

19 March 2017 is postponed to a date to be decided. Regret for any inconvenience caused.

Morning golfers kindly take note that the course will be closed on Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 March 2017, AM for the SGA 1st National Ranking Game (NRG).

Very soon golfers will see colored flags on the buggies. The flags will differentiate the buggy's occupants – RED flag tells us that the occupants are visitors. YELLOW flag is for reciprocal guests and member's guests. The next time you come across a red flag buggy you will know how to be a gracious host and not breathe down on their necks for slow play.

Buggies will soon be fitted with TIME cards showing tee off time and the time allocation from hole to hole. This time management will assist golfers to manage their pace of play.

Please heed the notice regarding buggy crossing the traffic light crossing at Loyang Avenue.

### Tiny Truth

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." - Plato

### APRIL 2017

1	Sat	General Play	am/pm
2	Sun	1st Rd Rose Bowl / General Play	am
		1st Rd Changi Cup / General Play	pm
11	Sat	2nd Rd Rose Bowl / General Play	am
		2nd Rd Changi Cup / General Play	pm
12	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		SGA League 1st Leg - Not Hosting	
14	Fri	PH - Good Friday -General Play	am / pm
15	Sat	General Play	am / pm
16	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		SELETAR C.C vs CGC (Away)	
22	Sat	Final Rose Bowl / General Play	am/pm
		3rd Rd Changi Cup / General Play	am/pm
23	Sun	SGA League 2nd Leg	am
		Host - WGCC vs SICC (Course Closed)	
		General Play	pm
29	Sat	General Play	am/pm
		Final Rd Changi Cup / General Play	
30	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
		(Q'fying RD Mercedes Trophy )	
		46th AGM	pm

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# CHANGI GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

The resort-style golf club, since 1971

MARCH 2017

### Editor's Column

#### Managing Disputes and Agreeing to Disagree

Conflicts and disputes can occur in the workplace, households, and during business transactions. The Club has sometimes encountered disagreements between members. Apart from complaints about dangerous play, differences between members have usually been resolved by the parties involved, without any intervention by the Club.

Dispute resolution may sometimes be hindered by parties who either find it difficult to apologize or refuse to do so. However, this may be overcome through an understanding and acceptance about possible issues or inadequacies faced by any such "non-apologists".

CGC is well known for the friendliness of its members. While differences may sometimes arise, it is hoped that the spirit of cooperation, compromise and mutual respect will prevail.

GREEN MAN

## LOYANG AVENUE TRAFFIC LIGHTS CROSSING CAUTION!

- \* Wait for your flightmates.
- \* Press the traffic light button and wait for the Green Man.
- \* Cross in a group and single file.
- \* Watch out for speeding vehicles and motor cycles.
- \* Give way to pedestrians.
- \* Practice good road etiquettes.

Changi Golf Club  
1 February 2017

### 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
25	Sat	General Play	am/pm
		Ladies Medal	am
26	Sun	Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
		Q'fying Changi Cup /Rose Bowl	
28	Tue	1st NRG - Course Closed	am
29	Wed	1st NRG - Course Closed	am
30	Thu	1st NRG - Course Closed	am

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**Local Affiliated Clubs:** Chinese Swimming Club • Changi Beach Club • Sembawang Country Club • SAF Yacht Club • Changi Sailing Club • Singapore Civil Service Club (Please check affiliation details with the respective club's reception.)

**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.

**A Gentle Reminder  
NO SMOKING**

*Except in  
designated areas.  
Thank you.*

**Monthly Medal A & B Division (Men)**  
**Sunday 19h February 2017 – STABLEFORD**

**Overall Winner**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Chan Hee Mun	13	22	20	42

**A Division**

**Best Points**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Oh Chye Huat	19	20	20	40
2 Peter Yip	16	16	23	39
3 Chum Tun Jang	16	21	17	38

**Ball Sweep 1st NINE**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Chan Hee Mun		22		
2 Chum Tun Jang		21		
Tie 3 Oh Chye Huat, Koh Jyh Tsong		20		

**Ball Sweep 2nd NINE**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Peter Yip			23	
Tie 2 Chan Hee Mun			20	
Tie 2 Oh Chye Huat			20	

**B Division**

**Best Nett**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1 James Quek	24	20	20	40
2 Jacob Eu	24	17	22	39 OCB
3 Philip B S Tan	24	21	18	39

**Ball Sweep 1st NINE**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Ho Nee Yong		22		
2 Victor Chye		21		
2 Philip B S Tan		21		

**Ball Sweep 2nd NINE**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Jacob Eu			22	
Tie 2 David Seah			20	
Tie 2 James Quek			20	

**Monthly Medal A & B Division (Ladies)**  
**Sunday 19h February 2017 – STABLEFORD**

**A Division**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1st Tay Hwee Kheng	19	18	11	29

**Ball Sweep 1st NINE**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1st Tay Hwee Kheng		18		

**Ball Sweep 2nd NINE**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1st Gigi Lim		15		

**B Division**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1st Pramjeet Kaur	25	18	18	36

**Ball Sweep 1st NINE**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1st Anna Pham		19		

**Ball Sweep 2nd NINE**

	CH	Out	In	Total
1st Pramjeet Kaur		18		

**TEAM MATCHPLAY FINAL RESULTS**  
**Sunday 26 February 2017**

**Champion** : Thomas S K Lim & James Quek  
**Runner-Up** : Richard Ng & Chua Kok Moon  
**3rd** : Leo Sung Hoon & Steven Tee

**Bits & Pieces from the Club Manager's Desk**

The taxi dropped a tourist at the clubhouse porch.

