



The Bombay Presidency Golf Club Ltd.

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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S DESK

Dear members

A very happy Independence Day to you all!



I take immense pride in being a member of our club and have enjoyed the role of Captain during the last two years. As a team, we have tried to accomplish a few things and have taken some positive strides in a direction that can soon place our club as the best golf club in our country (**Annexure I**).

That being said, a lot more needs to be done and the process of upgradation of facilities and services is an ongoing and continuous one. I am confident that the future committees will keep the momentum going as we continue the pursuit of being the best.

RECENT INITIATIVES

1. **BPGC – A feeling of Belongingness**

A feeling of belongingness is the cornerstone of any successful organization and this sentiment when echoed by its various stakeholders keeps pushing the organization beyond known boundaries. The club has inaugurated an “**I ♥ BPGC**” installation next to the 16th Driving Range and stands as a symbol of what our club means to all of us. Please feel free to click your selfies and upload on your social media, a gesture that will spread this feeling even more.



2. **Junior Golf Program**

Golf, the sport that we all cherish has always been the primary focus for us in the club. Among others, one of the key objectives of the club has also been to promote / grow the game of golf and there is no better way to do this than by encouraging the next generation to take up the sport.

Children and young golfers are the building blocks of the club's future and therefore it is absolutely essential for the right Junior Golf Program to be in place, one that serves and helps achieve the following objectives:

- a) Growing and promoting the game of golf in the city of Mumbai
- b) BPGC can have a pool of good golfers (play and score in competitive club, national / international tournaments) from the overall lot of golfers that would enroll in the said program

The Junior Golf Program is also one which instils a great value system in the child, a sense of camaraderie, a way to appreciate competition amongst peers and so many more invaluable life lessons that go on to build life-long friendships. The importance of a good program with the right environment cannot be more emphasized.

We have had junior programs at BPGC in the past run by good coaches like Indrajit Bhalotia and Digraj Singh but these have largely been on a visiting coach model. However, given the current landscape of competitive golf in India, it has now become critical to have a resident full-time coach who is qualified to run the program combined with fitness, nutrition and technology.

BPGC Excellence Program

We are pleased to announce that our club committee has approved and signed an agreement with K&A Golf, headed by Anitya Chand and Karan Bindra for period of 3 years to run the Junior Program in BPGC ("BPGC Excellence Program") with a structure that addresses all of the above factors.

K&A Golf are currently running the Academy at DLF Golf & Country Club in Gurgaon and they train 380+ kids at the academy which is a breeding ground for good golfers and future champions.

More details will follow soon.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Some of the areas which the next committee(s) can explore based on our current visibility of the foreseeable future are as follows:

Golf

1. Upgradation and expansion of the 16th Driving range to include a fitting centre with indoor simulator & trackman, a putting studio, a classroom for the golf academy, proper practice bays, male & female toilets, office & storage areas, F&B area etc.

Status - The concept design has been approved by the present General Committee and shall be put forward to the General Body for approval soon.

2. Upgradation of Maintenance & workshop facility for our golf equipment & golf carts to bring it on par with the best standards in the golf industry.

Status – A design is being worked out by the present General Committee and if approved by the General Committee (present or next), shall be put forward to the General Body for approval soon.

3. Secondary & Tertiary stages of sewage water treatment for irrigation of our golf course.
4. **A possibility of upgradation of the greens** – As mentioned in my very first communication in October 2022 when I was elected to the office of Golf Captain, our greens were contaminated with different varieties of grass. Since then, I have repeatedly mentioned in many of my communications to you that while were trying our best to maintain the greens and their trueness while putting, a time will come within the next 2-

3 years when we will have to consider upgrading our greens. The next committee and the Golf Captain can probably explore the possibility of upgrading the greens.

Clubhouse

1. Upgradation of the restaurant & Presidency bar on the first floor
2. Upgradation of the 19th Hole Bar on the ground floor
3. Upgradation of the Party Room & Banquet Hall
4. Consider and explore the possibility of adding more facilities and rooms for accommodation by way of a clubhouse annex.

While the above list is a lot, I'm sure future committees can prioritise these areas and take up these projects subject to approvals from the General Body as may be required.

This may probably be my last communication to you as the Golf Captain given that my two-year term is coming to an end next month. The General Committee and I acknowledge and appreciate the support, patience and understanding from the membership (including reading my long emails 😊😊), the staff and contributions from the various sub-committees over the last two years.

Thank you all once again. It was an honour and privilege to serve the club.

With very best regards,

Hari Narayan

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Golf Captain

Attached: Annexure I