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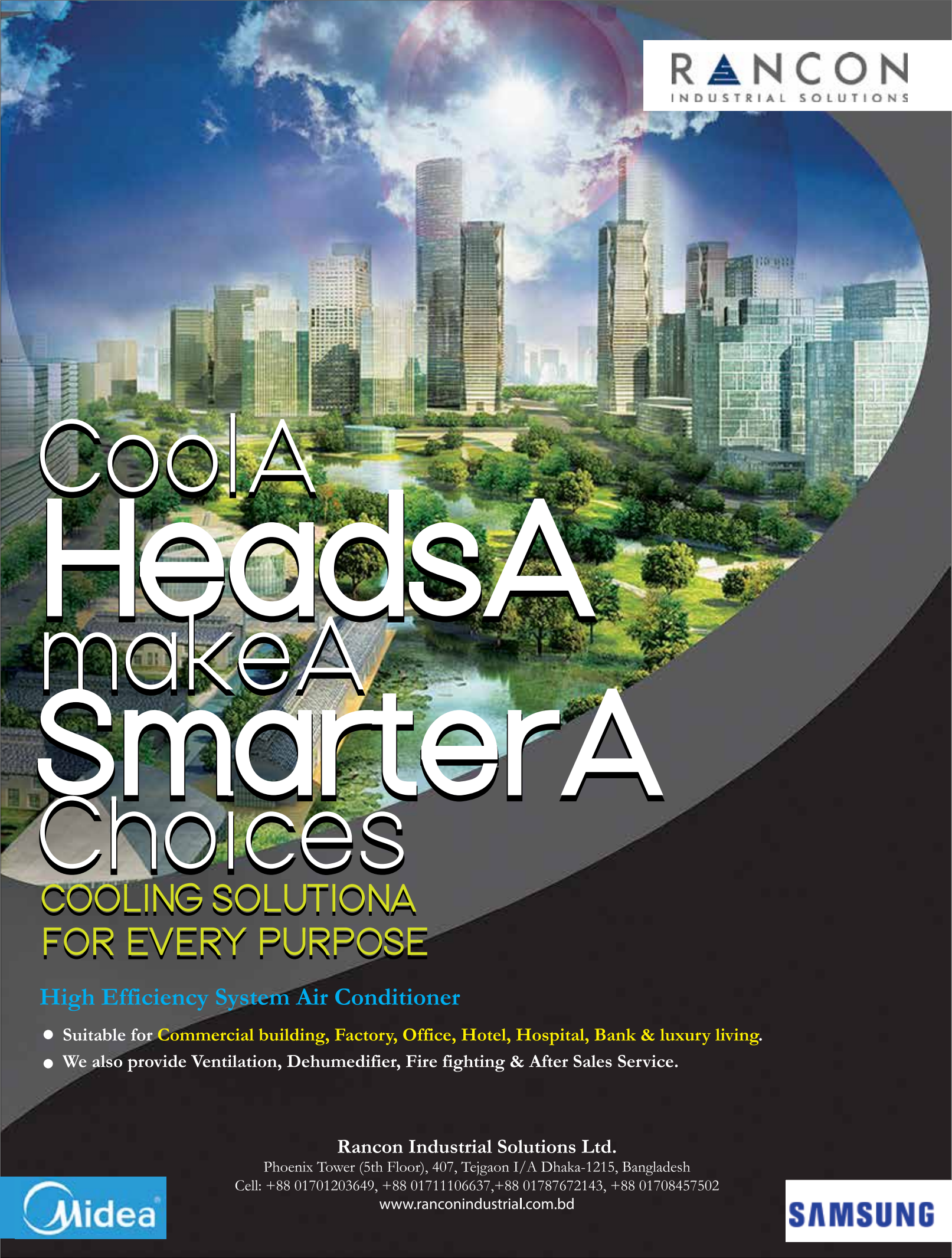
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# EDITOR'S CHOICE




The fourth edition of the Bangladesh Open got perhaps the most media coverage in any golf event in Bangladesh. Photographers and reporters clamored for photos and soundbytes of the Siddikur Rahman, silver screen Star Riaz and cricketer Mehedi Hasan Miraz.

## Foreward

Dear readers,
The wait is over. Another edition of your trusted golf magazine TheGolfHouse is in the stands.

We have prepared this issue with a comprehensive coverage of the AB Bank Bangladesh Open 2018, which took place at our premier golf course, the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka last month. The annual Asian tour event is the biggest and most prestigious golfing event that takes place in Bangladesh, hence we have tried to cover every single aspect of it, featuring reports, statistics, pictures and much more. Even though we are yet to have a local winner in the 300,000-dollar event, the rising curve of the locals over the last four editions make us hopeful that we will get a home winner soon.

Meanwhile, we have also covered previews of the US Open, arguably the most prestigious golfing event of the world which will be taking place at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in New York from June 11 to 17.

And not to mention that there is ample stories and interviews on our local golfers, golf officials and administrators as part of our regular segments.

Stay with us and enjoy reading TheGolfHouse.

See you on the fairways.

*Nazrul Hosen Ayon*
*Editor*

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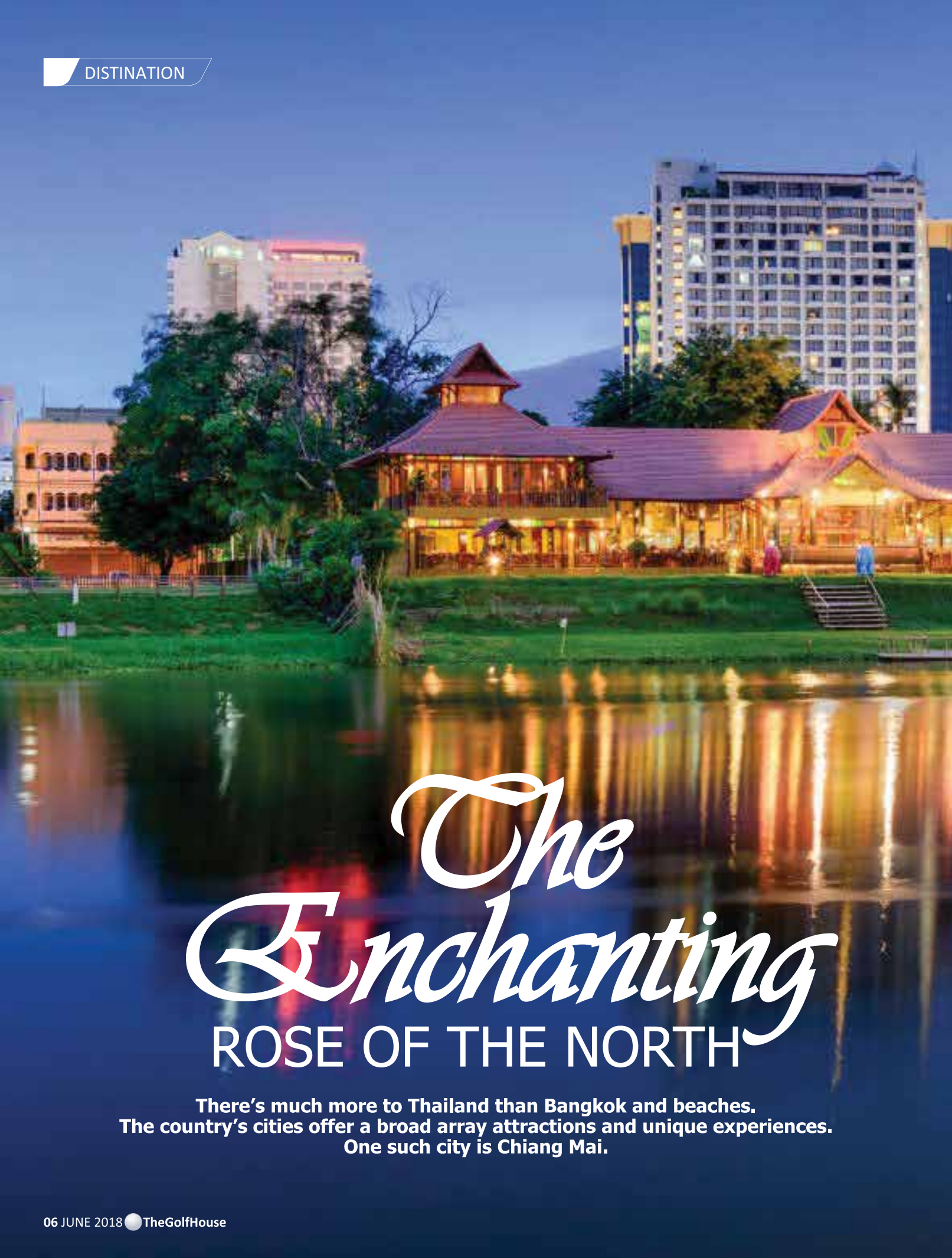


# The Enchanting ROSE OF THE NORTH

**There's much more to Thailand than Bangkok and beaches. The country's cities offer a broad array attractions and unique experiences. One such city is Chiang Mai.**



Located in the northern area of Thailand, Chiang Mai is the capital city of the province by the same name. Situated in the foothills of the mountains and surrounded by lush tropical rainforest, Chiang Mai serves as a base for most travelers who venture up north. Compared to Bangkok, Chiang Mai is a smaller city yet it presents an alluring alternative to the Thai capital. A picturesque downtown area easily navigated on foot, where the air is clean and the climate mercifully cool, is the atmosphere of Chiang Mai.

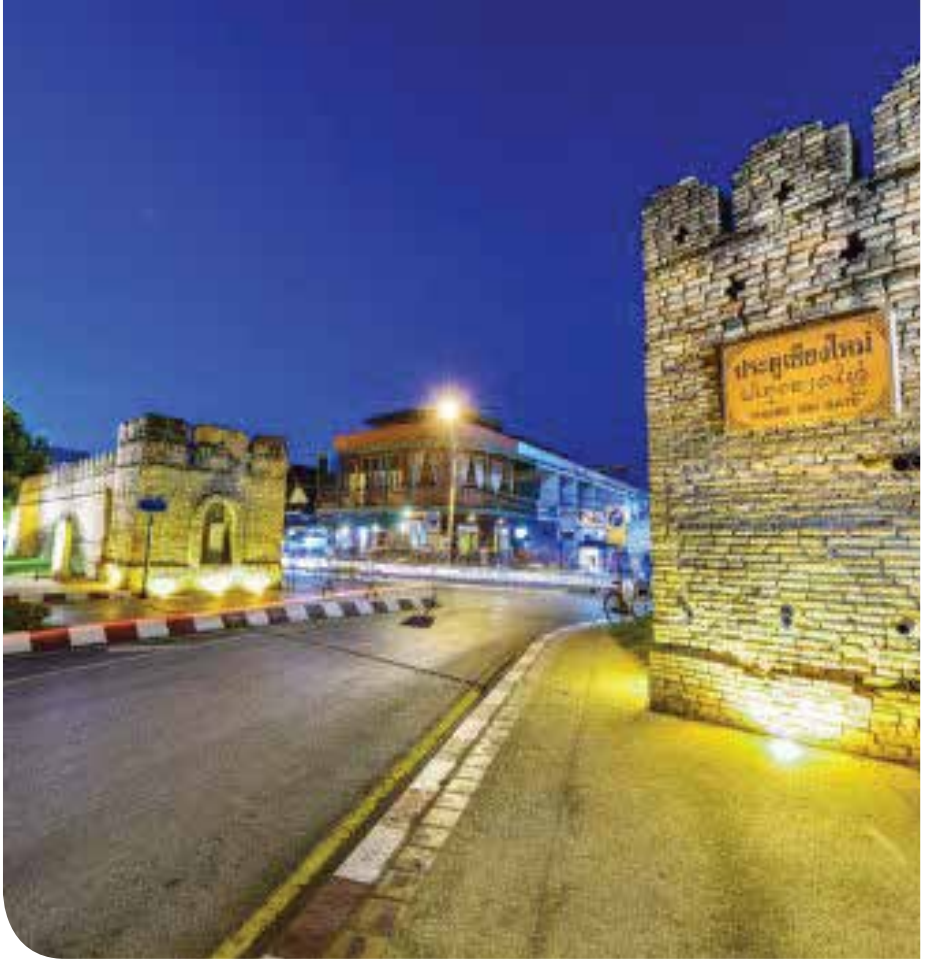
Situated 700 km (435 miles) north of Bangkok in a verdant valley on the banks of the Ping River, Chiang Mai, which is also known as "the Rose of the North", is a place where past and present merge as modern buildings stand side by side with temples. The city offers an abundance of culture, friendly locals, incredible food markets, a relaxed vibe, and serene landscapes.

Founded in 1296 as the capital of the ancient Lanna Kingdom, Chang Mai still holds on to traditional scenes in the old city that reflect its heritage. Meanwhile, to find the city's modern side, head just beyond the center to student-hub Nimman Road, with its boutiques, galleries, coffee shops and a myriad of restaurants. While the city continues to grow, gradually speeding up the pace of life here, Chiang Mai is still a place of quiet charm, which provides a welcoming and relaxing experience for visitors that is far removed from the bustling, sometimes chaotic experience of Bangkok.

