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Forward

Dear Readers,

We all know that doctors save lives.
We are all used to visiting doctors at their chamber or the hospital in our hours of crisis. When we fall ill or meet with an accident, it is the doctors who use their knowledge and years of expertise to get us back to fitness. And they do it in a 24X7 cycle; whenever the call comes, doctors are ready to treat their patients.

Even in the midst of busy schedules, some of the doctors take up the golf clubs to charge their batteries for their next operation and to hone their social skills, spending a bit of time away from the lifesaving duties.

In this edition of TheGolfHouse, we talk with four such doctors – highly experienced and successful in their occupation and now enjoying their retirement with the healthy pursuit of golf.

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GF: PGA
Sultan: €150;
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Stats: PGA
Sultan: par 71,
6,516 yards;
Pasha: par 72,
6,412 yards

The Belek coastline has evolved into one of the world's most densely populated golfing playgrounds, packed with remarkably diverse and top-quality courses. Antalya is one of the finest clubs here and it is home to two beautiful and eminently enjoyable designs. Slightly longer and a little tougher, the PGA Sultan course has hosted a number of big events, including the 2012 Turkish Airlines World Golf Final won by Justin Rose. Tiger Woods described it as "a real shotmaker's course" and most of the holes are tree-lined, with water regularly in play. There is drama and beauty all the way with plenty of wow-factor, including the par-3 8th over water and the long 16th, Temptation, where you must stay



left of a lake and then carry a stream that crosses diagonally short of the green. The Pasha course is equally pretty and engaging, with some really exciting risk-and-reward holes. Perfectly located between the golf club and the beach are two wonderful five-star hotels, the Kempinski Hotel The Dome and the Sirene Belek Hotel.

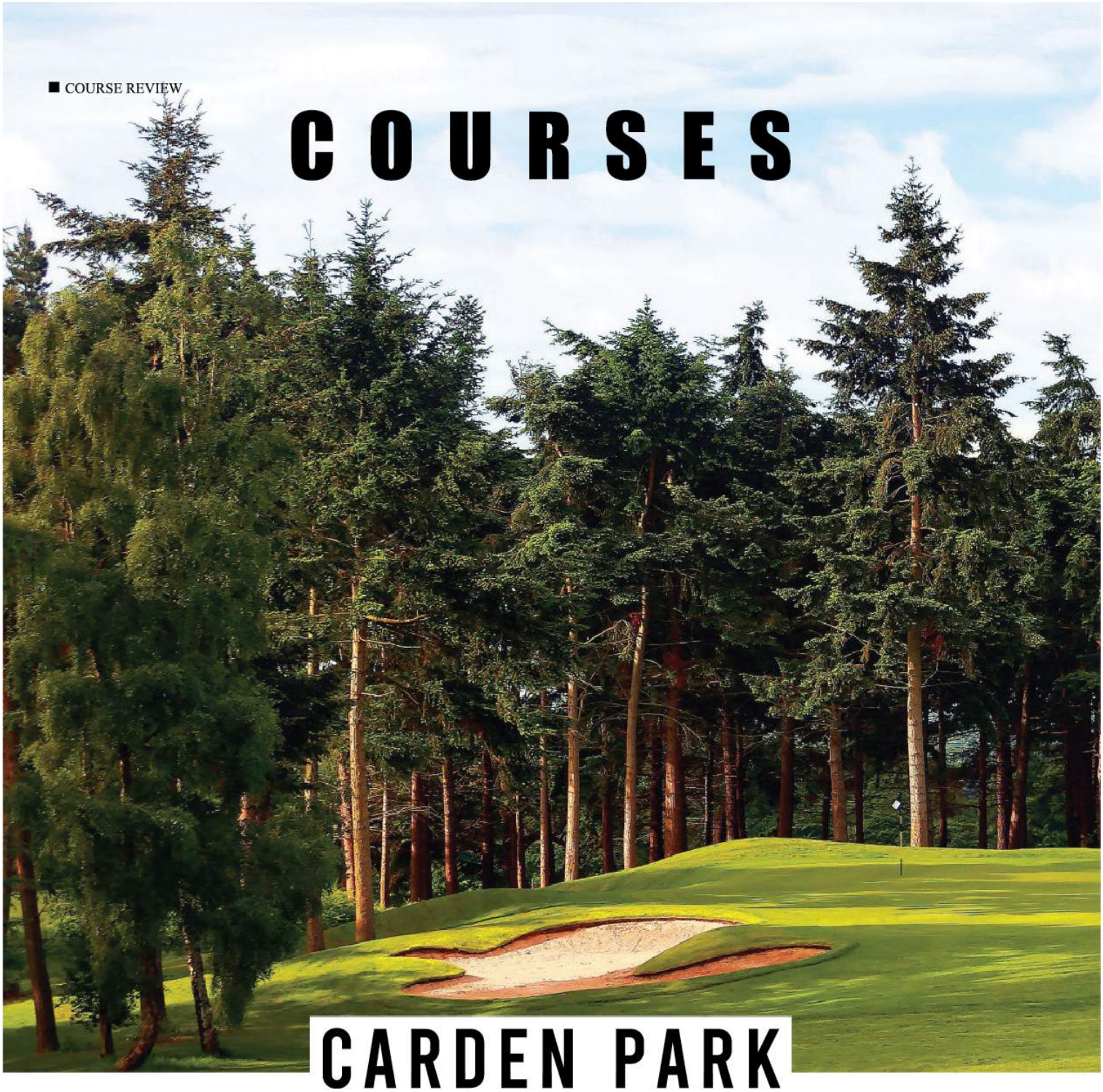
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CARDEN PARK

Carden Park is a consummate and delightfully secluded golf destination in the north-west of England, a little to the south of Chester and not far from the Welsh border. Alongside the very well equipped and spacious hotel, it is home to two relatively young but now fully-grown courses of surprisingly different character. Nicklaus designs are always memorable and the one here features several of the family's hallmarks, including bold and expansive bunkering, double fairways at the 7th and 15th and of course plenty of water. Depending on the wind, the lakes at both the 6th and the penultimate holes may well tempt the longer hitters to try and drive the green. On other holes, there are frequently choices to be made. The Cheshire course is sited on the eastern side of the estate and is perhaps a little more tree-lined and subtle in its charms. It's just as challenging, just as long and builds to a terrific climax as you play the lovely short 17th before taking in the far-reaching views over towards Wales on the elevated, final tee. Opinion seems to be evenly split as to which is the better course; each is great fun, and so a trip to play both is the ideal option.



GOLFING ROOTS

The estate dates back around 400 years to the time when it was established as a deer park, but its transformation into today's 36-hole resort is far more recent. Each course was created in the1990s, with the Cheshire course slightly older and designed by Alan Higgins in 1993. In more recent times, it has benefited from a full bunker renovation. The Nicklaus course opened five years later and was a collaboration between legendary Jack and his son Steve.

