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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On behalf of my Council and on my own behalf, please accept my personal, best wishes for a great 2012!

India is an exciting place to be in, in more ways than one! Having the privilege of chairing, the apex body for golf in India, I am in a unique position to work with some of the brightest minds in Indian Golf and chart out its destiny.

During the year, we hope to be able to deliver a number of initiatives, that, we believe, can only take Indian Golf to greater heights.

Our amateurs had a good 2011, a position at the Nomura Cup, for our men, after a very long gap, was a remarkable achievement. The women, showed their class and some serious talent has been sighted. On the domestic front, we had a number of winners, telling us that talent on tap, will soon be the order of the day.

Not to rest on these laurels, my fellow Council members, charged with developing golf, have presented their plans for the continuing development of Juniors and most importantly, spotting talent.

The return of our newsletter, *Golfingly Yours*, heralds a new beginning. This publication, is important to us as it allows us to reach to you, our constituents, with the latest developments in the game and provides us an opportunity to communicate with each other. I urge you to extend your support to this initiative and I sincerely hope, that together, we engage in a constructive process to take Indian golf, to where it belongs. I congratulate my team, at GY, for a splendid effort.

Our National Centralised Handicapping System (NCHS) to be launched on 1st April, 2012, will be a classic example of our efforts to grow the game. We are seeking sports managers and companies to partner us, as marketing agents and I look forward to your contacting us, with your interest.

Do keep talking to us, we need to hear from you on what needs to be done for the game.

Until then, happy golfing!

Manjit Singh
President, IGU



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OBITER DICTA...



Our first effort at producing this newsletter seems to have paid off! We are encouraged by the feedback. Thank you all, we will certainly keep at it!

1st January, 2012 is a significant date! For, on that day, the new Rules kick in! The Rules of Golf have a quadrennial review and the 2008-11 Rules will be replaced with the 2012-15 Rules. Please write to the Secretariat with your requirement of the number of copies of the Rule book and we will endeavour to reach them to you. The Decision Book is out as well and you can buy it from the IGU Secretariat. Informatively, for the 1st time,

both the R&A and USGA publications have the same cover page.

While the USGA & the R&A, since 1952, have followed a uniform set of Rules, it is only with the 2012 code, that the Rules of Amateur Status, will now be uniform. David Rickman, Director, Rules & Equipment Standards of the R&A Rules Ltd, details, in this issue, the principle changes in the Amateur Status Code.

Regrettably, the general, playing public appear to believe that the Rules are rigid and intransigent. On the contrary, the Rules are constantly reviewed and equitably constructed, to ensure that the game is to be played, free from uncontrolled financial incentive. Readers are aware that, several corporates organize events, in which, after the final stage, two teams would go abroad, to play the final, with all expenses for the winning teams, being paid by the sponsor.

This, is not permitted, under the Rules, and the sponsor may not pay for the expenses of members of a Club team, to take part in a team competition, nor may the sponsor offer as a prize, an expenses paid trip. Such expenses can only be paid by the body the players represent, in this case, their Club. However, if it is a handicap event, it would be permissible for the sponsor to pay the competitor's travel and accommodation expenses, provided the annual approvals of the Governing Bodies have first been obtained.

The IGU has issued Guidelines for Organizers & Commercial Sponsors of Amateur Golf Events on how the expenses may be paid and the procedure for issuing such approvals. We look forward to working with you to make these popular events, more enjoyable.

Besides this, a number of guidelines on cash prizes, contracts guide, amateur status procedures have also been posted on our website.

By now, Club administrators would have received our *Technical Handbook* that offers advice on numerous issues like course set up, scoring, draws, implementing pace of play, and instructions to referees, etc. A compelling reason for this handbook is that, results of our events go into the World Amateur Golf rankings and therefore, mandates, that we are on a level playing field. We sincerely hope that this book will be of immense value to you, a snapshot of which is provided in this issue.