## When to Go to Chiang Mai

October to April is the most visitor-friendly time of year, with mild temperatures, cool breezes, and little or no rain. Between March and May temperatures in Chiang Mai climb to their peak, while between June to October the monsoon brings frequent heavy rainfall. It's worth noting that accommodation rates can climb considerably during the peak months of November to February.

# Places to Visit



## CHIANG MAI'S OLD CITY

The old city of Chiang Mai shouldn't be missed. It's one of the few cities in Thailand where the old walls are still mostly intact. Approximately 1.5 km2 of fascinating streets to be explored are contained within the old walls. There are four gateways to enter the old city. Thapae Gate, located on the eastern shore facing the Ping River, is usually the starting point for tourists.



## DOI INTHANON NATIONAL PARK

Located in the Himalayan mountain range, with an elevation ranging betwee 800 to 2565 meters, Doi Inthanon covers an area of 482 km². The national park ha many interesting attractions, including cultural highlights such as the King's and Queen's chedis and tribal villages, as wel as the natural wonders present in this popular northern Thai landmark such as Wachiritham Waterfalls. During late January and February, the park offers a seasonal attraction: the blossoms of Siamese sakura flowers covering trees in pink. The park is also one of top destination in the country for bird watchers.



## THREE KINGS MONUMENT

The monument is located in the center of Chiang Mai's old city. It is a monument of the three founding kinds of Chiang Mai: King Mengria, who found Chiang Mai, King Ramkamhaeng of Sukhothai, and King Ngam Muang of Payao. These three kings constructed and built the Northern Thai city during the 13th century. The sculpture is an iconic landmark which celebrates the history of the city



## MAE PING RIVER CRUISE

The river cruise offers trips along the cool waters of the Ping River, one of the main rivers in northern Thailand and the lifeline of Chiang Mai. The ever-changing riverbank scenes that show rural life on the river shores and impressive teak wooden houses are framed by stunning rural greenery. It is an ideal activity for the tourist who enjoys taking a relaxing and effortless look at the city, even if just for a moment.

## ELEPHANT NATURE PARK

One of the first sanctuaries for rescued elephants in Chiang Mai, Elephant Nature Park is located approximately 40 miles from Chiang Mai. Visitors can spend the day feeding, swimming with, and walking alongside the contented herd in their 200-acre habitat.



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Chiang Mai Highlands was designed by Lee Schmidt of Schmidt-Curley Design from the USA. Schmidt-Curley Design is the team responsible for Mission Hills, Amata Spring, Siam CC, amongst other top golf courses in Asia.

The par-72 and par-36 courses are integrated harmoniously into the landscape with challenging designs. Peppered with around 130 bunkers, that are deep and demanding, and the large and undulating greens, the course pushes players of any level to position their ball carefully. Players are rewarded for their efforts with striking views of the surrounding mountains from every hole.

In addition to the course, Chiang Mai Highlands also offers a small on-site Thai resort with private cottages for those wanting to stay in the countryside and play multiple rounds of golf.

Within just a few years, Chiangmai Highlands has established its name on the international golf map as one of the best golf experiences in Asia. The course has won several prestigious awards. In 2007 Asian Golf Monthly voted Chiang Mai Highlands Golf & Spa Resort as #3 for "Best New Golf Course in Asia". In 2013, Chiang Mai Highlands was awarded the title of "Best Value for Money Golf Course in Asia" by the same publication. The course was also selected as one of the three "Best Golf Resorts in Asia" in 2015.

Chiang Mai Highlands offers one of the best golf experiences in Thailand and is a must-play course while you're visiting Chiang Mai.

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**Designer:**
Lee Schmidt (Schmidt-Curley Design)

**Holes:**
27 holes

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## DID YOU KNOW

**1.** Malcolm Kokocinski is the second Swede to win in three weeks on the Asian Tour, following Alexander Bjork at the Volvo China Open.

**2.** Kokocinski also became the third consecutive first-time winner at the Bangladesh Open, following Thailand's Thitiphun Chuayprakong and Jazz Janewattananond in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

**3.** Kokocinski missed only three fairways and needed only 25 putts on the greens for his closing round of 65.

**4.** After missing the mark at the Asian Tour Qualifying School earlier in January, Kokocinski returned to play his trade on the ADT and has enjoyed a superb season on the secondary circuit, although without a win.

**5.** The 26-year-old Swede leads the current ADT Order of Merit with a season's haul of US$25,026, thanks to five top-10s in six starts this season.

**6.** He claimed two of his five top-10s on the ADT at the Kurmitola Golf Club. He came in runner-up at the Dhaka Open in January and finished tied-third at the BTI Open two weeks ago.

**7.** Kokocinski becomes the seventh player following American Berry Henson, Chan Shih-chang of Chinese Taipei, Thailand's Pavit Tangkamolprasert and Poom Saksansin, as well as Malaysian duo Gavin Green and Nicholas Fung, to win on the Asian Tour after enjoying successes on the ADT, which was inaugurated as the gateway to the Asian Tour in 2010.

**8.** Kokocinski missed the cut in his first attempt at the Bangladesh Open in 2015. He finished tied-14th in 2016 and did not play in the last edition.

**9.** Kokocinski first came to Asia in 2013 where he played on the ADT after failing to make the mark at the Asian Tour Qualifying School. He came through the Qualifying School for the first time after finishing fifth in 2016 but failed to retain his card for the following season after ending the season in 71st place on the Order of Merit.

**10.** His best finish on the Asian Tour, prior to his breakthrough win, came at the 2016 Shinhan Donghae Open where he came in tied-fourth.

Malcolm Kokocinski was not among the favourites, but he used his recent experience at the Kurmitola Golf

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# SWEDE SUCCESS IN BANGLADESH OPEN



Swedish golfer Malcolm Kokocinski won the AB Bank Bangladesh Open 2018 as Jamal Hossain Mollah of Bangladesh ended tied for fourth position.





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The Swedish golfer, who finished second in the Dhaka Open in January this year and third in the BTI Open last month, carded six-under on the concluding round to take his aggregate to 14-under (270) to win the title of the 300,000-dollar Asian Tour event.

The 26-year-old from Malmo pocketed a paycheque of 54,000 dollars as prizemoney for his maiden title on the Asian Tour, where he's been playing since 2015.

Ben Campbell of New Zealand and Jack Harrison of England finished joint second at 11-under (273) while Jamal and John Catlin of USA finished joint fourth at nine-under (275).

Badal Hossain of Bangladesh finished tied for 14th while the country's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman finished tied for 26th. Kokocinski felt his experience of playing twice this year has helped him get his breakthrough win on the tour.

"It was nice to be back at the Kurmitola Golf Club this week. This is my third time here this year. I came twice earlier for the ADT events and I played very well. That experience has definitely given me a lot of advantage and confidence," he said after the win.

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The Swede was level with overnight leader Jack Harrison at 3-under till the 16th hole, but while the Englishman bogeyed the last two holes, Kokocinski sank a birdie on the last hole to make sure he won with a three-shot advantage.

“I stayed patient out there. I was playing well all week so I knew a good round will come sooner or later. It was a big putt for me on the last hole. I knew Harrison was on -13 after looking at the leaderboard coming down the 18th. I'm glad I pulled off the putt,” he said.

“I started playing golf when I was 10 years old. I went to college in the United States and then came here to play on the Asian Tour in 2013 and I've been here since then,” said the youngster, who played different sports before pursuing golf and turning pro in 2011.

Bangladesh's Jamal, who was in the lead after the second round, rued his cold putters in the final round.

“I didn't putt well today. It was disappointing. I could've finish way better if I had sunk a few more putts. I hit my tee shots and my second shots very good today but I wasn't able to make putts, which was really a pity,” the 33-year-old said.

“I will be happier if I can win the tournament but to finish tied-fourth for my best result in the Bangladesh Open, I'll take it,” he added.





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Malcolm Kokocinski



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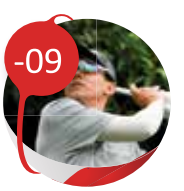

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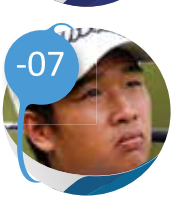

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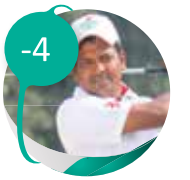
Jamal Hossain Molla

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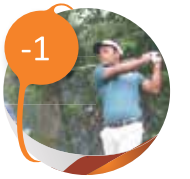


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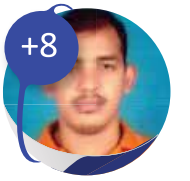


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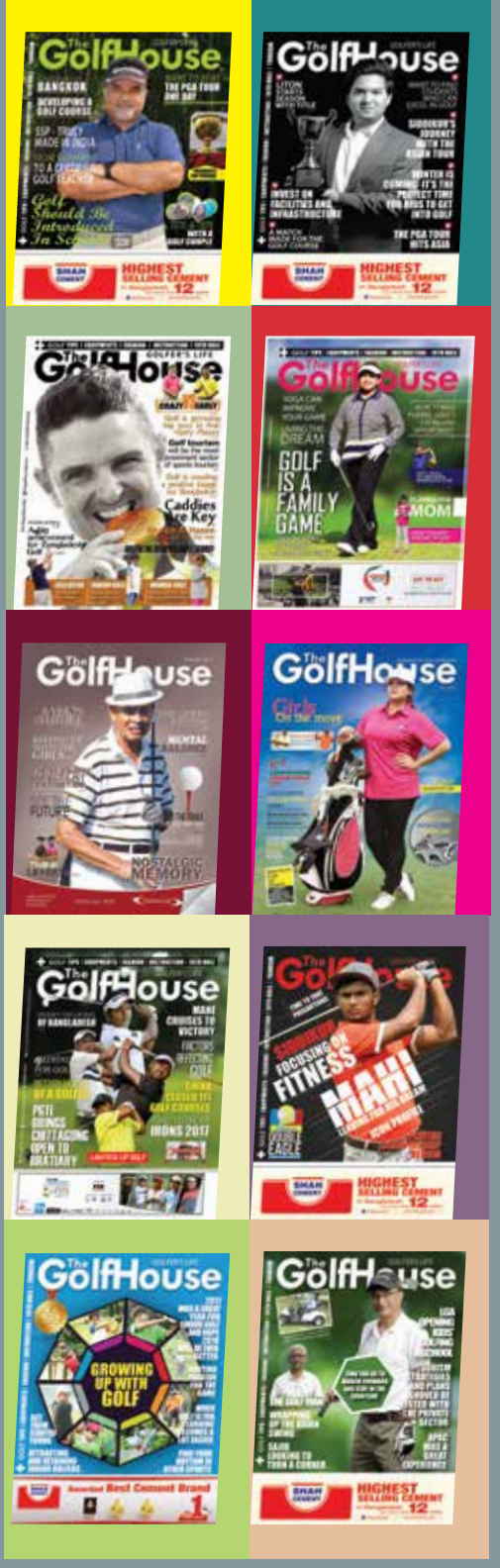


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# IT'S REALLY NICE TO PERFORM UNDER PRESSURE

This win means a lot to me. I don't have a status on the Asian Tour before this week so I am really pleased with how I played here to win. I have been playing well the last couple of months. I knew my game was good so I just had stick to my game plan and hit some good shots coming down the stretch.

I stayed patient out there. I was playing well all week so I knew a good round will come sooner or later. It was a big putt for me on the last hole. I knew Harrison was on -13 after looking at the leaderboard coming down the 18th. I'm glad I pulled off the putt. This will give me a lot of confidence for the future. The goal now is to win more trophies!

It's really nice to perform under pressure. I knew a birdie on the last would put me up there. I wasn't really thinking about winning. I was just focused on hitting good strokes to give myself a chance. I played in the last group for the first time on the Asian Tour yesterday and I didn't play as good as I did today. I had a lot of lip-outs yesterday.

I guess playing in the second last group today helps lessen the pressure a bit. I am very happy with how I performed this week. I have been getting a lot of encouragements from my peers out here around the golf course this week as well as the members and staff of the club.

It was nice to be back at the Kurmitola Golf Club this week. This is my third time here this year. I came twice earlier for the ADT events and I played very well. That experience has definitely given me a lot of advantage and confidence.

Coming to play on the Asian Tour didn't feel very different from playing on the ADT actually. I knew I was playing well so I just wanted to play my own game and not think about anything else. It's been a great week. The people are very friendly here.

I went back to the Qualifying School earlier this year but didn't make the grade so I went to play on the ADT. I have had some good results on the ADT so I decided to stay in Asia and see what the year has to offer. My experiences from playing on the ADT has helped a lot. I have been in these situations before so I knew I had to focus on my shots to get the job done. I'm glad I pull in off this time.

I would like to dedicate my win to my best friend Colin, who just had a new baby, and my parents back home, who are very happy for me, and all my friends. It's been a couple of years in Asia. I have enjoyed all the travelling. The ADT is a good platform for me to get onto the Asian Tour and from the Asian Tour, I have more opportunities to get on the bigger Tours as well.

I am from Sweden but both my parents are from Poland. I started playing golf when I was 10 years old. I went to college in the United States and then came here to play on the Asian Tour in 2013 and I've been here since then.