ALSO ON OFFER

If you can tear yourself away from the two lovely courses, there is much to do without even leaving the estate. There is an award-winning spa featuring a wide array of therapeutic and invigorating options, a leisure club with a high-tech fitness centre and pool, and other outdoor pursuits such as archery, tennis, Segways and Vertigo, an aerial experience featuring ropes and zip-lines.

At the end of your golfing day, you can enjoy a wide variety of food options, including fine dining in The Vines at Carden and the more relaxed brasserie atmosphere in the AA-rosette Redmond's restaurant. For all those golfers seeking to make improvements to their game, there is a fully equipped state-of-the-art PGA Golf Academy.

ESSENTIALS

CARDEN PARK
Broxton Road,
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Cheshire, CH3 9DQ
STATS: Cheshire course: par 72, 6,653 yards; Nicklaus course: par 72, 6,302 yards
GF: round: £75wd, £100w



ZAMAL LIFTS PARAGON PRO TITLE









Zamal Hossain Mollah won the 6th Paragon Professional Golf Tournament, which was held at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka recently.

Zamal, trailing by two shots against Badal Hossain heading into the final round, charged ahead with five birdies to claim his victory with an aggregate score of eight-under-par.

Badal had to settle for second position after an even-par final round for an aggregate of six-under-par.

Siddikur Rahman had a good start in the final round with three early birdies but came short in the closing holes and finished third in the tournament with four-under-par.

Mohammad Sumon emerged champion in amateur group.

A total of 84 professional and 15 amateur golfers took part in the event, sponsored for the sixth time by Paragon Group.

Major General Sheikh Pasha Habibuddin, sgp,bams,afwc,psc, SDS, Army-1, National Defence College handed over trophies and cheque to the winners as the chief guest at the prize giving ceremony. Mr. Moshiur Rahman, Managing Director of Paragon Group was present as the special guest of the ceremony.

Lt Col Khandaker Abdul Wahed (retd), President, Bangladesh Professional Golfers Association thanked the sponsors of the event. Brig Gen Ahsanul Huq Miah (retd), Secretary General, BPGA along with Maj Md Mahmudur Rahman Chowdhury (retd), Joint Secretary, BPGA were present at the event.



SAYUM WINS SECOND TITLE OF SEASON





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The multiple-BPGA winner from KGC recovered from a poor second round with a fine final round to win the title of Tk 1500,00-lakh event with an aggregate score of eight-under-par (208).

This is Sayum's second BPGA title of the season, following his victory in the Runner Professional Golf Tournament in late September.

Siddikur, who returned to the country recently, scored 70, 72 and 69 for an aggregate of five-under-par (211).

Akbar Hossain and Jakiruzzaman Jakir, with matching scores of even-par (216), finished tied for third position.

Lt Col Muhammad Faruk Khan (Retd), MP, Presidium Member, Bangladesh Awami League, handed over the trophies and cheque to the winners as the chief guest at the prize giving ceremony.

Maj Gen Md Zahirul Islam, ndc, psc, Vice President , Kurmitola Golf Club, was present as the special guest of the ceremony.

Mohammad Farid Khan, Vice-Chairman, Summit Communication Ltd was also present in the ceremony.

Lt Col Khandaker Abdul Wahed (retd), President, Bangladesh Professional Golfers Association thanked Summit Group for sponsoring the event during this crucial time and for supporting professional golfers and professional golf in Bangladesh. Maj Md Mahmudur Rahman Chowdhury, Joint Secretary, BPGA remained present in the ceremony.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

President's Plans for Mainamati

THE MAINAMATI GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (MGCC) IS LOCATED IN THE BACKGROUND OF LALMAI HILLS WITHIN CUMILLA CANTONMENT, WHICH IS ABOUT 83KM TO THE SOUTH-EAST OF DHAKA ALONG THE DHAKA-CHATTOGRAM HIGHWAY. IT IS FAMOUS FOR ITS LUSH GREEN FAIRWAYS STRETCHING WITHIN THE FOLDS OF THE LALMAI HILLS WITH LUXURIANT VEGETATIONS AND CAPTIVATING LANDSCAPES.

MGCC CAME INTO BEING IN 1992 AS A NINE-HOLE COURSE UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF MAJOR GENERAL SYED BADRUZZAMAN, AWC, PSC, G+. IN JULY 2003, AN EXTENSION PLAN WAS MADE TO MAKE THE COURSE A FULL 18-HOLE ONE UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF MAJOR GENERAL (NOW LT GEN, RETD) MASUD UDDIN CHOWDHURY, PSC AND INAUGURATED AS 18-HOLE COURSE ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2004.

MAJOR GENERAL MD JAHANGIR HARUN, THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF MGCC AND GOC OF 33 INFANTRY DIVISION AND AREA COMMANDER OF CUMILLA, CONDUCTS THE GOLF CLUB WITH DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CARE. A GOLFER FOR TWO DECADES, THE PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED TO TURN THIS GOLF COURSE INTO ONE OF THE BEST IN THE REGION. HERE HE TALKS ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CLUB AND ITS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN DETAIL IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THEGOLFHOUSE.


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Q&A

GOLF, LIKE MOST OTHER SPORTS AROUND THE GLOBE, CAME TO A HALT DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. SO WHAT ARE THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE MGCC AS GOLFING ACTIVITIES HAVE STARTED AGAIN?

We have conducted nine major and 14 minor golf tournaments this year.

WHAT ARE THE SPECIALTIES OF MGCC THAT YOU THINK ATTRACT GOLFERS?

There are enormous golfing and other facilities in MGCC and everyday some improvements are being made. Any golfer/visitor may avail facilities here, which include 1. Golfing round the year 2. Modern club house, golf trolley & golf sets 3. Golf cart 4. VIP suite 5. Chandrokutir guest room 6. Lalmai guest room 7. Restaurant 8. Large conference hall 9. Waiting room 10. Rest area 11. Pro shop 12. Small zoo 13. Car parking

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CLUB?

Appointment holders and Executive Committee Members of MGCC encourage and pursue military officers and civilians for the membership of MGCC to make the club vibrant. This year 74 membership has been completed and 21 more membership is under process.





WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOW YOU INTEND TO DEVELOP MORE FACILITIES AT THE CLUB?

The MGCC has a perspective plan, which includes: a. Training of ground staff, b. Training of caddies and ball boys on rules, c. Development of fairway, d. Improvement of drainage system of the course, e. Efficiency test for caddies and ball boys carryout every month, f. Caddies/ ball boys attending various tournaments conducted by BGF, g. A welfare fund for caddies/ ball boys and staff as and when required, h. Construction/renovation of six ladies wash room and a prayer room, i. Renovation and development work of lalmai rest house, j. Preparing an entrance gate.

HOW MUCH PROGRESS DO YOU THINK BANGLADESH HAS MADE IN THE GOLFING ARENA?

Now a days, people are much more interested in golf. Our pro golfers are bringing name and fame for our clubs as well as our country.

HOW DID YOU GET INTRODUCED TO GOLF? TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRST GOLFING EXPERIENCE AND YOUR MEMORY IN OTHER CLUBS.

