

## Social Roundup

### UkeJam

First Wednesday of the month. 7pm – 9.30pm. Come and join in the strum & sing along. Free entry. No jam this March.

**Taijiquan Beginners' Class** – Cancelled due to no response.

### Changi Lohei Yusheng 2014

At the auspicious time of 7.08pm of 8 February 2014, the dragon king descended upon our Golfer's Terrace to the accompaniment of drums and cymbals to welcome the lunar New Year. It then weaved in and out and around the 16 dining tables to bring good luck and prosperity in the year of the Wood Horse. Next, a family of 3 award-winning lion kings, performing the legendary lion dance to drive away demons and evil. Also, to complement the dragon dance, the lions presented our Club with two mandarin oranges which symbolize prosperity and fortune. Following customary norm, our President welcomed and received the symbolic gesture. At the end of the lion dance, the lions created two images of a princely horse and a sailing ship using fruits and vegetables to symbolize a smooth-sailing year for CGC.

The moment everyone has been waiting eagerly for at their tables was the start of the dinner, starting with the traditional Lohei Yusheng. There were about 160 diners in total and all diners happily performed the Lohei together in unison, enjoying shouting out loud well wishes and tossing the Lohei dish simultaneously.

While diners tugged in their dinner and toasting each other to happiness, health and wealth, Donnie and Zhi Ling, who are both professional artistes, entertained with their guitar and their lovely vocals floated across the windy terrace. In between their performance was yet another moment everyone was waiting for, the lucky draws.

10 prizes were given away to 10 lucky tables while 4 lucky winners walked away smiling with food vouchers sponsored by 2nd Kitchen. The dinner came to a close as dessert were served, the diners gradually strolled and left while some others continued with karaoke and drinks.

It was a simple but enjoyable evening for the members and their guests and our Lohei Yusheng is a yearly tradition which will continue year after year. (Linda Tai, Social Chairlady)

### APRIL 2014

Sat	5 Apr	General Play	am/pm
Sun	6 Apr	SGA League RCC vs Kep C - Course Close	am
		CGC vs SEM C.C at WGCC	
		General Play	pm
Sat	12 Apr	General Play	am/pm
Sun	13 Apr	General Play	am
		CGC vs Seletar C.C (Interclub Home)	pm
Fri	18 Apr	PH - Good Friday - General Play	am/pm
Sat	19 Apr	General Play	am/pm
Sun	20 Apr	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
		Q'fying Changi Cup /Rose Bowl	
Tue	22 Apr	2nd NRG (Course Closed)	am
Wed	23 Apr	2nd NRG (Course Closed)	am
Thu	24 Apr	2nd NRG (Course Closed)	am
Sat	26 Apr	General Play	am/pm
Sun	27 Apr	43rd AGM - General Play	am/pm
		SGA League CGC vs NSRCC at SEL C.C	

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# CHANGI GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

The resort-style golf club, since 1971

MARCH 2014

## Bits & Pieces from Club Manager's Desk

Passion-driven, since 1988

A club member became the latest statistic to be suspended for drink driving. He had only 2 pints of German beer and on his way home ran into a police road block. He was suspended for 22 months from driving and a \$2,600 fine. After serving his suspension he will have to retake a test and display a PL label on the vehicle for a mandatory period. All these for 2 pints of imported German beer! ( Hey, I am not suggesting that locally brewed beer will see you through.)

Reminder - do not mix alcohol with petrol. If you require a driving licence for your livelihood/daily use, do not risk losing it.

Members are advised to update their personal particulars especially the mailing address, email address and handphone numbers. Email the updates to dianas@changigolfclub.org.sg

Thank you to the SGM member who showed her appreciation to the staff with two boxes of Ferrero Rocher chocolate nuggets.

Condolences to the family of the late Mr. Lim Heng Kiang who was the Club Captain in 1982 and 1990. Mr. Lim passed away on 1 February 2014, aged 84.