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Malcolm Kokocinski is the second Swede to win in three weeks on the Asian Tour, following Alexander Bjork at the Volvo China Open.











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# HOW TO GAIN GREATER DISTANCE

THE ONE COMMON GOAL MOST GOLFERS SHARE IS THE WISH AND DESIRE TO HIT THE BALL GREATER DISTANCES. GOLFERS WILL GO TO ALL LENGTHS TO ACHIEVE THIS - NEW CLUBS HEADS, NEW SHAFTS, NEW GOLF BALLS, TIPS FROM YOUTUBE, TIPS FROM FRIENDS, AND LESSONS FROM PROFESSIONAL COACHES.

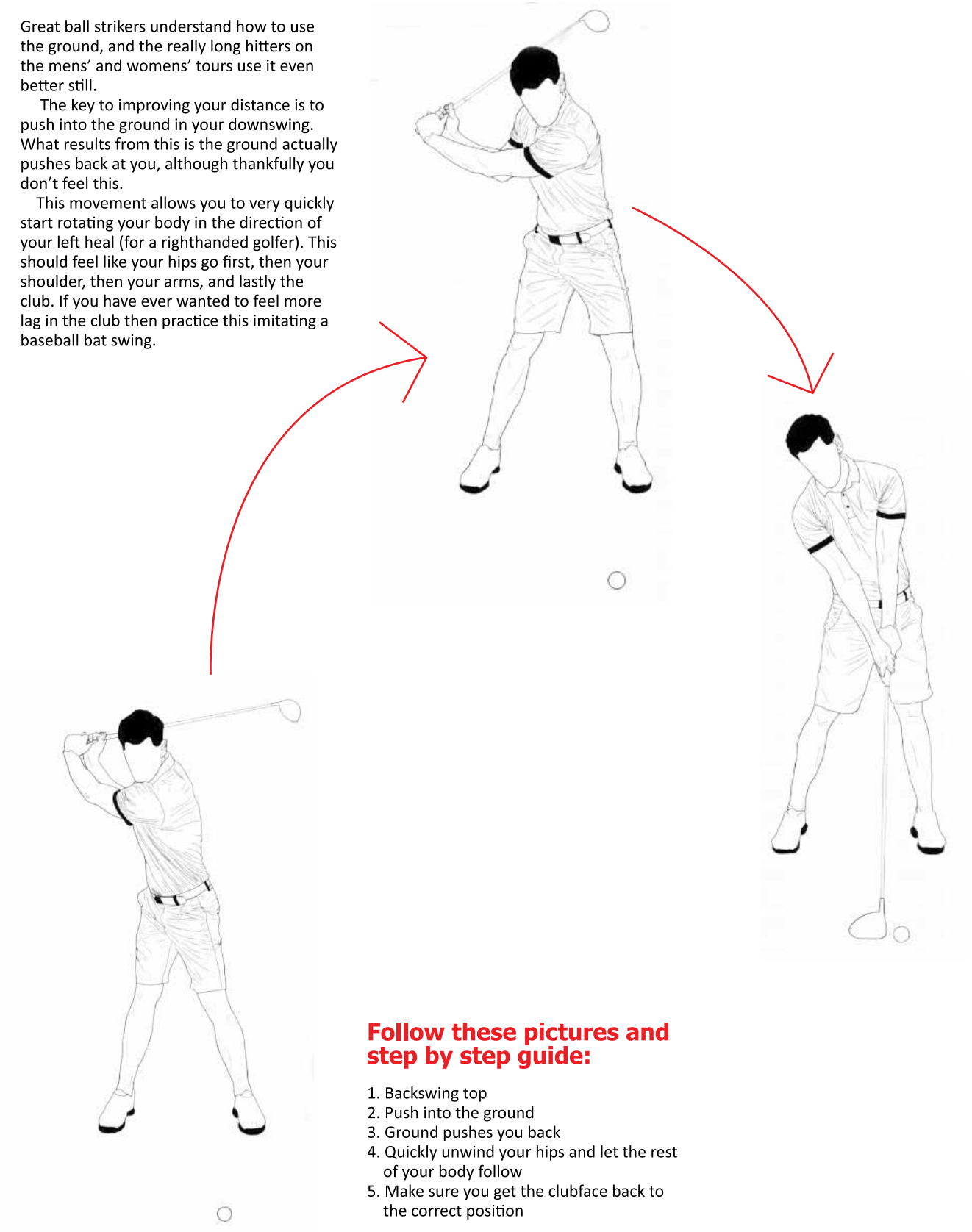
Like all quick tips and fixes, distance gains can be very short lived. The new driver that worked six months ago no longer seems to be quite so long anymore. The tip from your friend that showed immediate improvements has stopped working and it seems that you are hitting the ball shorter than ever. The never-ending search continues.

One proven way to gain greater club speed at impact is to make sure you are using the ground correctly in your swing. Many golfers try to move towards the target in their downswing but unfortunately, they don't always use the ground as they should to benefit themselves.

Great ball strikers understand how to use the ground, and the really long hitters on the mens' and womens' tours use it even better still.

The key to improving your distance is to push into the ground in your downswing. What results from this is the ground actually pushes back at you, although thankfully you don't feel this.

This movement allows you to very quickly start rotating your body in the direction of your left heal (for a righthanded golfer). This should feel like your hips go first, then your shoulder, then your arms, and lastly the club. If you have ever wanted to feel more lag in the club then practice this imitating a baseball bat swing.



## Follow these pictures and step by step guide:

1. Backswing top
2. Push into the ground
3. Ground pushes you back
4. Quickly unwind your hips and let the rest of your body follow
5. Make sure you get the clubface back to the correct position

Spend ten minutes working on this the next time you have a club in your hand and remember to have fun with the expertise and see how quickly you feel you can move the clubhead through impact.

# A MISCONCEPTION OF PITCHING

IF PLAYED CORRECTLY, THE PITCH SHOT CAN PROVIDE YOU A HUGE PLATFORM TO RESCUE A HOLE OR INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF MAKING A BIRDIE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS SURROUNDING PITCHING WHICH LEAD TO INCONSISTENT PITCHING TECHNIQUE.





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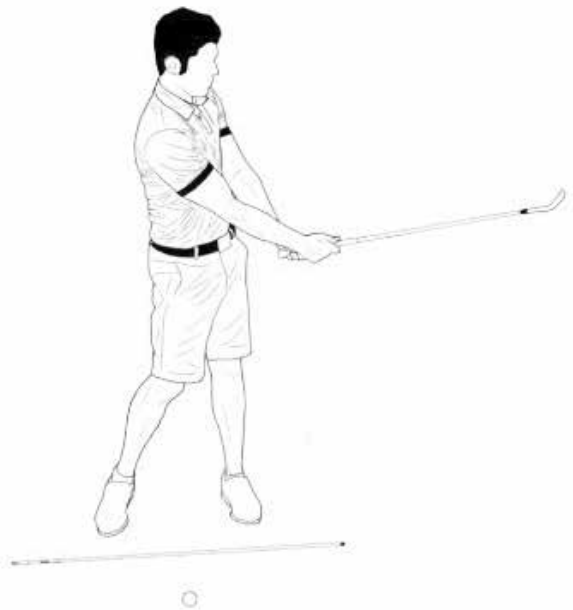
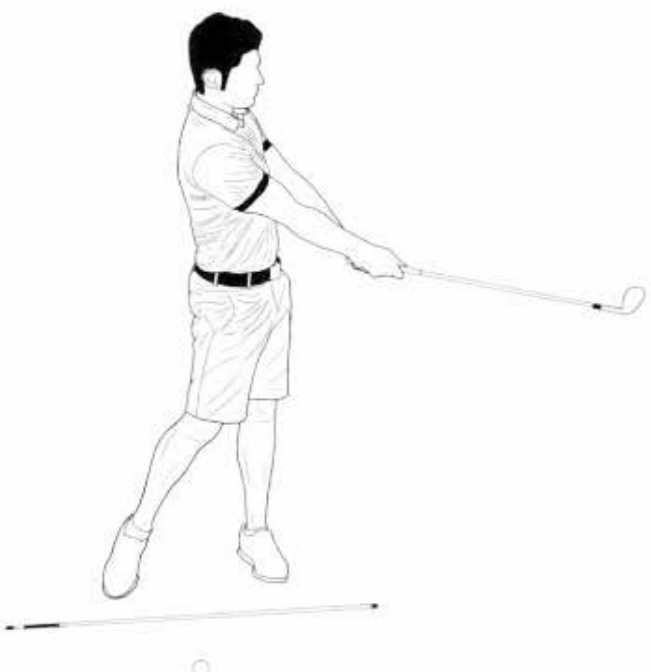
## FAULT

As an instructor, one of the most common questions surrounding pitching I'm asked is, "how do I get the ball higher to make it drop and stop when pitching?"

Trying to achieve this has led many golfers to 'flick' their wrists at impact in an attempt to scoop the ball up. This leads to the right hand undertaking the left which in turn fires the club face towards the ball with no control. You can see this in the graphic.

What this leads to is inconsistent distance as we are manipulating the clubface with an uncontrollable speed. Furthermore, and more importantly, when the right hand undertakes the left hand we start to bring the leading edge into the equation which can also cause inconsistency in strike and distance. The result can be thin and fat shots.





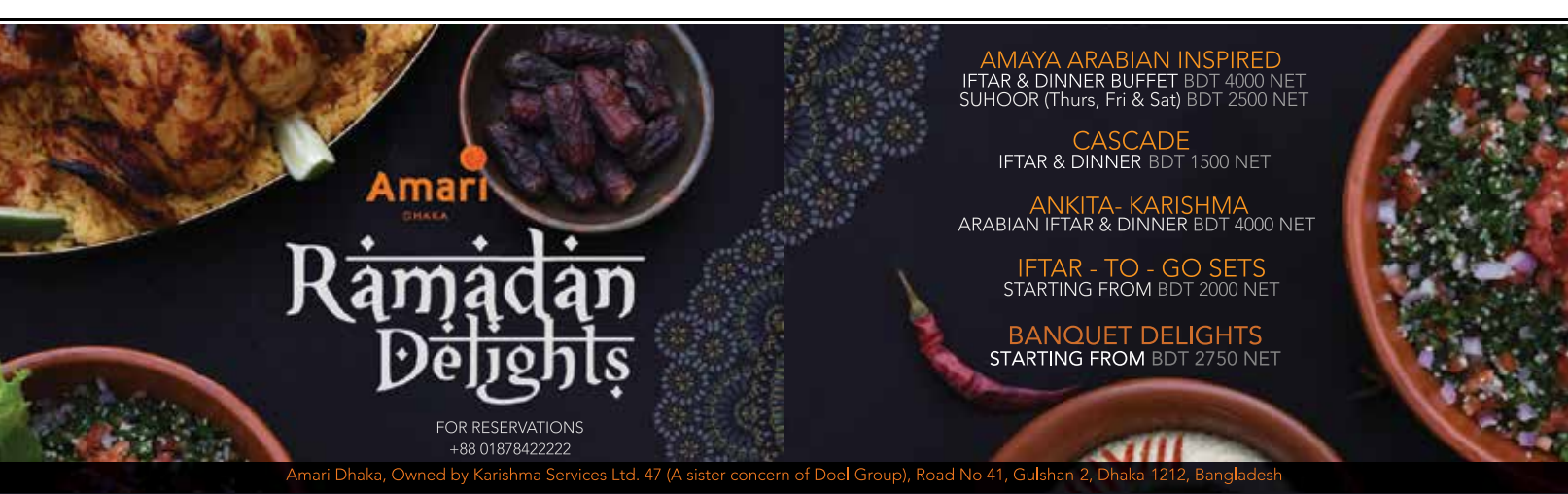
## FIX

To fix this problem it is important to understand that the wrists should remain passive throughout the pitch shot, especially at impact (graphic 1).

It is important to note that clubs are designed to help the ball up into the air so require no manipulation just good technique. This is achieved by using your body rather than your wrists. By turning the body back and through the pitching movement instead of using your wrists to hit the pitch shot, you will notice a far greater consistency in strike, height, and distance control. If you happen to require more height, just take a higher lofted wedge and make sure you continue to move the club with your body rather than solely your wrists. You can see from the graphics how the clubface is kept square and there is no leading edge.

## CONCLUSION

Achieving consistent results with your pitching technique does not need to be difficult, but good results will not be achieved using the wrists. Instead, use your body and different loft clubs in your bag. You will be able to achieve a repeatable movement allowing you increase your consistency when pitching and thus giving you the opportunity to lower your score.

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Yanwei Lun of Taipei, joint leader in the first round, contemplates his putt as does his caddie.




04

Sun and rain was having a field day in the first two rounds. The spectators were wise enough to bring their umbrellas along.




Dignitaries including the hosts, organisers and golf officials were not going miss an action on the final hole in the final round




M Dharma was among the leaders in the opening round, but lost his way as the game went into the business end




Mithin Perera had his maiden Asian Tour title in his sight, but had to watch it slip away after a dreadful final round




A large crowd gathers around the ninth hole.




The crowds during the final day of the tournament have been like friday crowds.




Although he only finished 22nd, looks like Jack Wilson of Australia enjoyed his time at the KGC




The spectators were out in number during the last two rounds, following the golfing icons from hole to hole




The crowds during the final days of the tournament have been like friday crowds.