I was posted to Ninth Headquarter Infantry Division in 2001 and had participation in golf as compulsion. Since then I've been involved with golf.

WERE YOU INTERESTED IN OTHER SPORTS BEFORE TAKING UP GOLF?

When I was a junior officer, I used to play all sorts of sports regularly. I still play other sports apart from golf.

HOW DO YOU MANAGE TIME FOR THE GAME DESPITE YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE?

Golf is my passion. I used to play golf in the afternoon. I usually play nine-hole. Since 18 holes are ready now, I sometime play 18 holes too.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS GAME THAT ATTRACTS YOU MOST?

Many things in one, like physical fitness, mental tranquility, social interaction and maintaining a congenial relation with people of versatile professions.

MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE IN GOLF?

Winning the President Cup Trophy from KGC in Apr 2019.

THERE IS A NEGATIVE TENDENCY PREVALENT AMONG A LARGE PART OF THE YOUNG GENERATION IN THAT THEY BECOME TOO MUCH ADDICTED TO SOCIAL MEDIA. DON'T YOU THINK GOLF CAN PLAY A ROLE OF A SAVIOR IN THAT REGARD?

Playing golf is a medication. Young generation can remain away from social media if they play golf. Because, they will think of how to improve their game in their leisure time rather than wasting time on social media.

IS THERE ANY AN ACTIVITY OR PROGRAM FOR BUILDING FUTURE GOLFERS HERE?

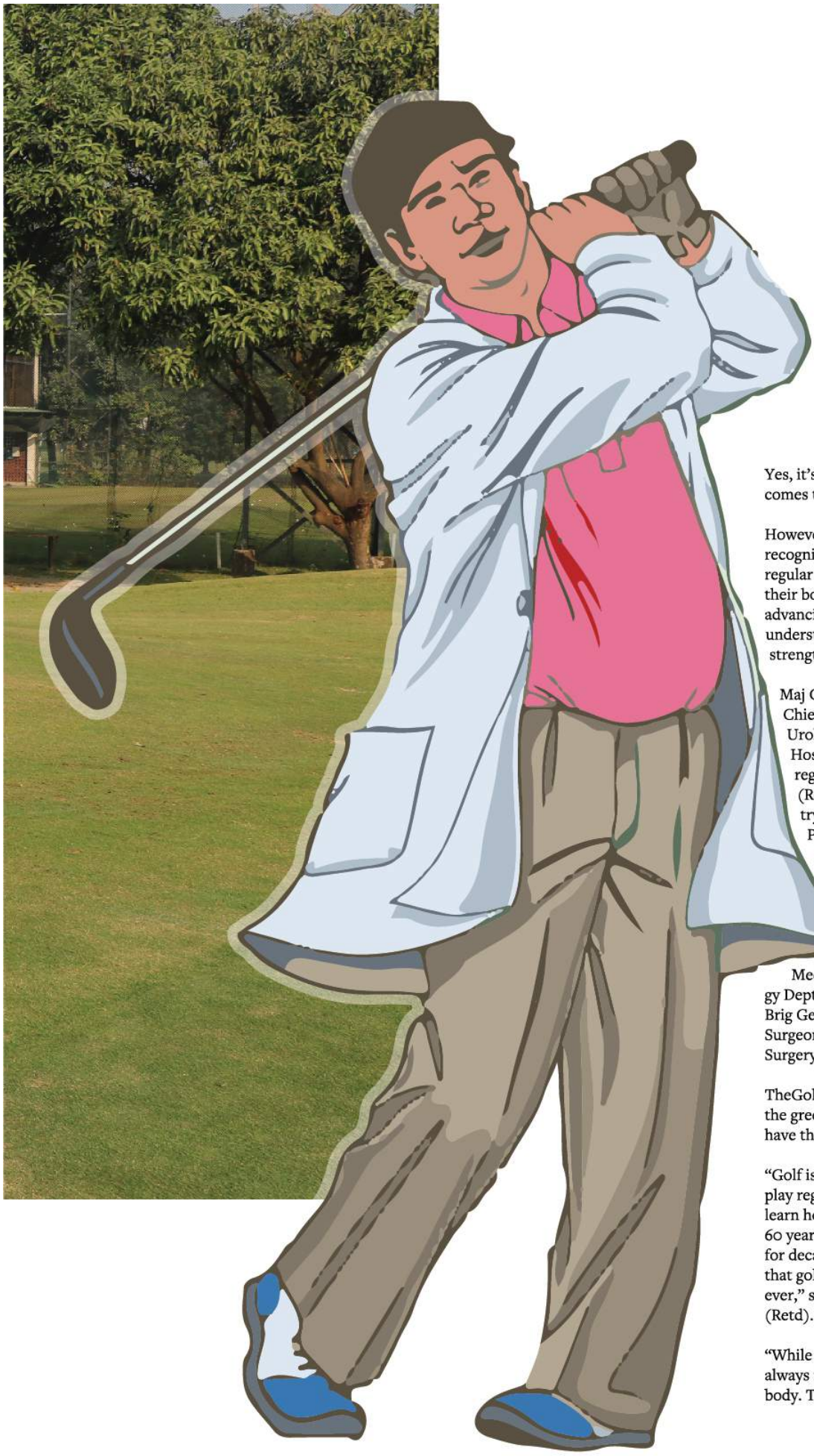
For better performance and building future golfers of MGCC, we regularly send coaches to BGF/ BGA for learning rules and etiquette of golf. Coaches teach the new golfers with sincerity and devotion. Besides, we arrange tournament for caddies /ball boys in regular interval.

DO YOU HAVE ANY MESSAGE FOR GOLFERS?

Yes I have. We all know golf is a very effective game for physical fitness. But it can also keep all mental agonies away. One who wants to play golf should learn the fundamentals of the game.



DOCTORS ON THE GREEN



Yes, it's true that age is just a number when it comes to playing golf.

However, senior golfers, who already recognize the physical and mental benefits of regular play, may not relish the changes in their body they encounter as they age. With advancing age, comes more knowledge and understanding of golf, but less physical strength and endurance.

Maj Gen Md Shahidul Islam (Retd), Ex Chief Surgeon, CMH Dhaka, Consultant Urologist, Ayesha Memorial and United Hospital, Dhaka has been playing golf regularly with Brig Gen Md Azizul Islam (Retd), Ex Adviser Specialist in Psychiatry CMH Dhaka and Professor of Psychiatry, Armed Forces Medical College, Principal US Bangla Medical College and Senior Consultant Psychiatry, Square hospital ltd, Dhaka and Brig Gen Md Rahimgir (Retd), Ex Professor of Microbiology, Armed Forces Medical College, Consultant Microbiology Dept., Lab Aid Hospital Dhaka along with Brig Gen Md Rezaul Karim (Retd), Ex Chief Surgeon CMH Dhaka, Consultant Orthopedic Surgery of United Hospital Dhaka.

