

and the public and affiliation will be looked into when they have an over view of the facilities' usage. Meanwhile, members can hop over to Changi Beach Club and Changi Sailing Club to enjoy their facilities.

No Smoking

Individuals have verbally expressed disappointment that some members are openly flouting the Smoking Except in Designated Area rule within the clubhouse premises, and disregarding the sensitivities of non-smoking members.

It is an offence for a person to smoke in non-smoking areas listed under the Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Act. The law requires the manager or officials assisting the manager of the premises to enforce the prohibition of smoking, where smoking is not permitted.

As matured and responsible persons, let us show consideration for others when in the clubhouse premises. Let us include this social etiquette in our new year resolutions list.

Around the Greens

7th/16th Fairway

The ground under construction at the right hand side of the 7th/16th fairway is defined as GUR. A ball must be dropped to nearest point of relief without penalty, within one club length of and not nearer the hole.

Interclub Golf Friendly

Changi Golf Club vs Singapore Cricket Club. Sunday 25 January 2015. Please register your interest with your respective club. Limited slots. There will be a buffet dinner, with special request for kambing soup and chicken curry, hosted by Singapore Cricket Club. Happy Hours all-night long with karaoke session.

FEBRUARY 2015

1	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		CGC vs Johor GCC (Home)	pm
7	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		3rd Rd Team Match Play	pm
8	Sat	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
10	Tue	2nd NRG - Course Close	am
11	Wed	2nd NRG - Course Close	am
12	Thu	2nd NRG - Course Close	am
14	Sat	General Play	am/pm
		Final Rd Team Match Play	pm
15	Sun	General Play	am/pm
19	Thu	PH Chinese New Year - General Play	am/pm
20	Fri	PH Chinese New Year - General Play	am/pm
21	Sat	General Play	am/pm
22	Sun	General Play	am/pm
28	Sat	General Play	am/pm

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CHANGI GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

The resort-style golf club, since 1971

JANUARY 2015

HERE'S WISHING YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015

Editor's Column

The Changian Calendar 2015 was handed out to some members at the Golfers Terrace recently and on flipping through the calendar momentarily, a couple of our members commented on the Monthly Medals. After giving it a thought, they asked curiously why Monthly Medals are never held on Saturdays?

For some of us, Sunday may be a family day or a worship day in church which means these golfers do not participate in our Monthly Medal by choice. The next question that followed was whether some of the Monthly Medals could be scheduled on a Saturday? The reasoning is that this may encourage those who do not play on Sunday or those who golf only on Saturday a chance to participate in the Monthly Medal and this may lead to a positive outcome in an increased participation

rate for some members. Looking for leads at some of the arrangements in other Clubs, most of them hold theirs on Saturdays while a few hold theirs on a mixture of Saturdays and Sundays. Perhaps, the suggestion is reasonable that we could go for somewhere in the middle.

Do share with us what you think, whether it is a good idea to tweak Monthly Medal schedule alternately between Saturday and Sunday and most importantly whether this will benefit you or it makes no difference or may thwart your golfing schedule? Do drop a note, write your thoughts on email and send it to Lindachangic@gmail.com.

Wishing all Changians another year of great golfing in 2015!

JANUARY 2015

1	Thu	PH-NEW YEAR - General Play	am/pm
3	Sat	General Play	am/pm
4	Sun	General Play	am/pm
10	Sat	General Play	am/pm
11	Sun	Gold Medal - Ladies	am
		Gold Medal - Men	pm
17	Sat	General Play	am/pm
18	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
		Q'fying Rd For Team Match Play C'ship - Men	
24	Sat	General Play	am
		1st Round Team Match play	pm
25	Sun	General Play	am
		CGC vs S'pore Cricket Club (Home)	pm
31	Sat	General Play	am
		2nd Round Team Match play	pm

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.

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• 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.

Welcoming the New Year with a Stock Take



2015 is upon us, to be followed by the lunar Year of the Wooden Goat starting on 4 February 2015.

This New Year I wish all members, friends and business partners a Happy New Year. To all our Chinese friends, I wish you abundance and prosperity in your celebration of the Chinese New Year on 19 February 2015.

With the uncertainties of global politics we must brace ourselves against any gloomy economic crunch while hoping for the best. The club is no different. We too are feeling the weight of depressed revenues. Members and staff are being challenged to find more innovative ways to increase revenue channels and reduce costs. Club must also look at non-golfing activities to supplement the revenue. Creating wealth through savings is not the end-all solution as savings

**Monthly Medal A & B Division (Men)
Sunday 7th December 2014 - Stroke Play**



**Monthly Medal (Ladies)
Sunday 7th December 2014 - Stroke Play**

Ladies Open	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Jessica Pang	15	38	39	77
2 Felicia Tan	15	39	41	80
Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Linda Tai		36		
Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
Tie 1 Jessica Pang, Pamela Lee			39	

would eventually affect the maintenance and services.

The Committees and Management teams are also working hand in hand to control costs. Managing even a small club is no easy task as everything boils down to money. The day may come sooner than expected, that we can no longer hold out on increasing fees that have not been reviewed in a long time. Take the golf bag locker rental fee for instance. Since 1997 the rental fee has remain at \$15 (GST \$16.05). The price of a metal cabinet has increased many folds and the annual rental of the #345 building housing the golfing office and locker rooms has also increased. The golf bag locker is a service convenience especially for members who do not own cars. As the golf bag lockers are housed at the golfing office the fee collection helps to partly defray the monthly rents. Recently the management has recommended to increase the monthly rental fee of the golf bag locker to \$18 (GST \$19.26) wef 1 January 2015. Members using the lockers can use the monthly spending levy (MSL) to offset the fee.

