



# CLUB NEWS

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## Dear Members,

Golfing activities have gathered momentum. I wish to state here that Satya's Coorg Triangular Championship 2022 had attracted a record number of 168 entries. I am proud to say that this is for the first time in the history of Coorg such large number of entries were received for any golf tournament.

We had hosted the South Zone Junior Golf Championship wherein 60 junior golfers from all over South India participated. The children and the parents who participated in junior tournament were allowed to play golf at MDGC without green fees till they attain the age of 18. The effort was appreciated by IGU, as we are the only club to have allowed this facility in India.



For the benefit of the golfers we are in the process of implementing World Handicap System which enables golfers to play in various golf course as per the course and slope rating.



You are aware that we had conducted Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Club on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The EGM has passed the proposal of increasing the membership numbers from 1500 to 2000. The EGM has also approved the proposal of increasing the Downs Retreat's existing room base by 8 more rooms and construction of a temperature controlled swimming pool.



Due to the realignment of the STP completion of multi utility hall may go beyond schedule, but the main structure will be ready as per schedule. The construction of labour quarters is on schedule and is expected to complete by March 2023.

*Anil I.K.*

Warm Regards,

I.K Anil

# TOURNAMENTS

The prolonged and prolific monsoon of 2022 abated during the beginning of the October 2022, which paved way for MDGC to start its Tournament Season.

The much awaited **T R Balachandran Coorg Doubles Golf Challenge** was held on October 7th and 8th 2022. Even though it rained for a brief period on the first day, it failed to dampen the spirit of the golfers and golfers came out with fabulous performance. The Tournament was well attended with outstation golfers from Mysore, Bangalore, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The major highlight was the sponsor **Mr.Mahendran** getting a hole in one in the 6th hole. Some of the key results are as follows:

**Open Stroke Play over 36 holes winners:** Channaraj Mahendra and K P Ranjith.

**Runners:** B.S Krishna and Ramesh Kumar Jain

**Handicap Stroke Play 0-18:** Winners E L Suresh and Mrinalini.

**Runners:** Dinesh Cariappa and Naveen Kumar Deshpande

**Seniors Handicap Stableford Winners:** Harish Appanna and Sunil Devaiah.

**Runners:** K U Subbaiah and P K Bopanna

**Senior Gross Stableford Winners:** I K Anil And Sundaram R

**Runners:** K Muthanna and K U Vikranth



The **Addicts Golfing Society of Southern India** held their Coorg Meet in MDGC on 14th, 15th and 16th October 2022. The event was a brilliant success with golfers from all over Southern India participating in this Tournament. The visiting golfers and their family members enjoyed the bonhomie and hospitality of MDGC. Some of the results of the Addicts meet are as follows:

**Net Stableford Winner:** Raju DSN

**Runner-** Goutham Chand Nahar

**Doubles Winners:** Ranjith K.P and Prem Kumar S

**Runners :** Alex P Anthony and Lt. GopaKumar O P

**Open Stable Ford:** Winner Naveen Wahi

**Runner :** Ranjith K P

**Seniors Winner:** Dr. Siddeshwar

**Runner:** I K Anil

# Satya's Coorg Triangular Golf Championship

The 36th Edition of the **Satya's Coorg Triangular Golf Championship** was held on November 25th 26th and 27th. This year saw a record entry of 168 golfers! For the second year in running the Tournament had to be held simultaneously in all the three golf courses namely CGL, MDGC and TATA Coffee golf course. Golfers from as far as Gurgaon came down for this Tournament and we had golfers flying in from San Francisco, USA and Redding, UK for this tournament. Mali Sashi Kiran was the open winner over three days and Dev Kumar R was the Handicap 0-18 winner over 3 days. Besides these prizes a total of 54 prizes was given away in this Tournament.



# Sakhamuri Cup

The prestigious **Sakhamuri Cup** sponsored by **Nagarjun Sakhamuri** and **Prashanth Sakhamuri** was conducted on December 10th. This was the 18th Edition of the Tournament and bonhomie and camaraderie between Nagarjun, Prashanth, the Pin Seekers and MDGC members is as strong as it was 18 years ago which makes tournament a much sought after even in the Tournament Calendar of MDGC. Some of the Results of the Tournament is as follows:

**Open Stroke play Winner:** K P Ranjith  
**Runner:** Mali Sashi Kiran

**H CAP 13- 24 Winner:** Prahlad rao  
**Runner:** Dhanajaya C S

**H CAP 0-12 stable ford winner:** K U Vikranth  
**Runner:** K N Appanna



# Sakhamuri Cup



The next Tournament in MDGC is the **Muckatira Golf Championship** on 22nd January 2023.

# South Zone Junior Golf Championship



# BIRDS SEEN AT THE MERCARA DOWNS GOLF COURSE

## The Small Egret

It is commonly seen in 17th and 18th fairways.

It is a white bird with a slender black beak, long black legs and, in the western race, yellow feet. As an aquatic bird, it feeds in shallow water and on land, consuming a variety of small creatures. In warmer locations, most birds are permanent residents; northern populations, including many European birds, migrate to Africa and southern Asia to over-winter there. The birds may also wander north in late summer after the breeding season, and their tendency to disperse may have assisted in the recent expansion of the bird's range.



## The Median Egret

A stocky egret that is larger than Cane and Little Egrets, but smaller than the Great Egret. It is commonly seen in 17th and 18th fairways. Often confusing and difficult to identify. Things to look for include a yellow bill that is shorter than Great Egret but longer than Cane Egret, a relatively rounded head, and shorter legs than Great Egret, approaching Cane Egret. In Asian populations the bill becomes black during the breeding season; these birds can be distinguished from Little Egret by their completely black feet and shorter bills. Like most egret species, associates with all types of water bodies including wet fields and usually flocks with other egrets.

## The Large Egret

The great egret also known as the common egret, large egret, It is commonly seen in 17th and 18th fairways. The four subspecies are found in Asia, Africa, the Americas, and southern Europe. Its flight is slow with its neck retracted. This is characteristic of herons and ibis, and distinguishes them from storks, cranes, ibises, and spoonbills, which extend their necks in flight. The great egret walks with its neck extended and wings held close. The great egret is not normally a vocal bird; it gives a low, hoarse croak when disturbed, and at breeding colonies, it often gives a loud croaking cuck cuck and higher-pitched squawks



## The Cattle Egret

The cattle egret is a cosmopolitan species found in the tropics, subtropics, and warm-temperate zones. Originally native to parts of Asia, Africa, and Europe. It is commonly seen in 17th and 18th fairways. It is a white bird adorned with buff plumes in the breeding season. It nests in colonies, usually near bodies of water. The nest is a platform of sticks in trees or shrubs. This species maintains a special relationship with cattle, which extends to other large grazing mammals; wider human farming is believed to be a major cause of their suddenly expanded range. The cattle egret removes ticks and flies from cattle and consumes them.