We have introduced a Rules Quiz (2008-11 Rules). The first, 5, correct responses will get an IGU T-Shirt (worn by our National teams). Anupama Singh, our new Ladies Committee, Chairperson, recounts with pride, the achievements of ladies golf.

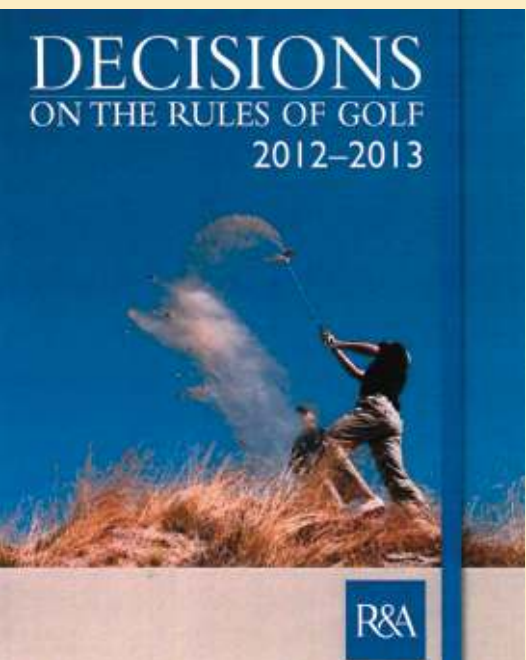
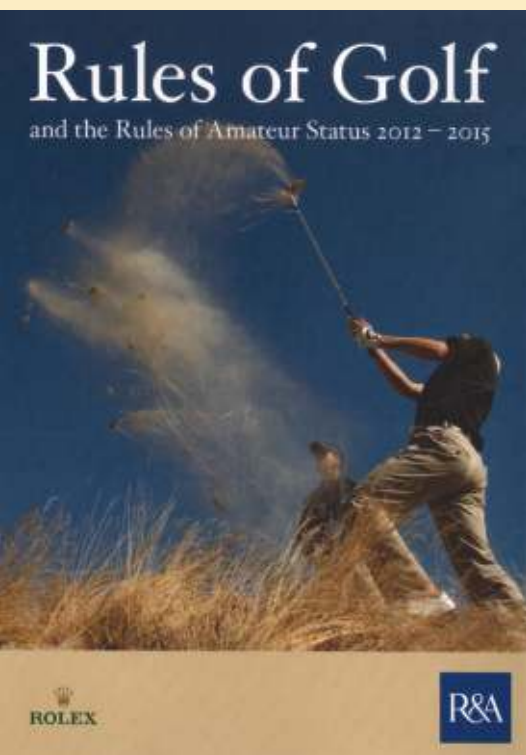
The Council met at Kolkatta on the 17th of December, 2011 and a number of decisions were made. Amongst those, was the need for the IGU to establish a vision document and a first draft has been produced. This will be debated upon, extensively and in that process, it is important that you share with us, your views and ideas, in order that we can create a utopian state for Golf! Do write in to our DG, with your views.

Please accept our best wishes for a very happy and prosperous 2012!

Golfingly yours,

Ishwar Achanta

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ladies Committee



It has truly been an eventful year for women's golf in India! The IGULS merged with the IGU, at the Council meeting, in February and became a separate committee, headed by the Chairperson.

The Queen Sirikit Cup (QSC), which is the largest Amateur Ladies, event in the Asia Pacific, was India's flagship event, hosted by us, for the 3rd time, in its 33 year history, which also saw, for the first time, the full quorum of 13 countries.

With the USHA Group, as the primary sponsor, the host club, DGC and the ladies committee of the IGU, guided by the, then, Vice President, Mr. Manjit Singh, Tournament Director, Mr.

Ishwar Achanta and the IGU Secretariat, organized, what was termed, by the 80 plus foreign visitors and the QSC Secretariat, as the best ever Queen Sirikit Cup! All participants, including Martin Yates from the R&A, went back with fond memories of the warmth and hospitality, which we Indians, pride ourselves on.

