

## STAFF DAY

**Monday 30 November 2015 • 5pm – 9pm • Golfers' Terrace.**

Another year; another get together for the staff. Originally scheduled for Sunday 22 November 2015, the staff have thoughtfully agreed holding the function on a Monday and free the Sunday for the members to play their golf. Details to follow.

## CHANGI CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Saturday 12 December 2015 • 2pm – 6pm • Function Room.**

"Sponsor A Child" This Christmas.

For more than 10 years, children from welfare homes/centers were treated to a Christmas party at Changi Golf Club. The expenses were raised through private donations from members and friends, without subsidies from the club.

For as low as \$20 you can sponsor a child to the party and share the Christmas joy with the less privileged in our community. Showering them with kindness would leave unforgettable moments in their lives. The children are our nation's future.

Donation hotline: 65455133 Ms Teeny

Members can debit their donations to their club accounts.

## POT LUCK COUNTDOWN TO 2016

**31 December 2015 • 7pm – 1am • Golfers' Terrace**

Last year a small group of members had a good time with a pot luck countdown get together. Changi do not have the luxury of grand ballrooms and fine dining halls for formal occasions. What the club lacks, ingenuity takes over. Members brought their pots, lards, ladies and luck, and gathered at the Golfers' Terrace tucking in each other's delicacies or just nibbling on papadums and Thai tidbits.

Stay tuned for further updates.

## SGA Interclub 2015 League Results

Game	Against	Venue	Score	Status	Points
1	SICC	LGCC	13 : 01	Loss	1
2	JCC	KC	6.5 : 7.5	Won	8.5
3	SEN	SEMB	9.5 : 4.5	Loss	13
4	NSRCC	RCC	11.5 : 2.5	Loss	15.5
5	SEL	WGCC	8.5 : 5.5	Loss	21
6	OCC	NSRCC	7.0 : 7.0	Draw	28
7	RCC	SEN	8.5 : 6.5	Loss	33.5
8	KC	TMCC	10.5 : 3.5	Loss	37
9	SEM	KC	8.5 : 5.5	Loss	42.5
10	WGCC	SICC	10.5 : 4.0	Loss	46.5
11	LNGCC	OCC	7.0 : 7.0	Draw	53.5

## NOVEMBER 2015

1	Sun	Final Round Ladies Club Championship	am
		3rd Round C.I.D Championship	am
		4th Round C.I.D Championship	pm
7	Sat	General Play	am/pm
8	Sun	President vs Vice-President's Cup	am/pm
10	Tue	PH DEEPAVALI - General Play	am/pm
14	Sat	General Play	am/pm
15	Sun	Ladies Medal	am
		Monthly Medal - Men	am/pm
21	Sat	General Play	am/pm
22	Sun	Patron's Cup	am/pm
27	Fri	SGA Captain's invitation	pm
28	Sat	General Play	am/pm
29	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		CGC Vs SEREMBAN INT GC (Away)	
30	Mon	Staff Day - Course Close	am/pm

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Mon – Sat, Office Operation Hours :  
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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

OCTOBER 2015

**Due to continuing haze situation the PATRON'S CUP on Sunday 4 October is postponed to Sunday 22 November 2015**

## Editor's Column

Every year during this time of the year, the haze is utmost on our minds. We are overwhelmed by the poor visibility of our surroundings and the hourly readings of the PSI as it passes unhealthy levels. It affects our plans adversely involving our golf outing and more importantly our health.

Even our pet dogs and cats which have more sensitive eyes and noses than us are affected by the haze resulting in lethargy, dry eyes, sneeze and cough. Some of the weaker pets have to be brought to the vet for examination and medication.

Plants and flora are not spared too. Fortunately for our 2 million trees, the larger and sturdy ones are able to withstand the short spell of haze though it has the potential to affect their growth. However, some of our flora plants and potted plants are more vulnerable and their petals dry up faster due to the drier condition.

So what to do when the PSI gets to unhealthy levels? PSI reading above 100 is considered unhealthy level. Generally, the experts' advice is to avoid strenuous outdoor activities and stay indoor including that of your pet cats and dogs and your potted plants to be brought indoors when the PSI gets to really unhealthy levels.

Meanwhile, stay positive, live healthy and stay healthy.

## OCTOBER 2015

3	Sat	General Play	am/pm
4	Sun	Patron's Cup (Postponed to 22 Nov.)	am/pm
10	Sat	General Play	am/pm
11	Sun	General Play	am/pm
		SGA League 13th Leg	
		CGC vs TMCC at JCC	
17	Sat	General Play	am/pm
18	Sun	Ladies Medal (1st Rd Ladies Club C'ship)	am
		Monthly Medal (1st Round C.I.D C'ship)	am/pm
24	Sat	General Play	am/pm
25	Sun	2nd Round Ladies Club Championship	am
		2nd Round C.I.D Championship	am/pm
31	Sat	General Play	am/pm

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## HAZE MANAGEMENT

In view of the fluctuating haze situation the following will be observed:

1. Unless course is closed, players who choose to play MUST sign an indemnity form.
2. For your health safety, heed course steward's instructions.
3. For your health safety, do not play if you are not feeling well or have chronic lung and heart conditions.
4. If course is closed due to the haze, visitors will be given a haze check. Buggy fees are not refundable.
5. On club competition days, the tournament officials will decide on the conditions of play.
6. PSI above the 200 level is unhealthy and above PSI 300 is hazardous.

