

Around the Greens

Greens

Changi greens were planted with Bermuda Tifdwarf and through the years evolution of turfgrass strain, be it through plant mutation and/ or introduced contamination is unavoidable, unless there is a scheduled replanting timetable for all the greens.

2003 was a very wet year and now we are in the monsoon season again; the time of rain and flood; of diseases on greens ; of washed bunkers; of muddy fairways; of worry and concern.

Maintenance practice can be adjusted and improvised for plant sustenance but the plant yield, in terms of plant characteristics, behavioral adaptation and requirements through genetic changes, might not be conducive, especially with rigorous maintenance and stressing them to meet the demands of today's green surface.

The recent experience of green deterioration from plants with poor regenerative properties is still problematic and unable to provide a tight, dense and healthy surface canopy.

This case scenario is also being faced by other Clubs, thus leading them to introduce other quality species of turfgrass for their putting greens.

At Changi, the encroachment and infestation of Zoysia on the Bermuda greens is a good sign. In it's quiet way it is showing and directing us, ecologically, to a more hardy and adaptable grass that will serve us well into the future.

Nonetheless, all efforts will be channeled to expedite and encourage this turfgrass changeover.

Fairways

At Changi, cowgrass are grown on existing natural soil medium. As the area of fairways is large and with no Irrigation sprinkler coverage, the turfgrass are subjected to various environmental stress; such as traffic, weather, nutrient sustenance, topographic water run-off resulting in loss of upper surface organic layer, loss of plant root grip and establishment.

This setback, due to no proper and adequate Irrigation coverage, will render most supporting cultural practices not been able to carry out, when necessary. An example - fertilizer program on hot / dry weather condition has high risk of scorching and killing the plants.

Conversely, during the monsoonal season, fertilizing

program can be done but the turfgrass growth and surge rate will be too great for our mowing operation to catch up. The wet and soft soil condition of the fairways will not permit the use of heavy machine, resulting in long lush of un-mowed areas with water saturation and worsening the overall ground condition for a favorable level of play.

The operational maintenance scope and programs are tailored and subjected to flexible practices conforming to situations and keeping tab on windows of opportunity provided by nature, throughout the year. *(Lim Hua Kiat, Consultant)*

HIO Facts

From 1971 to 2013, the recorded number of hole-in-one stands at 132 with 2 albatross achievers. Hole 1 and Hole 10 stood out as the most difficult holes to ace. Luck or skill is a chicken and egg situation.

Golfers have played the game for half a century and still hoping for the elusive ace while some weekend golfers have celebrated the achievements.

Hole 1	Hole 2	Hole 4	Hole 10	Hole 11	Hole 13
9	14	42	9	21	37

Albatross Achievers : Hole 6 - 2 (2009/2010)

Activities at the Club

UkeJam

First Wednesday of the month. 7pm – 9.30pm. Come and join in the strum & sing along. Free entry. No jam this February due to the CNY holidays.

Taijiquan Beginners' Class (12 weekly group lessons).

Commencing Monday 17 February 2014, 7.30pm – 8.30pm at the beautiful airy Sunset Terrace. Fee: \$80 per month (member/spouse), \$90 (member's guest).

Lessons conducted by Master Daniel Tan Boon Teck. *Note: Class subject to cancellation/postponement if enrolment is poor.*

The Cove karaoke

Kindly note that there is a \$5.00 entry fee for each member's guest, per entry to The Cove karaoke. The entry fee entitles the guest to one complimentary canned soft drink. Members are also reminded to sign in their guest/s .

Changi Uncles Dinner Meet

The Changi Uncles will be getting together on Saturday 8 February 2014 at the Clubhouse for the Lohei Yusheng. Enquiries 65455133.

Lohei New Year Greetings

How to mumbo jumbo your way through the Lo Hei process and celebrate prosperity.

