



CLUB NEWS



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Mr Ashok C.U.

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Mr Mahendran B.

Mr Dinesh Cariappa

Dear Members,

This is the first newsletter since the inception of the club in 1914. This letter will keep our members updated on the events and the progress of the club, as well as all future plans.

Most of you are aware of the development and progress over years in the club and course. We have come a long way from browns to the greens, renovated the clubhouse and the Downs Retreat. We have grown from owning zero land to 102 acres. All these years, we focussed our energies on building and improving the facilities, including the course, club house and the Downs Retreat.

We are pioneers in Karnataka to provide the first official helipad within a course. And the first golf club in the state to have an island green - the "Waterloo Hole". We also provide free education to the children of the staff and employees of the club for the last twelve years. While on the education front, I wish to inform you that we are forming a trust called Mercara Downs Education Trust (MDET) to formalize education assistance to staff and employees' children till its logical conclusion based on students' potential.

Mercara Downs Golf Club has been appreciated by the Indian Golf Union for allowing the junior golfers and their parents to use the golf facility without any charges since 2015.

In my address to the General Body, I talked about creating a unique course combined with a buggy golfing which will help the visiting golfers to also have a quick round of golf in this hilly terrain.

All the achievements were possible with the co-operation of the members and committee members. I am happy to inform you that your current committee is dedicated to the responsibilities entrusted to them.

Best wishes and happy golfing till the next newsletter.

Regards,

Anil I.K.

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ALL ABOUT OUR CLUB

Three kilometers north west of Mercara, sheltered by a hill range lies a Golf Course of unparalleled beauty, aptly named Mercara Downs. Considered one of the most spectacular courses in the south, the rolling hills of Mercara Downs Golf Course has been the stomping grounds for generations of golfers for over a hundred years. Set in an ambience not easy to match, MDGC remains an unpolished jewel, in all its pristine beauty.

THE HISTORY OF OUR CLUB

In the early 1890s a group of Englishmen cleared an area which would become the Mercara Downs Golf Club. This was the decade when golf was gaining popularity. The UK alone saw over 2000 courses built.

At the turn of the century, more and more Englishmen frequented this course. World War I brought a spate of army officers who made the Downs even more popular. By the Second World War, one could see a sprinkling of Indians, both civilians and officers alike, on the course.

The end of WWII saw the exodus of British officers. Independent India came into being and the archives lost its most valuable records. In 1951 Mercara Downs Golf was incorporated as an extension of the North Coorg Club. It was only in the early 80s that Mercara Downs Golf Club stood on its own.

We are affiliated to 44 clubs all over the country, as well as, Nuwara Eliya Golf Club Sri Lanka and Noosa Springs Australia

THE DOWN'S RETREAT

Down's Retreat has 8 guestrooms spread over two floors. The upper floor balconies overlook the lush fairways and greens, while the lower floor has access to the lawn. All the rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with a geyser, flat screen TV, tea/coffee station, electronic locks, and the finest pure white linen and towels. The rooms have twin beds and can accommodate a third person with extra bed facility. Wi-fi is also available.

Guests can enjoy their complimentary breakfast at The Down's Retreat dining area and choose from an Ala Carte Menu for lunch, dinner and snacks.

The friendly and attentive staff at the Down's Retreat rounds off the whole experience.

DT'S BAR

DT'S bar, the 19th hole of MDGC is a trendy, bright and friendly well stocked bar with great selections. Needless to say that the fellowship is at its best at our 19th hole. The bar overlooks the luscious fairways, greens and the verdant western ghat forests.

CLUB HOUSE

Guests can enjoy a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, at the club house.

The MDGC 18 hole Golf Course is spread over 100 acres with a modern Club House and a guest house, the Mercara Down's Retreat. We are in the process of building twelve villas with the time share concept, providing 624 time share units.

CLUB HOUSE AND RETREAT EXPANSION PLANS

A multi utility hall is being constructed as an annexure to the current Retreat building. This hall can accommodate a gathering of around 250 numbers. In addition this annexure will have space for a Billiards room, Table Tennis table and Golf simulator. Playing area for children will also be available.

The construction of the new annexure building has already commenced and we expect it to be ready for use by early next year. In addition to the 8 guest rooms already available in the Downs Retreat 3 more luxury rooms are being added in the annexure.

BIRDS SEEN AT THE MERCARA DOWNS GOLF COURSE.

In this edition we have showcased 2 birds.

The hoopoe is an occasional visitor to the course in peak summer months. Usually it sets up its nest near the 2nd hole ladies T box.



The red-wattled lapwing, the MDGC mascot, which is a significant part of the club emblem for many years. These birds are seen most often near the first green, fifth fairway and the 7th Tee box.

