

CCO 2017

“Tough times ahead for charities – The New Paper, 16 January 2017. If 2016 was a year when charities started feeling the effects of a global economic slowdown, then they had better brace themselves for an even more pronounced impact over the next 12 months, said Charity Council chairman Gerard Ee.” The CCO supports a cause and that is to raise funds and donate to selected charities.

Many factors come into play now with regards to fund raising at CGC. The aging membership is a major factor when many members are retired and economically inactive but still have to take care of their daily needs. Newer and younger members may not be financially stable, given the disparity between income and higher cost of living. Lately the oil and gas industry has seen retrenchments and deprived Changi of a boisterous group of big spenders. Over the past 2 years the biddings from the CGC 7th Month function were measured and at times subdued. No amount of alcohol toppings could prompt the hands to rise when bids were called. I understand that collections at other similar 7th Month functions nationwide are also dwindling. Economics aside, there is a great divide amongst the members and it would require more than articulation to bridge the gap and drop the money in to the box.

It is definitely going to be a challenging year for whoever who chairs the CCO 17. Let's do what we can but charity begins at home. If you do not settle your dues on time the postman cometh and knocks on your door, not charity.

House Keeping

Feedback received from some quarters; proposing to name and shame those who continue to work against the club's ethos, more so now that a steady flow of new members are downstream observing members' behavior.

MARCH 2017

4	Sat	General Play	am/pm
5	Sun	CAPTAINS' PRIZE	am/pm
11	Sat	General Play	am/pm
12	Sun	General Play	am/pm
18	Sat	General Play	am/pm
19	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		CGC Vs KEPPEL Club -Away	
24	FRI	GOOD FRIDAY -GENERAL PLAY (PH)	am/pm
25	Sat	General Play	am
		Ladies Medal	am
26	Sun	Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
		Q'fying Changi Cup /Rose Bowl	

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CHANGI GOLF CLUB
NEWSLETTER

The resort-style golf club, since 1971

FEBRUARY 2017



Editor's Column

By the time you read this, the second week of the Chinese New Year would have commenced. While the ever-important Reunion Dinner on New Year's Eve may be over, there are still several days of merry-making and enjoyment as Chinese New Year is celebrated over 15 days. It is a period of enjoying good food, drink and good company with friends and family. Family gatherings need not be restricted to festive occasions. It is important to spend quality time with our families. Create your bank of memories of happy times spent with various family members, and cherish those memories.

F&B Vouchers

F&B Vouchers will be issued to AM session participants for the following club golf events - Captains' Prize (Sunday 5 March 2017), Patron's Cup (Sunday 24 September 2017) and President vs V President's Prize (Sunday 5 November 2017). Each AM participant will be issued \$15.00 vouchers, redeemable at The Turning Point and Golfers' Terrace for food and beverage orders. PM participants will not receive the vouchers as they are expected to attend the after game reception/dinner at the Golfers' Terrace. Terms & Conditions apply.

FEBRUARY 2017

4	Sat	General Play	am/pm
5	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		2nd Round Team Match Play	pm
11	Sat	General Play	am/pm
		3rd Round Team Match Play	pm
12	Sun	General Play	am
		CGC vs Singapore Senior Golfers' Society	pm
18	Sat	General Play	am/pm
19	Sun	Tiger Ladies Medal	am
		Tiger Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
25	Sat	General Play	am/pm
26	Sun	General Play	am
		Final Round Team Match Play	pm

**CAPTAIN'S PRIZE
SUNDAY
5 MARCH 2017**

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.

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Monthly Medal A & B Division (Men)
Sunday 8th January 2017 – Stroke Play

Ladies Division		CH	Out	In	Total
Best Nett					
1	Felicia Tan	12	35	36	71

1st Nine		CH	Out	In	Total
1st	Felicia Tan		35		

2nd Nine		CH	Out	In	Total
1st	Felicia Tan			36	

Men Division		CH	Out	In	Total
Best Nett					
1	Jordan Tsan	3	33	36	69

Best Gross		CH	Out	In	Total
1	Chow Ta Toon	10	41	39	80

1st Nine		CH	Out	In	Total
1st	Jordan Tsan		33		
2nd	Jacob Eu		34		
3rd	Jimmy Boey		35		

2nd Nine		CH	Out	In	Total
1st	Ho Nee Yong			33	
Tie 2	Chow Ta Toon			34	
Tie 2	Xie Xiong			34	

Monthly Medal A & B Division (Ladies)
Sunday 15th January 2017 –Stroke Play

80% Course handicap

A Division		CH	Out	In	Total
1	Felicia Tan	14	36	37	73

Ball Sweep 1st NINE		CH	Out	In	Total
1	Felicia Tan		36		

Ball Sweep 2nd NINE		CH	Out	In	Total
Shannon Ng Wee Hong			35		

B Division		CH	Out	In	Total
1	Angela Tan	22	38	38	76 Ocb

Ball Sweep 1st NINE		CH	Out	In	Total
1	Seet Mui Choo		36		

Ball Sweep 2nd NINE		CH	Out	In	Total
1	Angela Tan		38		

Monthly Medal A & B Division (Men)
Sunday 15th January 2017–Stroke Play

Game Cancelled Due to inclement weather.

