The GolfHouse

GOLFER'S LIFE

+ GOLF TIPS | EQUIPMENTS | FASHION | INSTRUCTION | 19TH HOLE | TOURISM

AWARDED TOP 60 GOLF NEWS WEBSITE



TITLEIST INTRODUCES ALL-NEW TOUR SOFT GOLF BALLS
P.26-31

WANT TO KEEP PROMOTING LOCAL GOLF AND LOCAL GOLFERS
P. 47-49

MOM IS HAPPIEST WHEN I BRING HER BETEL LEAVES
P. 14-15

I LIKE PLAYING WITH MY DAD
P. 50-51

EDUCATION IS AS IMPORTANT AS GOLF ITSELF
P.16-17

TAKING GOLF AS A CAREER IS A RISK, BUT FOR ME IT WAS WORTH TAKING THE RISK
P. 18-19

GOLF IS A GREAT CHARACTER-BUILDER
P. 10-11

ORION GROUP IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING GOLF
P. 12-13

TOGETHER, ANYTHING' POSSIBLE ON THE PGA TOUR
P. 38-39

SHAH CEMENT

Awarded Best Cement Brand

2010 2016 2017

NO. 1 CEMENT BRAND

www.bsrm.com

THE COLOSSUS RISES OUT OF THE MIGHTY PADMA

We salute the courageous leadership of our Honorable Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina on this momentous milestone of the nation.

We also congratulate the **Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges | Bridge Division Bangladesh Bridge Authority | Bangladesh Army | Korea Expressway Corporation (KEC) | China Major Bridge Engineering Corporation** for their selfless hard work, dedication and devotion to this national project.



BSRM is proud to be associated with this milestone, and on being nominated as the steel reinforcement supplier to this prestigious project. BSRM's engineering capability is in large diameter, high strength, high ductility steel, conforming fully to the rigorous requirement of BS 4449 Grade 500C. It is the only steel manufacturer in the country having a solid track record of 4 years of consistent fatigue testing at 5 million cyclic load reversals of its large diameter reinforcements 25mm, 32mm, 40mm and 50mm in the U.K.

BSRM
building a safer nation

Bitopi/17

RANCON
INDUSTRIAL

INDUSTRIAL AIR CONDITIONING SOLUTIONS

with
Ventilation
Dehumidifier
Fire Fighting
Trusted & Efficient Service





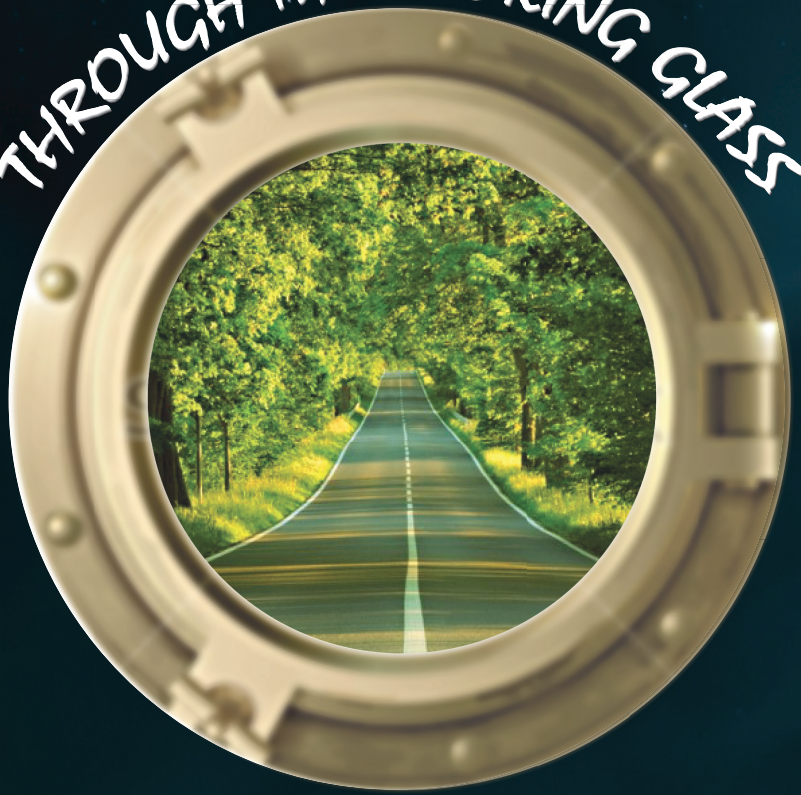
Suitable for Commercial Large Buildings, Factory, Office, Hospitals etc.

Phoenix Tower, 5th Floor, 407 Tejgaon I/A
Dhaka- 1215, Bangladesh | Tel.: +88 09617 171777
+88 01711 106637, +88 01787672143, +88 01708 457502

RANCON
INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS

www.ranconindustries.com.bd

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



RONGDHANU BUILDERS

OFFERING 10% OFF

TO CELEBRATE HAPPY NEW YEAR
WITH YOUR VALENTINE

Rongdhanu Business Point
Commercial Project
@ Bashundhara R/A



Rongdhanu Sonajhuri
Residential Project
@ Bashundhara R/A



Rongdhanu Rudropolash
Residential Project
@ Bashundhara R/A



Rosemary-1
Residential Project
@ Maynar Bag, North Badda



Rongdhanu Krishnochura
Residential Project
@ Bashundhara R/A



Rosemary-2
Residential Project
@ Maynar Bag, North Badda



RONGDHANU GROUP

01968 337755
01968 337766

House # 12/ D &12 /E, Block # A, Main Avenue, Bashundhara R/A,
Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh. Tel : +88- 02- 8419645, +88- 02- 8419653
www.rongdhanugroup.com



LEADING THUS FAR IN BUET FATIGUE TEST

BUET TESTED

55 LAC CYCLIC LOADINGS @369 MPa

BRAVE THE WAVE ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

KANCHPUR-MEGHNA-GUMTI 2ND BRIDGE

Kanchpur-Meghna-Gumti 2nd bridge is being built with the longest lasting steel and Japanese technology, which will ensure a rapid & safe route between Dhaka-Chittagong communication system.

KSRM family is ever ready to ensure maximum protection for the development of the country which conforms to the highest technological standards.

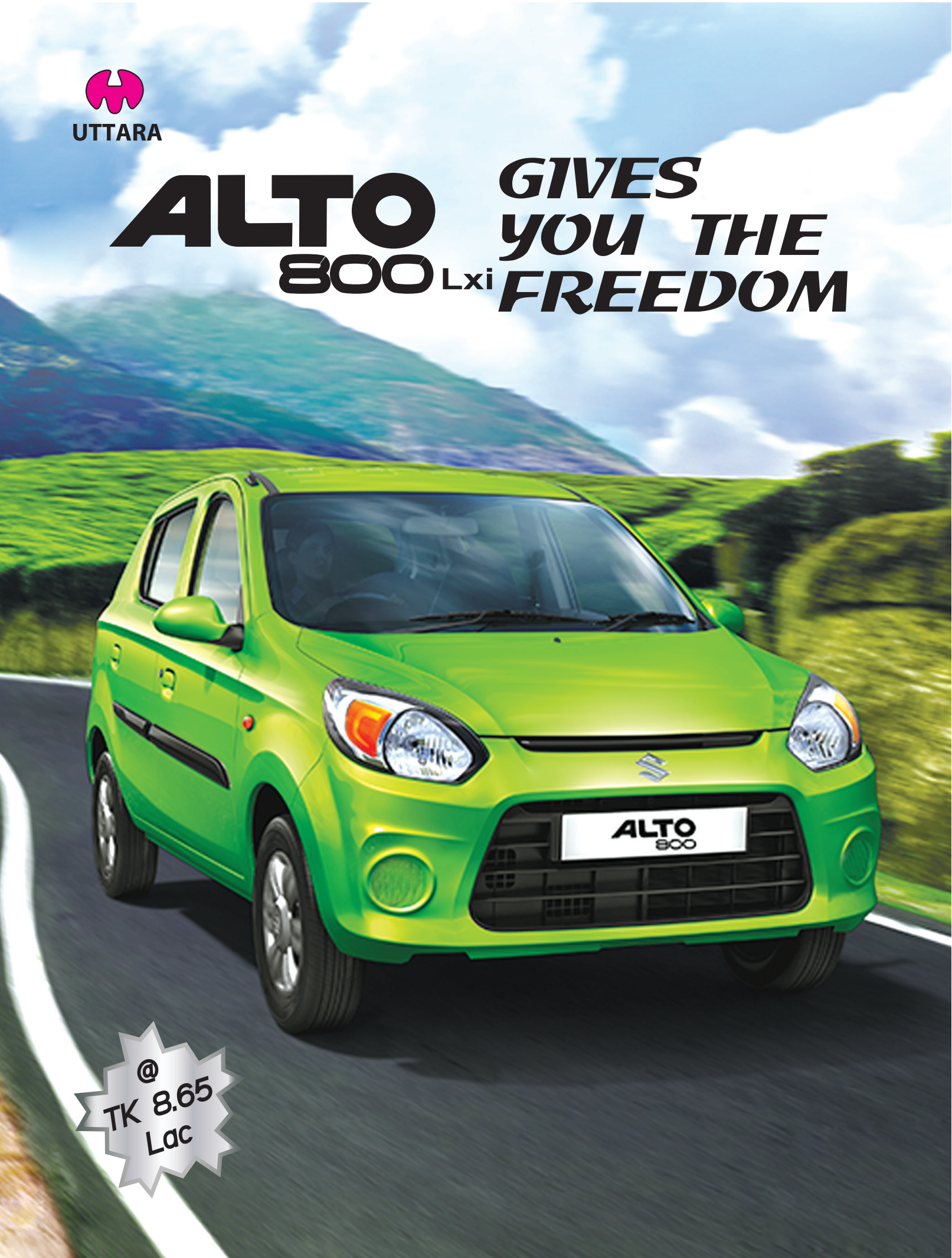
K S R M 5 5 0 W

KSRM

শেকড় থেকে শিখরে

UTTARA

ALTO 800 Lxi GIVES YOU THE FREEDOM



@ TK 8.65 Lac



Fresh And Spacious Interiors



Efficient Responsive Engine



Elegant Deshboard



Lively Integrated Stereo



Power Windows



Front And Rear Console Bottle Holder





Blazing Red



Cerolean Blue



Granite Grey



Mojito Green



Superior White



Silky Silver

www.uttaramotorsltd.com

01712 643796, 01711 387152
01920 480123, 01717 510509



Sole Distributor
UTTARA MOTORS
(An Enterprise of Uttara Group of Companies)


ESPANIA
European Tiles Collection
Collection - Like - No - Other
019 22 44 33 99
2nd Floor, Holding 6A Road 113, Gulshan Avenue (Behind Delvista)

ISSUE MARCH 2018 | PRICE: BDT. 200

The GolfHouse GOLFER'S LIFE

THE TEAM

Mentors
Arshi Haider
Brig Gen Salim Akhtar (Retd)

Advisors
Arshad Jamal (Dipu)
Monowarul Islam
Abdullah Zubair

Founder & Editor
Nazrul Hosen Ayon

Managing Editor
Atique Anam

Contributing Editor
Muntaquim Chowdhuri Sayef

Sub Editor
M Maksud Hossain
Tanveer Islam

Guest Writers
Mike Stock
Samiur Rahman

Special Writers
Chuach Choo Chiang
Phil Ryan
Paul Reeves
Muralidharan Nair

Contributing Writers
Dr. Farhana Alam

Creative Director
A K M Najmul Hossain

Chief Designer
Kamal Hossain

Designer
Repol Khisa

Photographers
Obaed Khan
Sadhan Kumar

General Manager
Amdadul Haque

Manager Business Development
Mohammadullah Shohagh

Asst. Manager, Business Development
Samiul Islam

Sr.Executive Media
Sazib Islam

Accounts
Jahanara Khatun Joly

Distribution
Md. Sumon

New media
Shafiq Mahmud

TheGolfHouse would like to thank the advertisers that appear in this publication for their support, and wish them every business success.

Published by: PressMeet, House 43, Avenue 5, Block A, Section 6, Pallobi, Mirpur, Dhaka 1216

Printed by: Trust Printing Press Pvt. Ltd.

+88 01842324232
+88 02 9033116
/thegolfhousebd
thegolfhousebd@gmail.com
thegolfhousebd.com

EDITOR'S CHOICE



India's 21 yeras old Shubhankar Sharma and his father Col Mohanlal Sharma pose with the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship.

Foreward

Dear readers,
As we embark on a new season, we fondly reflect on the last season where Indian golf reached a new height. Indian golf saw the resurgence of a few seasoned names as well as the emergence of new stars. The Indian golfers won as many as eight titles on the Asian Tour and the European Tour.

We look up to Indian golf not just because we have a very close relation with them, but also due to the fact that Indian golf has taken the same route to success that we are striving to take. Indian golf, too, was rather amateurish two decades ago. But with proper planning, a committed domestic tour and the success of pioneers like Jeev Milkha Singh, India are now one of the forces to reckon with in Asian golf as well as world golf.

We, too, have a Milkha Singh in Siddikur Rahman, and we believe that following Siddikur's footsteps, many more professional golfers will earn accolades for the country. We have players like Zamal Hossain Mollah and Shakhawat Hossain Sohel, who can emulate Siddikur with proper guidance and help.



Cover Concept: Nazrul Hosen Ayon
Cover Model: Safwan Sobhan Tasvir
Cover Design: Repol Khisa

We have already had some good news from the Indian circuit earlier this year. As many as eight golfers from Bangladesh have earned the card to play on the PGTI this season. We hope that this progress is continued further for which we will need a concerted effort from all the stakeholders.

We have Badal Hossain, a rookie, who is punching above his weight. Despite his underprivileged background, Badal has completed his masters from a local college. His achievements show that with proper education, one can overcome adversities and flourish whether in golf or any other sector.

We hope for a bright future for our golf.

See you on the fairways.

Nazrul Hosen Ayon
Editor

GET INSPIRED, ONLINE
thegolfhousebd.com



The new par 24, 6-hole putting course at Marina Bay Golf Course

Putt For Eagles, Birdies & Pars

Marina Bay Golf Course introduces a unique 6-hole putting course to promote golf

As golfers are faced with fewer options and less time for golf in Singapore, Marina Bay Golf Course has unveiled a unique par 24, 6-hole putting course. Known as Marina Bay Putting Course, the 211-metre course is a long putt away from a miniature putting course. Its conceptualisation and design, a collaboration between NCI Golf Pte Ltd and Universal Gardens Pte Ltd, aims to make the putting course fun and challenging for both the novice and experienced golfer.

In addition to its manicured greens which are similar to those on the golf course, the putting course features careful contouring, undulations, and holes of varying lengths. Its par 3, par 4 and par 5 holes ranging from 20 to 62 metres, and challenging breaks take golfers on a mind-bending and exploratory golf journey.

Moving forward, NCI Golf is exploring unconventional ways of play

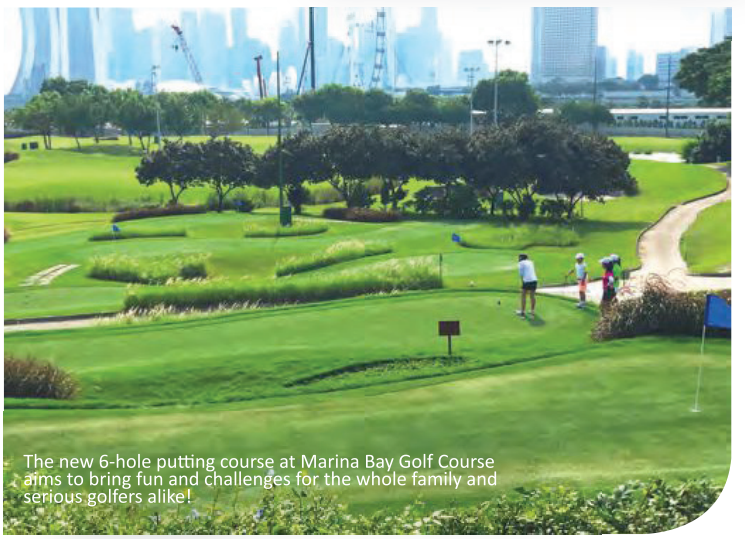
which could appeal to the changing demands of today's golfers. If playing 6 holes is not satisfying for some, there is the flexibility of reversing the course for another round of 6 holes and new challenges. Another consideration is to allow golfers to play 6 holes on the putting course followed by 3 or 6 holes on the main golf course, instead of the full 18 holes.

These exciting developments follow news that Marina Bay Golf Course has once again earned top accolades in the Asian Golf Awards, a premier poll of golfing facilities in the Asia Pacific region. Marina Bay Golf Course was awarded 'Best Value for Money Experience in Asia Pacific', 'Best Public Golf Course in Asia Pacific' and second runner-up for 'Best Course in Singapore'. In addition, the golf course won the 'Best Golf Course Singapore' award at The Dot Property Singapore Awards.



Enjoy a spectacular view of the city skyline while you play a round of 6 holes at Marina Bay Putting Course.





The new 6-hole putting course at Marina Bay Golf Course aims to bring fun and challenges for the whole family and serious golfers alike!

Story: GA I Picture: Getty Images



GOLF IS A GREAT CHARACTER-BUILDER

Amsa Amin, a retired Major General and a former Ambassador, is one of those who saw many things well ahead of his time. For instance, when golf was still very much a game confined to cantonments and among the military officials, mainly in Dhaka and Chittagong, he saw the potentials of growth of the game in other parts of the country as well. He felt the need to spread the game all over the country. He founded golfing in remote places like Rangpur over three decades ago. He has even started introducing golf among school children in Kurigram.

A veteran, who now devotes his time to championing democracy and moral regeneration, plays golf regularly. He feels that it is the best recreational sport that can contribute a lot to a man's physical and mental health, especially in the old age.TheGolfHouse interviewed him recently. Here is the excerpt.

Q&A

How long have you been playing golf?