# WHEN STARS COLLIDE




Silverscreen star Riaz entered the golf course with his two-and-a-half-year-old daughter Amira. Soon enough cricketer Mehedi Hasan Miraz came as well. And golf's own star, Siddikur Rahman, got busy teaching the game to the stars from two different worlds.

This is not a scene from shooting of a cinema or drama. The Asian Tour brought two stars from two different worlds to the Kurmitola Golf Club. And they became devoted students of star golfer Siddikur Rahman.




















The third day of the AB Bank Bangladesh Open was indeed a constellation of stars at the Kurmitola Golf Club. And this unique initiative was taken by the golf federation's media partner TheGolf-House to spread the game among the masses.

It was apparent from the reaction of Miraz that he enjoyed the game. He was eagerly taking lessons on how to hold the club. Then he started putting and soon he sank one, to the cheer from the crowd.

So did Miraz ever have the hidden dream of becoming a golfer? Replying to this query, the national cricketer said with a smile: "I did not know much about golf when I started playing cricket. But during an England tour, we stayed at a hotel which was just adjacent to a golf course. Watching the game there made me interested towards it. After returning home, I learnt about Siddikur bhai. I learnt that he is a top golfer in Asia. I'm really happy to meet him today."

Miraz was also delighted to meet Riaz, the silverscreen star, whom he had only previously seen on television. "I have seen his acting on TV and cinema so many times. I'm feeling so glad to meet him in person."

As both games are played with a ball and stick-like things, Miraz found similarities between golf and cricket. "This is my first time playing golf. The two games are similar as long as taking shots are concerned. Initially my shots were wayward. Then I thought about cricket and how to grip the bat and having balance which can be applied to golf as well. So I tried to implement those principles and later I played a few good shots," a satisfied Miraz said.

Riaz, on the other hand, is no stranger to the golf club as he had come here many times for shooting purposes. So he was more busy trying to make her daughter hold the club and putt the ball into the hole. "Our apartment is right next to the golf course. Standing on the balcony of the 13th floor, I thought of coming here to play many times, but could not make the time. Today it finally happened and I'm really glad," said an ecstatic Riaz.

The movie and TV-star had another wish fulfilled. "I am a big fan of Miraz. I am a big fan of Siddikur bhai too. So meeting them together was a wonderful thing."
The three stars of three worlds were awarded crests by the federation officials as the day ended in a festive mood.

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# THE RISE & RISE OF CAMERON SMITH

Victories in America and at the Australian PGA in 2017 have helped propel Cameron Smith into the upper echelons of world golf. Now he has majors on his mind and is buoyant about his chances at this month's US Open Championship.

SPENDING five hours or so watching Cameron Smith play his trade should be mandatory for any person looking to get into sports psychology and was in need of a study subject who has the lid firmly placed on their emotional pot. I followed the young Queenslander as best I could for his final round at this year's Masters. Playing alongside World No.1 Dustin Johnson, he opened his account on Sunday afternoon with a birdie at the 1st hole having caressed a 7-iron into 10 feet and rolling the putt in dead centre. There was a brief wave to the crowd and he was of. When he missed the green at the par-3 4th and carded a bogey, his reactions were no different to when he made birdie 35 minutes earlier.



Smith chats with caddie Sam Pinfold during the final round of the Masters.

Nor was there any change in his demeanour when he steered a curling 18-footer into the cup at the 14th hole for his fourth birdie in five holes. There was a little wave to the crowd to acknowledge their applause before striding of to the next tee.

Two more birdies – a tap-in after a near miss eagle at the 15th and another from 10 feet at the 17th – saw him post a closing round 66 with a back nine of just 30 strokes. It was the lowest back nine final round score by an Australian in the history of the Masters and would ultimately see him finish tied fifth in his just his second start at Augusta.

At no stage did he appear daunted being on the biggest of golfing stages, which has become something of a trademark for Smith, whose brief career is already bulging with clutchmoment highlights. "I usually just try to make each round as normal as possible," Smith told Golf Australia magazine.

"I just talk to my caddie (Sam Pinfold) and kind of get in a good rhythm and not let the circumstances dictate what I'm going to do.

"On the back nine the adrenalin was fl owing pretty good there. I just tried to keep making birdies as I was down and out of the tournament by the time I reached the back nine and I just wanted to go out there and finish as high as I could. I started playing really aggressive and was hitting some really good shots … it really paid of ."

> "DAD TOLD ME ONCE, 'SOME DAYS ARE DIAMONDS, SOME DAYS ARE DUCK SHIT', WHICH IS FUNNY AND TRUE."
> **–CAMERON SMITH**

But Smith was so deep in the moment during that final round that he can't vividly remember everything from that afternoon.

"I think if I sat down and thought hard about it I could probably talk to you about the final round but it's not something on the top of my head," he laughed.

"As cliché as it sounds I still think one of the best things ever said about golf was 'one shot at a time'. I remember being told that when I was about eight years old and it has been in the back of my mind ever since. So I try never to get ahead of myself or dwell too much on the bad holes."

The one-shot-at-a-time mantra is part of the foundations of Smith's success, as is his ability to shrug of setbacks and move ahead with a positive attitude, which he can thank his father, Des, for. Des, a scratch golfer at Brisbane's Wantima Golf Club, has always been encouraging with advice for his son.

But there is one piece of advice Smith recalls better than most – a pearl of wisdom that goes some way to explaining his son's wonderful temperament and poise on the golf course.

"Dad told me once, 'Some days are diamonds, some days are duck shit', which is funny and true," Smith chuckled.

It's not so long ago that Smith's days were far from diamonds. His tie for fourth at the 2015 US Open gave him special temporary membership


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and he earned his PGA Tour card for the following wrap-around season.

The Brisbane boy decided he would commute from his hometown to events that first full year on Tour, which in hindsight, he now realises was detrimental to his game. It didn't help that he was also battling a long-term stomach bug at the same time.

"I think the massive amounts of travel I did in that first year and I had a stomach bug for some time… I don't think the travel would have been helping that at all," Smith said.

"So there was lots of travel, my health wasn't good and I was homesick too, which didn't leave a lot of time for working on my game.

"So my improvement over the past year or so really has come after gaining the weight and strength back that I lost from being sick. Once I started gaining the weight, I could feel my confidence in my swing coming back too. But staying healthy has really been the key during the past year.

"Ever since I started putting the head down and arse up over here and decided this is where I need to be, everything has kind of looked up from there. I'm only a few minutes' drive from TPC Sawgrass where I practice."

> "I'D LOVE TO HEAD BACK TO AUSTRALIA AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND TRY AND KNOCK OFF THE AUSSIE OPEN AND SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND THE PGA"

Its three years since Smith played his incredible 290-yard second shot into the final green at Chambers Bay to set up a closing eagle and a grandstand finish at the US Open. Apart from the aforementioned benefi ts he received from that top-five finish, it also gave the then Tour rookie and major championship debutante greater belief in his own ability and a feeling he was not out of his depth on the PGA Tour.

"I had struggled previously that year over here probably just because … not knowing anyone and that sense of belong, I didn't really have it," Smith said. "When I was at Chambers Bay, I had my dad, my cousin and a couple of other mates there and kind of chilled out a little bit.

"The sense of belong changed after Chambers Bay … not in the way people make you feel but … there's kind of an aura around a PGA Tour event and when you dream about doing it for so long and then you're actually there, it kind of overwhelmed me.

"I know a lot more people now and it's much easier. The Aussies have been great … Marc (Leishman), Jason (Day) and Rod (Pampling) are great and gave me their phone numbers with of ers to go out for dinner and play practice rounds. They've helped me out heaps."

With his star continuing to rise and his world ranking now at a career high No.39 (correct at the time of writing), Smith has entered the realm of being a fully exempt player. As a result, this year will mark his first tilt at all four major championships in the calendar year, and the US Open at Shinnecock Hills is squarely in his sights.

This will be Smith's third US Open start and he believes the style of golf the championship demands plays to his strengths, one of which is a world-class short game. "The challenge of the US Open, to me, is you've

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got to hit every shot perfect and if you do miss a shot you pay the ultimate price," Smith said.

"Some courses that we play now, especially if you're a long hitter, if you hit a poor drive or a poor shot into the green, you can still get up-and-down or you can make birdie or par pretty easily. The US Open is very dif erent.

"You never leave the golf course like you do after a US Open. It's the ultimate stress for a golfer.

"The short game obviously plays a huge part of doing well at the US Open where the courses are quite penal. My caddie went up to Shinnecock Hills last year and he said they've got a lot of short grass around the greens and not so much of the long, nasty rough. I think that will play into the hands of the Aussies a lot. You see that short grass on a lot of courses back home but not so much over here. Regardless of what week it is really, if you've got a good short game you will do well. The US Open just probably nudges that up a little bit more."

If success comes at Shinnecock, Smith will be able to put a red line through one of his goals for 2018, leaving him a few more to achieve closer to home.

> "REGARDLESS OF WHAT WEEK IT IS REALLY, IF YOU'VE GOT A GOOD SHORT GAME YOU WILL DO WELL."

"I'd love to head back to Australia at the end of the year and try and knock of the Aussie Open and successfully defend the PGA," he said. "Probably the next big thing for me is to try and get inside that top-20 in the world ranking.

"That's a really big goal for me and means playing really consistent golf. I don't want to win one and then miss eight cuts. I want to win one and compete every other week.

"If I can do that, the ranking takes care of itself and I could make the Presidents Cup team to play in Melbourne, which would be great. That's another big goal I'm chasing."

Winning takes care of everything and chatting with Smith, it's apparent he's ready to tick of his goals in hurry … that way you won't stay still long enough to get duck shit on your shoes.




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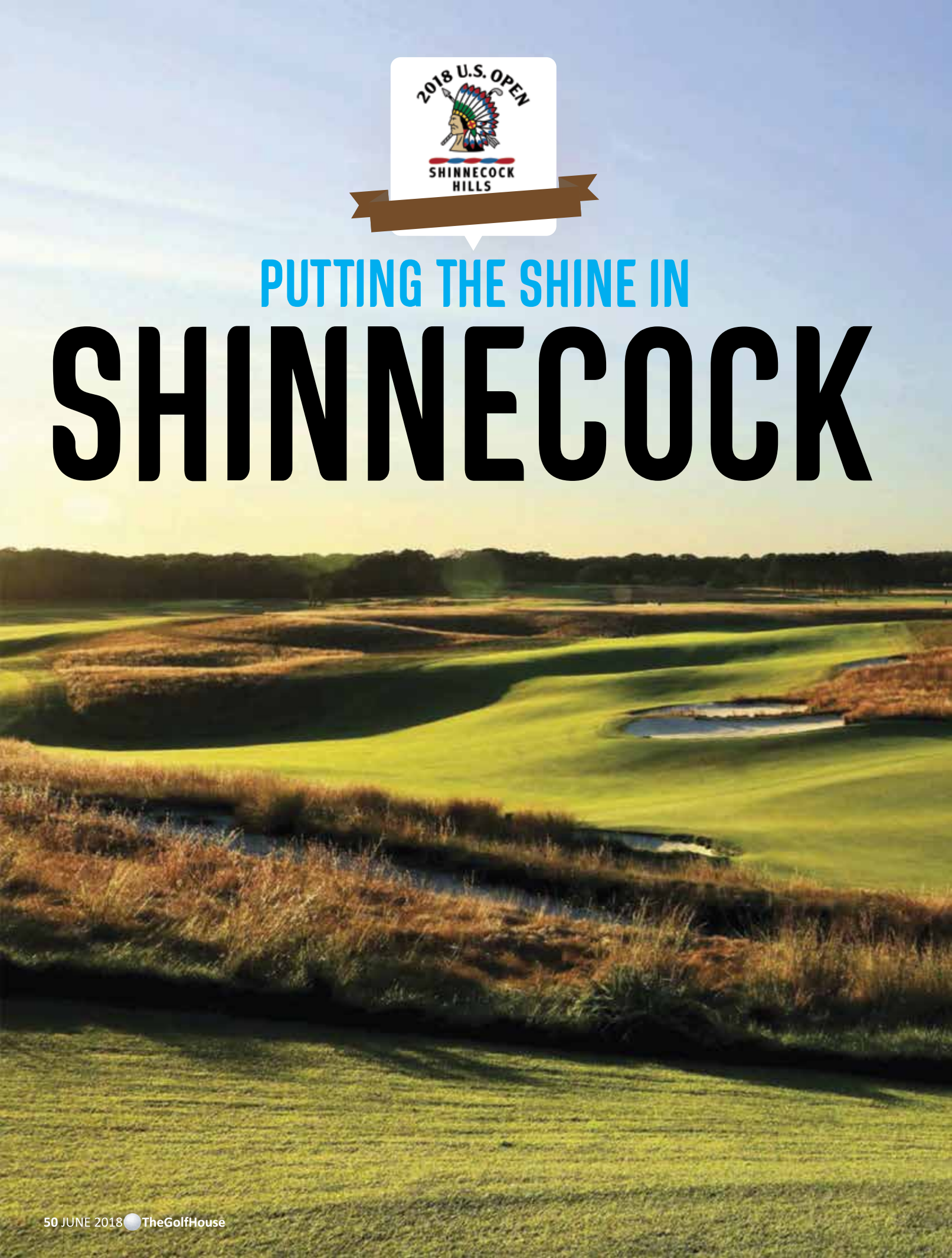



## PUTTING THE SHINE IN

# SHINNECOCK

One of the founding clubs of the USGA will host the US Open Championship this month for first time in 14 years, with officials under pressure to get the mix of brutal test and entertaining golf right … this time.

