

Announcements

The Turning Point

Please be informed that The Turning Point will be closed from Monday 22 September 2014 to Wednesday 1 October 2014. Normal service will resume on Thursday 2 October 2014. However The Turning Point will open for drinks and simple food on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September 2014.

On the weekdays, please get your drinks from the soft drinks dispenser at the golfing office.

Yellow Ribbon Prison Run 2014

The Yellow Ribbon Prison Run 2014 will be held on Sunday 14 September 2014 from 7.30am – 11.30am. The annual event is jointly organised by the Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative (SCORE) and the Singapore Prison Service. Part of Loyang Avenue (Changi Village) and end of the Changi Prison Complex will be closed to traffic. Please follow the traffic directions when driving to the club.

Sign Up As A Volunteer

Areas of volunteering in Changi Golf Club.

- Contributing Writers to contribute articles relating to golf, travel or things happening at the Club or the neighborhood, to The Changian or the monthly newsletters.
- IT-literates for advice on webpage applications.
- Photographers to help capture club golf and social events. Must have a good sense of creativity and be present at major events.
- First Aiders (certified), to provide first aid assistance at major events.
- Golf Referees. Must have a fair knowledge of R&A rules and local rules and be present at golf events when called upon.
- Tournament Director to take charge of decision makings at Club's golf events when called upon.
- Course Wardens, empowered to act to ensure a litter-free course.

No contracts, only mutual agreement. No formal meetings, only phone calls/texting. No reports, only commitment. No rewards, only satisfaction. No preference for age or gender, anyone who has a reason and the passion can sign up as a CGC Volunteer.

Call Zack at 65455133.

Staff Movement

After 18 years, Assistant Course Superintendant, Mr Lokman Bin Sabtu, has resigned wef 24 August 2014. Mr Lokman will advance his career at SICC as Course Superintendant. We wish Mr Lokman all the best and thank him for his service to the club.

OCTOBER 2014

4	Sat	General Play	am/pm
5	Sun	Hari Raya Haji - General Play	am/pm
6	Mon	PH - Hari Raya Haji - General Play	am/pm
11	Sat	PATRON'S CUP	am/pm
12	Sun	General Play	am/pm
18	Sat	General Play	am/pm
19	Sun	Ladies Medal (1st Rd Ladies Club C'ship)	am
		Monthly Medal (1st Round C.I.D C'ship)	am/pm
22	Wed	PH - Deepavali - General Play	am/pm
25	Sat	General Play	am/pm
26	Sun	2nd Round Ladies Club Championship	am
		2nd Round C.I.D Championship	am/pm
30	Thu	CGC vs KOTA KINABALU G.C - Home	pm

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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

SEPTEMBER 2014

Message from the President

Dear Members,

We met up with the URA officials on 31st July 2014 to seek an in-principal approval for the building of the proposed sea-front hotel at the clubhouse site.

The outcome was not favorable for various reasons. The main ones are :-

- 1 Expected traffic congestion around the Loyang - Coastal Road area. The Changi Coastal Road might be closed for airport extension.
- 2 High-rise structures not approved around this area as aircraft movements will be

intensified with the extension of airport terminals.

- 3 Building a hotel with less than 100 rooms will not reap economic benefits.

- 4 Foreign/local workers' employment restrictions and problems, especially for the hospitality sector.

All in, it was agreed that the idea has to be dropped.

For members information and update.

Regards
Gordon S K Tay

SEPTEMBER 2014

6	Sat	General Play	am/pm
7	Sun	Tiger Ladies Medal	am
		Tiger Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
13	Sat	General Play	am/pm
14	Sun	SGA League SEM CC vs OCC at CGC - Course Close	am
		CGC vs SEL CC at TMCC	
		General Play	pm
20	Sat	General Play	am/pm
21	Sun	General Play	am/pm
27	Sat	General Play	am/pm
28	Sun	SGA League WGCC vs TMCC at CGC - Course Close	am
		CGC vs LNGCC at SICC	
		General Play	am/pm

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE CLUB AND COURSE LITTER-FREE.

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.

