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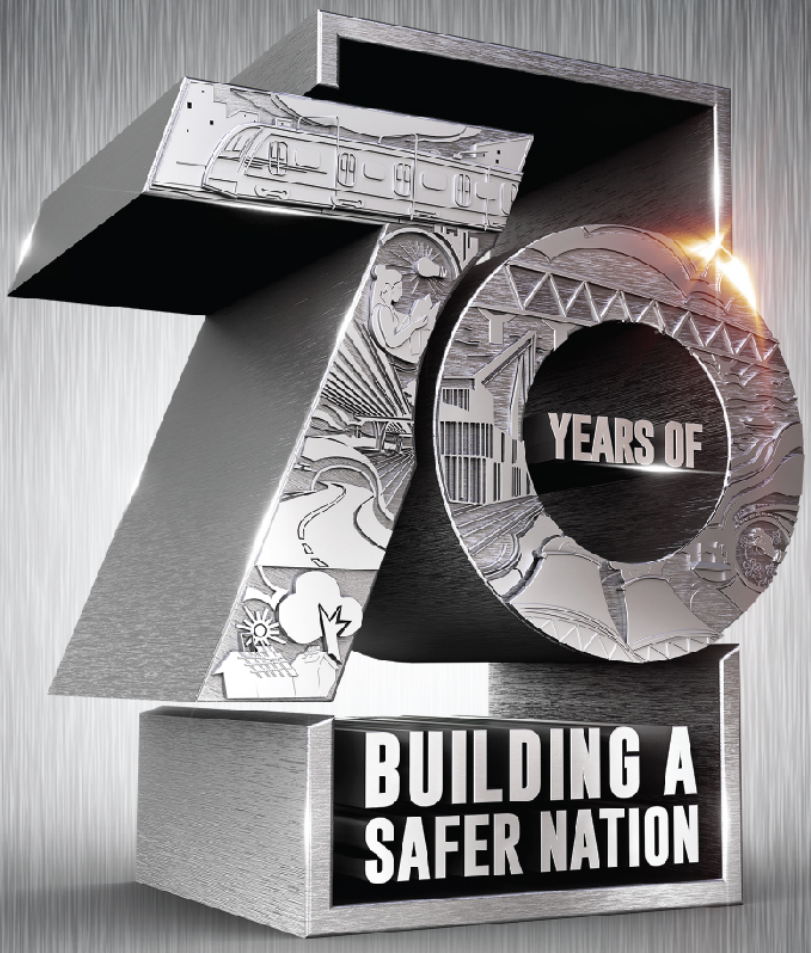

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Those who work in Bangladesh as foreigners find golf as an ideal medium to get to know the people and culture of the country, forge friendships and strike lastling memories. At one stage, golf becomes a part and parcel of their lives.

In this edition of TheGolfHouse, we bring to you two such individuals who have golf to thank for for making their work and stay in this country all the more enjoyable.

Hope you enjoy our effort.

Nazrul Hosen Ayon
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I was introduced to golf last year in September by Brigadier General (retd) Manzur. He insisted that I should start golf. I'm very thankful to him because it has become my most relaxing activity in Dhaka. During the pandemic, I had a very nice time with friends from different segments of society – business people, retired generals, army officers and diplomats. We play every Saturday morning and this is one of my best times of the week.

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Asian Tour welcomes new Chief Operating Officer

Rollo, who has worked very closely with the Asian Tour over the past decade in his various roles at IMG, will begin his new position with the Tour next month. He joined IMG in Australia in 2000 and since 2016 has been based in Singapore as Vice President-Golf Events and Clients.

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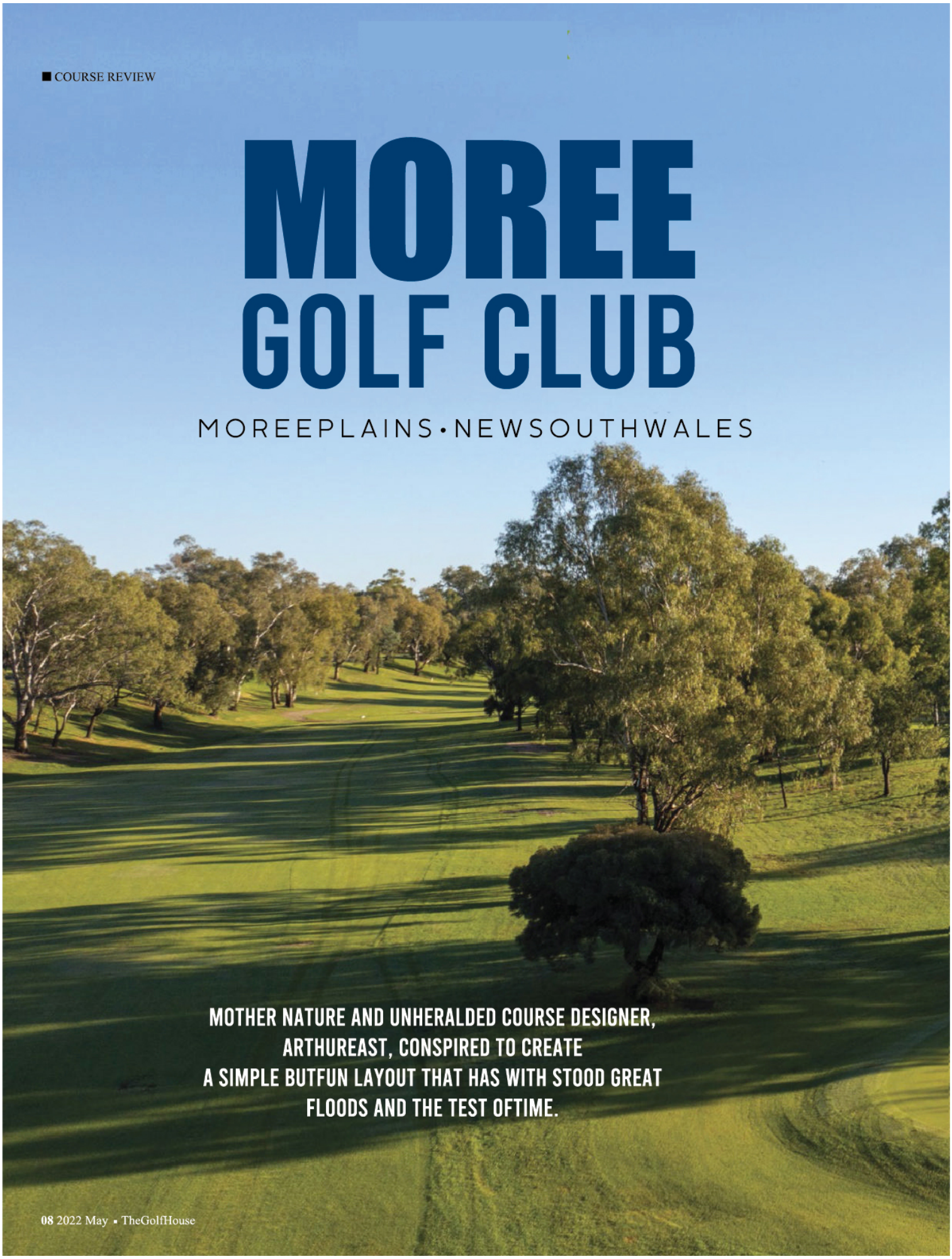

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Moree has been blessed by Mother Nature. The small country town of less than 7,500 people is the hub of a fertile agricultural region producing wheat, cotton, olives, sheep and cattle. The largest pecan nut farm in the southern hemisphere is a 25-minute drive east of town.

That's on top of the ground. Under the ground, there is the Great Artesian Basin, the largest and deepest groundwater holding in the world. This warm mineral-rich water has led to Moree and its surrounds gaining popularity as Australia's artesian spa capital.

But as I recently discovered, this picturesque country town about 620km north of Sydney and 480km south west of Brisbane, has been doubly blessed by Mother Nature.

And it comes in the form of the par-72 layout at Moree Golf Club.

The course lies both sides of a bend in the twisting Mehi River and covers naturally rolling terrain, with tall stands of gum trees and a host of other native species densely lining its well-groomed kikuyu fairways.It wasn't always this idyllic.

The club was formed in 1906 and founding members staked out nine holes with sand scrape greens on land where most of the back nine of the current course now lies.

That was golf in Moree for the next 50 years, until the arrival of PGA professional and course designer, Arthur East.

Arthur East was just 15 when he became an assistant professional, working with his older brother, Victor, at The Australian Golf Club. He worked there for eight years before moving across town to work for Fred Popplewell at Concord Golf Club in 1915.

In 1922, Arthur and Victor went to the United States to take up club professional positions. Arthur was the professional at Chicago's Elmhurst Country Club for eight years, during which time he made golf clubs and dabbled in course architecture.

After returning to Australia in 1930, Arthur became the professional at The Lakes Golf Club and later joined Victor and younger brother, Richard, in establishing the successful East Brothers club-making company (in the 1950s the company merged with Chesterfield to become Precision Golf Forging – PGF – one of Australia's most

A ROLLING FAIRWAY MAKES CLUB AND SHOT SELECTION A CHALLENGE ON THE 8TH HOLE.



THE DOGLEG SHARP LEFT PAR-4 12TH OFFERS NO ROOM FOR ERROR FROM TEE TO GREEN.

popular golf club manufacturers for the next 50 years).

Arthur stayed at The Lakes until after World War II when he combined his enjoyment of teaching the game with course architecture.

He was engaged by the NSW Golf Association to tour through the state, giving lessons and talks to members at dozens of clubs as well as advising club committees on how best they could improve their course.

There were few places in NSW Arthur East did not visit and, despite his impact on NSW country golf being little known today, he was a prolific designer and remodeller of courses during the 1950s.

In mid-May 1952, East arrived in Moree for three days, and as the local newspaper reported, for "professionaltuition for members and associates. His services will be available for 10/ (shillings) per half hour."

It wouldn't be the last time East would venture to Moree as the club then commissioned him to oversee the extension of the course to 18 holes and, ultimately, the conversion to grass greens.

East's plan was to lay the course out on both sides of the Mehi River, but he had to consider any future flood events in considering the routing as well as how he would build the greens and tees. The greens most in danger of being inundated during flooding (there have been six significant floods since East's redesign was completed) are pushed a little higher above the fairway, while several tees are located on the highest point nearest the previous green.