- Place Yusheng on the table
Gong Xi Fa Cai (Congratulations for your Wealth)
Wan Shi Ru Yi (Wishes Fulfilled)
- Add lime juice to Yusheng
Da Ji Da Li (Good Luck and Smooth Sailing)
- Place Yusheng on vegetables
Nian Nian Yu Yee (Surplus Every Year)
Long Ma Jing Shen (Enjoy Great Health)
- Add Pepper and 5-spice Powder
Wu Fu Ling Mern (Fortune at Door Step)
- Add Cooking Oil and Sauces
You Shui Duo Duo (Fortune Keep Rolling In)
- Add Golden Crushed Peanuts
Jin Yin Man Wu (Abundant Wealth Filled House)
- Sprinkle Sesame Powder
Sheng Yi Xing Long (Prosperity for the Business)
- Top up with Golden Membrane
Man Di Huang Jin (Floor Full of Gold)
- Finally, all stand up to TOSS the Yusheng as high as possible and shout HUAT AH ! as loud as possible.

MARCH 2014

1	Sat	General Play	am/pm
2	Sun	General Play	am/pm
8	Sat	General Play	am/pm
9	Sun	Captains' Prize	am/pm
15	Sat	General Play	am/pm
		Kluang vs CGC (A)	
16	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		Batu Pahat vs CGC (A)	
22	Sat	General Play	am/pm
23	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
		(Q'fying RD Mercedes Trophy)	
29	Sat	General Play	am/pm
30	Sun	General Play	am
		CGC vs SSGS (H)	pm

The Club office.
For official business only.



Social Golfing Memberships (SGM) now available. No monthly subscriptions. Pay only when you play.

Many benefits... USGA handicap index, golfing insurance, club facilities, monthly events...

Call Zack 6 5455 133 for more details.

Planning to hold an event ? Call Zack and let her take over the planning.

Admin / Membership / Accounts Department is closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Mon - Sat, Office Operation Hours : 9.30am – 6.30pm

Administration fee for sending 3rd reminder on overdue account is \$40. Please keep your account in credit. Thank you.

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CHANGI GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

The resort-style golf club, since 1971

FEBRUARY 2014



LOHEI YUSHENG 2014

Usher in the Year of the Horse at the Golfers' Terrace. Come and watch the Dragon and Lion dance performance.

Saturday, 8 February 2014 from 6pm.

	Individual bookings -
\$468 per table of 10	Member \$48 per pax
Child under 12 \$28 per pax	Non-Member \$68 per pax

Book with Zack, Tel: 65455133. GST Applicable.

MONDAYS
12 noon - 2.30 pm

TUESDAYS - WEDNESDAYS
7.30 am - 2.30 pm

18 holes \$65
Green fee + twin-sharing buggy fee (with GST \$69.55)
Single golfer with buggy \$85 (GST \$90.95)

- Promotion valid till 26th March 2014
- If a public holiday falls on any of the above days, the promotional green fee is not applicable.
- USGA HI or minimum PC holders are allowed on the course.

FEBRUARY 2014

1	Sat	CHINESE NEW YEAR - General Play	am/pm
2	Sun	General Play	am/pm
8	Sat	General Play	am/pm
9	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		Final Round Team Match Play	pm
15	Sat	General Play	am/pm
16	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
22	Sat	General Play	am/pm
23	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		Johor G.C vs CGC (A)	pm

Local Affiliated Clubs

• 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.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

JOHOR VS CGC GOLF FRIENDLY

Sunday 23 February 2014 PM
(Away Game)

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 DIVISIONS

Sunday, 12th January 2014

STROKE PLAY

MEN'S DIVISION

GAME CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

LADIES DIVISION

	Ch	Out	In	Total
1 Jessica Pang	17	33	38	71
2 Elaine Lee	21	25	37	72

	Ch	Out	In	Total
1 Ball Sweep (Out) Jessica Pang			33	

	Ch	Out	In	Total
Tie Ball Sweep (In) Felicia Tan / Elaine Lee			37	

CHANGI GOLF CLUB GOLD MEDAL 2014

Sunday, 5th January 2014

STROKE PLAY

MEN DIVISION

	Ch	Out	In	Total
1 Best Nett Chum Tun Jang	13	32	33	65

1 Best Gross Thomas S.K. Lim	9	37	40	77
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	Ch	Out	In	Total
Tie Ball Sweep (Out) Chum Tun Jang, Thomas S.K. Lim			32	