**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 6th September 2015 – Stroke Play**

Overall Winners	CH	Out	In	Total
<b>Best Nett</b>				
1st Leo Sung Hoon	10	32	33	65
<b>Best Gross</b>				
1st Tiu Lai Hong	8	37	38	75
<b>A Division</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st A.J. Singh	9	33	34	67
2nd William Teo	14	35	34	69
3rd Sushminder Singh	7	38	32	70 OCB
1st Thomas S.K. Lim	9	40	40	80 OCB
<b>Ball Sweep (Out)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Leo Sung Hoon		32		
Tie 2nd A.J. Singh		33		
Tie 2nd Tiu Lai Hong		33		
<b>Ball Sweep (In)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tie 1st Sushminder Singh			32	
Tie 1st Jeffrey Tan			32	
Tie 3rd Ng Choh Lian, Leo Sung Hoon, Steven Soh			33	
<b>B Division</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Best Nett</b>				
1st Sim Kwang Meng	18	34	37	71
2nd Richard Desker	19	39	33	72 OCB
3rd Kim Chong Wah	16	36	36	72
<b>B Division</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Best Gross</b>				
1st Leong Beng Hock	18	48	43	91 OCB
<b>Ball Sweep (Out)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Lim Thiam Nghoh		31		
2nd Sim Kwang Meng		34		
Tie 3rd Chia Chuan Hak, John Ow, Loh Ser Kiat		35		
<b>Ball Sweep (In)</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Richard Desker			33	
2nd Leong Beng Hock			34	
Tie 3rd Yew Tiew Ming, Xie Xiong			35	

**Monthly Medal A & B Division (Ladies)**  
**Sunday 6th September 2015 – Stroke Play**

<b>A Division</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Leong Kay Sine	16	39	32	71
<b>Ball Sweep 1st NINE</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Jessica Pang		35		
<b>Ball Sweep 2nd NINE</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Leong Kay Sine			32	
<b>B Division</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Irene Leow	23	36	39	75
<b>Ball Sweep 1st NINE</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Irene Leow		36		
<b>Ball Sweep 2nd NINE</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Diana Lim			37	

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

The Kakis Bistro & Bar nestled behind our 8th/17th green could be mistaken by visitors as the club's halfway house with its mood lightings, soothing music and astronomical beer prices which are the envy of our club operator.

The Kakis Bistro & Bar has an outdoor view of the greenery during the day and the sound of silence during the night which is a great watering hole for its elite customers. No, this paragraph is not promoting the food and beverages of the Kakis Bistro & Bar but to highlight golfers' mishit golf balls. Just recently a golfer's ball flew over the green, bounced on the road and landed on a customer's plate. A one-in-a million achievement by this golfer!! Golfers, especially members, approaching the 8th/17th green must remind themselves of the OB line after the green and restraint their shots.

In the past, souvenir hunters have looted bath towels embossed with the club emblem and soon after, club replaced them with cheaper towels. Even cheap rubber slippers went missing until we clipped away part of the rubber soles. The cheapest clothe hangers are now being used. Full tissue boxes and toiletries also became collectors' items. The latest disappearing act is the plastic bags provided for soiled clothes. Replenished stacks of plastic bag would be reduced to a few pieces and the cleaners would be blamed for not doing their work. Replenishment due to pilferages could tip the annual expenditures.

These souvenir hunters could never be apprehended because it is against the privacy laws to install CCTV in the changing rooms. Also it would not be cost-effective to station an Ali Baba in the changing room to catch the 40 thieves.

Here is a beautiful story. Long long time ago, hotel rooms used to have luxurious carpet in all the rooms. The type that makes you feels like you are a hovercraft when you step on the carpet. One day a guest, obviously captivate by the carpet's beauty, ingeniously cut the carpet from under the king-size bed; rolled it up and carted away the piece, right under the nose of the hotel staff! The theft was only discovered, probably months later, when the chamber maids moved the bed to vacuum the floor.