With the exception of constructing the greens and levelling of tees, it is understood minimal earthmoving was done in the creation of East's design, which has changed very little in the past 65 years.

It is eye-opening to consider as you walk the course, that the terrain – which varies between relatively flat with small bumps and dishes, to dips and gullies deep enough to obscure your view – was all crafted by Mother Nature and East simply incorporated every quirk on the ground into his design.

Moree has withstood the test of time too. Measuring 6,107 metres off the back markers, it would have been a lengthy brute in the years after East's work was completed.It's no pushover today either.

The round opens strongly with a 174-metre par-3 played from an elevated tee next to the clubhouse, through a narrow corridor of gum trees to a small green surrounded by tightly trimmed kikuyu and a steep drop-off down to the rough through the back of the putting surface.

These steep, close mown drop-offs are a common feature of many greens at Moree and are an effective defence of par in place of bunkers. That's right there are no bunkers at Moree, at least on the course proper. There is, however, one next to the practice green. The 350-metre par-4 2nd is one of my favourites at Moree simply because it's not a hole that a designer would set out to create but is one that is stumbled upon and turns out to be a gem. The tee is set high above the fairway that features a slight right-to-left camber off the high bank that lines the hole to the right. This bank then extends diagonally out across the fairway, leaving longer hitters with a slightly obscured view of the green and a club selection dilemma, knowing a shot hit over the back of the green is almost an automatic bogey.

A similar high tree-covered 'levee' bank lines the entire left side of the 492-metre par-5 3rd hole. The trek between the river gums left and right is a tight one. Venture too far left, beyond the trees, and your ball with be out-of-bounds across Coolibah St and into the cemetery. To the right, there are more trees to contend with. The hole does open up the closer you get to the green, which is set in a small amphitheatre created by the bank left and the elevated 4th tee behind.



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THE MEHI RIVER CUTS THE PAR-3 17TH IN TWO BUT YOU'LL GET MORE TROUBLE FROM THE TREES HERE.



Moree's front nine is lot of fun but the back nine is, in my opinion, even better.

The 356-metre par-4 10th, which runs parallel to the aforementioned 2nd hole, covers similar rolling topography and calls for an approach shot to be played to a plateaued green lying about 100 metres beyond the crest of a steep, short rise in the fairway.

While the river is an integral landmark of the course, East was sure not to make it the destroyer of scorecards by forcing players to hit over the water too much during the round. You hit across the river four times, all on the back nine, and three of those shots are unlikely to go into the water unless you top your tee shot.

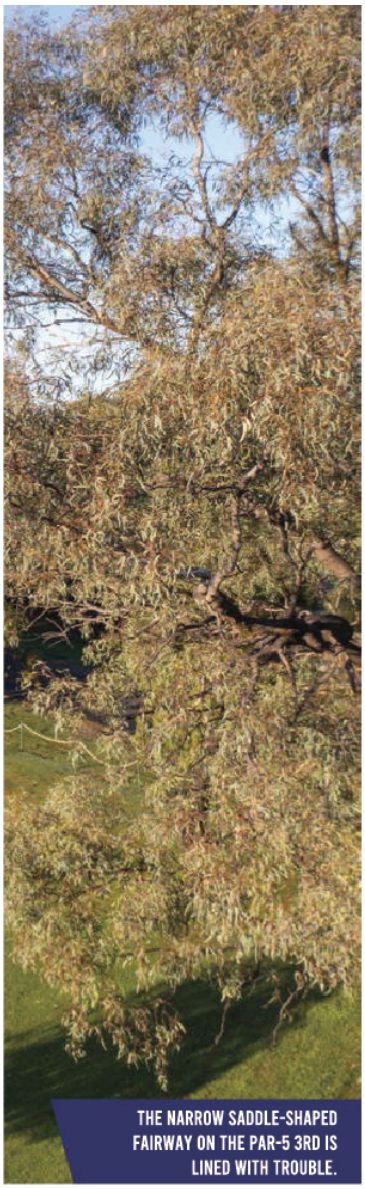
The first of those tee shots is on the short par-4 11th, where the river flows below the front of the tee. At 297 metres, there are several options to playing this sharp dogleg left successfully, but the key is leaving an approach that can be threaded between the canopy of gums short of the narrow, long putting surface.

> "MY TRIP TO COMPILE THIS STORY WAS MY FIRST TO MOREE GOLF CLUB AND I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED HOW GOOD IT REALLY WAS."

Moree's best par-3 is the penultimate holeand one you'll recall most as you reflect on your round sitting in a recuperative artesian spa later on.It's got everything to make it arguably the most exciting tee shot of the round – elevated tee shot, across a deep gully with the Mehi River running through it, tall timbers left and right and a small target 142-metres away. Just gets a pulse racing thinking about it.

The closing hole, and the adjoining 11th, share gently undulating topography that adds an element of good/bad fortune to the bouncing ball as well as some extra thought for those approach shots from an uneven lie. And that's what you will get on this 440-metre double dogleg par-5.

From the tee, you drive over the river into a



THE NARROW SADDLE-SHAPED FAIRWAY ON THE PAR-5 3RD IS LINED WITH TROUBLE.



rolling fairway, which doglegs left. From here, you need to navigate your second (or third, or fourth) shot back over the river to a short stretch of fairway that doglegs back to the right and on to a green tucked beyond some huge gum trees.It's a dramatic closer to a round for any golfer, but it will be interesting to see how the professionals handle it when Moree hosts its first Legends Tour event on September 21 this year.

My trip to compile this story was my first to Moree Golf Club and I was pleasantly surprised how good it really was. There are some genuinely good, fun holes to be played and the quality of the kikuyu fairways and Bermuda 328 putting surfaces was outstanding, especially when you consider the club has just three greens staff ... and Mother Nature, of course.





BANGLADESH ECONOMY *is in a healthy state*

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Tell us about your first golfing experience?
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How do you manage time for the game despite your busy schedule?
Every busy person has a schedule, so the trick is to and you put golf into the schedule. It is very important for . Wmy work-life balance and hence is very important and the only way you can play golf is by scheduling. I make Golf ais part of life.

Golf is called a life game. What is it about this game that attracts you most?
At this age, as you said, I have a very busy schedule. Golf is great for good for rejuvenating you're your physique and also good for the your mind. The combination is really right for me. Golf and Kurmitola is also a great place to meet great friends. The powerful combinations that are really right for me.

Any message for TheGolfHouse magazine, which is the first golf magazine of the country?
I think you've done a great job. You are pioneer. Golf is a great game and growing in popularity. Spread the beauty of golf to many more people.For people like me golf is very important.

Which special power would you most like to possess?
I think the best power in this world is kindness. That is the one I always want to have and I want that more. Because you will never regret to have more kindness.

If you could travel in time, would you go backwards or forwards?
Always Fforward, because I have no regrets. I'm very grateful as a person. God has given us full peace. I enjoy life with gratitudea lot.

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Main passion outside of golf?
My passion is my profession. I'm an economist, so my passion is always economics, economic development to be more precise. But to grow your passion, you need to be healthy physically and metally. As I said, think in a way golf gives me that needed balance. But if you ask me about my undeveloped passion, I like 'm a very good singinger and musician. I play guitar, and now learn to I play drums. And now I'm also singing. I'm pretty good at it even if I don't show off.

What is your favourite food?
Depends on where I am. Now that I'm here I've fallen in love with mutton biriyani. Every time I order foodsomething, mutton biriyani is always on top of the list.there's always that item.

What is your favourite destination?
On this, I am a bit sentimental. My hometown in Indonesia is always my favourite destination. It's is very beautiful called Lake Toba in North not in Sumatra. There's one very beautiful lake there called Lake Toba. I've travelled a lot to in the USA, Asia, Australia and to in Europe. I've seen many beautiful placeslakes but Llike Toba remaind that number one one is the most favourite for me. It makes me feel always want to goat home.

Do you have any regrets in life?
No regrets in life. Sometimes you have



disappointments; you don't achieve meet everything that you want to achieve, but that's part life, part of growing up. I'm happy with whatever I have got because I have and whatever I've achieved. I believe in almighty. And I believe despite trying done my best for it. if I don't get something, that's not for me. As long as you work hard and believe in the almighty, there shouldn't be any regrets.

Any message for young professionals?
Things are getting difficult. There are a lot more great opportunities in Bangladesh going forward. But things are also not easy. With this the pandemic and now the Ukraine-Russia war, we face things seem to be becoming more increasing uncertainties. Young professionals needs to recognize the changing reality and invest more time to innovate,shouldn't take things easy. In short, Tthey should work hard, play hard, and to make the most of the new reality and chances that come with it.

What should the Bangladesh government do in order to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 & Ukraine-Russia war to the economy?
What I think in regards to COVID-19Covid, Bangladesh government has done a great job, and it has been recognized internationally. otherwise we wouldn't be talking like this now. On the external shocks emerging from



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the Ukraine-Russia war, there a parallel with The economy is just like a person against the effect of COVID-19Covid to a person. For COVID-19, If you don't have comorbiditiesy, you may get it, but data tells us that its impact is less serious or mild. the impact of external factors like the Ukraine war is not big for you. Bangladesh economy is like a healthy and does not have comorbidities. person. During Covid the economy was not hit too much because there is no comorbidity here. The economy is quite healthy in my view. It is quite resistant. While government needs to be vigilant, Bangladesh economy will be resilient to the negative impact of the Ukraine-Russia war.

How do you evaluate the activities by the Bangladesh government compared with other south Asian countries?

I think Bangladesh economy has done well in the last 15-20 years a great job. The Government leader here has put a lot of thinking and policies to advance on development. In a country where you put politics ahead of economic developmenteconomy, the country tend to you go slower. Bangladesh in the last 15-20 or so had is putting economic development ahead of politics, and that is why it is growing faster.. I think it is growing fastest in South Asia.