The tourist, looking a bit lost asked “ Is this Changi Beach Club?”. “ Sir, this is Changi Golf Club.” “ But you have the sea and the beach right here?” “ Yes sir, we have the best sea and beach views.” “ Where is your golf course?” “ Sir, it’s across the road.” “ Then it should be called Changi Beach & Golf Club.” Perhaps. Perhaps. Perhaps.

The tent at the Golfers’ Terrace was set up before 31 December 2016 for the Countdown ‘17 event. After the Countdown event the contractor left the structure intact for the next function without additional charges for the usage. It was a welcome relief from several tropical storms battering the shore and club house.

In the weeks that followed, members were happy with the shelter and the many ceiling fans providing cool breeze. Some members even suggested constructing a similar structure permanently.

Alas, the grass turned brown from insufficient water and sunlight. Voices were heard suggesting dismantling the tent and reinstalling for the Lohei Yusheng event. Taking down the tent would not make any difference to the brown patches for the next 2 -3 weeks as the grass would still take time to re-adjust to the new conditions.

We are aware of the proverb ‘you can’t have the cake and eat it’. The proverb’s meaning is similar to the phrases “you can’t have it both ways” and “you can’t have the best of both worlds.”

Members have asked how I manage to write articles for the monthly newsletter. I replied: “Observation, creativity, aspiration and droplets of perspiration. Most of all a passion and being mentally prepared to handle less-than-encouraging comments.”

Sharing an observation. One day in a MRT train. The carriage was half filled with passengers. A young foreign couple with two children (below 12 years) boarded and sat opposite an elderly lady. Within minutes the children were running up and down the carriage and nosily displaying their pole dancing talent. The elderly lady, having tolerated the antics for some minutes walked up to the parents and politely told them that this is a public transport and not a park. They must manage their children so that they do not hurt themselves. The

mother uttered and strung together some words and the children returned to their seats. After two further stops the family alighted.

Most Singaporeans have a ‘Why bother’ attitude. ‘It’s not my problem and don’t tell me that my interference counts’. It does. Just don’t be confrontational to the point of being aggressive to make your point. The elderly lady did the correct thing. So, the next time you see an inconsiderate member puffing away nonchalantly at the Golfers’ Terrace...

Here’s another story. One day in the men’s cubicle. Here I was, in the quietness of the cubicle, seated on the throne and deep in concentration on recycling waste matters. Little did I expect to be rudely disturbed by the slamming of the cubicle’s door and the toilet seat! The double slams shook the six cubicles from end to end and cut short my recycling process. With such strength I would imagine the culprit to be six-foot tall with some shades of Arnold Schwarzenegger. I was wrong. He was a barely 5’0” tall white-haired, wrinkled male from the pioneer generation. My point – is his act of slamming things inherent in him and repeated every day at home? If it is, I offer my condolences to the family and neighbors.

On Saturday 11 February 2017, a 250 years old 40-meter tall heritage tembusu tree collapsed killing one and injuring 4 visitors at the Botanic Gardens. In one of my powerpoint slides on lightning it was captioned “ The key to lightning safety is simply avoiding being in the wrong place at the wrong time.’ I strongly believe in the ‘when your time is not up’ mantra. Allow me to share my experience... when I was 6 years old I slipped and fell in the deep end of Tiger Swimming Pool only to be pulled out by an adult swimmer. In my teen years a motor car knocked over my racing bike but I escaped with only skin bruises. Kampong living was fun and when I accidentally stepped on an adult king cobra it was the instant reflex that saved me from a nasty spit and bite. On a company’s outing at Pulau Sebarok, I was swept away by strong under currents while stupidly trying to retrieve my spectacles from the gloomy slimy sea bed. Back to the late 70s, a week in to my new gleaming Ford Laser, a taxi while over taking a car, smashed and sent my car on a 180 degree back spin.

Many years ago a helicopter crashed in Genting

Highlands. I was in that helicopter a week earlier.

I am no Houdini and even Houdini had to die when his time was up.

The tragic incident at the Botanic Gardens is unfortunate and sad and together with all Singaporeans we offer our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families.

*Management Committee Car Park*

The Management Committee has decreed that the Management Committee car park lots are strictly reserved for MC members on Saturdays and club event days. Kindly heed the security guard’s instructions.

*Crossing at Loyang Avenue*

Members of the public have written to the relevant authorities that our buggies posed a danger to pedestrians at the pedestrian traffic light crossing. A police officer has visited the club. Club members are reminded to be mindful of pedestrians and also of oncoming traffic even when the Green Man is blinking. Cross in a group and in a single file. Leave space for the pedestrians to walk. Buggies are not made for speeding, so drive within the permissible limits. Do not be reckless. Be more than considerate.

*Course Upgrading Works*

The 8th/17th tee box will be upgraded with new ground levels and grass from the 16th green. The 16th green will be closed for renovations and the 7th green will be played as 7th/16th. Work would take 2 -3 months to complete. Please heed the work notices and GUR signs. Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

*Putt Out Observation*

Many golfers while playing a competition have failed to putt out, especially when the hole’s score matters. Whether it is social or competitions golfers must make it a habit to hole out.

In competitions, exchange of score cards to a marker is encouraged. If you write your own scores nobody will be able to verify its legitimacy should a decision call arises.

*Around the Greens*

Due to unforeseen circumstances , the interclub game with Keppel Club scheduled for Sunday