Have a taste of Malaysian hospitality. Join the Kluang/Batu Pahat Interclub friendlies. Register your interest with June/Shah. First come first served.

By the time you read this, the 10 million dollar TOTO draw on Friday 15 February 2014 would have been won.

Question was poised to some office colleagues: "What would you do with the 10 million dollars?" Answers ranged from bringing mum and dad for a round the world trip to buying a mansion to sharing some money with charities.

This unrehearsed line took the cake - "I will change the whole office carpet if I won."

**Latest Advertised**  
**CGC Membership price - \$13K**

### MARCH 2014

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

**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.*

### 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.

**Monthly Medal A & B Division (Men)**  
**Sunday 16th February 2014**  
**Stableford**

<b>Overall Winner</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alan Lim S.M.	19	15	21	36 ocb
<b>A Division</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Bala. S	10	18	17	35
2 Kuay Joo Koon	14	16	18	34
3 Chan Hee Mun	10	15	18	33 ocb
<b>Best Gross</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
Dhanvinder Singh	6	40	41	81 ocb
<b>Ball Sweep (Out)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Patrick Chng		20		
2 J.T. Koh		19		
Tie 3 Peter Chen, Andrew Mok Bala. S, Koh Kun Tian		18		
<b>Ball Sweep (In)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 R. Ravichandran			22	
Tie 2 A.J. Singh, Gurdip Singh William Teo		20		
<b>B Division</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Oh Chye Huat	16	20	16	36
2 Richard Desker	18	14	21	35 ocb
3 Jacob Eu	18	16	19	35
<b>Best Gross</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
Philip B.S. Tan	18	45	44	89
<b>Ball Sweep (Out)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Oh Chye Huat		18		
Tie 2 William Chan, Kenny Kwok		20		
<b>Ball Sweep (In)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tie 1 Richard Desker			21	
Tie 1 Alan Lim S.M.			21	
2 Jacob Eu			19	

**Monthly Medal (ladies)**  
**Sunday 16th February 2014**  
**Stableford**

<b>Best Nett</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Linda Tai	14	12	17	29 ocb
2 Jaycee Lau	15	16	13	29
<b>Ball Sweep (Out)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tie 1 Jessica Pang, Jaycee Lau Nancy Ng		16		
<b>Ball Sweep (In)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Linda Tai			17	
2 Angela Tan			14	

**OB Blog**

**Musings of The Struggling Golfer**

So all of you must have heard by now why the cheng hu (that means government la...) wanted to take back some of our golf courses to make space for residential and/or other purposes that are may be a better use of the land. I don't know about that..... depends on whose perspective, isn't it? I am a golfer and that means any other use of the land that is not about golf, is not the best use of the land.

Now, my mathematical guess is that are about 40,000 golfers in Singapore (I should be wrong, but it really just that I can't find such data on Google or embarrassingly - SGA), and we are really a small part of the community. But when it comes to political votes, naturally you want to please the majority. At least, that is what I hope to see. Because what may happen that will make this whole exercise a really upsetting one, is that the clawed back land is given to property developers that build expensive properties only to cater to less than 50,000 people. Now how do you then justify that the land now serves a larger population?

Oh, golfers are probably (or should be) the most gracious of the society. We even have ambiguous rules that penalizes for being a jerk on the course. A good thing really because the game teaches you tolerance and good manners. So take away the golf courses, reduce the significance of the game and so what if we have more houses? Especially apartments where doors are shut all the time and community-time are significantly reduced, thus eventually leading to greater selfishness-lism and lower tolerance etcetera etcetera...

So what about Changi Golf Course?...A 9-hole course situated in a part of Singapore that don't quite (or cannot quite) command the attention of the commercially minded decision makers and it seems that we have been left alone for the next 26 years (till 2040). So what can we do to take this opportunity to do something about the course? Even if we want to do so, can we really afford it? Looking at the state of our finances and our aging golfing community, how many members are willing to fork out the top up that we will likely need, in order to have a CGC make-over?