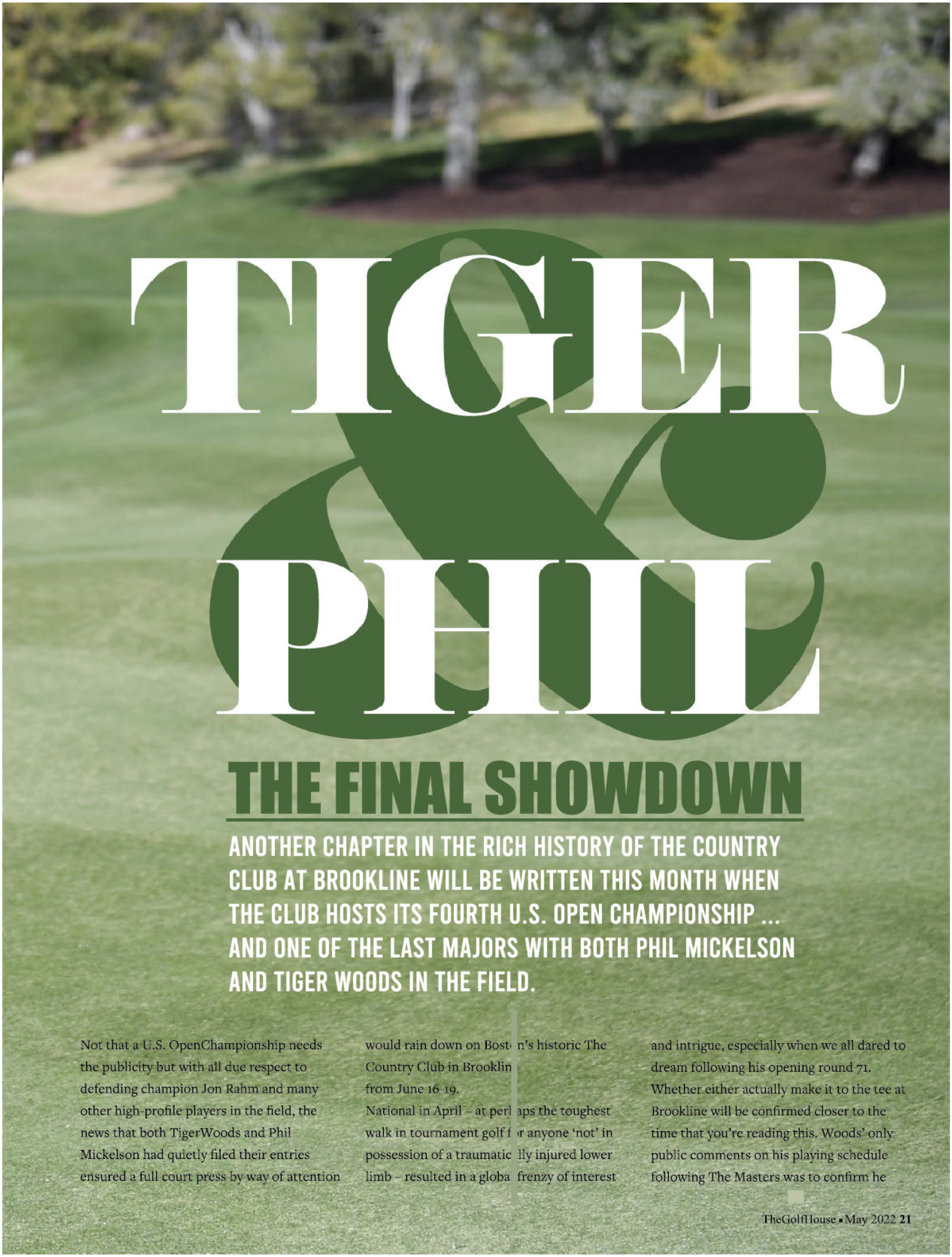
Where do you see the Bangladesh economy in 10 years?

Mathematically, if the country can grow 7 per cent a year consistently, it will become an upper-middle income country by 2031. This is the target of the government. If the economy grows 7 per cent a year, the size of the economy will grow double every 10 year. And that's7% gowth achievable. But as I said, the global environment is things are getting harder and the same policies may not get the country there. So, Government will you need to implement transformative new policies, focusing more on competitiveness, logistics, and human resources development. on exports, on logistics. If you improve infrastructure and logistically easier, it will be more competitive. People are working hard here, but we need to develop their skill to meet the job demands. At the same time, Tthe government needs to embrace the concept of be more sophisticated and smartersmart government across the board.









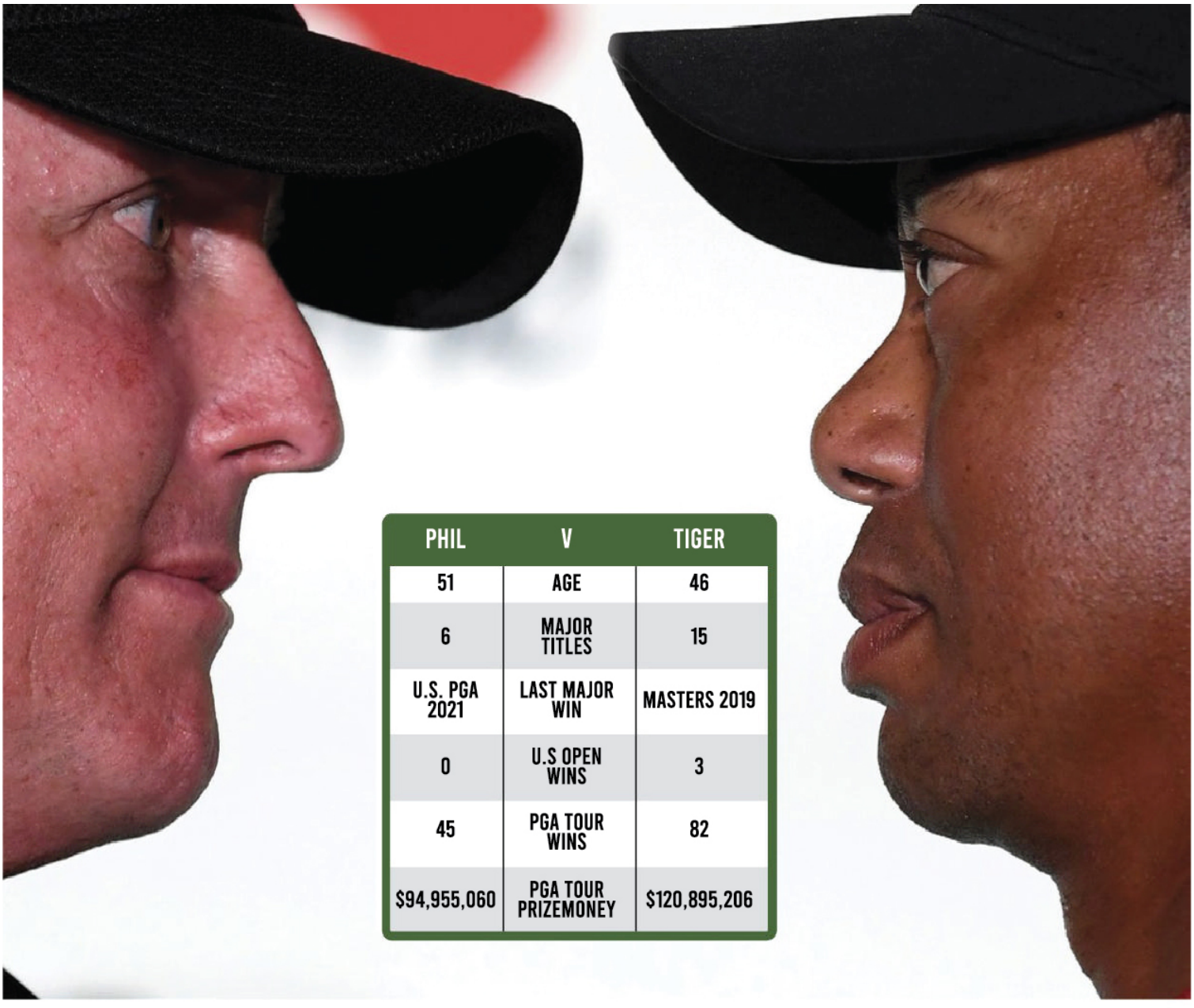
TIGER & PHIL

THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE RICH HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY CLUB AT BROOKLINE WILL BE WRITTEN THIS MONTH WHEN THE CLUB HOSTS ITS FOURTH U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP ... AND ONE OF THE LAST MAJORS WITH BOTH PHIL MICKELSON AND TIGER WOODS IN THE FIELD.

Not that a U.S. OpenChampionship needs the publicity but with all due respect to defending champion Jon Rahm and many other high-profile players in the field, the news that both TigerWoods and Phil Mickelson had quietly filed their entries ensured a full court press by way of attention would rain down on Bost n's historic The Country Club in Brooklin from June 16-19.

National in April – at perh aps the toughest walk in tournament golf f r anyone 'not' in possession of a traumatic lly injured lower limb – resulted in a globa frenzy of interest and intrigue, especially when we all dared to dream following his opening round 71. Whether either actually make it to the tee at Brookline will be confirmed closer to the time that you're reading this. Woods' only public comments on his playing schedule following The Masters was to confirm he



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the world"for The 150th Open Championship at St Andrews in July, with a two-day prep also pencilled in at the JP McManus Pro-Am in Ireland the week prior.

Mickelson? With his self-imposed hiatus from the game and spotlight in general stretching to months – following his comments on, let's call it the 'Saudi Saga', for the sake of brevity – it's impossible to imagine an event to return to that would not be more important to him than the U.S. Open.

Missing a Masters Tournament might be somewhat more palatable when you have three green jackets in your closet and a lifetime invitation but for the 2021 PGA Champion, a national Open title to complete a career Grand Slam is the one the 52-year old covets most at the back end of his career.

Doing so at one of America's most historic golf clubs in The Country Club in Brookline would also provide the absolute cherry on top.

For most anyone with a passing knowledge of golf's history, Brookline and the amazing accomplishments of 20-year-old amateur Francis Ouimet in 1913 go hand in hand. The local hope, with a 10-year-old Eddie Lowery on his bag, was an almost reluctant late entrant after receiving his employer's blessing for time off to play. He then took down the Tiger and Phil of his day in a shock U.S. Open 18-hole play-off victory over the visiting British powerhouses Harry Vardon and Ted Ray.

Ouimet was the first amateur to win the U.S Open and his triumph at The Country Club was one of the early 'shots heard 'round the world' that helped provide the catalyst for the dramatic growth in the game in North America that was to follow. And in one of the more charming quirks to play out at the 2022 Open, competitors will play a hole that has not seen U.S. Open play since Ouimet, Ray and Vardon putted out on the hole in that historic 1913 play-off.