TheGolfHouse team caught up with them on the green of Kurmitola Golf Club recently to have their opinion and tips on the game.

"Golf is one of the few sports that you can play regardless of age. Some golfers don't learn how to play game until they are 50 or 60 years old while others have been playing for decades.This is just one of the reasons that golf is, in my opinion, the best sports ever," said Maj Gen Md Shahidul Islam (Retd).

"While you can play golf forever, it doesn't always mean that it is an easy sport on your body. There is a lot happening in the golf



swing that just isn't a natural movement for the body. From swinging, walking, and constant movement, golf can get harder on your body as you age. But, golf is also a great form of exercise an amazing way to spend time with family and friends. You can enjoy the game with your kids, grandkids, friends, and even strangers," he added.

"As players age and lose some of their power and flexibility, it is important to make modifications, focusing on strengths and mitigating weaknesses. This often means players need to shift their emphasis from hitting the long shots down the fairway to improving their short game, honing chip shot skills," said Brig Gen Md Azizul Islam (Retd).

"Since strength and flexibility often deteriorate with age, a solid warm-up routine is critical to preserving physical ability and preventing injuries on the golf course. Whether from old sports wounds or arthritis, there are some common problem areas for seniors such as ankles, hips, necks and shoulders," said Brig Gen Md Rezaul (Retd).

"Maintaining muscle strength helps players achieve proper posture, stance and balance, increasing their endurance on the course and reducing aches and pains of the course, I recommend 10-12 minutes of practice swings and stretching exercises pregame," he added.

"Since the mechanics of a senior player's game has changed, it is important to reexamine golf equipment and accessories. Toss those long irons and replace them with easier-to-hit hybrids, and exchange their low-lofted 3-woods with much user-friendly high-launch 3-woods," said Brig Gen Md Rahimgir (Retd).

"The shafts in their clubs need to match their strength and ability, older golfers shouldn't be afraid to change their grips to a larger size. Superior grips help increase a player's







strength and power, allowing them to grip the club better," he added.
"The practice is still the key to achieving and maintaining a lower score. I recommend that people spend the bulk of their practice sessions making 3 to 4-foot putts. Even a 50 per cent conversion of those putts results in a significant decrease in overall score. After all, the end goal is to get the ball into the hole in as few strokes as possible," said Maj Gen Md Shahidul Islam (Retd).

"Golf is mainly played on a five-and-a-half-inch course, the space between your ears. That's because golf is filled with precise mental calculations such as ball location, grass depth, wind direction, green speeds, slope, and much more. It is a great way to help keep the mind strong," said Brig Gen Md Azizul Islam (Retd).

"As seniors age in retirement, they rarely come across the level of strategic thinking they did in the workplace, and golf is a great way continue to keep your brain fit. It is also proven that golf releases endorphins (the 'feel good' hormones), which help to boost your mood and well-being. With the release of these endorphins, it can help relieve your overall stress. The sport also teaches the importance of patience and controlling emotions to prevent sending the mental aspect of the game into a tailspin," he added.

Filially, as we continue to age in our home, it can be harder to stay connected with friends. Regular golf outings can help build and maintain relationships with friends as well as provide you with a recurring event to look forward to. Mental stimulation outside of the home with other like-minded individuals is very important to your personal health. TheGolfHouse team salute these four senior golfers that they are continuing their game after the official retirement from the govt. job and this stage of age.



JOOHYUNG KIM WINS IN PRESSURE-PACKED PLAY-OFF







Joohyung Kim claimed The Singapore International in a gripping sudden-death play-off against Thailand's Rattanon Wannasrichan at Tanah Merah Country Club.

Korea's 19-year-old prodigious talent holed a pressure-packed 14-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole, on the Tampines Course's daunting par-five 18th, before Rattanon missed his birdie attempt from eight feet.

The victory also saw Kim, who earned a cheque for US$180,000, overtake Australian Wade Ormsby on the Asian Tour Order of Merit with one more event remaining this season.

Kim and Rattanon, playing together in the final pairing, had finished the tournament tied on four under, after Kim closed with a 70 and Rattanon 72, setting the stage for a gripping sudden-death play-off.

Thailand's amateur star Ratchanon Chantananuwat, aged just 14 years old, was in contention for much of the day, making it a battle of the teenagers, took sole possession of third when he returned a 69 to finish two shots shy of the play-off.

For the fourth day in a row, strong winds swept the challenging Tampines Course, but Kim handled conditions impressively showing maturity beyond his years.

This was his second success on the Asian Tour, following his win in the 2019 Panasonic Open in India and when asked which win was the hardest, he said: "Has to be this one. Just because it's a tough golf course you know, all the players played their heart out. I'm just very lucky to be on top. It was a grind today. I think it was a lot harder than the first one but definitely glad I finished on top."

He had looked to be on course to take the title in more comfortable fashion and held a one-shot lead playing the final hole in normal time, but Rattanon made an eight-foot birdie after a brilliant chip from behind the green while the Korean took two to get out of the greenside bunker, before making a tense par putt from three feet to force the tournament into a sudden-death play-off.

It was a remarkable turn of events that lead to the gripping sudden-death play-off as the Korean was two ahead with two to play but found trouble with his second shot on 17. He pushed his approach right into a penalty area next to a lake, took a drop, chipped to 15 feet and bravely made a 15 footer for bogey.

"To be honest, I was walking down the fairway on that shot [on 17], to that pin. I thought I had this under control and just didn't play safe enough," said Kim.

"I played aggressive the whole day and I felt like sticking to the game plan was the right choice. I took the longer club and just got lazy on it, leaked it right but had a great up and down, you know, I just told myself to give myself a chance and yeah, it all worked out."

Rattanon was also in trouble on 17 but made a brilliant up and down from the greenside bunker for par before the drama unfolded on the last.

He was also trying to win his second title on Tour, after his success in the 2017 Thailand Open, and had held the lead after the first and second days.

Ratchanon, better known as "TK", was attempting to become the youngest winner on one of the world's main Tours, aged 14 years, three months, four days.

He would have bettered the mark set by his countrywoman Atthaya Thitikul, who won the 2017 Ladies European Thailand Open when she was 14 years, four months, 19 days.

However, it was not meant to be as despite going out in five-under-par 31, he came back in three over which included a double on 17.

"People will look at those scores online, see those dropped shots, and think I played badly but I didn't. I was trying so hard and playing well," said the youngster, who made a 12 footer for birdie on 18.

WHAT GOLF LOOKED LIKE IN...



Two-time major winning american **Collin Morikawa** was born in February

The Ryder Cup was held at valderrama in spain - the first time the event had been staged in continental Europe. The Europeans won 14.5-13.5.



Tiger Woods Won for times on the PGA Tour. including a 12-stroke victory at The Masters. On June 15. he became World No.1 for the first time.

1997



Betsy King won the last of her six Major titles in 1997 at the Nabisco Dinah Shore (now called the Chevron Inspiration).

Titleist released the hugely popular DCI 962 iron. The 962B model was launched in the same year and had a smaller blade profile.

