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Foreward

Dear readers,
Let's start with the good news that all the uncertainty regarding the Asian Tour is over as the Kurmitola Golf Club is going to host the prestigious event for the fourth time in a row. The 300,000-dollar event will take place at the KGC from May 9 to 12, and will be sponsored by AB Bank, which has decided to carry the good work that had been done over the past three years by Bashundhara Group.

After two PGTI events, one of which was co-sanctioned by ADT, we look forward to an exciting year for golf. Another ADT event will take place later this month, making 2018 as the most important year in Bangladesh's golf in regards to hosting international events.

As one of the stakeholders of golf, we feel that we have the responsibility to promote the game to the other stakeholders and common people.



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With that in mind, we have penned a deal with the federation and the Kurmitola Golf Club so that their activities and development works can be focused more.

With some of these events already hosted and some others lined up, we talk to some of the key stakeholders of the game to discuss about the amount of work that is being taken place and the future plans regarding further development of the game.

Away from home, we have just witnessed a nail-biting end to the US Masters, the first of four majors in the world golfing calendar. 27-year-old Patrick Reed fended off stiff challenge from fellow Americans Rickie Fowler and Jordan Spieth to win the title of the 11-million-dollar event with an aggregate score of 15-under-par.

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Shaheen Golf and Country Club, Patenga is located at a place of scenic beauty by the side of the river Karnaphuli and near Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong. SGCCP started its journey in the 2002 and established a full-fledged nine-hole golf course within a short span of time by dint of sincere and hard works by some dedicated air force officers. The course is surrounded by lush green vegetation with magnificent picturesque beauty; a unique place of mental relaxation in an atmosphere of serenity.



Shaheen Golf and Country Club (SGCCP) is located at a place of scenic beauty beside the River Karnaphuli and near the Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong. It started its journey in 2002 and was formally inaugurated by the then Chief of Air Staff on 16 September 2005. Its famous monument Spirit of Golf was inaugurated on 22 January 2011. Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force is the ex officio Chief Patron of SGCCP while Air officer Commanding, BAF Base Zahurul Haque, Chittagong is the ex officio President of this prestigious club. Member Secretary and Assistant Secretary are appointed by the President, SGCCP.

The course is surrounded by lush green vegetation with magnificent picturesque beauty; a unique place of mental relaxation in an atmosphere of serenity. SGCCP is good for the beginners. Supportive attitude of the members, trainers and a wide practice ground benefit new players to grip the game quickly.



SGCCP is affiliated with the Bangladesh Golf Federation and all golf clubs of Bangladesh. At present, it has 1150 members.

The course is designed to be an attraction for the golfers. It has lush green vegetation, beautiful trees and undulating ground. A number of water bodies, creeks and bunkers are created to generate artificial hazards and make the course more challenging. The course remains dry and playable due to extensive drainage improvements over the years. Though the course itself looks gentle, but demands precision and wits. All 9 fairs are facilitated sprinkler system.

SGCCP enjoys a reputation as the best conditioned golf course in the region. It generally hosts 10-15 golf tournaments every season. Over the years the club has hosted more than 150 tournaments, including two night golf tournaments during last two seasons.

As part of the development process, SGCCP is striving hard to develop itself in all aspects. In the next rainy season some of the fairs will be redesigned with appropriate challenges and drainage system. Apart from the course development, SGCCP has started preparing professional golfers in serious note.

Many amateur golfers, trained by SGCCP are playing in different clubs. SGCCP has all the endeavors to present professional golfers in national level in the near future.

The club house is a modern three-storey building of approximately 3000 sq ft. The ground floor is an open area with golf view lobby. Reception, small party and locker services are also on this floor. Second floor has a newly-decorated hall room with 250 guest capacity. Rest of the portion is designed for office room facilities and top view lobby. Top floor is facilitated with a roof-top restaurant. This restaurant can host around 200 guests at a time with sumptuous meal. Golf view lobby and rooftop restaurant are the perfect places for hangout, for members and their guests.

Nilkonthi is an international standard accommodation, built adjacent to the clubhouse. In this accommodation golfers can enjoy comfortable stay. Is has 8 suites. Each suite has tow living rooms, a drawing and dining space with cooking utensils. Environmental tranquility and coziness of the suits ensures peace of mind for everyone.

Recent addition of the 25 meters swimming pool is another step forward to facilitate members and their families. This swimming pool is designed for the golfers to relax after a round of golf. Non-golfer members can easily pass quality time there while the golfers are on the course. Essential facilities like gym, sauna, golf cart etc. are being built.







Nilkonthi is an international standard accommodation, built adjacent to the clubhouse of SGCCP



TheGolfHouse team, during a recent visit to Chittagong, met up with the club's President Murshed Hasan Siddiqui to talk in detail about this club and its activities.

Q&A

Give us a lowdown of the Shaheen Golf and Country Club.

This golf club is inside the air force base. The golf club came to being in 2002, but was inaugurated in 2005. The development took place gradually. At one side of the course is the Karnaphuli river while at the other side is the airport. We enjoy a nice view from here.

Why should golfers come here to play?

The number one characteristic of this course is the homely atmosphere. The other courses are more formal, but this one is rather informal which helps beginners to feel at home. We get a lot of children and ladies too, they love it for the homely atmosphere.

What are the challenges that you face in maintaining the course?

The course is very close to sea, about 1.8 kilometres. The soil is basically clay, which makes it difficult to maintain it. So we have to work round the year to maintain the course.

> People should come and take our membership because it is very reasonably priced which includes excellent facilities. You will have to make time and come here to enjoy golf. I can assure you it will be a great experience for you.

There has been some development work in recent times. Kindly elaborate the different amenities of the club.

We have got a lot of support from the air force and its welfare trust in this regard. We have recently inaugurated a swimming pool, which can be used as a party centre. We have a gym; we are setting up a spa. Other than that we have luxury suites for golfers. On the top floor we have a fly-view restaurant owned by the RSRM Group. Then we have a club community which is used for members, officers and civilians. I think we have everything that a club has to offer.

Tell us about the membership criteria and the privileges that the members get at this club.

We take membership for both armed forces personnel as well as for civilians. We follow the standard procedures for members like the other golf clubs. We allow players of other affiliated golf clubs to play in here with a green fee.

Bangladesh golf took a big step with the first Bangladesh Open in 2015. Which direction do you think Bangladesh golf is headed to?

I'm very positive about golf's prospects. Many people are participating and many are turning professionals. The interest in the game is rising.

How did you get introduced to golf?

I started playing golf at around 2005 when I was in Jessore. Before that I did not find golf that interesting. I used to play tennis regularly. But once I took up golfing, I found it interesting due to the challenge that the game poses before you.

Which is your favorite golf course?

I am a member of Kurmitola Golf Club and I think it is the best in the country regarding all aspects. I have played in UK, USA, India. I have had tastes of good golf courses.

Do your family members play golf too?

My son tries sometimes, but basically he is a football lover.

How can we encourage young people to start playing golf?

We'll have to incorporate this into the economy. This has to be a professional sport. The time you are spending in golf should earn you some money. Bangladesh Golf Federation is trying it's best.

You used to play tennis. Did you pursue any other sport before coming to golf?

I used to play tennis, basketball, badminton. But since joining golf, I don't get to play those sports.

What is your golfing routine?

I feel like playing every day, but my job does not permit me that time. I try to play at least three-four times a week.

Who are your favourite golfers?

I always follow golf on television so I have quite a few favourite golfers including Phil Mickelson. I love watching Siddikur Rahman's game.

Any memorable or nightmarish experience in golf?

I made an eagle once. It was the seventh hole at the KGC. That was 15th February, 2014. I have the ball as a memorabilia.

This golf club hosts a few tournaments round the year. Which type of tournaments are basically held here?

We mostly hold amateur tournaments. But this years we also hold a Pro-Am tournament.

You have taken an initiative to host a pro-am event for the first time. Tell us about it.

We have been holding the amateur tournaments since long. We had long term plan to hold professional tournaments as well and we had been developing our course and facilities in this regard. So this time we could hold a Pro-Am tournament successfully. And I came to know that the the professional players had enjoyed playing at SGCCP.

What facilities does the club offer for caddies and ball boys?

Since the caddies and ball boys have been with us since their early life, we are trying to take care of their education. We employ them for three or four days of the week while for the rest of the days of the week we allow them to go to schools. We have got them admitted at a school here in Patenga and we have a plan to bear all the expenses in that regard.

TheGolfHouse promotes a tagline that golf will be the second biggest sport in Bangladesh by 2025. What is your opinion on this?

2025 is another seven years away. It can be achieved, but we need a concerted effort for that.

In your view, what is the future of golf?

I must say future is bright. We will have to focus on the South Asian region first and then try to elevate our standard to the Asian level. This is a gradual process. Once you reach Asian standard, things will be much easier. We should look to India and Thailand for motivation.

Do you have any message for the members or those who can join the club as members?

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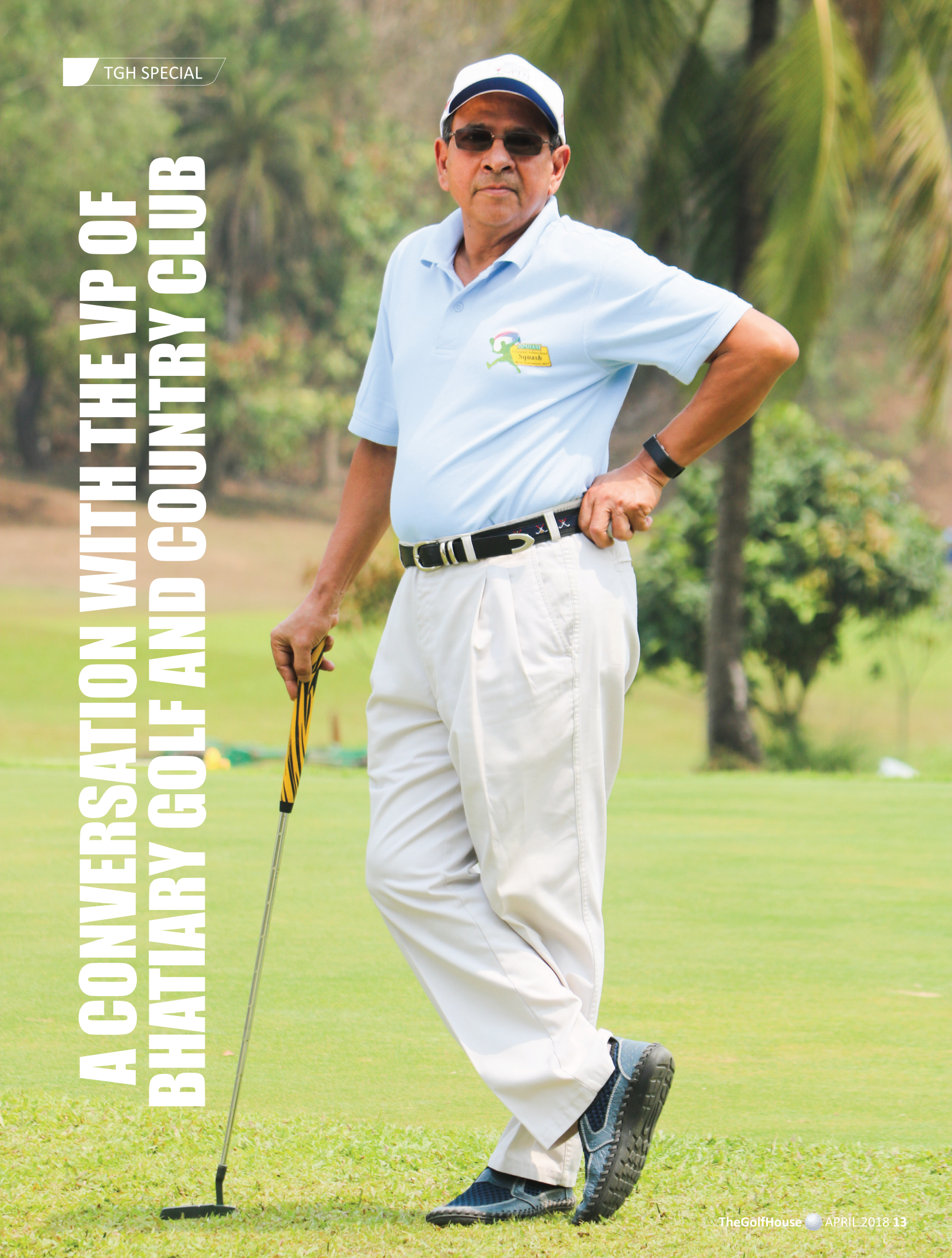
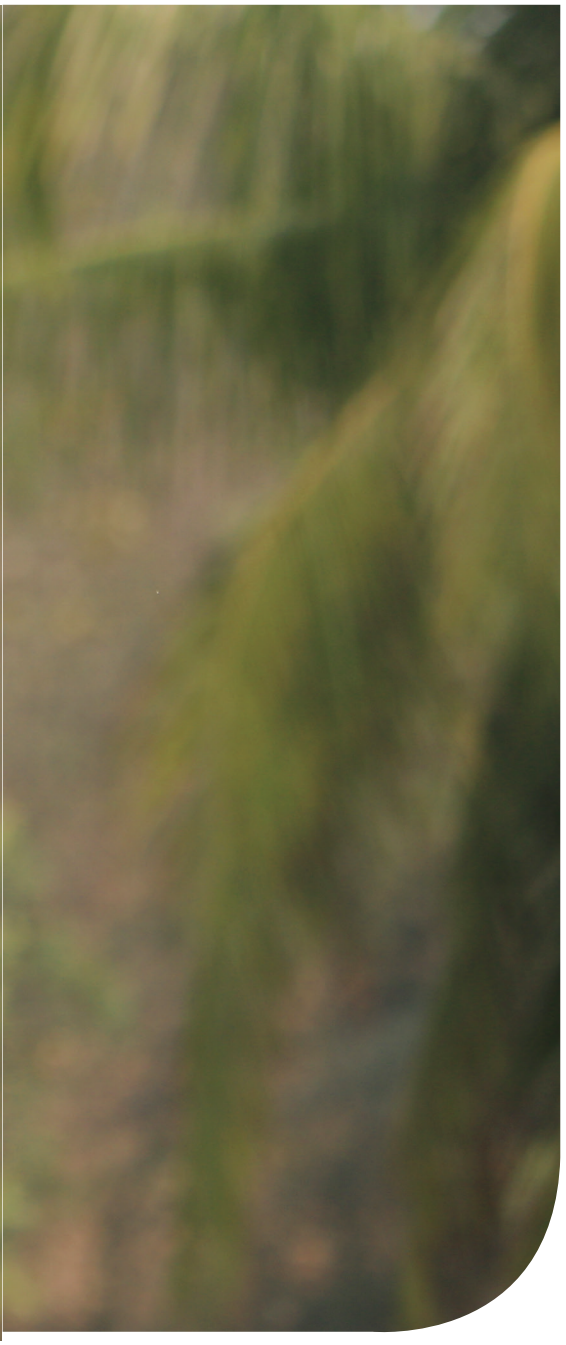
A CONVERSATION WITH THE VP OF BHATIARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB





Meah. M.A. Rahim is the Vice President of Bhatiary Golf and Country Club (BGCC) in Chittagong, Bangladesh. A reputed businessman, Mr. Rahim is also the Chairman of the Chittagong Club and a Director of Eastern Bank Limited. We caught up with him for a quick chat to learn more about golf in Chittagong and to hear his views on the future development of both the game of golf and the BGCC.



Welcome to this conversation with TheGolfHouse magazine. To begin, could you tell us a little bit about how you came to golf?

Golf isn't something that was always available to the public in Chittagong. While there was certainly interest from before, the start of golf in my hometown can traced back to when General Munaf got the ball rolling back in 1984. Following his efforts, the spread of the game in Chittagong also has a lot to do with General Nuruddin and over the years several of Chittagong's GOCs (General Officer Commanding) contributed to the growth of golf in Chittagong. With access to the BGCC opening up new opportunities many in the business community of Chittagong also began to take interest in playing golf. This is really where my own journey of playing golf began. I was introduced to playing the sport in the '90s, by several of my acquaintances and close friends in the Chittagong business community. And since then, I've never really looked back; golf has been a part of my life ever since.

So you joined golf in '90s. Now you're working in golf development. What changes have you seen over this time?

When I began playing golf in the '90s, I think it's fair to say that golf was still quite uncommon within Chittagong. Back then the community of golfers was small enough that we all knew each other. Since then, we've also seen a huge surge in interest and membership of the BGCC from younger generations. The growth has been quite phenomenal. And I think the rising popularity of golf we've experienced in Chittagong is part of wider picture across Bangladesh, where we now have Bangladeshi professionals now playing and competing in major international tournaments. It's been exciting to see.

You still play the game regularly. What is your golfing routine?

I don't have a specific routine when it comes to playing golf; it's something that I try to fit into my schedule whenever I can. Very often, if I've got some time to spare in the afternoon, I'll drive on down to the course and play a few holes with friends at the club. One of the beautiful things about golf is that it's not something limited only to the young. There are many sports that you can't play after you've reached 35 years, but golf isn't like that at all. Would you believe it, I'm over 60 years old and I'm still playing golf regularly, and some of the friends I play with are even much older than me and still going strong on the course.

BGCC is hosting a PGTI event for the second time and in your role as VP of BGCC you've of course been very involved in this. Tell us a little about this.