The Country Club is a 27-hole complex and when Ouimet won in 1913, the championship was played across the original 18-hole layout comprising the Clyde and Squirrel nines. When a third nine known as the Primrose Course, designed by William S. Flynn, was opened for play in 1927, three and a half holes from that nine were brought into play to create a composite championship course,



FRANCIS OUIMET FLANKED BY HIS CHILDHOOD HERO, HARRY VARDON (LEFT), AND TED RAY AT THE 1913 U.S. OPEN.

INTERESTINGLY, THE 2022 OPEN COURSE WILL ONLY PLAY 250 YARDS (225 METRES) LONGER THAN THE 1988 VERSION TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCLUSION OF THE NEW NO.11 ...

which was used for the U.S. Open Championships played at Brookline in 1963 and 1988. Following a Gil Hanse restoration, the 131-yard par-3 12th hole of the main course – not used since Ouimet's victory 109 years ago – will replace the par-4 4th hole and will play as the 11th hole in the championship.

The hole plays downhill to a small, exposed green protected by four bunkers and a small stream and its inclusion places it alongside holes like the 7th at Pebble Beach and the 13th at Merion as intriguing 'little more than a wedge' holes on the U.S. Open rotation.

The golf course, which features small greens with many unique contours, beautifully undulating terrain and heathland grasses, played to a par of 71 and just over 7,000 yards (6,400 metres) when the last U.S. Open was staged there in 1988. In that event, American Curtis Strange claimed his first of two consecutive Open titles with an 18-hole play off victory over England's Nick Faldo, after the pair were tied at six-under after 72 holes.

Interestingly, the 2022 Open course will only play 250 yards (225 metres) longer than the 1988 version but to accommodate the inclusion of the new No.11, several holes have undergone some degree of transformation which the USGA predicts will pose more difficulties for the players.

Adding to the removal of the 4th hole, four other holes have taken new positions in the routing, with two swapping par. The 10th will now play as a 499-yard par-4, while the 14th will change from a par-4 to a 619-yard par-5.

"The changes add a degree of difficulty over what we had in 1988," said Jeff Hall, managing director of Rules and Open Championships. "On No. 14, if you miss the fairway from the tee, you may be forced to lay up, which leaves you with a blind, uphill third shot of 160 to 165 yards."

There are even a number of holes that have been 'shortened' from the yardage presented in 1988, an almost unprecedented development in modern golf course setup.

Some of these new arrangements debuted at the U.S. Amateur staged at Brookline in 2013, when England's Matthew Fitzpatrick defeated West Australian Oliver Goss 4&3 in



CURTIS STRANGE CELEBRATES HIS BUNKER SHOT GETTING HIM INTO A PLAY-OFF IN 1988.

... WHAT FOLLOWED WAS AKIN TO CLOSING TIME ON ST PATRICK'S DAY AT THE NEARBY SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY.

the final.

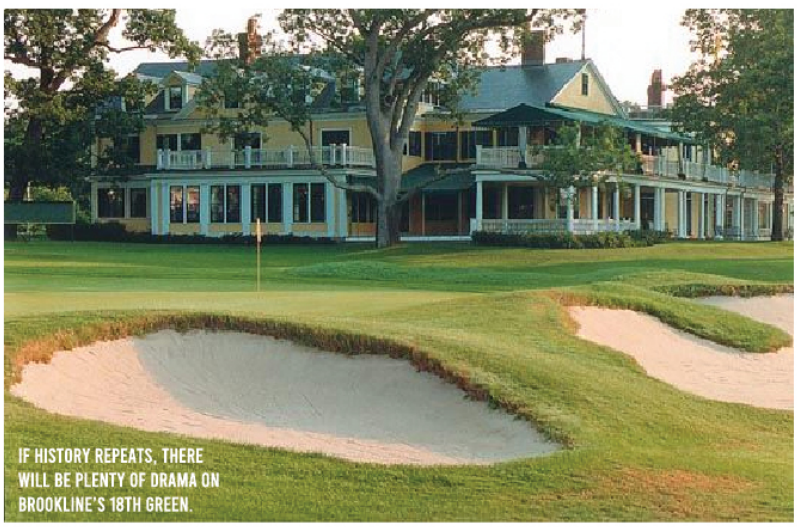
Apart from this event, the club has remained off the USGA Championship radar since 1988 but it will be forever etched in collective memories for the events that were to unfold when the now 'infamous' 1999 Ryder Cup rolled into town.

The double-defending champion European team skippered by Mark James garnered little respect from their rivals, with the then reigning U.S. Open champion Payne Stewart famously making comments along the lines that"their team should be caddying for us".

Pre-event banter no doubt, but it lit a fire for the 'Battle of Brookline' that culminated in some amazing, yet ultimately regrettable scenes, on the final day – events that left relationships frayed and raw emotions that continued to be raked over at the Ryder Cup for many years.

The Ben Crenshaw-led Americans trailed 10-6 ahead of the Sunday singles matches but embarked on a stirring comeback to close the gap with the outcome delicately poised on the Justin Leonard versus Jose Maria Olazabal match.

With the match all-square, Leonard holed a 45-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to



IF HISTORY REPEATS, THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF DRAMA ON BROOKLINE'S 18TH GREEN.

AUSSIES HEADING TO BROOKLINE

At the time of writing, six Australians were exempt into the field at Brookline, while several others had chances to improve their world ranking into the Top-60 by June 6, play through final qualifying or contest the four-event U.S. Open European Qualifying series.

World No.4 and reigning Players Champion Cameron Smith will be Australia's top hope to raise the historic U.S. Open trophy at The Country Club.

It will be the 28-year-old's seventh start in the championship and seven years removed from his outstanding T4 finish at Chambers Bay behind Jordan Spieth.

Since then, there have been two missed cuts and his best showing was T38 at Winged Foot in 2020.

But it could be argued Smith (pictured) is a



much-improved player over the past two years and his record-breaking Tournament of Champions win, his Players Championship victory and his T3 at the Masters in April are indicative of that. He has been playing well enough in 2022 to put himself in the conversation at Brookline, which is a course that will showcase his incredible short game.

Fellow Queenslander Adam Scott is making his 21st appearance in the U.S.

Open, which is the major he has had the least amount of success in. Of his previous 20 starts, Scott has finished in the top-10 just three times and missed the cut on eight occasions. However, the redesigned Brookline –demanding greater strategy than brute strength – presents an opportunity for the 2013 Masters Champion to improve on those past showings.

The same could be said for Marc Leishman, who doesn't see himself as the kind of player who traditionally wins a U.S. Open.

But there is evidence to suggest Leishman certainly has the ability to contend. Yes, accuracy is paramount to win it, but as most previous champions would attest, the champi-onship also places a great importance on par ... and making plenty of them over 72 holes, well that is something Leishman is more than proficient at doing.

But to get there, Leishman will have to



HANSE'S REDESIGNED PAR-3 12TH WILL BE REINSTATED TO BROOKLINE'S U.S OPEN LAYOUT.

LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WON HERE ... THE BEST COURSES FIND THE BEST PLAYERS.

– CLUB HISTORIAN,FRED WATERMAN.

most 'likely' guarantee the ½ point required for the U.S. to regain the Cup.
Leonard's naturally exuberant reaction to the putt notwithstanding, what followed was akin to closing time on St Patrick's Day at the nearby Samuel Adams brewery as an avalanche of American players, caddies, partners and assorted hangers-on swarmed the green to join and indeed, incite wild celebrations with their home fans.
All the while, the unfortunate and increasingly incensed Olazabal waited to attempt his own birdie putt from half the distance to halve the hole and keep the fate of the Cup alive.
After what must have felt like an eternity for the ruckus to die down and the now well trampled green to clear, Olazabal missed his putt to assure Leonard the 1/2 point and actual victory for the Americans.
Apart from Mickelson and Woods, Sergio Garcia, Lee Westwood and current U.S. Senior Open Champion Jim Furyk are the only active players from that Ryder Cup in line to return and who will be among the very few in the field to have contested an event of consequence at The Country Club.
Fitzpatrick will return to try to capitalise on the memories and good vibes from his 2013 Amateur triumph while Corey Connors, Xander Schauffele, 2020 U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau and one Scottie Scheffler, who by now needs little introduction as the World No.1 player and current Masters champion, are others with experience of The Country Club having competed in that Amateur Championship.
All will arrive in south-west Boston with aspirations to write themselves into another chapter in USGA and club history at Brookline, a history for the club that proudly includes playing host to at least one USGA championship in 12 of the 13 decades since 1900.
"Look at the people who have won here," says club historian Fred Waterman,"- Francis Ouimet went on to win a pair of U.S. Amateurs.
Lawson Little won two U.S. Amateurs and a U.S. Open. Julius Boros won three majors.
Curtis Strange won two U.S. Opens and Jay Sigel won five USGA championships."
"The best courses find the best players."

maintain his top-60 world ranking (No.46 at the time of writing) through to the first week of June to be a starter at Brookline.
The same can be said for Lucas Herbert (No.45) and Min Woo Lee (No.53).
Herbert has had mixed fortunes since joining the PGA Tour full-time last September. He won in just his third outing – at the Bermuda Championship – and had a top-10 at the Arnold Palmer, before a playoff meltdown at the WGC-Match Play cost him a quarter final berth.
While the young Victorian's ball striking has been a little erratic in
2022, his putting has been brilliant. In Strokes Gained: Putting on the PGA Tour he averages .820 and lies just behind Cameron Smith in the stat category. If he can tap into this strength at Brookline he could certainly contend.
Lee has had a light playing schedule since finishing T4 at the Australian PGA Championship back in January. In seven starts, primarily on the PGA Tour, he has missed four cuts but his form seemed to turn around at The Masters where he finished T14.
But his finish at Augusta just highlighted that his best and his worst are poles apart, which was no more evident than in the final round when he fired a six-under 30 on the front nine, and a four over 40 on the inward nine. If he's to contend at Brookline, Lee will have to leave some of his bad stuff in the car park.
At the time of writing, Matt Jones (No.67), Cam Davis (No.81) and Jason Day (No.127) still had chances of improving their world ranking to reach the Top-60 by the June 6 deadline, however, it is understood they would be entering final U.S. Open qualifying on the same date to hopefully play their way into the field.