GOLF TOURISM

MDGC boasts of a helipad located within the property. The helipad has been operational since the year 2008. At present Fly Blade India Pvt. Ltd are operating their helicopter service from Jakkur airstrip Bangalore. The timings and fares can be availed from the website of Fly Blade India Pvt. Ltd. The nearest airports to MDGC are Kannur, Mangalore and Mysore. The closest railway station is Mysore. In addition to the 8 rooms available in Downs Retreat there are many hotels like Taj, Aurika and Fort Mercara. Club Mahindra Madikeri is about one kilometre from MDGC. There are many other high end resorts like the Coorg Wilderness Resort near the city.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Naveen B.C.	Course Manager	
Ganesh B.P.	Irrigation Supervisor	
Ganesh S.	Course Supervisor	
Sundara B.B.	Green & T Box Cutting supervisor	

BAR & RESTAURANT

Umesh V.S.	Bar & Restaurant In-charge	97407 43943
Thimmanna M.P.	Barmen	97417 72918
Anand Shetty	Food & Beverage In-charge	95357 40770

DOWN'S RETREAT

Sachin Kumar B.V.	Manager	77600 32366
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NEW MEMBERS (Q1 2022)

- 1 MR ANWAR FAZAL
- 2 MR RANGARAJAN V.A.
- 3 MR RAJESH GUPTA
- 4 MR SANDEEP KOTECHEA
- 5 MR D SANDESH ANAND
- 6 MS NILANJANA M.K.
- 7 DR SATHEESHA B.C.
- 8 MS MUTHAMA GANESH
- 9 MR HAREEN DAMBEKODI
- 10 MS LAYA SAJAN
- 11 DR EESHA EVA DEVAIAH
- 12 MR SOMASHEKAR A.G.
- 13 MR SOMANNA B.B.
- 14 MR SYED ABDUL KHUDDUS
- 15 MAJ KUSHVANTH
- 16 MR MOHAMMED FARAAZ
- 17 MR AJITH JACOB GEORGE

TOURNAMENTS AND SCHEDULES

MDGC conducts several tournaments during its calendar year. The tournaments are keenly awaited and eagerly participated. The competitive spirit among the golfers is as intense as professional tournaments. Besides the tournaments we also conduct monthly medal rounds. MDGC also conducted a Caddy Tournament for the caddies of Coorg. The following is the list of the tournaments and medal rounds held from Jan 2022 to March 2022.

TOURNAMENT	DATE	ENTRIES	GROSS WINNER/ RUNNER UP	NETT 0-18 WINNER/ RUNNER UP	NETT 19-24 WINNER/ RUNNER UP
MEDAL ROUND	14 th JANUARY	28	K.P. Ranjith Nanjappa M.C.	Bopanna P.K. Faiz Moosa Kutty	Arun Kushalappa Prem D.S.
MEDAL ROUND	26 th JANUARY	26	K.P. Ranjith Dinesh Cariappa	Ponnappa K.A. Bopanna K.A.	Sanjay H.L. C.T.Mandanna
MEDAL ROUND	13 th MARCH	26	Channaraj M. Ranjith K.P.	Harish Appanna K.M. Ramnathan	Sanjay H.L. Pushpa Kuttanna
CAPTAIN'S CUP	23 rd FEBRUARY	45	Ranjith K.P. Vignesh Hebbar	Faiz Moosa Kutty Sundram R.	Daiwik K.B. Appaiah
NR GOLF	13 th MARCH	100	Channakeshava Vikranth K.U. D.	Mandanna C.T. Sanjay D'Souza	Bopanna A.N. Daiwik
MUCKATIRA GOLF	27 th MARCH	62	Ranjith K.P. Vikranth K.U.	Appanna C.M. C.T.Mandanna	Pushpa Kuttanna M.A. Deavaiah

THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS FOR THE SEASON ARE:

MDGC vs BGC Interclub Match play	8 th , 9 th & 10 th April
Mercara Downs Open	23 rd & 24 th April
MDGC vs HGA Interclub Match Play	29 th , 30 th April & 1 st May
Murugappa Centenary Open	13 th & 14 th May
Nirmala Golf Championship	29 th May

BUGGY CHARGES

Non Members & Affiliated Members Rs 600/- plus tax
For four seater Buggy Rs 1200/- plus tax.
Members of Mercara Downs Golf Club Rs 450/- plus tax.
For four seater Buggy Rs 900/- plus tax.
(Two 4-seater buggies are available. Three wheel trolley available on payment of Rs 100 plus tax for golfers who wish to play without caddies.)



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