

Around the Greens

Returning the 3rd green

The 3rd green is being returned with the Supreme Puspalum grass, courtesy of NSRCC. Members have to put out on the temporary Bermuda green before the drain, for another month or so, to allow a grass establishment programme to be effected. Thank you.

The 4th green is next on the returning agenda and a temporary green has been constructed just down the slope. The temporary green has been roped up with a GUR notice on display. Some golfers have been seen taking their shots from the temporary green. This is not allowed. Please refrain from such acts. Play from the Dropping Zone mat. Thank you.

New Members Introduction Night Revisited

In the early years of New Members Introduction Night, the proposers and seconds have to be present with the new members. The event was a formal affair with long sleeves and ties. Over time this attire decorum was reduced to smart casuals and the proposers and seconds were excused, due to absenteeism.

Why do we charge a fee for the attendance? The Club used to subsidize for the new members' dinner hoping that with the subsidised dinner, all new members would attend. Unfortunately, this was not to be the case. Some confirmed attendees did not turn up resulting in high wastage of food prepared buffet-style for all. Over the years, an attendance fee was levied to encourage attendance and discourage wastage. The fee is basic and minimal to cover cost and administration and to contribute towards an occasion.

We want all new members to be part of the Changi Golf Club community and this event is a good start to learn more about the Club, different sections, its history, traditions and bye-laws, golf course etiquette, competitions and handicaps.

Kluang Memorial Golf Charity

Saturday 29/Sunday 30 November 2014.

Participation Fee: RM250

Check details with Golf office. It's free and easy, at your own time.

Ladies Section

Recently, the Ladies section has been buzzing with activities.

In September, there was the 5-Club Challenge organized by the Ladies Sub-Committee, bringing together a group of 28 ladies where everyone brought only 5 clubs each in their bags.

Their next event was the Evergreens vs Roses held on Monday 6th October which was a public holiday. A

total of 32 ladies played in the 4-ball best-ball format where the experienced and matured pitted their skills against the gung-ho and young. Eventually, the latter was no match for the former. The Evergreens won hands down 6-1.

These events were self-funding with game, prizes and lunch and all participants enjoyed themselves.

Well done ladies. Keep up the good job.

Interclub friendly with Kinabalu Golf Club

It was in July 2012 when a group of 12 Changians forayed into KKS (Kota Kinabalu Sabah, not Kandang Kerbau Singapore) in the "Land Below the Winds" and stumbled on to a group of golfers at the 9 holes Kinabalu Golf Club (KGC). Unbeknown to the Changians, this chance meeting would result in a profound relationship with the KGC. By the way Kinabalu Golf Club and Changi Golf Club (CGC) have a reciprocal arrangement dating back to the 1970s when most golf clubs were only 9 holes and interclub games were treasured keepsakes.

In 2014, this time with 16 Changians, the group was given a homecoming welcome by the friendly Kinabaluans who called themselves the Wednesday Kinabalu Golf group. We were feted to a daily dosage of golf, local food and sumptuous seafood which is abundantly evident in KK. It was on this trip that the KGC Captain Johnny Ng broached the idea of KGC visiting CGC for an interclub game. The message was relayed to CGC which was accepted by the CGC Captain Vincent Teo without hesitation.

This time around in KK, Changi Golf Club had the privilege of inking a reciprocal arrangement with the prestigious Sabah Golf & Country Club, through the recommendation of a Kinabalu.

On Thursday 30 October 2014, 40 Kinabaluans descended on CGC only to be greeted by an equal number of Changians, a fantastic turnout considering that it was a weekday. After a quick running lunch it was shotgun start for golf. Alas, the rain clouds started to hover over and finally the skies opened up blessing our fairways with the heavenly drops of the much needed rain. Game abandoned. Back at the Golfers' Terrace the Changians and Kinabaluans were already interacting like old buddies from the NS days. After the window of formalities and prize presentation (12 boxes of golf balls donated by Changian Timothy Teo), the yam sengs resounded with gusto and singers from both clubs were belting out songs by the numbers.

Well, all good things must come to an end and by 10pm the coach's engine was signaling to all the Kinabaluans to bid good night and good bye to the host.

This is one interclub game which will be fondly remembered for a long time.

The next day KGC had a game with Seletar G&CC and by the number of empty beer jugs and whisky bottles at their golfer's terrace my guess is that the rain had interrupted play too.

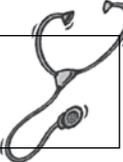
The KGC Captain has invited CGC, and invitation accepted by the CGC Captain, to visit KK in 2015.

Stay tuned on this boys and girls.

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2014

President vs Vice President Cup









\$30 inclusive of buffet dinner and buggy.
Each participant has to contribute \$3 to the team prize.