One player who doesn't have to worry about that is Jed Morgan (pictured).
The PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit winner and Australian PGA Champion, will make his major championship and U.S. Open debut at Brookline. It will also be his first professional event on American soil.
Bearing all that in mind, it might be a victory on its own if Morgan can just make the cut in his first outing on a major championship stage.
– Brendan James

TURKEY
HAS BECOME A POPULAR
Destination for Bangladeshi Tourists

MUSTAFA OSMAN TURAN IS A VETERAN DIPLOMAT. IN A CAREER SPANNING THREE DECADES, THE TURKISH DIPLOMAT HAS HELD MANY HIGH POSITIONS ACROSS THE WORLD, HELPING GROW CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS. NOW POSTED IN BANGLADESH AS THE AMBASSADOR, TURAN IS ENJOYING THE CULTURE AND LIFE IN THIS SOUTH ASIAN NATION, TRYING HIS BEST TO TAKE THE TWO FRIENDLY NATIONS' RELATIONS TO GREATER HEIGHTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS AT THE GOLF CLUBS. RECENTLY APPOINTED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE TIGER GOLF CLUB, THIS VETERAN TURKISH OFFICIAL SPOKE TO THEGOLFHOUSE ABOUT HIS TIME IN BANGLADESH, HIS ADMIRATION ABOUT THIS COUNTRY'S CULTURE AND NATURE, HIS PASSION FOR GOLF AND HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

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> GOLF BECAME MY MOST RELAXING ACTIVITY IN DHAKA. DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Q&A

Tell us about your introduction to golf.
I was introduced to golf last year in September by Brigadier General (retd) Manzur. He insisted that I should start golf. I'm very thankful to him because it has become my most relaxing activity in Dhaka. During the pandemic, I had a very nice time with friends from different segments of society – business people, retired generals, army officers and diplomats. We play every Saturday morning and this is one of my best times of the week.

Why do you love playing golf?
This game is very therapeutic, it

gives you focus. You play in open air and amidst nature; sometimes we are accompanied by animals. We reconnect with nature and with friends. Golf is a very disciplined sports: you have to focus and you have to concentrate.

Turkey is one of the most attractive tourist destinations. Tell us about the tourism sector there.
Turkey is one of the top five tourist destinations in the world and we have very different kinds of tourism because Turkey offers many different landscapes and climates. We have rainy areas, we have beaches, we have historical and cultural places. Sports tourism is very popular in Turkey and golf is one of them. In Antalya, we have very good golf courses with very good accommodation facilities. I am inviting all Bangladeshi friends to come and play golf in Turkey.

Which one is your favourite golf club?
In Antalya, there is a hotel where I stayed. It's called Regnum Carya Hotel and they have a beautiful golf course, one of the best in Turkey. We organised G20 Summit in that hotel. There are other golf courses in cities like Istanbul, Ankara. When I go back, I will continue playing golf.

Currently you are the president of Tiger Golf Club. What are the club's current activities?
I have been appointed as the president of the Tiger Golf Club. When I started golf, I had become the alternate president together with the Brazilian ambassador Joao Tabajara de Oliveira Junior, who is now leaving. So, I took over the position. It's a big responsibility; an honour and privilege for me. I am going to work hard to make the club beneficial for all the members. We recently held an executive committee meeting under my leadership. The ambassador of Indonesia has become the alternate president. We are soon going to organise a Bangladesh-Turkey friendship tournament in Chattogram by the end of June. In August, we are planning to go to Turkey to play in Antalya.



WE ARE SOON GOING TO ORGANISE A BANGLADESH-TURKEY FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT IN CHATTOGRAM BY THE END OF JUNE. IN AUGUST, WE ARE PLANNING TO GO TO TURKEY TO PLAY IN ANTALYA.

Any message for TheGolfHouse magazine, which is the first golf magazine of the country?
I follow your magazine. I really enjoy reading the articles and news about golf. It really keeps my interest alive in this sport. I think all your readers are lucky to have a golf magazine in Bangladesh and I hope you have more subscribers in future so that golf becomes more popular in future.

Let's hear about your career as a diplomat.
I'm going to complete 30 years in diplomatic service this August. I have served in eight countries, with Bangladesh being the last one. This is my first time as an ambassador. Previously I served mostly in European countries like Italy, Belgium, Austria, Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia. In this part of the world, I have only served in Afghanistan. So, this is my second posting in Asia and first time in South Asia. I'm glad to be here and I'm pleased that Turkey-Bangladesh relations are improving and I'm glad to contribute to this.

How did you start your career as a diplomat?
I studied international relations in Ankara and then did my Masters on European Union. So, it was logical for me to become a diplomat even though it wasn't my dream to become one. My dream was to become an architect, but life brought me to diplomacy. I'm grateful to my destiny because as a diplomat I travel to many countries and learn about many





cultures. As a result, I have become a global citizen. I'm also proud to represent my country, which has been a significant player in global politics. In a word, I'm very lucky to be a Turkish diplomat.

Mr. Ambassador, please tell our readers about the relations between your country and Bangladesh about cooperation projects.

Bangladesh and Turkey enjoy deep-rooted, long-standing, historical, cultural and religious ties. This provides a very solid foundation for us to work together, to be in solidarity and to cooperate. Since I came two years ago, I have started to focus on bilateral trade, investment and relations. It is pleasing to see our trade has increased from 850



million dollars to more than a billion dollars. This year it's going to be 1.3 billion dollars and despite the fact that we had Covid. So, this is a very promising development. I'm also very pleased to see that a lot of companies in Turkey are interested in investing in Bangladesh. They see the opportunity of the growing economy and development in Bangladesh. I also want to improve people-to-people contact through cultural and economic cooperation. I'm glad to see Turkey has become a popular tourist destination for Bangladeshi people. Medical tourism is also very important. We have very good medical





facilities, so a lot of people are going to Turkey for health treatment. Turkey is now one of the top five medical tourism destinations. In the upcoming future, we'll have more bilateral visits. Our foreign minister is planning to visit Bangladesh this July.

How much are you enjoying your time in Bangladesh?

I'm enjoying very much because I have very good friends. We enjoy in Dhaka but I also go to other cities. I've been to Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Sylhet, Sundarbans, Jashore, Gazipur and other places. Despite Covid, I travelled a lot and I'm impressed by the beauty of the landscape. Yesterday I was attending an art exhibition where all the artists were depicting the beauty of Bangladesh. It was very impressive.



What would be your message to the youngsters who want to forge a career in foreign service?

I recommend my young brothers and sisters to become diplomats. It is a very rewarding career because it opens up many doors. You can visit many countries. You can educate yourself through your work by working in different environments. You can become a world citizen. Nowadays international relations is very important. So being a diplomat gives you a lot of experience which you can use in different aspects of life. Even if you change your career, you can make use of your experience in other spheres of life.





ASIAN TOUR WELCOMES NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



The Asian Tour is pleased to announce the appointment of David Rollo as Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Rollo, who has worked very closely with the Asian Tour over the past decade in his various roles at IMG, will begin his new position with the Tour next month. He joined IMG in Australia in 2000 and since 2016 has been based in Singapore as Vice President-Golf Events and Clients.

During his formative years he held roles with The PGA, Ladies European Tour and PGA Tour of Australasia.

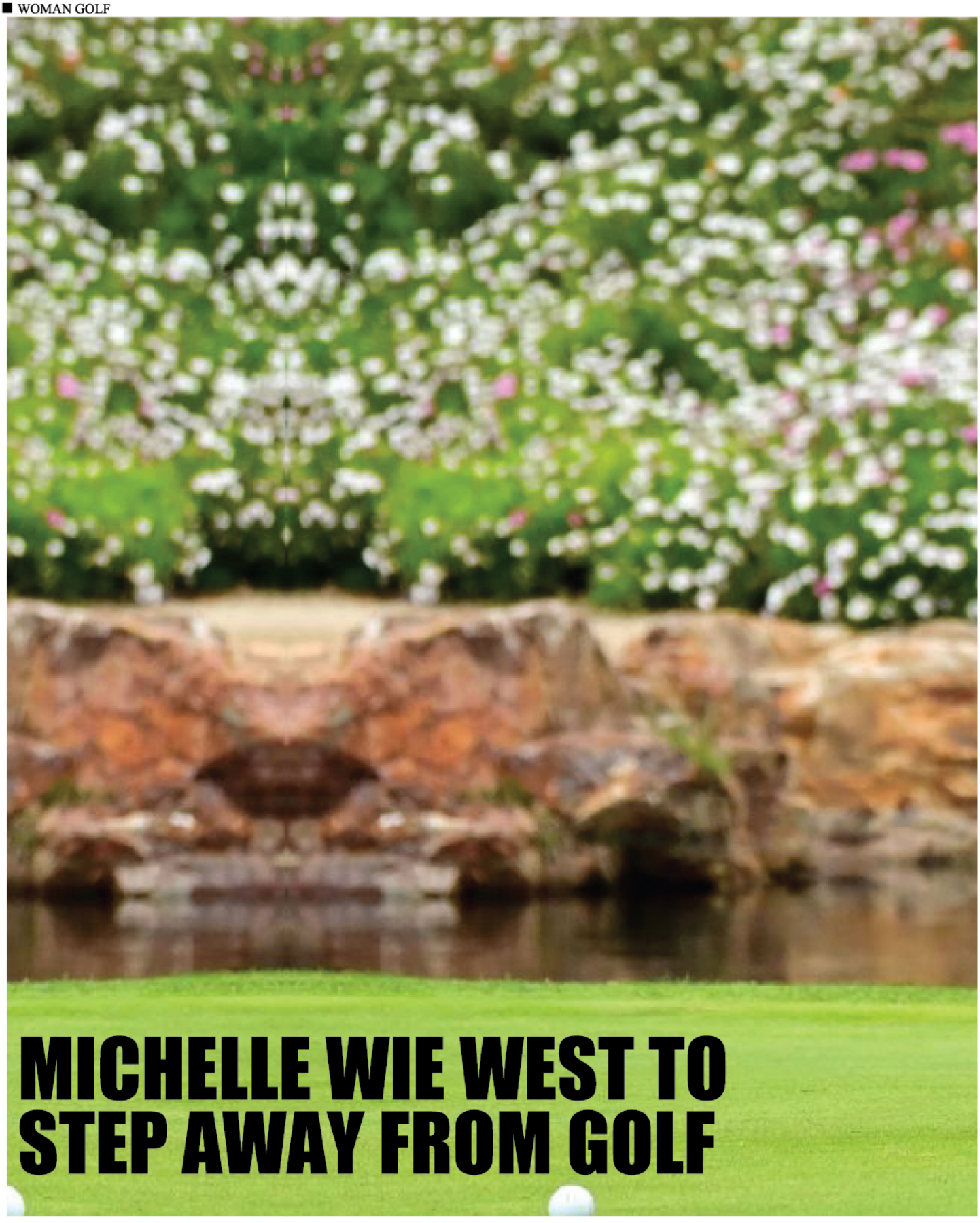
"David is an immensely experienced and well-respected industry executive who will bring a valuable skillset to the Asian Tour. I look forward to working alongside David where he will play a key role in the ongoing progression of the Asian Tour." said Cho Minn Thant, CEO and Commissioner, Asian Tour.