IT IS THE GOLFERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO RAKE THE SAND BUNKER, REPAIR FAIRWAY DIVOTS AND BALL MARKS ON THE GREENS.

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

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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 24th August 2014 - Stableford

Overall Winner	CH	Out	In	Total
Jacob Eu	18	23	18	41
A Division	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Frank Loh	14	18	21	39
2 Yeo Piah Chuan	13	17	20	37 ocb
3 Kuay Joo Koon	13	20	17	37
Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Kuay Joo Koon		20		
2 Peter Chen		19		
Tie 3 S.T. Quek, Lim Hoo Wee, Bala. S		18		
Foo Hee Peng, Frank Loh, Ng Choh Lian				
Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Frank Loh			21	
Tie 2 Yeo Piah Chuan, Vincent Ho			20	
B Division	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Ow Chung Kin	17	19	16	35 ocb
2 Ho Nee Yong	17	20	15	35
3 Tan Chee Seng	18	16	17	33
Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Jacob Eu		23		
2 Ho Nee Yong		20		
3 Ow Chung Kin		19		
Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Jacob Eu			18	
Tie 2 Joosa Cosmas, Tan Chee Seng			17	

Monthly Medal A & B Division (Ladies)
Sunday 24th August 2014 - Stableford

A Division	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Kathy Foong	12	17	15	32
Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Leong Poh Chou		18		
Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
2 Angeline Low			17	
B Division	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Jacqueline Chew	22	20	17	37
Ball Sweep (Out)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Jacqueline Chew		20		
Ball Sweep (In)	CH	Out	In	Total
1 Jacqueline Chew			17	

Rescheduled Golf Events

Patron's Cup - Scheduled for Sun 21 Sep 2014 has been moved to Sat 11 Oct 2014.

Monthly Medal - Scheduled for Sun 12 Oct 2014 has been moved to Sun 19 Oct 2014.

2nd Round Ladies Club Championship and 2nd Round CID - Scheduled for Sun 19 Oct 2014 has been moved to Sun 26 Oct 2014.

Final Round Ladies Club Championship and 3rd & 4th Round CID Championship - Scheduled for Sun 26 Oct 2014 has been moved to Sun 2 Nov 2014.

Staff Day - Scheduled for Sun 2 Nov 2014 has been moved to Mon 1 Dec 2014.

Hey Jude Blog

Awareness...

What is it about golf that many go chasing after a single white dimpled ball? Once, my friend's significant other who came early to the club and had to wait for an hour before the game was done. This was MBGC. As she sat at the Canopy dining area, she watched the going on from a perch view of the 1st and 10th hole.

When we finished our game, showered and joined her, she exclaimed, "what's so difficult about this game and why does it take so long? You basically just have to hit straight right?"

Hmmm, a common misconception. Yes, all we need is the ball to go straight. Sadly, from the mind to the eye, then to the contact of the ball, the ball does not always go where it's meant to, especially more so to the purely weekend golfers who are too busy for time at the driving range.

From golf, I have learnt a few things towards life. It can teach about corporate advancement as well as in the every day to day relationship if I am open and very aware to my surroundings.

Like life, we need to have a good set up, presenting ourselves. As the saying goes, we have but only the first impression to secure our spot either at an interview or otherwise. Hence if we have a good tee shot, it lands nicely with roll on the fairway and it's a good start. On the way, second shot and until the green, we need to be aware of all that is around us. Where the ball lie, how the grounds around us, understand our feet as to how we can stand balanced enough for the next shot and the view of where the ball should land. Everyone aims to be in regulation; that is the vision but if we slip, made a slight calculated error of swing, the ball is then out of control and towards a spot where it was not intended for.

Hence in life, we too need to be very aware, to be in the "now" as most like to share, and not simply re-act. If we response in an unaware state we will lose focus and perhaps even act in a way that is not our authentic self. This will cause undue stress and worries in the aftermath of the situation. Therefore in golf as in life, we always need to be in a state of heighten awareness of our surroundings and spend some time to practice the skills we have.

To my fellow weekend warriors, if able, practice awareness, get a coach, do spend some time at the driving range and perhaps we can let our tiger out of the tank.

