

Around the Greens

Congratulations to the following achievers.

Hole-in-One

Mr. John Philip La Porte P 067 10 January 2015
4th hole, par 3, 132 meters

Ms. Karen Teo Mui Teng T 443/9 15 January 2015
2nd hole, par 3, 136 meters

Albatross

Mr. Peter Chen Sau Ngen C 303 26 February 2015
6th hole, par 4, 249 meters

Mr. Chen is the 3rd Albatross achiever at the 6th hole. The first was Dr. B K Nair on 12.12.2009 followed by Mr. Ang Boon Hai on 20.02.2010.

Dry or Wet?

While the keepers of the budget were fidgeting with the abacus on the number of water tankers required to splash on our brown fairways, tee boxes and greens, the rain god did the club a big favour by releasing buckets of rain water onto the east area. It was a great relief for the greens keepers, and for the fishes in the ponds any further delay would turn them into mud fish.

At Changi, golfers have to live with the dry and wet seasons. When dry and without a modern sophisticated water sprinkler system, the fairway grounds will be hard minus the grass cushion. When wet, golfers have to navigate through the flooded fairways. That is our beloved Changi.

SGA Interclub League Results

Game	Against	Venue	Score	Status	Points
1	SICC	LGNCC	13:01	Loss	1
2	JCC	KC	7.5:6.5	Won	7.5

JUNE 2015

1	Mon	PH Vesak Day - General Play	am/pm
4	Thu	Course Close	
5	Fri	CO'15 Ladies Open	am/pm
6	Sat	CO'15 Men's Open	am/pm
7	Sun	CO'15 Men's Open	am/pm
13	Sat	General Play	am/pm
14	Sun	General Play	pm
		SGA League 5th Leg -	
		WGCC vs KEP C at CGC - Course Close	am
		CGC vs SEL CC at WGCC	
20	Sat	General Play	am/pm
21	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
27	Sat	Sponsors' Day	am/pm
28	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		SGA League 6th Leg -	
		CGC vs OCC at NSRCC	

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CHANGI GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

The resort-style golf club, since 1971

MAY 2015

Editor's Column

The annual Changi Open is just around the corner to be held on 5th to 7th June. It is a time whereby activities are organised for members and their golfing partners to enjoy a game of golf in our small club which at other times would be least visited by our friends at all.

During this time, it is the liveliest part of the year and the CO committee has to put in its best effort to make it a success. Therefore, months before the Open, a lot of time and effort will be expended from the committee to the Management and staff, marshalls, stewards, green staff and volunteers to ensure that they will be well prepared to deliver in all areas in terms of course condition and support

and service to the participants. Also, the committee needs to ensure that there will be sufficient players and sponsors to support the event for without them the collection on fees alone would not be sufficient to cover the expenses. Moreover, the committee needs to ensure that the Club meets its obligation to the 4 supported charities at the end of the day.

There is a saying "Charity begins at home".

Please give your Changi Open your best support and come forward to participate. To be a donor or sponsor, please call 6543 5210 to register your interest. Thank you.

MAY 2015

1	Fri	PH Labour Day - General Play	am/pm
2	Sat	General Play	am/pm
3	Sun	General Play	am/pm
9	Sat	General Play	am/pm
		3 rd Rd Changi Cup	pm
10	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		SGA League 3 rd Leg	
		SEN GC vs CGC at SEM CC	
16	Sat	General Play	am/pm
17	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
23	Sat	Final Rd Changi Cup / General Play	am/pm
24	Sun	General Play	pm
		SGA League 4 th Leg -	
		OCC vs LNGCC at CGC - Course Close	am
		NSRCC vs CGC at RCC	
30	Sat	General Play	am/pm
31	Sun	General Play	am/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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Monthly Medal A & B Division (Men)
Qualifying Round for Changi Cup 2015
 Sunday 5th April 2015 - Stableford