As we wave goodbye to GE 2015 and regardless of one's view on the outcome of the results, one thing is for certain – well-selected options will serve the majority better. Coincidentally the Hungry Ghost Festival has also come to an end, in the 7th month of the Chinese calendar (July/August) and you thought that the community air is now free of all the ashes from the burnt paper offerings. But alas, the haze from a friendly neighbor has pushed the PSI reading higher than the share indices. Singapore is blessed with numerous festivals which are a boom to the businesses. The Hungry Ghost Festival is a traditional Chinese festival, deep in influence with Buddhism, Taoism and Chinese folk religions in which descendants pay respect to their deceased ancestors. As opposed to other ancestor worshipping festivities, the Hungry Ghost

Festival is a time when the deceased here pay a visit to the living. Sounds like "Santa Claus is coming to town to find out who is naughty and nice." An "imported festival" is the OktoberFest which is gaining popularity among the local populace. Perhaps it's the food and booze, definitely not the omppah band blaring out ear-splitting notes. Nor the table top feet tapping after some pints of heavy German stout?

The club will be organizing a mini OktoberFest on Sunday 18 October 2015 and we look forward to a great evening. New club members will be introduced through the traditional Introduction Night but no ragging I was told. No big muscular mama, in OktoberFest attire, exchanging 8 mugs of beer for one new member for a one night table top stand... stomping with beer in hand and screaming "Ein Prosit"!

On Friday 4 September 2015, a band of members and friends got together for a karaoke night at the Golfers' Terrace. This was a gotong royong effort, spearheaded by some enthusiastic members and the night's attendance was as promised. Let me reminisce on some past social events which started out well and then went into remission. We had an event appropriately called "TGIF!" (Thank Golf It's Friday) on the last Friday of the month. The participation is open to members, SGMs, friends and guests, for a fee which provides green fee, turfmate, buffet dinner and karaoke (laser disc with karaoke jockey). This was a lost-revenue event and eventually had to bring down the curtains due to low participation. There was a "Karaoke under the Stars" event, once every two months. It was free and easy with no entrance fee. Club had to engage the karaoke jockey, pay overtime for some staffs to stay back and soon had to discontinue after "seeing red hot stars" on the balance sheet. There was also the one and only karaoke competition. The follow-up competition did not have any signature. All these sound negatives? Some members perceived the Club is inactive and should create social activities and make the club livelier. Fair comments because the newer members are not aware of the trials and tribulations of the previous committees. For the 4 September karaoke session the initiators have guaranteed minimum 20 persons at the Golfers' Terrace. This is a good start and I would encourage its continuity by word of mouth, since it is a non-profit activity within the club. Let the sessions and people gather momentum rather than expect a onetime huge crowd and then fizzle off. A reminder, if the crowd is too large the number of singing slots will be reduced and the waiting time is extended which would lead to frustration. First Friday of the month can be scheduled for this informal karaoke session, if the interest can be sustained. The club's operator provided the buffet food without charge at that session, as a goodwill gesture.

Those hazy hazy days are here again, courtesy of our neighbor. There is a haze alert guideline for outdoor activities and if you have respiratory problems or chronic heart or lungs conditions please do not over exert yourself when the pollutants standards index is at an unhealthy level of 100 and above.

**Around the Greens**

4th/13th green is closed from Monday 21 September 2015 for weekday play and opens only on weekends and public holidays, until further notice. This closure is necessary to allow the turf to recover from the prolonged poor performance.

When it comes to greens, everyone knows that everyone has an opinion on its sickness and remedy.

The old temporary green will serve golfers on weekdays and the tee to green distance is Men's 4th 109m /13th 94m and Ladies' 4th 100m /13th 90m.

7th green is completed but still closed for the turf to establish.

6th/15th green is scheduled for returfing. A temporary postage stamp-size par 3 green has been constructed just across the pond. This would be a challenge to golfers trying to put one on, especially from the back tee. Work will commence once our nursery grass is available for transplanting.

The October 2015 Monthly Medal Pot-of-Gold is \$1,000 for an eagle achievement on all holes except the 6th/15th par 4.

**From the Kitchen to the Bar**

HongKong-style steamboat set meal is now available at \$25 per set for 2 -3 persons. Servings of shabu shabu pork/beef, chicken, fish slices, prawns and mixed vegetables. Side orders for tang hoon (\$5.00), mushrooms with bean sprouts (\$5.00), rice (0.50 cts per bowl), chicken egg (0.50 cts each). Promotional price is value for money. Die die must try!

Teochew porridge set meal at \$6.00 per person (member's price). Comes with braised pork belly, braised duck, braised salted vegetable, omelette, rice or porridge. With the continuing haze condition it is advisable to consume more porridge to cool the body, according to my neighbor's grandmother.

On the menu are club meals and finger foods at the Golfers' Terrace.

There will be no price increase for the Tiger jug, which is \$19.00 for now. This beer price is the cheapest among the F&B outlets in Changi Village. Cheers.

A reminder that the promotion for two bottles of Johnny Walker Black Label at \$150 plus mixtures is ongoing. Chivas Regal and Johnny Walker Gold Label are also available. Corkage is applicable for alcohols and wines. Note that GST and any other charges are applicable.

Members are reminded to patronize the club's F&B and refrain from bringing in home-cooked or outside food.

**TINY TRUTH**  
**Everyday starts with some expectation but ends up with some experience.**