



CLUB NEWS



MANAGING COMMITTEE

Mr Anil I. K.
Captain

Mr Harish Appanna K. M.
Hon. Secretary

Mr Sundaram R.
Hon. Treasurer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Kalaiah P. E.

Mr Ranjith K. P.

Mr Channaraj Mahendra

Mr Sunil Devaiah N. C.

Mr Subbaiah K. U.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr M. C. Nanaiah

Mr Cariappa M. A.

Mr Naveen Kumar B. V.

Mr Fiaz Moosa Kutty

Mr Ashok C. U.

Mr Guruduth.C.S

Mr Nanjappa M. C.

Mr Kishore D. G.

Mr Nagarjun Sakhamuri

Mr Roy Chengappa

Mr Mahendran B.

Mr Dinesh Cariappa

Dear Members,

The year 2023 was ushered in **Mercara Downs Golf Club** with great enthusiasm at the party organized with sumptuous food, great music and the spirits sponsored by **Mr. Jain of Aurika** resort where the party attendees reveled till the wee hours.

Despite the scorching summer heat which has started early this year we were able to maintain the greens and the fairways in a prety good state.

The tournament season of the year began with **Muckatira Cariappa Memorial Golf Championship** in which 64 golfers participated and subsequently we had the **Mercara Downs Open Golf Championship** in which 136 golfers participated.

We hosted the **South India Junior Golf Championship** conducted by IGU. On the tournament front we conducted the 5th edition of the unique "**Spouse and Spice**" tournament wherein the golfer had to partner with non-golfing partner to complete the hole. In this tournament the golfer is required to drive, play the second shot and chip and reach the green. Once on the green the non-golfing partner is required to putt and complete the hole. Golfers, their wives, friends, children took part in the tournament with lot of enthusiasm.

We have decided to conduct a coaching camp for children below the age group of 18 free of cost during the summer vacations in the month of April 2023. The resolutions earlier passed in the EGM were subsequently ratified by the AGM. I would like to inform you that the construction of swimming pool will commence after the completion of the multi utility hall.

We are looking forward to conduct the **NR Open Golf Championship** on the 30th of April followed by **Nirmala Golf Championship** in the month of May. The last tournament of the season will be the **Murugappa Centenary Open Golf Championship** which slated to be held on 3rd and 4th of June. Looking forward for your participation.

Anil I.K.

Warm Regards,

I.K Anil

Muckatira Cariappa Memorial Golf

Championship 2023 22nd January 2nd Edition

Open Strokeplay {Rolling Trophy}
Winner : Mali Shashikiran 72 Gross
Runner Up : Ranjith K.P 77 Gross

Handicap Stableford (19-24) Winner : Daiwik 39 Points
Runner up : M.N Apaya 32 Points.

Handicap Strokeplay (0-18) Rolling Trophy in Memory of Late M.C Nanjappa
Winner : Dev Uthaiah 68Nett
Runner Up : Naveen K Deshpande 69Nett

Handicap Stableford (0-18) Winner : K A Bopanna 36Points.
Runner Up : Pramod Kurian 36Points.

Senior Citizens Handicap Stableford above the age of 65 years [0-24]
Winner : M.A.Poonacha 35Points
Runner : P.E.Kalaiah 32 Points

Most Number of birdies – Amogh Devaiah 4 Birdies
Longest Drive – Dev Uthaiah
Closest to the Pin – Sanjay H.L
Most number of Pars – Mali Shashikiran 14 Pars



Medal Round 12th February 2023

Open Strokeplay Winner : Ranjith K P 75 Gross
Runner Up : Anil I K 81 Gross

Handicap Strokeplay (0-18) Winner : Daiwik 68 Nett
Runner up : Kalaiah P.E 71 Nett

Handicap Stable Ford (0-24) Winner : Bopanna K A 32 Points
Runner up : Thimmaiah C C 32 Points.

Captains Cup 22nd February 2023

Open Strokeplay (0-14) Winner : Ranjith K P 77 Gross
Runner Up : Anil I K 81 Gross

Handicap Strokeplay (0-18) Winner : Mandanna C T 67 Nett
Runner up : Bopanna K A 69Nett

Handicap Stable Ford (19-24) Winner : Mrinalini D C 40 Points
Runner up : Naveen B K 28 Points.