When we were young officers, there was no scope to play golf. In those days no one below the rank of Brigadier General was allowed to play golf. I started golfing in around 1982. Later, when I was in Bhatiary as Commandant of the Bangladesh Military Academy in 1988, I was made Vice President of Bhatiary Golf and Country Club (BGCC). From then on, my close association with golf and golf administration started. Later, when I was in India in the Indian National Defence College, I played in Delhi Golf Club as well as many other Golf Clubs in India. When I was posted in Rangpur as GOC in 1991, I started thinking about introducing the game to our young officers. It was a daunting task. Yet we looked around for some available space and found that five holes can be set. I had also looked for some land in Kholahati, the upcoming new cantonment, and reserved some space so that a golf course can be built in future. Now it houses a bridge.

What were the challenges in those days?

There were a lot of reservations. People questioned- who would play golf in Rangpur? More so Rangpur was a small station. The cantonment was divided in three distant parts with officers spread all over. There were no expertise and no funds to foot the bills. It was considered expensive and no one had golf sets. It was not a popular game. Despite many other issues, when I broached the idea, the then CAS and the President of KGC, General Nooruddin encouraged. The officials and the staff of KGC helped. I'm happy to see the present development of Rangpur Golf and Country Club (RGCC). Now it has a picturesque 18 hole setting around the Ghagot River. Major General Syed Fatmy Ahmed Roomy, Major General Abul Kalam Md Humayun Kabir, Major General Ehtesham Ul Haque, Major General Sabbir Ahmed and Major General Salahuddin Miaji had played key roles in developing RGCC. Present GOC, Major General Md. Masud Razzaque is an avid golfer and is doing his best. Brigadier General Abul Fazal Md Sanaullah and many others before him worked hard to bring up RGCC to the present shape. I appreciate their spirit.

So how was the five-hole course established?

first I encouraged my officers to take interest in golf during holidays and free time. When I found response I sought support from KGC. We were assisted by the then staff to help set up the course, design and construct the tees and greens.

Rangpur will soon become a business hub. Do you feel happy that you foresaw the development of the region such a long time ago?

Yes, Rangpur is a historical and old city with a rich heritage. It's now a civil divisional headquarter. A lot of the population is moving from neighboring districts. A lot of business opportunities are being created. The city now has rich healthcare facilities. The defence forces establishments have gotten bigger and better. A lot of civilians– officials, doctors and businessmen are becoming members of RGCC. Over time, hopefully Rangpur will become an attractive golf destination for keen golfers. Golf can be developed even in Kurigram. The beautiful banks of the river Dharola, its bends and large tracts of char lands and spaces offer a picturesque landscape and setting for a full fledged 18 hole golf course. Land ministry support and private investment can help develop Kurigram Golf and Country Club as a golf tourism destination and help boost the local economy and employment as well.

What is it about golf that attracts you most?

I play regularly even though I'm not a good golfer. As long as you can walk and swing your arms, you can play golf even when you are very old. Moreover, as one gets older, one needs some healthy recreation and light physical exercise. Golf is good in this respect. Besides, golf is a very attractive sport and popular as well. It's a game of skill, both mental and physical. You need to plan for every shot, even for small putts. You need to have extraordinary reflexes to act in split seconds. You may find golf hard to pick up in the beginning. It does throw up challenges. You are actually playing against yourself, not against anyone else. This makes golf a unique game.

How much do you think the game helps in building character?

A great deal indeed. The manners, etiquette, fairness and discipline in golf are very important. In amateur golf competitions honesty and integrity are vital. Sometimes no one is watching you counting your scores. Correctly reporting scores for handicap fixing demands honesty. If one cheats, one is not a golfer. Thus self discipline is vital for a good golfing image. There are many other things like patience, perseverance, dedication, etc. can help character building

TheGolfHouse is promoting the tagline that golf would be the second biggest sport of the country by 2025. Do you think the target is realistic?

It is an ambitious target for a developing country like us and will be hard to achieve. The first thing necessary is to develop a lot of golf courses. This needs large open spaces and lots of investment. Then you have to have a good communication and a transport system. Furthermore, since this is an expensive sport, you need to have enough affluent people and a burgeoning economy to support the game's growth. The game is now played only in the cantonments. There is a need to develop a lot of facilities all over the country. Of course this game offers great opportunities to earn foreign exchanges as well. Good golf professionals can earn reputation and money not only for themselves but also for the country.

What do you have to say about senior golfers?

This is a very environment-friendly game and senior/veteran friendly game. While Dhaka is one of the most polluted cities in the world, golf brings a respite and helps you breathe fresh air. Handicap system is also very helpful for seniors like me. However, the younger generation should be encouraged to play golf as well. Often people say this is a game for the elite only. But you can see a lot of good golfers and professionals are coming from the underprivileged families. So people of all ages and classes should be encouraged to play this game. There can be a system to hunt for golf talents who can bring name and fame for our beloved motherland.





ORION GROUP IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING GOLF

Lieutenant General Sabbir Ahmed retired from Bangladesh Army as its Chief of General Staff last year. He took to golfing about two decades ago after having enjoyed other sports such as tennis, squash, basketball and volleyball. Now working with Orion Group as a director, the veteran makes time on holidays and weekends to go to the Kurmitola Golf Club to keep his passion for the game going. It also helps that he works for a company that is actively involved with promotion of golf as well as other sports.



Last year you retired from Bangladesh Army as CGS and joined the Orion Group. How has the transition been so far?

The transition has not been difficult because this is a natural process. Everyone has to retire at a certain point of time, and the sooner one gets adjusted, the better. I always try to get adjusted as fast as I can.

How different is your work now from what it was before?

The previous one was in the military profession and the current one is the business profession. The demands and requirements of these two works are different. Every profession needs its own type of approach. So there are differences between the two professions, but I'm adjusting to the new environment rather smoothly.

Tell us about your first golfing experience.

I was in Savar as the second in command of a unit at that time, which was probably in 1999. First time I didn't make much of an impression, but later I started liking the game.

Were you interested in other sports before taking up golf?

I used to play basketball, volleyball, tennis. I used to play squash too. At a later stage, I took interest in golf and started playing the game.

Can you make time for the game though?

Not on a regular basis. I do try to play golf on weekends and holidays, and see my good friends and spend a quality time. A walk on the course can give some respite from the busy life.

What was your first iron?

It was a seven.

Your favorite golfing destination, at home and abroad?

I like the Bhatiary Golf Course. I like playing there. I haven't played much on foreign courses; only in Brunei and USA. Those are also good courses too.

Your favorite golfers at home and abroad?

Of course Siddikur Rahman is my favorite at home. I used to like Tiger Woods too.

Does golf run in your family?

No. My wife tried, my children tried at certain points of time. But they have not continued.

What is it about the game that attracts you most?

The environment, the green, the fresh air, good people and laughter.

Your worst nightmare on a golf course?

Getting the ball into the bush was disappointing. There are no nightmares as such because I never played with any expectations.

Most memorable experience in golf?

After playing for just a week in Savar, I got the prize for nearest to the pin, hitting with a three-wood. I don't know how it happened. But that's a good memory.

Recently night golfing facilities have been launched at KGC and AGC. What's your view on this?

It's a good initiative for us especially, because at the end of the day's work, we can play some golf there now.

Do you have any message for those who are interested in golf?

Stick to the game, keep your head down and play well.

TheGolfHouse is promoting the message that golf will be the second biggest sport in the country by 2025. Do you think it is achievable?

I think if we all try, we can achieve the goal. And we are all inspired to make this happen.

Do you think private companies should come forward to patronize the game?

Private companies are coming forward. We, the Orion Group, are sponsoring golf and golf events at the Kurmitola Golf Club.

Orion Group is helping junior golf by sponsoring BAGC tournaments. Will this be further enhanced now that you have joined the company?

It's not because of me, rather the company policy is to support and promote golf as part of its endeavor to promote sports in general. We are also promoting roller skating.

MOM IS HAPPIEST WHEN I BRING HER BETEL LEAVES

Zamal Mollah, arguably the second-best golfer from Bangladesh after Siddikur Rahman, is a family man. He acknowledges the fact that his success so far – winning two PGTI titles and number of BPGA titles – could not have been possible without his family's continuous support. The 32-year-old golfer is grateful to his wife and to his mother especially who has been his inspiration from the beginning of his career. The ace golfer talks about his family's support and his appreciation of that, among other things, in this interview with TheGolfHouse.

Q&A

How did the last season go for you?

Last year, I played mostly in Bangladesh in BPGA events. I played 11 tournaments in PGTI in the second half of the season. I had a hand injury, which is why I couldn't do that well in India.

What is your target for this year?

My target this year would be to do well in PGTI and go for the Asian Tour qualifying next year.

How has been your preparation for the Chittagong Open?

I always try to give my best. I trained in my usual way. This is our home course so everything is familiar. The game is with myself, not against any other golfer.

You have taken a lot of training in golf. Who are your most important trainers?

Initially there were a lot of trainers when we just started the game. Babu Bhai taught me a lot. Now I'm taking lessons from Moti. I will go to India for a training course from Mr. Pritom, with the financial assistance from Runner Group.

Runner Group has been sponsoring you for long.

indeed. Runner Group has been supporting me since 2011. They help a lot when playing abroad. Besides, in any need, they help me, either financially or otherwise.

How much support do you get from your family?

I get a lot of support from my family. My mother and wife always encourage me. Family backing is very important when you play golf. I'm very happy in that regard.

Where do you want to see yourself five years down the line?

First target is to do well on the Asian Tour. But the ultimate goal is to play on the PGA Tour. I want to prepare myself for that.

What do you have to say for those who have recently turned pro?

Russel, Akbor and other that have recently turned pro will do well. They have good potential. They need to keep the focus on the game and train hard. However, you have to understand that pro level is completely different from amateur level. In a pro event, you play against a lot of players and you need to do well all four days, otherwise you won't get a result.

How did you come to golf?

I have an uncle named Siddikur Rahman who works at the golf club. He brought me to the club. I was probably 10 years old. That was more than 20 years ago.

Do you remember those days?

I used to come and run around a little in those days. I didn't understand anything at that time, didn't even know about Tiger Woods or any other golfer. The interest grew watching Siddikur Rahman, Milon Hossain and Mohammad Sayum playing for the national team. My mother always used to say that I would play well because I had the focus. She inspired me a lot.

Do you give her gifts after winning titles?

I always do that. I buy her sarees and other gifts, after tournaments. However, she is most pleased when I bring betel leaves and betel nuts for her.

Does your wife get tensed during your game?

She does not really understand the game in detail. She just knows the score, but does not follow the game that much. She is studying, so cannot focus much on my golf.

GOLF SECOND SPORT IN BANGLADESH 2025

The GolfHouse GOLFER'S LIFE

+88 01842324232

/thegolfhousebd

thegolfhousebd.com



Zamal Hossain Mollah, Professional Golfer



EDUCATION IS AS IMPORTANT AS GOLF ITSELF

Badal Hossain is one of the professional golfers of Bangladesh, who has done a decent job in international and local events. Despite coming from an underprivileged background, this young golfer has distinguished himself from the rest of the crowd by continuing his education. He attained a masters degree in accounting from a local college before paying his full attention to the game. The youngster, who has made cuts in all the international events held in Bangladesh so far, thinks education makes one a better golfer for it helps one get to grips with the rules and etiquettes of the game better.

Q&A

You won your second BPGA tournament today. How is the feeling?

I'm feeling great. The match was really competitive. Three of us were on 11-under and one on 12-under. Winning from that tight position was really exciting.

You've qualified for the PGTI. Tell us about that.

I went for qualifying in January and got a full card for the season on the Indian circuit. I'll go there on February 19 to play two tournaments in Hyderabad and Chennai. I want to play on the tour the whole season and want to get into ranking.

How did you come to golf?

I came with caddy master Rafiqul when I was in class III. I worked as a ball boy before I left the club three years later. After passing college, I came back and started playing golf seriously.

You have completed your masters in accounting, right?

Yes, I have done masters in accounting from Mirpur Bangla College. I wanted to be an educated person while being a golfer. Thankfully I have been able to do that.

Do you think your education helps you in your game in some way?

It obviously helps a lot. Education helps you learn the rules, regulations, manners and etiquettes better. When we play on the international circuit, it helps a lot.

When did you turn pro?

I turned pro in 2015 through R&A.

What is your expectation about Bangladesh golf?

Bangladesh golf is now in a good position. There was a time when people didn't use to know the game. Now people know Bangladesh golf through Siddik bhai. The next generation is playing well and the following generation is promising. The more sponsors and tournaments we get at home, the more number of international players we will produce.

You have played on Asian Tour, PGTI and ADT. How has been your performance?

I have played in all three of the Asian Tour events held in the country and made cuts in two of those three. I have made cuts in all the PGTI events I have played. I in fact finished within top 30 in all those PGTI events.

Who do you follow in golf?

My idol is Tiger Woods. I like his playing style. Among Bangladeshis and on the Asian Tour circuit, I obviously follow Siddik bhai. I admire his playing style and his work ethic.

Tell us a bit about your home club.

My home club is the Savar Golf Club. The club gives us a lot of facilities to practice and play. Even though none of us have sponsors, the golf club is giving us all the support by letting use its facilities.

So you don't have a sponsor?

No I don't. The club helps a bit while I'm making the most on my own.

Any message for those who want to start playing golf?

My message to them would be to work hard and learn the manners of the game.

What is your golfing routine?

I practice five days a week. I usually come in the morning and practice till afternoon. I help the EC members with their game after the afternoon.

Where do you want to see yourself five years down the line?

I want to be on the Asian Tour circuit in five years. But I would need a sponsor and training for that target to achieve.





TO HELP EVERY HUMAN BEING FULFILL HIS TRUE POTENTIAL BY AWAKENING HIS INNER POWER

The SCIENCE of LIVING
QUANTUM METHOD

31/V, Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sarak,
Shantinagar (1st floor), Dhaka
+88 02 9341441, +88 02 8319377
+88 01714 974333
www.quantummethod.org.bd



TAKING GOLF AS A CAREER IS A RISK, BUT FOR ME IT WAS WORTH TAKING THE RISK

Rahat Tahsin Parash, one of the young professional golfers from Bangladesh, comes from a well of family. Unlike many other professionals here, he did not have to take golf as a career for sustaining his livelihood. Instead, he says, during an interview with TheGolfHouse, that it was a conscious choice on his part to take golf as his career path. It was not an easy decision, but he took the decision disregarding other options as he feels that with a wholehearted effort, golfers can build a very lucrative career in our country.



Q&A

What brought you to golf?

I started playing golf at the Mainamoti Golf Club in 1996. I was only four years old at that time. As my father played there, I thought I should accompany him three or four times a week. After four/five weeks, my father thought that I should get serious. So he got me a coach and took me to the practice range and I started taking the game a bit more seriously.

"I struggled last year. So I would be looking for better things this year".

What is your weekly schedule now?

I try to practice five to six days a week. Two days I play on the golf course while the other days it's in the practice range. I come to the golf course at around 8:30am and practice till sun down.

You have participated in the last three Asian Tour & ADT events. What was your achievement and what are you looking forward to from the upcoming PGTI event?

I did participate in three Asian Tour events at home; first of those as an amateur and the other two as a professional. I have also played in two ADTs in KGC as an amateur and the last one as a pro. I'm very optimistic about the upcoming event. I'm hoping this would be a better year than the last one.

What's your golfing ambition?

It's very simple. My ambition is to be the best; nothing short of it. I want to be the best in the country.

What are the challenges that you faced as a golfer?

When I finished my university degrees, I was the top amateur golfer of the club and I had the choice to make as to whether I would become a golfer or pursue a regular career. I had better opportunities outside. But I took a risk and pursued the career of a professional golfer. People think if you are from an affluent family, you have all the money and support. It is not so. For us, it is tough because we have options and if we choose the wrong option, we will regret that decision. For most of the other professionals here, there are no other options but to become a golfer. So the decision is kind of straightforward for them, not for us. This is something everyone should understand.

What would be your suggestion to those who want to take the game seriously?

Golf gives one a very nice career. You'll just have to play and you can earn money from it. In Bangladesh, it's a new thing, so the challenges are there. If you follow a traditional career like others, it will be a safe thing. But the happiness you get from golf or any other sport won't be there.

Do you have any other career ambitions at the moment apart from golf?

No. If I had other ambitions, I would have stopped playing golf. If anyone thinks he would play golf seriously, then he should not pursue anything else because in that case he would lose both. There is no in-between option for a professional golfer.

Teaching is a big career in golf. Do you have any ambition of becoming a teaching pro?

Teaching is a very nice thing. When you can share what you have learnt and see them implement that is a delightful feeling. When I get a bit older or maybe when I reach a trough in my playing career, I might turn to teaching. In fact, I already teach amateurs here sometimes because I believe sharing with others what I have learnt is a good thing.

Who are your golf teachers?

In the beginning, I had a few coaches from Australia, New Zealand and India, all through Bangladesh Golf Federation. Now my coach is Andrew Argus; he is an Australian residing in Malaysia. He has been my coach since 2015.