You would be hard pressed to find many golf clubs outside of Scotland, let alone in the United States, with as much history as this year's US Open Championship host venue – Shinnecock Hills Golf Club.

Built on what is said by some to be a Native American burial ground, the private New Jersey club possesses the oldest clubhouse in the country, was a founding member of the USGA and was the first US club to admit women, which it did from the very beginning.

The par-70's tournament history is similarly rich, dating back to 1896 when the club staged the second US Open Championship on what is still the shortest course in tournament history at just 4,423 yards. The 1896 event also saw Shinnecock Hills local John Shippen, who was the first American born golf professional, become the first African American to compete in the tournament despite the threat of a boycott from the primarily transplanted Scotsmen, who made up the rest of the professional ranks at the time.

And while the historic clubhouse still stands, the course itself at Shinnecock Hills bares very little resemblance to the original 12-hole course laid out by Willie Davis in 1892.



485-yard par-4 18th hole

The layout changed four times before William Flynn redesigned the 18 holes in 1931, delivering an architectural masterpiece that has lasted the test of time despite a few hiccups along the way.

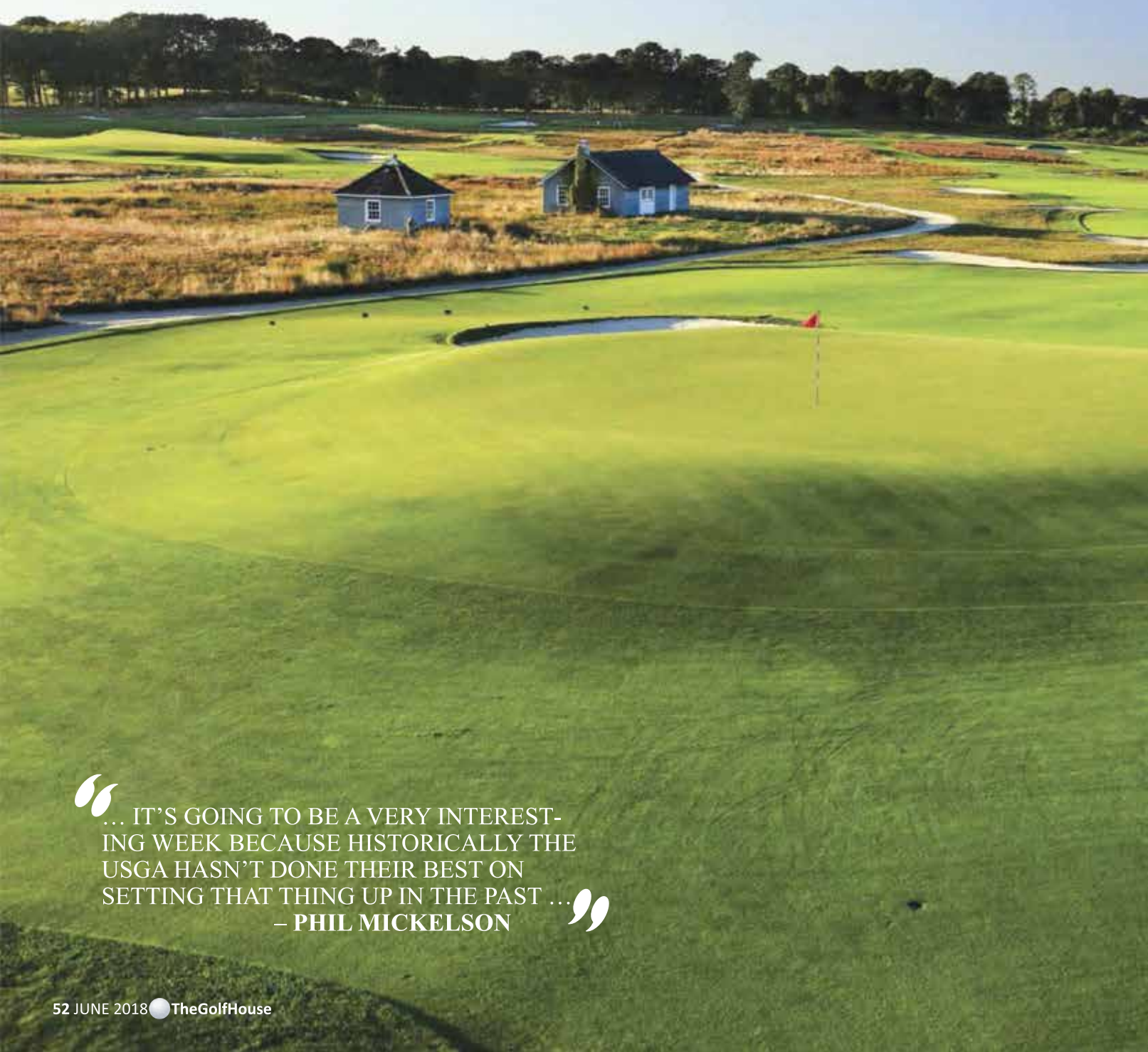
The farcical scenes of the 2004 US Open when the USGA lost control of the golf course has seen the club endure a 14-year wait to earn its fifth opportunity to host the tournament. During this time Shinnecock underwent a restoration overseen by the design team of Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, which returned the Southampton layout closer to the ideals and style of Flynn's original design.

This restoration, which was largely based around Flynn's original drawings found in the clubhouse, saw trees removed and nearly 500 yards added to the 6,996 yard course that players faced in 2004 out of pure necessity to host a modern professional tournament. Fairways were widened, fairway bunkers brought closer to the ideal playing lines from the tee and the ryegrass rough was replaced with native fescue to better suit the links-style layout.

Just like Coore and Crenshaw's work at Pinehurst No.2, the duo's 2012 work at Shinnecock, which now measures 7,445 yards, has received rave reviews.

However, the USGA in its mission to deliver golf 's toughest test, has chosen to narrow the newly-widened fairways, "tightening" the course to reward straight-hitting for the 2018 US Open, which begins on June 14.

Seven of the 50 acres of fairway grass at the club were ripped up and replaced with fescue rough under the direction of the USGA – and watch of Superintendent Jon Jennings – with careful attention paid to maintaining the strategic impact of the bunkers and the natural lay of the land. And despite the "tightening", the 2018 event will be more generous from the tee in comparison to the 1986, 1995 and 2004 US Opens held at the course, with the fairways measuring



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**– PHIL MICKELSON**

between 28 and 34 yards in the expected landing zones.

The changes to the fairway widths have been the main focus for the USGA and have been no secret, meaning that while many players have made visits to New Jersey for reconnaissance, they will be faced with a far dif erent test when they arrive for the tournament proper in June.

"No, they keep changing it up, I heard they widened the fairways, tightened the fairways, I'll let it kind of settle in and I'll go in a few weeks beforehand," said Phil Mickelson, who has two top-fives at Shinnecock, when asked if he had visited the 'new' course.

"I have pretty extensive notes on the greens from years past, but it's going to be a very interesting week because historically the USGA hasn't done their best on setting that thing up in the past and I hope that they let the superintendent there do his thing and not interfere, because he knows what he's doing."

Unlike Mickelson, one of Australia's main hopes, Marc Leishman, was yet to even set foot on the property when he spoke to Australian media in May. But was as relaxed and quietly confi dent as ever heading into all three remaining 2018 majors.

"I haven't been to Shinnecock, but from everything I've heard as far as US Open courses go, I feel like that's going to be a pretty good one for me," Leishman said. "You know, more linksish style of golf, you know exposed and all that. So yeah, I'm looking forward to that.

"I feel like it's a good pick of courses for me this year. I also haven't seen Bellerive in St Louis, so as far as the next two majors, the Opens I feel like they're as good as they are going to be for my game."

Leishman's assumption that Shinnecock Hills will suit his game based on reports from other players is a fairly safe one. The greens are surrounded by mown run-of s and large



**475-YARD PAR-4 4TH HOLE**




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159-YARD PAR-3 11TH HOLE

> "BUT IF THE WIND DOESN'T BLOW THERE, THEN THERE WILL BE A BUNCH OF GUYS UNDER PAR. BUT IF IT DOES BLOW, DIFFERENT STORY" – **TIGER WOODS**

bunkering requiring a creative short game, which will remind the Victorian of some of the qualities of Melbourne's famous Sandbelt courses.

And as evidenced by the 2004 debacle, wind is always a factor.

"I know it's a great test, I know they have added some length to it. Made it more modern. But it's really dependent on weather. If the wind blows there, then the winning score's over par," Tiger Woods said of the renovated course where he made his US Open debut in 1995.

"But if the wind doesn't blow there, then there will be a bunch of guys under par. But if it does blow, diferent story."

There will be a large number of players, Leishman and Woods chief among them, hoping the wind does indeed blow and separate the better ball-strikers and shot makers from the pack. Whereas the USGA will have a foot in each camp; watching the weather and praying for some wind to avoid a repeat of the birdie fest that was Erin Hills when it was left defenceless. While also desperately wishing to avoid the calamity of 2004, when Woods led the chorus attacking the course conditions.

"I think Tim (Herron) and I were talking about this when we were playing, it's terrible, our national championship, they lost control of the golf course," Woods said after the final round 14 years ago.

"There's nothing wrong with a guy being under par, there's nothing wrong with that. If they play well, they deserve to be under par, but not like this; this is not the way it's supposed to be played."

Given the issues of 2004 and the USGA, as always, making tweaks to a classic design to attempt to defend par, scrutiny will again be high this year as the venerable Shinnecock Hills and the governing body attempt to add another more positive chapter to the storied history of one of America's grandest golf clubs.



616-YARD PAR-5 16TH HOLE

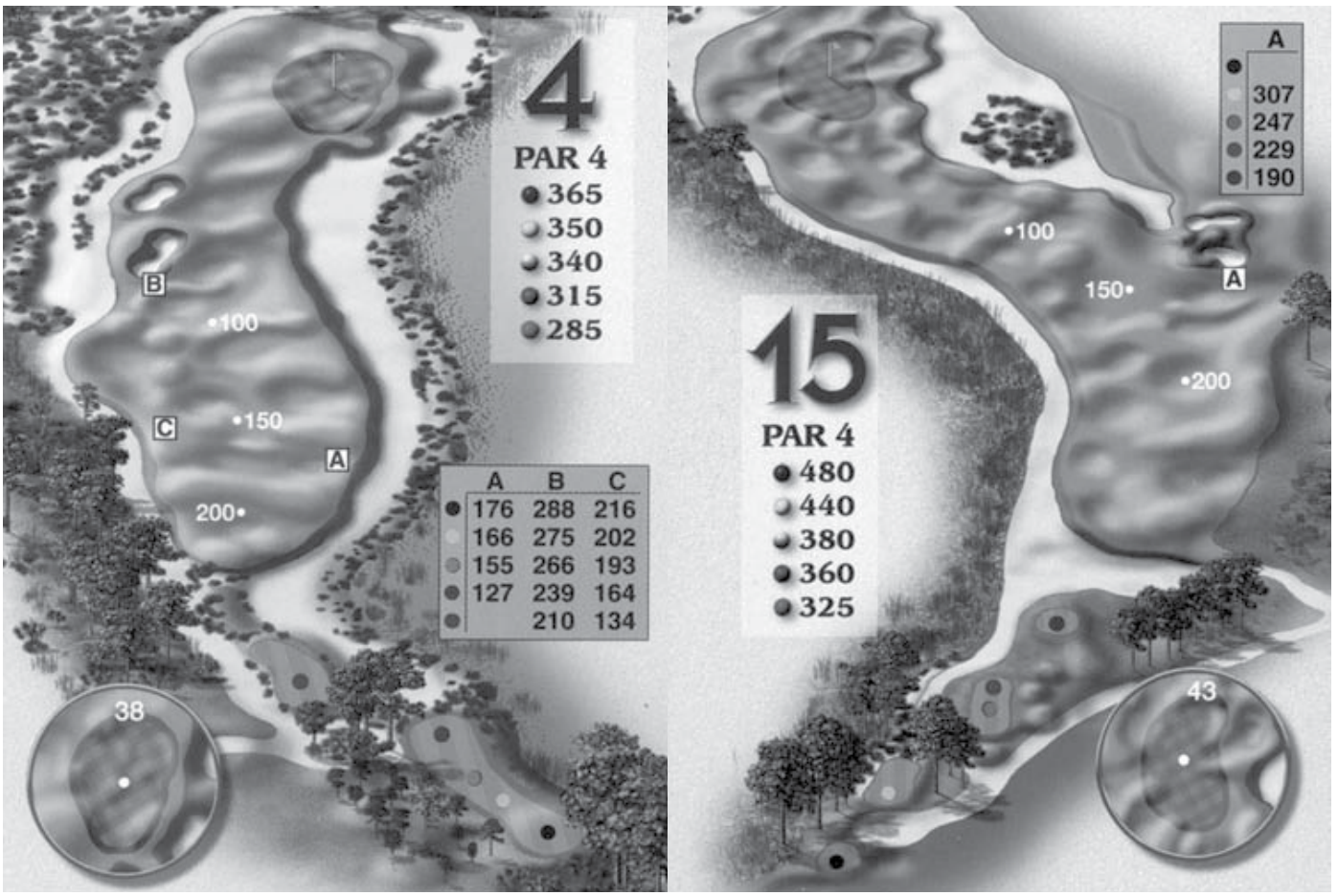
# First Tee

Determine the tee markers appropriate for your skill level. Golf courses use different colored tee markers to represent course yardage. The forward tees are designated for beginners and players with a high handicap. The longest yardage tees are designated for low handicap or professional players.