I have an idea....let's go with how our cheng hu would think.

Option 1 – Tear down the Club House and build 20 units of leasehold apartments with magnificent seaview and lifestyle in living on a golf course. Use the money to do a complete make-over of CGC plus buy over some of the restaurants (who are likely

struggling anyway) and provide food, spa and KTV facilities for the members.

Option 2 – Restart Changi Charity Open.....except now we are the charitable organization in need of the money!

I think Option 1 got chance la.....

**Around the Greens**

**Team Matchplay**

Congratulations to Leo Sung Hoon and Jimmy Boey, the 2014 Team Matchplay Champions.

Runner-ups are Thomas S K Lim and Lim Thian Nghoh.

**Busy Month Ahead**

March will have a busy golfing calendar. On Sunday 9, the Captains' Prize will culminate with a dinner and prize presentation for all the 2013 winners, including the prestigious Club Champion jacket. The following weekend will be the away interclub games at Kluang and Batu Pahat. The club will charter a coach to ferry members to the two clubs. Members will have to pay a subsidized fee for the coach. Members' spouse can join in, but subject to seat availability.

Sunday 23 March is the Monthly Medal and on Sunday 30 March, CGC will host golfers from the Singapore Senior Golfers Society.

Please register your interest with June/ Shah.

**Dry Spells**

After a prolonged wet season causing many golf events to be cancelled, the hot and dry weather has arrived at Changi. The dry spell will continue till early March. Similar dry spells were experienced in 2009 and 2011 which yellowed the green grass. Without an efficient underground water sprinkler system to irrigate the fairways, the turf will withered. Rain drops have not fallen on our heads since January and if you take a drive around the housing estates you can only see brown landscapes. It is also the time of the year to expect a neighboring country to slash and burn their forest and send the haze to our shores.

Our course maintenance boys are now stretched to put in extra efforts to keep the tee boxes, approach areas and putting greens as green as possible. The limited water pumps are operating overtime and hopefully the motor will not burn out.

Golfers may have to switch their playing tactics – play hit and run ball.

Golfers are reminded not to carelessly throw lighted

cigarette butts on the dry grass to minimize the potential outbreak of grassland fire.

**Fairways Upgrading**

Earth topping work is being carried out on the 9th/18th fairway and some curious minds have been probing the workers. Long time members would remember that the 9th/18th fairway once had lush turf which would slow the run of golf balls towards the fence. Over the years the surface soil had eroded with the rain water and the area along the fence was mired with sludge soil. The washed out higher ground was arid and replacement grass could not take root. Similarly grass could not grow on the sludge soil.

Discussion with the course maintenance team to repair the fairway went some years back but priority was given to repair the approach area before the 5th/14th green. Here the ground had sunk considerably and rain water was ponding and obstructing play. The ground was raised about 2m and a new underground drainage system was constructed. The next project was the construction of the maintenance shed with a new access path and new nursery plots. The wet weather in 2013 pushed back the 9th/18th upgrading.

Just to fill in the works, the slopping ground near the fence has been raised with new earth, some point as high as 1.5m and covering most of the arid areas. Balls rolling towards and through the wire fence would be a thing of the past.

Next, the ground by the security fence protecting the residence's houses will be raised. This is a safety measure as teed shots have been seen flying towards the buggy path behind the 10th green. The elevated ground, together with the scattered palm plants should catch low golf balls with high velocity. An added safety precaution would be for the Greens Sub-Committee to consider continuing the OB line from the fence, behind the 10th green and up to the sand trap. In other words, a ball landing on the left of the buggy path, on the 10th green and before or in the sand trap is OB. Once the whole earthwork is completed and the turf in place, the 9th/18th fairway would be visually wider and offer golfers a new dimension of play.

Kudos to our course maintenance team - amateurs doing a professional job and saving the club piles of money on outsourcing.

**TINY TRUTH**

*I can't change the direction of the wind but I can adjust my shots to always reach my destination.*