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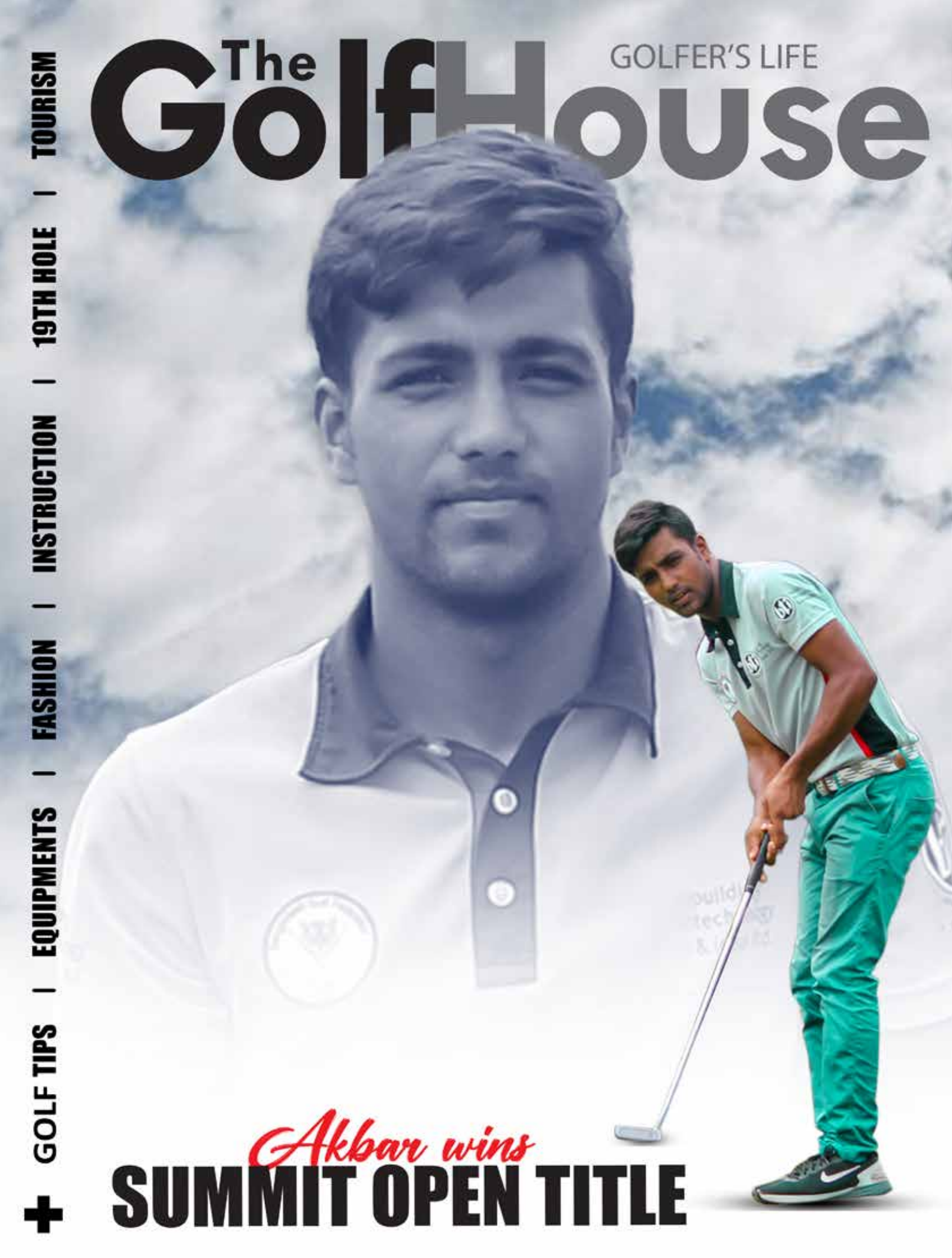