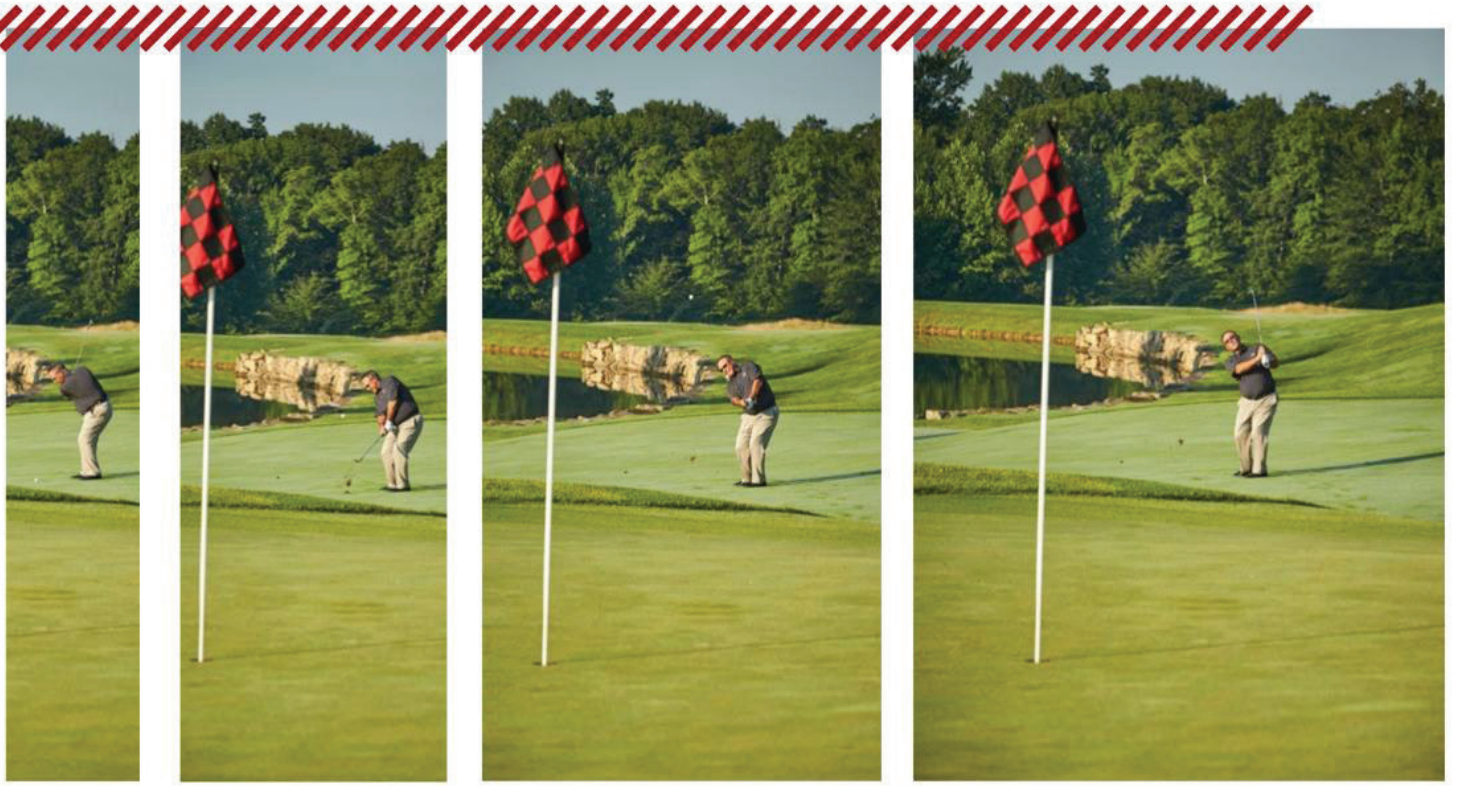
What is your plan for this year?

I struggled last year. So I would be looking for better things this year.

You are from a golfing family. Your father is a golfer. Say something about him.

My father has a great influence on me. It was his support that brought me here and turned me into a golfer. He's still helping me with every step. I'm very proud of him.





THE PHD OF WEDGE PLAY

BY TOM PATRI, PGA | PHOTOS BY GREG POWERS

I have been blessed throughout my journey to pick the brains of so many great teachers as well as many great players of both my generation and the present one. While not always agreeing upon "how to skin the cat," each lent a wealth of knowledge. At the end of the day, what I most learned was there are in fact many ways to get "it" done.

One of my favorite shots to hit is, in fact, far-reaching in the ways you can pull it off. I love wedge play. I guess it's the way I have been led in my development, both as a teacher of this creative aspect of golf as well as a player of shots that are so much fun to hit. I have had several expert influences in this area and I must recognize them strictly because nothing in this article is my original thought but a shared influence of several great short game minds. Thank you Bob Vokey, John Elliott, Tom Kite, Craig Shankland and, of course, my dear friend whom I miss very much, Seve Ballesteros.

Seve had a magical way of hitting so many miraculous shots around the putting surface, from what seemed like absolute jail to kick-in range. John Elliott, the great and highly underrated instructor from Ocala, Florida, first explained to me that the leading edge (he called it the "digger," **Photo 1**) and the common









ly referred to "bounce "or "sole" (he called it the "skidder," **Photo 2**) must be understood before you can become a great wedge player. Craig Shankland, the ultra-talented coach now located in Daytona Beach, echoed many similar points.

We have all experienced the dreaded chunk. We play it back in our stance, hands forward and club face squared up. Well, of course, then the digger will dig. Conversely, using the bounce/skidder properly, along with several other more neutral set-up conditions around the putting surface, will allow you to execute dreamlike results.

John and the others mentioned above explain that two aspirin are not the whole bottle in reference to things like ball position, weight forward and hands forward. In fact, because of Elliott, Seve, and Vokey I'm much more neutral with my ball position and weight distribution. Along with these set-up conditions, and with the exception of a ball in deep greenside rough (**Photo 3**) or a ball in a buried lie in a bunker, I ALWAYS lay the club open (**Photo 4**), allowing the skidder to rest against the turf and keeping other aspects of my set-up very neutral. I'm now in a classic anti-DIG position.

If I want to hit the highest softest shot possible to a tight pin — perhaps behind a bunker — in addition to a neutral setup and the employment of the skidder I might also weaken the grip, or dial both hands more left on the shaft if you're a right-handed player, as I'm doing in **Photo 5** (**Photo 6** shows a "normal" grip position employed for most other shots). Seve was the master of the face/skidder and weak grip combination to hit the softest, most beautiful pitch shots that landed like a butterfly with sore feet.

You'll rarely see square or hooded club faces with highly skilled players, again unless their ball is buried in deep greenside rough or in a bunker "fried egg." They understand that the bounce (skidder) of the club is there as a friend. I remember telling Bob Vokey that I have always wished they (whoever "they" is) had never called the sole of the club the bounce, adding that had it been called the skidder from the beginning (thank you, Gene Sarazen) the average player today would be five shots to the good. Bob smiled and agreed. The recreational player who doesn't understand or has never been coached correctly hasn't a clue nor the confidence to lay a wedge open and properly apply pressure against the turf with the skidder without any hint of a dig.

Use the images in this article, along with the messages from my mentors, to go out to your local short game area and EXPERIMENT. Be creative. Play with combinations of weight distribution, ball position, face/skidder conditions at address, and your grip placement. You'll have a blast. Enjoy.





Tom Patri is president/founder of TP Golf in Naples, Florida, GolfTips Magazine Top 30 Instructor and PGA Quarter Century Member

PUSH OR PULL

For many golfers, adding distance is always an important element when trying to improve their game. Different parts of the golf swing can help to add club speed, from the way in which your body rotates and unwinds, to how you hold the club and even the position of the ball.

A very important element is what you do with the club at the start of your downswing. For 90% of my students, they need to feel like they are pulling on the club in transition, this helps them load the club correctly and also helps to shallow the shaft which is required to be able to hit a draw and maximize clubhead speed. For the other 10% of my students, they need to feel like they are pushing the club in transition, these are students who struggle with hitting the ball too low and do not release the club correctly. If you are someone who hits the ball too low, especially with your driver, then this is a great feeling for you.

Hands forward

WHO SHOULD PULL?

Anyone who:

- Needs distance
- Wants to improve compression on impact
- Wants to hit a draw

Feels like this on impact:



Hands Back

Who should push?

Anyone who:

- Wants to hit their driver higher
- Is struggling to release the club on impact
- Juniors whose clubs are too heavy and long for them

Feels like this on impact:



Take a video of yourself face on and see which image is closer to you at impact. Then, make some practice swings and focus on whether you feel like you pull or push the club in the transition from backswing to downswing.

Here is how you should look at the start of your downswing

Pull



Push



BERGER express painting



সবার কাছে বাড়ি রঙ করা মানেই সারা ঘরে ধুলো-ময়লা এবং রঙের ছড়াছড়ি। এইসব পেইন থেকে মুক্তি দিতেই বার্জার পেইন্টস্ নিয়ে এসেছে এক্সপ্রেস পেইন্টিং টুলস্। বাড়ি রঙ করার এই আধুনিক সার্ভিস দ্বারা স্বয়ংক্রিয় যন্ত্রপাতির মাধ্যমে ধুলো-ময়লা কম ছড়িয়ে সাধারণ পদ্ধতির তুলনায় অনেক কম সময়ে ঘর-বাড়ি রঙ করা যায়। রঙও হয় নিখুঁত উজ্জ্বল এবং নিশ্চিত করে স্মুদ ফিনিশ।

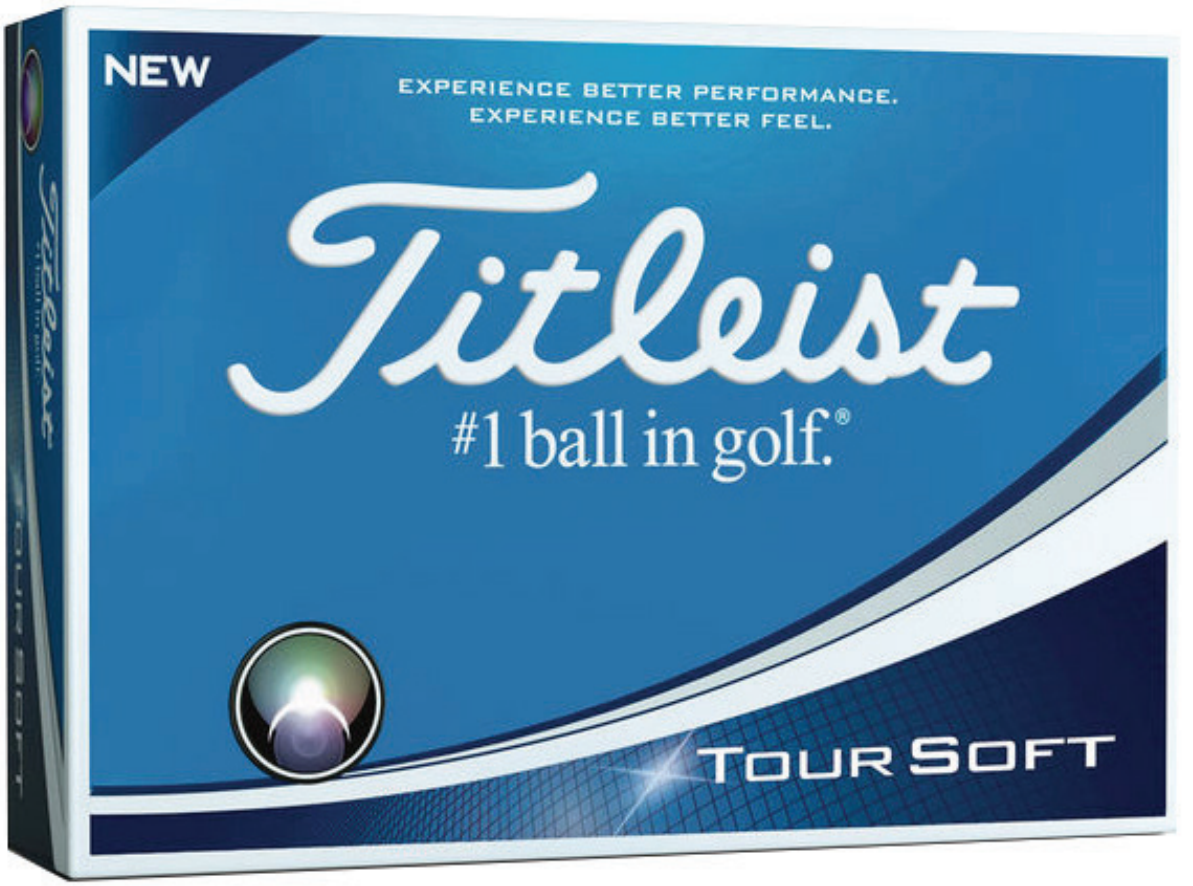
রঙ করতে ঘরময় ধুলো-ময়লা আর নয়



Unitrend_BGR_039/18

FREE CALL
08000-123456

BERGER
Trusted Worldwide



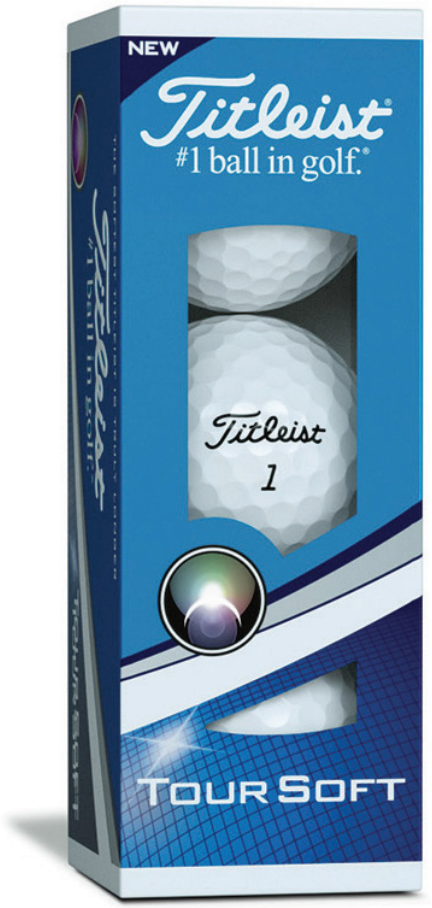
Soft Feel & Commanding Distance

Titleist introduces all-new Tour Soft golf balls

For golfers demanding better feel, the invention of Titleist Tour Soft, touted as the softest-feeling golf ball in its category, delivers a better performance experience. Tour Soft's innovative design combines the largest core ever engineered into a Titleist golf ball with breakthrough ultra-thin cover technology to provide responsive feel, very fast speed for commanding distance and excellent short game performance.







Features of the new Titleist Tour Soft

- The largest Titleist core ever produces category-leading soft feel and high ball speed for commanding distance. In developing Tour Soft's core, the Titleist Golf Ball R&D and Operations teams were challenged to break through previously accepted core size limitations in order to produce a golf ball that feels better and is longer or just as long as the competition.
- A new ultra-thin 4CE grafted cover made with TCU Process Technology generates advanced short game control. Innova tions in the manufacturing process at Titleist Ball Plant 2 in Massachusetts allowed engineers to mould the extreme ly thin, very soft cover formulation uniformly across the surface. The Tour Soft cover – a proprietary blend of four different materials – is just as thin as some urethane-covered balls currently on the market.
- A new spherically-tiled 342 cuboctahe dron dimple design, optimized for the new Tour Soft construction, delivers a penetrating trajectory and consistent flight.
- Tour Soft, is available now in both white and high-optic yellow, replaces and improves upon the prior generation NXT Tour and NXT Tour S golf ball models in the Titleist golf ball family.

More than 19,000 golfers participated in the white box testing and validation process for the new Titleist Tour Soft, with golfers receiving prototype golf balls for on-course evaluation. Player feedback was then gathered through Team Titleist and shared with Titleist R&D. This included a three-ball blind prototype test in January 2017 that led to some key insights toward the Tour Soft development.







TITLEIST INTRODUCES EVEN FASTER VELOCITY GOLF BALLS

The new Titleist Velocity golf balls are designed with proprietary highspeed technology to deliver even more distance on every shot in the bag. With the introduction of new high-visibility colour options – VISIWhite, Velocity Orange and Velocity Pink – the power of Velocity is also packed with personality.

Available in golf shops worldwide, the 2018 Velocity has been reengineered with a softer highspeed core and Titleist's fastest cover blend to deliver extremely low spin and fast ball speed off the tee for increased distance. Velocity's advanced aerodynamics produce a high flight on all shots to enhance distance and help golfers stop the ball closer to the hole.

Features of the new Titleist 2018 Velocity

- The softer, high speed LSX core produces fast initial velocity with extremely low spin for deep downrange distance on all full swing shots.
- A new, faster NaZ+ cover provides higher ball speed for longer distance.
- A spherically-tiled 328 tetrahedral dimple design optimizes Velocity's aerodynamic performance, producing high flight and long carry for shots that fly far and land more softly on the green.
- The new Velocity is available now in VISI-White plus Velocity Orange and Velocity Pink.

The Shop

The Best New Gear

Cobra

BRAWN AND BRAINS

Cobra's new King drivers offer builtin smart technology—and are longer than ever

By Alana Johnson

With the flash we've come to expect from Cobra, the King F8 and King F8+ drivers are pushing clubhead speeds to new limits. Both clubs (along with Cobra's King F8 fairway woods, hybrids and irons) showcase built-in smart technology from Arccos Golf. A sensor in the grip relays shot data to the COBRA CONNECT/Arccos 360 app on your smartphone, which allows you to track the distance and accuracy of your shots. The app also provides GPS-based distances for more than 40,000 courses worldwide.

High-tech bling doesn't mean a thing, however, if the club isn't built right. The key to the fast King F8 design is the fully machined forged face, which is CNC-milled to control thickness. The result is a thinner face than the F7, but a bigger sweet area and more flex and distance on mis-hits. The face is also 10 percent lighter, which helps position the center of gravity (CG) low and back in the head for optimum launch and stability on off-center hits.

The lightweight titanium body and carbon-fiber crown, meanwhile, further contribute to higher trajectories and increased forgiveness. A series of aerodynamic "trips" (referred to as "360° Aero Technology" by the company) arranged around the clubhead perimeter are designed to break up airflow and reduce drag for faster head speed and more distance. In addition, an updated sole design on the King F8 uses two movable weights (12 grams and 2 grams) to dial in the CG—place the heavier one in the back position for a higher launch and greater MOI, or in the heel for added draw bias. The adjustable hosel provides eight loft options, from 9° to 12°, and three draw settings: 9°, 9.5°, 9.5° Draw, 10.5°, 10.5° Draw, 11.5°, 11.5° Draw and 12°).

The King F8+, which has a smaller profile for greater workability, also features 12- and 2-gram weights in the back and front center of the sole for ball-flight tuning—moving the heavier weight closer to the face produces a more penetrating flight, while setting it in the back increases launch and spin. The King F8+ also features a CNC-milled forged face, 360° Aero Technology and an adjustable hosel. Lofts run 8°, 8.5°, 8.5° Draw, 9°, 9.5° Draw, 10°, 10.5° Draw and 11°.