Overall Winner	CH	Out	In	Total
Jacob Eu	17	22	22	44
A Division				
CH	Out	In	Total	
1 Chan Hee Mun	14	19	19	38
2 Tan Kim Seng	18	17	20	37 <small>OCB</small>
3 Steven Soh	16	18	19	37 <small>OCB</small>
Ball Sweep (Out)				
CH	Out	In	Total	
1 Ng Poy Guan		21		
2 Andrew Mok		20		
Tie 3 Lau Teck Leow, Chan Hee Mun		19		
Ball Sweep (In)				
CH	Out	In	Total	
Tie 1 Tan Kim Seng, Bala. S, David Seah		20		
B Division				
CH	Out	In	Total	
1 James Lee	21	22	20	42
2 Philip B. S. Tan	24	20	20	40
3 Wong Chip Mun	24	17	22	39
Ball Sweep (Out)				
CH	Out	In	Total	
Tie 1 Jacob Eu, James Lee		22		
3 Philip B. S. Tan		20		
Ball Sweep (In)				
CH	Out	In	Total	
Tie 1 Jacob Eu, Wong Chip Mun		22		
Tie 3 Chia Chuan Hak, James Lee, Aaron Koh, Philip B. S. Tan, Rick Lim		20		

Monthly Medal (Ladies)
 Sunday 5th April 2015 - Stableford

Best Point	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Kathelene Rappa	19	18	21	39
2 Mimi Ho	12	19	18	37
Ball Sweep (Out)				
CH	Out	In	Total	
Mimi Ho		19		
Ball Sweep (In)				
CH	Out	In	Total	
Kathelene Rappa		21		

TINY TRUTH

**Friendship isn't about whom you have known longest.
 It's about who came, and never left your side.**

Bits & Pieces from the Club Manager's Desk

Passion-driven, since 1988

What a shambles! Everton 3, Manchester United 0. Everton has not beaten Manchester United by such score line in 23 years!

At the 44th AGM we heard the Chairman announced an operating deficit for 2014, after some good years of surpluses. What does that mean for the club the morning after? The first word to come to my mind is 'austerity'. What does 'austerity' means? I looked for reference and tapped my buddy Wikipedia.

"In economics, austerity is the policy of reducing government budget deficits. Austerity policies may include spending cuts, tax increases, or a mixture of both. Development projects, welfare, and social spending are common programmes that are targeted for cuts. Taxes and other public levies are common areas of increased revenues."

So if somebody, anybody who would end up with nobody from the club, declared an austerity drive for 2015 these could make headlines by the busy bodies – Spending cuts on

1. Current fleet of machineries and equipment. Use until the tow trucks are needed to send the machinery and equipment to the scrap yards.
2. Watering the greens and tee boxes. Save on overtime payments and petrol to power the water pumps. Colour the green brown.
3. On manpower. No replacement for vacated posts. Double up the work rate for the workers and assist the neighborhood clinics to increase patient visits.
4. On electricity and water. All lights out at 8pm to save on electricity and shower in a flight of four to save on water.
5. On food and drinks at club events. Packet nasi lemak or chicken rice should do, washed down with Newater
6. Reduce on paper usage. Condense and reduce the font sizes to 4.5 points on all club documents.

Increase revenues by

7. Topping up the monthly subscription 300%.
8. Reviewing the minimum spending levy 200%.
9. Jacking up buggy fee 100%.
10. Imposing car park fee for second hour and beyond.
11. Selling tissue papers at hawkers centers and deprive the tissue uncles and aunties of an income.
12. Sub-letting some car park lots for car wash service bays, with water from the sea.

From a layman point of view, I deduce that surpluses (good old times) mean money not spent. Deficits mean money was (well) spent. Deficits are good in that you can see where the money was spent. With surpluses one might see broken down machines, messy landscapes,

paint peeling from the wall, long faced members, etc. I am not 100% correct. Hey, I have already declared that I am only a layman.

Can a small green dot labeled as a last resort club pull fat rabbits out of the hat to improve the club's finances?