	Ch	Out	In	Total
Tie Ball Sweep (In) Foo Hee Peng, Tan Kim Seng			32	

	Ch	Out	In	Total
1 LADIES DIVISION Angeline Low	18	40	36	76

	Ch	Out	In	Total
1 Ball Sweep (Out) Pamela Lee			35	

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1 Ball Sweep (In) Angeline Low			36	

TINY TRUTH

Wine does not make you FAT... it makes you LEAN ...against walls, tables, chairs and ugly people.

Royston's Blog

Musings of The Struggling Golfer

Hello all.... I am The Struggling Golfer. This is really true. I am NOT a "crocodile" or "buaya" or "hustler" and the myriad names we use for the fake high handicappers!

I like to start this editorial session to share my thoughts, experiences and observations in my golfing life.

So I am sharing this experience of a friend (Let's call him Mr L) who recently got a negative experience while playing golf. Luckily this was at a different course.

But this could happen anywhere and I guess I would share this with my dear CGC members.

It was a regular weekday and a group of 4 bloody good golfers (in my opinion) had successfully got through 8 holes when it happened. Mr L was approaching his ball for his second shot about 100m from the green. This was when the flight of golfers behind them, teed off and landed the ball very close to my friend's ball. Supposedly a 230m drive at a Par 4. Now we all are familiar with this but this one incident kinda irritated me because of the embellishment of the stories and the sheer bad attitude of the offending golfer (Let's call him Mr AH).

Now whether this was pure negligence or a true oversight, being the gentleman expected of a golfer and apologising for dangerous play (or worse...the possible accident that could have happened), Mr AH decided to be nasty about it and claimed that he did not see Mr L or his flight mates approaching their second shot and started getting upset about the slow play. I was stunned! To me it was clear cut. The ball landed dangerously near to a person, even if you are not aware of the dangerous play at the time, at least be gracious enough to apologise!

Mr L related that the offender's story presented to the DC was completely different from the actual situation. Mr AH had told the DC that Mr L's flight was "hiding" behind a so-called mound and they did not see them.

Oh geeze, even it was not intentional, would

saying a "sorry" be so difficult?! I must say...WOW! It is sheer guts to act tough in a situation like this. Worse still, the matter was raised to the DC of the club, and not only was the matter treated lightly by the club, Mr AH managed to get away completely scot-free. Without even so much as a warning or a request to apologise. I bet Mr AH must be some big shot in the club and the DC must tread carefully. I really can't find any other excuses for the treatment of the dispute.



No wonder Mr AH has such a bad attitude. If the club does not treat such playing etiquette as a serious matter, who will bother to ever behave in a manner of integrity?

I wonder...what will happen to this game if we don't take a strict stance to ensure good etiquette. Would the golf rules need to triple in number to ensure good behaviour?

In many ways, I am lucky I haven't seen such behaviours in our small club. Hopefully, if I do encounter such a situation, I should stick out my hand and present myself as a witness. Of course, would anyone seriously take the word of a golfer so new to the game and struggling even to just understand all the rules? Me... at the moment while I get all technical with the rules and such, I go with a hand on my heart and follow a principle that we should respect all other players on the course. Don't be an AH and certainly be as forgiving to others as possible. Afterall, we are all just out for a fun weekend at the course. Why go out to spoil the mood?

36 going 32 going 28 going 24.....wish me better this year! (Royston's Blog is contributed by Royston Tan)

Bits & Pieces from Club Manager's Desk

Passion-driven, since 1988

A newscaster once told about a woman who called the Turkey Company and said that *she had a turkey that had been in her freezer for 23 years*. She asked if it was still any good. She was told that if her freezer was at least zero degrees Fahrenheit, then the turkey was probably safe enough to eat. But they wouldn't recommend that she eat it. The flavour would have deteriorated considerably. She said, "*That's what we thought. I guess we'll just give it to the church.*"

I suppose there are many reasons we choose to give. But people who enjoy sharing with others the most do not share simply because they have a need to get rid of something. Those who find the greatest joy from giving have learned to give from a deeper place; they give from their hearts.