Once you have selected the tees that you will be playing and the starter has given you the go-ahead to begin play, determine who will play first. And, "Play Away." The first player should tee his/her ball between or no further than two club lengths behind the tee markers.

Determine the shape of the golf hole and aim toward a target in the fairway. A helpful strategy is to tee your ball on the side of the tee box closest to any trouble such as water hazards, trees, or bunkers. This allows you to have a wider target area and to hit away from the trouble. Take no more than one practice swing, line up and play your ball, watch it land. This will allow you to find your ball easily as you move from the tee to the fairway.

Once the hole has been completed, the order of play remains the same as on the first hole unless another player in the group earns a lower score. This is called "having the honor." Honor establishes the order of play on each successive tee.

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**The Dye Course**
PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie, FL

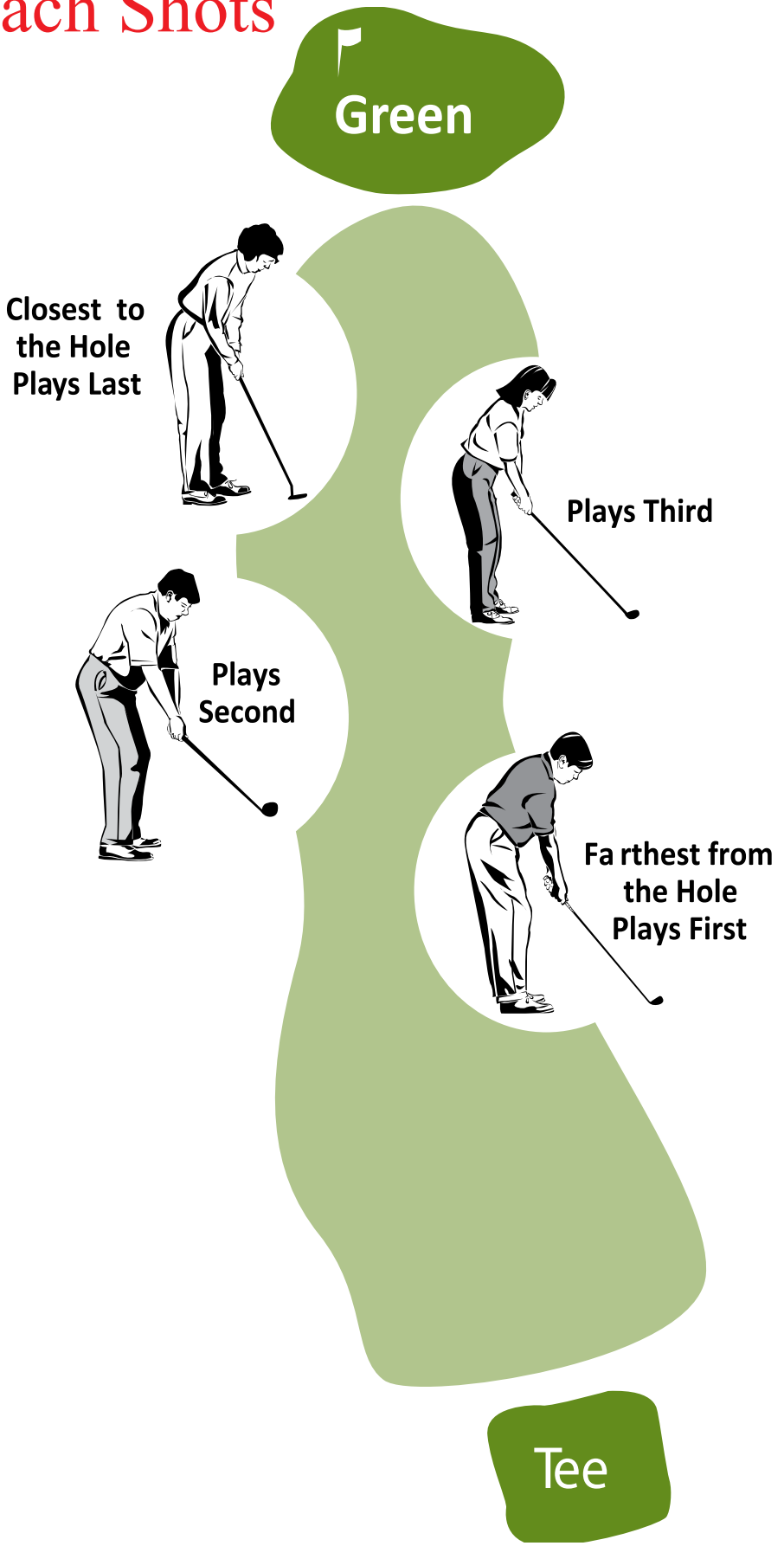
# Approach Shots

Approach shots are those shots that are played between the teeing ground and the putting green. Ideally, an approach shot is played from the fairway. At times a golfer's tee shot misses the fairway and the ball must be played from the rough or natural areas that line the fairway.

The ball furthest from the hole is the ball that is played first. The order of play continues to the next closest ball and so on until play on the hole for everyone is completed.

Two factors contribute to successful approach shots: distance and direction. Depending on the flagstick location, a golfer will aim to a target on or near the putting green. Distance is important for advancing the ball to the target. What club should you hit? Before you select a golf club, it is important to know the distance to the center of the putting green. All golf courses provide a scorecard with hole yardages and some type of yardage markers, usually found in the center of the fairway. Typical marking locations are 200, 150 and 100 yards from the center of the putting green. Before you play it is important to determine how far, on average, your ball travels.

All golfers should be prepared to play ready golf!




# Bunker Play

Often a putting green will be surrounded by greenside bunkers filled with sand or grass. These bunkers are designed to catch errant shots or force players to hit shots that carry onto the putting green. Several rules and etiquette need to be applied when a ball lands in the bunker. A bunker is a hazard. While in a hazard, a player is not allowed to ground his/her club (touch sand) before attempting to play the ball. Each practice swing in a bunker that touches the sand would result in a 2-stroke penalty. A player is not allowed to remove any loose impediments, such as: stones, leaves or twigs around a ball in the sand. Once the ball has been cleared of the bunker, the sand should be smoothed or raked clean of footprints and divots. The rakes are provided, usually on the golf car or on the ground just outside and near the bunkers.

## DWIGHT EVERSLEY YORKE

### Manchester United Legend

# GOLF CHOSE ME



Dwight Eversley Yorke's name became famous when he joined one of Eng-land's most elite football clubs, Manches-ter United, in 1998. Forming a legendary playing partnership with Andy Cole, Yorke won several titles in the Premiership, including The Treble - the Premiership, FA Cup, and UEFA Champions League - in 1999.

In addition to being a professional football player, Yorke, who hails from Trin-idad & Tobago, plays golf in his spare time. The 45-year-old has pursued the sport since 1996 and after retiring from football in 2009 has become more se-rious about the game.

Yorke, who is now an ambassador for Manchester United, recently visited Indonesia to take part in a golf tournament. The event was hosted by Kansai Paint, the official paint for Manchester United. OB Golf & Lifestyle magazine took the opportunity to chat with him about his second sporting love, golf.



## After retirement, there are so many sports to choose from, why did you choose golf?

I don't think I chose golf. Golf chose me. To be fair, after retirement, I wanted to keep myself as active as possible. It's something to do. Something to keep you competitive enough. I've always been in a team sport and God provided me with an individual sport. You don't have to run a lot, that's what I did in football. So, I was looking for something more relaxed but very competi-tive and golf brings those elements. I was introduced to golf in 1996, then I start-ed playing a little bit. So, that's the reason why I am involved with golf.

## Between football and golf, which sport do you think is more difficult?

I think golf is more difficult. Since I was a kid, I played football, I played it all my life. Football is something that I grew up with. Golf is something that I have to learn. I'm an older age, which makes it a lot of harder, but I under-stand, once I got the hang of it a bit, what's needed to hit a golf ball.

## Have you ever thought about trying to become a professional player?

No. I'm long way from that. I just want to be the best sportsman to play the game of golf. I think that would be more realistic than trying to compete with professional players who have been doing this all their life. I respect them, I see them how they work, and how they hit the ball. We are nowhere near them. I want to be the best in terms of sportsmen.

## In golf, there are so many aspects you can work on. What is the main thing you're trying to improve in your game right now?

I think the thing is about golf, you have to improve every aspect of your game. Your long game, your short game, your bunker play. You know, all those things that I think I'm getting better at, all those departments. My putting needs to improve, but I think I strive to make sure all those categories that I spoke about in terms of the golf game are improving. I've got to this level consistently, so I expect to improve over the coming years.

### Bio

**Full name**
Dwight Eversley Yorke

**Date of birth**
3 November 1971

**Place of birth**
Canaan, Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago

**Playing position**
Forward Midfielder

### TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

**Aston Villa**

**Football League Cup (2):** 1993–94, 1995–96

**MANCHESTER UNITED**

**Premier League (3):** 1998–99, 1999–2000, 2000–01

**FA Cup (1):** 1998–99

**UEFA Champions League (1):** 1998–99

**Intercontinental Cup (1):** 1999

### INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

**Premier League Player of the Month:** February 1996, January 1999, March 2000

**PFA Premier League Team of the . Year:** 1998–99

**Premier League Player of the Season:** 1998–99

**Premier League Golden Boot:** 1998–99

**UEFA Champions League Top Goalscorer:** 1998–99

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# Juice Up Your Way to a Healthier Life

Juicing- the traditional centrifugal way or the cold pressed way, is the new health trend. Juices are always known to be healthy and rich in nutrients, except the ones which come in tetra packs and are loaded with sugar. The juice vendor that takes out fresh juice in front of your unsuspecting eyes may use old and perished fruits with flies wandering all over the stall and you would never know. The healthiest way to consume juice is to buy the freshest produce and extract its juice yourself. What's better is that there are juices that are particularly beneficial for one part or one system of the body. So you can specifically juice up towards a healthier life. Here are the recipes of the healthiest juices that are beneficial for the specific parts of your body.

## LIVER CLEANSER

**INGREDIENTS**
1 large beetroot
1 green apple
3 carrots
4 ribs of celery
½ a lemon (with peel)

***PREPARATION*** Combine all the ingredients and put them through a juicer.

**BENEFITS:** Consumption of unhealthy processed food affects the liver badly. Cleansing the liver means getting rid of all the toxins that have built up over time. Beetroot is the most effective natural anti-oxidant. The cleansing virtues of beetroots heal liver toxicity. This juice not only detoxifies the liver but also purifies blood. Eating raw fruits and vegetables and drinking lots of water will speed up the cleanse!

## NATURAL PAIN KILLER

**INGREDIENTS**
1/2 a pineapple
2 ribs celery
1 head of Romaine lettuce
a handful of cilantro a thumb-sized piece of ginger

**PREPARATION** Combine all ingredients and put them through a juicer.

**BENEFITS:** This juice is anti-inflammatory. It will naturally heal your body and cure pains. It is high in antioxidants and vitamin C which are natural pain killers. Pineapple contains Bromelain which is highly anti-inflammatory. Romaine lettuce, cilantro and ginger, all have their individual anti-inflammatory properties making this juice an effective drink to reduce inflammation and pain.

## VISION ENHANCER

**INGREDIENTS**
2 branches of kale
1 orange bell pepper
2 stalks of celery
1 beet with the greens
3 kiwifruit

**PREPARATION** Combine and blend all the ingredients together.

**BENEFITS:** This recipe is designed specifically to provide high levels of lutein, zeaxanthin and other nutrients necessary for healthy eyes. Drink it in the morning if you have a long day in front of the computer screen ahead. This is not a sweet juice. If you want more sweetness, you can add an extra kiwifruit or a carrot, also good for your eyes with their pro-vitamin A beta-carotene.





# TIME SPENT AT THE GOLF COURSE IS TIME WELL SPENT

Moin Imran is an amateur golfer and a successful business person. He started playing golf at the Kurmitola Golf Club from a very early stage, taking the encouragement from his father. The amateur golfer feels golf can be a great way to socialize and strike business deals. He urges people from all walks of life to come and enjoy the life at the golf course.

Q&A

### Tell us how you came to golf and how much support did you get from your family?

I started playing golf when I was around five or six years old. Two years later, I started to play the game seriously. When my father was posted at the Dhaka Cantonment, I started playing more regularly. We used to live close to the Kurmitola Golf Club. So it was easy for me to commute. The game attracted me from a very young age. My father was my initial inspiration and now my mother and sister encourage me. Playing the game demands mental and financial support, which I am getting from my family.