Hosting the PGTI is a real honour for us and quite the milestone for the BGCC. For the BGCC to start from what were really quite humble beginnings to now being able to host the PGTI, I must say I'm quite proud of the club to have reached the standard of excellence that it has. We feel proud ensuring that the BGCC is of an international standard; one where we're able to meet all the criteria that makes our club eligible to host international events. Credit goes to all BGCC staff, patrons and players for helping us grow in this way. I'm now very much looking forward to hosting a PGTI for the second time. We've got a lot of exciting players involved and I'm hoping the conditions will be just right for a fantastic event.

Tell us about the golf course; what can new players coming to the course expect?

Chittagong is naturally a very hilly place. New visitors to the city will notice the many valleys and hills across the landscape. Likewise, our golf course is also set on these beautiful valleys and hills. This creates interesting conditions for golfers; our course can be pretty challenging at times. There's also a lot for spectators and nature lovers too at the BGCC. We have deer and birds of many species to see and a host of other things to attract spectators and golfers alike.

Do you have any advice for young golfers who are just starting to play the game?

My main advice would be to just stick with it and keep playing. From personal experience I know that golf has been immensely beneficial to my own physical and mental wellbeing. With busy modern schedules, it's not always easy to make time for a round of golf, but I do strongly believe that if you make time for this game, the game will reward you. Aside from it, being a form of physical activity, spending time, walking and playing in the beautiful surroundings of a golf club helps you to mentally relax and de-stress. The golf club is also a great place to make new friends and socialise. So, I'd encourage young players to keep playing, put in the time and you will reap the rewards.

Outside of golf, you're also the Chairman of Chittagong Club, a Director of Eastern Bank Limited and a businessman in your own right; what's the relationship between golf and the business community in Chittagong?

There are a lot of people from the business community who are involved in golf. Chittagong, owing to it's port, is really a hub for business; we've got many national and international companies that operate in Chittagong. The golf club is a place that brings them together so it really serves as a place where they can both unwind and make new acquaintances. A lot of business deals happen on the golf course too.

TheGolfHouse is promoting the tagline that golf will be the second biggest sport in Bangladesh by 2025. Do you think we can achieve this?

There's a real passion for golf in the country and certainly in my own lifetime I've seen this interest grow, going from strength to strength. If the question is- Can golf become the second biggest sport in Bangladesh by 2025? Sure. Why not. I'll certainly be doing what I can to help golf to continue to grow and I'm sure TheGolfHouse will continue also to create greater awareness for the sport.



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HOPEFUL ABOUT HOSTING THE ASIAN TOUR IN BANGLADESH REGULARLY





AKM Abdullahil Baquee needs to be introduced. He is the Senior Vice-President of Bangladesh Golf Federation and the mind behind many a development work of Bangladesh golf. Although his association with golf has been only a decade, but this short time has seen a sea-change in Bangladesh's golf. From Siddikur Rahman's Asian Tour wining, Bangladesh has been hosting a number of Asian Tour, Asian Development Tour and PGTI events – all these things happened during this time.

Here he speaks with TheGolfHouse editor Nazrul Hosen Ayon about his personal golfing experience as well as different organizational and administrative aspects of the game and the challenges the game faces in our country. The BGF's Senior Vice-President is hopeful about hosting the Asian Tour in Bangladesh regularly.

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Q&A

Tell us about your first golfing experience.

I started when I was in Rangpur at around 2008. There was the old golf course where I started playing the game.

Which aspects of the game attract you most?

The best thing about the game is, you can spend a long time in a green environment with likeminded people around you. It gives you a quality time. At this age, we cannot expect perfection. Those who pick the game up early can strive for bigger things. But for us it's about playing and enjoying the game, maintaining a certain standard.

What is your golfing routine?

I don't have any specific routine. If I can find a slot, I start playing with a flight. But if there is no slot, then I go to the driving range and practice.

What are your favorite golf courses?

I haven't played much abroad. At home, KGC is obviously my first choice.

Who are your favorite golfers abroad?

Ricki Fowler, Rory McIlroy, Tiger Woods – these are some of the golfers I follow mostly.

Your golfing nightmare?

Sand/bunker is a big nightmare for me. Maybe I'm having a great game and suddenly I hit the bunker and the game unravels completely. Then sometimes I have even failed to win trophies by missing one-foot par.

Most memorable experience in golf?

There was a conference I attended at St. Andrews, which is probably the oldest course in the world. They allowed us to play a round after the conference. That is my most memorable experience. Then again, I went to the Olympics in 2016 as Siddikur Rahman was playing. I saw a lot of great golfers there which was a big thing.



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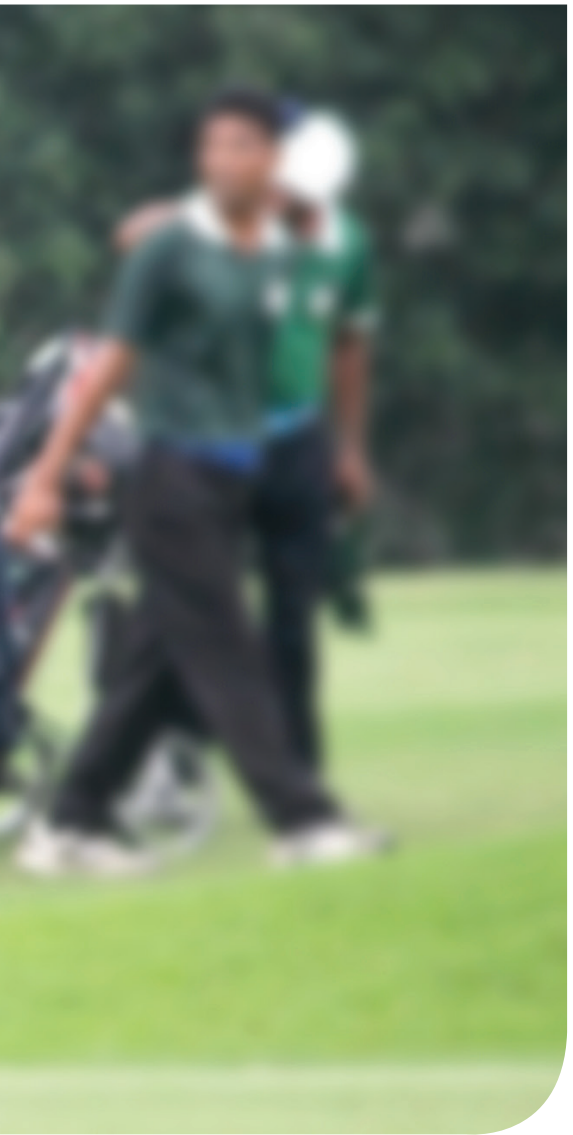

Let's turn to administrative aspects now. BGF is the apex golfing body in Bangladesh. How is BGF nursing golf?

BGF has two things to focus -- one is two regulate the clubs and the other is to project the country's golf in the world. We help the clubs to become more professional and encourage them to produce more golfers while also taking the best to overseas events to project the country's golf. Regulating the BPGA also falls under our jurisdiction.

The first Asian Tour, in a sense, has taken the game to the common people. What is your opinion about the impact of that event?

Bashundhara Group did a groundbreaking job in that regard. They spent a lot of money to introduce our country's golf to the rest of the world. It is our duty to continue the good work by holding the Bangladesh Open every year. The performance of the locals improved in each of the three editions, so the continuation is very important because it helps the locals compete against the international players. We should host as many international tournaments as we can in order to give the professionals a chance to flourish.

Is there a possibility of an Asian Tour event being hosted this year?

We are hopeful that we can host an Asian Tour event in May this year.

How was the last season according to you?

We held one Asian Tour event, two PGTI events one of which was co-sanctioned by ADT. So we had a vibrant season last year.

New golf courses are opening up in remote areas. We know about Ramu and Rangpur. Are there any other initiatives being taken?

The basic idea is to have a golf course at every cantonment. A golf course is a way of entertainment. A golf course takes a huge amount of land and management, which is very difficult for companies at the private sector. Since armed forces are a disciplined, well-organised and a massive force, we can do these things properly. Every cantonment is having these courses, be it a nine-hole one or an 18-hole one. We can have even smaller-scale courses.

Every golf course is starting small-scale training program. Does BGF have any plan for regional academies apart from the existing one?

We don't have any such plan at the moment. You see golf is a very expensive game. It is not like football or any team sport which can be played with minimum equipments. You need real estate, logistics, management and expensive equipment for this game. So it will take some time to spread the game countrywide. There are also some organizational and financial issues involved.

Media plays a key role in promoting any sport. In that regard BGF has taken on board TheGolfHouse as its media partner. Is the BGF pursuing any other such activities to promote the game?

The more the game will get popular, the more publicity it will get. It works the other way round too. And of course the more economy booms, the more will be the focus on golf. So now we have started with one publication, but maybe more will come in future.

How an enabling role can media play in promoting the game?

News is the commodity of media and media will provide only that news which has demand. The more there will be clubs and players, the more will be the demand.

There is a negative tendency prevalent among a large part of the young generation in that they become too much addicted to social media. Don't you think golf can play a role of a saviour in that regard?

I attended a conference where it was discussed how to keep young kids attracted to golf. Why will youngsters spend five-six hours on the golf field while he can play a football game within one-and-a-half hours? We will have to make it interesting. Firstly we will need to broaden the base of the game by making it more interesting and provide the earning opportunities from this. However, golf can make a tremendous change in a man's life. This message needs to be relayed across to people who don't play the game.

TheGolfHouse has been working since 2015 to promote and spread the game. Any suggestion on how we can improve its quality further?

I am very happy with the quality of the magazine. Contents, photographs and style – everything is quite well. However, you will have to work to increase subscription of the magazine. With increased subscription the game will be more popular among people, not only in Bangladesh but elsewhere as well.

Last but not the least TheGolfHouse is promoting the tagline that golf will be the second biggest sport in Bangladesh by 2025. What do you think about it?

Having a tagline or a target is a good thing. I won't say it is unachievable. What we have achieved in cricket we can achieve in golf too. If Siddikur Rahman can do it, why not other golfers? Once we used to think Rakibul Hasan was Bangladesh's best cricketer and no one could surpass him. We used to think no one can be as good as footballer Salahuddin. But we have got better players since. We can think now that it would be difficult for anyone to be better than Siddikur Rahman, but you never know. In 2025 we may have a few players who are better than him. Anything is possible. You have to have the dream.

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HOPE THEGOLFHOUSE WILL BE A GUIDELINE FOR GOLFERS





TheGolfHouse recently signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh Golf Federation (BGF) and Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC). The Secretary General of BGF and Club Captain of KGC, Quazi Shamsul Islam feels that this agreement will help the promotion and publicity of golf and golfers in Bangladesh. He also speaks about the Kurmitola Golf Club, federation's current activities, future plans and the state of Bangladesh golf in general.



Q&A

What are the specialties that you think should drive golfers to the KGC?

KGC is one of the oldest and a premier clubs in Bangladesh. The club keeps developing its golf culture continuously. This is also the most resourceful club regarding training, administrative and club facilities. In a nutshell, everything is well structured in this club. If anyone wants to learn classics of golfing, KGC is the best choice.

KGC is one of the most well maintained golf courses in Asia too. If we think of any golf iconproduced in the country, it has been done at the KGC. If we think of golf as a national branding, it has also happened through KGC.

Golf is generally considered a game for the elite. A membership of your golf club costs around 30 lakh taka which is far beyond the means of most people. Do you think it is possible to create more scope for the general people to come into golf? If so how?

First of all I due very humbly disagree with the notion that this is elites game. It used to be game for elites once upon a time, but it is no more. Now-a-days middle income people can also play golf in Bangladesh. It is Bangladesh Army, which brought golf to the reach of mass people. All golfers don't have to play at KGC. These are now 12 Clubs where it is quite affordable.

KGC is the premier Golf Club of Bangladesh. This is already beyond it capability by meeting the excessive load of players. KGC has policies for membership based on skills and nature of employment. Besides, the huge expense of its maintenance and administrating. We accept members with proportional fees.

Recently KGC has introduced night golfing facilities. It is first agent hole golf course in Asia, say something about it.

Night golfing is popular in many countries in the world and it should have been introduced earlier in Bangladesh. We know that our country has shortage of electricity. So we cannot afford to take a risk as it can be a sensitive issue. Since we are going through a bit of a revolution in renewable energy now, we have taken the advantage of it by producing solar energy for night golfing. People who cannot play during daytime, can utilize this facility. We always promote healthy lifestyle and for that we will do whatever we need to do.

Tell us a bit about your plans for the future development of the KGC?

Well, we are are trying to create a training facility through government's fund at the Golf Academy which is situated at the Army Golf Club. We are also trying to improve the training facilities of KGC.

In the US, there are community courses. Do you think that should be introduced in Bangladesh?

We all know that space is a big question for community golfing and in Bangladesh we strive for space. So community golfing may be difficult to implement in our country. But if any big corporate house comes along in this regard, we will appreciate them.

However, it is no denying fact that we need more golf clubs in Dhaka. Good news is that a new golf club is in process in Jalshiri Housing Project of Purbachol in Dhaka.

In recent time, any major changes on fairway or green at the KGC?

There is no major change, but things are better maintained now than before. You know there were issues of waterlogging on the course, we are working on that. Hopefully this year there will be no waterlogging.

What are the challenges for hosting the Asian Tour?

The main challenge is money. We are looking for sponsors and I hope we will get sponsors and hopefully the next Asian Tour will be conducted in 9-12 May 2018. Lets see what happens.

How much progress do you think Bangladesh has made in the golfing arena?

When it comes to amateur golfing, we stand between 10th to 15th in different tournaments in Asia, which is not that bad. And we have been doing pretty well in professional and junior golfing.

Let's talk about your own golfing. How did you come to golf?

I started golfing in 2011. I'm not that old in terms of golfing. I started from the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club. I started playing golf from curiosity, but now it has become an addiction. My handicap is 19.

Your favorite golf course?

I have played in many courses over the last eight years. I have played in Myanmar, Indonesia, China, Philippines and I hope to play in Florida in future. However, my favorite golf course is KGC.

Your favorite golfer?

Of course Siddikur Rahman is my favorite golfer in Bangladesh. But there are many promising young golfers like Moti, Babu and Sohel. I really like them. They will surely come up. Among international stars, Tiger Woods is my favorite.

What sort of role do you think media should play in promoting golf? What is your opinion about TheGolfHouse, the first ever golf magazine in Bangladesh?

Media can play a big role. They can promote the clubs on behalf of BGF; they should promote all the clubs and introduce the clubs to players nationally and internationally. I'm sure golfers will be attracted to visit those clubs and automatically those clubs will improve.

They should also promote promising players. And media should publicize events that take place at clubs and the activities of the golfing bodies.

Through this MoU, you will get lot of information now. Hope, TheGolfHouse magazine will be a guideline for golfers.





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Golfers will never stop craving more ball speed and forgiveness, hence Callaway has given them what they want by going Rogue with three different Rogue driver heads:

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GOLF IS MY FIRST CHOICE AMONG SPORTS

Ahnaf Hassan is a well-known face at the Army Golf Club. He started learning the game in the beginning of 2016. Within a short time he won a number of trophies in junior group. But due to his O' level exams, he stayed away from the game for almost a year. Now with the exams over, he has started playing golf again.
TheGolfHouse caught up with him at the practice ground and had a short conversation with him.



How are you Ahnaf?

I'm fine, thank you.

You were absent from golf last year. Why?

I was absent from because of my studies. I appeared for my O' level exams this January and now that I'm done with my exams, I'm trying my best to get back in the winner's circle.

How is your practice going on?

I am practicing about 1.5 hours every day and I have also recently joined Leadbetter Golf Academy in Kurmitola Golf Club where I'm being guided by Mr. Peter.

Who brought you to golf and how?

I used to watch my father hit balls in the driving range and one day I asked him if I could play this game. Having a supportive father and a curious mind, I started spending hours in the driving range.

What are your achievements so far?

I won about 8-10 trophies in my first season which was in 2016 and like I said, I'm trying to get back in the winner's circle after a whole year of absence from golf.

So you think studies get the first priority?

Studies will always get the first priority but if I'd like to choose a sport, golf would be my first choice.

Who is your favourite player?

From my country, my favourite player would obviously be Md. Siddikur Rahman, and Rory McIlroy would be my favourite among the PGA tour professionals.

What is your ambition with golf?

My ambition is to get known by other professional golfers and to play in international level.

Are you planning to take golf as profession?

I play golf because I like it and if I earn money playing the game that I like, it would be a bonus.

What is your favourite iron?

Seven iron.

What is your strong side in golf?

My swing would be my strong side as it is appreciated by a lot of other players and now I just have to learn to utilise it.

Your weak side?

I am weak in short distance shots, for instance 40-70 yards.



QUALITY TIME IS WHAT MATTERS





Rafiqul Islam and Mrs. Nahid Islam is a golf couple. They have been enjoying the game together for the last 14 years. With their children studying abroad, this couple finds golf as the most rewarding way of enjoying their leisure. It doesn't mean though that they take this game only as leisurely activity, rather they are quite good at it, with both having won a number of trophies. And the best thing is: they complement each other to improve their own golfing skills.

Mrs. Islam, how did you feel when your husband first brought you to the golf course?

Well I was very keen to follow the game from the beginning. I used to come with him to watch the game. I felt I should not be sitting idle at home; rather I should also learn and try to enjoy the game.

Mr. Islam, when did you pick up the game?

I started in 2003. It was not all of a sudden. I used to watch the game on TV earlier and I thought it was a nice game and I should try it out. So I became a member and started playing. Once I started, I found it more and more interesting, so at one stage I got addicted to it. It is such an intelligent game and so addictive that I couldn't leave it. Initially my wife used to say, why do you spend so much time with golf? I told her why don't you come and find out yourself? And that's how she came to golf.