ELSEWHERE...

Titanic was released at the tail end of 1997. It would go on to gross $2.2 billion.



Tony Blair became Prime Minister of the United Kingdom



LEARN FROM THE BEST

There are a number of reasons why we sit down on a Sunday evening to watch the world's best players. First of all, there's no better sight than witnessing Rory McIlroy in total control of his game, Jordan Spieth putt his rivals into submission or even Bryson DeChabeau trying to muscle his way to victory. However, these players offer more than just entertainment.

Every week, the likes of Jon Rahm and co provide free tips – we just have to watch and learn. Of course, sometimes those swing slo-mos get a little bit technical, and what works for someone like Dustin Johnson might not work for the average club golfer.

So, we asked Top 25 Coach Gary Alliss to analyse seven of the world's finest players. What is it exactly that makes them so successful? And what can you learn? Whether you need to hit a longer ball or hole more putts, over the next six pages you're sure to find some useful nuggets to help you shoot lower scores.

DJ & BRYSON – DR IVING DISTANCE

1. The power that these two players generate comes from their physical size, combined with an incredible ability to turn their upper body an enormous distance while resisting with their hips – which hardly turn at all.

This is how they produce such huge clubhead speed.

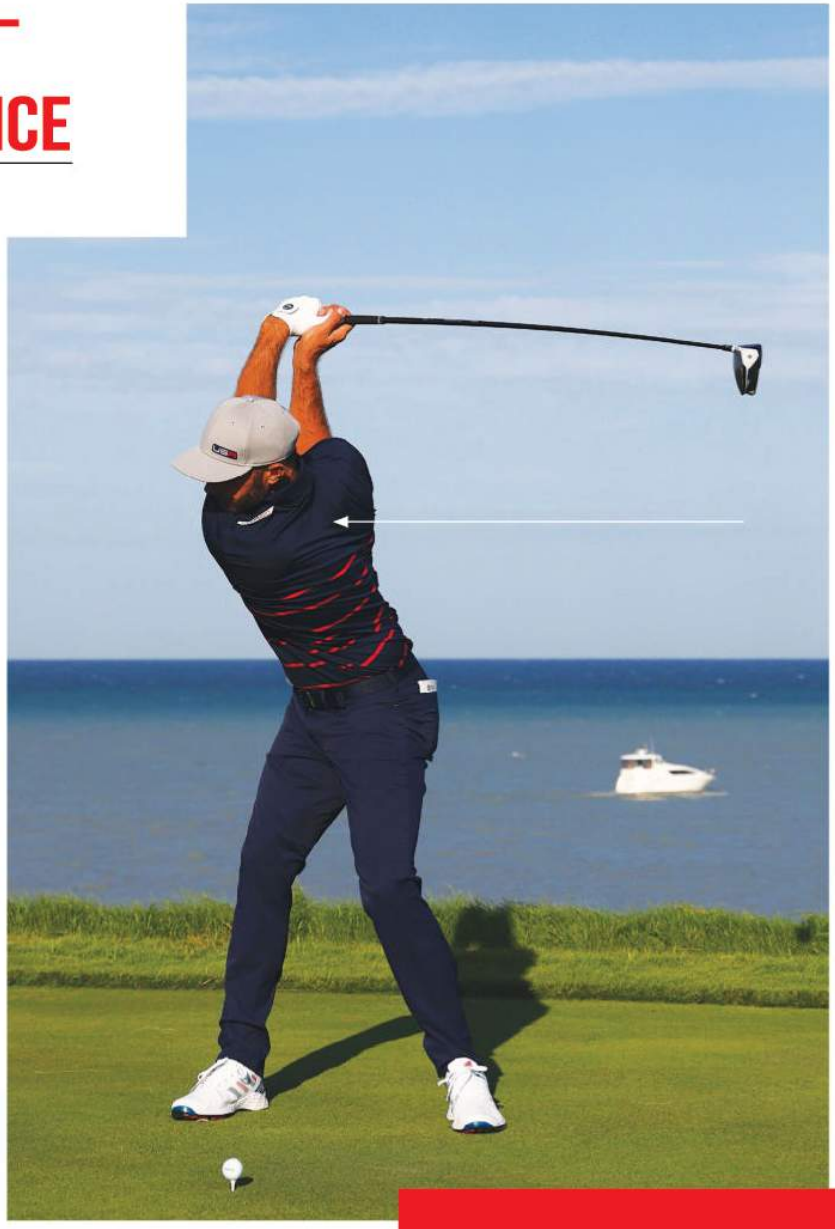
The shoulder turn is so impressive they're able to turn as far as possible and resist a little with the lower body.

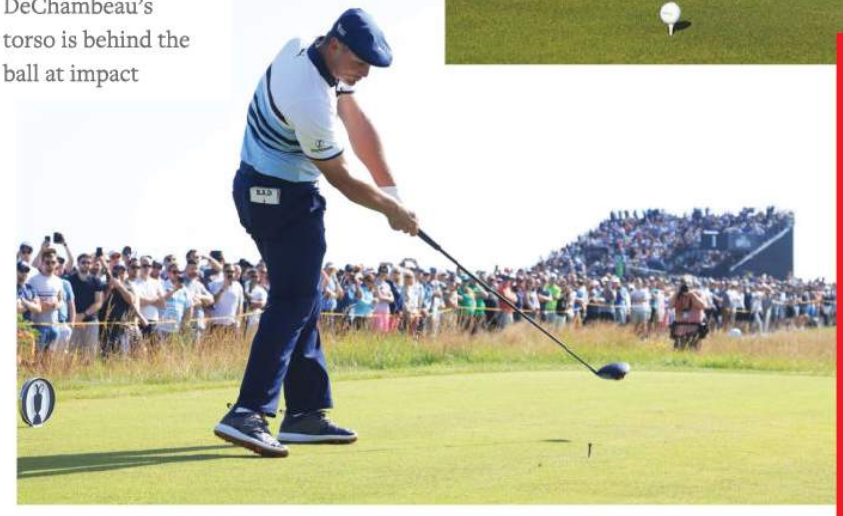
Ask most club golfers to do this and they end up lifting the left heel way off the ground, which defeats the object.

You need that little bit of resistance.

DeChambeau has obviously bulked up, but with both players what I really like is their stance width. With that big base, you can really drive off the back foot, through the hips to the lead foot, which is a massive factor in generating clubhead speed. It's that saying: power in golf comes from the feet.

So, to get more distance, you might want to try widening your stance perhaps an inch with the trail foot to start with. Another good exercise is to take a practice swing and at the top of your backswing, make an effort to look right back over your trail shoulder (behind you). This will help you to transfer your weight a little bit more behind the ball.