Raising fees are definitely difficult and sensitive issues but it is management's hope that when the time comes, members will continue to extend their understanding and support, for after all this is your club and management has your best interest at heart.

Changi Golf Club's crown jewels are the greens and the 'nineteenth watering hole' with the 'Cinerama' view of the sea channel and the tranquil island of Pulau Ubin. And crown jewels require constant dusting and cleaning to maintain the sparkles. Have you seen golf courses with greens planted with two types of grass? I bet we all have at Changi. I would love to tell you I knew what to do; but no not really. I knew I had to replant the greens. But how? Grass costs money. Sand and other materials cost money. Professional manpower costs money. And we 'money no have' but somehow we still managed to pull something out from the hat.

If you have been to the course during the past six months you would have noticed that three of our greens have undergone grass returfing, from the Bermuda/Zoysia grass to the latest Puspalum grass. The Puspalum grass was a 'gift' from NSRCC and here I must acknowledge the close relationship of the officials and offices of both clubs.

The returfing project is part of a bigger plan to convert all our 12 greens to Puspalum grass for an uniform putting surface. It can be achieved. Nothing is impossible if we have a blank cheque.

Here is interesting news. Older members will remember the 5th tee box on the road level once known as Northolt Road. The small tee box was in

use until the late 80s when it was abandoned and later fenced in by MINDEF. Those times, better endowed players would try to drive the balls across the tree tops along the left slope, when the trees were not that tall, and land the balls around the left dogleg junction. You will be glad to know that the Greens Sub-Committee has plans to recreate a tee box on the road level at the small land parcel by the MINDEF fence. The frangipani tree will be relocated. Some of the trees on the left hand side of the 5th/14th fairway will be crowned or pollarded for the anticipated line of play. When news got out members were excited about this 'competition tee box', meaning that the tee box will only open for play on official competition days.

Some inconveniences were experienced when lorry-loads of earth were back-filling the 4th and 7th fairway slopes. The upgrading project is part of the beautification of the course. Beautification/renovation of the course would include having a theme. Golf courses that have too many trees; whether in term of numbers or of variety must have a landscape theme. Planting coniferous trees besides oil palms is an example of bad landscaping. Excavating grounds to hold water must also have contours pleasing to the eyes. The professionals know best. We are always looking to make our course better. We have a long way to go, but we intend to stay our course and take on the challenges.

A new water cooler machine has been installed at The Turning Point for members to replenish their water bottles with clean cold water. Please do not wash hands and rags at this water point. The wash basin is just round the corner. Do patronize the halfway house's food and drinks. You are the reason why the operator is here.

Encouraging youngsters into the game is critical to the future of the game at club and national level. Take for example, football. The Football Association of Singapore (FAS) who is responsible for the development and advancement of the game at all levels has spread their feelers to schools hoping to influence younger boys and girls to take up the game and create a pool of talented players to feed the national football team. Lack of facilities has always been cited. Decades back, one could kick a football anywhere without worries. Today, in land scarce Singapore, kicking a football anywhere could land one in trouble. Golf is no exception. It is still, to some extent an elitist game. Youngsters whose families are financially-strapped may never see the trees and the fairways. Golf clubs can help to co-opt potential youngsters with training facilities and perhaps a little pocket money for travelling expenses. Do not

bemoan the loyalty of co-opted youngsters who may one day leave the nest and fly away. Forward-looking companies will train their staff to be better workers and in doing so pave a career path for them when they decide to leave for greener pastures. Changi can co-opt potential youngsters into the ranks to represent the club. Changi is already a responsible corporate citizen through charity golf events. There is space for another feather to its corporate cap with the induction of junior non-members.

The Club's initial land lease will expire in 2021 and with the promise of an extended land lease till 2040, it has generated much excitement. The Club needs a team of committed members to form a Club Development Committee (CDC) to suggest, plan and implement the physical redevelopment and bearing in mind of the limited financial resources. This is probably a once in a life time opportunity for members to get involved.

Since the day I called myself a Changian, I have seen many caterers walking in and out of Changi's doors, regardless of the years they served the club. Changi has an enviable environment for dining. All the previous caterers were experienced caterers and yet we are faced with such frustrations. A F&B businessman once told me that he prefers to take chances with the public than with clubs which has too many restrictions and fastidious members, thus creating an unfavorable business climax. The Committee is engaged in getting a 'right F&B operator' to serve the club and during the window period members' understanding is sought.

CountDown or CountUp, this year is a CountOut, giving the club a respite to consolidate their resources for the event in 2016. Members and family who are at the club on 31 December 2014 will be treated to free buffet food from 7pm - 9pm (and while stocks last). Guests will be charged a nominal fee. The Management Committee and Staff wish all members a Happy New Year.

Spring cleaning came early for the general administrative office after the 20-odd year's dirt-smitten floor carpet was replaced with simple vinyl tiles. The staffs are happy that the office environment now is cheery and clinical. Thank you.

Members, impressed with the Singapore Civil Service Club's (SCSC) facilities, have asked about affiliation arrangements. The SCSC management is currently monitoring the patronage patterns of their members

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TINY TRUTH
Rudeness is often a weak person's imitation of strength