So getting her to the golf club was a trick?

It was probably a trick initially. I thought if she is convinced to learn the game she will spend some quality time at the golf course and might stop nagging with my golfing habit. Eventually she came along, learned the game and got herself addicted to it.

How was the initial challenge for you Mrs. Islam?

Hitting a perfect shot was the initial challenge but then the coach and the caddies gave their best to teach me. It will be an injustice if I don't mention the name of Late Mrs Caroline Bower, the then lady golf captain who encouraged the new lady golfers and provided all the moral support. With their help I picked up the game. After about one month of coaching I had to undergo test with the golf Captain who then allowed us to play on course. That's how it all began for me.

How was the experience of getting the handicap?

Once you start playing on course, the score cards starts accumulating and a new player needs at least 30 score cards for their handicap to be calculated. The handicap committee would then check these scores, evaluate your standard and allocate a handicap. Once the committee gives you a handicap you are allowed to play in tournaments and be considered an amateur player. Getting the certification for amateur status was really exciting as that is what allowed me to participate the tournaments and placed me in the elite group of golfers

What is your golfing routine?

We come here almost every day as both of our sons live abroad. Both of them being on their own only thing we have to worry about is our lunch and dinner or perhaps any other work-related issues in the morning. In the afternoon, we have nothing much to do. So we come to the club, play a round of golf, meet friends. It has become a favorite pastime for us.

Mrs. Islam, what challenges did you face while playing golf?

The challenge was when my sons were younger. One was at a boarding school in India and the other one was in junior school and stayed with us. So I had to prepare him for school, look after his necessities when he comes back. However, he also wanted me to play golf, so it worked out well. I got support from my whole family. If you don't get that support from the family, it is very tough for a woman to continue playing.

Any memorable experience in golf?

Our golfing life is full of achievements and near misses. First trophy is definitely a memorable experience. Apart from this there are numerous memorable experiences. We used to travel a lot on golfing tour and made plenty of them in nearby countries like India, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia etc. Each and every tour with friends will remain as sweet and exciting memories throughout my life. A golfing trip brings the friends closer; bind them with a special bond never to be forgotten. Almost all the big tournaments had different memories. There was a tournament when I didn't know what the scores of the others were. At the end of the round, my marker came to me and said- you played a terrific game. Then I learnt that I won the tournament with a score of eight-under. It was pretty amazing. I won the event by a single shot.

Do you have any message to couples who are not playing golf yet?

Our message would be to come to the golf club and start playing. You will get rid of a lot of worries and lead a very happy life. The women golfers should make some time for themselves for the game, to realize their worth. Spending time in a heavenly atmosphere makes you a better person. You have only one life; do not waste it by spending doing nothing. Play golf, spend some time in serene scenic atmosphere and save the memories to relish later.



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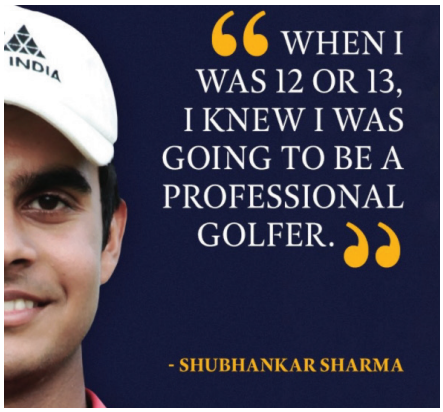
EMERGING CROP OF LEADING REGIONAL PERFORMERS

BY Chuah Choo Chiang

As the azaleas and dogwood prepare to bloom, signaling the arrival of spring and the year's first major, the Masters Tournament, Asia's young and aspiring stars have blossomed in near perfect sync to deliver golfing bliss to the continent's growing legion of fans.

Amongst the emerging crop of leading regional performers, young Indian Shubhankar Sharma has undoubtedly been the name on everybody's lips following his double victory in South Africa and Malaysia, plus a mesmerizing debut at the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship where he held the 36-hole and 54-hole lead before finishing tied ninth announced his arrival on one of the game's the biggest stage.

At 21, Sharma is proving himself to be the real deal. He can consistently hit it straight with every club in his bag, he putts the ball beautifully and owns a calm temperament thanks largely to meditation taught by his mother since he was child. In addition, Sharma is humble and has the personality that every parent would be proud of. Jeev Milkha Singh, one of India's greatest players, has labelled his young countryman as the "complete package" while Arjun Atwal, the only Indian to win on the PGA TOUR to date, calls Sharma a young man with an "older soul" which is evident through his maturity on and off the golf course. Anirban Lahiri has predicted it would only be a matter of time before Sharma joins him on the PGA TOUR.



An army brat where his father, Colonel Mohan Sharma served in the Indian armed forces and was coaxed by Lahiri’s father to teach his son the game, Shubhankar has been a great benefactor of the Asian Tour, the region’ governing body for the professional game.

Through playing opportunities across the region, the first sighting of Sharma as a new prospect came at the 2016 Resorts World Manila Masters where he fired a final round 62 to finish equal fourth, which helped seal his full card for the 2017 Asian Tour season.

Sharma went on to register four top-10s during 2017 and several weeks after missing out on his European Tour card at Qualifying School late last year, the young Indian pulled off a career-changing victory at the Joburg Open in South Africa, highlighted by a stunning 61 during the second round.

In February, Sharma was at it again, this time producing some final round fireworks at the Maybank Championship in Malaysia where he closed with a scintillating 62 to win by two strokes. From being ranked a lowly 521st in November, Sharma has since shot up to 64th on the world rankings (as at March 12) and seized the lead on both the European Tour’s Race to Dubai and Asian Tour’s Habitat for Humanity rankings.

His early season success rewarded Sharma with a maiden World Golf Championships appearance in Mexico City and competing against a backdrop of global stars which included the world’s top-5 golfers and 45 players from the top-50, Sharma brilliantly rose to the occasion and captivated fans and media alike with his wonderful all-round game and charming personality.

Cards of 65 and 66 pushed him into the halfway lead and a third round 69 kept him two ahead of a star-studded pack. It earned him a final day grouping with World Golf Hall of Famer, Phil Mickelson, who won the tournament for his 43rd PGA TOUR title after a pulsating final day shootout. Such was the dizzying excitement back home that #GoShubhankartrended on twitter in India during the final day in Mexico.

Despite his final round 74, Sharma stood very tall, and made time for his new-found fans by taking photos with them and performed the obligatory media duties with a smile despite the huge disappointment on a day when his putter went dead cold.

Mickelson, who had initially brushed Sharma off as media when the Indian tried to say “hello” to him on the practice putting green prior to round three, was full of praise of the young Indian.

“I saw how well he struck the golf ball. He hit a beautiful tee shot on 1, you can tell he can really play. I saw some of the putts, some of the highlights with the putter. I know he's a very talented player and I believe he's leading the Order of Merit on the European Tour, so I know what a great player Mr. Sharma is. I probably shouldn't say that, he's 26 years younger than me!,” said Mickelson, who pipped reigning FedExCup No. 1 Justin Thomas with a par on the first sudden-death playoff hole to win the WGC-Mexico Championship.

As Sharma boarded the long flight home to Delhi, the letdown was greatly reduced when he received a phone call from Augusta National Golf Club, informing him that he was the recipient of a special invitation to play in the Masters Tournament. It will be his major debut.

He tweeted: “I am deeply honored to be found worthy of invitation by the Masters Committee. It's a dream come true. My gratitude.”

Whatever happens come Masters weeks, amidst the blooming azaleas and dogwoods at August National, Sharma’s continued rise in the game, as with the success shown by fellow Asians, Haotong Li of China and Thailand’s Kiradech Aphibarnrat, only bode well for the game in Asia and around the world.

He will certainly cherish the drive along Magnolia Lane and the road to stardom and the PGA TOUR could just be around the next turn. This could truly be a spring to remember for Sharma and Asian golf.



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Chasing the GREEN JACKET

A mix of power hitters, wily strategists and in-form players are among the favored contenders for this year's Masters.

SERGIO GARCIA

The last player to win back-to-back green jackets was Tiger Woods in 2002. The only other player to achieve the rare feat was Jack Nicklaus back in 1966.

Given it took the Spaniard 18 years to win his first major at the Masters last year, the historical odds are stacked against him, not to mention the fact that there will be plenty of distractions for the defending champion during Masters week.

If he can successfully navigate his way through the functions, Champion's dinner and media commitments, Garcia has the form and Augusta National experience to contend deep into Sunday afternoon.

On the back of winning the Singapore Open back in January, Garcia by-passed the PGA Tour's west coast swing and began his Masters prep at the Honda Classic at the end of February. The following week in Mexico he was well and truly in the mix during the final round but closed with a 70 to take a share of seventh place.

If he can maintain his 68.928 current season scoring average through four rounds of the Masters he might become just the third player not to have the green jacket presented to them by the out going champion.

WHY HE CAN WIN: Sergio is a supreme ball striker who hits a lot of greens and will be hoping he can emulate his putting performance from the 2017Masters to go back-to-back.

MASTERS RECORD

PLAYED:	19
BEST FINISH:	Win (2017)
TOP-10S:	4
SCORING AVERAGE:	71.35 (66 rounds)
BEST SCORE:	66
WORST SCORE:	81

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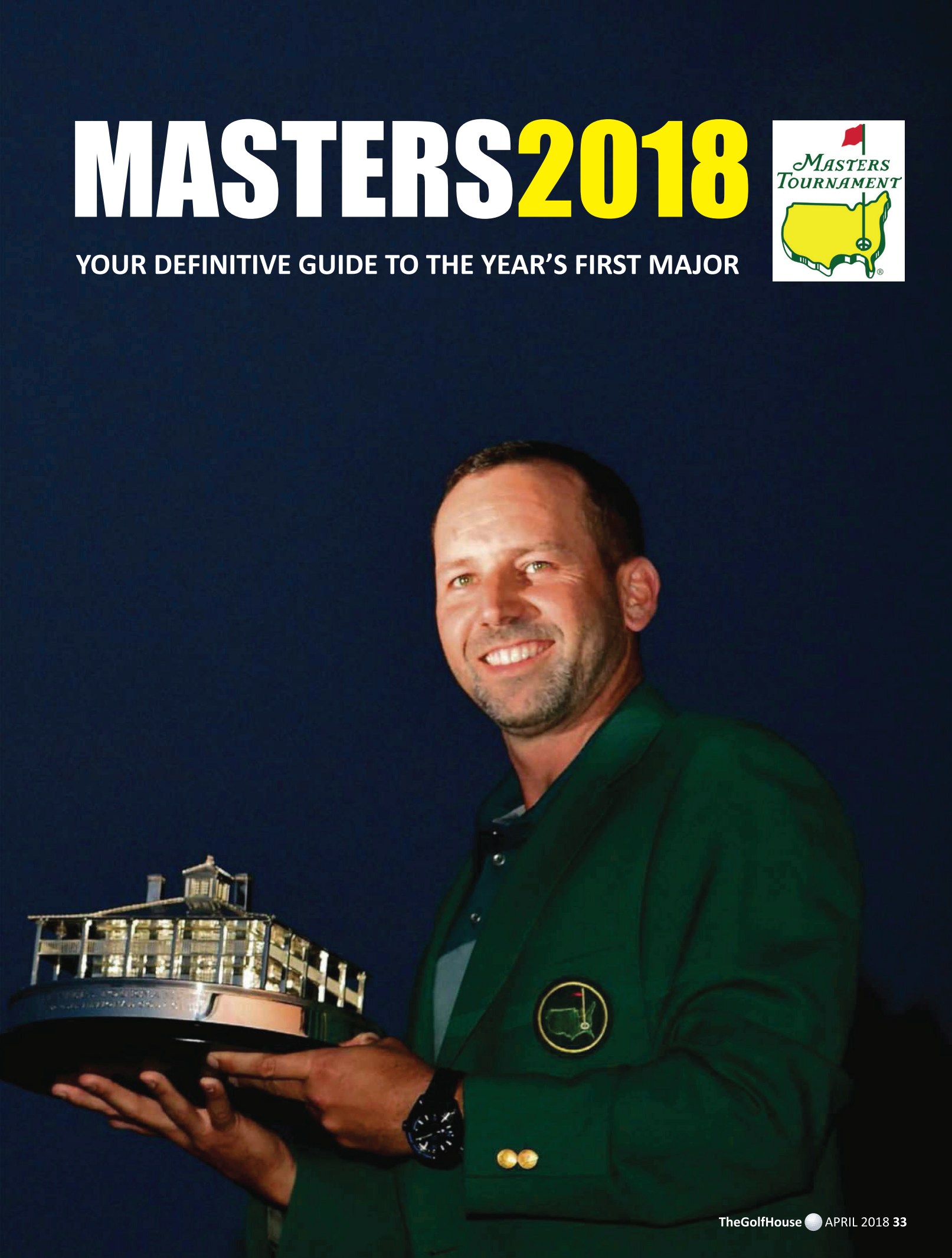


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DUSTIN JOHNSON

The World No.1 has been a Masters regular since 2009, and has been playing the Augusta National course even longer having grown up down the road in Columbia, South Carolina.

Every year he's among the favourites to win based on the incredible power hitting that could potentially reduce Augusta National to a drive and pitch layout for him. But every year his form seemingly dips a little when he heads down Magnolia Lane.

Last year, it appeared the stars had aligned for Johnson as he arrived in Augusta with three victories in the preceding six weeks. But he infamously fell down a small flight of stairs in his Augusta rental home and had to withdraw from the tournament just minutes before his first round tee time.

But, as was the case last year, he is finding form just at the right time. He opened the year with a victory at the Sentry Tournament of Champions and, at the time of writing, had two further top-10 finishes including a runner-up placing at Pebble Beach.

On current form he is certainly one of the players to watch at Augusta, despite his Masters record being less than impressive for a player of his calibre. That said, his past two Masters starts have yielded top-10 finishes.

"This year, I feel like I'm coming in with a pretty solid game. I feel like every part of my game is improving. I felt like I've got a lot of confidence in every part of my game right now, especially with my wedges," Johnson said. "I think that's something that's going to help me around Augusta.

WHY HE CAN WIN: Johnson's big-hitting game is tailor-made for Augusta, where there is enough width for him to really attack the course from the tee and leave short irons into most greens. But, ultimately, it will be his much-improved wedge play and short game that will win him a green jacket, not his driver.

MASTERS RECORD

PLAYED:	7
BEST FINISH:	T4 (2016)
TOP-10S:	2
SCORING AVERAGE:	72.08 (26 rounds)
BEST SCORE:	67
WORST SCORE:	77



JORDAN SPIETH

The reigning Open Champion tees up in just his fifth appearance at the Masters this month, already possessing a record at Augusta that is one of the best in the modern era.

Taking his collapse of 2016 out of the equation, no one plays Augusta better than Spieth – even when his game is not at its peak.

He has learned how to play this layout in a very short period of time and his game is well-suited to it.

Much of Spieth's success has come in waves throughout his still young career. He captured his first win on tour in 2013, then went winless in 2014, then won fi ve times (including two majors) in 2015 only to win three times with no majors in 2016. Last year, he won three times including the Open at Royal Birkdale, which was his last victory to date.

At 24, he's tracking alongside the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods for major victories and he will like his chances for a fourth major – and second green jacket – at this Masters.

WHY HE CAN WIN: While the big hitters have an obvious advantage, especially if the conditions are soft, Augusta is very much a feel player's cours... where players with a range of shots from the fairway and around the greens can score well and there are few better than Jordan Spieth in this department.

MASTERS RECORD

PLAYED:	4
BEST FINISH:	Won (2015)
TOP-10S:	5
SCORING AVERAGE:	70.83 (16 rounds)
BEST SCORE:	64
WORST SCORE:	75



THE DEBUTANTES

AT the time of going to press, 13 first-time players had received invites to this year's Masters. History suggests they are at long odds to capture the green jacket.

Only three players have ever won the Masters at their first attempt – Horton Smith at the inaugural tournament in 1934, Gene Sarazen the following year and Fuzzy Zoeller in 1979.

Of the 13 debutantes, a tick over half are professionals, with the highest ranked players including Americans Tony Finau, Patton Kizzire, Xander Schauffele and Wesley Bryan.

There will be plenty of interest from China in this year's Masters, with World No.40 Haotong Li getting his first taste of Augusta, alongside countryman Yuxin Lin – the bighitting teenager, who won the Asia Pacifi c Amateur in New Zealand last October.

Lin will be favoured to win the leading amateur title, while Li will be hoping to match his play at the Open Championship

Last July where he finished tied fourth, gaining him an invite into the Masters.

"it's a big gift," a jubilant Li said when he found out he had qualified at Birkdale for a Masters invite. "This is huge… huge."