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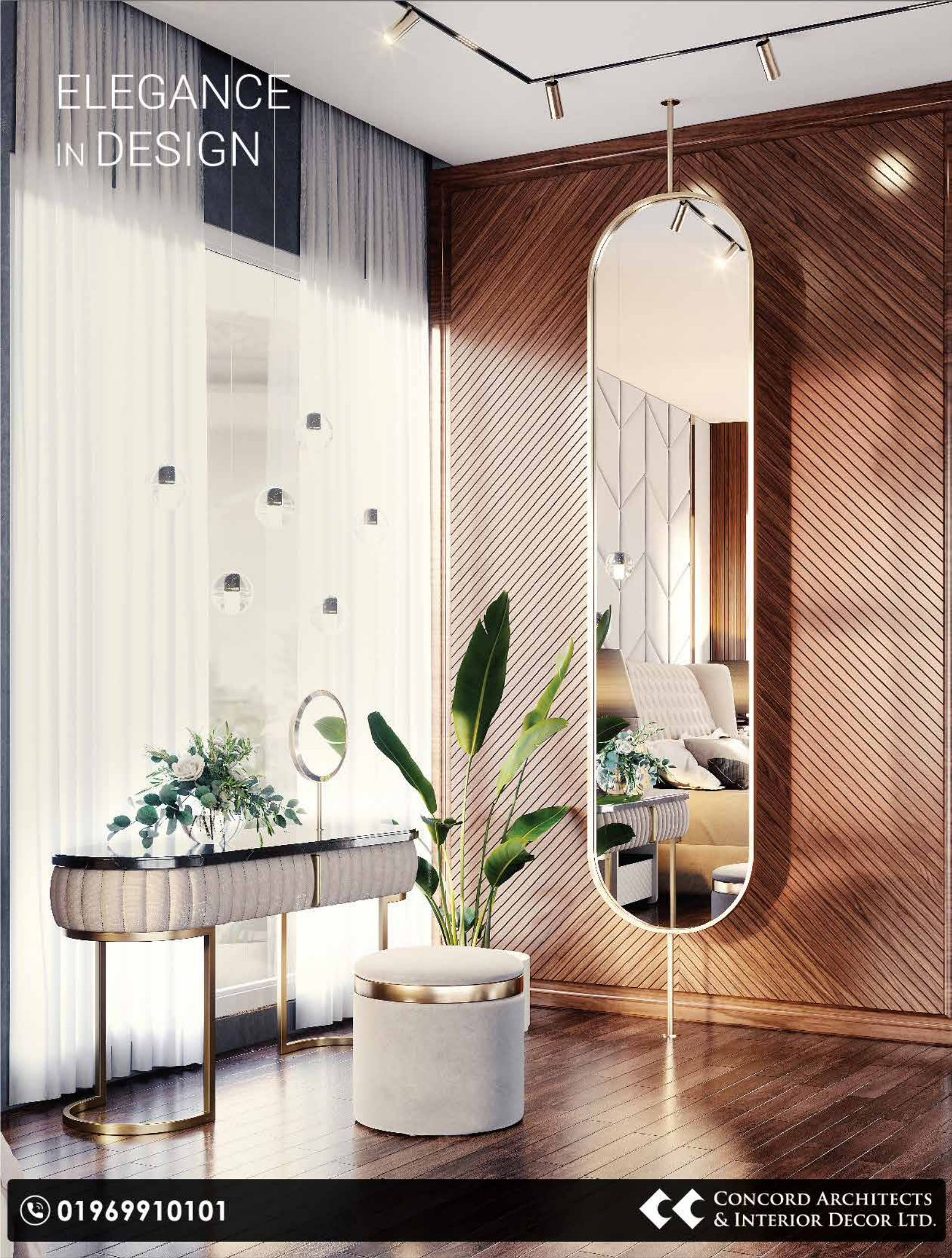