The spectacular opening and closing ceremonies, presided over by Union Minister, Kumari Selja and Chief Minister Sheila Dixit, respectively, added to the grandeur of the event. The IGU did India proud and was, truly, a great brand ambassador, for an 'Incredible India'. The icing on the cake was Gauri Monga's, tied 3rd but losing out on a prize, on count back.

The Asia Pacific Junior Tournament saw the girl's team of Mehar Atwal, Gurbani Singh and Aditi Ashok overcome challenging weather conditions and coming in 4th. Mehar and Gurbani were placed, individually, at the 5th and 6th position.

The Malaysian 100 plus Junior Golf Championship saw Aditi Ashok display her mettle where she came 1st in her division and 2nd overall. The Indian Team of Trishul Chinnappa and Aditi Ashok, were the winners.

India's winning streak continued at the 124th Sri Lankan Amateur Championship. Gurbani's great form helped us come 2nd in the International team event. She emerged victorious as the Sri Lankan Open Champion, post, match play rounds.

The domestic tour was however a closely contested affair. Vani Kapoor won the Western and Northern India; Gurbani Singh won the DGC and Army Open and the All India Juniors as well as the Junior National Championship for the 3rd time in 4 years. Mehar Atwal won the Southern India and Pune Open and Aditi Ashok won the Eastern India and the All India match play trophy, beating Vani, in a well fought final.

A change of guard took place at the Council meeting in October and Mrs. Rita Punwani handed over charge to this writer, from the Army Zone. She is assisted by her Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Anuva Saurabh and her committee of Ms. Nandita Rao, Ms. Situ Puri, Ms. Usha Wasan, Ms. Nooraine Fazal, Ms. Madhavi Manthani, Ms. Manisha Jaitha, Ms. Radha Mathai, Dr. Kavita Ajmera and Ms. Monisha Ajmera.

It has truly been a year of growth for women's golf with our international wins and the likes of Aditi Ashok and Vani Kapoor showing their mettle against seasoned professionals like Simi Mehra and Nalini Singh. Women's golf has much to look forward to!

Anupama Singh
Ladies Committee

Secretariat Update

The Secretariat has been busy as ever giving finishing touches to various initiatives launched by the IGU and ensuring their successful conduct. The Course Raters Programme and the Green Keepers Workshop conducted recently has been very well received and will be continued in the coming year also. The All India Amateur Championship at Chandigarh, the Rules School exam and the Annual Rolex Award Nite in January '12 will sum up the year's activities. Ajay has been able to solve the jigsaw of coordinating dates with the clubs to get our various national tours finalized. The dates are already up on the web and the Almanac should be out by January '12. Tusshar is getting a good taste of Delhi winter and is preparing to move to Chandigarh soon for the All India. Finally we are grateful to the Ministry of Sports and the SAI for the excellent support that we received throughout the year.

Director General's Message

Contrary to the belief that the comeback innings is always tough, the GY has made a resounding comeback. It is evident from the congratulatory calls one has received after the re-launch of the GY last month. While the competitions are getting tougher and the conditions are becoming more challenging, our champions are getting younger in age. Winning any National Championship at 13 years and a few months speaks volumes of the potential that we have for the future. Aditi has done it again after Gurbani won the All India Women's Championship at 13 years and three months. While some of our top amateurs have changed tracks and have turned professionals, their successors have quickly moved in to occupy the vacant spot and have given some brilliant performances. Chikka's 20 under for the tournament at the Western India will do even a Professional golfer proud. Well done the young brigade and keep it up.

Maj. Gen. A. Parmar, VSM (Retd.)



RULES & REGULATIONS

Busting the Amateur Status Myth!!!

Uniform Code

The publication of the 2012 Rules of Amateur Status represents the culmination of a four year review and the first time that there has been a uniform Amateur Status Code worldwide. Previously the USGA has operated a similar, but different set of Rules.



David Rickman, Director
Rules & Equipment Standards,
The R&A Rules Ltd.