"Every player dreams about the Masters... we hope we can go some day and ply. Now I am"





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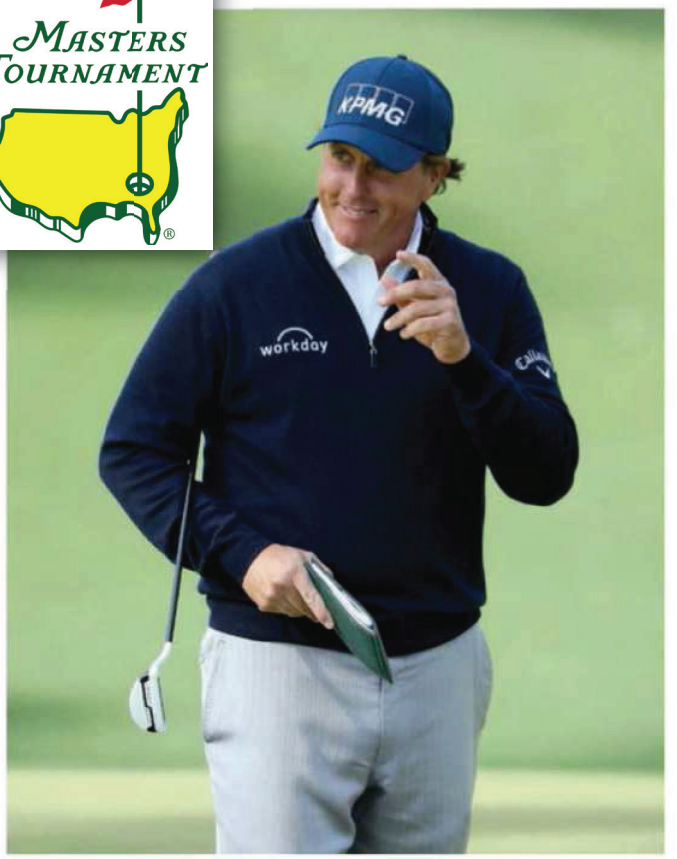

PHIL MICKELSON

The rejuvenated Phil Mickelson has fired a warning shot across the bow of every top-10 world ranked player leading into this Masters.

His 2018 form has been outstanding and there appears to be plenty of spring left in the step of the 47-year-old.

In recent years, his pre-Masters form has been a little of but he has still managed to remain competitive, with top-three finishes in 2012 and 2015.

But there is a fire burning in the Mickelson belly, matched only by his incredible run of form since early February, that adds him to any conversation about potential 2018 Masters champions.

After missing the cut at his season-opener, the Career Builder Challenge, he went to Torrey Pines the following week and finished T45. That result saw him drop to No.49 in the world ranking and looked likely to drop out of the top-50 for the first time in 24 years.

The Tour then moved on to Phoenix where Mickelson began his run. He finished T5, then backed up to share second place at Pebble Beach. His three week stretch finished at Riviera where he was T6. After a week of , he teed up in Mexico and won. At the time of going to press, Mickelson was back up to No.18 in the world ranking, and fourth in the US team rankings for the Ryder Cup.

WHY HE CAN WIN: Pretty obvious … years of experience, he already owns three green jackets and is in the best form of any player on the PGA Tour.

MASTERS RECORD

PLAYED:	25
BEST FINISH:	Won (2004, 2006, 2010)
TOP-10S:	15
SCORING AVERAGE:	71.19 (94 rounds)
BEST SCORE:	65
WORST SCORE:	79



RORY MCILROY

When Rory McIlroy has won major championships he's done it with a level of consistency from round-to-round that either blows the field away or keeps his nose just in front.

At Augusta, he is yet to find that level of consistency which will ultimately win him a green jacket and complete the career grand slam.

For example, his highest and lowest scores at Augusta came in the same tournament. He opened his account in 2011 with a 65 and ended it with an horrendous crash that led to an 80 on Sunday afternoon. Interestingly he's only shot in the 60s on five occasions since.

McIlroy, as the World No.12, has every right to be featured among the contenders showcased here but his record at Augusta is pretty poor in comparison.

He has certainly underachieved at the Masters. But with the chance to join Jack Nicklaus, Gray Player, Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan and Tiger Woods as a career grand-slammer with a win at Augusta, McIlroy has the chance to make history and finally bury the demons of that horrible collapse seven years ago.

WHY HE CAN WIN: Rory excels at every attribute required to win at Augusta. From the tee, he's powerful with a high ball-flight. This brings all the par-5s into close range. His iron play is phenomenal and around the greens he has the touch of a master. Perhaps the only question mark that hovers over Rory is his ability on the slick putting surfaces.

MASTERS RECORD

PLAYED:	9
BEST FINISH:	4th (2015)
TOP-10S:	4
SCORING AVERAGE:	71.90 (34 rounds)
BEST SCORE:	65
WORST SCORE:	80

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JASON DAY

It's difficult to know which Jason Day will drive down Magnolia Lane for this year's Masters, but hopefully it will be the hungry, raring-to-go version – the Jason Day that pours his heart and soul into every moment from the 1st tee to the 72nd green.

Since making his Masters debut in 2011 – when he finished T2 behind the fast-finishing (four birdies in the final four holes) Charl Schwartzel – it seems Day has been destined to win at Augusta. His power game – with the highest ball flight on Tour – puts him in the frame every year, but it his short game that makes him a genuine contender.

He just needs to be 100 percent fit.

Last year his Masters campaign was spent worrying about his mum's cancer treatment.

But when the 30-year-old has played this year, he has appeared fi t – physically and mentally.

His first start for 2018, at Torrey Pines, resulted in a win and a fortnight later he was T2 at Pebble Beach. At the time of writing, it was expected that Day would play two events leading into the Masters to sharpen his game even more.

WHY HE CAN WIN: Day is desperate to win at Augusta. If he can channel that craving into a positive mindset and maintain his good ball-striking and putting form, he could be the second Aussie ever to don a green jacket.

MASTERS RECORD

PLAYED:	7
BEST FINISH:	2 (2011)
TOP-10S:	3
SCORING AVERAGE:	71.38 (25 rounds)
BEST SCORE:	64
WORST SCORE:	76



TIGER WOODS

The 14-time major champion makes his first Masters appearance since 2015, and just his second since Adam Scott's winning year in 2013.

His well-publicised battles with back injuries seem to now be behind him and since coming back to competitive golf in December, his focus has clearly been on sharpening his game up in preparation for the Masters. He even added an event – one he had never played before – to his schedule to increase his game time before Augusta.

"I'm just building toward April,'' Woods said after his fi nal round 70 at the Honda Classic. "I'm trying to get myself ready for that, and I feel like I'm right on track.''

No one really knows how he will go after spending so much time on the sideline.

But this is Augusta and whenever Tiger plays there he's going to be a factor. He holds more records and has collected more scoring trophies, as well as four green jackets, from the Masters Committee than any other player in the fi eld, which makes him a serious contender.

WHY HE CAN WIN: There was plenty to like about his T12 at the Honda Classic, with his accuracy starting to return and his putting showing a sharpness that had been missing for some time. If he is within four or five shots of the lead Sunday afternoon, strap yourself in for a memorable finish.

MASTERS RECORD

PLAYED:	20
BEST FINISH:	Won (1997, 2001, 2002, 2005)
TOP-10S:	13
SCORING AVERAGE:	70.86 (78 rounds)
BEST SCORE:	65
WORST SCORE:	77

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The FIRST OF MANY

The 2018 Masters Tournament marks the 25th anniversary of a significant event in golf equipment history and the emergence of one of the biggest names in the modern game.

On April 11, 1993, Bernhard Langer, somewhat fortuitously dressed in green pants and a yellow shirt, won his second green jacket and the first major title with a putter bearing Scotty Cameron's name.

The now ultra-famous putter maker had previously made putters for numerous manufacturers before setting out on his own and creating 'Cameron Golf International' in 1992, and Langer's win with his 'Classic 1' model at Augusta National began his ascent to the top of his craft. One that has seen Scotty Cameron putters, which became part of the Acushnet Company and Titleist in 1994, earn an impressive 35 more major titles since.

Of those major wins, 14 belong to Tiger Woods, who will be celebrating a putter-based milestone of his own at Augusta this year, where Woods will make his first appearance in Georgia since 2015 and will use his own historic Scotty Cameron putter at Augusta for the first time since 2010.

Tiger's Newport 2 is responsible for 13 of his major wins, his 1997 Masters title coming courtesy of a Cameron Teryllium Tel3 Newport, and has played an important role in Cameron's own success.

After first going in the bag in 1999, Woods swapped the putter out for another model for the first time at the 2010 Open Championship, with speculation that Nike's decision to stand by him during his scandal infl uenced his move to use a number of the company's putters on a full-time basis starting in 2011.

The arguably most successful club in the history of golf made its return at the 2016 Hero World Challenge.

"The day that we (Nike) were no longer a part of the hard goods side," Woods said after being asked when the Cameron putter went back in the bag.

Cameron will undoubtedly check in with Woods and his famous flatstick on the grounds of Augusta National this year, and will perhaps do likewise with Langer to reminisce about the pair's silver anniversary.

The German is set to tee it up in the tournament for the 35th time. After employing a unique putting grip to wield the Cameron to victory in 1993, having already begun his career-long battle with the yips, Langer has proven in recent times he can still create headlines with his putting, which will certainly be the case if the 60-year-old winds back the clock at Augusta this year.

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BUBBA & JORDAN

HOW TO 'MASTER' AUGUSTA

Bubba Watson and Jordan Spieth have won three of the past five Masters. So who better to guide you through the intricacies of Augusta National than the 2012, 2014 and 2015 champions?

Other than the fact, of course, that they both have Green Jackets hanging in their no doubt expansive closets it is difficult to assert too many similarities between Bubba Watson and Jordan Spieth. The 2012 and 2014 Masters champion Watson is a tall, lean, self-taught lefty who invokes incredulity with the ferocity of his driving and the extremity of his shot-shaping. In many ways, he is the epitome of the modern big-hitting Tour pro who can bring even the longest course to its knees with his raw power. Watson is also mercurial, tetchy and, dare we say, at times a little too precious.

The 2015 Masters champion Spieth is the articulate, impeccably mannered corporate-darling poster boy of the modern game. However, his affable demeanour disguises an intense killer instinct. Fellow Texan Ben Crenshaw's first encounter with a 20-year-old Spieth left the 1984 and 1995 Masters champion reflecting that it was like "looking into the eyes of Wyatt Earp". Spieth cannot overpower a course like Watson, and so relies on good old-fashioned preparation and course management to build a score. Blessed with a stunning short-game and a putting stroke to die for, he's at his most comfortable on and around the greens.

It's not surprising, then, to discover that Watson and Spieth take wildly contrasting approaches to overcoming the challenges provided by an often uncompromising Augusta National. Brian Wacker caught up with Watson and Spieth in Hawaii last month to talk to both players about how they play each and every hole. Over the next six pages, you're given an all-access pass into the minds of two of the game's modern greats and an invaluable lesson in strategy and course management.



Bubba Watson

‘UNLIKE BUBBA, I’LL HIT 3-WOOD TO STAY SHORT OF THE SAND. I CAN REACH THE GREEN BUT I RARELY TRY’

JORDAN SPIETH, 2ND HOLE



JORDAN SPIETH

1ST
445 yards
Par4

Depending on the weather and the strength and direction of the wind, I’ll hit driver or 3-wood off the tee. Either way, I’m trying to cut it off the right fairway bunker back toward the fairway. That bunker is playable to a degree, but you really don’t want to be in it if you can help it.
CAREER AVERAGE SCORE: 4.28



On many holes, I like to work my way back from the pin to the tee. But this isn’t one of them. From the fairway, the only ‘gettable’ pin is the Sunday flag, which the last couple of years has been middle right. Other than that, I’m playing to the centre of the green and looking for a two-putt par.
CAREER AVERAGE SCORE: 3.91

2ND
575 yards
Par5

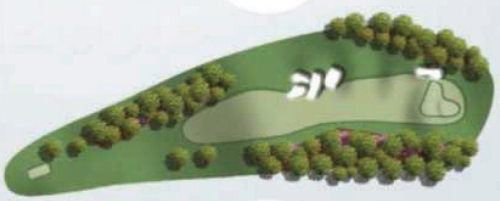
Like I do at the 1st hole, I aim at the fairway bunker and cut it so the ball lands in that speed slot and keeps going. If I do that, I can get home in two. If you’re in the fairway bunker it’s a lay-up at worst so if I’m going to miss I want to make sure I end up in the bunker and not the trees.
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.63



Unlike Bubba I’ll hit 3-wood to stay short of the sand. I can reach the green but I rarely try. I either hook it around the trees left and short when the pin is right, or fl are it right of the right bunker if it’s left. Either one leaves a 40-yard pitch and a 10-footer for birdie at worst.
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.5

3RD
350 yards
Par4

This hole is so tough. I might lay back short of the bunkers off the tee when the Sunday pin is in the far left corner, but lately I’ve been hitting driver here because I seem to make more pars that way. This hole isn’t about making birdie; it’s about getting your par to keep the round going.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.90



If the pin is toward the back of the green, I’ll hit driver. If it’s left or in the front, I’ll lay farther back to have a full shot with something that I can get up in the air and stop quickly. The green is a very tricky one for me. It runs hard right-to-left and a little towards the back as well.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.67

4TH
240 yards
Par3

You’re really just trying to hit the green. It’s such a diffi cult hole. When the pin is on the right, the guys will sometimes hit it in the left bunker on purpose because that’s the safest play and you’re fearful of other things that can happen if you miss it right or long.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.15



Just like Bubba said, you hit to the centre of the green, take your two putts and get out of there! You’d take a par here every single time. The most ‘gettable’ pin during the week for me is just over the greenside bunker on the right where the ball can feed down towards the hole.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.08

6TH
180 yards
Par3

When the pin is on the left this is a hole where you’re thinking birdie. I made birdie when it was on the right in the opening round in 2012, but in all honesty you’d take par here all four days. Depending on the weather it can be anything from an 8 or 9-iron to a 6-iron for me.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.0



The pin is gettable if it’s front left, and if it’s back left I’m trying to get it in close. But if you miss, make sure you miss short. The right pin, I’m just trying to get it on the correct tier. Normally, it’s around a 7-iron. It’s a tough shot when the pin is in the front but if you pull it off you’re rewarded.
AVERAGE SCORE: 2.58

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Bubba Watson

The left fairway bunker is very much in play for me off the tee so I try to hit 3-wood to the flat area short of it so I can see the green. The green is so tricky that, realistically, I'm aiming for a flat 10ft circle in the middle of the putting surface. If you end up hitting it close and make birdie, then you got lucky. Anyone who says they're not trying to hit to that 10-foot circle there on the green is lying to you.



JORDAN SPIETH

Same here, most likely a 3-wood off the tee, which leaves me a 7 or 8-iron in. Again, I play to the middle of the green unless the pin is front. The pins are normally placed above a massive false front so you play to the middle because that leaves you an uphill putt to every pin. You can get a lot of 15-footers that you can make on those greens. When you don't have to deal with the ridges you can be aggressive, but it's very important to stay below the hole.

Avoid the false front

Both Bubba and Jordan aim for a 10ft circle in the green's centre to ensure they avoid the false front. That also leaves an uphill putt on most pin positions.



KEY HOLE

5TH

'Magnolia'
455yards
Par4

Taking sand out of play

Since the hole slopes uphill and the fairway bunkers require a 315-yard carry to clear, both players opt for a fairway wood off the tee instead of the driver. This enables them to find the flatter part of the fairway for what needs to be a precise approach shot.

341

Bubba's drive during the 3rd round of the 2016 Masters, leaving him 112 yards into the pin.

4.25

Bubba and Jordan's average score on this hole

HOLE FACTS

ORIGINAL YARDAGE:
440 yards

RECENT DESIGN CHANGES:
In 2003, the tee was moved back and the two fairway bunkers were extended to bring them more into play and prevent golfers cutting off the corner of the dog-leg.

AVERAGE TOURNAMENT SCORE:
4.26

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Bubba Watson

'THE APPROACH IS DIFFICULT FOR EVERYBODY BUT I'M TRYING TO HIT A FADE OFF A HOOK LIE WITH A WEDGE!'