### You have played golf at different levels, haven't you?

Well, it's a phase-by-phase thing. We start as juniors; then when we come to zero-handicap or single-handicap stage, we get to the men's category and then become amateurs. The next step is towards turning pro. I have a wish to turn pro one day, but I can't say for sure when it will happen.

### Which aspects of the game attract you most?

The fairness and discipline of the game is the most important and attractive thing for me. Then there is the fact that you compete against yourself, you challenge yourself which takes the best out of you. When you play a good shot, you feel proud. Another satisfying thing about golf is that you meet a lot of good people here. Overall you spend a good time while you are on a golf course.

### Which other golf courses have you played in apart from the KGC?

I have played in most golf courses in Bangladesh. I have played in Kolkata, Bangkok, Pattaya, Singapore among the golf courses abroad.

### Which course do you like most?

I debuted at an overseas course and played a lot of rounds elsewhere, but in the end, my home course, KGC, is my favorite course. It is by no means an easy course. Since this is a narrow and short-distance course, you have to play controlled shots. The one who will play well here will definitely play well elsewhere as well. My second favorite course is Tollygunge Golf Course in Kolkata because I made my international debut there.

### How well do business and golf go together?

My father used to say one thing: 'When a buyer or client comes to you for a meeting, take him out for a round of golf'. You get to do the meeting there and spend time with him. I would invite businessmen to come here and spend their leisure time, which will in turn help the game grow through their contribution. Not only business people, in fact, people from other occupations should come as well. Golf is not a game to kill time; the time we spend here is time spent well. While business people have contribution towards the game, it is needless to say without the active effort and support of Army, the game wouldn't have been where it is now.

### Where do you want to see Bangladesh golf?

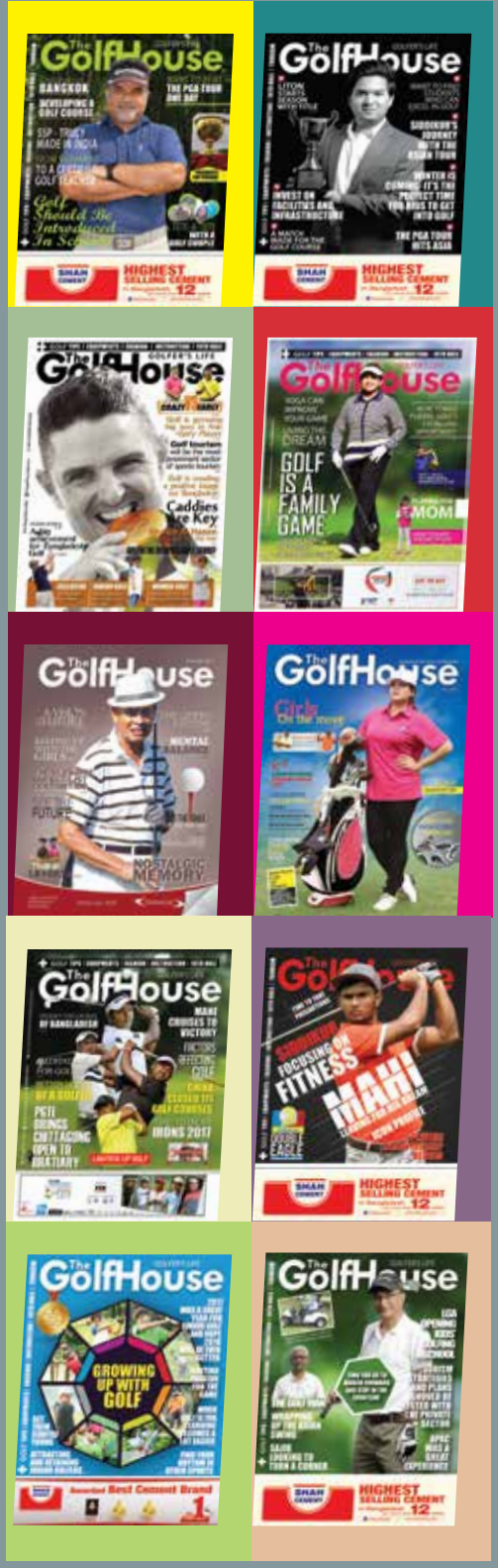
I think our golf has taken off fully. I believe players like Siddikur or Sohel are capable of playing on the European or PGA Tour, and that is where we want to see our players playing eventually. People don't know properly how much progress golf has made in our country.

### Do you have any message for potential golfers?

We have a wrong perception that golf is a sport only for Army people or the rich people. It is not true as we can see through the success of our fellow golfers. It is true that Army and business people play a key role in taking the game forward, but others should also come and join in this endeavor.

I would invite people from all class and sectors to come and pick golf as a sport and a hobby because at the end of the day it will take them to greater heights. You will not only meet good people, you will stay fit and enjoy other benefits of the game.

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# GOLF MAKES THE BOND EVEN STRONGER





Mr. Azizul Islam is a doctor at Bangladesh Army while his wife Neela Aziz is a lawyer. Although they are from two very different professions and stay busy throughout the day with their work, golf brings them together in the afternoon. They feel that spending time with one's spouse in such environment can only make the bond stronger. Hence they urge all the couples to explore the game of golf and enjoy the lifestyle that it brings.



**How did you get involved with golf?**

**Neela Aziz:** It was around 1999-2000 that we started playing golf. We were posted in Comilla during that time. My husband used to go to the Mainamati Golf and Country Club, so he took me to the club one day. And after seeing the green and the fairway there, I instantly fell in love with it.

**Azizul Islam:** The golf club had just restarted its operation at that time. I noticed the seniors were going to golf instead of tennis. I wondered why they were leaving an exhausting game like tennis for golf. They said, come with us and see for yourself. I later found that golf was indeed a very enjoyable game. Then both I and my wife became members of the club.

**Mrs. Aziz is a lawyer. You have kids too. How do you manage time for golf?**

**Neela Aziz:** I work as a law advisor in Sonali Bank. I also have my family and kids to look after. But still when I get time for myself in the afternoon, I try to devote it to golf.

**Azizul Islam:** The main thing here is that you need to have the interest to manage it. If you have the liking or passion towards something, you can definitely make time for everything. She had all that passion, interest, keenness and devotion which is why she could make it.

**Golf is called a game of life. Since you are a doctor by profession, you must be able to explain it better.**

**Azizul Islam:** Indeed. I have, in fact, written an article on it, titled 'Golf is a psychological game'. Golf is a very healthy game. You don't get fairway, the green and the open air elsewhere. When you play golf your blood pressure and pulse rate will be under control. If you have anxiety, it will go away. Your diabetes will reduce. From a social aspect, you will have a wonderful time interacting with people.

**Do the two of you play together?**

**Azizul Islam:** Yes, we do play together and correct, analyze each other's game – making fun of the mistakes and appreciating the good efforts.

**Who plays better among you two?**

**Azizul Islam:** My wife definitely plays better. I'm not at her level as I cannot go all the time for being a doctor. But I support, advocate and admire that she plays well. I have all my support for her game.

**Tell us about your golfing achievements.**

**Neela Aziz:** Becoming club cup champion is one of my most memorable achievements. I won the Aga Khan Gold Cup, Korean cup and many more this year. This has been a pretty successful year for me.

**Which one is your favorite golf course?**

**Neela Aziz:** My mother club is the Mainamati Golf & Country Club. So I miss Comilla a lot. I miss Bhatiary too. I have played in a number of clubs around the country.
Azizul Islam: Since I am only playing more these days, my favorite club would be KGC.

**Who are your favorite golfers?**

**Azizul Islam**: We get to see many players on TV these days. But still Tiger Woods is the one I think everyone follows. You talk about style, you talk about precision, you talk about excellence – Tiger Woods has it all. At home, obviously Siddikur Rahman is our favorite.

**Did you ever think or dream of becoming a pro?**

**Neela Aziz:** It happens often. When we started playing there weren't too many local women who played. Most of the women golfers were foreigners. Now it has changed as there are many local female golfers who are doing well. I would like to see some of the women golfers turn professional.

**What challenges do you have to face as a female golfer?**

**Neela Aziz:** There are obvious challenges including taking care of the family and kids, and if you have a job outside, taking care of that too. Without the support of family, I don't think any woman can continue playing golf on her own.

**Azizul Islam:** I think women have rather easy access. They get more respect here. The challenge for them is taking care of family matters. However it's the interest and keeness that is important as I said

**Which aspect of golf attracts you most?**

**Neela Aziz:** I love the green nature of the sport. We can breathe fresh oxygen here which we hardly get anywhere else. Then there is the social aspect of the game. We can socialize with other people; spend a good time with family members. We feel like we are one big family here.

**Azizul Islam:** For me the green and fresh air is a factor. But interaction is a very important thing for me. The social interaction is the most important thing for me because away from this place we don't get the opportunity to get together.

**Any message to homemakers and male golfers who are not playing yet?**

**Neela Aziz:** I would ask all homemakers to try and come to the golf course. They should look at the environment here and try their hands on golf. Even if they don't feel like playing, I'm sure they will have a great time just enjoying the environment and company.

**Azizul Islam:** I believe all the husbands are helping the ladies because without the ladies the improvement in golf will not be complete. Come, join golf and enjoy golfing.

# MY FATHER IS MY INSPIRATION





Samaul Islam is an amateur golfer at the Kurmitola Golf Club. Like many other amateur golfers, Samaul was introduced to the game by his father at a very early age and took an instant liking to the game and the other aspects that golf brings with it. While still a student at a private university in Dhaka, Samaul is trying to juggle between his studies and his passion. Once he is done with studies, Samaul says he would take golf as profession.

**Tell us about your golfing life.**

It's been six years I have been playing golf. I first played at a ground in Chittagong with my father. He gave me a stick and said swing as much as you can. That's how it all started. Currently I'm studying at Independent University, Bangladesh but at the same time I'm playing golf regularly.

**Do you discuss golf with your father?**

We discuss a lot. Whenever he learns anything new, he shows that to me and I get inspired from that.

**What is your current golfing routine?**

I try to play every day. I try to make sure that I maintain a routine where I can play twice a day.

**You are studying environmental science, which is a demanding subject. Does playing golf take a toll on your studies?**

If you can maintain a routine, golf doesn't come into conflict with studies. We can practice early in the morning and, with the help of night golfing, after sunset too. So it is possible to manage both things together.

**Do you find any connection between the game and your subject?**

Interestingly, yes. There is one common thing among the two. We play on green grass while environmental science covers a lot of field trips and adventures. My subject covers a lot of walking along places such as open fields or hilly areas which we have to do while playing golf too.

**Do you have any plans on turning pro?**

When I started playing golf, I had this aim of turning pro one day, and I still have that aim. May be I am not able to devote enough time to the game currently, but I will try to make more time to golf because it is my first priority.

**Whose game do you follow most?**

Basically I follow my father's game. He is a joyous person and my encouragement towards golf. Even though we cannot match our schedule always, I try to follow his game closely. Secondly, I follow Siddikur Rahman a lot. I idolize him as a golfer.

**Your favorite iron?**

My favorite iron is seven, which used to be called master club. I realized that seven is the perfect one for me at this stage to take my game ahead.

**Which are your strong and weak points in golf?**

I think tee shot is my strength. If I can take a good tee shot, then everything else goes well. My weakness is short putts. It is sometimes hard for me to precisely gauge the effort needed to sink a short putt. I would like to do some training on this issue to raise my game.

**What do you have to say to your friends who don't play golf yet?**

Most of my friends in fact play golf. Those who don't, I would ask them to come to the KGC. Even if they don't want to play the game, they should just watch and try their hands on it. They can go to the indoor academy, and I believe if they watch the game from up close, they will definitely get interested.

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# WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY





Ahmed Munazil Choudhury is the new change to the idea of Service Apartments Industry of Bangladesh. Having run the Lakeshore Hotel in Banani and making it one of the top destination hotels in Dhaka, Munazil has turned to the niche market of service apartments. He has developed his employees in his mantra, which is delivering the best service with a smile. Space Apartments, where he is currently holding the General Manager's position, has a clientele which include top executives of multinational companies, development agencies and foreign missions. In a lengthy interview with GolfHouse, this hospitality industry icon has shared his views, his beliefs, his methods and his plans regarding the hospitality industry and tourism sector of Bangladesh.




Q&A

**What is the story behind the Space Apartment Hotel?**

Service apartments have been there in Bangladesh for quite some time. But it never got that exposure because those were not made as apartments, rather made or run by people, mostly foreigners, to meet their specific demands. But Space Apartment is a proper service apartment that has been built for. It has the total infrastructure, people and other aspects to be regarded as full-fledged boutique service apartments.

**What kind of facilities do these apartments offer?**

Space Apartments is a new meaning of boutique service. If you compare with any other hotel, we are able to provide similar service. We do not have a bar or a swimming pool, but we are at par, if not better, at all the other aspects. We have 24X7 restaurant, laundry service, front desk, housekeeping, etc. The guests are always taken care of. We build a lifecycle around the life of our guests – it is strategically located at the diplomatic zone, close to the beautiful Gulshan Park. Guests feel relaxed and comfortable staying here.