Revision Process

The R&A is the Governing Authority for the Rules of Amateur Status throughout the world, except in the United States and Mexico (which is governed by the United States Golf Association). The Amateur Status Committee is the specific R&A Committee charged with this responsibility; however, the administration of the Rules in each country is devolved, and so in India the Indian Golf Union is the Governing Body and its decision in Amateur Status matters is final.

The R&A Amateur Status Committee consists of 6 members of

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and is augmented by 12 “advisory” members from different national and international associations around the world.

The role of the advisory members is crucial in the process. The Rules must apply and be capable of being applied throughout the world. This can be a difficult balancing act as there are significant golfing, economic and cultural differences between golfers and nations. The advisory members are therefore vital in the revision process in order to ensure those different aspects are taken into consideration. Suggestions for change come from a variety of sources, including our affiliates, Clubs, and individual golfers.

The new 2012 Code

Even before the 2008 Rules were published it was realised that the Rules needed to be looked at in detail. There was a growing belief that the Rules, despite being liberalised considerably over recent years, were still unduly restrictive and potentially detrimental to the future development of the game worldwide. There were also some anomalies and problem areas that needed to be addressed. So, it was clear that it was not going to be enough to simply amend a word here and there, we needed to go back to basics and conduct a fundamental “root and branch” review of the Rules.

The aims of that review were to produce:

- A new Code that was in the best interests of the game.
- A Code that was modern and, where appropriate, faithful to the traditions of the game.
- A Code that had longevity and was enforceable.
- A Code that works for all aspects of the game (i.e. club golf, elite amateur golf and professional golf (at its various levels)).

In addition, it was hoped that the new Code would allow young

talented golfers a greater choice as to if and when they turned professional.

Amateurism: Outdated?

Most sports are now “open”, i.e. the concept of amateurism no longer exists, and we looked seriously at whether it was right for golf to retain this concept.

After careful consideration, we concluded that the distinction between amateur and professional golf should be maintained and that the wholesale removal of the limits and restrictions placed on amateur golfers was not in the best interests of the modern game.

The principal reasons for retaining an Amateur Code are:

- Amateur golf is largely self-regulating, both in terms of the playing Rules and handicapping, uncontrolled financial incentive could place too much pressure on these important features and could be detrimental to the integrity of the game.
- “Open golf” would raise serious questions over the future of traditional amateur events at local, national and international level.
- A new more relaxed Amateur Code, but one which maintains a distinction between amateur and professional golf, can improve development prospects and encourage greater financial support, without the sport having to go completely “open”.
- The current Code, has served the game well and there is no apparent desire within the game for it to become completely “open”.
- A move to “open golf” might have the unintended consequence of diminishing the status of the “professional golfer”.

The Changes for 2012

The main changes in the new Rules are:

Definition of “amateur golfer” - This key definition is updated to reflect the fundamental view that an amateur golfer is one who plays golf for the challenge it presents, not as a profession and not for financial gain.

Contracts and Agreements (Rule 2-2) - An amateur golfer may now enter into a contract and/or agreement with (i) his national golf union or association, and (ii) a third party but solely in relation to his future as a professional golfer (provided he is at least 18 years of age). In both instances, he must not obtain any financial gain, directly or indirectly, while still an amateur golfer. This change has been welcomed by national golf unions who spend considerable amounts of time and money developing players. They will now be able to put in place agreements covering not just things like codes of conduct, but future commitments of time to return and assist with some of the national union’s activities.

It will also enable those golfers that are thinking of turning professional to openly discuss their futures with prospective sponsors and agents. This will hopefully allow them to then focus on playing golf, perhaps staying amateur for longer, safe in the knowledge that sensible arrangements are already in place for the start of their professional careers.

Hole-in-One Prizes (Rule 3-2b) - It is now permissible to accept a prize (including cash prize) that exceeds the general prize limit of £500 retail value for achieving a hole-in-one while playing a round of golf.



