

So to build up the fund bold and workable ideas are needed. At the AGM a member from the floor said that a 9-hole club has advantages and should be marketed to those who only want to play 9 holes and drink. We had a guest group from the oil and gas companies based in Loyang who did precisely that. Every last Friday of the month about 30 guests would converge at Changi for golf which I suspect was not the real reason. Some played 6 holes, 9 holes and 12 holes and the party starts. That was before the global oil and gas industry went into a tailspin. Changi missed this group of fun-loving people who came to play and drink.

Club activities and events must be self-sustaining and not operating on deficits. Why are once-rich countries going into bankruptcy? If populist policies had taken the better of Singapore's first generation leaders, many if not all Singaporeans would be working as construction workers and maids overseas today.

The words of a young and respectable member summarised up the hard facts "Even participating in the marathon run has a non-negotiable fee."

Without short-changing the members certain major club events are subsidised and that should bring a smile. Even if something appears to be free or subsidized, there is always a cost to other members or the club as a whole. Costs have increased while participation fees have hovered around the break even mark for over a decade making it commercially non-viable and unprofitable.

F&B Update

Whisky bottles purchased by members from Turnhouse Bistro & Bar MUST BE CONSUMED within Two months from date of purchase.

Turnhouse Bistro & Bar reserves the right to dispose of the bottles after the expiry period without liabilities. Effective 3 May 2017.

JUNE 2017

3	Sat	General Play	am/pm
4	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		SGA League 5th Leg - Not Hosting	
10	Sat	General Play	am/pm
11	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
17	Sat	General Play	am/pm
18	Sun	SGA League Q/Final - Not Hosting	am/pm
24	Sat	General Play	am/pm
25	Sun	Hari Raya Puasa - General Play	am/pm
26	Mon	PH - Hari Raya Puasa - General Play	am/pm

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MAY 2017

"A Happy & Blessed Vesak Day"

Editor's Column

Sportsmanship versus Gamesmanship

Some people have the misunderstanding that sportsmanship and gamesmanship mean the same thing. The reality, though, is that they mean almost the complete opposite.

Gamesmanship involves winning by underhand or devious means. Victory is more important than gracious behaviour.

By contrast, sportsmanship requires an attitude that goes beyond winning and losing. It places an emphasis on mutual respect and appreciation. In the pursuit of victory, sportsmanship refuses to compromise with the principles of fair play.

Both sportsmanship and gamesmanship probably exist in every sport. However, golf is a sport that places a higher premium on sportsmanship and the integrity of players. So, despite the competitiveness of the 5/5/10 and 10/10/20 bets, sportsmanship should prevail in all golf games – whether during tournament play or social games. Happy golfing!

MAY 2017

1	Mon	PH - General Play - Labour Day	am/pm
6	Sat	General Play	am/pm
		General Play	am/pm
7	Sun	SGA League 3rd Leg - Not Hosting	
		CGC vs SICC @ SENG	
10	Wed	PH - Vesak Day - General Play	am/pm
13	Sat	General Play	am/pm
14	Sun	Tiger Montly Medal - Ladies	am
		Tiger Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
20	Sat	GENERAL PLAY	am/pm
		SGA League 4th Leg - COURSE CLOSED	am
21	Sun	NSRCC vs SICC @ CGC	
		General Play	pm
27	Sat	General Play	am/pm
		General Play	am/pm
28	Sun	SELETAR C.C vs CGC (Away)	pm

Effective 1 June 2017

NO FREE SODA FOR CORKAGE* BOTTLES.

* A fee paid for ice, water, glasses and service. Corkage will also be levied on any bottle with balance contents consumed at the club.

Turnhouse Bistro & Bar regrets that corkage-paid bottles cannot be stored at the club bar.