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EDITOR'S CHOICE



Luke List celebrates his second PGA Tour title after winning a five-man play-off at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

Foreword

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Although very much a work in progress, the Jolshiri Golf Club aspires to be one of the most sought-after clubs in the country with its infrastructure and facilities. The best thing about this club, though, is the fact that it is not in the confines of cantonment area, which would encourage more civilians to avail the club's facilities and exercise their golfing skills.

This should open up a new horizon in the golfing culture of the country and expand the game to more people.

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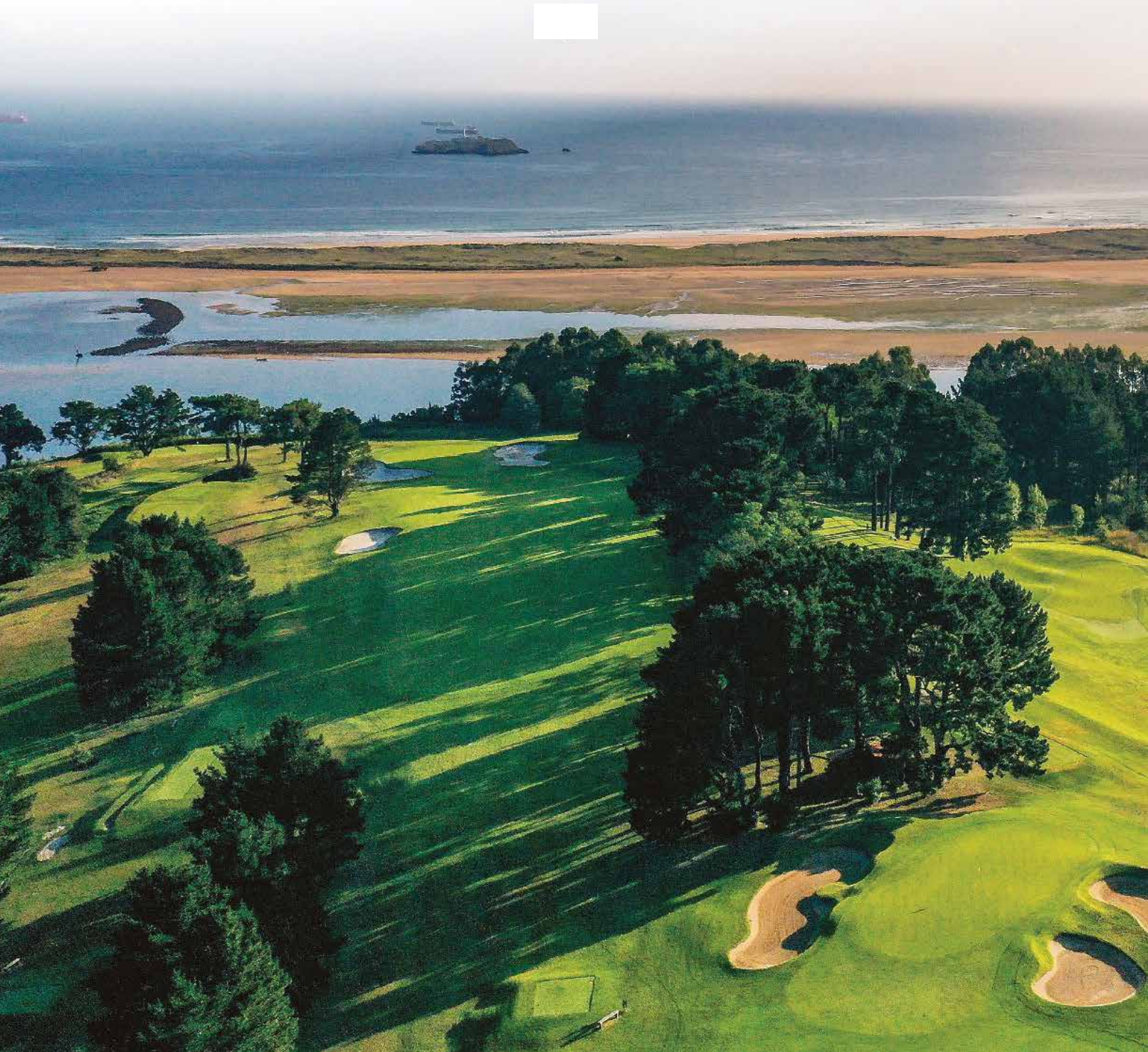
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Get out of the bunker!

Greg Norman once said the best way to hit a bunker shot is to avoid the bunker in the first place. Sadly, we don't always have that luxury. We have to learn how to hit a bunker shot!
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REAL GOLF DE PEDRENA

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Indeed, you will find that relatively few golf club websites in this neck of the Spanish woods offer an English translation, as most would do in the south.
But what this area boasts that the others can only dream of is an everlasting association with Spain's greatest ever golfing 'export' – the legendary Severiano Ballesteros Sota.
The sadly missed maestro learned his game on the beach alongside the course at Pedrena, where the original 18 holes were laid out by none other than Harry Shapland Colt in the 1920s, another golfing legend in the eyes of many.
The rolling parkland layout that he created boasts some magnificent green complexes and stirring vistas, even



more so again now, as clearing work over the last decade has opened up views across the Bay of Santander once more.
In the early 1990s, Seve himself created a new nine-hole course at the club, with seven holes flanking theRiver Cubas – perhaps even more reason to take your next golfing pilgrimage in this often overlooked part of the country.



In northern Spain? Why not play...



13TH SUMMIT OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023







Akbar Hossain clinched the title of 13th Summit Open Golf Tournament 2023, which was recently held at the Kurmitola Golf Club.

Akbar, a PGTI regular, clinched the title with a score of three-under-par, finishing 11 strokes ahead of Nuruzzaman and Dulal Hossain.