This exception is specific to prizes for holes-in-one (not longest drive or nearest the hole) and neither separate events nor multiple-entry events qualify.

Prize Vouchers - It is entirely a matter for organising Committees to decide what prizes they wish to give, provided the prizes are within the prize limit (£500 retail value). For some years now Committees have been able to give prize vouchers and these can be vouchers for the purchase of goods or services from a professional's shop, golf club or other retail source. The change for 2012 is in the fact that vouchers can now be credited to a Club account and be used for items such as a bar bill, Club subscription, and entry fees.

The Committee issuing the vouchers is strongly encouraged to define accurately the purpose for which the voucher may be used, so if it wishes to restrict where the vouchers may be used, e.g. the professional's shop, it can do so.

Subsistence Expenses (Rule 4-3) - The Rules now allow an amateur golfer to receive subsistence expenses to assist with general living

costs, provided the expenses are approved by and paid through the player's national golf union or association. It is recognised that formal golf scholarships where the individual attends a university or college, often in the USA, are not appropriate or available for everyone. It is felt that this change may assist some talented young players to continue to develop their game as amateurs before deciding to turn professional and will also be particularly helpful to the development of the game in countries which do not have an established golfing educational infrastructure.

Conclusion

We believe that this new Code strikes the right balance in preserving the traditional character of the amateur game whilst acknowledging that young, talented golfers may need more support. At the same time, it recognises that varying social and economic conditions create different challenges for individuals and organisations from country to country and that emerging golfing countries, in particular, may need more liberal and flexible structures to help the game develop.

Sponsored Handicap Tournaments

Corporate Golf Tournament



One of the issues that concern us greatly is the proliferation of sponsored golf events around the country and particular violation of the prize limits and expenses rules.

Amateur Golf is a sport that, per force, needs to be free from uncontrolled financial incentive and the R&A's Amateur Status Rules that are in effect in India and administered by the IGU, need to be strictly complied with. The IGU is issuing this advisory, on the running of a sponsored event that needs to be approved and or sanctioned by the IGU.

Amateur Status- Rule 4-2g

Sponsored Handicap Competitions

An amateur golfer may receive expenses when competing in a sponsored handicap competition, provided the competition has been approved as follows:

- (i) *Where the competition is to take place in the player's own country, the annual approval of the Governing Body must first be obtained in advance by the sponsor; and*
- (ii) *Where the competition is to take place in more than one country or involves golfers from another country, the approval of each Governing Body must first be obtained in advance by the sponsor. The application for this approval should be sent to the Governing Body in the country where the competition commences.*

Guidelines

1. The organiser or sponsor must obtain the approval of the event, in advance, from the IGU.
2. The event's proposed conditions of competition (including the venue of the final) and an estimate of the level of expenses to be

paid by a sponsor on behalf of amateur golfers competing in the event is to be submitted.

3. If the final is to be played elsewhere, it is the responsibility of the IGU to seek the approval of the Governing Body where the final of the event is to be played.
4. The event must be a handicap individual or a handicap team event where the handicaps are applied. Events designed for low handicap players where gross scores count, will not be approved.
5. The event must have a sponsor who financially supports the event for charitable or promotional reasons.
6. If an entry fee is to be paid, the event will not be approved, if it is entirely financially supported by these fees.
7. All prizes must conform with Rule 3-2 and in particular, the total prizes received by any one person throughout the event must not exceed the limit laid down in Rule 3-2a, as determined by the IGU.
8. The IGU retains the sole discretion in determining the reasonability and level of the expenses.
9. All events approved under Rule 4-2g will be given a reference number (e.g. "Approved for the payment of expenses Rule 4-2g/IGU/01/2010"), which should be included on all of the event's advertising literature and entry forms.
10. The IGU's decision is final and binding.

The IGU is confident that all stakeholders, in the conduct of sponsored handicap events, will recognize the gravity of the situation and the need to conform to Rules, so as to prevent Amateur Golfers from forfeiting their Amateur Status.