"David is a familiar face around the Asian Tour as he has been working closely with the Tour for many years, so we see this as a very natural transition. His move comes at an important time when we are putting in place a strong team capable of looking after the interests of the Tour and its membership."

Rollo's key responsibilities will include optimizing the Asian Tour's operations as well as cultivating relationships with stakeholders, governments, federations, and promoters.

"This is a really exciting opportunity to bring over two decades of experience in the golf industry, most of it in this region, to the Asian Tour, during a time when it is undergoing incredible expansion," said Rollo.

"The Asian Tour has always been very important to me, and I am looking forward to helping them achieve their goals and ambitions."



MICHELLE WIE WEST TO STEP AWAY FROM GOLF





She's not quite ready to call it a retirement, but Michelle Wie West revealed she has no other plans to compete in professional golf after completing the next two U.S. Women's Opens.

"I don't have any regrets," the 32-year-old told Golfweek.

Wie West earned a Stanford degree while competing on the LPGA Tour and captured a U.S. Women's Open title, which she said were her two biggest dreams.

"Because I accomplished both of those, "I think I feel very happy in my decision now," she said.

The world first became introduced to Wie West when, at 10 years old, she became the youngest player to qualify for a USGA amateur championship. Just two years later, she become the youngest player to qualify for an LPGA event and the next year became the youngest to win an adult USGA championship and youngest to make the cut at an LPGA major.

Wie West started competing against men in her early teens, shooting 68 at the 2004 Sony Open, the lowest round ever recorded by a woman at a PGA Tour event, missing the cut by a single stroke. Ultimately she competed in six more PGA Tour tournaments and advanced to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Amateur Public Links in her quest to play the Masters.

However, her LPGA career was derailed by injuries; she's only played sporadically in recent seasons. And now, after 20 years of competing and giving birth to a daughter, Makenna, in 2020, Wie West said she's in a phase of life where she doesn't want to put in the hours of rehab and practice that's required to compete full time.

"At times, if I do play a lot of golf, I'm just in bed," she said. "Or I can't lift (Makenna) up, and that scared me."

It appears Wie West will have no shortage of opportunities outside of golf.

In a nod to her accomplishments and continuing popularity, Nike didn't cancel her contract at this news but actually extended her partnership for five more years. She is now part of the Nike Athlete Think Tank, a group of female athletes - including Serena Williams, Sabrina Ionescu, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and Simone Manuel - who have come together to help the brand break down barriers in women's sport.

She will compete in next week's U.S. Women's Open at Pine Needles as well as next year's Women's Open at Pebble Beach but has no further professional action on her calendar. Still, she did not call this decision a retirement.

"I'm definitely not ruling anything out."

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A BALL FOR ALL

2022 GOLF BALL GUIDE

Golf balls seem a fairly simple piece of the equipment puzzle, but like golfers, swings and everything else, there exists great variety. As the one piece of equipment you use for every shot, the ball could also be the most important bit of kit.We wade through what's out there to help you find the best ball for your game and price point.



BRIDGESTONE TOUR B

What do Tiger Woods, Bryson DeChambeau and Jason Day all have in common? They all play Bridgestone's latest TOUR B golf balls. Designed to deliver unparalleled distance and greenside control, the new TOUR B range feature 'REACTIV iQ' covers utilising impact modifiers. REACTIV iQ is a smart cover technology that reacts to the force of impact for the needs of each shot, meaning no trade-off in spin and distance performance. Off the tee it rebounds quickly, delivering increased distance, around the green the ball stays on the face longer providing more spin.

Offered in four models, TOUR B RX and TOUR B RXS (under 105 mph) and TOUR B X and TOUR B XS (over 105 mph), the new models were influenced by feedback from Tiger and Bryson, with the S models softer with more spin compared to the firmer and longer X.

CALLAWAY CHROME SOFT RANGE



Callaway made waves when it first introduced the Chrome Soft, the company using the catchcry "The ball that changed the ball after its success, a line was born with the addition of the firmer and lower spinning X, then finally the X LS. All three together for the first everyone, trom amateurs to is etter for major winners"

The ball of choice for Jon Rahm, Marc Leishman and Xander Schauffele, each of the new offerings incorporates proprietary "Precision Technology' to deliver their tightest dispersion, consistently fast ball speeds and total performance. Spending over AS70 million to enhance every component, process, and measure technology produces quality and consistent balls, with three models appealing to different players. Chrome Soft owns the signature soft feel, more distance off the tee, low spinning iron shots, and a high level of greenside control, Chrome Soft X LS is designed for maximum distance in a lower spin profile and Chrome Soft X is for faster Swingers who want spin consistency and Tour level short game control.

CALLAWAY ERC SOFT

ERC Soft is designed to be callaway's longest golf ball, while still maintaining soft feel. Coming standard with Triple Track technology, the second generation model features a 'Hybrid Cover ' using multiple materials and a 'PARALOID impact Modifier offering maximized distance in a high launch, low spin flight combined with soft feel , durability and control. Maximum ball speed is created through a high energy core and high speed mantle creating greater efficiency between the various pieces that also increases spin with wedges.





CALLAWAY SUPERSOFT & SUPERSOFT MAX

Like the ERC Soft, supersoft features a Hybrid cover with a paraloid lmpact modifier allowing for a combination of distance, soft feel, short game spin and durability. A hugely popular model, the supersoft incorporates a high speed soft compression core that delivers greater ball speed and a higher launch with low spin, as well as improved aerodynamics. Aimed at beginners and slower speed players, the supersoft Max the same performance characteristics to a physically larger golf ball that is easier to hit and raise confidence.



CALLAWAY SUPERFAST

Coming in a 15-ball pack and offered in red, yellow and white, the new superfast utilizes innovative PARALOID Impact Modifier and hybrid cover technologies to create increased ball speed for maximum distance. The latest callaway features high speed core, cover, and aerodynamic technologies for distance also producing improved feel, flight, durability and greenside spin.

CALLAWAY REVA

Engineered for women. The REVA was created to increase distance and launch the ball higher to increase the distance and launch the ball higher to increase the enjoyment of female golfers. Oversized like the supersoft max, reva features a tri-blend Ionomer cover specifically designed for women, and delivers long and straight shots with a high launch and low spin trajectory.



MIXUNO RB TOUR & RB TOUR X

Feel is one of the main drivers of Mizuno's premium golf balls. Adding performance to the feel. 360 cone dimples create more trigger points to keep fast flowing air close to the surface for longer to reduce drag and increase distance. A high energy ionoer mantle layer and a graduated hardness butadiene dual core assisting in the mission to create ball speed off the tee combined with spin around the greens. Softer and offering lower long game spin the RB tour x is firmer feeling and creates more spin.





MIZUNO RB 566 & RB 566 V

Covered with 566 unique D-dimples designed to delay the rate of descent, the RB 566V features a threepiece construction and soft compression and is designed for a mid-launch with mid-high spin. A But adine rubber core offers soft feel and increased ball speed in the RB 566V, while the cover formulation enhances feel and delivers spin where it is needed most. Mizuno's softest feeling ball. RB 566 utilises the same dimple pattern and is engineered for slower swing players and features an ionomer cover and low compression core

SRIXON Z-STAR LINE

Now into its seventh generation, the Z-STAR range features a cover construction that creates greate spin and control around the greens, while new core formulation enhance ball speed for distance. The softer and higher greenside spin Z-STAR and firmer and longer Z-STAR XV recently jouned in the line-up by the Z-STAR Dimond offering a combination of both, and the highest iron spin. Thicker and covered in a '338 speed dimple Pattern enhancing aerodynameic performance especially in the wind, the thermoplastic urethane cover incorporates 'spin skin with slide-ring Materil' that is exclusive to Srixon. The flexible material digs deeper into grooves for greater spin without compromising durability. "the Z-STAR is really focused to be the most controlled greenside spin, best feeling , soft golf ball , the XV is great all around, but best distance. Separated trade-offs as you approach and attack those , so the Diamond was us thinking we have the technology here to bring something that is sort of the best of both worlds,"srixons jeff brunski told golf Australia magazine.





SRIXON Q-STAR

The popular Q-STAR has been refined over time, whit the latest version marking the sixth model bearing the name. offered in pure white and tour yellow, the Q-STAR packs technology from the brand's top models into a two-piece, ionomer construction. A lower compression core creates a straighter and more sustainable flight for moderate swing speed players, distance gains also achieved via a 338 speed Dimple pattern that reduces drag and creates a more penetrating flight. Spin skin with SeRM is also used to increase spin and control around the greesn, while an enhanced alignment aid was added to the latest release.

SRIXON Q-STAR TOUR & Q-STAR TOUR DIVIDE

The Q-STAR is into its fourth iteration and delivers the softest ball with tour-level performance that Srixon gas ever produced and is calibrated to fit moderate swing speed players Q-STAR TOUR produces Tour ball like spin and control around the greens via an ultra-thin, urethane cover that's coated in spin skin with slide-Ring Material which increases friction more spin. A FasLayer Core gets firmer as it moves away from the centre and behaves if it had thousands of lalyers, providing distance and softer feel without compromise. The Q-STAR TOUR DIVEDE features a new thermoplastic urethane cover that has been infused with bright pigments rather than being painted on. The two-tone matte urethane cover makes alignment easier and produces a strobe effect to display speed and direction of spin.