The King F8 and King F8+ ($400) will hit stores in black and gray on January 12, 2018.


GET SMART
An electronic sensor embedded in the grip instantly relays shot data to your smartphone.
FLIGHT PLAN
Two movable weights help fine-tune shot shape and launch.
FLEX IT
CNC-milling the forged face adds precision and makes the face thinner than in the F7 for added flex—and distance.
FULL SPEED
Aerodynamic "trips" around the perimeter of the head help decrease drag during the swing.
cobra
CONNECT
KING F8+
SMARTPAD
10.5°
MYFLY LOFT
DRAW



CALLAWAY

THE IRONS HAVE GONE ROGUE

Callaway's new Rogue irons, available in standard and pro models, claim to be the best combination of distance, accuracy, playability and feel ever.

The standard Rogue model is aimed at a variety of players who are looking for a combination of distance, forgiveness, and feel in a handsome game-improvement package. The 360-cup face technology of the Rogue features variable face thickness to provide ball speed on a large scale across a very large area of the clubface.

The iron features urethane microspheres that are used to dampen vibration and vastly improve sound and feel without negatively affecting face flex and speed. Meanwhile, the tungsten weighting in the Rogue functions to position the center of gravity (CG) of each long iron to provide optimized launch and spin control.

The Rogue Pro is aimed at players who prefer a more compact profile and greater shot shaping ability. It might be a better option than the standard model. In addition to all the same impressive technologies as the standard Rogue, the Pro model features a thinner topline and sole.

In addition to the Rogue and Rogue Pro, there is also the Rogue X. The Rogue X is ideal for aggressive players who put a premium on distance. The X also features slightly longer shaft lengths in the longer irons, stronger lofts, and lighter overall weights to max out swing speed, ball speed, and carry. The iron not only has a larger clubhead and deeper CG location combine to enhance forgiveness on miss hits, but also provides higher launch angles despite stronger lofts

PRO-SHOP
Army Golf Club (Opp. Radisson Hotel)
Dhaka Cantonment-1206
Tel: 88-02-89833397
Call: 01749-952573

Callaway
Cleveland
FootJoy
NIKEGOLF
Titleist
SRIXON
TaylorMade
adidas GOLF

CALLAWAY X FORGED

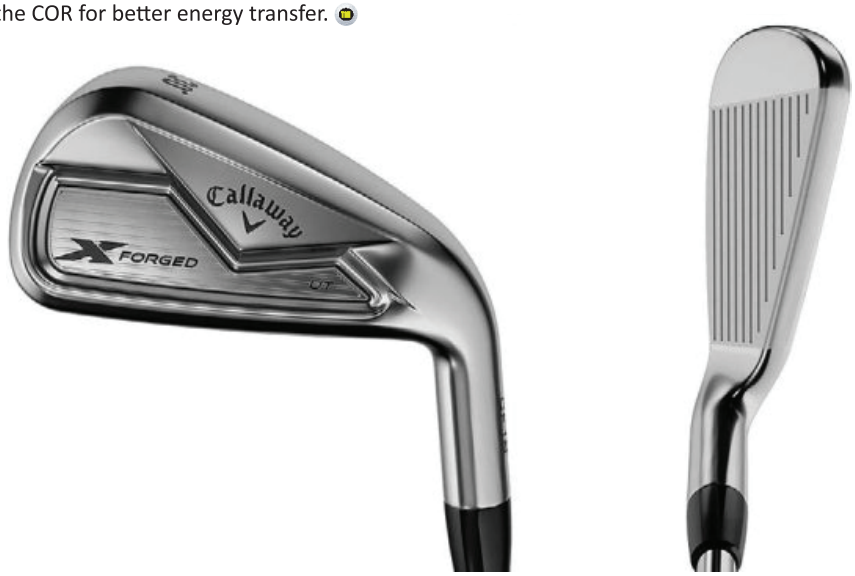
THE X WAY

If you're searching for irons that give you another option off the tee, or to use for approach shots on par 5s, the Callaway X Forged UT is a great option. The irons boast a forged design with the accuracy and control to give better players the ultimate confidence to hit the fairway or the green, even when faced with tight landing areas.

The irons feature a CG positioned in line with the clubface center, promoting further ball flight and less sidespin. In addition to that, a tungsten insert in the clubhead creates higher MOI and provides more stability on off-center hits, easier launch, and better overall carry.

Callaway's 360 Face Cup design, extending the face in a thin rim around the entire perimeter of the sole, toe and topline, is combined with a hollow, forged design to further increase ball speed and distance across the entire clubface by pushing the COR for better energy transfer.





Gulshan Branch
G-11, DCC Market,
Gulshan-2
Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh
Tel: 88-02-9882643
Cell: 01711-180619

Jamuna Future Park Branch
Shop 5B-019, 020, Zone B
5th Floor,Ka-244,
Progati Sarani
Kuril, Baridhara,
Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh
Cell: 01777-652830

Gulistan Branch
13, Bangabandhu Avenue
Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
Tel: 88-02-9571206
Cell: 01712-568191

Dhanmondi Branch
ARA Center, Mirpur Road
Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209
Tel: 88-02-9113750
Cell: 01741-257513

Sports World
Established Since - 1930

E-store: www.sportsworld.com.bd

Wave
Air Freshener

A QUASEM PRODUCT

Wave এর সুবাসে নিজেকে ভাসিয়ে দিন



মাত্র ১০০ টাকায়

পাওয়া যাচ্ছে
সুবিধাজনক প্যাকেজিং- এ

৬টা
মন মাতানো
সুগন্ধ



পিলফার প্রুফ ক্যাপ
সংযোজিত এয়ার-ফ্রেশনার ক্যান

www.quasemdrycells.com www.facebook.com/wave.airfreshener +8801990550000

SUBSCRIBE TO The GolfHouse

GOLFER'S LIFE

SUBSCRIPTION HOTLINE
+88 018-42-32-42-32

GET A GOLF GIFT



8 FREE GIFTS



*condition apply



DRIVE YOUR PROMOTION AND IMPRESSION ON THEGOLFHOUSE
DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE

/thegolfhousebd | www.thegolfhousebd.com


Picture: Getty Images

HERO INDIAN OPEN WELCOME STARS

The Hero Indian Open, the country's marquee golf tournament – which enters its 54th edition this year – will have the strongest-ever field with a galaxy of Indian stars vying for top honours with some marquee names from around the world.

Defending champion SSP Chawrasia, former champion Siddikur Rahmna, Anirban Lahiri and twice European Tour winner and emerging talent Shubhankar Sharma will lead the Indian line-up at the European and the Asian Tour co-sanctioned tournament – to be played at the Gary Player layout of the DLF Golf and Country Club from March 8 to 11, 2018.

Emiliano Grillo of Argentina, who is a PGA Tour winner and member of the 2017 Presidents Cup team, will head the global list. The marquee names also include Andrew Johnston, one of the most popular players around the world, and the Ryder Cup captain, Thomas Bjorn, who has 21 worldwide wins including 15 on European Tour. Bjorn led a strong European team last month to a fine win over Asia in the EurAsia Cup in Malaysia.

The highest-ranked Indian player in the tournament will be Shubhankar Sharma, who with two European Tour wins in less than two months, has broken into Top-100, with a world ranking of No. 72. Lahiri, PGA Tour player and World No. 76, will try to reclaim the Hero Indian open trophy that he won in 2015.

The tournament will also see a strong Indian challenge including Shiv Kapur, Gaganjeet Bhullar, Ajeetesh Sandhu, Team Asia captain Arjun Atwal, Jeev Milkha Singh, Jyoti Randhawa, Mukesh Kumar, Chiragh Kumar and many others.

Pawan Munjal, Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Hero MotoCorp, said, "We are pleased to extend our association with the Hero Indian Open, which we have been associated with for the past 12 years. Our long-term commitment to support golf has been vindicated by the rising popularity of the game in India and the number of young Indian players making their mark on the global golfing circuit. Over the years, the Hero Indian Open has grown immensely in stature and attracted some of the best talent from around the world. With one of the strongest-ever field this year, I am sure this edition will be as exciting as the previous ones."

Hero MotoCorp is a major supporter of golf on all the three Tours – Asian Tour, European Tour and the US PGA Tour. Chawrasia will be attempting the first-ever hat trick of wins in the 54-year long history of the tournament. Chawrasia had finished runner-up at the Hero Indian Open on four occasions – in 1999, 2006, 2013 and 2015 – before piping countryman Anirban Lahiri and Korea's Jeunghun Wang to take the coveted title for the first time in 2016. He successfully retained his title last year to claim his fourth European Tour win.

Past champion Thongchai Jaidee and Ryder Cup player, Chris Wood, who won the 2016 BMW PGA Championships, are also in the field.

Keith Waters, Chief Operating Officer of the European Tour, said, "The support of Hero MotoCorp has helped this tournament to go from strength to strength. Our thanks go to Mr. Pawan Munjal and his team for their continued support of Indian Golf and in particular this event, which has proved to be of real benefit to emerging local golfers who have had the opportunity to grow their careers on the European Tour."

Aakash Ohri, Sr. Executive Director – Business Development, DLF Home Developers Ltd, said, "The DLF Golf & Country Club is delighted to welcome the Hero Indian Open back for the second successive year. The Gary Player course has proved to be a good test of golf and the maintenance team is working hard to presenting the course in pristine conditions. We look forward to welcoming all players, officials and spectators to the tournament."



The 21-year-old SHUBHANKAR SHARMA eyes a place in the top-50 world rankings and a good show at the British Open.



WANT TO SET THE BAR HIGHER FOR MYSELF: SHUBHANKAR SHARMA



Last season, Indian golf was about the resurgence of a few seasoned names as much as the emergence of new stars. Among the eight wins by Indians on Asian and European Tours, Delhi's comeback golfer Shiv Kapur (Yeangder Heritage, Panasonic Open India and Royal Cup) and Shubhankar Sharma's historic win at the Joburg Open were those most talked about.

In both the cases, it was the mental fortitude that played a vital role. While Kapur was back to winning ways after over a decade following years of struggle and poor health conditions, Shubhankar was able to nail his first European Tour title. In fact, he was the youngest Indian to do so at 21, after being in contention in several events. The youngster, however, didn't stop there as he carried his good run of form into the Maybank Championship in Malaysia.

Having signed off 2017 with the title in South Africa that also earned him a place at this year's British Open, Shubhankar couldn't have asked for a better start to the new season. He nailed his second European Tour title in Malaysia that was punctuated by 10 birdies on the final day, followed by a career-high ranking of 72 that made him the highest ranked Indian golfer in the world golf rankings.

Thus, in a span of weeks, Shubhankar emerged as a name to reckon with from someone lesser known in the circuit. "I'm over the moon. The last two months have been fantastic and have changed my life. I'm playing in The Open championship this year so I can't ask for anything more," said Shubhankar after winning in Malaysia by two strokes after carding a joint-tournament low card of 62. He ended the week on 21-under total of 267 to pocket the first prize of $500,000.

Shubhankar says he has always enjoyed performing under pressure. Having turned professional quite early, at 13 years, he matured early compared to youngsters of his age. And the 21-year-old from Chandigarh believes that move helped him think better and decide on a golf course. For him, it was always setting the bar higher and the DLF-sponsored golfer, with his recent shows in South Africa and Malaysia, seemed to close in on his dream Tour—the PGA Tour.

"I always wanted to turn professional since I was a 13-year-old, though I didn't have a game to win. I loved the pressure; playing in those conditions and coming out on top. It's like you have to prove something to yourself. A lot of people told me not to turn pro but I thought I was ready as I wanted to set the bar higher for myself.

"For me, it was always about pushing myself. I thought I would learn more turning pro at a younger age and getting a head-start than staying amateur and winning everything," Shubhankar had told this correspondent after his win in Johannesburg.

'Meditation' to thrive under pressure

A headstrong approach and calm attitude is what set him from the rest of his age, and Shubhankar credits his mother, Neena, for creating a spiritual environment at home that helped him get into the habit of meditating. "Since we were kids, we had a very close affinity to doing a lot of meditation at home, thanks to my mom. As a religious family, lord worshipping is in our culture. And that has really helped me in staying calm in crucial moments.

"When I am travelling, it's the best time to meditate and reflect on what I want to do. Even when I am on the course, I try to control my breath. That is very important as you get really under pressure. In order to keep myself calm, I take deep breathes and concentrate," the promising golfer said.

From being the youngest to win on the PGTI circuit to becoming the youngest winner on the European Tour, Shubhankar definitely has come a long way and is now keenly looking forward to playing his favourite Major at Carnoustie, this July.

"I always had the fascination for British Open as I felt it's the toughest Major. The links golf is not easy as the courses are next to the ocean, so it's very windy. You need an all-round game to actually excel in these courses. Playing golf in normal condition is quite easy, playing in windy and rainy conditions wearing three layers of clothes to keep yourself warm is really tough," he said.

But for now, the focus is on the WGC-Mexico Championship from March 1 to 4, for which Shubhankar qualified owing to his recent title wins. He also aims to break into the top-50 that can earn him with invites to the Masters Tournament in April and The Players Championship, PGA Tour's flagship tournament, in May.

"If I can get into the top-50, I'll get some opportunities in America and I will cherish those opportunities. Things are moving too fast for me, and I am just trying to stay confident and keep playing well. The goal is to win the bigger tournaments and to play on the higher tours. That's what I'm looking at and I'm focused about it," Shubhankar told the PGA Tour adding that "playing on the PGA Tour has always been my dream".





TOGETHER, ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE ON THE PGA TOUR

by CHUAH CHOO CHIANG

Such has been the impact of the PGA TOUR's Together, Anything's Possible charitable platform that Swedish golfer Jonas Blixt succinctly explained what it meant to see thousands of lives being touched beyond the ropes.

"I feel like playing on the PGA TOUR almost comes second," said the three-time TOUR winner. "What we get to do for charity, what the PGA TOUR gives back to the community is the greatest thing about playing on the PGA TOUR."

Indeed, beyond the push to excel in the professional game and beyond the pursuit of golfing greatness, the PGA TOUR's stars and the tournaments that form its annual schedule have joined forces to go beyond the game and impact the lives of people in places where the TOUR visits.



In 2017, the PGA TOUR and its tournaments generated more than US$180 million for charitable causes, surpassing the previous year's record amount by approximately US$14 million. The landmark announcement raised the all-time total generated for charity by the PGA TOUR to US$2.65 billion.

From supporting children's hospitals to mobilising disaster relief, building homes for disabled troops and providing educational opportunities for kids, raising awareness and research for cancer and autism to providing food aid, the PGA TOUR has taken the lead to making a difference beyond establishing global golf stars who make headlines every week.

"The entire PGA TOUR family takes tremendous pride in the positive impact that we continue to make each year through the millions of dollars that are raised for very deserving charitable organizations," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan. "As we often note, beyond the sheer dollar amount, the real story is in the hundreds of thousands of lives that benefit from these contributions every year."



In 2017, five PGA TOUR events raised more than $10 million for charity – the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Valero Texas Open, DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, the John Deere Classic and the Waste Management Phoenix Open. In addition, the Presidents Cup announced a record donation of more than $10.7 million while the TOUR's flagship event, THE PLAYERS Championship, generated $8.7 million.

In the spirit of giving back, golf stars, both past and present, have chipped in over the years to make a difference for the less fortunate. Golf's Big Three – Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and the late Arnold Palmer – participated in a one-day event back in 2010 which raised an astounding US$15.2 million in a single day for a mission school.

Phil Mickelson and his wife, Amy, launched the "Birdies for the Brave" programme over 10 years ago to help build homes for disabled troops and provide educational support for spouses and children of servicemen and women killed in action.

Olympic gold medallist, Justin Rose, and his wife, Kate used their foundation to help under privileged students via a school lunch programme called "Blessings in a Backpack" where for many kids, lunch at school on Friday is their last meal until they return on Monday for breakfast.

As part of its sponsorship of the season-long FedExCup on the PGA TOUR, FedEx commits US$1 million in annual donations to benefit non-profit organizations. The donations align with FedEx Cares, a global giving initiative, in which FedEx is investing $200 million in over 200 global communities by 2020 to create opportunities and deliver solutions for people around the world.

South Korea's K.J. Choi, the first Asian Tour graduate who made it big in America by winning eight PGA TOUR titles including THE PLAYERS Championship in 2011, has a big heart as well. When Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, Choi donated US$100,000 for relief efforts. "Watching the chaos and devastation, I felt the need to get involved and support the residents of Houston," he said.

Support for ailing PGA TOUR stars is never forgotten. In January, the TOUR launched "January for Jarrod", a fundraising effort to help Australian golfer Jarrod Lyle meet his medical costs after undergoing a third bone marrow transplant for acute Myeloid leukemia.
As the lifeblood of professional sport, corporate support has been important too with the likes of TOUR marketing partner, Metlife entering a second year with its innovative season-long charitable initiative called Metlife MatchUp, a weekly competition between two players who most successfully navigate tough situations on the golf course. The winner is determined through a fans' vote and US$1 million will then be channelled to his chosen charity.

Last year's MetLife MatchUp winner Bubba Watson said: "My fans are really the ones who made this happen. They made it possible for me to give back to the Pensacola community where the US$1 million prize was used to further two causes, our local children's hospital and junior golf efforts in the area."

Indeed, when everyone comes together for a worthy cause, anything's possible.



Chuah Choo Chiang recognised worldwide one of Asia's top golf writers. Chuah is Senior Director, Communications of the PGA TOUR and is based at TPC Kuala Lumpur.

RANCON
INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS

INDUSTRIAL AIR CONDITIONING SOLUTIONS
VENTILATION, DEHUMIDIFIER, FIRE FIGHTING

Suitable for Commercial Large Buildings, Factory, Office, Hospitals etc.

Phoenix Tower, 5th Floor
407 Tejgaon I/A
Dhaka- 1215, Bangladesh
Tel.: +88 09617 171777
+88 01787672143
www.ranconindustries.com.bd

The Magazine That Reads You Closely











ICE TODAY

www.icetoday.net

GOLF WILL SOON BE GETTING A UNIFIED HANDICAP SYSTEM

The U.S. Golf Association and R&A announced Tuesday details for the proposed World Handicap System, which would provide golfers everywhere with a consistent measure of playing ability.