Amateur Status Committee



RULES QUIZ

The IGU's long term vision is to make all our Golfers aware of the importance of the Rules and how a sound knowledge of the Rules (you do not need to be a Referee!!) can help you save a few strokes.

A quiz, consisting of 10 questions, will feature in our newsletter and the first, 5 correct entries will win an IGU T shirt, worn by our National Squad's, while representing India.

Please e mail your answers to info@indiangolfunion.org. Winners will be contacted via e mail. The decision of the Technical, Rules & Amateur Status Committee will be final and binding.

1. A player replaces his ball on the putting green, at the correct spot 30 centimetres from the hole, and the ball stays at rest. As he is about to address the ball, it rolls into the hole. What is the ruling?
2. A player's ball lies just off the putting green and sand lies on the putting green between the ball and the hole. What is the ruling?
3. In a match, A requests B to lift B's ball that is on A's line of play. B refuses to do so. What is the ruling?
4. In a stroke play competition, the Committee issues the score cards containing the competitor's handicap in addition to his name and the date. The Committee mistakenly records a competitor's handicap as seven instead of six and this affects the number of strokes received. The error remains unnoticed until after the card is returned, but before the competition has closed. What is the ruling?
5. In a match between A and B, A has played 3 strokes and B has holed out for 5. A putts and his ball apparently comes to rest, but is overhanging the hole. Within five seconds, B concedes A's next stroke and knocks his ball away. What is the ruling?
6. In foursomes match play, a player whose turn it is to play plays first from the tee then his partner plays from the tee as though it is a fourball event. What is the ruling?
7. A player's ball entered a rabbit hole, the mouth of which was in bounds but only about a foot from a boundary fence. The rabbit hole sloped steeply down below the fence, so that the ball came to rest beyond the boundary line. What is the ruling?
8. In match play, a player's ball lies on a bridge over a water hazard and he grounds his club. What is the ruling?
9. In a stroke play competition, A, B and C were drawn by the Committee to play together starting at 9.00 am. A and B were present at the appointed time. C arrived at 9.02 am, after A and B had teed off, but just in time to play in the correct order. What is the ruling?
10. A and B are partners in a foursome. Player A drives and as there is doubt as to whether the ball is out of bounds, his partner plays a provisional ball. What is the ruling?

NOTE: Council Members & Employees of the Indian Golf Union, their respective affiliates and associates, immediate family members and persons with whom such employees are domiciled are excluded from this quiz.

Giving a ruling to a top golfer
in an international event can be easy -
IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS!!

This could
be you!



The IGU - R&A's National Referees School at the National Golf Academy of India (NGAI), Chandigarh, January 20-22, 2012, will train 60 of our top performers from our Introductory Schools for the 'B' and 'A' certificates.

The top two will go to the R&A's Tournament Administrators and Referees School (TARS) at St. Andrews, in February 2012.

To train them, Chris Hilton, Chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee, The R&A and Grant Moir, Director, Rules, The R&A, will be joined by two instructors from the IGU.



Christopher Hilton



Grant Moir

If you are not one of the privileged 60, don't fret.
Sign up for the next IGU-R&A Introductory School, in March 2012



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2. Khalin H. Joshi
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4. Angad Cheema
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6. Manav Das
7. Gagan Verma
8. Udayan Mane
9. Ashbeer Saini
10. Kanishk Madan



Chikkarangappa

A & B Category Junior Boys

1. Syed Saqib Ahmed
2. Honey Baisoya
3. Aman Raj
4. Abhishek Kuhar
5. Shubhankar Sharma
6. Viraj Madappa
7. Manpreet Mann
8. Manu Gandas
9. Prakhar Asawa
10. Piyush Sangwan



Syed Saqib Ahmed

MERIT LIST

B Category - Boys

1. Piyush Sangwan
2. Viraj Madappa
3. Prakhar Asawa
4. Feroz Grewal
5. Mohan Sardar
6. Jairaj Singh Sandhu
7. Harsh Gangwar
8. Kartikay Vashisht
9. Aneesh Pandey
10. Tutul Ali