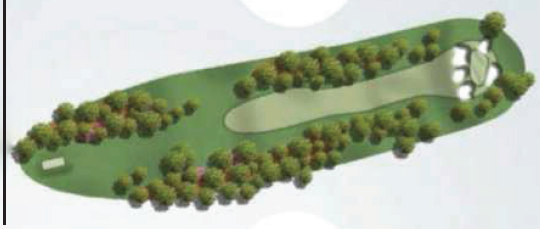
BUBBA WATSON, 9TH HOLE



JORDAN SPIETH

7TH
450 yards
Par4

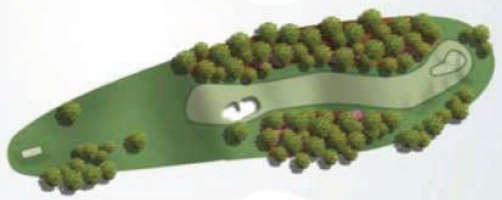
I often hit what I call a "dink" driver. It's never a full driver for me, though, because the fairway narrows and you're trying to hit into the green from a sharp downslope. It's a birdie hole when the pin is in the bowl and you're hitting a short-iron in, but you must be in the fairway.
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.16



Like Bubba says, it's all about the tee shot. The narrow fairway slopes left-to-right and the trees cut in both sides. I hit driver to the fl at spot then a wedge or 9-iron. Two pins you can get at where the ball feeds down are front right or middle left. I'll aim at the others only if I have a good yardage.
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.0

8TH
570 yards
Par5

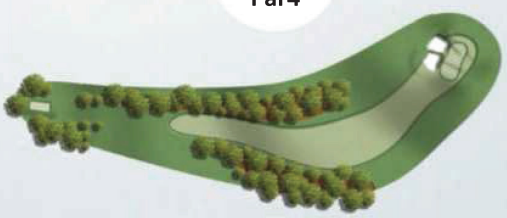
When it's playing downwind I can get over the bunkers off the tee. I'm just trying to hit it in the middle of the fairway and avoid those bunkers because that gives you a good scoring opportunity by being able to reach the green in two or by leaving yourself a fairly short-range chip.
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.75



Some days the green is reachable in two, some days it's not. I try to miss in a location where it's an easier up-and-down. For the back left pin, you can be way right and pitch across. Miss left and you don't have a chance. All the par 5s at Augusta are about missing it in the right location.
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.42

9TH
460 yards
Par4

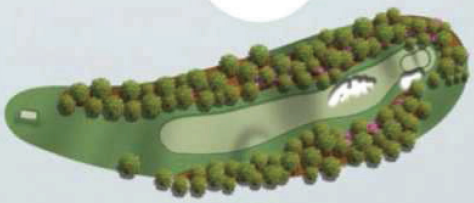
I aim at the right trees and cut it down the hill. The approach is difficult for everybody but I'm trying to hit a fade off a hook lie with a wedge! You can hit it just onto the three-tier green and have a 60-footer up two levels, or come up short and see it spin off. I try to carry it to the second level.
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.09



I try to drive it down the right. If it turns over I'll get more distance and if it doesn't it's better than being left. Into the green it's the opposite for me than Bubba. The lie encourages a left-to-right shot but the green also goes left to right so you have to turn one right-to-left to hold it on there.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.83

10TH
495 yards
Par4

I swing away and hit a big slice to catch the slot that will help it run down the hill. When the pin is at the front I'm trying to protect par because the ball can spin back into the fairway and leave a difficult chip. The middle and back pins I go at and try to leave myself inside 20 feet for birdie.
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.13



I try to hit a big hook with the driver or 3-wood. It's tricky; I have to commit to my start line well to the right. I usually have a 7-iron in and I like to play a little hold shot – a left-to-right shot. That green pitches back-to-front but it seems to putt quicker to the back, so that's also odd.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.83

12TH
155 yards
Par3

I'm just trying to hit the green. Most of the time it's a wedge or 9-iron. Certain pins are more of a birdie opportunity for me than others. I prefer the pins on the left side of the green. When it's on the right, I'm playing much safer and simply trying to land it in the middle of the green.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.38



The wind swirls in the trees but once the ball gets to its peak trajectory, it'll get hit by whatever the direction is on the day. So play it over the centre bunker and hit the green. If I get a good number to any of the pins on a calm day, other than the Sunday right pin, I'll go at it with a short iron.
AVERAGE SCORE: 3.25

WORST HOLE



Bubba Watson

I got lucky with the ice storm they had in 2014. It took away some of the tops of the trees so now I can aim at the trees off the tee and cut it because I can get over those trees, no problem. Even with the new tee pushed back, depending on the weather, I've hit anywhere between a wedge and a 5-iron into the green. Most of the time, though, it's a 7 or 8-iron for me whereas some of the other guys will have longer clubs into the green.



JORDAN SPIETH

Because it's such a tough, long hole you try to get a little bit extra out of the tee shot, but that's not the way to go about it. Make four here and you're in business. With the right-side pins you really don't want to bail out. You need to stay in the shot and if it funnels to the left side of the green you can still two-putt. Miss it right and you'll likely have that same putt for par instead of for birdie. On the left pins you have a little room to bail out.▶

MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Take the pond out of play

The greenside pond, which lurks to the left side of the green, awaits any pulled or hooked approach shots. It is more of a factor on back pins, however. Since it ranks as the most difficult hole on the course, most players are happy to make par here and move on.



KEY HOLE
11TH
'White Dogwood'
505 yards
Par 4

4.41
Jordan 's average score on this hole

3
Jordan made a double bogey in the 3rd round of the 2016 Masters when he three-putted from 30-feet.

A tougher tee shot

The start of Amen Corner, the 11th requires a slight fade off the tee (a draw for Bubba) to reach a fairway that slopes from left to right.

4.38
Bubba 's average score on this hole

HOLE FACTS

ORIGINAL YARDAGE: 400 yards
RECENT DESIGN CHANGES: The tee was moved back 15 yards in 2006 and trees were added to the right side of the fairway, which also was shifted left that year and widened in 2008. Several trees removed from right side of fairway that year.
AVERAGE TOURNAMENT SCORE: 4.29
STROKE INDEX: 2
DID YOU KNOW? Prior to 1950, Rae's Creek ran in front of this green. It was replaced by a larger hazard in the form of the current pond.



Bubba Watson

‘IT’S A CRAZY GREEN BUT YOU CAN MAKE BIRDIE BECAUSE THE BALL FEEDS DOWN TO THE PIN FROM THE LEFT’

JORDAN SPIETH, 14TH HOLE



JORDAN SPIETH

13TH
510 yards
Par5



I play a big slice. If it’s downwind, I can get over the trees and leave something really short into the green. From the fairway it’s a great birdie or eagle chance. I never try to attack the back pin. I’m mostly just trying to land it in the centre and have at worst a two-putt.

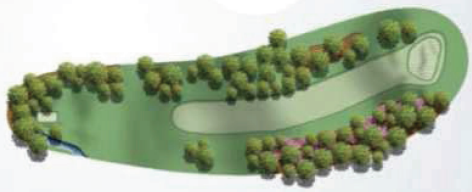
BEST HOLE

AVERAGE SCORE: 4.31

I don’t try to get too fancy with the tee shot. I usually hit 3-wood. It’s been more successful for me to get a hook around the corner. I then have a long iron in and a big decision as to whether I go for it or not. It’s a very tough shot. Anywhere on that green and you’ve conquered the hole.

AVERAGE SCORE: 4.42

14TH
440 yards
Par4



I just cut it up the fairway to leave a pitching wedge or sand wedge into a two-tiered green. The right pin you aim left and let it funnel down off the slope, which I did in 2012 and made birdie. The left pin is delicate – push it and it’s an impossible chip. So I play safe and usually leave a 30-40 footer.

AVERAGE SCORE: 4.03

I aim down the right centre and turn it over. It’s a crazy green but you can make birdie because the ball feeds down to the hole from the left. Miss on the wrong tier and you leave a difficult putt.I prefer to miss right. Miss left and the ball will go straight down the hill. It won’t stop.

AVERAGE SCORE: 3.92

16TH
170 yards
Par3



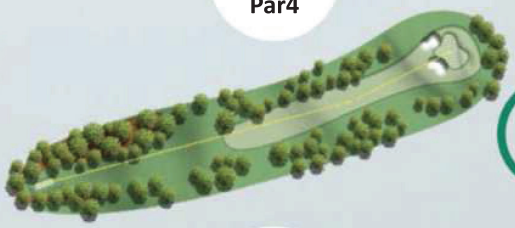
When the pin is front left or back left, it’s just a perfect cut shot for me with a mid-iron. I seem to play those kinds of pins well. Everybody in the field has trouble with the front right and back right pin positions, so I’m just aiming into the bowl in the middle of the green.

AVERAGE SCORE: 3.0

My favourite hole. We’ll see the back left pin on Thursday or Friday, then we’ll see it towards the middle on Sunday. I try to keep the ball below the hole on all of them. The back right pin is tough to birdie but it’s an easy par because if I’m down the ridge I know the speed and line.

AVERAGE SCORE: 3.0

17TH
440 yards
Par4



When it’s downwind, I often hit 3-wood because the fairway narrows so much. Either way, I aim at the trees and cut it. From the fairway it’s a birdie chance with a short-iron. The back right pin is tough. If I pull it, the ball goes down the slope and leaves a difficult chip back up to the hole.

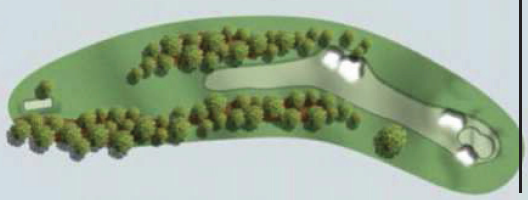
AVERAGE SCORE: 4.16

Driver down the middle, find where the pin is and hit in to that side. On back left pins I want to get all the way back because the green goes downhill. It’s easier to miss long and chip back up to the hole than face a downhill 20-footer. The uphill right pin is still wicked fast.

WORST HOLE

AVERAGE SCORE: 4.5

18TH
465 yards
Par4



This is difficult because it’s tight and my cut goes straight at the traps. In 2016, I hammered a 3-wood at the sand knowing I couldn’t reach. The longer shot in takes away some advantage but I’m still hitting a shorter iron than others. On the back pins, you play smart and take a two-putt.

AVERAGE SCORE: 4.19

I try to hit a left-to-right tee shot and fade it off the bunker. Again, I want to know where the pin is so I can get at it from the best angle. I really just want to hit it in the centre of the green either on the bottom or top shelf. If I’m on the right level I can make birdie from any of the pins.

AVERAGE SCORE: 4.0



Bubba Watson

I'm trying to hit a dead straight, low bullet so I don't get stuck behind the trees like I did back in 2014. Sometimes, if the weather's bad, you can't even get to those trees. In that case, I play a 3 or 4-iron and try to cut it off the right trees. Everyone has a chance to reach the green in two if you hit a halfway decent tee shot. The front centre part of the green is the biggest part of the green, so I just try to hit it in there and two-putt.



JORDAN SPIETH

It's a pretty easy drive, but I try to hit it down the right centre for the best angle into the green and to avoid being blocked out. Again, Bubba has a big advantage here. I usually have a hybrid or a 4-iron into that green. You can go long but that leases a difficult pitch on back or left pins. It's a difficult green to hold. The right bunker can be a good bail out because I can get to any pin from there. Hit two really good shots and you can have a look at birdie.

BEST HOLE

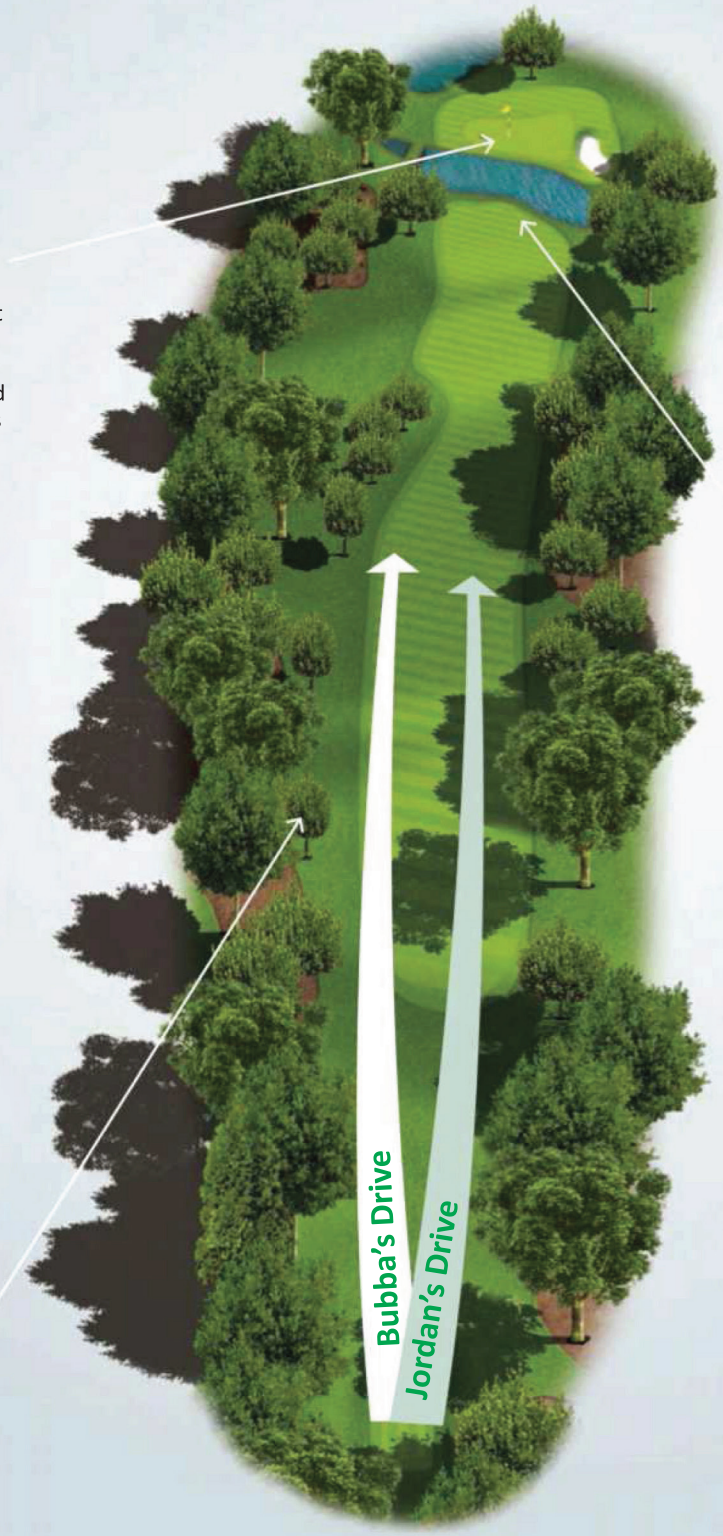
MASTERS TOURNAMENT

KEY HOLE 15TH

'Firethorn'
530 yards
Par 5

Use the bail out areas

The 15th is statistically the easiest hole on the golf course. Most players can comfortably reach the green in two from a decent drive. The water is the obvious hazard, but the right-hand bunker is a good bail out option, and there's room behind the green too.



4.33
Jordan's average score on this hole

4.34
Bubba's average score on this hole

288
The average length of Jordan's drives at this hole in 2016. He laid up three times and was three-under on the hole for the week.

Hit the right side of the fairway

Although the tee short is fairly generous, anything too tight to the left side of the fairway will find that a small row of trees blocks the direct route into the green and forces a lay-up.

HOLE FACTS

ORIGINAL YARDAGE: 485 yards
RECENT DESIGN CHANGES: The tee was moved back 30 yards and also to the left in 2006 with the goal of forcing the players to hit more accurate tee shots in order to go for the green in two.
AVERAGE TOURNAMENT SCORE: 4.77
STROKE INDEX: 18
DID YOU KNOW? In 1935, Gene Sarazen hit his "shot heard around the world" – a holed 235-yard 4-wood approach shot for an albatross.

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GOLF IS MY FIRST WIFE





Muzahid Baig was a promising footballer. His dreams of becoming a star player were cut short due to an injury. However, a born sportsman, Baig never gave up his love for sport. So he took up golf after finishing his studies in architecture. In time, golf became such a big part of Baig's life that he claims he can forego many an attraction for a good round of golf.



Q&A

You were a footballer once upon a time. How did the transition from football to golf take place?

I was a sportsman from the very beginning. I was a BKSP student for a short course and a national under-14 footballer. I injured my right leg during a game in Manikganj, which proved to be the end of my footballing hopes. After I finished graduation, I moved to Chittagong. At that time during a journey to Cox's Bazar, I learnt about golf and decided to try out the game. I took membership of Shaheen Golf & Country Club soon, bought a golf kit and started playing. I became so attracted to the game that I started traveling 60km each day to Potenga to play early in the morning and afternoon. I thought it would be an easy game, but found out that it was one of the toughest games in the world. I had to work hard to get a grip of the game. Initially when I used to make a good shot, I would start dreaming of becoming a professional. But when I started understanding handicap, I realized it was not for me to turn professional. It takes a lot of effort and dedication to play as a professional.

However, my passion for the game only grew. I even told my wife once that if she asks me who I love more, I would say I love golf more. She had to make a lot of sacrifice for my passion for golf. In fact my mother in law once had to intervene to resolve our family issue due to golf.

What is your golfing routine?

Unless I'm ill or there are weather issues, I don't miss the golf course. I play from 2 to 6 pm every day. However, I don't play during Ramadan.

You can make friends of all ages at the golf course. Don't you think this is something that cannot be earned in any other sport?

I always say one thing, that is, someone who has the ability should definitely play golf. Otherwise his life is meaningless. If you have to learn proper manners and discipline, want to make friends and want to enjoy the freshness of life, you should play golf. Golf teaches one respect, which we learn first from the caddies and ball boys. They are the ones that greet us first with salam. After my family, this is the thing that made my life fulfilled. The position I'm in now owes a great deal to golf.

Do you want to bring your future generation to golf?

When my son was one-year-old, I bought a golfing set for him from Australia. I gave him a golfing ball after he was born. One of my developer company's name is Nearest to Pin. I've brought a set for my daughter recently from Bangkok. I bring my children to golf course regularly.

Since you play outside the country too, where do you think we need to develop more?

You know pretty well the difference. We will have to bring out players from grassroots level. A few companies are sponsoring the game here in Chittagong. We need a massive involvement of young generation to get the game moving. Here we sponsor caddies and ball boys through our club. But we need children of members and people from outside the club in the game too. Only then we will get star players. Someone can make a decent living through playing at the BPGA only. You have to be dedicated and passionate to shine, there is no place for any middle ground. As per the major differences, the game is much easier and cheaper here, but things are much more advanced abroad. It is needless to say the courses and fairways in the overseas golf courses are extraordinary.

You played in Thailand recently. You are part of a group that plays in different locations regularly. Tell us a bit about this group and its activities.

Every golfer, be it professional or amateur, has the dream to play in beautiful courses worldwide. Professional golfers get to play in a lot of places worldwide which the amateurs don't usually get. We have a group of about 20 amateur golfers who make a number of tours worldwide every year. The fellowship and friendship that develop through these tours is quite extraordinary. We also represent our countries in a good way when we play abroad.

Do you have any message to golfers and those who don't play golf yet?

I love golf as my own child. The day I do not play golf is like a day wasted for me. I will ask all the golfers to love the game and respect the game and respect fellow golfers. To those who don't play yet, I would ask them to play because only then they would know what they had been missing out on.