Turnhouse Bistro & Bar F&B Sub-Committee 3 May 2017

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

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Monthly Medal A & B Division (Men)
Sunday 30th April 2017 – STABLEFORD

Overall Winner					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
1	Chum Tun Jang	14	18	22	40 OCB
A Division					
Best Points					
1	Leo Sung Hoon	14	18	21	39 OCB
2	Chan Hee Mun	13	18	21	39
3	Koh Jyh Tsong	14	18	20	38 OCB
Ball Sweep 1st NINE					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
Tie 1	Stanley Ang			21	
Tie 1	Lim Hoo Wee			21	
Tie 3	Jason Wong, Steven Soh, Terence Lim			19	
Ball Sweep 2nd NINE					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
1	Chum Tun Jang			22	
Tie 2	Leo Sung Hoon			21	
Tie 2	Chan Hee Mun			21	
B Division					
Best Point					
1	Derek Pak Gek Kwee	21	20	20	40
2	Aaron Koh Wai Kiat	23	19	17	36 OCB
3	Ho Nee Yong	23	20	16	36
Ball Sweep 1st NINE					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
Tie 1	Derek Pak Gek Kwee			20	
Tie 1	Ho Nee Yong			20	
3	Aaron Koh Wai Kiat			19	
Ball Sweep 2nd NINE					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
Tie 1	Derek Pak Gek Kwee			20	
Tie 1	Sim Kwang Meng			20	
3	Jacob Eu			19	

Monthly Medal A & B Division (Ladies)
Sunday 30th April 2017 – STABLEFORD

A Division					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
1st	Lim Hwee Shen, Gigi	14	18	22	40 OCB
Ball Sweep 1st NINE					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
1st	Lim Hwee Shen, Gigi			18	
Ball Sweep 2nd NINE					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
1st	Kathy Foong			15	
B Division					
1st	Seet Mui Choo	24	12	16	28 OCB
Ball Sweep 1st NINE					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
Tie 1	Lee Yuke Lan, Angela Tan			17	
Ball Sweep 2nd NINE					
	H'cap	Out	In	Total	
Tie 1	Anna Pham, Seet Mui Choo			16	

Mercedes Trophy 2017
Sunday 30th April 2017 – STABLEFORD

A Division					
				Points	
(0 - 9.4)	1st	Patrick Chng Loy Teoh		36	
	2nd	Jason Wong Tee Yong		35	
B Division					
				Points	
(0 - 9.4)	1st	Chum Tun Jang		40	
	2nd	Leo Sung Hoon		39 OCB	
C Division					
				Points	
(13.5 - 18.0)	1st	Alex Liu San Chuang		35	
	2nd	Koh Hee Tiong		34	
"Ladies" Division					
				Points	
(0 - 29.9)	1st	Lim Hwee Sie , Gigi		32	

Bits & Pieces from the Club Manager's Desk

Lost items

An sms from a member - "Dear Kenny, if you come across a red I-phone 6 in the function room please let me know. Two days ago I had brought along two I-phones to the club. At home I realised I had only my I-phone 5 and not the I-phone 6. I am afraid I might have dropped it somewhere in the room."

An hour later - "Hi Kenny I am sorry, I found my I-phone 6 in the pants I wore that day. Luckily I did not drop my pants in the washing machine. Sorry for the inconvenience."

I repeat that over the years the office have returned Rolex watch, Mont Blanc pen, Patek Philippe watch, wallets flushed with cash, I-phones, car key pouches etc to the careless owners. Members have also handed items found in the changing room to the office to return to its owners. One case etched in my mind was when our golfing staff was accused of 'stealing' a pair of new sleeves. Fortunately the CCTV captured this member's movements and that he was not wearing any sleeves. There are many other instances of members' carelessness. What irks the office is that some members have a preconceived notion that the staffs are dishonest.

Umuganda

Came across an article in the local newspapers on Rwanda the small African country where over three months in 1994, about one million people died in the infamous genocide against a minority group. Today, Kigali the capital, and Rwanda in general are known for being safe and clean. All Rwandans practise "umuganda" a mandatory day of community service on the last Saturday of the month. They get together to clean roadsides and public spaces, help build schools, protect environment parks and do other communal works. Since 2008, non-biogradable plastic bags have been banned in Rwanda and will be confiscated at the border. Shall we "umuganda?"