Seniors Handicap Stableford (Full Handicap, 65 years and above)
Winner : Anil I K 37 Points
Runner up : Kalaiah P E 29 Points



Mercara Downs Open Golf Championship -2023

The prestigious Mercara Downs Open Golf Championship was conducted on 11th & 12th March 2023.

Open Strokeplay Over 36 holes (Barrister Muthanna Memorial Cup)
Winner : M.G Chengappa 156 Gross
Runner Up : Sundaram R 164 Gross

Handicap Strokeplay (0-18) Over 36 Holes (M.N.Chittiappa Cup)
Winner : Devaiah N.K 141 Nett.
Runner Up : Anil I K 144 Nett.

Handicap Stableford (0-18) over 36 Holes (Mannavatira Accavva Cup)
Winner : Channaraj Mahendra 38 Points
Runner Up : Sukumaran 37 Points.

Handicap Stableford (19-24) Over 18 Holes
Winner : Alisha Thimmaiah 41 Points.
Runner Up : Dr Shashidhar 29 Points .

Open Stableford Over 18 Holes
Winner : Paritosh Ganapathy 30 Points
Runner Up : K.P Ranjith 26 Points.

Senior open Stroke Play (Above 65 Years) over 18 holes
Winner : I.K.Anil 83
Runner up : Devaiah N.K 89

Seniors (above 65years) Stableford full Handicap
Winner : P.E.Kalaih 34 Points
Runner up : Muthanna Cariappa 33 Points

Most number of Birdies : M.G. Chengappa 5 Birdies
Longest Drive : Dev Uthaiah
Closest to the pin : Ponnappa K A





Spouse & Spice Tournament 2023

The **Spouse & Spice Tournament** was conducted on 26th of March.

Open Stableford Winners : Sundaram R & Vincy Thomas 12 Points.
Runners : Ranjith K P & Sowmya 12 Points.

Handicap Stableford (0-18) Winner : Harish appanna & Veena 17Points.
Runners : Arvind G.B & Vihaan 17 Points.

Handicap Strokeplay (19-24) Winners : Alisha Thimmaiah & Anjali Somaiah 19Points
Runners : Dr M.A Devaiah & Kavya 12 Points

38th Annual General Body Meeting

The AGM for the annual report 2021-22 was held on 22nd February 2023 at Mercara Downs Golf club at 6.30 p.m.

81 members were present for the AGM. The proceedings were conducted by the **Honorary Secretary Mr. Harish Appanna** as per the agenda given in the Annual report booklet that was distributed to all the members. One important matter of the agenda was the '**Election of Managing Committee** for the year 2022-23. **Mr. Ben Ganapathy** was appointed as the Returning Officer for the elections. He informed the General Body that only 8 nominations were received for the Managing Committee. Since the Committee size was 8, he declared the all the nominations unopposed. The following members were elected once again to the Managing Committee.





Captain : Mr. I.K.Anil
Hon. Secretary : Mr. Harish Appanna K.M.
Treasurer : Sundaram R

Committee members

Mr. Kalaiah P.E.
Mr. Ranjith K.P
Mr. Channaraj Mahendra
Mr. Subbaiah K.U.
Mr. Sunil Devaiah

Mr. Ben Ganapathy wished the newly elected Managing Committee the very best for the year 2022-23. The AGM was concluded with vote of thanks rendered by our member Mr. Nafis Ahmed followed by cocktails and dinner.

BIRDS SEEN AT THE MERCARA DOWNS GOLF COURSE

Western Marsh Harrier

It is commonly seen over the 7th fairway and the 17th fairway

The western marsh harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*) is a large harrier, a bird of prey from temperate and subtropical western Eurasia and adjacent Africa. It is also known as the Eurasian marsh harrier. This species has a wide breeding range from Europe and northwestern Africa to Central Asia and the northern parts of the Middle East.

<https://ebird.org/species/wemhari>



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