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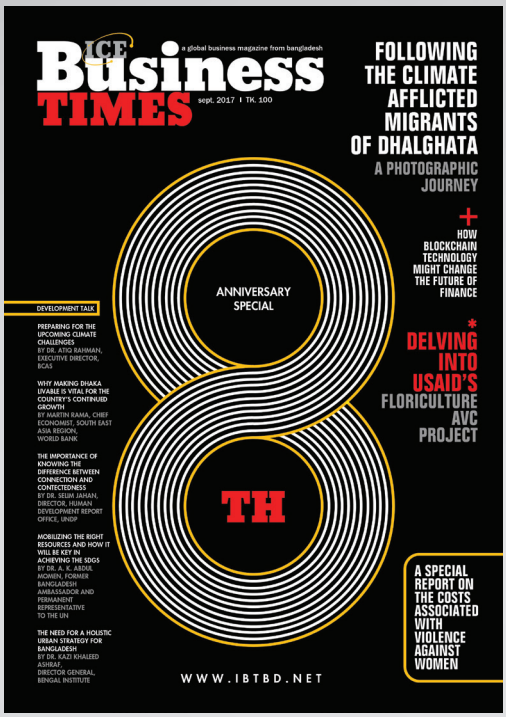

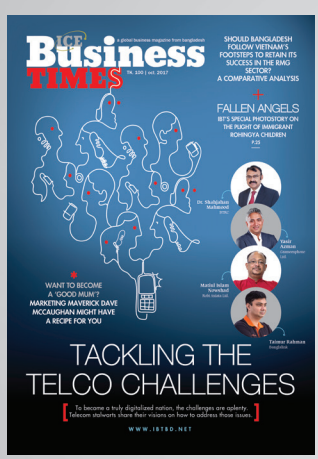









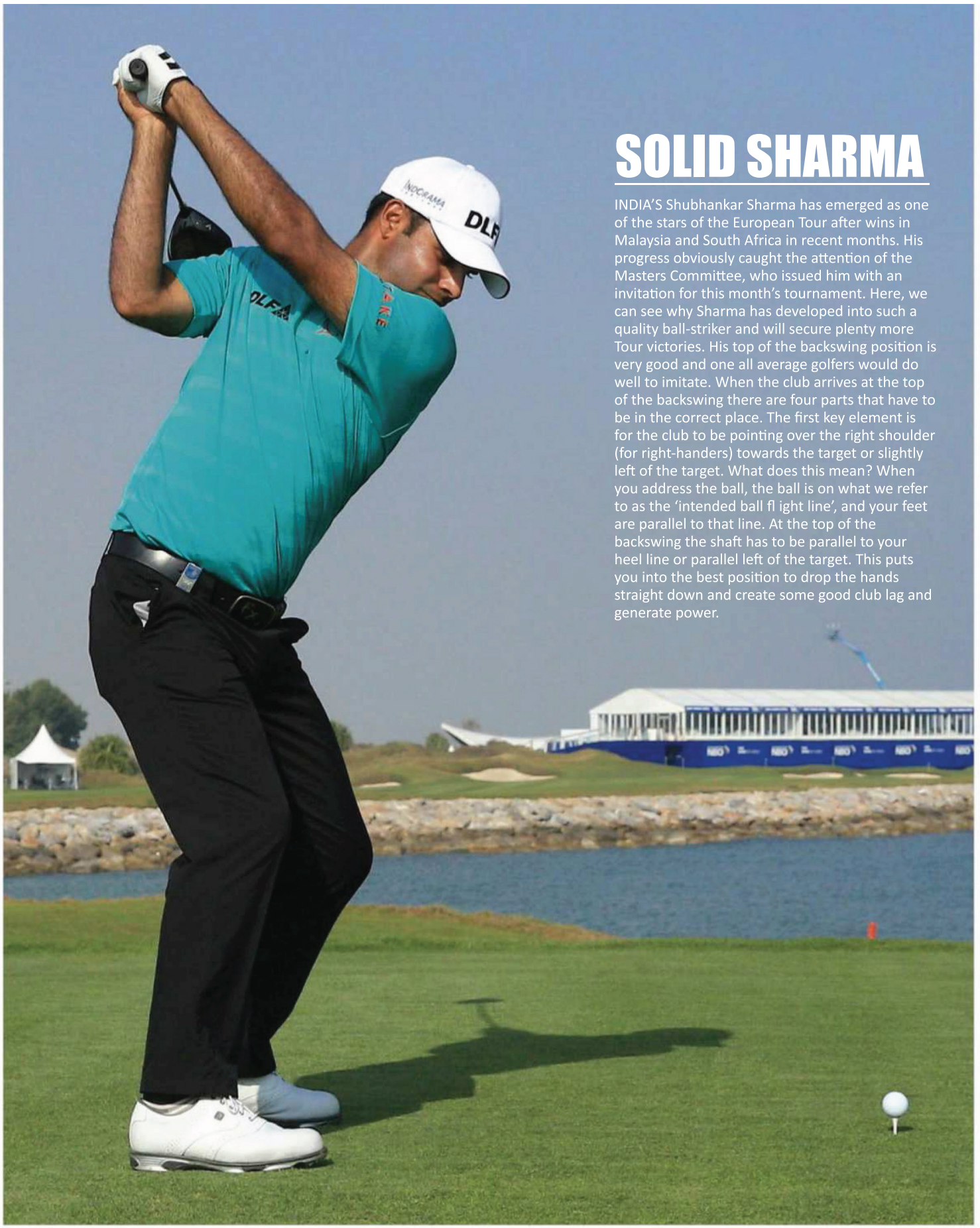

SOLID SHARMA

INDIA'S Shubhankar Sharma has emerged as one of the stars of the European Tour after wins in Malaysia and South Africa in recent months. His progress obviously caught the attention of the Masters Committee, who issued him with an invitation for this month's tournament. Here, we can see why Sharma has developed into such a quality ball-striker and will secure plenty more Tour victories. His top of the backswing position is very good and one all average golfers would do well to imitate. When the club arrives at the top of the backswing there are four parts that have to be in the correct place. The first key element is for the club to be pointing over the right shoulder (for right-handers) towards the target or slightly left of the target. What does this mean? When you address the ball, the ball is on what we refer to as the 'intended ball fl ight line', and your feet are parallel to that line. At the top of the backswing the shaft has to be parallel to your heel line or parallel left of the target. This puts you into the best position to drop the hands straight down and create some good club lag and generate power.



GOLF CART ETIQUETTE AND RULES

Things you should never do in a cart, plus interpreting a course's regulations.

After paying your greens fee and cart fee, but before you clamber into that golf cart and speed off to the first tee, make sure you know what the course's cart rules are. Are you allowed to drive the cart onto the fairway? Or does the course have restrictions in place? Sometimes, the golf cart rules change day-to-day at the same course, depending on conditions.

We'll go over the variations of golf cart rules you might see posted at your local golf courses, but first, here are a couple reminders of things you should never do in a golf cart:

• Never drive the cart within hazard boundary lines, or within about 10 yards of water hazards or bunkers, or within about 50 yards of greens (unless you're on a designated cart path, of course). These areas are especially susceptible to damage by the wheels of golf carts. Never drive onto or close to tee boxes, either, unless on the cart path.

• Never drive the cart through mud, on or off the fairway.

• Never drive through casual water on any part of the golf course (unless it's a little bit of water over a paved cart path). The wheels of the cart can do serious damage to the turf, including leaving ruts, in wet areas.

• Never go joyriding in the golf cart. In other words, don't act stupid! People do get injured in cart accidents. See golf cart safety for specific suggestions.

Now, as mentioned above, golf courses may post notices about specific golf cart rules depending on conditions at the course that day.

These notices may be posted in the clubhouse; sometimes courses uses small signs they stick in the ground alongside the cart path on the route to the first tee. You should always ask when you check in what the course's standard golf cart rules are, then also be alert for any signage. What might the signage specify?



HOW TO ATTACH YOUR GOLF BAG TO THE GOLF CART

1. The Back of the Cart
Attaching a golf bag to the golf cart so that the bag rides securely is very simple. But if you've never been to a golf course before, there are many things about the experience that you might wonder about beforehand. Even if you've played golf before, you might be preparing to use a riding cart for the first time.

So first-things-first: the golf bag goes into the slots on the back of the golf cart. There is room for two bags between the wheel covers on either side of the rear of the cart.

See the black straps hanging from the plastic bar? That's one strap for each bag. Each strap wraps around a bag and is secured by the "buckle" on the end of the plastic bar (the buckle on the left side is in the open position; the one on the right is not visible because it is in the closed position).



2. Set Buckle to Open Position
Here is a close up of the buckle that secures the straps. The buckle is in the "open" position when it is pulled away from the bar to which it is attached (the "closed" position is pressed flat against the bar).



3. Place Bag on Cart and Bring Strap Around:



Pick up your golf bag and set it down into one of the two slots at the back of the cart. Take the strap and pull it around the golf bag (thread the strap through the handle of your golf bag, if your bag is facing forward).

4. Insert Strap Under Buckle



Pass the strap under the buckle that is in the "open" position. The strap should slide easily right between the open buckle and bar to which the buckle is attached.

5. Press Buckle Closed
Pull the strap tight to secure your golf bag in place, then press the buckle down against the bar to close the buckle. When the buckle is closed, the strap should be secure, holding your bag securely in place. Give it a



little tug to make sure the buckle is closed all the way and the strap is fastened.

6. Head for the First Tee
And there you have it: the bag is sitting its slot on the back of the cart, the strap is around the top of the bag and is fastened using the buckle. Your clubs are secure and you're ready to head for the first tee.



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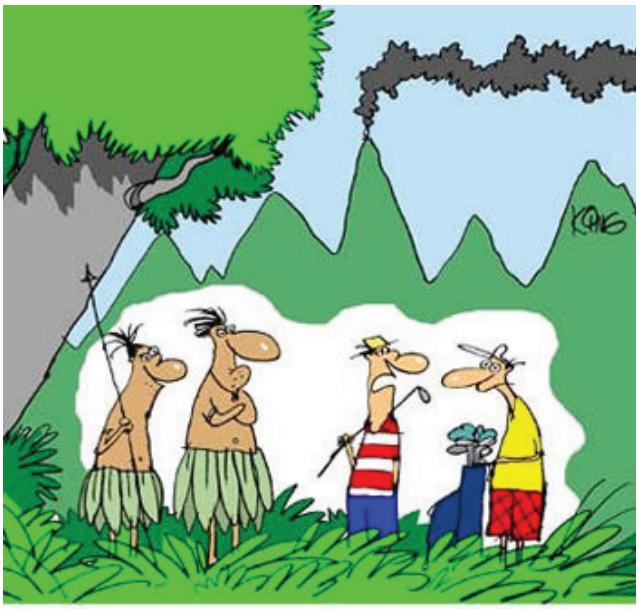
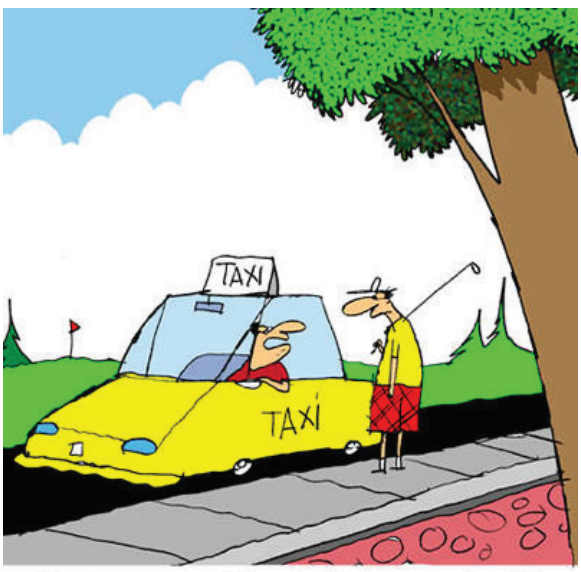
TEEING UP FAVORITE FUNNIES



"I realize The Big Shooter is happy he finally got a par. But did he have to kiss me square on the mouth?"



"It was your bad slice, Big Shooter. You ask them if they've seen your Top-Flite."



"Let me get this straight-- you've hit your ball so far out of bounds, you actually need a taxi to find it?"



"Be honest...what did you think of my golf swing?"

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

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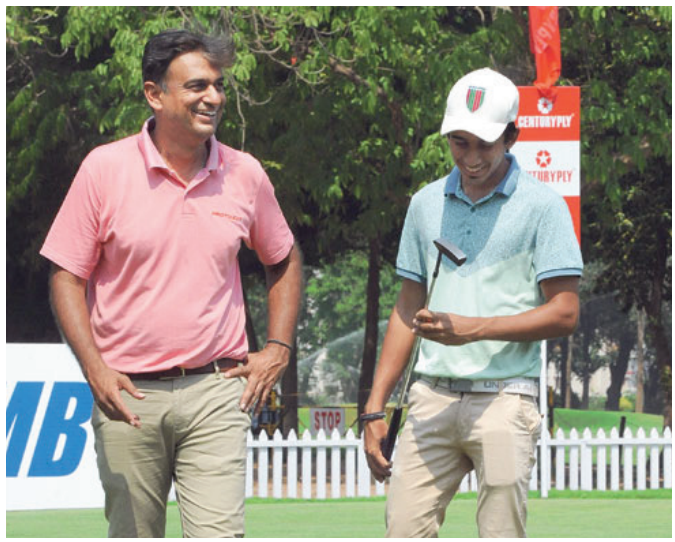
NO REASON BANGLADESH CAN'T HAVE 10 SIDDIKUR RAHMANS

Indrajit Bhalotia was one of the leading golfers in India 20 years ago. A contemporary of Jyoti Randhawa and Arjun Atwal, he used to have great competition with his fellow golfers during a time when Indian golf was just making its presence felt at the Asian scene. The Kolkata-native won five tournaments on the Indian circuit, but a road accident transformed his career and set him on a path of golf teaching. Now he produces some of the best golfers from India. He takes a lot of pride in his students' achievements. Recently Bhalotia has been in Chittagong for the Chittagong Open where TheGolfHouse caught up with him to learn about his golfing achievements as a player and a coach.







Q&A

How did you get involved with golf?

I started when I was around four years old. My father used to play the game and I used to go with him. When I was around 8/9 years old, I played a tournament and won it. That is when I began to play seriously.

Tell us a bit more about that period of your introduction to golf?

I was a bit introvert and didn't have too many friends. So golf suited me because it's a game where you can play on your own. The first few tournaments that I played, I won, so I thought it was quite an easy game and I grew my interest in it.

You were India's top golfer once upon a time. How was your feeling being on top?

I played on the Asian Tour for almost 14 years and I've been playing on the Indian Tour for about 28/29 years. When I was on top, I focused more on fitness and mental toughness. I went to USA for this. My career took an upward shift during 1997-98 and I was inside the top three. I was in competition with Jeev Milkha Singh, Jyoti Randhawa, Arjun Atwal and won against them. My approach was overall improvement of my game.

Share with us your achievements as a pro.

I won five professional tournaments, first of which was in Chennai where the top players played. Then I won in Nepal. Then I won three more tournaments in India. I have 5/6 course records, too, including a few low rounds like 62/63.

Right now you are one of the best golf coaches in South Asia. Who inspired you to come to teaching?

I joined teaching in 2001-02 after I injured my knee following a road accident. I had to take seven months off for that. The seniors at Kolkata golf circle suggested me to join coaching. So

once I joined, I liked it. Then a couple of my students won tournaments and they did not let me give up coaching. When National Golf Academy was established in 2005, I was chosen as one of five coaches who were sent abroad to learn and spread coaching in India and neighboring countries.

You said your students at the initial stage won a few tournaments. Who are your best students now?

Viraj Madhappa, according to me, is the most promising youngster. He has been with me since very early. I have trained five national juniors in the last seven years. I have worked as national team coach where I had Gaganjeet Bhullar, Ajeetesh Sandhu as my students.

What is your teaching philosophy?

I don't follow any particular philosophy. Every golfer has his individual style. I try to improve that style and bring fundamental correctness to their game which helps them perform better under pressure. My teaching concept is very simple and natural.

You are teaching kids at academies too. When did you turn to this?

This started around 17 years ago. We've done junior programs in major cities of India. We have 26 teachers in our academies. We teach golf to toddlers as a fun sport. We teach coaches child psychology too. We are planning to take this thing to 20 schools in Kolkata.

Please explain the importance of golf mentorship.

Proper guidance makes it easier for a golfer to develop. A teacher does not necessarily turn an ordinary golfer into a great one, but he can definitely guide them by making corrections and showing them a way to prosper. If a teacher could turn someone into a great golfer, then there would have been 50 Nick Faldos coming out of Leadbetter Academies. The golfer has to have the talent and drive within himself.

Do you have a teaching guru?

I never took formal training for teaching. My game is based on the style and method that Jack Nicklaus follows. I have read some of his books too. I researched a bit for coaching as well.

Who do you think are some of the best emerging players in the subcontinent?

SSP Chawrasia is doing great, but he's already an emerged star. Shubhankar Sharma is extremely special. Siddikur Rahman is a fantastic talent. There are a few other Indian players that have serious potential. There is tremendous talent in subcontinent, but they don't get to shine due to lack of opportunities and sponsorship.

The earlier trend in the subcontinent was that most golfers used to come from caddies and ball boys. But the trend has shifted recently.

I think the reason is the caddies and ball boys used to get ample time and opportunity to play at the courses. Now the courses have become so busy that their playing opportunities have shrunk. I think this shift in trend will continue.

