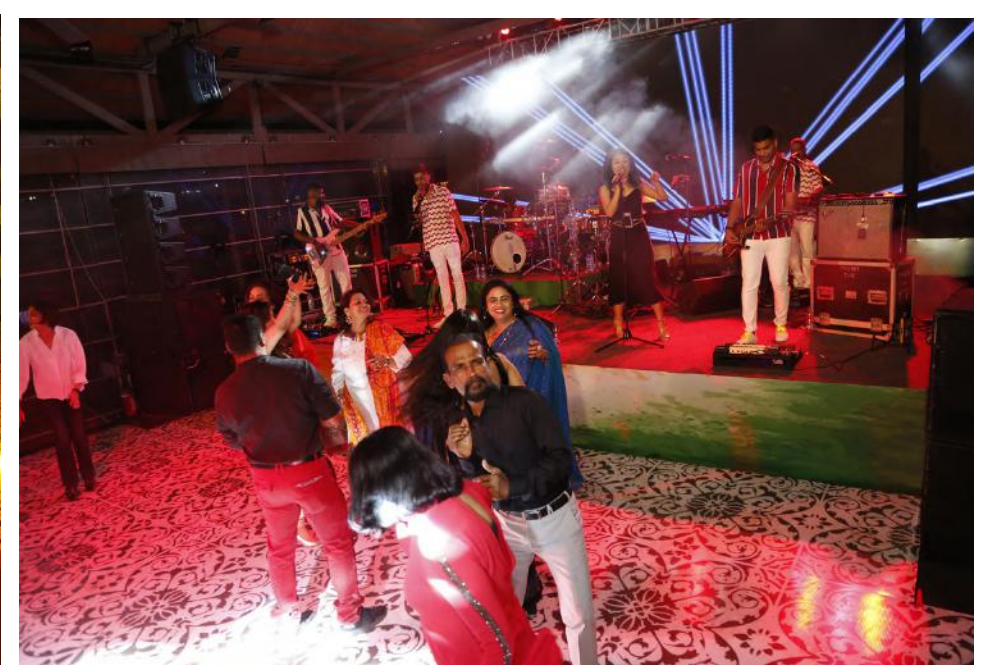
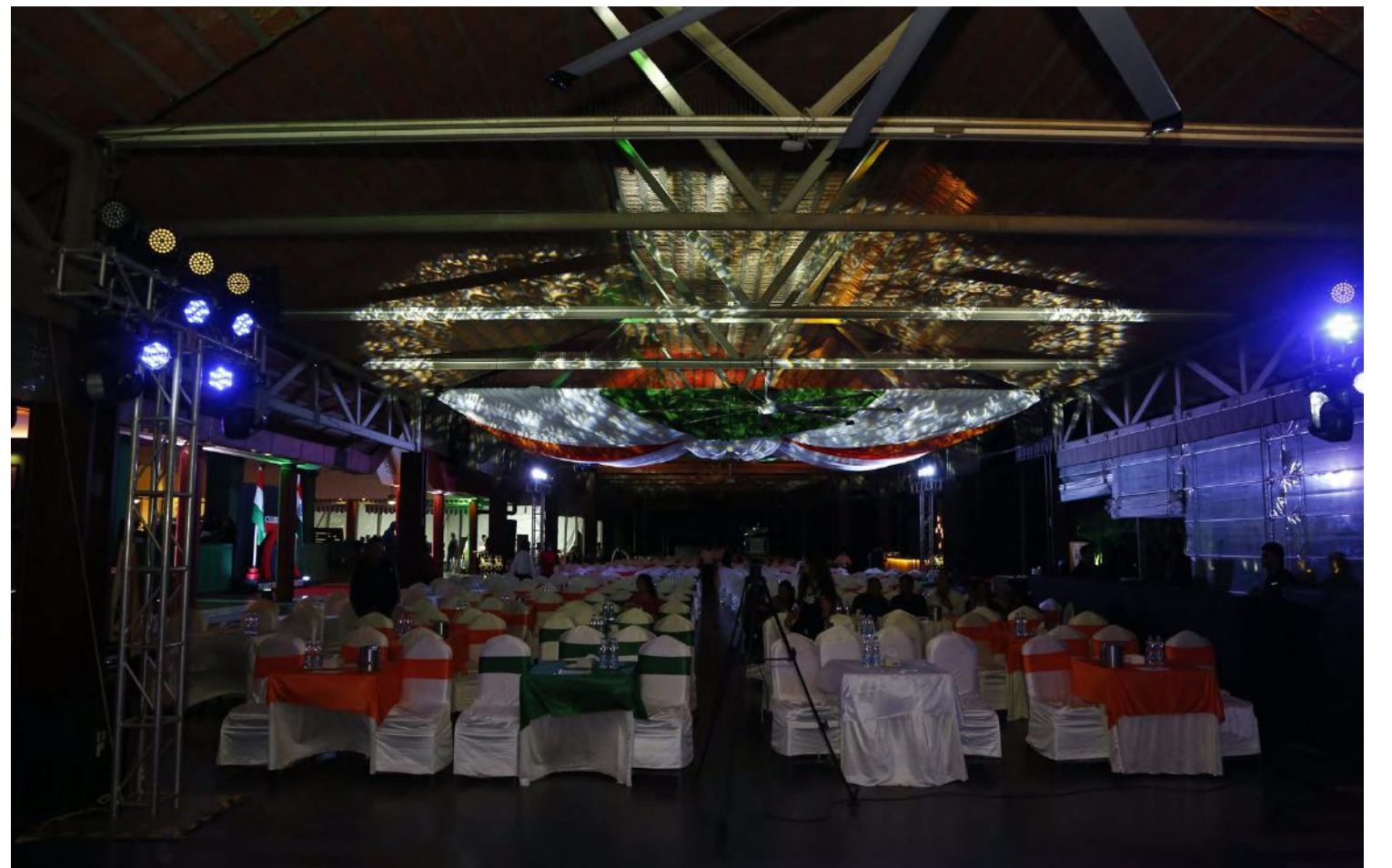


CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

76TH INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG HOISTING



75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

THE INDEPENDENCE DAY TROPHY

OPEN EVENT:

WINNER: VARUN MUTHAPPA

HANDICAP EVENT (0 - 10):

WINNER: SANJEEV MEHERA

HANDICAP EVENT (11 - 20):

WINNER: ARUN MICHAEL D'SOUZA

HANDICAP EVENT (21 - 28):

WINNER: PRASHANTH HEGDE

LADIES EVENT:

WINNER: SWANTI PARUTHI

SENIORS: (65 & ABOVE):

WINNER: DR. RAMANNA

SPECIAL PRIZE:

STRAIGHTEST DRIVE ON 17TH HOLE:

VIKRAM BHAT

BALA SRIDHARAN

K S SURESH

SANJAY GOEL

KRISHNA KUMAR C

CLOSEST TO PIN ON 8TH HOLE :

SANJAY V NADGOUDA

SWANTI PARUTHI

DR. SIDDESWARA T S

CHANDRASHEKAR VISWANATH

RACHEL MAMMEN

LT. COL. AMALRAJ

N. A. MUTHANNA MEMORIAL TROPHY

OVERALL:

WINNER: VARUN MUTHAPPA

OPEN (GROSS PAR COMPITATION)

WINNER: NIHAL SABHARWAL

HANDICAP (0 - 9):

WINNER: KUSH JAWAHAR

HANDICAP (10 - 18):

WINNER: CAPT. SIVA SUBRAMANYAM

HANDICAP (19 - 28):

WINNER: N. ADIGE

SENIOR CITIZENS (65 YEARS AND ABOVE):

WINNER: MANOHAR SOANS

LADIES:

WINNER RINA RAY LENKA

CLOSEST TO PIN: BASAVARAJ SANDIGAWAD

STRAIGHTEST DRIVE: RADHA KRISHNAN G V ON THE LINE

HOLE - IN - ONE



PAST PRESIDENT'S TOURNAMENT





The KGA Golf Foundation is proud to hand over a cheque to Ms Avani Prashanth. It was collected on her behalf by her father as Avani is away at Paris. "Avani Prashanth is a 15-year-old Bangalore girl is the best-ranked Indian on the WAGR with a wide range of experience performing on the International stage and a two-time winner on the Hero WPGT in India. Represented India at the prestigious Augusta National Women's Amateur (ANWA), R&A's Girls' Amateur, European Ladies Amateur Championship and even topped the Asian Games selection trials at KGA in Bangalore. KGA has adopted Avani.

EVENTS CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2022

TOURNAMENTS

DATE	DAY	SESSION	TOURNAMENT NAME
2ND & 3RD	FRIDAY & SATURDAY	MORNING & AFTERNOON	JOHN D'SOUZA GOLF TOURNAMENT
13TH TO 16TH	TUESDAY TO FRIDAY	MORNING	IGU KARNATAKA JUNIORS GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP
23RD	FRIDAY	MORNING	OWC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
24TH	SATURDAY	MORNING	ROTARY CLUB OF BLR (AM) TOUR
26TH TO 30TH	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	MORNING	ALL INDIAN SOUTH INDIA AMATEUR ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT
26TH	MONDAY	MORNING	DOUBLES MATCH PLAY (ENTRY WILL OPEN)

ENTERTAINMENT

DATE	DAY	EVENT NAME
5TH SEP 2022	MONDAY	TAMBOLA
10TH SEP 2022	SATURDAY	MISTY BAND FROM SRILANKA
17TH SEP 2022	SATURDAY	SUFI SONGS
26TH SEP 2022	MONDAY	TAMBOLA