The World Handicap System is designed to encourage all golfers to carry a handicap, enable golfers of differing abilities, genders and nationalities to transport their handicap to any course globally and indicate with sufficient accuracy the score a golfer is reasonably capable of achieving on any course around the world, playing under normal conditions.

The new system is scheduled to be implemented in 2020 after a two-year transition period.

KEY POINTS OF WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM:

• Flexibility in formats of play, allowing both competitive and recreational rounds to count for handicap purposes and ensuring that a golfer's handicap is more reflective of potential ability.

• A minimal number of scores needed to obtain a new handicap; a recommendation that the number of scores needed to obtain a new handicap be 54 holes from any combination of 18-hole and 9-hole rounds, but with some discretion available for handicapping authorities or national associations to set a different minimum within their own jurisdiction.

• A consistent handicap that is portable from course to course and country to country through worldwide use of the USGA Course and Slope Rating System, already successfully used in more than 80 countries.

• An average-based calculation of a handicap, taken from the best eight out of the last 20 scores and factoring in memory of demonstrated ability for better responsiveness and control.

• A calculation that considers the impact that abnormal course and weather conditions might have on a player's performance each day.

•Daily handicap revisions, taking account of the course and weather conditions calculation.

• A limit of net double bogey on the maximum hole score (for handicapping purposes only).

• A maximum handicap limit of 54.0, regardless of gender, to encourage more golfers to measure and track their performance to increase their enjoyment of the game.



Highlights of the World Handicap System

These are some of the key features of the new system, supporting enjoyment of the game for golfers everywhere.

Playing Handicap – Calculate handicap to play chosen format

Under the new system, golfers can simply **play and enjoy** their round – just the same as always



Course Rating and Slope Rating – Worldwide consistency and portability

Minimal Number of Scores to Obtain a Handicap – Inclusive and accessible

Acceptable Scores for Handicap Purposes – Modern and adaptable, providing plenty of evidence of a player's potential ability



Under the proposal, the new system will be governed by the USGA and R&A and administered locally by national associations around the world and the six existing authorities, which represent approximately 15 million golfers in 80 countries who currently maintain a handicap.

"We are working with our partners and national associations to make golf more modern, more accessible and more enjoyable as a sport and the new World Handicap System represents a huge opportunity in this regard," R&A chief executive Martin Slumbers said. "We want to make it more attractive to golfers to obtain a handicap and strip away some of the complexity and variation which can be off-putting for newcomers. Having a handicap, which is easier to understand and is truly portable around the world, can make golf much more enjoyable and is one of the unique selling points of our sport."

According to research done in 15 countries, 76 percent of the 52,000 respondents supported the new system while just 2 percent were opposed.

RULE 16: THE PUTTING GREEN

Perhaps one of the most challenging parts of golf — next to getting stuck in obstacles and delivering a powerful tee stroke — is the final stroke on the putting green, which comes with its own set of rules according to the United States Golf Association (USGA)'s "The Official Rules of Golf," Rule 16.

The rule stipulates how to handle touching the line of putt, lifting and cleaning the ball, and repairing of hole plugs and ball marks as well as dictating that it is against the rules for a player to test the putting green during the simulation round.

Notably, like most rules in the USGA's "The Official Rules of Golf," Rule 16 comes with its fair share of exceptions including that a player may test the putting green on any hole already played or on the practice putting greens between rounds unless otherwise prohibited.

In any case, a violation of any of the articles of Rule 16, section 1 come with a two-stroke penalty during stroke play or a loss of hole in match play.

General Regulations of Rule 16:

Rule a of Rule 16, Section 1 dictates that the line of putting green (Rule 8-2b) must not be touched, with a few notable exceptions including when measuring (Rule 18-6) and when the player is placing his or her club in front of the ball when addressing it (so long as nothing is pressed down as a result). A player may also remove loose impediments, lift or replace the ball (Rule 16-1b), press down a ball-marker, repair old hole plugs or ball marks on the putting green (Rule 16-1c), and remove movable obstructions (Rule 24-1).

Rule 16-1b states that "A ball on the putting green may be lifted and, if desired, cleaned," but "the position of the ball must be marked before it is lifted and the ball must be replaced (see Rule 20-1)." It then goes on to say that "when another ball is in motion, a ball that might influence the movement of the ball in motion must not be lifted."

Rule 16-1c, on the other hand, refers to repairing hole plugs, ball-marks, and any other damage on the course. "The Official Rules of Golf" dictates that there isn't a penalty, "provided the movement of the ball or ball-marker is directly attributable to the specific act of repairing an old hole plug or damage to the putting green caused by the impact of a ball," and "otherwise, Rule 18 applies."

Additional Rules, Exceptions, and the Penalty:

A player's stance is also dictated according to "The Official Rules of Golf's" Rule 16-1e, which deals with "Standing Astride or on Line of Put," and states that the player "must not make a stroke on the putting green from a stance astride, or with either foot touching, the line of putt or an extension of that line behind the ball," except in the case of when "the stance is inadvertently taken on or astride the line of putt (or an extension of that line behind the ball) or is taken to avoid standing on another player's line of putt or prospective line of putt."

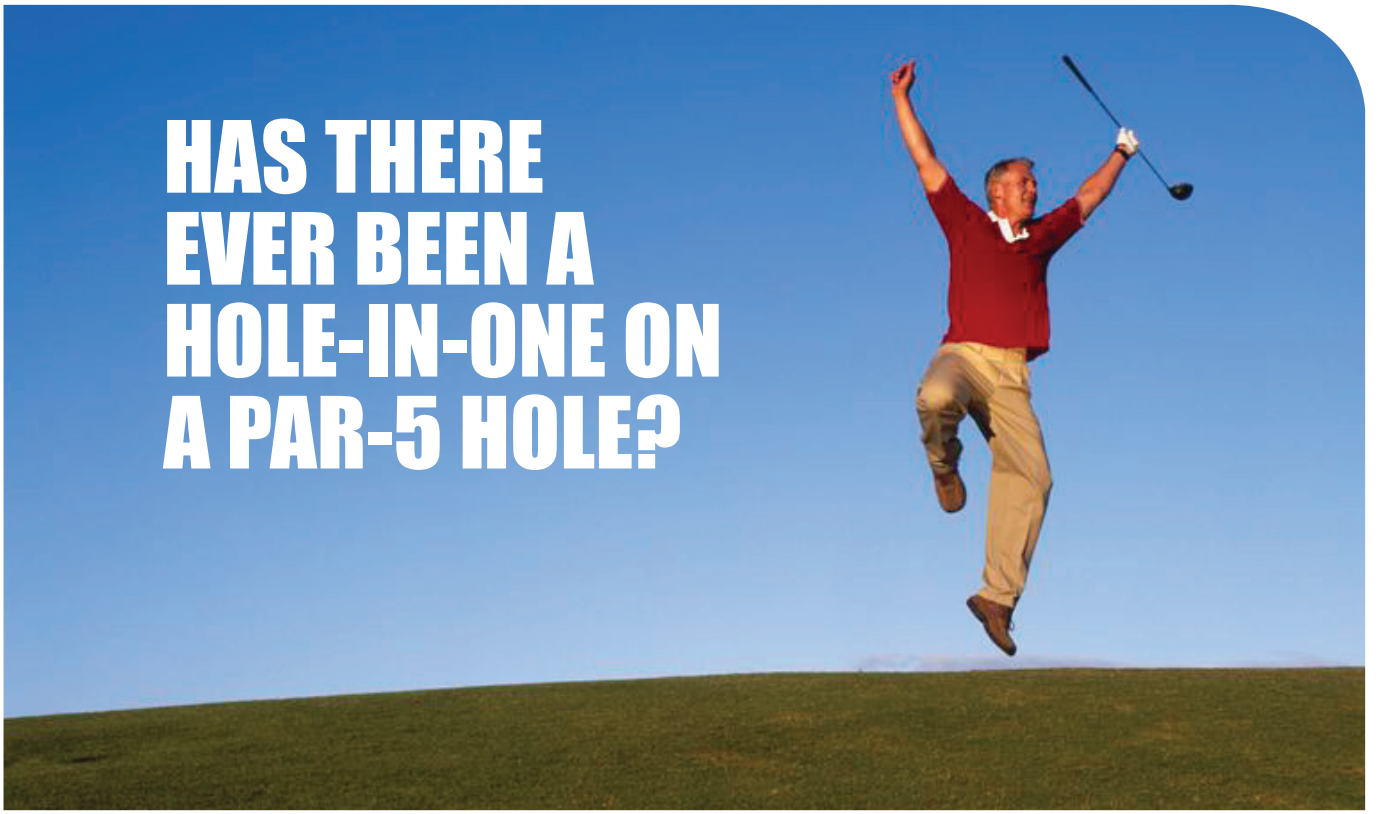
The last rule in Section 1 of Rule 16 is titled Making Stroke While Another Ball in Motion" and states that "the player must not make a stroke while another ball is in motion after a stroke from the putting green, except that if a player does so, there is no penalty if it was his turn to play."

Any breach of these rules results in a penalty, including the loss of the hole in a match play game or a two-stroke penalty during stroke play matches. On the other hand, Rule 16, Section 2, which deals with the event of a player's ball overhanging the hole, does not come with a penalty.

However, it does state that "the player is allowed enough time to reach the hole without unreasonable delay and an additional ten seconds to determine whether the ball is at rest," and "if by then the ball has not fallen into the hole, it is deemed to be at rest," but "if the ball subsequently falls into the hole, the player is deemed to have holed out with his last stroke, and must add a penalty stroke to his score for the hole; otherwise, there is no penalty under this Rule."



HAS THERE EVER BEEN A HOLE-IN-ONE ON A PAR-5 HOLE?



Most holes-in-one come on par-3 holes, obviously. A few have even been scored on longer par-4 holes (making them double-eagles as well as aces). But has anyone ever aced a par-5 hole?

Yes, it's happened at least several times - once even with a 3-iron! We'll go over each of them below, but first let's answer another question:

What Is a Par-5 Ace Called?

Hey, I'd just call it "a par-5 ace," as in, "I just aced that par-5!" Because your golf buddies will freak out.

But, technically speaking, a hole-in-one on a par-5 is a score of 4-under par, so it could be called a "double albatross" or a "triple eagle." Those just sound goofy, though.

So, sticking with the avian theme of golf's scoring terms (birdie, eagle, and albatross), a par-5 ace is called a condor.

The Longest-Known Hole-in-One

Sixty-percent of the par-5 aces we know about happened on holes with severe doglegs, or even horseshoe-shaped holes, that allow a golfer to cut the corner. But not the longest-known hole-in-one. It happened on a mostly straight par-5 hole.

On July 4, 2002, a golfer named Mike Crean teed off with a driver on the 517-yard No. 9 hole at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club in Denver, Colo. And not only - in the high, thin air of the "Mile High City" - did he drive the green, but when he and his playing companions reached the green, his ball was in the hole.

We said the hole was "mostly" straight: It did have a slight dogleg, but not the type that could remotely explain an ace on a par-5.

It should be noted that nobody actually saw the ball roll into the hole. They discovered the ball in the hole when they got to the green. Crean was a 4-handicapper at the time, he was using a Callaway Big Bertha driver, and he and his three playing partners swore affidavits attesting to the hole-in-one.

It is recognized by the U.S. Golf Register, a hole-in-one clearinghouse.

Another Straight Par-5 Ace

On July 4, 1973*, Dick Hogan (no relation to Ben) aced the par-5, 456-yard No. 8 hole at Piedmont Crescent Golf Course in Burlington, N.C. At the time, Hogan was a scratch golfer playing college golf at North Carolina State. One of his playing partners later became a golf professional at Southern Pines Golf Club in Pinehurst, N.C.

However, Hogan, he told a newspaper in 2013, has never been 100-percent convinced it was a legitimate ace. There is no evidence it wasn't, he just always wondered if someone could have played a practical joke on him. (If they did, it's never been admitted.)

'Cut the Corner' Aces on Par-5s

Since almost nobody - even with today's supercharged equipment - can hit a 500-yard drive (at least not without help - high tailwind, at altitude, etc.), the best place to look for par-5 aces are on those par-5 holes that are severe doglegs, or are even a bit horseshoe-shaped. On such holes, an intrepid long-hitter can attempt to cut a corner or clear trees or other hazards in order to go straight at the green, rather than playing around the dogleg in a normal fashion.

There are three holes-in-one on par-5s known to have been made by cutting the corner:

- The first-known ace of this nature occurred in 1962 by a golfer named Larry Bruce. Bruce, hitting driver, played over a stand of pine trees in order to go directly at the green, rather than playing up the hole and then around the dogleg. His ball found the green and the cup. It happened on the No. 5 hole at Hope Country Club in Arkansas. The hole was 480 yards if played around the dogleg.
- The golfer who aced a par-5 using a 3-iron was Shaun Lynch, playing at Teign Valley Golf Club in Christow, England, in 1995, on the 496-yard No. 17. According to a 2004 article in Golf World magazine, Lynch aimed straight toward the green on a horseshoe par-5, clearing a 20-foot-high hedge, then hitting a downslope on the other side. The downslope carried his ball to the green and into the cup.
- In 2007, another hole-in-one on a par-5 dogleg happened, this time in Australia. The golfer was Jack Bartlett, and on Nov. 2, 2007, he teed up on the 17th hole at Royal Wentworth Falls Country Club in New South Wales. The hole measured 511 yards around the dogleg, but Bartlett cut the corner.

Organized by

PORCELANOSA Grupo

Nupami BD Ltd

In Collaboration with

INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BANGLADESH

Promoting the creative activity using
KRION™ Solid Surface in Bangladesh

1st

Porcelanosa Design Competition

40/7, North Avenue,
NB Tower (Level - 3 & 4)
Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

+88 01793 567 404

info@nupami.com

nupami.com



WANT TO KEEP PROMOTING LOCAL GOLF AND LOCAL GOLFERS



Safwan Sobhan Tasvir, the vice-president of Bashundhara Group, comes from a sporting family. His father Ahmed Akbar Sobhan played quite a few sports, successfully too, while his uncle is the legendary hockey player Abdus Sadque. Hence it is no wonder that Safwan, despite his business commitments, involves himself with different sports.
Needless to say that Safwan and his family have sponsored some of the biggest sporting events of the country, including the three editions of the Asian Tour. The young businessman spoke with TheGolfHouse founder & Editor Nazrul Hosen Ayon regarding his love for sports and what he and his family are doing for the country's sports.

Q&A

You and your family are involved with golf and various other sports. Why is this inclination towards sports?

Our family has a sporting background. My father was a sportsman, my uncle was a sportsman. I and all my brothers love sports. That is why we are always associated with some sorts of sport.

Bashundhara Group sponsored the biggest golf tournament, The Bashundhara Bangladesh Open, for three years. What was the motivation or encouragement behind it?

Asian Tour is a big platform for professional golfers as well as business houses. It proves to the world that there are big business houses here who can promote such big tournaments. So that was one of the main driving forces for us.

Which sports do you personally participate in?

I play cricket, golf, tennis and squash.

When did you get associated with golf?

I started playing when I was 12 years old. I wasn't too keen at that time. But as I grew older, I got interested and now I like golf a lot. This is a game which keeps me calm and focused.

What is your golfing routine? Can you make time from/within your busy schedule?

I try to fit in, as much as I can.

Any special memories associated with golf?

I have a few good memories. I struck an eagle once, on Hole 9 at the KGC.

How do you want to stay involved with golf in future?

We want to keep promoting local golf and local golfers. We want to see more golfers playing abroad and produce more players like Siddikur. We would like to sponsor upcoming golfers.

Any message to the business community regarding golf?

My message to the business community is that you have to understand the game first to promote the game.

There is a whisper in this circle that Bashundhara Group is planning on a private golf course. Could you shed some light on this?

We are seriously planning for a private golf course with a real estate company.






ASIAN TOUR


Golf Event in the Country
OPEN2015


ASIAN TOUR
PRO AM



I LIKE PLAYING WITH MY DAD



RAJEEN MORSHED FIDA
STUDYING IN CLASS VIII

Tell us about yourself and how you picked the game.

My name is Rajeen Morshed Fida. I'm studying in Class VIII. I started playing golf two years ago while we were in Rangpur. My father encouraged me to play golf. I had friends there who also gave me encouragement. Now we are in Savar and I'm playing here too.

Do your friends know that you play golf and do they get interested to come to the game seeing you?

Yes, it happens. Many of them didn't use to play, but I told them to play. They liked it and they play well now.

What is your future target?

My target is to become a pro and I'm working hard on it. But I'm not neglecting my studies; always try to make a fine balance between playing golf and my studies. My family is very supportive of my playing golf.

What do you like most about golf?

The best moment is when you make a good contact on your drive. Other than that if someone gives me company, it's a good way to spend time. I like playing with my dad.

You've won five tournaments on the trot, right?

Yes, the first tournament I played here, I won. Then I won three more before winning the HOSAF President's Cup.

Did you play in the BAGC event?

Bashundhara Open was my first amateur tournament. Playing with the pros was special. I didn't play too well, yet it was a great experience.

What lessons do you take from golf?

Golf is a game of class. It's a very regulated game and no indiscipline takes place here.

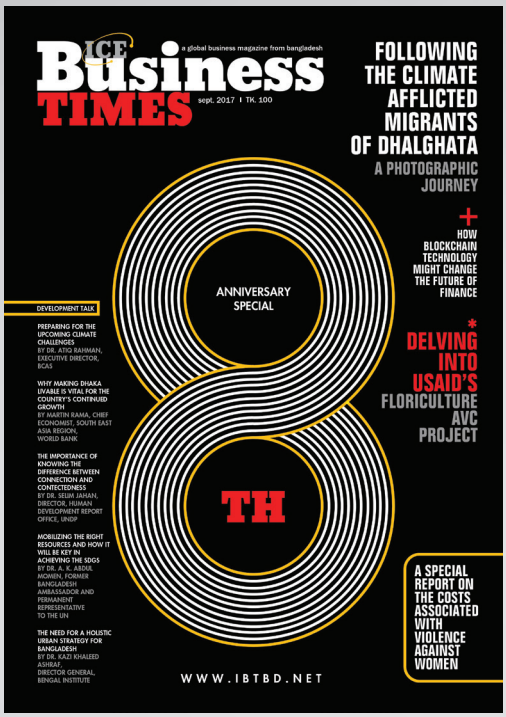
What is your ambition in life?