How much time should a professional golfer devote in practicing?

Definitely eight hours a day at least. Plus he needs to do fitness, gym, yoga, diet and all. Social life is almost zero for professional golfers. Those who are distracted by other things will fizzle out in the end.

Your son has turned pro. What is your expectation from him?

I didn't push him to become a golfer at all because I know the life of a golfer is very tough. But he got interest in golf and he trains well. He has talent and he is training hard.

You have played many times in Bangladesh. What is your take on Bangladesh golf?

I have seen Bangladeshi players from the time of Chand Mia and Babu Ahmed to the ones of today. I must confess there is tremendous talent. Youngsters in Bangladesh drive pretty well and they are confident too. If you can develop the local circuit and arrange sponsorships, there is no reason you can't have ten Siddikur Rahmans.

What should be the ideal way to teach kids?

Teachers should be more motivative, because young kids need motivation most. Kids come to enjoy the game, not to learn the game. The teaching method should be made in a way that the kids enjoy the game.

Who are your favorite golfers and which ones are your favorite golf courses?

Jack Nicklaus is my favorite golfer. Obviously the courses where I've won tournaments are my favorite.

What is your best memory in golf?

There are quite a few. But the five tournaments I won are very very special memories. When my students win and when they acknowledge me I feel great. It feels like I am winning the tournaments.













NDC - JANIK COMMANDANT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

NDC-JANIK Commandant's Cup Golf Tournament was held on 31 March 2018. Commandant, Faculty, Staff Officers, Course Members of ND Course 2018 and AFWC 2018 attended the event along with their spouses.

The prize giving ceremony of the event was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka.

State Minister for Environment and Forest Abdullah Al Islam Jacob, MP and Commandant, NDC Lt Gen Chowdhury Hasan Sarwardy distributed prizes of the tournament. A total of 50 golfers from Bangladesh and friendly foreign countries participated in this tournament.

All members of ND Course and AFWC, Faculty and Staff Officers along with their spouses were present at the occasion. A cultural program was arranged in honor of the guests.


NDC-JANIK COMMANDANT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT-2018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Winner: Lt Col SM Sazzad Hossain
Best Gross: Maj SK Md Yousuf Reza (Retd)
Runner-up: Lt Col Borhan Uddin Mahmud
2nd Best Gross: Muhtasimul Islam

BD FINANCE CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lt Col SM Sazzad Hossain won the title of the four-day BD Finance Cup Golf Tournament which was held at the Army Golf Club, Dhaka from March 28 to 31. Lt Col Borhan Uddin Mahmud finished as the runner-up while Mrs Momtaz Begum emerged as the ladies winner.

Maj Gen Md Siddiqur Rahman Sarker, Engineer in Chief of Bangladesh Army, gave away prizes to the winners as the chief guest.

Maj Gen S M Matiur Rahman, President of Army Golf Club, Brigadier General KM Salzar Hossain, Chairman of Tournament Committee of Army Golf Club, Colonel Muhammad Hasan Imam Farazi, Golf Captain of the club, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Nurul Kabir, Member Secretary of the club, Lieutenant Colonel Md Tozammel Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer of the club, Major Muhammad Almas Uddin (Retd), General Manager, Golf Operations & Sports and Manwar Hossain, Chairman of Bangladesh Finance and Investment Company Limited were also present. A large numbers of participants, other members of the company and high civil and military officials along with their spouses attended the function.



Winner: Syed Arefin
Runner Up: Lieutenant Colonel Md Shahid Mostafa
2nd Runner Up: Sqn Ldr Mohammad Abu Sadek

5TH ANSAR & VDP DAY CUP

Syed Arefin won the title of the 5th Ansar & VDP Day Cup Golf Tournament, which was held at the Army Golf Club from March 14 to 17. Lieutenant Colonel Md Shahid Mostafa emerged runner-up and Mrs Fatema Matiur became women's champion.

Lieutenant General Mohammad Nazim Uddin, Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army gave away prizes to the winners as the chief guest.

Major General S M Matiur Rahman, President of Army Golf Club, Brigadier General KM Salzar Hossain, Chairman of Tournament Committee of the club, Colonel Muhammad Hasan Imam Farazi, Golf Captain of the club, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Nurul Kabir, Member Secretary, of the club, Lieutenant Colonel Md Tozammel Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer of the club, Major Muhammad Almas Uddin (Retd), General Manager, Golf Operations & Sports of the club and Major General Sheikh Pasha Habib Uddin, Director General, Bangladesh Ansar & VDP, were also present. A large numbers of participants, other members of Bangladesh Ansar & VDP and high civil and military officials attended the event.



TRANSCOM GUP GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

The three-day 22nd Transcom Cup Golf Tournament concluded at the Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka recently.

Commodore Sakeb Iqbal Khan Majlish, psc won the title, Lt Cdr J.M.H. Quamar Alam (Retd) grabbed the runner-up prize and Shaila Parveen won the ladies event title.

Major General Md Siddiqur Rahman Sarker, Engineer-in-Chief, Bangladesh Army gave away the prizes to the winners on 9 March, 2018. Major General A K M Abdullahil Baquee, Vice President of Kurmitola Golf Club, Brigadier General Quazi Shamsul Islam, Club Captain of the club, Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Chairman of Tournament Committee, Brigadier General Mohd Obaidul Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer of the club, Lieutenant Colonel Md Abdul Bari (Retd), General Manager of Golf Operations of the club, Saifur Rahman, Director of Transcom Limited were also present. A large numbers of participants, other members of Transcom Limited and high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the event.



Winner: Major Zakir Ahmed
Best Gross: Brig Gen Md Mohiuddin Siddique
Runner-up: Colonel Imrul Kais
2nd Best Gross: Md Mahfuzur Rahman

9TH TOYOTA ALTIS INDEPENDENCE DAY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Major Zakir Ahmed won the title of the four-day 9th Toyota Independence Day Cup Golf Tournament at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka on 24. Colonel Imrul Kais finished runner-up while Mrs Halima Shaheen won the ladies title.

Lieutenant General Md Mahfuzur Rahman, Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division gave away prizes to the winners as the chief guest.

Major General S M Matiur Rahman, President of Army Golf Club, Brigadier General K M Salzar Hossain, Chairman of Tournament Committee, Colonel Muhammad Hasan Imam Farazi, Golf Captain of the club, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Nurul Kabir, Member Secretary of the club, Lieutenant Colonel Md Tozammel Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer of the club, Major Muhammad Almas Uddin (Retd), General Manager, Golf Operations & Sports of the club and Mr Shafiul Islam Kamal, Chairman of Navana Group were also present. A large numbers of participants, other members of Navana Group and high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the function. Following were the winners of tournament.



SIKDER GROUP INDEPENDENCE DAY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Following are the winners of tournament:
Winner: Major Sheikh Md Yousuf Reza (Retd)
Runner-up: Saad Rahim Chowdhury
Ladies Winner: Jung Joo Num

Lieutenant General Aziz Ahmed, Quarter-master General of Bangladesh Army gave away prizes to the winners of Sikder Group Independence Day Cup Golf Tournament on 30 March 2018 at the Banquet Hall of the Kurmitola Golf Club.

Major General A K M Abdullahil Baquee, Vice president of Kurmitola Golf Club, Brigadier General Quazi Shamsul Islam, Club Captain, Kurmitola Golf Club, Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Chairman, Tournament Committee, Kurmitola Golf Club, Brigadier General Mohd Oabidul Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer, Kurmitola Golf Club, Lieutenant Colonel Md Abdul Bari (Retd), General Manager, Golf Operations, Kurmitola Golf Club, Syed Qamrul Islam Mohan, Director & Chief Operating Officer of R&R Aviation and Holdings Limited and Mr. Farid Uddin Khan Rumy were also present.

A large numbers of participants, other members of the R&R Aviation Limited and high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the function.



38TH KOREAN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Winner: Fahad Bin Tarique
Runner-up: Brig Gen Md Ahsanul Huq Miah
Ladies Winner: Shaila Parvin

Lieutenant General Aziz Ahmed, Quarter-master General, Bangladesh Army as Chief Guest gave away the prizes to the winners of the tournament on 2nd March, 2018 at the Kurmitola Golf Club.

HE Ahn Seong-Doo, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Major General A K M Abdullahil Baquee, Vice president, Kurmitola Golf Club, Brigadier General Quazi Shamsul Islam, Club Captain of KGC, Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Chairman, Tournament Committee of KGC, Brigadier General Mohd Obaidul Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer of KGC, Lieutenant Colonel Md Abdul Bari (Retd), General Manager, Golf Operations, KGC and Chong Wan Park, President of Korean Community in Bangladesh were also present.

A large numbers of participants, other members of the Korean Community in Bangladesh and high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the function.



BGF TIES THE KNOT WITH THEGOLFHOUSE

It is needless to say that in today' world media plays a key role in promoting and spreading any sport. Golf is one of the most popular sports around the world, and the game is slowly gaining popularity in Bangladesh too. Bangladesh has already hosted prestigious tournaments like the Asian Tour three years on the trot under the supervision and arrangement of Bangladesh Golf Federation (BGF) and Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) respectively.

There are business houses too those are promoting the game. What these business houses expect, though, is a bit of coverage of events that they are sponsoring.

This is one aspect where golf was lagging behind other sports in Bangladesh. In a bid to overcoming this drawback, the Bangladesh Golf Federation (BGF) and the Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TheGolfHouse, the first exclusive golf magazine of the country.

The signing ceremony was held at the KGC on March 30, 2018. BGF's Joint Secretary and KGC's Chief Executive Officer Brigadier General Mohd Obaidul Haque (retd) and TheGolfHouse's editor-cum-publisher Nazrul Hosen Ayon signed for their respective organizations in presence of other officials from all three parties.

As per the agreement, TheGolfHouse will, from now onward, work as a media partner of BGF and KGC. The magazine will stand by these two organizations in regards to publicizing news of their activities, tournaments, talent hunt programs, etc.

In this connection, Brigadier General Obaidul Haque (retd) said: "Even though golf is still a niche sport in our country, the game is gaining popularity among the masses gradually. We hope that through this agreement, golf will get more promotion and publicity.

Nazrul Hosen Ayon, the magazine's editor, said, "Our target is to make golf one of the most followed sports of our country by 2025. We also want to encourage golfers of every pedigree, be it a professional or amateur, through our work while making sure the sponsors get the right promotion and feedback that they deserve."

He further said, "If we can get the social-media-addicted youth into golf, they will get back into disciplined life. Our neighbor India is now producing high-quality golfers these days. We believe Bangladeshi golfers, too, will rule foreign lands one day."

It is worth mentioning here that TheGolfHouse is the first golf magazine in Bangladesh. First published in 2015, this monthly publication has been striving to promote the game in the country and uplift the image of Bangladesh golf in abroad.



8TH SHAH CEMENT-AKS CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

Competing with 157 participants, Lt Col Syed Md Motaher Hossain retained the title of the 8th Shah Cement-AKS Cup Golf Tournament 2018 held on March 30, 2018 at Bhatiary Golf & Country Club.

Mohammad Saifuddin Mamun grabbed the runner up, Mohammad Sadiul Islam won the 2nd runner up and Obaida Sayeed occupied the ladies' event title.

Other prizes were distributed among Maj Md Asadul Haque Miah (Retd) for best gross, Liakat Ali Chowdhury Khan for 2nd best gross, Shahed Sarwar for (23-24) best handicap net, Mohd Shirajul Haque Khan as nine hole winner, Maj Khandoker Abu Horaira as nine hole runner up, Maj Ruhul Amin for best front nine, Lt Col Golam Mortuza for best back nine, S J Nizam as senior winner, Afroza Hossain as ladies runner up, Master Yasrib as junior winner, Master Md Mafi as junior runner up, Capt Kader Mahmood Chowdhury (Retd) for longest drive and Mrs Moon for nearest to pin.

BGCC President Maj Gen Md Jahangir Kabir Talukder distributed the prizes among the winners as the chief guest of the colorful concluding ceremony. On behalf of the sponsor Abul Khair Group Executive Director Brigadier General Shahidullah Chowdhury (Retd.) kept speech in presence of the group Deputy Managing Director Md. Abu Syed Chowdhury, group Senior Manager Maj F M Jasim Uddin (Retd) and group Senior Brand Manager S M Monjurul Islam.

Besides the participants from home and abroad, BGCC Vice President (Golf Wing) M Salman Ispahani, Vice President (Development) Meah M A Rahim, Golf Captain Liakat Ali Chowdhury, chairman of tournament committee Mr. Fariduddin, other club members, high civil and military officials were present on the occasion.



15TH UNILEVER INDEPENDENCE DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

The 15th Unilever Independence Day Golf Tournament 2018 ended through a colorful ceremony at Bhatiary Golf & Country Club on the Independence Day 26th March, 2018.

Kazi Aftabur Rahman, among 172 golfers, won the Champion title of the tournament while Lt Col Golam Mortuza grabbed the runner up, Abu Taleb Liton won the 2nd runner up and Mrs Nahid Islam achieved the ladies' event title.

BGCC President Maj Gen Md Jahangir Kabir Talukder distributed the prizes among the winners as the chief guest of the ceremony.

Other prizes were distributed among Arafatul Islam Fahim for best gross, Md Asadul Haque Miah (Retd) for 2nd best gross, Maj Faisal Pasha as nine hole winner, Zahin Ahmed as nine hole runner up, Golam Moinuddin for best front nine, Maj Md Emdadul Islam (Retd) for best back nine, M Shahidul Islam as senior winner, Wahida jasmine as ladies runner up, Master Yasrib as junior winner, Master Md Mafi as junior runner up, Architect A A M Muzahid Baig for longest drive and Maj Md Mokaddes Hossain for nearest to pin.

Besides the other participants, Unilever Bangladesh CEO and Managing Director Kedar Lele, The VP (Admin & Finance) of BGCC Brig Gen A F Jaglul Ahmed, BGCC Vice President (Golf Wing) M Salman Ispahani, Vice President (Development) Meah M A Rahim, Golf Captain Liakat Ali Chowdhury, chairman of tournament committee Mr. Fariduddin, other club members, high civil and military officials were present on the occasion with their families.



1ST SK AUTOMOBILES CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT-2018

The three-day 1st SK Automobiles Cup Golf Tournament-2018 ended through a colorful ceremony at the Mainamati Golf and Country Club (MGCC) on 24 February 2018.

President of Mainamati Golf and Country Club (MGCC) and General Officer Commanding, 33 Infantry Division & Area Commander Cumilla Area Major General Md Rashed Amin, ndc, psc distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest of the ceremony. Lieutenant Colonel Md Humayun Rashed grabbed the Winner trophy and Mrs Lt Col Saiful Islam won the ladies' event title.

Chairman Development Committee Brigadier General Khondoker Farid Hassan, Golf Captain Colonel Mahbubus Samad Chowdhury, Member Secretary Lieutenant Colonel Md Saiful Islam, Managing Director of SK Automobiles Mr Md Kabir Ahmed, Director of SK Automobiles Dr Md Jaynul Abedin high civil and military officials were present along with their families on the occasion.



1st TOMA GROUP CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT-2018

The three-day 1st Toma Group Cup Golf Tournament-2018 ended through a colorful ceremony at the Mainamati Golf and Country Club (MGCC) on 3rd March 2018.

President of Mainamati Golf and Country Club (MGCC) and General Officer Commanding, 33 Infantry Division & Area Commander Comilla Area Major General Md Rashed Amin, ndc, psc distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest of the ceremony. Shamsul Huda of Chengi Golf and Country Club, Khagrachari Cantonment grabbed the Winner trophy and Lt Col Saiful Islam won the ladies' event title.

Vice president of Mainamati Golf and Country Club Brigadier General Md Nazrul Islam, Chairman Tournament Committee, Brigadier General Syed Riyadh Mehmood, Golf Captain, Colonel Mahbubus Samad Chowdhury, Member Secretary, Lieutenant Colonel Md Saiful Islam, Chairman of Toma Group Mohd. Ataur Rahman Bhuiya (Manik), Deputy Managing Director of Toma Group Mukitur Rahman high civil and military officials were present along with their families on the occasion.

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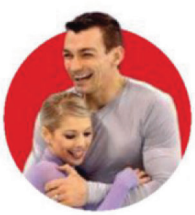
 **Mia Manganello** Speed skating	Overnight oats, finding new ways to mix it up 	 Chicken or eggs, white rice mixed with vegetables	Similar to lunch, a well-rounded meal with protein, carbs, vegetables 	Fruit, granola bars 	I like to live by the common sense rule. Practice portion control and limit pizza to only once a week.
 **Tabitha Peterson** **Curling**	Plain Greek yogurt, frozen berries, granola, coffee 	Spinach salad with grilled chicken, peppers, cranberries, sunflower seeds and balsamic vinaigrette	 Chicken or beef stir fry with Teriyaki sauce and grilled peppers, broccoli, green beans, onions	Homemade protein balls (whey protein powder, oats, honey, peanut butter, with chia seeds or mini chocolate chips) 	When I'm nervous before a big game, I always feel hungry, so I make sure to have a snack with me.
 **Clare Egan** **Biathlon**	Two pieces of toast with Nutella, apple with peanut butter, milk, juice tea 	Large salad, heaping plate of rice, chicken, roasted vegetables 	Salmon, pasta, sauteed vegetables, ice-cream for dessert. And occasionally, a glass of wine	**Mid-morning:** Powerbar and sports drink, chocolate milk. **Afternoon:** Smoothie, chocolate milk. **Bedtime:** cereal with milk	My nutritional challenge is getting enough calories. This is my diet in the summer, when I train up to six hours a day.
 **Chris & Alexa Knierim** **Pairs figure skating**	**Chris:** Eggs, oats, whole grain bagel, meat, coffee, water, milk; **Alexa:** Oats, banana, peanut butter, milk, coffee, water 	**Chris:** Light sandwich with a complex carb and lean protein, salad; **Alexa:** Sandwich, salad, fruit, milk	**Both:** Grilled meat, salad, light carb side (noodles, brown rice, etc.), fruit, dessert (always Alexa's call) 	**Alexa:** Reese's Peanut Butter Cups 	**Alexa:** We eat differently during the day (food and definitely quantity), but we almost always have the same thing for dinner.
 **Ben Ferguson** **Snowboard**	Avocado toast, hard-boiled egg, smoothie with protein powder, almond milk, banana, kale, blueberries	Salad with chicken or salmon, water 	 Salad, salmon, vegetables	Banana, Red Bull, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, almonds or other nuts 	If we're celebrating a win, add a 10 Barrel beer to the menu!