Note how DeChambeau's torso is behind the ball at impact

KEY STATS

PGA Tour, 2021 season
Driving distance (yards)

323.7
DeChambeau (1st)

312.9
Johnson (7th)

KEY STATS

PGA Tour, 2021 season

63.86%
Driving accuracy (60th)

302.2
Driving disrance (T54)



At the top of the backswing, Hovland's right elbow points vertically down to the ground

VIKTOR HOVLAND – DR IVING ACCURACY

2. The Norwegian is not only pretty accurate with the big stick, but he's fairly long, too. The key to his accuracy is the position he gets the club in at the top of the backswing. His right elbow points vertically down to the ground and sits close to his torso. As a consequence, it causes his left wrist to bow over slightly, which in turn marginally closes the face (it looks towards the sky).
It's a position that could cause hooks, but he starts the clearing of his left side quickly, and he pulls forcefully with his left arm. As a result, his left forearm leads into impact, which ensures the clubface can't return to a closed position.
With the left arm leading, the hips clearing fast and the clubhead path travelling quite quickly to the left of a straight line to the target, he's able to hit a very powerful drive – and one that tends to move from left to right.
This can be difficult for amateurs to emulate. However, if you have a tendency to hook the ball, try setting up on the right side of the tee box. Pick a spot 200 yards down the left edge of the fairway, aim at this target and just open the clubface a fraction. Your body alignment should be a little open to this aim line (not parallel left). Swing normally and try to hit your aim point. With practice, you should groove a nice, safe fade.

You can see how his left arm leads the clubhead through the hitting area



COLLIN MORIKAWA – IRON PLAY

3. Morikawa is the best iron player on the planet right now. He generally tries to work the ball into the flag on a left to right flight, but he also has the ability to hit controlled draw shots when required. Part of his skill is being able to shape the ball so brilliantly, and also visualising the flight into the flag before each shot. He doesn't see the ball flying straight he's a 'shaper'. It's rare that you'll see him thrash at the ball he plays within his power limits. As a result, he delivers the clubhead at a more consistent speed, so his distance control is so much better than most of his rivals. I'd also hazard a guess that he strikes more iron shots off the button.

One of the keys to his centred striking comes down to balance and posture. You don't see him having to take a little step at the end of his swing. Look at him through impact and his angles the spine, knee flexion and thighs, and all the way down into his calves are almost exactly the same as they were at set-up.

KEY STATS

PGA Tour, 2021 season

63.86%
Greens in regulation (GIR) (T5)

61.97%
GIR 175-200 yards (23rd)

70.74%
GIR 175-200 yards (23rd)

KEY STATS

PGA Tour, 2021 season

4.51
Birdie average (T1)

16'2"
Approaches from 100-125 yards (2)



McIlroy at his best can control his wedges to within a few feet

RORY MCIL ROY — BI RDIE AVERAGE

3. When Rory McIlroy's game is on song, he gives himself so many short range birdie opportunities. The reason for this is his amazing distance control and the secret to this comes from really consistent clubhead speed, coupled with an exceptional ability to strike the ball from the centre of the clubface.

Much like you'd fancy Morikawa to stick a 6-iron as close to the pin as someone hitting a wedge, McIlroy at his best can control his wedges to within a few feet. He strikes down at the same angle, catches the centre of the club and controls the speed beautifully.

If he closes the club a fraction, or leaves it open a touch, the ball will always finish in a slight diagonal so at worst he'll be looking at ten feet for a birdie, either slightly long left or a little short and right.

To improve this aspect of your game, try working on your posture at set-up, because good posture promotes great balance in the swing and great balance is something that will increase your clubhead speed. You might also want to try placing a tee peg lying on its side directly in front of the ball. Then, try to pinch the ball and tee in front, creating a precise downward strike.



McIlroy completes each swing in total balance. Try holding your finish by counting for a couple of seconds before stepping out of the shot

Mizuno

ST-G 220 Driver



The ST-G 220 offers a multitude of weight settings





The feel of this driver really stood out to us

GM Verdict

The ST-G 220 is a third ST model from Mizuno that offers a different address and spin profile, as well as moveable weight.

Make a few practice swings and you may notice a loud 'whoosh' sound, unmistakably made by the air passing over the weight tracks. We swung this driver 2mph slower on average than our TaylorMade SIM2 this could be down to a combination of the air resistance from the tracks, but also the shorter stock shaft of 45 inches. But in the low spin setting (pictured top), the ball speed was actually very similar, so it became more efficient and the strikes were better. In like for like loft, both produced almost identical launch, spin and peak height, with the SIM2 carrying three yards further.

In the same low spin setting, it really impressed out of the middle on the course. The head is incredibly solid with a dense, powerful feel and the reward for centred strikes is a towering flight with a hint of curve at the top. In fact, workability was one of this driver's strong suits in this setting. Catch it poorly, however, and you'll lose control fairly easily, which is where you have a decision to make. With the three tracks, you can make this a much more user-friendly driver.

Mizuno says positioning both weights in the shorter rear centre track (pictured left) is the most forgiving setting. When we tested it with the weights at the back of the side tracks, the spin went up by about 200rpm and distance came down by eight yards. So, there is a trade off between distance and playability. Over time, the shorter shaft should mean you have more control of the face than most low spin drivers.

The ST-G 220 is a versatile driver that can be set up to favour distance, control or a specific shot shape, but high-spin golfers will appreciate this new option.

Looks
Down behind the ball, the ST-G 220 does look noticeably smaller than the ST-X and ST-Z, despite still being 460cc in volume. It will certainly appeal more to the eye of the better player.

★★★★½

Key Technology

1. Mizuno's new SAT2041 Beta Ti face and carbon construction deliver both potent ball speeds and a dense, satisfying sensation at impact.
2. Shorter lateral weight tracks allow for a new central back port for two moveable weights, which can alter spin, launch, shot shape and the level of forgiveness.
3. The Quick Switch hosel provides four degrees of loft adjustability, while an optimised Wave sole contributes to added ball speed from strikes low on the clubface.

TITLEIST T200 IRON £164 PER CLUB



Looks
The smaller profile provides a sleeker look. From the back, the cavity has been enclosed by a polymer cap that has a metallic finish, giving the illusion of a fully hollow head.

GM Verdict

The new T200 represents the biggest makeover of any iron within the updated Titleist T-Series, not only because of how it looks but also how it has been constructed.

Better players won't be at all put off by the look of this club – it certainly doesn't appear chunky but the 7-iron loft of 31° suggests this is a small gameimprovement iron, rather than a forgiving players' club.

Titleist claims to have made a conscious effort to improve the sound and feel of this iron versus the prior model. But while it remains lively from a wide area, we didn't feel like there was any improvement here, and it actually maintained a clicky sound similar to if you were to tap the back of the iron with your fingernail. It was refreshing to see the spin not drop too much versus the T100 and T100s only by 200 to 300rpm and the flight overall was a little higher to maintain stopping power.

The stronger loft did provide a lot more ball speed than the T100s, but this didn't really lead to longer carries, which was disappointing although our longest effort did carry 177 yards. The turf interaction didn't seem as cleanor brisk, either, which could be a contributing factor.

The performance certainly opens the door for mixing the models within a set perhaps combining T200 long irons with T100s short irons although there is a noticeable difference in size.