I will see you regulars at the bag drop, 4.30 am, Saturday morning.

Bits & Pieces from the Club Manager's Desk

Passion-driven, since 1988

Many years ago, (note I always write about the past as the future is que sera sera), I used to spend whatever leisure time I have at the Bright Hill Temple (Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Temple or Monastery). With a history of 90 years the Temple is one of the largest in Singapore. The building structures are an interesting and unique combination of Chinese art, aesthetics and Southeast Asian architectural styles. This was what made me visit the temple grounds over and over again and never stopped admiring the craftsmanship, sculptures and art works and the free vegetarian food. The self-imposed pilgrimage was interrupted for two decades and recently I returned to attend the cremating of a family member. I was surprised to find the old temple ground had turned into a huge complex with new building extensions and multi-storey car parks. Whatever open space, greenery and serene landscapes had turned into a concrete jungle. I remembered the limited outdoor car parks catering to the hordes of devotees on event days. It was chaotic with vehicles over-spilling onto the lanes of the private residential estate. The new multi-storey car park complex would be a great relief for car-crazed Singaporeans visiting the temple. The Temple management has finally solved the car parking problem which had persisted for over 3 decades. Huge financial resources are required to complement the management's efforts and not every place of worship has the financial and land resources to follow in Bright Hill Temple's footsteps.

Changi Village, once an idyllic place is now bustling with locals and tourists for food and leisure. Although there is a SBS bus terminal with an efficient system bringing commuters from the heartland, Singaporeans still prefer to drive and park. Over the years there is an acute shortage of car parks, especially on weekends, public holidays and school holidays. The authorities have planned to construct a multi-storey building with an automatic mechanized system at Changi Village. It could take many years before the first car drives in and on the mechanized platform and till that day comes, the car parking problem will persist. Changi Village Hotel has 108 covered car park lots for their guests and public. The new Changi Civil Service Club has 148 open and covered car park lots for their members and guests. The open car park at Changi Village has about 400 lots and still not enough.

At Changi Golf Club, the members also have a big problem with car parking lots. The club house, built 22 years ago, failed to keep pace with the economic progress of Singapore and the expectations of the fresh influx of members. The club has 36 members' lots, 8 MC lots and 1 President lot. Over at #345, with foresight, 22 lots were constructed. Now that URA, in connivance with HDB, has created coupon parking lots at Netheravon Road, the act has deprived the

Club of the weekends/public holidays arrangement with LTA. All efforts must be garnered to fix the decades-old parking problem. With the extended land lease till year 2040, the "must have" car park is now priority. Where, when, how and how much will be discussed in details and a mandate obtained from the Management Committee and members, before implementation. With the upgrading of the car park facility there is one problem less for the Club to move forward and make Changi Golf Club the best 9-hole golf club in Singapore.

On-Demand Call

As consumers we've become an impatient lot. We live in a world where "on-demand" is a part of our everyday lexicon. Whether it's our travel, our meals, or our money, we just want it now. This is the case with our television shows as well. Watching normal regular channels is not enough. There are "on-demand" channels to satisfy the couch potatoes.

Hopefully, golfers do not apply the "on-demand" when on the golf course. Exercise patience and respect the players in front and behind you. Wait for "on-call" rather than apply "on-demand".

Around the Greens

Returfing of the 9th green

Work started on Monday 4 August 2014 to returf the original Bermuda grass to the new Supreme Puspalam. The work and grass establishment would take about 1-2 months, depending on the weather, before golfers can experiment the new putting surface. Thank you for bearing with us.

Tender Notice for Re-turfing of CGC Greens

Tenders were invited for the re-turfing of 11 original greens at Changi Golf Club. A Tender Notice was published in The Straits Times on 29 August 2014.

Tenderers must have relevant experience in greens re-turfing and golf course renovation works.

Social Roundup

Oktoberfest

Sunday 19 October 2014, an Oktoberfest evening is planned by the Social Sub-Committee, in conjunction with October's Monthly Medal. \$30 per member. Guests will be charged \$50.

The new members Introduction Night will also be held in the evening. Check with office for details.

TINY TRUTH

Mutual respect and understanding will help us serve you better.