Piyush Sangwan

A-B Category Junior Girls

1. Aditi Ashok
2. Gurbani Singh
3. Millie Siroha
4. Raksha Phadke
5. Ridhima Dillawari
6. Amrita Sarna
7. Vrishali Sinha
8. Nikita Arjun
9. Vani Kapoor
10. Ashta Madan



Aditi Ashok

Ladies Oom

1. Vani Kapoor
2. Aditi Ashok
3. Gurbani Singh
4. Mehar Atwal
5. Gursimar Badhwal
6. Raksha Phadke
7. Millie Saroha
8. Anisha Padukone
9. Amandeep Drall
10. Tvesa Malik



Vani Kapoor

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

England A-Team Players for the All India!



Jack Colegate



Curtis Griffiths

Chandigarh January 2 :

It has been confirmed that Jack Colegate with a H'cap of +3.6, from Rochester & Cobham Park Golf Club, UK and Curtis Griffiths, with a H'cap of +2.0, from Wentworth Golf Club, UK will join a host of talented amateurs for the coveted trophy.

CONGRATULATIONS



Reported by the Exec. Secretary of the SEPTA course, Chandimandir, the IGU has learnt that Col BPS Gill (Retd.) has aced the 258 yard, par 4, 13th hole on 26th July 2011. An ace on a par 4 has a million to one odds, as opposed to 12500 to 1, for an ace, on a par 3!!! Col Gill, did it again, on 4th September 2011. Odds, anyone, Ladbrokes perhaps?

Editor

NGAI Courses for 2012

NGAI Class B to A	6th to 12th August
NGAI Class C to B	16th to 21st July
NGAI Class D to C	2nd to 7th July
NGAI Class D	30th July to 4th August
South Class D	6th to 11th August

Refresher Courses

North Zone	11th to 13th April Karan Bindra / Anitya Chand +91-9818177223
East Zone	3rd to 5th January Indrajit Bhalotia +91-9007707007
West Zone	7th to 9th February Kiran Kanwar +91-9820003355
South Zone	20th to 22nd February Vijay Divecha +91-9342884719

Upcoming Events

January 16, 2012

Men: All India Amateur Golf Championship
Venue: Chandigarh Golf Club, Chandigarh

January 16, 2012

Ladies: West Bengal Ladies Open 2012
Venue: RCGC, Kolkata

CORIGENDUM

In the Oct-Dec issue of *Golfingly Yours*, the report on the NGAI on page 3, had stated that the number of certified B & C Category coaches was 130 and 34. In actuality, there are 34 B Category and 130 C category coaches. The error is regretted.