INDIVIDUAL MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Champion: Peter Yip
Runner-Up: Thomas S.K Lim, 3rd: Leo Sung Hoon

ROSE BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Champion: Lim Chai Shen
Runner-Up: Mimi Heng

Around the Greens

Work has started on the 16th green by our ground workers on returning the Bermuda grass to Pusalum grass.

This turfing programme was initiated by the ex-Captain Vincent Teo in 2015. Many golf clubs have switched to Pusalum grass and nurseries were not nursing Bermuda grass for sale. As early as 2014 an opportunity was presented to Changi Golf Club when NSRCC (Changi) had to return some part of their fairways and greens to the authorities. NSRCC (Changi) offered CGC the Pusalum grass and the free offer was accepted. Back then all our Bermuda greens were contaminated with alien grass giving the green keepers a tough time in maintaining the cut and speed. The first phase of the turfing project saw the conversion of G9, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7 to Pusalum grass. In the January 2016 Changian newsmagazine there was an article by Mr. Teo, under Captain's Green Dot, on the turfing project. Snippets have appeared regularly in the newsletters on greens upgrading.

In that article Mr. Teo wrote that it would cost \$23 per square meter to buy Pusalum grass from the commercial nursery. Our average green size is about 500 square meters and it would cost approximately \$11,500 for the grass. Taking into account clean sand, drainage configuration, materials and man hours the cost to upgrade one green could amount to \$30,000 or more. Having our own nursery would save money for the club but the downside is that the grass needs time to grow. After the 16th green is completed the project team will move on to the 8th/17th green where a temporary green has just been constructed. For members who bemoaned the inconveniences caused, better things are coming our way. And if golfers felt that the different greens are causing them to miss their putts I have this to say "On every green, even on the temporary cow grass green I have had my fair share of birdies, pars and double."

Tree pruning work within the course is in progress and golfers are reminded to be mindful of roped areas and instructions from the workers to stay clear of the work area. About 80 to 100 matured trees are slated to be pruned over the next two to three months, weather permitting. Other than giving the trees a neater look the safety aspect of branches falling remains the main consideration.

Pace of Play

Golfers stopping by the Turning Point for a bite and drink must be mindful of the pace of play especially

on competition days. Do not exceed the prescribed time limit or when there is a clear hole ahead of you. It is the group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front.

Volunteerism

Sighted a sweaty Joey Lok squatting at the edge of the fairways weeding out the wild grass with a sickle. Thank you Joey and watch out for flying balls.

Housekeeping

Reminder to the small group of members who continue to leave their personal items along the corridor and elsewhere within the club premises to clear their personal items by 31 May 2017. Failing which the club will dispose these items without further notice and /or liability.

46th General Annual Meeting

The 46th Annual General Meeting saw 69 transferable member's names on the registration book. A quorum of 50 is required under the Club Rules. This AGM was held in conjunction with the April Monthly Medal and the Mercedes Trophy qualifier for members' convenience - play and attend.

A total of 35 members studiously sat through the AGM's proceedings which ended at 9.30pm. The proposed resolutions were passed by a simple show of hands.

2021, the year the first land lease will expire, will be Changi Golf Club's 50th anniversary. Once the lease renewal is successfully concluded there is cause for celebration and Changi Golf Club should have a congratulatory bash. Come 2040, arithmetically would be the club's 69th year. As of now nobody can predict the club's future. Let's Que Sera, Sera - whatever will be will be.

With part of the club reserves being used for the land lease renewal, the coffers though not depleted should be replenished in the shortest possible time to see the club through for the next 10-20 years. As a member's club the stake holders are the members and fully responsible for its very existence. The management committee's commitment is to manage the funds and fun to the best of its abilities. Regardless a club has \$40m or \$4m in its bank accounts the annual report's bottom lines are consistently not in the pink of health. Go check it out with the other clubs.