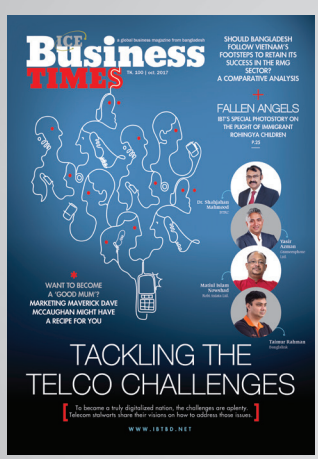
My ambition is to continue my studies as well as playing golf. Yet I haven't decided whether I will take the game as profession or not.

ICE Business TIMES

A GLOBAL BUSINESS MAGAZINE FROM BANGLADESH

www.ibtbd.net





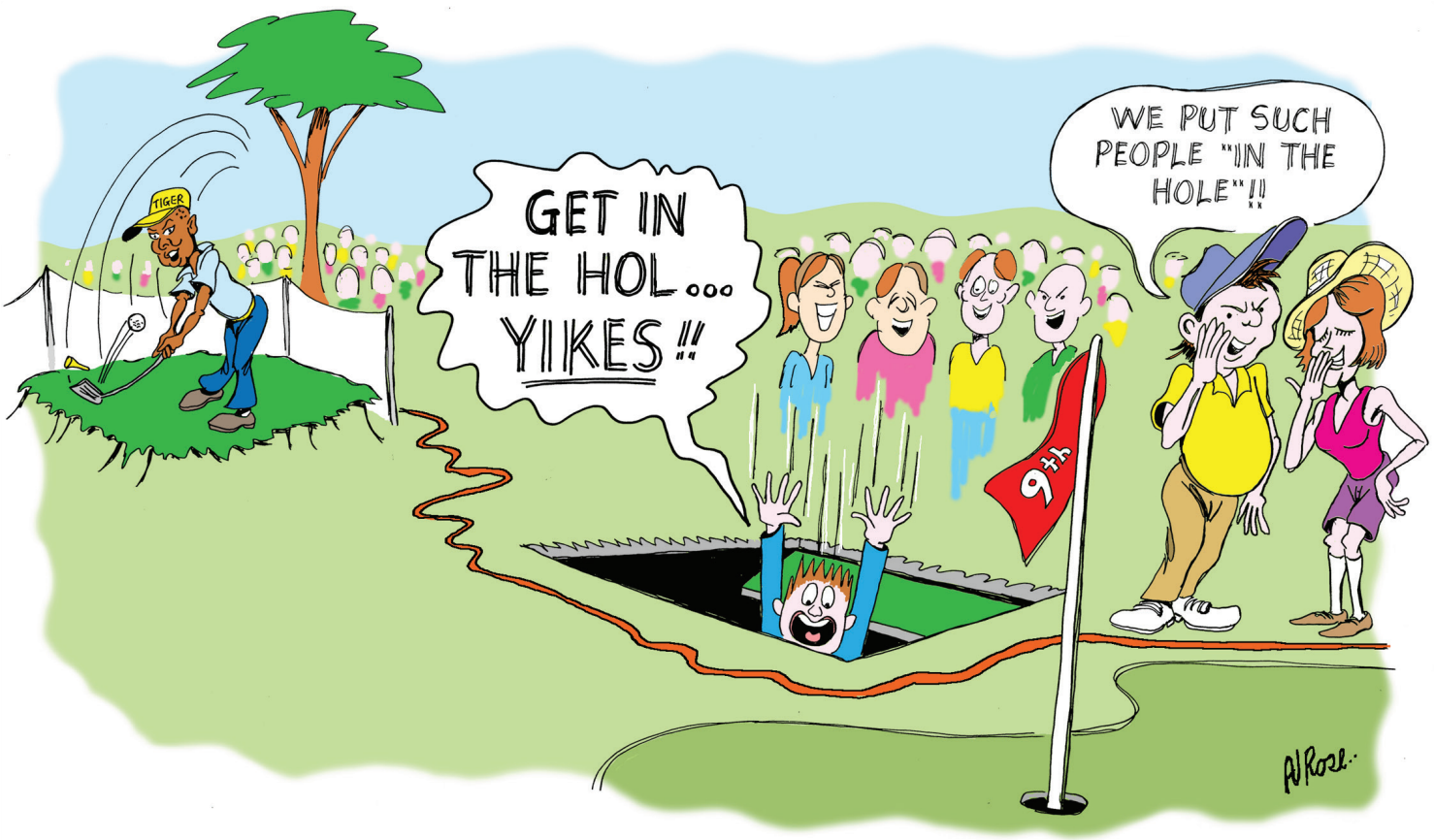








TEEING UP FAVORITE FUNNIES





"OOOPS! Sorry about that!"



"I love the women's tees on this course!"

HAVE A LAUGH WITH THIS COLLECTION OF STORY-STYLE GOLF JOKES!

Please note that many of these jokes might be offensive for various reasons, such as using explicit language, casting some religious characters and so on. It is therefore advised that you should not proceed to read these jokes if you think there is any possibility of being offended.

In building this page, most of the credits should be given to all the people who love the game of golf. Your feedback, comments or any interesting articles are always welcome, and they are indeed the most important factor to keep this page as one of the enjoyable category of our magazine. Enjoy them and send any feedback to thegolfhousebd@gmail.com Enjoy!

NOTICE!!! We are looking for new jokes!!! Please send your submissions to thegolfhousebd@gmail.com!!!
If we post your joke you will be eligible for prizes and special offers!!! Heard a good one? Send it in!

GOLF CLUB DISTANCES: HOW FAR SHOULD YOU BE HITTING YOUR CLUBS?

The golf club distance chart ... and why you shouldn't worry about it

This is one of the most-asked questions from newbies to golf: How far am I supposed to hit each of my golf clubs? What is the golf club distance for each of my clubs? The only completely honest answer is: It depends.

It depends on a lot of factors: the clubs you are using, the balls you are using, the conditions under which you play (hard fairway or soft fairway? Windy or calm? Humid or dry? etc.), your gender and age, your physical fitness, coordination and athleticism, your swing speed, how solidly you are connecting with the ball.

You get the idea. It depends.

We'll share a golf club yardage chart below, but first, let's explain why you really shouldn't pay much attention to it.

Wide Variation in Golfers' Distances

So the average yardages for each golf club depends, and it varies widely from golfer to golfer. One person's 5-iron distance is another person's 3-iron distance is another person's 7-iron distance.

Important: There is no wrong golf club distance, there is only your distance. And knowing your distances (also known as "knowing your yardages") is much more important than knowing how far each club is "supposed" to go.

Here's an interesting fact: While PGA Tour pros hit their drives anywhere from 280 yards to 320 yards on average, and LPGA Tour pros hit their drives from 230 to 270 yards on average, most recreational golfers - according to Golf Digest - average somewhere around 195-205 yards with their drivers.

The moral of that story?

Don't compare yourself with the world's best players. Although some recreational players do outhit the pros, they are rare and you probably aren't one of them.

Learning Your Yardages

You'll quickly get an idea of whether you are a "long" hitter or "short" hitter by simply playing golf and comparing yourself to those you play with.

There's no shame in being a short hitter, and being a long hitter doesn't guarantee anything, and certainly not a lower score.

And of course, hitting the ball far doesn't matter at all if you can't also hit it straight or then get the ball on the green.

But you didn't click on this topic to read all this, did you? You want that distance chart, darn it! OK, we'll give you a distance chart, but consider everything you've read to this point to be caveats on this subject.

Golf Club Distance Chart

The yardages listed in the chart below show a range for average amateurs, both male and female. As you'll see, the ranges are quite large, and represent short hitters, medium hitters and long hitters. (There are, of course, people who hit it longer, just as there are people who hit it shorter.)

Club	Men	Women
Driver	200-230-260	150-175-200
3-wood	180-215-235	125-150-180
5-wood	170-195-210	105-135-170
2-iron	170-195-210	105-135-170
3-iron	160-180-200	100-125-160
4-iron	150-170-185	90-120-150
5-iron	140-160-170	80-110-140
6-iron	130-150-160	70-100-130
7-iron	120-140-150	65-90-120
8-iron	110-130-140	60-80-110
9-iron	95-115-130	55-70-95
PW	80-105-120	50-60-80
SW	60-80-100	40-50-60



What About Hybrids?

Hybrids are numbered based on the iron they are intended to replace in your bag.

A 4-hybrid, for example, is numbered thusly because the manufacturer is saying it replaces a 4-iron. A 5-hybrid is equivalent to a 5-iron, and so on.

Men and Women

There is a greater gap, percentage-wise, between the longer and shorter women than there is between the longer and shorter men because better women players tend to be significantly longer than weaker women players. Especially compared to men. A male player who shoots 110 might be just as long as a guy who shoots 80. That is very unlikely with female golfers, however.

Final Caveat

A final caveat: You can find charts such as this one on other sites around the Web. And if you do, one thing you'll notice is that the numbers rarely, if ever, match up. Because golf club distance depends more on the player than on the clubs.



LOST BALLS IN GOLF

The Official Rules That Govern When a Ball Is Deemed Lost.

Sometimes in a round of golf, a player's drive goes terribly awry and the ball gets lost, either in dense foliage of forest-lined courses or deep in the water hazards beyond the ability of a golfer to retrieve it, but the USGA lays out what officially counts as a "lost ball" in several parts of "The Official Rules of Golf."

In this resource guide to the rules of golf, the USGA deems a ball "lost" if it meets one of the following five qualifiers:

1. It is not found or identified as his by the player within five minutes after the player's side or his or their caddies have begun to search for it.
2. The player has made a stroke at a provisional ball from the place where the original ball is likely to be or from a point nearer the hole that place.
3. A player has put another ball into play under penalty of stroke and distance under Rule 26-1a, 27-1 or 28a.
4. The player has put another ball into play because it is known or virtually certain that the ball, which has not been found, has been moved by an outside agency is in an obstruction, is in an abnormal ground condition or is in a water hazard.
5. The player has made a stroke at a substituted ball.

However, what constitutes as falling within the five minute of searching rule and how to determine if a ball is lost or just purposefully overlooked has come to be a source of debate over the years.



Still, the USGA's rules on lost balls are universally held as the golden standard for both professional and recreational rounds of golf and should be followed unless otherwise discussed with other players in a match.

Calling a Loss and Taking a Penalty

No golfer really wants to take a penalty stroke for losing a ball, but sometimes taking a penalty is better than trying to hit a ball from behind an obstacle like a large tree.

However, there are also rules that govern when a player can willingly take a penalty stroke to avoid an obstacle that's nearly impossible to get around without wasting several strokes just to get back to the rough of the fairway.

Also, even though golf is a slower game in general, with tournaments often featuring over 70 competitors on the PGA Tour, the game must keep moving in order to ensure all golfers get a fair chance to play the course during the day. For this reason, the five-minute rule has been enforced to ensure that golfers don't waste too much time looking for a ball that they lost track of.

Although this is rare to consider a ball a loss — outside of losing a ball to an obstacle or taking a penalty stroke to replace a ball — it does happen and has often occurred merely because the golfer ran out of time to locate the ball in a thick pile of leaves or underbrush.



TEN STRATEGIES FOR BETTER CONCENTRATION

by Bill Cole, MS, MA

Do you arrive at the golf course hoping your A game will show up that day? Or do you have a system for making sure your concentration will be zoned in? Players who give consistent performances know how to fine-tune their minds.

Here are ten mental strategies that can help you improve your concentration in golf.

1. Create A Pre-Zone Period: To get in the zone in the round, create the zone feeling in advance. At home, or away from the office, do 10-15 minutes of mental readiness preparation, including positive visualization, making a game plan, and positive thinking. Arrive at the course 20-30 minutes early to practice and gather yourself. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you will add this extra time to your golf experiences to guarantee your mind works for you, not against you.

2. Be Aware Of Nuances In Pre-Shot Routines: You may have a different pre-shot routine for various clubs and situations, so be consistent within each of those. Be aware when you alter these routines, and start over. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you will be more aware of these important subtleties.

3. Commit To The Shot: If you change your mind about anything on the shot, back off the ball, recommit and refocus on your routine. Picture the result you want in your mind and before you swing, let go of that image, and refocus on the ball. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you will have more mental discipline.

4. Accept What Will Happen, In Advance: Paradoxically, to get the results you want, you need to release your urge to micro-manage these results during your swing. Players who are control freaks can't let go of their conscious mental control that makes their swing guided and tight. Instead, accept what will happen in advance, trust your swing and let it fly. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you know that letting go paradoxically gives you more unconscious control.

5. Stop Evaluating Your Progress: Instead of riding the emotional roller-coaster of being excited when you hit a good shot, and depressed when you don't, try staying more emotionally even as you play. To do this, don't be consumed with how well you are doing or "If you will win". Instead, suspend judgment and take a "Let's see what happens" approach and simply keep your mind in the here and now. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you have more poise and patience with yourself.

6. Down-Size Your Vision: The closer you walk to your ball on the course the narrower you want your concentration. As you get over the ball you want a micro-scopic external focus, not a broad, internal or external focus. Look closely at the ink on the ball, any shadows, the grass around the

ball, and let that help your mind become calmer and more tuned in. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you know how to use appropriate intentional cues.

7. Drop On-Course Self-Instruction: Your swing checkpoint lists and deep technical analysis that help you grow in practice just get in the way in a round, so leave them on the practice area. Stick to simple swing cues and quick fixes, and begin quieting your mind in the minutes before your round as you warm up. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you know that analysis and tweaking is best left for times other than the round.

8. Dampen The Noise In Your Head: You might have thoughts of self-doubt, worry, fearful images and other internal distractions, but you can cover them up. As you begin your pre-shot routine, listen to your breathing or hum a tune to block out these unwanted thoughts and images. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you know how to manage your mind, and your focus.

9. Use Performance Trigger Cues To Automate Your Swing: Use these to initiate the swing and then let them go. You can use words or images that convey smoothness, balance, power, ease or any other focus that helps you. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you make your mind an ally, by using smart triggers and cues.

10. Execute The Swing With No Mental Guidance Or Mid-Swing Tweaks: Your mind can initiate the swing, but don't let it guide or adjust the swing. You need to trust what you have initiated, and simply allow it to unfold. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you trust your training.

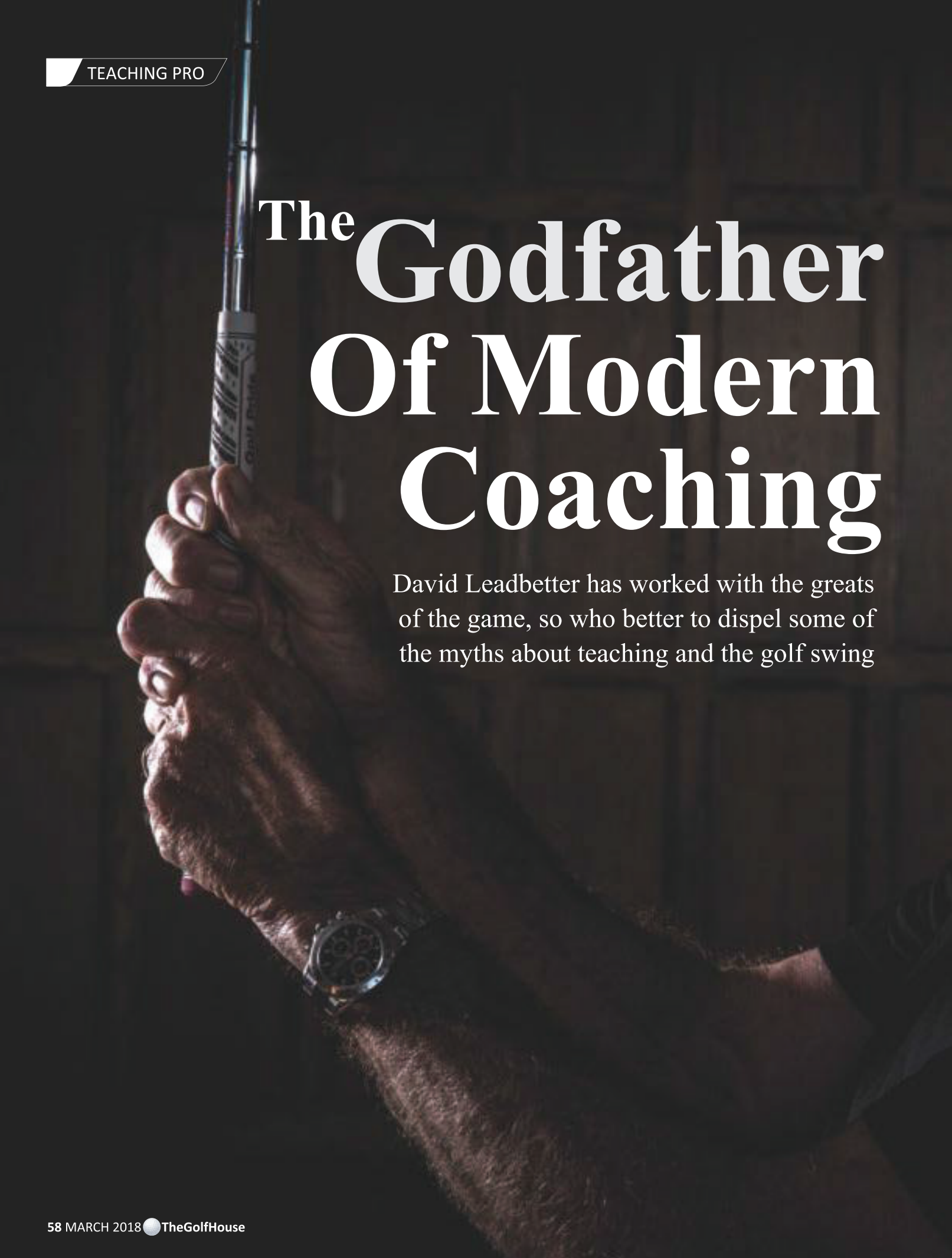
I encourage you to make concentration a strength in your game. Follow these mental game strategies and watch your enjoyment go up while your scores go down.