Members not participating in the golf game are welcomed to join in the buffet dinner at \$15 per head. The amount will be debited to the member's club account.

Register now with the Golfing office (65435210) to avoid being left out in the Presidential contest.

Announcements

Condolences to the family of the late Raymond Tang Chew Weng, member since 1992, who passed away on 24 October 2014.

Condolences to Ms Linda Tai on the recent bereavement of her elder brother.

DECEMBER 2014

6	Sat	General Play	am/pm
7	Sun	General Play	am/pm
13	Sat	General Play	am/pm
14	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
		RAF Changi Challenge Cup	
20	Sat	General Play	am/pm
21	Sun	General Play	am/pm
25	Thu	PH-CHRISTMAS - General Play	am/pm
27	Sat	General Play	am/pm
28	Sun	General Play	am/pm

The Club office.
For official business only.



Social Golfing Memberships (SGM) now available. No monthly subscriptions. Pay only when you play.

Many benefits... USGA handicap index, golfing insurance, club facilities, monthly events...

Call Zack 6 5455 133 for more details.

Planning to hold an event ? Call Zack and let her take over the planning.

Admin / Membership / Accounts Department is closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Mon – Sat, Office Operation Hours : 9.30am – 6.30pm

Administration fee for sending 3rd reminder on overdue account is \$40. Please keep your account in credit. Thank you.

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CHANGI GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

The resort-style golf club, since 1971

NOVEMBER 2014

Editor's Column

The Induction of new members to our Club is a traditional ceremony, primarily aimed at new members to be properly introduced with the Management Committee and the general members of the Club, and for the Captain to update and brief new members on the house-rules, common etiquette and golf course safety to be observed.

It is purely out of a safety concern for all members that only new members who are well acquainted with the do's and don'ts to play during *the weekends, when the course is overly crowded.*

By so doing, we hope to prevent new members from getting into disciplinary proceedings unnecessarily.

Therefore, it's our desire that all new members go through the induction ceremony. Ideally, the ceremony should be done as close to the members' joining date as is possible but due to time and resource limitations, this event has been an ad-hoc collective event, with a relevant and convenient date to be decided by the Committee.



CHANGI GOLF CLUB STAFF DAY 2014
SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2014
Member's participation fee: \$100
Course and office will be closed am/pm

NOVEMBER 2014

1	Sat	General Play	am/pm
2	Sun	Final Round Ladies Club Championship	am
		3rd Round C.I.D. Championship	am
		4th Round C.I.D. Championship	pm
8	Sat	General Play	am/pm
9	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
15	Sat	General Play	am
		CGC vs Seremban Int GC (Home)	pm
16	Sun	General Play	am/pm
22	Sat	President vs Vice-Presidents' Prize	am/pm
23	Sun	General Play	am/pm
29	Sat	General Play	am/pm
30	Sun	Staff Day (Course Closed)	am/pm

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Local Affiliated / Reciprocal Clubs

• Chinese Swimming Club • Changi Beach Club • Sembawang Country Club • SAF Yacht Club • Changi Sailing Club

Please check affiliation details with the respective club's reception.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE CLUB AND COURSE LITTER-FREE.

Don't leave your golf etiquette at home.

Please repair divots, ballmarks and rake the sand bunker.

When buggy is issued to you, it should be a clean buggy with no rubbish in it.

IT IS THE GOLFERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO RAKE THE SAND BUNKER, REPAIR FAIRWAY DIVOTS AND BALL MARKS ON THE GREENS.

A Gentle Reminder
NO SMOKING
Except in designated areas. Thank you.

Monthly Medal A & B Division (Men)
1St Round Club, Intermediate And Duffers C'ship 2014
Sunday 19th October 2014 - Stroke Play

Overall Winner	CH	Out	In	Total
Jason Wong	4	32	30	62 ocb

Best Gross	CH	Out	In	Total
Jordan Tsan	4	41	33	74

A Division	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Foo Hee Peng	17	29	33	62
2 Chan Hee Mun	13	32	31	63
3 Lim Hoo Wee	11	30	34	64

	CH	Out	In	Total
Patrick Chng	10	38	37	75 ocb

Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Foo Hee Peng		29		
2 Lim Hoo Wee		30		
Tie 3 Johnson Quek, Por Hau Joo B. K. Nair, Wee Chew Kwang		31		

Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
Tie 1 Jason Wong, Chum Tun Jang			30	
Tie 3 Jordan Tsan, Tan Chew Poh, Chan Hee Mun			31	

B Division	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Alex Liu	24	31	31	62 ocb
2 Frankie Lim	24	30	30	62
3 Leong Beng Hock	24	32	31	63

Best Gross	CH	Out	In	Total
Philip B. S. Tan		42	44	86

Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
Tie 1 Frankie Lim, Rick Lim		30		
Tie 3 Alex Liu, Philip B. S. Tan		31		

Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
Tie 1 Alex Liu, Leong Beng Hock			31	
Tie 3 Frankie Lim, Daven Ong			32	

Monthly Medal A & B Division (Ladies)
1st Round Ladies Club Championship 2014
Sunday 19th October 2014 - Stroke Play

A Division	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Linda Tai	18	32	36	68

Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Linda Tai		32		

Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
Tie 1 Linda Tai, Pamela Lee			36	

B Division	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Angela Tan	27	36	32	68

Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Elaine Lee		33		

Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Angela Tan			32	

OB Blog

Musings of The Struggling Golfer

It's been a good 2 months since I last posted. Geeze, how times fly and O.M.G., it does fly rather quickly I must say.

To be honest, it's not like I had been able to hide away in a cave to improve my golfing skills, so my scores aren't going to look significantly different from August.

Having said that, I did put away some time for a little coaching during this sparse golfing season. The 2 hours or so seem to have help me improve my game a little.

Hey, it's no small feat that I no longer shank the golf ball into the side net at the driving range, or no longer played hockey with a golf club & golf ball! So something must have worked.

And out of those 2 hours or so, what probably made the biggest change was a fundamental change in the mindset before I hit the ball. I was given some quick lesson on "getting into the zone" as they say.

Certainly, that "quickie lesson" wasn't enough and I did quite abit of research on the net. So I am going to share some of that and hope it helps you as much as it did for me.

Get your mind SET & STRIKE THE BALL

Step 1: Set your mind to a "Calm" mode. You should not be stressed about hitting that ball, how it will fly (or not), if it will go where you want it to go etc.

Step 2: Take a few chill-out practice swings. Not the full-on practice swings! It's about getting the feel of the weight of the club, the swing path.

Step 3: Don't stress as you approach the ball. SMILE for goodness sake! You are suppose to be enjoying the day.

Step 4: Address the ball and focus on the ball. Remove any worries, concerns, pride, shame etc. You only need to hit the ball.

Step 5: Breathe in.....take your back swing in half-speed motion.....Breathe out and strike the ball.

Often we are too concerned or anxious of our follow through, our release, if the ball will fade or draw...so and so forth. We don't usually remember that first your club has to hit the ball solid. Nothing else is important until you can first get the club head to strike the ball. First steps first....get that solid strike, then work on everything else.

So far, that has worked for me. Hope it works for you too.

92....90.....89.....and counting!

Bits & Pieces from the Club Manager's Desk

Passion-driven, since 1988

Today Eat What?

More than half a century ago, Changi Village established itself with a variety of small, locally run shops and eating houses catering to the RAF servicemen, service women, many of them with families staying within the camp. The shops were mainly managed by Chinese, Malay and Indian entrepreneurs who delighted in providing members of the RAF community with a host of basic goods and services.

21st century Changi Village is planned as a vibrant, mixed-use district, based on sustainable development strategies which optimize access for residents, workers and visitors to public transport.

Today, there is an immense range of restaurants and eateries providing ample opportunities to experience an unbelievable variety of cuisines. Hawker-style food jostles with Japanese, Korean, Indian, Thai, Peranakan and western food while pubs, cafes and kopi tiams cater to a cosmopolitan clientele. Many pioneer generation members should remember the authentic padang food Ibu Bana Restaurant, Airfield Seafood Restaurant, Kampong Restaurant, the iconic Europa Pub, the family-friendly Jacob's Café, and of course not forgetting good old Charlie's whose "Gone Fishing" notice on his weekly rest day is a signature.

While many of the shops, including George's Photo, at Changi Village have converted to kitchens, my old friend Mr. Wong of Goodman's Tailor is resisting the encroachment and making a last stand with his measuring tape and scissor. The proliferation of F&B at Changi Village has prompted the authorities to halt issuing licenses for conversion of use, so I heard from the whisperers.

The 'food war' in Changi Village has, over the past 15 years boiled over with long staying operators having some special edges to survive the competition. There were failures too. At the beginning of this year a bak kut teh restaurant opened and closed within 6 months. The much touted Botak Jones did not gleam. The restaurant nearest to the Indian temple has changed hands numerous times and heard from the grapevine that failed operators had lost about \$500,000 on each venture.

Yet things are heating up. The rejuvenated Singapore Civil Service Club is set to open its doors, F&B outlets and even car parks to the public by end 2014. The single-storey building which was Punggol Seafood Restaurant is undergoing a major renovation and upon completion may see several seafood restaurants within the building. At the other end of Netheravon Road, boutique hotels and lifestyle eateries, seafood restaurants have sprung up.

Under such scenarios, can Changi Golf Club and the other social clubs along the Netheravon Road stretch sustain their business and provide a reasonable F&B service to their members? One notable closure was the SIA Sports Club. The sprawling ground has been vacated for the past 8 years or more, under circumstances known only to the owners. It could be low utilization of its facilities and high operation cost. That's another story.