The three-day tournament was the first professional event organised by the Bangladesh Golf Federation in a long time. Lack of practice and absence of professional tournaments played a negative role in the performance of the professional golfers, opined the organisers.

Major General Md. Zahirul Islam, SGP, ndc, psc the vice president of KGC and Senior VP of Bangladesh Golf Federation, graced the closing ceremony as the chief guest where Mr Farid Khan, vice chairman of Summit Group, was present as special guest.

BABUL CHAMPION
IN RADIANT OPEN 2023







Babul Hossain of Bhatiary Golf & Country Club clinched his maiden title at the Radiant Open 2023 held at the BGCC in Chattogram recently.

Babul took the lead with a stunning three-under-par in the second round, staying one shot ahead of first-round leader Akbar Hossain.

Drama continued till the last hole in the final round, with tournament leader Akbar falling for a bogey while Babul getting the victory with a birdie to win the tournament with a score of five-under-par.
Akbar and Sazib Ali both tied for second place at four-under-par.

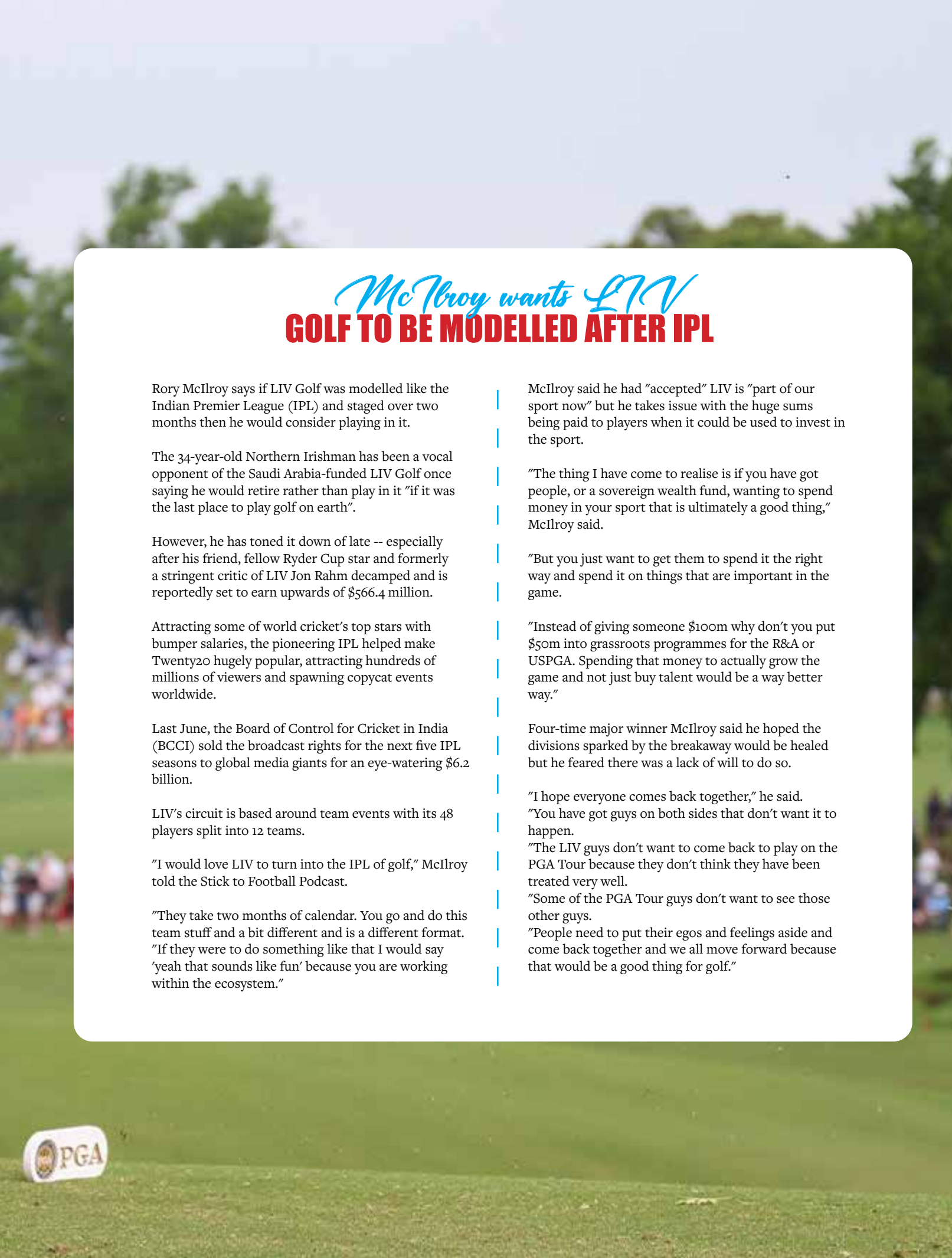
Abdul Kader of BGCC was the leading Amateur of the event.