"Your mind can initiate the swing, but don't let it guide or adjust the swing. You need to trust what you have initiated, and simply allow it to unfold. When you have a strong mental game of golf, you trust your training".



Bill Cole, MS, MA, a leading authority on sports psychology, peak performance, mental toughness and coaching, is founder and CEO of William B. Cole Consultants, a consulting firm that helps sports teams and individuals achieve more success. He is also the Founder and President of the International Mental Game Coaching Association, an organization dedicated to advancing the research, development, professionalism and growth of mental game coaching worldwide. He is a multiple Hall-Of-Fame honoree as an athlete, coach and school alumnus, an award-winning scholar-athlete, published author of books and articles, and has coached at the highest levels of major-league pro sports and big-time college athletics.





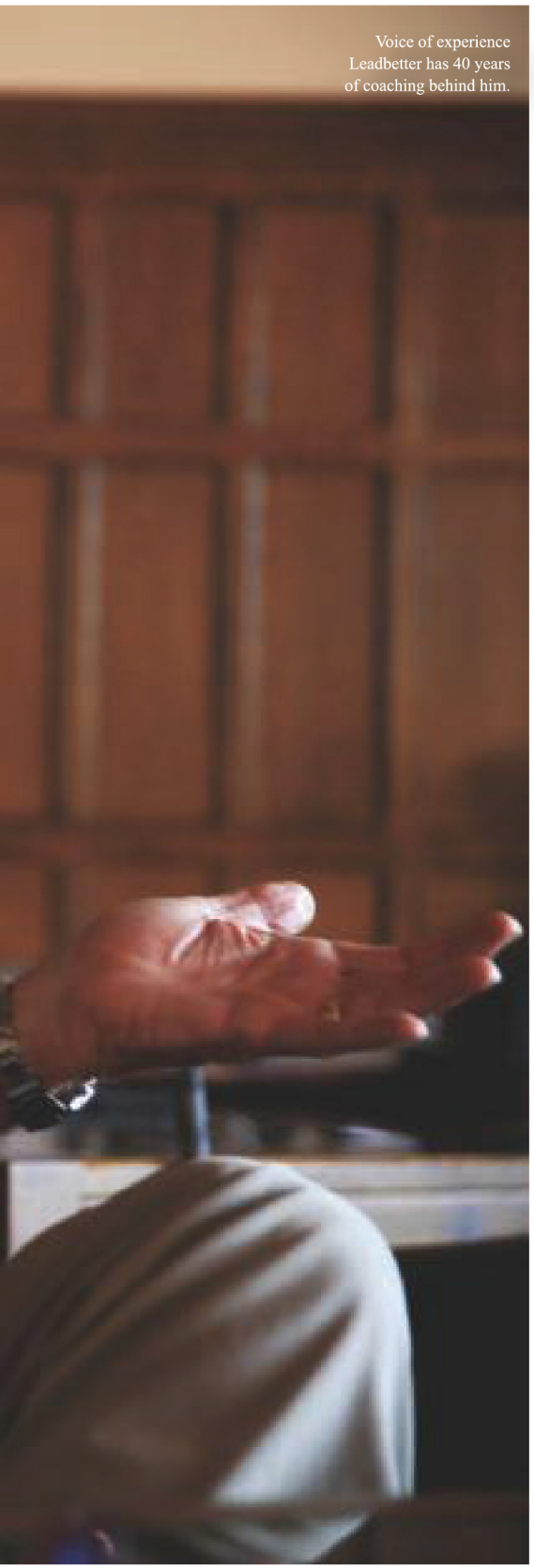
The Godfather Of Modern Coaching

David Leadbetter has worked with the greats of the game, so who better to dispel some of the myths about teaching and the golf swing



What David Leadbetter doesn't know about the golf swing isn't worth knowing. The 65-year-old has written eight instruction books and built a coaching empire which includes more than 34 academies in nine countries. His big break came rebuilding Nick Faldo's swing, which produced six Major titles. Further success followed with Nick Price, Greg Norman, Ernie Els and latterly Lydia Ko, taking his tally to 24 Major Championships and more than 100 worldwide wins across the men's, ladies and Champions tours. But were it not for missing a 10-foot birdie putt in the 1976 European Tour Q School—one that would have earned Leadbetter full-time playing privileges – golf might have been denied one of its greatest coaches. As it was, his journey started with a $10 lesson in Zimbabwe 47 years ago and will reach its peak when he collects the PGA Teacher of the Year award for the first time. We sat down with the man himself to find out the secrets behind his incredible longevity, and how you can get the most out of your golf game.


EPIC



Voice of experience Leadbetter has 40 years of coaching behind him.

How would you describe your style of coaching? Has it changed much?

I've been teaching for more than 40 years. I wanted to be a player, so I learned a lot about the swing and what made it work and tick. I've done a lot of studies on biomechanics and how the body works and how the mind receives information. I am a very intuitive teacher and I've always relied a lot on instinct.

Was it a case of trial and error when you were first started coaching?

People like Mark McNulty and Nick Price were guinea pigs back in the day and a lot of my learning was done on the job. I was a book worm and studied a lot and researched a lot on Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus. One of my hobbies is collecting instruction books dating back to the 19th century. It's always been an interest and a passion of mine. It's been a constant case of searching and discovery through trial and error and feedback from different players and talking to teachers. And coming up with a philosophy, rather than a method. A philosophy is more open ended and you can apply it to different people; whereas a method is very strict and everybody has to do it that way.

What is your teaching philosophy?

A lot of my philosophy is based around science. People have wrongly described me as a very mechanical teacher. A lot of that was probably because of the work I did with Nick Faldo, but he was far from being a mechanical robot. He was very much a feel player. I understand mechanics and how the swing works, but I try to teach through feel and use a lot of technology to help – like Trackman, Foresight and 3D analysis. They are great tools and videos have changed teaching a lot. I was one of the first to embrace it actually. It's nice to know what the numbers are to refer back to it, but you've got to be able to interpret the data correctly.

Do you think golfers are guilty of making the golf swing too technical?

I think most teachers are probably guilty of making the swing too complicated for the average golfer. Most of the instruction videos you see on YouTube are mostly geared towards the really good player or athlete. But how many golfers swing like Dustin Johnson? I would imagine not many. The resources available are helping to produce more technical golfers, but the game still boils down to the feelings you have to hit the shots when you are under-pressure or need to get creative. Most pros actually keep things very simple.

What do you think constitutes the best form of practice?

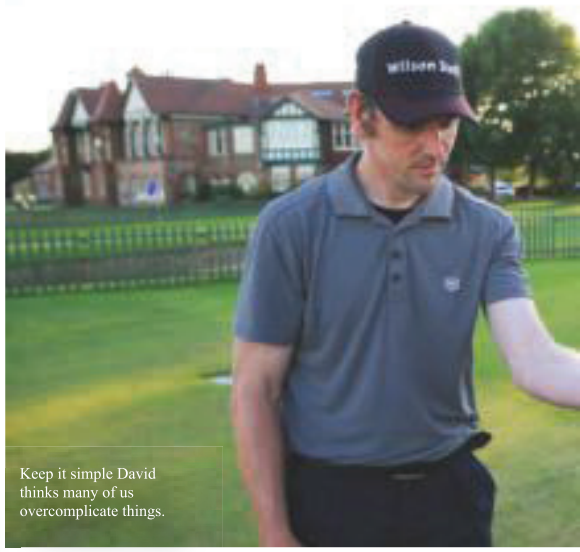
I've always believed a lot of good work can be done indoors. For instance, if you are trying to train your body to move in a certain way, there are dozens of exercises you can do to foster the desired movement at home or at work. The key, however, is to make sure you are doing the right things. Don't just rely on information from friends or YouTube. The chances are you are probably misinterpreting things anyway, and it's unlikely it will

'At least 50 per cent of your practice should be spent from 100 yards and in'





Natural talent Leadbetter's verdict on Ernie Els.



Keep it simple David thinks many of us overcomplicate things.

be relevant for your swing either. My advice? Book a lesson with your pro.

How would you recommend structuring a typical range session?

If you have a couple of hours, spare at least 50 per cent of your practice time should be spent from 100 yards and in. That's where a lot of people will benefit. The other time should be spent on something specific by incorporating a couple of drills or exercise and taking two practice swings before hitting a shot. Not just hitting ball after ball after ball. That's what you do for a warm up or before you go and play. You've got to practice with a purpose, and one of the things we try to encourage is to incorporate a playing philosophy when you practise.

What are the biggest misconceptions surrounding the golf swing?

A lot of coaches say that the club should be swung on one plane back and through. That's pretty difficult to do. I've always been of the persuasion that it's much easier for the club to go back a little steeper and come down a little shallower. If you look at the players I've coached like Nick Price and Nick Faldo; you can see a definite shallowing in their downswings which comes from shifting the lower body towards the target just before completing the backswing. The reason this works so well is that it gets the club approaching from the inside on a more horizontal plane, almost mirroring the shaft angle at address, which is a prerequisite to getting the arms and body working in sync. Then, it's just the case of squaring the clubface to hit a nice little draw – perfect for the 90 per cent of golfers who swing too steep and end up slicing the ball.

WHO LEADBETTER HAS COACHED...

NICK PRICE

The Zimbabwean was still relatively unknown when he first teamed up with Leadbetter in 1983. A first PGA Tour victory followed soon after, but he had to wait until 1991 for his next victory in the States. Thereafter, the floodgates opened and so too did the Majors. He won three from 1992-1994.



NICK FALDO

Second only to Butch and Tiger as the most famous player-coach relationship in the modern era. Faldo underwent a complete swing rebuild under Leadbetter in 1985, and went on to win six Majors and top the world rankings for 97 weeks. Things ended in 1998, when the Englishman fired Leadbetter via fax.

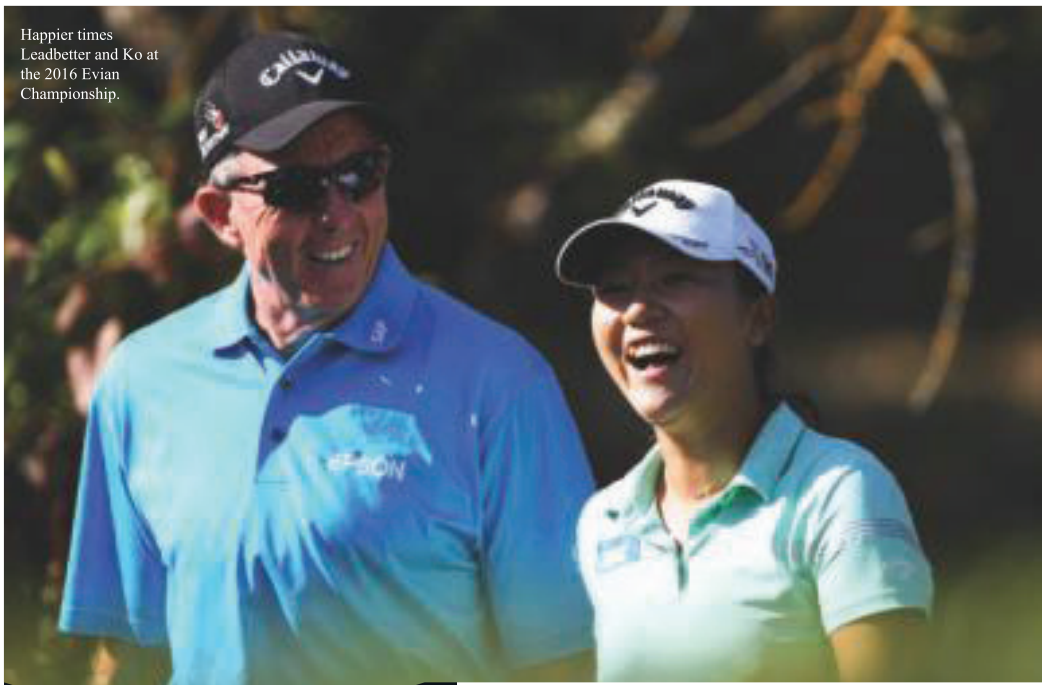


ERNIE ELS

Described by Leadbetter as the "most naturally talented athlete" he's ever coached, Els started working with eadbetter 27 years ago. The duo have enjoyed an on-off relationship ever since, winning three Majors together before Els started working with the Butch Harmon in 2008. The pair then reunited in 2016.







Happier times Leadbetter and Ko at the 2016 Evian Championship.

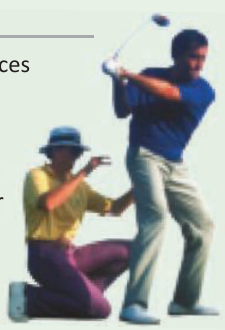
If you could give our readers one piece of advice, what would it be?

Understand your swing and what makes it tick. If your ball striking is off, it's usually because your swing is working out of sync. The essence of the A Swing: [The Alternative Approach to Great Golf] is about getting the arms, hands, body and club working in harmony by making everything more efficient and simple. The average golfer uses their hands and arms so much that the club is being swung out of plane and, as a consequence, the path is always on the outside which leads to pulls, slices and a loss of power. If you can get the club in the right position, it will allow your body to work in the correct manner. And the biggest reason that people's torsos don't work correctly is that the body is always compensating for the fact that the hands and arms are taking the club back in the most god-awful position.

Leadbetter on...
his acrimonious split from Lydia Ko

"The problem is these parents look at their kids as investments or money machines, which is what Lydia has been. She had a better start to her career than Tiger. Her win ratio was incredible. But when she went off the boil towards the end of last year through fatigue, they [her parents] decided they wanted to do something different. So, they changed everything – from the equipment to the coach. But why would you change a winning combination? You are never going to win all the time in this game."

SEVE BALLESTEROS



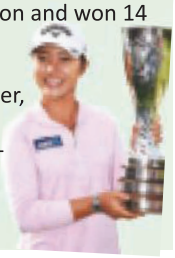
The Spaniard joined forces with Leadbetter for the duration of the 1991 season. Though the partnership failed to add to Seve's five Major titles, it did bring two European Tour victories and a top-10 finish at The Open.

GREG NORMAN



The Great White Shark sought Leadbetter's wisdom six months after his runner- up finish in the 1996 Masters. The partnership barely lasted a year, but it did yield a $1 million paycheck at the World Championship of Golf, plus Norman's final two victories on the PGA Tour.

LYDIA KO



Their partnership lasted just three years, but during that time Ko pocketed more than $2 million every season and won 14 LPGA titles, including two Majors. In doing so, she became the youngest player, male or female, to top the world rankings. Coincidentally, Ko hasn't managed a win since their split at the end of 2016.

Credit: WORDS: MICHAEL CATLING, PICTURES: GETTY IMAGES



MOBIL CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The three-day Mobil Cup Golf Tournament 2018 ended through a colorful concluding ceremony at the Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) on February 16, 2018.

The Chief of General Staff (CGS) of Bangladesh Army, Md. Nazimuddin, psc distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest of the ceremony.

Md. Mohsin won the champion's title while Jong OK Park grabbed the runner-up trophy and Tahmina Rahman won the ladies' event title.

Vice president of Kurmitola Golf Club Major General A K M Abdullahil Baquee, club captain Brigadier General Kazi Shamsul Islam, chairman of tournament committee Brig. Gen. Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Club CEO Brigadier General Mohd Obaidul Haque (Retd), general manager of Golf Operation Lieutenant Colonel Md. Abdul Bari (Retd), Managing Director of Mobil Jamuna Lubricants Bangladesh Limited, Azam Jahangir Chowdhury, Director of MJL Tanjil Chowdhury, CEO of MJL M. Mukul Hossain, high MJL officials and high civil and military officials were present along with their families on the occasion.



17TH SQUARE GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

17th Square Golf Tournament 2018 concluded at Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka on February 24.

Muntasir Ahmed won the main title, Taosif Iqbal Siddiqui grabbed the runner-up trophy while Fatema Motiur won the ladies' event title.

Major General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, Senior Directing Staff (Army) of National Defense College gave away prizes to the winners as chief guest at the concluding ceremony.

Vice president of Kurmitola Golf Club Major General A K M Abdullahil Baquee, club captain Brigadier General Kazi Shamsul Islam, chairman of tournament committee Brig. Gen. Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Club CEO Brigadier General Mohd Obaidul Haque (Retd), general manager of KGC Golf Operation Lieutenant Colonel Md. Abdul Bari (Retd), Chief Operating and Scientific Officer, Square Pharmaceuticals Limited Dr. Shamim Ahmed, were also present in the prize giving ceremony. A large numbers of participants, other members of the Square Group and high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the function.



QUASEM CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

The two-day Quasem Cup Golf Tournament- 2018 was held at the Rangpur Golf Club (RGC) in Rangpur Cantonment recently.

Over 100 contestants of different golf clubs participated in male, female, junior and sub-junior groups of the tournament, said a press release.

The Quasem Group of Industries sponsored the tournament.

In male group, Brigadier General Amin Akbar secured the first position while Major General Md Masud Razzaque won the best gross award. Samid Quasem became the runner-up while Brigadier General Mahbub Sarwar won the second best gross award.

In female group, Mrs Shilpi became the winner while Mrs Nasrine Haque Boby was awarded for the best gross score. Fatema secured the first position while Midhula became the runner-up in junior group.

President of RGC Major General Md Masud Razzaque attended the concluding ceremony and distributed prizes among the winners. Directors and high officials of the Quasem Group of Industries, RGC officials, participating golfers and invited guests were present, among others.