Opportunities to give from the heart are not limited to a particular holiday season or cultural tradition. Whether we give food, money, an hour of time or a hug, we can give it sincerely and joyously.

It's the time of the year when members show their appreciation to the staffs through the annual 'ang pow' contributions. It's a tradition at Changi and most golf and social clubs practiced this gifting in appreciation for the staffs' devotion to the club. It is not compulsory but most members would give freely and generously. Of course there are members who opt out with good reasons while some might find it 'disgusting', as one member wrote on the reply form.

The staffs thank all members for their 'ang pows' and wish them and their family a healthy, happy and prosperous Chinese New Year.



Singapore Senior League (SSL) 2014

Organised by Singapore Senior Golfers' Society (SSGS)

Supported by Singapore Golf Association (SGA)

Division	Age	USGA Handicap Index
A	55 - 60 years	Max. HI 18
B	61 - 65 years	Max. HI 20
C	66 & above	Max. HI 24

ENTRY FEE : \$60, includes green & buggy fee and post game meal. (Subject to GST)

Schedule	Venue
27 Feb Thu AM	Keppel Club
27 Mar Thu AM	Raffles Country Club
23 Apr Wed PM	Jurong Country Club
23 Jun Mon PM	Sentosa Golf Club
31 Jul Thu AM	Seletar Country Club
28 Aug Thu AM/PM	Changi Golf Club
22 Sep Mon PM	Singapore Island Country Club Closing ceremony of SSL 2014

All participants must register via their respective golf club, two weeks before each tournament.

Respective club captains will submit the finalized team members.

Social Roundup

CGC COUNTDOWN 2014

CGC welcomed 2014 with a sumptuous buffet dinner party that was full of good food, drinks, songs, entertainment, games and dances on New Year's eve. Instead of painting the town red, about 50 true blue Changians, including our Club President, gathered with their families and guests at the Golfers' Terrace to celebrate the year end festival.

When the party started at 7.00pm, dark sky loomed above with heavy clouds threatening rain. Fortunately, we were blessed with only a slight drizzle and as the night wore on, it fizzled out and a cool sea breeze swept its way into our Terrace. The drizzle definitely

failed to dampen our festive mood.

Our very own musical band, the Evergreens, took centre stage to sing our favourite pop songs and evergreens from the 70's to 90's era. While on the dance floor, Changians and friends put their best feet forward, ever so determined to enjoy the evening together.

Besides the live band, Vibes International provided an Emcee, a mobile disco and some entertainment. While the Bollywood and modern dance items performed by 2 young dancers were commendable, the belly dancing which was meant to be comic item was a letdown.

Not letting this spoil the evening, we continued with more merry-making and just before midnight, the emcee invited everyone onto the dance floor for the countdown. 10 seconds into the new year, we counted from 10 to 0 with such gusto and at the stroke of 12, we all sang to the tune of the all-so-familiar Auld Lang Syne whilst simultaneously shaking hands, hugging and wishing each other. The hot porridge supper was thoroughly enjoyed.



Looking back, this wasn't the grandest Countdown party with its small attendance. It was a blessing in disguise. For the few Changians, families and guests, it turned out to be an enjoyable evening, warm and cosy event, an exclusive affair as if the night was designed just for them. (Linda Tai, Social Chairlady.)

MONDAYS Special 9 holes

\$46 + Buggy (with GST \$49.22)

Tee time from 12 noon - 4.00 pm

In the event of inclement weather, there will be no refund after tee off.

• USGA HI or minimum PC holders are allowed on the course. Please follow Marshal's instruction.

Strictly no trolley allowed.

Promotion valid till 24th March 2014.