**People from which section of society usually stay in these apartments?**

Frankly speaking, the high-end people stay in these apartments. We serve the cream of the crop. Paying for a one or two-day stay at such price is no big deal, but staying for a month or a year is not very easy for everyone. It's tough to find such guests, but we have built a team over the years which is doing great. We are doing superb business. We have a clientele which includes top executives of some of the top corporate houses, multinational companies and development agencies such as Grameenphone, Unilever, Tommy Hilfiger, etc.

**How is the fare/tariff?**

We have a regular rate and we have a corporate rate.

**What is the significant aspect of these apartments?**

The significant feature is space. We do give a lot of space -- 650 sq ft for deluxe one and 700 sq ft for premium one, with attached balcony. We cater to very high-end clientele. They get bored of staying in five-star hotels a few days and come here. They want to feel special and have their own identity. So we make sure that any guest who walks in can live his life to the fullest.

**How is Space Apartments contributing to tourism?**

We provide guests with a long-term abode with security and luxury. Our guests need to have a good place to live for a long period of time. They need to acclimatize, they need to feel highly secured and we provide that to our guests. The impression that they get from our service, from our employees is the impression they make of our country. So we are contributing in that sense by providing a positive image of the country to the foreigners. My employees are the ambassadors of this country.

**What should the tourism authority do to promote tourism in Bangladesh?**

I recently visited Rangamati. No doubt it is a beautiful place, but the resort that I have stayed in was a bit clumsy with it's service. But there are also good examples of tourism & service well done such as the properties in Sylhet, Coxs Bazar. etc. The current government has taken massive initiatives to promote Bangladesh and I appreciate and also understand the tourism authority that these initiatives would take time in improving the image of Bangladesh to the world.

**There are 32 apartment buildings under the Space Apartments. How difficult is to manage such massive property?**

Over the course of time I have developed a good set of people who staunchly believe in me and the new wave of change that I have brought in the hospitality industry. They are doing a fantastic job. My method is to empower people. I don't tell them to do things; I give them a total understanding of the things or decisions that they take.

**How crucial is education when it comes to hospitality industry?**

It is imperative that the personnel that we have here are well educated, in English specially. We are dealing with human beings. First thing is the hoteliers should know manners and etiquettes; they should know what to do and what not to do. A hotelier should see things from a guest's point of view. The English and accent has to be there. They need to know the American or British way of doing things. Grooming is important also, but most important is having a smile.

**Why do we have to hire people from other countries to run some of the top executive positions in our hospitality industry?**

In my opinion, Bangladesh hospitality industry is going through a big transition. We have had Westin, Radisson, Sonargaon, Sheraton, Lakeshore etc. But in a couple of years, there will be a good number of hotels coming up in the country and we are going to need a lot of resources. The quality of students can be improved. Once the hotels take shape, there will be more demand for studying hospitality management. At the moment there is not enough qualified people in the sector which is why we have expats running some major hotels of Bangladesh. But this is going to change pretty soon.

**What was it that encouraged you come to this sector?**

I have been in hospitality industry for a few years, maybe not as much as some others. But when I was with the Lakeshore Hotel, I made it the number one hotel in town in the tripadvisor. And it still is the number one out of 85 hotels in this town. When I joined it was a totally brand new hotel. So I made it my recipe of success. I included a lot of technology into the hotel. It is the service and the people that brings in business, not the chairs and tables. I joined service apartment industry because I wanted to be one of the pioneers of this industry.

**Do you take interest in golf?**

I do have interest in golf. I used to live in Uttara before and I used to look at the beautiful people playing golf there. I have my relatives and friends who play golf. I'm getting a lot of information regarding golf and very soon you may find me in one of the golf courses.



# 11TH PROVATI INSURANCE CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT-2018

The three-day long 11th Provati Insurance Cup Golf Tournament-2018 ended through a colorful concluding ceremony at the Mainamati Golf and Country Club (MGCC) on 31 March 2018.

President of Mainamati Golf and Country Club (MGCC), The 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.

Colonel A F M Atiqur Rahman, afwc, psc, G won the Champion trophy and Mrs Lt Col Md Saiful Islam won the ladies' event title.

Vice president of Mainamati Golf and Country Club Brigadier General Md Nazrul, ndu, afwc, psc, G, Chairman Development Committee Brigadier General Khondoker Farid Hassan, ndc, Chairman Handicap and Entertainment Committee Brigadier General Mohammad Jahangir Alam, BSP, psc, Golf Captain Colonel Mahbubus Samad Chowdhury, psc, Member Secretary Lieutenant Colonel Md Saiful Islam, Addl Managing Director, Provati Insurance Coy Ltd & Vice Chairman Bhaiya Group of Industries Ltd Mr Shakawat Hossain Mamun, General Manager (Admin Provati Insurance Coy Ltd Mr Md Mijanur Rahman high civil and military officials were present along with their families on the occasion.







# THE DOGS VS CATS GAME WAS PLAYED ON 7TH OF MARCH AT KGC DHAKA WHERE CATS MADE IT ONCE AGAIN A VERY SPECIAL DAY OF GOLF!!!

In the true spirit of the TITANIC DOGS – CATS clashes that began back in 2013, a DOGS' PACK of 18 of the fiercest "MONGRELS" squared-off against a CAT PRIDE of 18 of the meanest "PUSSIE CATS" on the planet to fight for the MANZOOR MEMORIAL CUP. The CATS' effort was boosted by the inclusion of "Sporty CAT" Courtney Walsh, the West Indies Bowling Legend and now Bangladesh Cricket Coach..... BIG BIG TAIL WAGS AND PURRS WELCOME for TALL-MAN Courtney!!

Although the CATS have dominated the event when held at Chittagong's famous Bhatiary Golf Club .... over the past few years the DOGS had managed to lift the trophy at the MIGHTY K ..... that is until now! .... TOP CAT Salman Ispahani's PRIDE managed to snatch VICTORY by a 12 point margin (CATS 533 pts to DOGS 521 pts)..... The scores being the aggregate of the individual Stableford scores for each team. GREAT JOB CATS!!! .... and commiserations to the DOGS!! Note that with a winning margin of just 12 pts TALL-MAN Courtney could very well claim the VICTORY was all down to his hard fought 18 pts!!!!!

RESULTS:

| GROUP No. | DOGS | H/cap | FRONT-9 | BACK-9 | TOTAL | CATS | H/cap | FRONT-9 | BACK-9 | TOTAL | COMMENTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | TD Gaza | 22 | 13 | 20 | 33 | Salman | 16 | 19 | 8 | 27 | FRONT - 9 START |
| | Mucker Ray | 21 | 21 | 14 | 35 | Rizwan | 22 | 16 | 8 | 24 | |
| 2 | Maestro Wallace | 18 | 18 | 8 | 26 | Sharek | 10 | 21 | 16 | 37 | <<--- OVERALL 3rd |
| | Rene Schlapp | 20 | 16 | 15 | 31 | Ejaz | 13 | 15 | 14 | 29 | |
| 3 | Jakob Ilkjaer | 10 | 18 | 14 | 32 | Saad | 9 | 17 | 20 | 37 | <<--- OVERALL 2nd |
| | Peter Hallberg | 21 | 17 | 16 | 33 | Pintu | 18 | 23 | 12 | 35 | |
| 4 | Dr FISH - Malcolm | 25 | 10 | 10 | 20 | Imran | 23 | 17 | 15 | 32 | |
| | Curtis Jeran | 22 | 21 | 12 | 33 | Babul | 20 | 7 | 2 | 9 | |
| 5 | Ms Lipi | 20 | 17 | 15 | 32 | Milu | 21 | 18 | 13 | 31 | |
| | Ping | 23 | 16 | 13 | 29 | MD. Sattar | 23 | 9 | 13 | 22 | |
| 6 | Ehsan Chisti | 17 | 11 | 13 | 24 | Rashed | 23 | 17 | 15 | 32 | BACK - 9 START |
| | Col Reza | 26 | 14 | 11 | 25 | M.Muq | 24 | 20 | 19 | 39 | <<--- BEST OVER ALL |
| 7 | Frederic Verague | 20 | 13 | 15 | 28 | Dolon | 16 | 17 | 14 | 31 | |
| | Sunyat Ali | 21 | 10 | 12 | 22 | Moinul | 16 | 19 | 12 | 31 | |
| 8 | WILD Bill Collis | 18 | 19 | 12 | 31 | Reza | 13 | 14 | 18 | 32 | |
| | Shujaat Ali | 20 | 21 | 15 | 36 | Raj | 16 | 17 | 13 | 30 | |
| 9 | Dom Spencer | 16 | 12 | 13 | 25 | Arshi | 6 | 22 | 15 | 37 | |
| | Omar | 15 | 14 | 12 | 26 | Courtney Walsh | 22 | 9 | 9 | 18 | |
| | | TOTALS DOGS | 281 | 240 | 521 | | TOTALS CATS | 297 | 236 | 533 | |

## CATS vs DOGS HISTORY 2013 - 2018

| | DATE | VENUE | PLAYERS/TEAM | RESULT | CATS PTS | DOGS PTS | WINNING MARGIN | Losing Margin/Player |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 16/03/2013 | KGC Dhaka | 28 | CATS | 920 | 863 | 57 | 2.04 |
| 2 | 8/02/2014 | Bhatiary Golf Club Chittagong | 28 | CATS | 846 | 791 | 55 | 1.96 |
| 3 | 14/03/2015 | Bhatiary Golf Club Chittagong | 18 | CATS | 657 | 585 | 72 | 4.00 |
| 4 | 28/11/2015 | KGC Dhaka | 18 | DOGS | 531 | 568 | 37 | 2.06 |
| 5 | 6/02/2016 | Bhatiary Golf Club Chittagong | 32 | CATS | 914 | 873 | 41 | 1.28 |
| 6 | 10.12/2016 | KGC Dhaka | 24 | DOGS | 662 | 670 | 8 | 0.33 |
| 7 | 4/11/2017 | KGC Dhaka | 20 | DOGS | 471 | 479 | 8 | 0.40 |
| 8 | 27/01/2018 | Bhatiary Golf Club Chittagong | | CATS | | | | |
| 9 | 7/04/2018 | KGC Dhaka | 18 | CATS | 533 | 521 | 12 | 0.67 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Bhatiary | CATS 4 wins ..... DOGS nil |
| KGC | CATS 2 wins ..... DOGS 3 wins |
| OVERALL | CATS 6 wins ..... DOGS 3 wins |



# 3RD WALTON PRESIDENT CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018

## WINNER LIST

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|---|
| Winner Shaikh Faridul Islam |
| Runner Up Lt Col Md Kamruzzaman |
| 2nd Runner Up Tousif Hasan |

Among 696 golfers, Mr Shaikh Faridul Islam won the title of the four-day 3rd Walton President Cup Golf Tournament 2018, held at Army Golf Club, Dhaka on April 25-28, 2018. Lt Col Md Kamruzzaman grabbed runner up and Kusum Farid won the Ladies Winner title.

General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiul Huq, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army and Chief Patron, Army Golf Club gave away the prize to the winners as the chief guest.

Major General S M Matiur Rahman, President, Army Golf Club, Brigadier General Shah-Noor-Jilani, Chairman Tournament Committee, Army Golf Club, Brig Gen Muhammad Hasan Imam Farazi, Golf Captain, Army Golf Club, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Nurul Kabir, Member Secretary, Army Golf Club, Lieutenant Colonel Md Tozammel Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer, Army Golf Club, Major Muhammad Almas Uddin (Retd), General Manager, Golf Operations & Sports, Army Golf Club and S M Nurul Alam Rezvi, Vice Chairman, Walton Group were also present. A large numbers of participants, other members of Walton Groupand high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the function. Followings were the winners of tournament.




# BANGLADESH GETS TWO CERTIFIED B-CATEGORY TEACHING PROS

Two Bangladeshi teaching professionals completed the B Category course successfully for the first time. Mohammad Farid and Fardin completed this course from the National Golf Academy of India in Chandigarh recently. They are the first B Category golf teaching professionals of the country, with already five C Category coaches there.

Teaching pro Farid feels this achievement will encourage him to become an A Category teaching pro while young teaching pro Fardeen thinks this is the first step for him towards becoming a world class teaching pro.

Bangladesh has many non-certified teaching pros, most of whom were either ball boys or caddies. But these seven people are certified teaching pros. Technical and supportive staff is an important factor in golf development. The more there will be certified teaching pros, rules officials, greenskeeper in the country, the more developed will golf be, thinks Bangladesh Golf Academy's rector Brigadier General Mohiuddin Siddque.





# SIDDIKUR RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD




Ace Bangladeshi golfer Siddikur Rahman has been bestowed with a lifetime achievement award by The Leadbetter Golf Academy, Bangladesh recently.

Siddikur was accorded a reception at the Kurmitola Golf Club on April 13, 2018 where he received the award.

Momin Ud Dowlah, chairman of LGA, Bangladesh, presided over the program where Mohammad Nojibur Rahman, principal secretary to the Prime Minister, was present as chief guest.

Bangladesh Golf Federation's senior vice president, Major General Abdullahil Baquee, ndu, psc, was also present as the special guest.

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