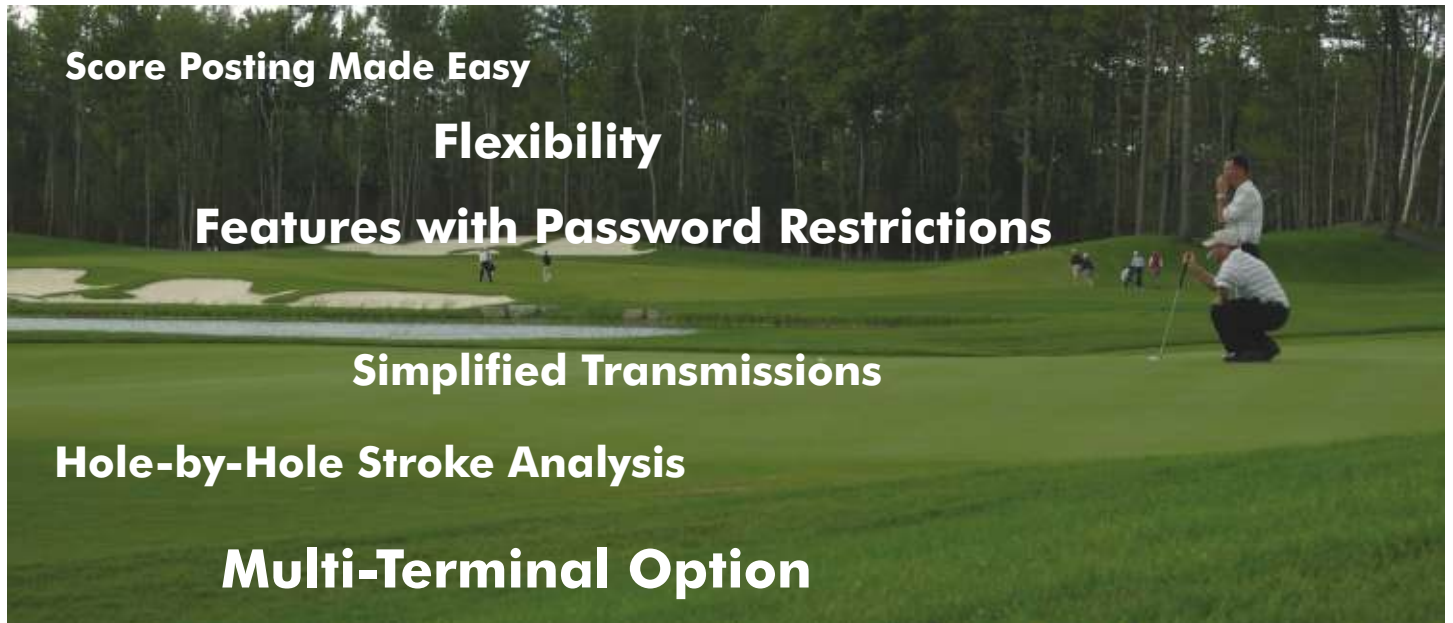
Editor

The World Amateur Golf Rankings - December 2011

This	Last	Player	Country	Points average
1	1	Patrick Cantlay	USA	1616.03
2	3	Patrick Rodgers	USA	1484.00
3	2	Jordan Spieth	USA	1459.62
4	4	Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	1302.08
5	8	Kelly Kraft	USA	1248.65
6	7	Corbin Mills	USA	1235.71
7	5	Chris Williams	USA	1233.10 8
8	6	Daan Huizing	NED	1229.41
9	9	Cheng-tsung Pan	TPE	1185.42
10	10	Dylan Frittelli	RSA	1178.30

Launch Date 1st April 2012

The Indian Golf Union's National Centralised Handicapping System (NCHS) Using the GHIN Handicap Program™



What is GHIN®?

GHIN (pronounced "jin") stands for the Golf Handicap and Information Network®. This department was founded by the USGA more than 30 years ago to assist state, regional and international golf associations by providing a high quality handicap computation service. GHIN believes a handicap computation service must be dynamic and be driven by customer desire and changing technology. The USGA and the IGU have entered into an agreement to launch the GHIN in India.

The GHIN Handicap Program software provides for scores to be electronically routed from any club within the GHIN network. Away scores are re-routed to the home clubs.

What does NCHS offer golfers in India?

Non real estate members	↔	Valid & globally recognized handicap
USGA's GHIN	↔	Time tested & established system
Handicaps	↔	Equitable
Fundamental Element	↔	Enjoyment by all
Unites	↔	All golfers with a single voice
Allows all	↔	Enter global events without prejudice

Club Support Solicited

Communicate	↔	Benefits of NCHS to members
Permit	↔	Address by IGU to membership
Establish	↔	Time frame for mandatory migration; say 12 months
Collect & transfer	↔	Nominal fee
Data/Cards	↔	Enter data for a fee or collect cards in drop box

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How can YOU help the IGU?

The success of the GHIN programme, depends on how quickly and effectively we reach out to golfers in India. Sports event managers and sports marketing companies, we need your help in doing this!

If you think, you have it in you, to work with the IGU as a marketing agent, contact us now. We will put, together, a package and start reaching out.

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Club administrators and golfers - do contact the IGU for more information!!



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