Control of flight impressed with the new T200 iron

For any low-handicapper who isn't the best ball-striker, or a keen golfer in the low-teen handicap range, the T200 would seem to offer the ideal blend of performance attributes.

But better players should certainly consider following the tour players' lead and adding the T200 model in the long-irons, because of the extra playability it affords versus the T100 irons.

The T200 is powerful and stable, and while it lacks wow factor, it should assist with both extra distance and tighter dispersion.

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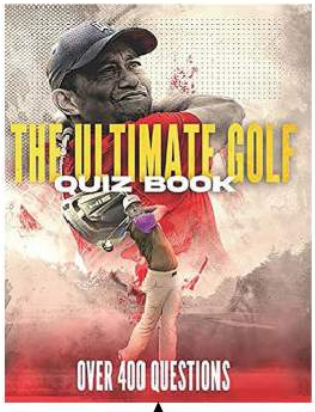
Key Technology

1. The T200 features the same minimal offset as T100 and T100s to enable seamless set blending. The engineered muscle plate improves acoustics for a crisper, more satisfying sound and feel.
2. Utilising denser D18 tungsten weights and a 2000°F brazing process used in aerospace construction, the CG is positioned more precisely for fast, high-launching long-irons and accurate, forgiving scoring irons.
3. The Max Impact technology now includes an enhanced polymer core that improves off-centre speed from the forged L Face insert.

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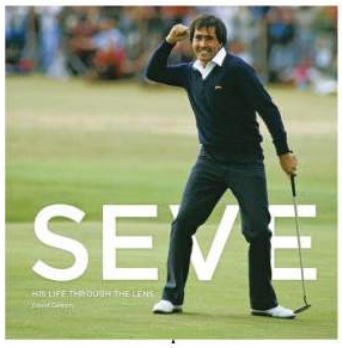
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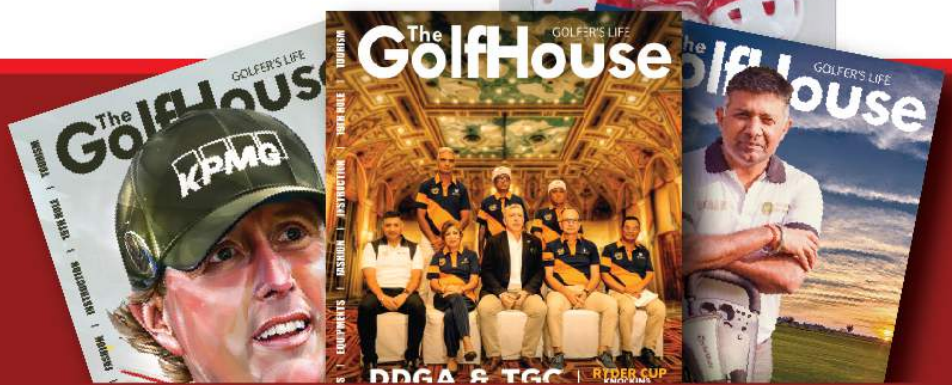


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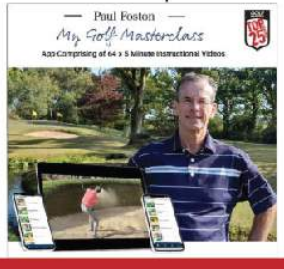


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YUSUF REZA WINS
MG LADY CAPTAIN'S CUP TITLE









Major SK Mohammad Yusuf Reza (Retd) won the title of the MG Lady Captain's Cup Golf Tournament, which was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club recently. Brigadier General Mohammad Siddiqul Alam Sikder (Retd) emerged as the runner-up while Mrs. Taslima Yusuf emerged as winner in the ladies' category.

Chief of Army Staff General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed, also the President of Kurmitola Golf Club, distribute prizes among the winners at the KGC Banquet Hall.

KGC Vice President and Area Commander, Logistics Area Major General. Zahirul Islam, Club Captain Brigadier General Syed Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Lady Captain Mrs. Mahmuda Chowdhury, Chairman of the Tournament Committee Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Chief Executive Officer of the Club Brigadier General GSM Hamidur Rahman (Retd), General Manager of the Club, Golf Operations Lt. Col. MM Golam Mohaimen (Retd), Mr. Romo Rouf Chowdhury, Group Managing Director, RANCON and senior officers of the organization, concerned military and civilian officials and their families participated in the event.









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ARMY GOLF CLUB HOSTS NDE NEW YEAR CUP











The four-day NDE New Year Cup Golf Tournament was held at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka Cantonment in December last year. The tournament was organized for amateur golfers in five categories -- Senior, Junior, Regular, Ladies and Veteran -- where 733 players including foreign players participated.

Bangladesh Army Chief General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed was the chief guest at the concluding ceremony.

Sheikh Hasibul Karim was honoured for being overall champion while the winners in other categories were -- veteran winner: group captain AIM Sahanul Islam (Retd), senior winner: Brigadier General AK M Mostafa Abedin (Retd), lady winner Samim Ara Sadeq and junior winner Master Sabrun Azad.





SHADAB WINS SUMMIT CUP









Shadab Ikbal Siddiqui won the title of 25th Summit Cup Golf Tournament, which was recently held at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka Cantonment. Salman Khan finished as the runner-up while Zyma Binte Hossain emerged as the winners in ladies' group. Quarter Master General of Bangladesh Army, Saiful Islam, distributed prizes among the winners. Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Faruk Khan (Retd), MP, and Vice-chairman of the Summit Group Muhammad Farid Khan, Kurmitola Golf Club Vice-president and Area Commander Logistics Area Major General Md Zahirul Islam, Club Captain Brigadier General Syed Md Rafiqul Islam, Tournament Committee Chairman Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd) were also present, among others.

Bhatiary hosts 2nd BM Energy Cup



The 2nd BM Energy Cup Golf Tournament was recently held at the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club in Chattogram. Sponsored by BM Energy, the daylong event was participated by around 200 golfers including 24 females and 20 junior golfers. The club's president Major General Saiful Abedin witnessed the event and distributed prizes among the winners. Bangladesh Military Academy's Commandant Major General SM Kamrul Hasan, Air Officer Commanding Air Vice Marshal Zahidur Rahman, BM Container Depot Ltd's director Brigadier General Ziaul Haider and BM Energy Bangladesh Ltd's General Manager Major Mokaddes Hossain were present among other dignitaries. Khandaker Mohiuddin scooped the top award while Mrs Kim emerged as the ladies' winner. Shamsul Huda Chowdhury won the top senior award while Mahbir Shanim Adiyan became champion in junior category. There were other awards in quite a few other categories too.



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TGC AND JCIA FRIENDLY GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD









Tiger golf club and Japanese commerce & industry association together organized a golf tournament at Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka recently.

Around 40 amateur investors, Tiger Golf Club members and shoo koo kai golf members participated in this friendly tournament.