SRIXON SOFT FEEL

Srixon's soft feel, now in its 12th generation, has developed a cult like following around Australia. Softer than ever before, the latest Soft feel features a softer FastLyalyer core for greater distance and reduced side spin, while a thinner , softer cover increases spin and control around the green. To improve aerodynamic performance 338 speed Dimples are placed on the cover of the golf ball that is also offered in the lady soft feel model that is fine – tuned for women

Golf: Sustainable by design 1.1

by Paul Jansen

Augusta National is just about the most recognizable golf courseon the planet. Each year, In April, the world's best golferscongregate on this DrAlister Mackenzie / Bobby Jones layoutlocated in the town of Augusta, Georgia. Built on a fruitplantation on land characterized by steep undulations "theGood Doctor was able to carve out a golf course high instrategy and memorability.

Dr Mackenzie is for many the model architect. His golf courseshave stood the test of time and many are regarded as the bestof the best. His list of work is most impressive and includesother timeless classics such as Cypres Point, Crystal Downs,Royal Melbourne and Kingston Heath - to name but a few.

It's no secret that Dr Mackenzie had a particular fondness forAugusta - perhaps the one golf course that totally embodied hisdesign ideals. This is evident in the book, The Spirit of StAndrews, where he wrote: "I doubt if even in a hundred yearstime a course will be made which has such interesting strategicproblems and which creates such enduring and increasingpleasurable excitement and varied shots."

If the routing allowed Dr Mackenzie the opportunity to unlockthe property it was how he used the land that gives the golfcourse its personality. Rather than bombard the play areas with senseless features, that offer little to the golf experience, he let the lay of the land dictate the play. The way he used the existingground contours, to go with those he created, is a testament tothis and a lesson to any budding golf architect today. It thuscomes as no surprise that when open, in 1933, it had fewer than30 bunkers in play (today there are 43).

Eighty years on and we live in very different world.

Today our golf courses are riddled with the very features that DrMackenzie opposed all those years ago. In particular one suchfeature the bunker has been used at mass with the resultbeing that so many of our golf landscapes are dominated bysand. Golden Age Golf Architect Albert Tillinghast coined theterm "Bunkeritis" which he described as "the mad desire to havemen groping around eighteen holes in sand, straining theirglazed and agonizing eyes for a bit of fairway" and how truethat rings today.

Don't get me wrong: the design for bunkering a golf course istremendously important. Only I believe this exercise needs to betempered, sensible and in balance with the landscape. In factwould go as far as saying that many golf courses would beequally interesting with half the number of bunkers in play. This is the case for Laguna Phuket in Thailand, a golf courseCompleted in 2015 where we reduced the bunker numbers byhalf- instead we have focused on existing ground contours andfeatures for inspiration and interest. Together this has helpedconsiderably reduce construction and maintenance costs whilstallowing us the opportunity to enhance the golf in a much moresustainable fashion.

Bunker construction and maintenance can be an expensiveendeavor, particularly if the golf course has not been laid outover natural sand. The cost of bunker linin8, drainage and









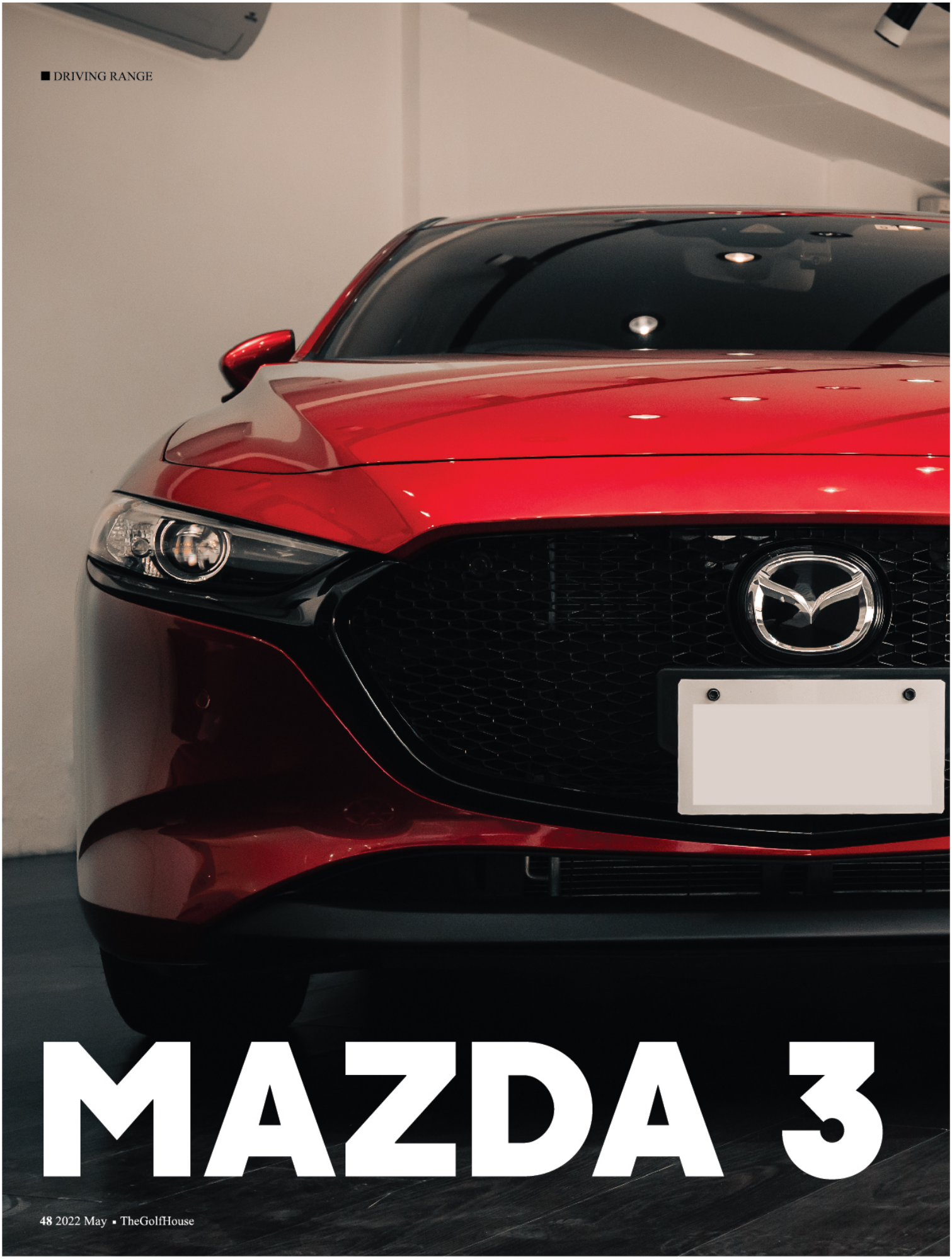
sandwould scare anyone, so it's important we build and position ourbunkers such that they have the greatest impact on play. As if tojustify his work at Augusta, Dr Mackenzie continued in hicimportant tome, The Spirit of St Andrews, "The moral is fourbunkers placed in interesting positions" and one would find ithard to argue this today particularly in the economic climate welive in.

Bunkers are an integral part of the game, so it's hard to fathomwhy so many golf courses are riddled with them particularly inout of play areas or to the sides of the fairways where they havelittle to no effect other than add to the cost of maintenance.Almost always these bunkers are positioned according to somepattern making the entire scene look very unnatural. Evenworse is the idea of bunkering for art's sake, which has becomea popular art. It's my experience that the best golf coursesmaximize the need for a lot of bunkers by having thempositioned where they will dictate the play.

It's time we re-think our design template to include otherfeatures that offer as much visual and strategic interest asbunkers.I am certainly not advocating we do away with bunkersaltogether; rather that our golf courses should offer a variety offeatures, that blend into their surrounds, instead of being fedthe same old score. For instance, I'm particularly fond of theground game and believe in utilizing existing ground contours(or creating new ones) that can offer as much strategic interestas a bunker at a fraction the cost. This is the case at Augus-taNational as well as at most of the great links golf courses inGreat Britain and Ireland.

DrAlister Mackenzie was years ahead of his time. His designwork is legendary and his writing almost as good. No otherarchitect has designed such impressive looking bunkers and fewhave used them as sparingly as he did, to such great effect. The"Good Doctor" understood that bunkers are an essential designelement but wise enough to know that when overdone theyoffer little to the golf experience.

There is a lesson in this..



MAZDA 3





The Mazda3, also known as the Mazda Axela in Japan is a combination of power and performance. It falls in the compact car segment. Manufactured in Japan by Mazda, it was introduced in 2003 as a 2004 model, replacing the Protege in the C-segment. A performance-oriented version of the Mazda3 was marketed as the Axela in Japan. Now that Mazda has come out with its predecessor, join us as we take a look into the new 2021 Mazda 3.

EXTERIOR

One thing we'll certainly say about the 2021 Mazda3 is that it's handsome, in either body style. Mazdas have a graceful look about them, with flowing lines and an inimitable style. While a bit taller than the sedan, the hatchback is 8 inches shorter in length.The Mazda 3 Hatchback shares similarities with its Sedan form in terms of looks, with slim LED headlights flanking a large grille that has been neatly combined into the overall design.

All versions have a rear roof spoiler and upper variants come with a power glass moonroof. The newly introduced 2.5 Turbo Premium Plus has access to a pair of aero kit options too, for a sportier look encompassing a front and rear diffuser and spoiler, and on the second package, side sill extensions.

Dimensions wise the Mazda 3 Hatchback is pretty similar to the Honda Civic Hatchback. The biggest difference is in length, the civic being a few inches longer. The base model rides on 16-inch alloy wheels while upper trims have 18-inch wheels in a black finish.

A few premium paint colors are available that really make the Mazda3 pop: Soul Red Crystal Metallic, Machine Gray Metallic, and Snowflake White Pearl Mica.

INTERIOR

Being a compact car, the 2021 Mazda 3 has a surprisingly stylish interior. The base model with cloth seats looks really cool and elegant, and there are plenty of soft-touch surfaces throughout. Higher variants have synthetic leatherette, with the top-end models getting actual leather. The driver seat is very comfortable with ample space, although the rear-seat is a bit cramped.