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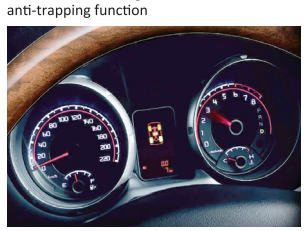
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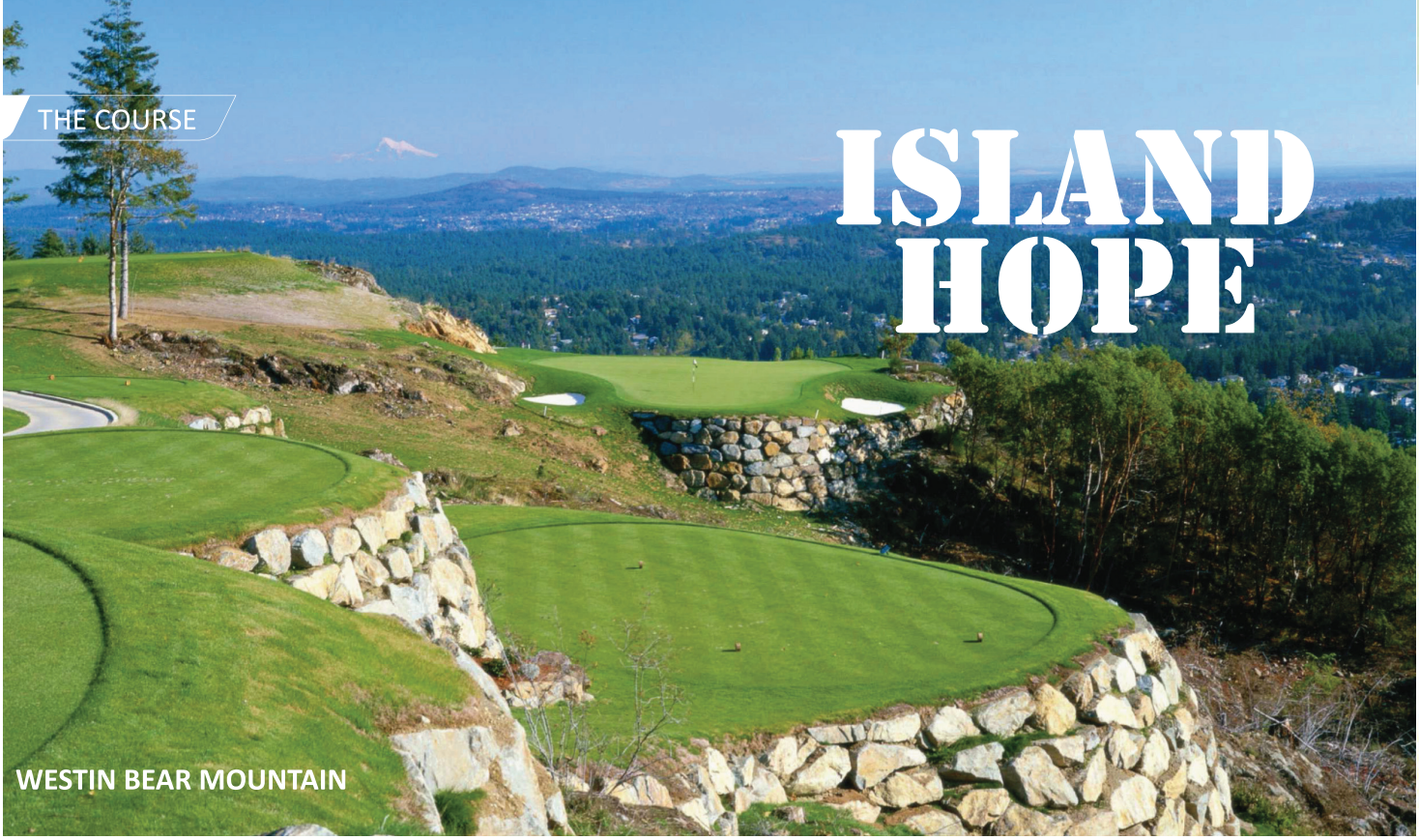

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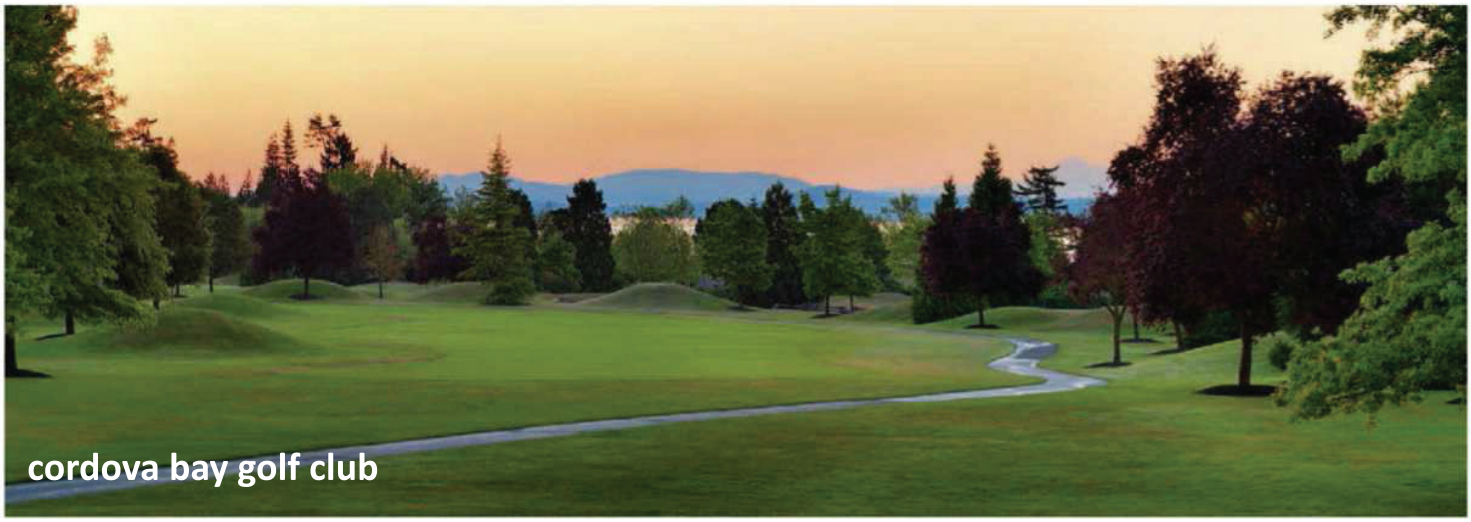

cordova bay golf club

The lowest temperature ever recorded in Canada is -63˚C at Snag in The Yukon, February 3, 1947. The Canadian town of Eureka in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of northern Nunavut boasts an average temperature of -19˚C. The top third of Canada is within the Arctic Circle, home to polar bear and artic fox, and the sea creature with the horn of a unicorn, the narwhal. Canada is a big snow country. Ice country.

And thus you might surmise that Canada is not overly conducive to golf, at least not for several snowed-under months of the year. And if you talk of The Yukon or the Drumheller Badlands where they shot Leo DiCaprio in the extremely cold-looking film The Revenant, then you would be correct.

But in the south-west corner of the mighty nation-state of Canada lies British Columbia, which by dint of its oceanic climate and highland geography enjoys several micro-climates. BC can be described as “Mediterranean” for six months May-October, while outside that think winter in southern Tasmania, or Canberra by night. Cold? Sure. But golf? You bet. BC is where Canadians go to golf when their own course is under snow. Many retire here. Its most populous city Vancouver is cool like Portland or San Francisco. It’s where micro-brew gastro-pubs sell bison burgers, and you can walk downtown and watch Canucks playing ice hockey (or “hockey” as they call it) and enjoy the live action from a sports bar as a beautiful woman brings you a beer. Vancouver has it going on. A 12-minute flight from Vancouver (I timed it) is Vancouver Island where you can find several fine and fun golf courses, notablyCordova Bay Golf Club, a regular stop for tour groups given it’s halfway from the airport to the funky little capital, Victoria. Cordova Bay boasts poa and bent greens, and Colonial bent fairways. There are goats and deer and a rooster called “Gordie”. Sea eagles squawk above.Wild geese fly in formation. There are

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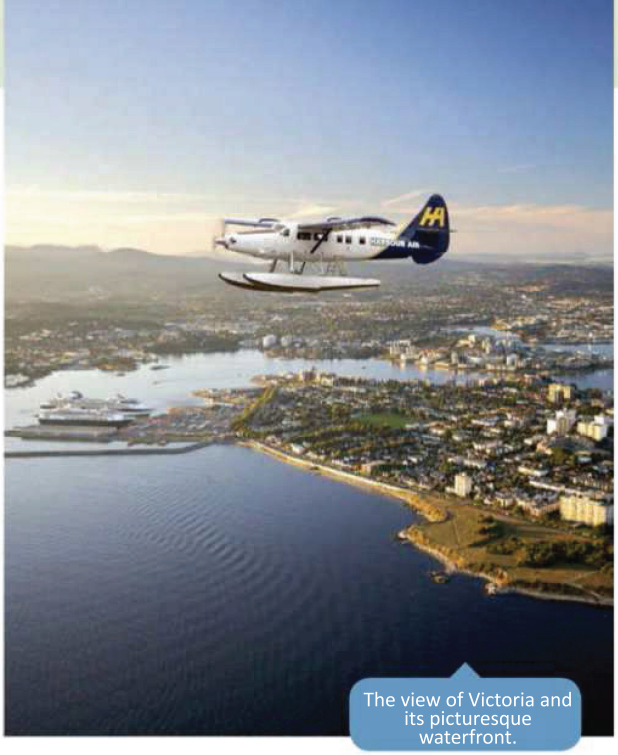

The view of Victoria and its picturesque waterfront.





crayfish in the ponds and streams. “Do you eat ‘em?” I ask club professional Jim Goddard of the crayfish. “Darn right,” replies Goddard. Goddard says Cordova Bay recently underwent a “tree program” which was, efectively, to get rid of them. Those that remain are sparsely placed and more than pretty decoration than something to get in the way of your ball. Detritus is cleaned out of rough. You won’t lose a ball here unless you hook it OB into cedar forest. They don’t want you to lose a ball. They want you to be happy. It’s rainy and misty this day, with lift-clean-andplace in place. Towels are worn on belts. Locals apologise: “It’s not normally this wet.” But it’s fine. It’s just damp. And our divots are like great thick beaver pelts, flying in the fog. And so we wander about in the rainy wet mist and fashion fun golf shots, and watch the ball shoot into the low fog like hail stones into cotton-fog. Super fun. Next day we drive by a statue of running man Terry Fox (a hero, Google him), onwards past what was once the world’s biggest totem pole, and through coastal streets where fine old houses have views of Washington (USA) across the Juan De Fuca Strait. We slice past Clover Point where in the gold rush there was a saloon and lots of fighting, past Foul Bay (which is really quite nice) and hug the coast by Trial Bay. And we cruise into Victoria Golf Club. And for no reason I can really put a finger on, I love it instantly. What is there about it? Something old world. Something ... rustic. It’s been around since 1893. It heads out from the clubhouse to the coast and under the nests of massive bald eagles. Greens are bordered by spiky golden heather. There’s kelp on the rocks and the snow-caps of the Olympic Mountain Ranges across the Strait. And they don’t make ‘em like this anymore. VGC has small greens with tee-boxes nearby. The fourth tee hits almost over the third green. They efectively share a fairway, up and back. The fifth hole, “The Bay”, whacks out across the bay and feeds upwards to a super-fast green. The sixth has a blind tee-shot and a blind approach bar the top of the flag. It is a very cool, old golf hole. And then you arrive at “The Point” – holes 7, 8, 9, 10. And you realise why they call Victoria “Canada’s Pebble Beach”. Seven runs down-hill, curves dog-leg left around the beach, everything sloping to the coast and the hole thereon. There’s a sharp drop-of into the sea left though you can play of said beach, if you’re lucky. The green is huge and undulating. It’s a cracking golf hole. The tee-box on eight is surrounded on three sides by the sea. It’s a short, 105m par-3, uphill, protected by the course’s three biggest bunkers. The tee-box on 9 feels like you’re standing on the deck of an old ship heading out to sea as seals and killer whales tool about in the bay. And the 10th takes you back of the coast, a par-4 up the hill with death-heather left and many angles in. And the view is one you’ll turn around and photograph. At the halfway house we enjoy a Coors and a hot



WESTIN BEAR MOUNTAIN

dog with everything on it as two mighty bald eagles take of out of the trees, and fly over our heads, wingspan of military drones, the world's biggest eagle. Animals abound at Fairwinds Golf Club where signs warn of wild deer and orcas swim under pleasure craft in Nanoose Bay. The course weaves through mighty Douglas fir and shaggy red cedar. There's a quiet, autumnal, "Silence of the Lambs" feel to the place, you could see Clarice Starling jogging through it in her FBI sweats. Canadian Armed Forces practice manoeuvres hereabouts. The club is part of a "residential community" populated by families and older couples who don't fancy the long trip to Florida endured by many of their fellow "Snow Birds". And they live in fine old homes that poke out of the cedars and abut the course. And they golf at Fairwinds, and do whatever they want. Later we find a pew on the fine deck overlooking the 18th hole and enjoy a salmon burger and a beer, as golfers stif shots into the receptive green. And so up to Bear Mountain where you'll find the paw-prints of the Golden Bear, Jack Nicklaus, who's created 36 holes typical of Nicklaus: wide fairways, spectacular vistas, and dicult approaches to undulating, protected greens. Any bears in these woods? There are not. You could find the odd cougar, bald eagles, and all the deer you could eat. And millions of Douglas fir trees, the dominant organism. The whole joint is called the Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort Spa and has a "ski resort" sort of feel. It's alpine and crisp, and people enjoy hiking about without hitting a golf ball, if you can believe it. The restaurant is all-time and there's fine wine tasting in an underground cellar. In 2016 Spaniard and very interesting man Miguel Angel Jiminez visited Bear Mountain to play in the PGA Tour Champions event, the Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship. Naturally he found the cellar where he proceeded to point to those wines he desired. "I'll have that one, and that one, and that one, and that one, and that one…", and so on. The golf ? There are two courses – Mountain and Valley, which as you'd expect sit across the former and wind through the latter. They both sport spectacular views and signature holes (though Nicklaus reckons there are 36 signature ▶

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of them). The trees are really, really tall and if you go in them, there is no getting out above them. There are changes in elevations, holes play up and down, and across escarpments. There's water, fescue, mighty bunkers and large, undulating greens. Old mate Golden Bear hasn't missed Bear Mountain. At the other end of the spectrum in terms is Nanaimo GC, a public "muni" style course much loved by locals. It threads through sparse weeping willow that's had a haircut, and for golf as the locals know it, accept no substitute. Back over to Vancouver and we play the fine University Golf Course, the number one public access course in Vancouver for the last 10 years.

Just 15 minutes from the CBD, it sports long, narrow fairways lined by mighty old fir trees, with enough variety here to entertain golf hounds. On the 17th tee you can drop into the BC Golf Museum and Hall of Fame. And if you're in BC outside of the cold and snowed-asunder months (roughly November through March), it would be remiss not to play the other-worldly-looking Tobiano in Kamloops and the Nicklaus North with views of snow-capped Whistler peaks. Cold? Sure, sometimes. But as any old Scot would tell you, there's no bad weather, there's only bad clothing choices. The beanie is your friend. And so is British Columbia.

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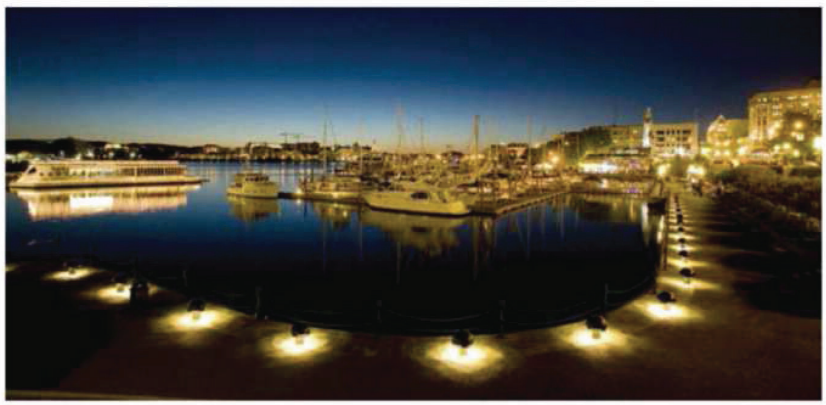


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