Bits & Pieces from the Club Manager's Desk

This kid has game.



Brandon Han receiving the trophy from Mr. Andrew C S Lim, SICC Club Captain

May I just say this from the get-go, from what I have seen over my lifetime, very few coaches are blessed by a student who comes along with the necessary attributes of becoming a champion. Brandon is such a student. He has won not just once this year but a staggering four times. That is a great year under anybody's standards. Brandon won in April at the National Inter School Championships at Marina Bay, a major win, his first victory and as it seems, triggered a burning desire to raise more trophies up high above his head.

In June this year he took out the HSBC Youth Challenge held at Sembawang in his division, finishing strongly with the best round of the tournament in the final day. He hit his straps in the biggest event this year (in terms of strength of field and esteem) represented by players from 15 different countries. The DBS sponsored SICC Junior Invitational where he outplayed all the boys and took home the Overall Champion trophy, an incredible achievement. For a kid who is just 14 years old, to be able to go toe-to-toe with quality players and have answers for everything they could throw at him, is pretty darn incredible.



The late Han Chek Fong

Brandon comes from a long golfing bloodline. His grandfather (the late Han Chek Fong) was a former member of Changi Golf Club and was very passionate about his game. People still talk about Chek Fong to this

day, the way he would play, the sharpness of his short game, it's quite remarkable to think of really, the legend still lives on. His father, Han Hee Juan or HJ as he is known to by friends, is also a keen golfer, but with no offence to HJ, more a lover of the game than a true champion himself. However, from what I have observed over the 7-8 years I have had the pleasure of knowing their family, HJ has a great bond with his son and as such, a great influence over him. It is a bond that is now a winning bond, and that all started with golf way back at Changi Golf Club when HJ was just a kid himself, the times HJ used to caddy for his father, spending quality time together on the golf course, is now passed down to the next generation. Out of this is born a champion. As Brandon's coach since he started when he was in Primary 1, I feel humbled by the young man and it has been one of my greatest pleasures in my life just being part of the whole process with him.

Brandon's golf future is exciting. As his coach my seatbelt is on, and if you want to follow his progress going forward, it would be a good idea to put yours on too.

Article contributed by Mr. Phil Brew
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Off the Cuff

At the Staff Day dinner (Dec 2016) I highlighted the shortage of manpower faced by many golf clubs in Singapore. I light-heartedly mentioned that economically-inactive members (retirees) should step forward to assist their clubs to overcome the manpower shortage, especially on the golf course.

Changi is no exception. Currently there are 13 executive and operation staff on re-employment contract, meaning that they are above 62 years old! The rest of the staff are in the 50s, 40s. Staff in their 20s is a godsend. In the next 5 years the number of re-employed staff will double. Those in the 70s will have to call it a day.

How you can help. We need starters, marshals, horticulturists. While engaged by the club on a flexi-hours scheme you can still have your regular golf fixes. Your efforts should have some form of remuneration from the club.

Seriously I do not see a cohort marching forward to take up the offer. But if I can have one person stepping forward, that would be a breakthrough. Call it "gotong royong". It is certainly worthwhile to rekindle the community (kampong) spirit. It's

an ambitious goal and showcases a Changi that is not only friendly but a family club, born not of blood ties but of mutual respect, consideration and responsibility.

Make your retirement years more meaningful and healthy on the home course. This is not a done deal; it's a developing story.

Plan for Golf Clubs

The sunset at Changi is dazzling and you have to catch it before it disappears over the horizon.

When news broke that Raffles Country Club will close by July 2018 the golfing fraternity was stunned by the acquisition. We knew that Jurong Country Club (December 2016), Keppel Club (2021) and the popular Marina Bay Golf Course will make way for development in a few years. In about five years, 3 to 4 existing golf clubs would have disappeared.

There is an estimated 36,000 golfers sprinkled over the clubs. With the closures about 10,000 golfers would be estate-less. Clubs acquired by the government will not leave empty handed. There are compensation packages for members and staff. Compensated members could purchase a new club membership if they wish to pursue the sport.

By now club membership prices would have climbed and Changi is no exception. Changi's membership price has remained in the doldrums for some years and members wishing to sell their membership now should command a higher price. Do not forget to factor in the land lease renewal fee to your membership price. The fried egg on my nasi lemak resembles the sunrise at Changi. It's a new dawn at the last resort club.

Some members objected to the use of "last resort club". This phrase was coined by a late journalist who wrote an article on Changi Golf Club. It was captioned "The last resort club." I am not a master of this foreign complicated language but I do understand its meaning depending on how you read and interpret it. Can anyone find me a resort club like ours in this tiny red dot? Again to some people the "tiny red dot" is not a compliment. I am proud to be born and living in this tiny red dot for three scores and 10 years!

Please accept that Changi is the LAST resort club – with a beach front, a board walk, an international sea lane, an island in the distance, a challenging golf course, a club house that looks like a rich towkay's retreat and a matching membership price.