All 2021 Mazda 3s come with keyless entry, push-button start, and an 8.8-inch screen for infotainment with 8 speakers, two USB ports, and Bluetooth. It's worth noting that Apple CarPlay/Android Auto compatibility are only available in the higher end variants sedan

The Mid- and High- end variants get a power moonroof, navigation, a 12-speaker Bose audio system, and satellite radio. The turbo boasts a head-up display (HUD) and paddle shifters. The top Turbo Premium Plus adds a 360-degree monitor.

Typically one does not buy a compact sedan for the cargo space. It may not be surprising that the Mazda3 has only 13 cubic feet of trunk space, although the seats in both body styles fold and split 60/40. The hatchback has a more useful 20 cubic feet in the load area.Mazda offers a cargo mat to keep the trunk protected, and a net to keep items from sliding around.

PERFORMANCE SPECS

While most other compact cars focus on comfort and functionality, the 2021 Mazda3 differentiates itself by favoring sporty performance. This little car has engaging handling and brisk acceleration, especially from its two optional engines. The Mazda 3 is one of the few vehicles to offer all-wheel drive in a class where front-wheel drive is standard..

The base model comes with a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that produces 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque. The other two options however are a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 186 horsepower and 186 pound-feet of torque or a turbo-charged 2.0-liter four-cylinder motor that generates 227 horsepower and 310 pound-feet of torque. However it was seen that by feeding the beast with premium fuel it can churn up an extra 25 horsepower and 10 pound-feet of torque.

Fuel economy is just average for the class, which is still frugal. It can reach 36 mpg on the highway and 31 mpg combined, though models with the larger engines are in the mid-to-upper 20s combined.

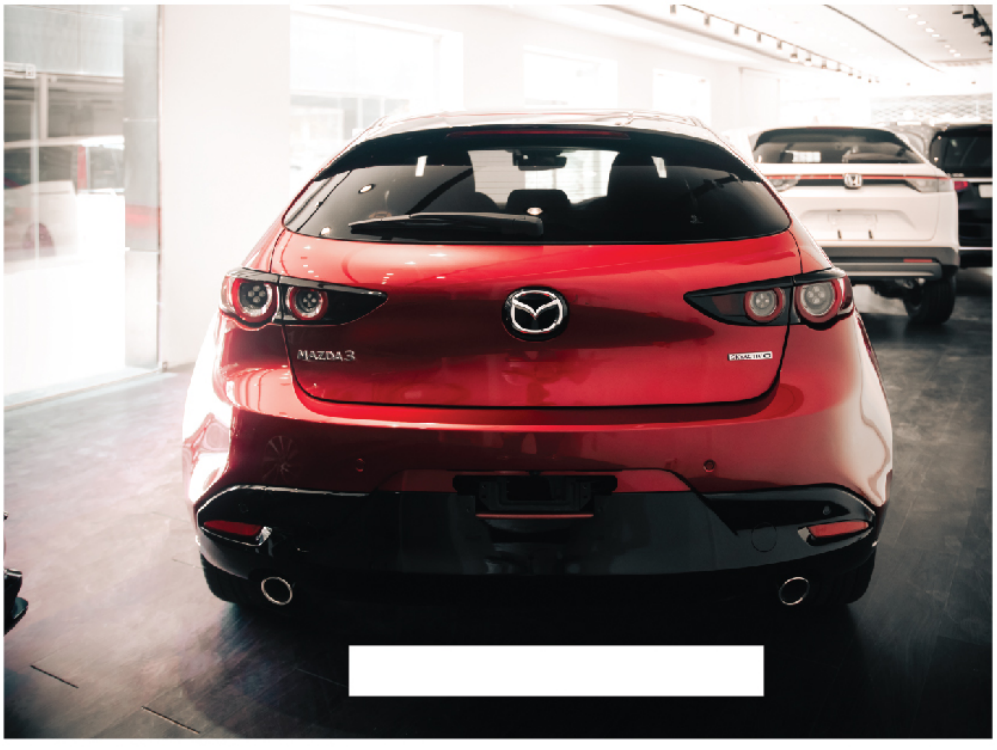
Standard safety features include automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, active lane control, automatic high











beams, adaptive cruise control, and a driver-attention monitor. Buyers can also get blind-spot monitors, rear cross-traffic alerts with automatic emergency braking, adaptive headlights, traffic-sign recognition, a traffic jam assist system, front and rear parking sensors, and a surround-view camera system.

DRIVING EXPERIENCE

All models come with a standard 6-speed automatic transmission.As a powertrain marriage it's smooth and quite refined, save for a strange and fairly faint buzzing vibration at a standstill with the transmission in drive, which is borderline annoying. While it shifts smoothly and stays in the background except in Sport mode (the only other mode it has), it has fewer gears than some rivals and that leads to lesser fuel economy.

The Mazda 3 is surprisingly direct, without the swell of power that might be expected in a turbocharged car. This likely allows the Mazda 3 from 0-60 mph in less than six seconds. Expect the naturally aspirated 2.5-liter inline-4 to deliver a sub-eight-second 0-60 mph time and the base engine in the mid-eights. All of the engines are a bit rough, but not disturbingly so. It's power comes on in a linear fashion, and it requires heavy throttle to tap into its best performance.

The Mazda3's sporty suspension helps the vehicle tackle corners with precision while also maintaining a fairly comfortable ride over jarring pavement. Regardless, there's enough of a sporty wash about the on-road character to bring some enjoyment to commuting. The steering is nice and clear, the oversized wheel adds a sheen of input accuracy and delicacy,

OVERALL

For buyers with premium taste but a tight budget, the 2021 Mazda 3 delivers a premium package at a normal compact-car price whether it's a sedan or a hatchback, and can be equipped with optional all-wheel drive and a punchy turbo engine. Compared to its rivals, the Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla and Hyundai Elantra, the 2021 Mazda 3 has an edge in terms of looks, the driving impression and overall comfort. Hence, if one is looking for a brand new daily driver with a bit of aggressive flair, then the 2021 Mazda 3 is a hands down great option.

GRILLED SALMON WITH TOMATO SALSA

Fish dishes are a dime a dozen for a golfer where it constitutes as one of the main components of its diet. However, there are unique dishes out there, and here are one such recipe.
As you may already know, most of the golfer family love to eat salmon. The most common way you can make salmon is by baking it with various. Over the weekend, saw a grill pan in the store and decided to buy it.
In this dish, the salmon is coated with olive oil and simply seasoned with seasoning salt. The fish is then pan grilled until it formed a nice crust. Although, the outside had a nice crust, the inside was still moist and tender. The salsa ended up tasting great with the salmon especially the next day when the flavors became well blended. Enjoy!

Grilled Salmon with Tomato Salsa
Prep Time5 mins ,Cook Time15 mins, Total Time20 mins, Course: Main Course, Servings: 4 servings

Ingredients
- 4 salmon fillets
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- Lemon wedges optional

Tomato Salsa:
- 4 tomatoes diced
- 1 onion peeled and diced
- Juice of half a lemon
- Sea salt and freshly cracked black pepper to taste

Instructions
1. In a medium bowl, combine together diced tomatoes, onion and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Set aside.
2. Rub the salmon fillets on both sides with olive oil and then sprinkle with seasoning salt.
3. Place salmon in hot grill pan, and cook for 4 minutes, or until golden underneath.
4. Use a slotted spatula to turn salmon over, then cook the fillets for 2 to 3 more minutes, or until just cooked through.
5. Remove salmon from heat, let rest for 30 seconds and sprinkle with a good squeeze of lemon juice, if desired. Serve with the tomato salsa.

If you don't like to cook at home; there is a chain restaurant Fish & Co. Bangladesh which is a popular place for seafood and fish dishes. Check out them at Bay's 23 Gulshan Avenue, BirUttam Mir ShawkatSarak, Dhaka-1212







TGC WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT



Tiger Golf Club (TGC) welcomed their new president through a ceremony at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Dhaka recently.
Mustafa Osman Turan, Turkish ambassador to Bangladesh, were welcomed as the new president of TGC.
Heru Hartanto Subolo, Indonesian ambassador to Bangladesh, was felicitated as the alternate president of the TGC.
They were congratulated by Brigadier General (retd) Manzur Kader, the vice-president of TGC, on behalf of the two clubs and the dignitaries.
Earlier, a farewell nine-holegolf tournament was organized by Dhaka Diplomatic Golf Association (DDGA) and The Tigers Golf Club (TGC) in Honour of Joao Tabajara de Oliveira Junior, Brazil's ambassador to Bangladesh at Kurmitola Golf Club recently.
The programmes were attended by ambassadors, high commissioners and high officials of several missions as well as corporate professionals of the country.
Tiger Golf Club started its journey in 2009/10. The members of this club are foreign expats, diplomats and local enthusiasts. DDGA AND TGC conduct tournaments regularly. They arrange farewells tournaments to those who depart the country. On average DDGA AND TGC organizing at least 2/3 three tournaments each quarter and they have a program of organising tournaments in different countries. By this initiative diplomats and expats take home good memories of Bangladesh and Bangladesh golf.









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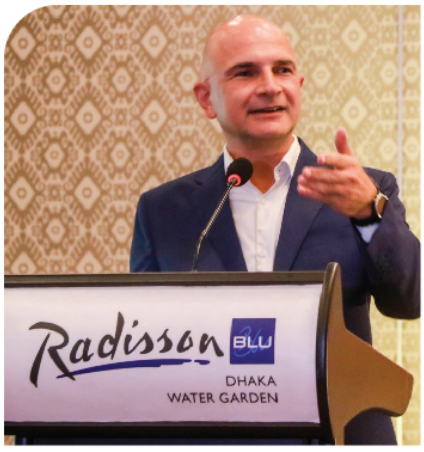
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1ST THE DHAKA MERCANTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK (DMCB) CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD





The 1st The Dhaka Mercantile Co-operative Bank (DMCB) Cup Golf Tournament was held at Cox's Bazar Golf and Country Club in Ramu Cantonment recently. President of the club and GOC of the 10th Infantry Division Major General Md. Fakhrul Ahsan attended the ceremony as the chief guest and handed over prizes to the participants. Chief Advisor of DMCB, Group Captain Abu Zafar Chowdhury (Retd) was also present as the Guest ofHonour along with the participants.





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