To stay relevant in today's context, thinking out of the box is critical. My grandchild suggested having a meal at Pizza Hut. Because pizzas are not my favorites, I suggested another food venue. "But Kong Kong, Pizza Hut also served other meals." Nobody told me that Pizza Hut has other meals! After that delicious meal my grandchild had to go to a post office to make payments for an item ordered. I thought post offices only sell tongue-licking stamps. "Kong Kong, post offices are like convenience stores." Pizza Hut and SingPost had re-strategized their businesses to stay relevant. Thinking aloud, I must also try to think out of the box to save our little green dot. Let's start with creating booths or cubicles and sub-letting them to small bona fide businesses. There are already shoe box apartments for undersized people. Reach out to a travel agent to provide fly-by-night golf trips. Reach out to a foot reflexology expert to knead the toes and manipulate the wallets. Reach out to a photo frames supplier who can also double up with clicking passport-size photographs. The list is countless and a dozen such booths could rack in much needed revenues. The public can walk in to patronize the booths, enjoy the view, have a meal and bring vibrancy to the club.

As a membership club "with money not enough", all members are responsible for its survival and cannot be dependent on a handful of member volunteers to ensure that the bottom line is forever black.

On a serious note, I understand that the air-tight budget now has a double cork capping for year 2015.

Back to the top, Manchester United's consecutive defeats have caused global punters millions of dollars. If, a big if, Manchester United failed to get into Europe after this EPL season, millions of dollars would be lost.

Our deficit is minute in comparison.

Lost & Found

Changi has an aging membership and the last count in 2013 showed there were about 300 members above 60 years. With aging, new sets of problems come into play whether at the club house or out on the golf course. Couple of years back the club installed an additional hand rail at the foyer's stairways for the new elderly and infirm. This club house was constructed in 1990 and facilities were geared towards a young and hearty male-dominated membership. Even the ladies were only a handful, the reason why the ladies vanity room was so squeezed. Staffs have undergone exercises in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of automatic external defibrillator (AED). AEDs

are designed to be used by laypersons who have received basic AED training. In writing about new sets of problems, we have encountered instances of members leaving behind under garments, wallets, pouches, spectacles, hand phones, golf shoes, travel bags, car and house keys, arm sleeves, dentures and what have you, at the club. Such forgetfulness could be linked to dementia, the chronic disease of the 21st century? What is dementia? I again asked my buddy Wikipedia. "Dementia is the medical term used to describe a group of symptoms consisting of memory loss, impaired judgment, disorientation and behavioral changes, which are of sufficient severity to cause loss of function. Dementia is not part of normal aging, although the elderly are more susceptible to becoming demented." The prevalence of dementia in Singapore, those aged 65 years and above in year 2005 was 22,000. By year 2020 it is projected the figure will increase to 53,000 and by year 2050 the projected figure will further increase to 187,000!

What has the symptoms to do with members carelessly leaving behind their possessions?

1. *Memory loss* – can only remember they left their possessions at the club, and nowhere else
2. *Impaired judgment* – the staff must have found and kept it.
3. *Disorientation* – hysterical and blame everybody except themselves.
4. *Behavioral changes* – members' right to insist that staff go to the golf course to look for the lost item at 7pm and in total darkness!

Except for the under garments which were disposed due to hygiene reasons, club staff have return Rolex watches, Mont Blanc pen, wallets, hand phones, chains, bracelets, sunglasses and many other items. Many a time, items such as hand phones were left in their cars, travel or golf bags.

When an item is missed, stay calm and allow time for your memory to play back.

Towel of Shame

A hand towel was found stuck in a toilet bowl of the men's changing room. One of the H&F boys took a photograph of the shameful act. If the towel had been suck into the outlet the club would have to spend a couple of thousand dollars to hack up the bowl to retrieve the towel. By the powers entrusted to the club management and the H&F subcommittee, any member identified committing such irresponsible acts will be slapped with an immediate suspension.

Members can assist the club by reporting, in confidence, to the club officials should they chance upon such acts.