Mr. hikari Kawai emerged as champion and Mr. Myungho Lee was Runner-up in the men's category while Mrs. Watanabe Aoto became champion in women category. Mrs. Songlim of Korean Embassy achieved longest drive in both the category of friendly nine-hole golf tournament.

Joao Tabajara DE Oliveira Junior president of tiger golf club and the Ambassador of Brazil to Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. ITO Naoki, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh and Lee Jang-Keun Ambassador of korea to Bangladesh and Mr. ManzurQader vice-president of Tiger Golf Club were also present in the occasion. Investors from Bangladesh, Japan, Korea,Mongolia and Pakistan as well as corporate professionals of the country along with other guests, were present too.

Tiger Golf Club association(TGCA) started its journey in 2011. Tiger golf club conducts friendly tournaments regularly along with Dhaka Diplomatic Golf Association. On average TGC organizes at least 4/5 tournaments & events in each quarter and they have a program of organizing friendly tournaments with different countries. By this initiative investors and ex-pats take home good memories of Bangladesh!









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COX'S BAZAR
THE LONGEST NATURAL SEA BEACH

Cox's Bazar, in the Chittagong Division, is known for having the world's longest continuous sandy coastline. It lies 150 kilometers south of Chittagong, Bangladesh's industrial port. With a total length of 121 kilometers, Cox's Bazar is believed to have the world's longest sea beach. Captain Cox, the town's founder, gave it the name Cox's Bazar. In 1798, he established the beautiful beach. The beach in Cox's Bazar used to be only a little port and health resort.

Despite the fact that it is the world's longest beach, it has been the least populated of the other beaches. Visitors may appreciate the tranquillity of the area as well as the soothing wind of the Bay of Bengal Sea. The beach at Cox's Bazaar offers the best entertainment to all of its tourists. People may take a leisurely stroll along the beach's expanded expanse and take in the breathtaking scenery. Visitors may also participate in water sports such as scuba diving, surfing, and boat cruises.

Around the Cox's Beach Bazaar, there are also some fantastic sights to view. The picturesque Himchari waterfall, located 18 kilometers south of Cox's Bazar sea shore, is one of them. With its magnificent refreshing green hills and spectacular water fall, tourists may bathe and swim in addition to the sea, this is the most frequented spot in the region.

Another attraction is Moheshkhali Island, which is located near Cox's Beach Bazaar. A speedboat can take you to the island. Visitors may enjoy a breathtaking view of the island from this location. With the bright green color of its mangrove forest, it will undoubtedly astonish anyone who visits. This is unquestionably the next greatest thing to do after a beach vacation.

Cox's Beach Bazar is the greatest spot to go if you're looking for a peaceful, quiet, and





relaxing holiday. Everyone who visits Cox's Beach Bazar will undoubtedly be pleased and satisfied.

Laboni Beach

Laboni Beach is Cox's Bazar's longest and most popular beach. It is the town's nearest sea beach. A tourist may easily experience the panoramic splendor of the Bay of Bengal Sea from this location. It is a destination for recreation, and many people, including foreigners, visit throughout the year. This beach is ideal for sunbathing, surfing, running, cycling, and swimming. It is an excellent location for swimming and leisure. This beach is completely safe for tourists, so you can enjoy the beauty of the water not only during the day but also at night. The beach is most popular during sunsets and sunrises, when visitors can see the sea change colors twice a day. It's ideal for swimming and unwinding. There are several tiny businesses close to the beach that offer souvenirs, locally manufactured cigars and beauty products (based on sandal wood), handmade garments, bed linens, outfits, shoes, and beach accessories to tourists. It is a beautiful location for our tourist. So come on down and take in the beauty of Laboni Beach.

Inani Beach

Inani Beach (also known as Enani Beach) is an 18-kilometer-long sea beach in Cox's Bazar's Ukhia Upazila. It boasts a beautiful view and numerous coral stones. During the summer and wet season, these coral stones take on a green hue.

It's a stunning beach famed for its rock formations and coral boulders. The views of the hills on one side and the sea on the other are very breathtaking. This beach's dawn and sunset views are breathtaking. The major source of appeal for tourists is the blue water





and stone lines. The clear blue water, which is shark-free, is ideal for bathing and swimming.

Small sea-fish, crabs, snails, and other creatures live in the water between the stones. These will keep you occupied for the entire day. The majority of visitors come to this location because of its tranquility and unique atmosphere. The beach in Inani is known for its crystal clean water. Finally, don't forget to take in the seaside sunset. Attempt to stay until the sun sets.

Kolatoli Beach

Kolatoli Beach is one of Cox's Bazar's most popular tourist destinations. Every year, people of all ages come here to enjoy the sensations of a saltwater bath. Visitors may take a dip in the water, drive a sea ski boat, and eat a variety of marine cuisine. Tourists of all ages enjoy strolling along the seashore on a beautiful night. A slow-paced life – most work is done in the morning and evening, with rice and fish drying taking place in the middle of the day. Some people sell coconuts during the day, while others sit in the shade eating paan (battle leaf).

How to go

You may get at Cox's Bazar via bus or plane. From Dhaka to Cox's Bazar, there are various bus options. Bus fares range from BDT 650-900 for non-air-conditioned buses to BDT 1200-1800 for air-conditioned buses. The journey will take approximately 8-10 hours. Domestic flights from Dhaka to Cox's Bazar are available from Bangladesh Biman, United Air, and Regent Air.

By Rickshaw or Auto Rickshaw, you may easily get to Laboni, Kolatoli, and Inani point from Cox's Bazaar.

Places to Stay

In all these 3 beaches in Cox's Bazar there are a lots of places you can stay the night. It totally depends on what type of place you









want to stay, how much you want to spend. There are a lot of hotels in all the beaches some are five stars with the beach view and a lot of facilities and then again there are places where you won't get a lot of facilities. These places will be budget friendly.

Activities

In Cox's Bazar there are a lot of activities to be done. People usually go there just to have a relaxing time over there, but now people can enjoy some outdoor recreation activities like riding horses and driving the ATV also know as dirt bikes on the sandy beach of Cox's Bazar. But other than this if you want to have more fun and more exciting activities in Cox's Bazar you have to travel to Himchori to enjoy the most amazing experience called "Funfest" where the fun never sets. It's a place for all the people who want to enjoy water sports. In funfest they have activities like surfing, wind surfing and kite surfing. But other than this you can ride on the Jet Ski in the ocean with your friends and family. There is also a very thrilling activity which is the paragliding. One end of the parachute will be hooked to a speedboat and the other end to you. The speedboat will move and you will be gliding on the sky and will be able to see the beautiful both sea and land view from up there. Besides all this if someone wants to just want to cruise around they can came with their bikes to drive around there to enjoy both the sea and hill views. If you don't have a bike but still want to do it you can hire a "chander gari" a very popular vehicle in the coastal region to go from one place to another.

Overall Cox's Bazar is a place where people can come almost any time of the year to have spent some quiet and peaceful time so that they can forget all about the things that they have left back home and enjoy. Cox's bazaar is a place everyone should visit once in a life time.

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