Closer to our hearts, what can the Club do about the chicken and egg F&B issue? Since Changi Golf Club's inception as a membership club in 1971 the F&B was outsourced. A current member and his brother were operating the F&B in the 70s and up to the 80s. After the new club house was built the then House & Bar Sub-Committee tendered the restaurant, Golfers' Terrace, Golfers Lounge and the karaoke room to a single operator. The working relationship was short lived. Other operators came and went; all in all about 7 or 8 operators have changed hands since 1992. Where did we go wrong? We have a purpose-built clubhouse with a beautiful panoramic view of the sea. We have a fairly strong membership base to support the F&B. We have monthly golf and social events that require F&B. We have dedicated members in the Management Committee. We sourced for the "best" operators but the best soon turned out to be like the rest.

Mind you, we are not the only club facing this F&B dilemma. Somehow, intrinsic problems will just creep in and rock the boat. From observations over the years; when food quality is acceptable, prices are being questioned. When service standard is tolerable, impatience pushed staff to the limits. When the operator is slightly non-conforming, disengagement starts. We must understand that the operator is running a business and not a charity home. If the operation can be profitable, food and service standards will be uplifted. Members' expectation is understandable because they are the paying customers but to expect "cheap and good" food at the club does not make business sense. There is the monthly rental and operational overheads to take care of. Just check out clubs that are keeping prices low and quality high for their members and be surprised at their annual F&B subsidies and deficits which would bankrupt a club like Changi. The key word here is compromise. Adopt a give and take attitude. Let the F&B sub-committee work out a win win arrangement with the operator. Respect the club rules and abstain from acts that would deprive the operator from making a few dollars more.

Having come this far, 22 years to this day, the F&B issue is still alive and any respite is only temporary. Someone suggested that the club takes over the F&B operations. Hmmm... smells good, but be mindful of the proverbial "too many cooks will spoil the broth".

Changi Open 2014 Beneficiaries

At the Patron's Cup dinner on Saturday 11 October 2014, the four beneficiaries, namely Children At Risk Empowerment Association (CARE), Rainbow Centre, Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) and The Bone Marrow Donor Programme (BMDP), each received a cheque of \$15K from Patron Dr. Lee Boon Yang.

Words of Appreciation from A Beneficiary

21 years of saving lives together! This is where we use the funds that you give us - to pay for the tissue typing of new donors.

Thank you to all our friends at Changi Golf Club for the generous contribution to our work and we wanted to share with you all just how far we have come in the past years.

With 45,000 donors on the register and for the first time ever, more than half the donors for our patients have been found locally this year. This is a huge milestone because it saves a huge amount of time and for our patients, time is the one thing that they don't have much of. We even exceeded our target to recruit 8,000 new donors this year - huge effort from our team working with companies, schools and colleges. Every donor added to the register can be another life saved.

How can we really share with you all in a few words what our work actually means; the patients who have no chance at all without a transplant and the volunteer donors who step forward and give bone marrow or stem cells in the spirit of generosity and kindness to help a total stranger? All this comes together when a patient has the chance to meet that one special person who saved their life... and all made possible because we have friends like all of you at Changi, who help to fund our work and make this possible.

Thank you for the support, generosity and friendship.

Jane Prior
 BMDP (Bone Marrow Donor Programme)



H&F Updates

Golf Bag Locker

Since 1997 the monthly rental fee for a golf bag locker has remain at S\$15.00 (GST \$16.05). Over the years, the cost of a metal locker together with the monthly rental of the #345 office has increased significantly. As this is a facility for the convenience of club members any collection will help to defray the monthly office rents.

WEF 1 January 2015 the monthly golf bag locker rental will increase to \$18.00 (GST \$19.26). Thank you for your understanding and support.

H&F Sub-Committee
 Nov 2014

Choked Toilet

The common toilet at The Turning Point has choked up on a number of occasions, prompting our H&F boys to scramble with manual cleanup so as not to inconvenience golfers, especially the ladies.

Contractors have made site visits and if their investigations of the cause is substantiated, a major repair work on the underground sewage lines will be carried out.

Meanwhile, do not throw non-soluble items in to the toilet bowl and call the office 65455133, whenever there is a choke up.



Social Roundup

Inaugural Changi Boardwalk Walk

Calling all Changians. Bring your family or friends to walk with us on Friday 14 November 2014, 7.15 am.

Meet at Clubhouse at 6.30 am. Attire: casual sportswear and walking shoes.

Teochew porridge breakfast provided at the Golfers' Terrace if there are more than 30 walkers.

TINY TRUTH
Don't blame people for disappointing you, blame yourself for expecting too much from them.