AGC CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT- 2018

Ahnaf Tajwar Rahman, competing against 607 participants, won the title of the AGC Cup Golf Tournament 2018, which was held at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka from February 7-10. Minhazur Rahman grabbed the runner-up prize while Shahnaz Rahman won the ladies' event title.

The tournament ended with a colorful ceremony where Major General M Azizur Rahman, BU (Retd) distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest.

Winners of other categories were: Lt Col Md Abdul Jalil as 2nd Runner Up, Muhtasimul Islam as 01-12 Handicap Winner, Lt Gen Mohammad Nazim Uddin as 01-12 Handicap Runner Up, Selim Abed as 13-24 Handicap Winner, Rais Uddin Siddique as 13-24 Handicap Runner Up, Maj Gen M Azizur Rahman, BU (Retd) as Veteran Winner, Maj Gen A S M Matiur Rahman (Retd) as Veteran Runner Up, Lt Col Syed Mohammad Obaidullah (Retd) as Senior Winner, Brig Gen Ashfaque-Uzzaman Chy (Retd) as Senior Runner Up, Neela Aziz as Lady Runner Up, Master Roshan Abrar Reza as Junior Winner, Zaima Binte Hossain as Junior Runner Up, Master Farhan Hossain as Longest Drive-297yds and Brig Gen ManzurQader (Retd) as Nearest to pin-3 Ft 05inch.


NT 2018
MONY

















ISPAHANI

Blender's Choice

Premium
Green Tea



Directly from China

For a healthier life

ISPAHANI CARELINE 09 678 77 11 00 www.ispahanitea.com /BlendersChoicePremiumTea



8TH DUTCH BANGLA BANK GOLF TOURNAMENT, 2018

Wing Commander M Ashrafuddin emerged champion in the 8th Dutch Bangla Bank Golf Tournament, which was held last month at the Shaheen Golf and Country Club in Potenga, Chittagong.

Sadiul Islam FCA became runner-up while Major Asadul Haque Mia (retd) finished third in the 18-hole category.

The title of the nine-hole category was won by Squadron leader Mahbubur Rahman, with Major Emdadul Islam grabbing the second prize. Mrs Kaniz Fatema won the ladies' event.

Director of Air Force Air Vice Marshal Mashihuzzaman Serniabat, bbp, osp, ndu, psc distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest of the event where Dutch Bangla Bank's Deputy Managing Director Mohammad Manzur Mafiz was present as special guest.



SHAH CEMENT-AKS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The three-day 22nd Summit Cup Golf Tournament, 2018 was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) in Dhaka from 7-9 February.

Safwan Sobhan won the title, Major General Rezanur Rahman Khan, psc grabbed the runner-up trophy while Fatema Motiur won the ladies' event title.

The tournament ended with a colorful concluding ceremony. Commandant of National Defence College, Lieutenant General Chowdhury Hasan Sarwardy, BB, SBP, ndc, psc distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest.

Vice president of Kurmitola Golf Club Major General A K M Abdullahil Baquee, club captain Brigadier General Kazi Shamsul Islam, chairman of tournament committee Brig. Gen. Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Club CEO Brigadier General Mohd Obaidul Haque (Retd), general manager of Golf Operation Lieutenant Colonel Md. Abdul Bari (Retd), Executive Director of Abul Khair Group Executive Director. Abul Khair Group, Brig. Gen. Engr. Shahidullah Chowdhury (Retd.), high officials of AKS Group and high civil and military officials with their families were present on the occasion.

কিছু বাড়তি ভালোর জন্য

সুপার ফ্রেশ®

ফর্টিফাইড সয়াবিন তেল

বাড়তি সুরক্ষায়, বাড়তি যত্নে



ভিটামিন A-এর বাড়তি সুরক্ষাযুক্ত
সুপার ফ্রেশ ফর্টিফাইড সয়াবিন তেল



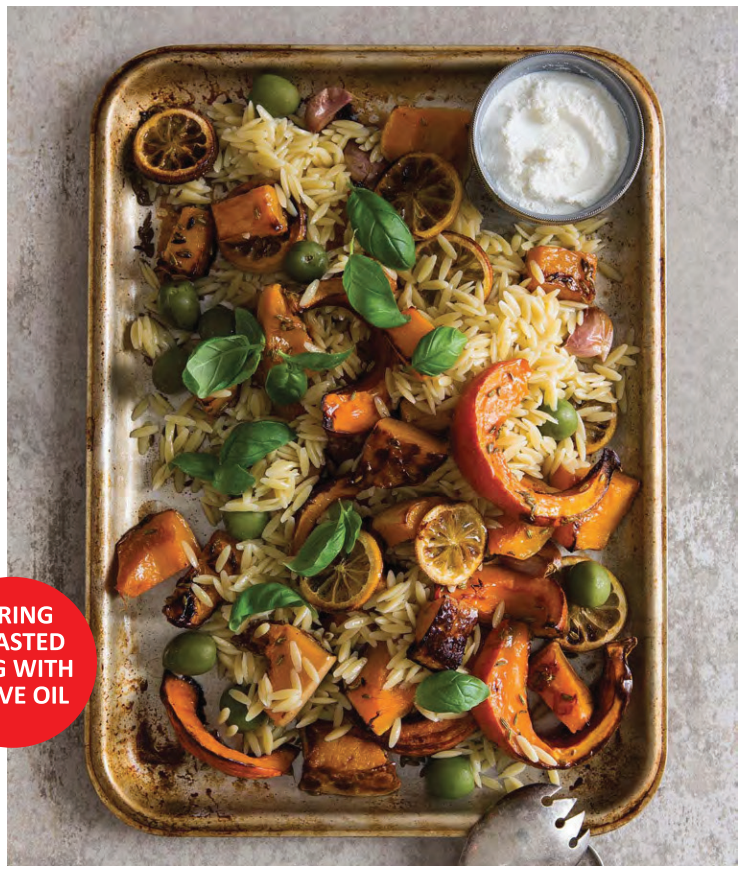
মেঘনা গ্রুপ অব ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজ

PERFECT PAIRINGS

To get all the goodness you can from your food, why not try a little teamwork. Katy McClellandÕs midweek meal ideas are perfect for more mindful eating in January, combining key ingredients to maximise both their flavour and nutritional benefits.

GettinG a nutritional boost

Partnering certain foods together can dramatically improve the nutritional value of your meals. The idea is that the nutrients in one food help your body absorb more nutrients from another, making them what nutritionists would call more Ô bioavailableÕ . weÕ re talking measurably more vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and phytonutrients. For example, eating vegetables with added fats or oils makes the fat-soluble nutrients in veg more available for absorption. So, for example, roasting root veg, such as carrots or sweet potatoes, in olive oil or adding a splash of oil-based dressing to raw salads means you can greatly increase the amount of nutrients you absorb.



PAIRING ROASTED VEG WITH OLIVE OIL

Simple flavours are often the best Ð roasted veg taste wonderful and the olive oil helps improve the absorption of beta-carotene. The olives and lemon give this dish a hint of Mediterranean and North African flavours too.

Serves 4 | Prep 10 mins | Cook 25 mins

800g butternut squash, sweet potato and carrot, peeled and cut into small cubes 6 cloves garlic, whole, in their skins and bruised 4 tbsp light olive oil 1 heaped tsp fennel seeds 1 large unwaxed lemon, scrubbed and cut into slices 300g orzo handful of basil leaves, roughly chopped 100g pitted green olives, halved or whole 6 tbsp ricotta

1 Preheat the oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Spread the prepared butternut squash, sweet potato, carrot and garlic in a large roasting tin. Drizzle over the oil, sprinkle the fennel seeds on top, then add the lemon slices. Roast for 25 minutes or until golden and tender.

2 Meanwhile, cook the orzo according to packet instructions, drain and set aside.

3 Once the veg is ready, add the orzo, basil and olives to the tin, season with salt and pepper and mix well to coat in the juices. Dot over the ricotta and serve.



Bugatti Chiron Sets World Record

0-400-0 km/h in 42 seconds!



A world record for the Bugatti Chiron, the 1,500 PS super car from Alsace has accelerated from a standing start to 400km/h and braked back to a standstill in just 42 seconds (41.96 to be exact). This is the fastest time ever reached and officially measured for this driving manoeuvre for a production vehicle. The run was supervised and officially certified by SGS-TÜV Saar, part of SGS, the world leader in inspection, testing, verification and certification. The Chiron completed the manoeuvre in a distance of only 3.112 kilometres. This underscores the supercar's unique position in the extreme performance range. The world record was set by Juan Pablo Montoya, winner of the Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix, two-time winner of the Indy 500 and three-time winner of the 24 hours of Daytona. The 0-400-0 manoeuvre is the first step on the way to a new world speed record for production vehicles which Bugatti intends to set in 2018 and a further highlight in the success story of the Chiron, which made its world debut last year. 300 of these exceptional super sports cars, which are being produced in a limited series of

500 vehicles, have already been sold.

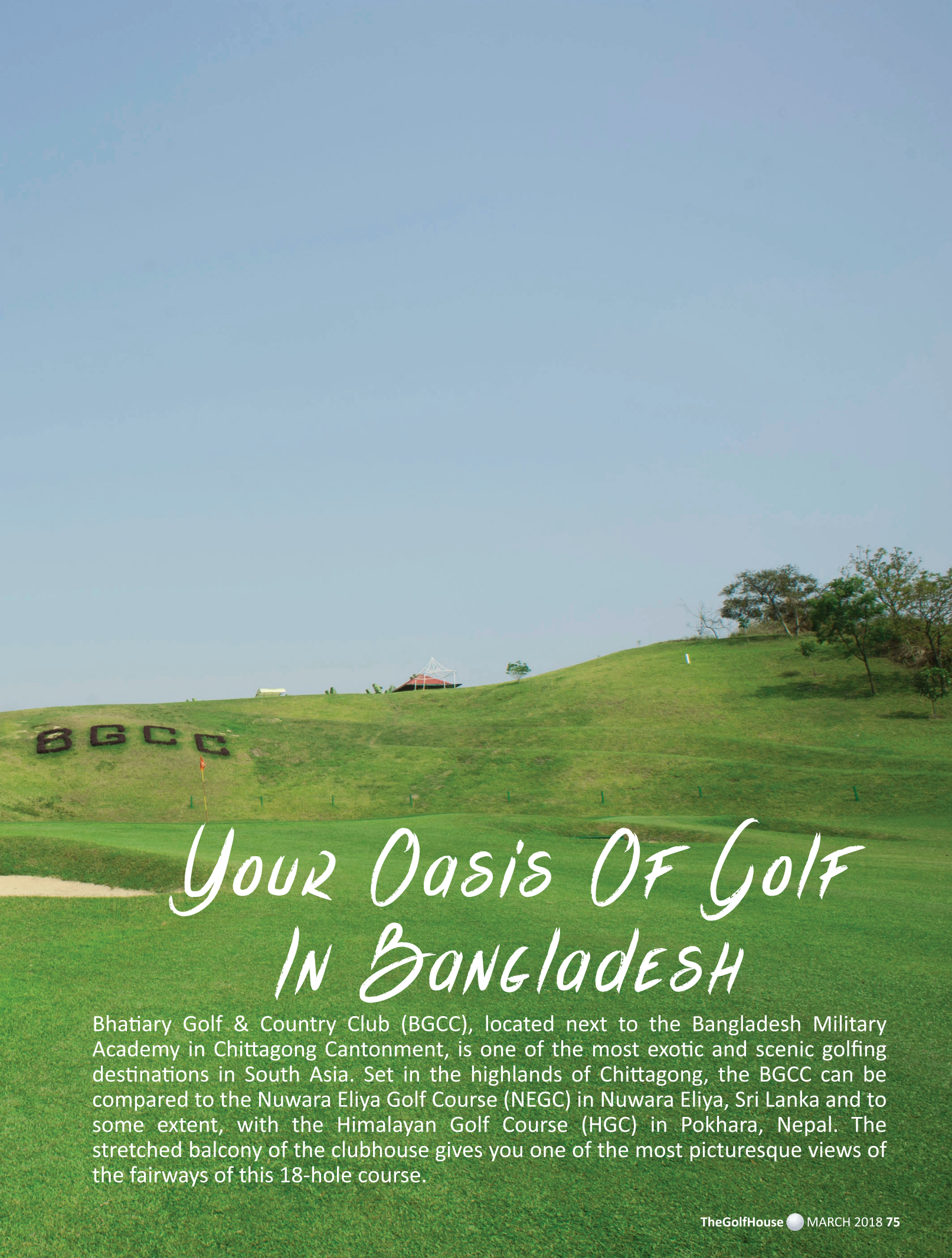
For its 0-400-0 project, Bugatti invited Juan Pablo Montoya, a proven speed and performance expert. He accepted the invitation without any hesitation. “My first thought was that I would do anything Bugatti wanted in order to drive this incredible car.” The former Formula 1 driver, who is now active in the IndyCar series, was especially impressed by the fact that a super sports car actually felt like a normal road vehicle. “When you are driving the Chiron for the first time and taking it easy, you cannot imagine how powerful it is. But as soon as you open the throttle, you hear the turbochargers pull up and all this torque comes in, and it just does not stop. It is like a linear power curve to happiness. The Chiron is so incredibly fast it takes your breath away. And its braking is at least as impressive.”

In 2018, Bugatti plans to set a new world speed record in excess of the top speed of 431.072 km/h recorded with the Veyron 16.4 Super Sport in 2010.









Your Oasis Of Golf In Bangladesh

Bhatiary Golf & Country Club (BGCC), located next to the Bangladesh Military Academy in Chittagong Cantonment, is one of the most exotic and scenic golfing destinations in South Asia. Set in the highlands of Chittagong, the BGCC can be compared to the Nuwara Eliya Golf Course (NEGC) in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka and to some extent, with the Himalayan Golf Course (HGC) in Pokhara, Nepal. The stretched balcony of the clubhouse gives you one of the most picturesque views of the fairways of this 18-hole course.



Formation of BGCC: The foundation stone of the BGCC was laid by former president H.M. Ershad on 18 March, 1984 and the relevant memorandum and articles of association were adopted at the same year. BGCC was thereafter registered as a company on 14 April, 1984. The first Executive Committee had 10 members where Major General Mannaf was the senior vice president and Mr. K M Iqbal was the Honorary Secretary.

Ground Breaking: Under the guidance of General Mannaf, a keen golfer and an expert engineer, an avid Scottish golfer of the James Finlay Plc named W.L.C. Petrie, was entrusted with the responsibility of planning and building golf course. The 72-par 18-hole course spanning over 6666 yards was made available for golfers by the end of 1986. Even though the course kept undergoing continuous changes and/or improvements, the first major change to its layout took place in the mid nineties. However, the most stunning change took place during 2007-2010 when the layout of the fairways/greens underwent a splendid transformation under the direction of the then senior vice president of BGCC and under supervision of Mr. James Wilcher, a professional Australian golf course designer.

Development of Clubhouse: At the inception BGCC did not have its own clubhouse, with only a simple halfway house built in 1986. The much bigger present 'Half Way House' constructed on a separate hill, was only possible by the courtesy of UCB Ltd. All the Senior Vice Presidents of different time took keen interest to initiate several development works in last few years to add the standard and layout of BGCC meeting the requirements of growing number of golfers and club members. A new driving range complex is undergoing construction, with the already open. Works related to the picturesque lake at the Hole 14 have been completed. Renovation of mosque and robust pump house has also been completed. The extension of the main clubhouse



with sauna and steam bath has added extra value to the club. Two fountains in front of the club house gives added luster to the aesthetic look of BGCC.

Tournaments and sponsors: The first monthly medal tournament at BGCC was conducted in 1987 while the first club championship was held by the end of that year and was won by Y. Fukuda. The Ispahani Cup, held in February, 1989 was the first sponsored tournament. Over the past several years, many valued sponsors like Standard Chartered Bank, Nokia, Grameen Phone, Bangla Link, AB Bank, Eastern Bank, UCB Ltd, Prime Bank, Rangs Group, Mobil, British Embassy etc. have contributed greatly in organizing tournaments and arranging attractive cultural/social events.

The first Bhatiary Amateur Tournament was held on 23-24 February, 1990 and attracted many participants including large contingents from KGC and overseas. The first Pro-Am tournament lasting 4 days was held in January 2001. To date, the most prestigious tournament has been the Bangladesh Open, held over 4 days in 2010, under the aegis of the Bangladesh Golf Federation. The Club went on to hold 20 to 25 tournaments in each year.

Club Facilities: There are many splendid facilities at the BGCC. There is an excellent restaurant which serves all types of delicious food and beverage. Then there is a main hall room catering for 600 persons, the half way house, five guest rooms, and a big conference room. There is a health centre and a pro shop too.

Furthermore, there are angling, pool, snooker, billiard, steam bath, sauna, changing rooms, 127 lockers. There is a bar which is called the 19th hole. There is car parking facility for 700 vehicles. There is also a beautiful mosque so that you offer your prayers in between sessions.

The Bhatiary Golf and Country Club is set in hilly settings which makes it really challenging, with a very steep green. Sometimes you tee off from 60 feet high and green will be 60 feet down, which makes it very challenging for the golfers to keep the ball on the fairway and find the green.

And it is also thick green, with a lot of uneven slope making putting all the more difficult.

The most beautiful hole is the 14th. It is on top of a hill, with 60 to 70 feet crevices on either side. If you want to play a good round, you have to hit the ball straight as an arrow along the fairway, or else you may get penalized one or two shots. Hole No. 13 is the toughest of all at the BGCC.







Quality
built in
products

RADIANT
PHARMACEUTICALS

www.radiant.com.bd

- Radiant Pharmaceuticals Limited
- Radiant Business Consortium Limited
- Radiant Nutraceuticals Limited
- Radiant Distributions Limited
- Pharmacil Limited

EICHER

TRUCKS

It's time for a PROfitable change!



RUNNER

RUNNER MOTORS LTD

138/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh

E-mail: runnerlmd@gmail.com; Web: www.runnerbd.com

Hotline 017 3040 6484

TOYOTA

VIOS

Seize the day & the Night with THE ALL NEW VIOS



toyota bangladesh | amartoyota.com | 09666-770077 | Navana Limited