Brig Gen Rezaul Karim, ndc, psc Station Commander, Station Headquarters, Chattogram Cantonment handed over the trophies and cheques to the winners as the chief guest at the prize giving ceremony. Musawath Shams Zahedee, Member, Board of Directors, Radiant Pharmaceuticals Limited was present as the special guest.

Lt Col Khandaker Abdul Wahed (retd), President, Bangladesh Professional Golfers Association and Brig Gen Ahsanul Huq Miah (retd), Secretary General, BPGA were also present during the event.







McIlroy wants LIV
GOLF TO BE MODELLED AFTER IPL

Rory McIlroy says if LIV Golf was modelled like the Indian Premier League (IPL) and staged over two months then he would consider playing in it.

The 34-year-old Northern Irishman has been a vocal opponent of the Saudi Arabia-funded LIV Golf once saying he would retire rather than play in it "if it was the last place to play golf on earth".

However, he has toned it down of late -- especially after his friend, fellow Ryder Cup star and formerly a stringent critic of LIV Jon Rahm decamped and is reportedly set to earn upwards of $566.4 million.

Attracting some of world cricket's top stars with bumper salaries, the pioneering IPL helped make Twenty20 hugely popular, attracting hundreds of millions of viewers and spawning copycat events worldwide.

Last June, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) sold the broadcast rights for the next five IPL seasons to global media giants for an eye-watering $6.2 billion.

LIV's circuit is based around team events with its 48 players split into 12 teams.

"I would love LIV to turn into the IPL of golf," McIlroy told the Stick to Football Podcast.

"They take two months of calendar. You go and do this team stuff and a bit different and is a different format. "If they were to do something like that I would say 'yeah that sounds like fun' because you are working within the ecosystem."

McIlroy said he had "accepted" LIV is "part of our sport now" but he takes issue with the huge sums being paid to players when it could be used to invest in the sport.

"The thing I have come to realise is if you have got people, or a sovereign wealth fund, wanting to spend money in your sport that is ultimately a good thing," McIlroy said.

"But you just want to get them to spend it the right way and spend it on things that are important in the game.

"Instead of giving someone $100m why don't you put $50m into grassroots programmes for the R&A or USPGA. Spending that money to actually grow the game and not just buy talent would be a way better way."

Four-time major winner McIlroy said he hoped the divisions sparked by the breakaway would be healed but he feared there was a lack of will to do so.

"I hope everyone comes back together," he said.
"You have got guys on both sides that don't want it to happen.
"The LIV guys don't want to come back to play on the PGA Tour because they don't think they have been treated very well.
"Some of the PGA Tour guys don't want to see those other guys.
"People need to put their egos and feelings aside and come back together and we all move forward because that would be a good thing for golf."



COMING UP IN 2024

INSIDE THE NEW LOOK PGA TOUR

Tigeris now a board member, players have been given more say, and the FedEx Cup will now pay out $25 million to its winner!

The PGA Tour is changing for the better, with a reimagined series of events for 2024, a new, high-profile board member, and another record prize fund. Jay Monahan is staying on for now, but player power is on the rise and the rewards are about to get even juicer.
Here's everything you need to know about the tour's latest round of changes.

The FedEx Cup season has a new format.
The tour will return to a calendar-year season for the first time in a decade, with 39 events running from the start of January to the start of September. The FedEx Cup fall events, which will finalise the top-125 for 2025, are set to be announced later in the year.

The signature events have replaced the World Golf Championships.
Previously known as designated events, the eight 'big events' outside of the Majors and Players Championship will now include the Pebble Beach Pro-Am for the first time, in addition to the Tournament of Champions, Genesis Invitational, Arnold Palmer Invitational, RBC Heritage, Wells Fargo Championship, The Memorial, and the Travelers Championship. The Phoenix Open has lost its 'signature' status, while the co-sanctioned Scottish Open has again been overlooked.

ARE WE ANY CLOSER TO THE FRAME WORK AGREEMENT BEING SIGNED?
Not yet, but the tours and the PIF have until the end of the year to ratify the proposed for-profit entity. Both parties also have the option to extend the deadline.

Some signature events will retain a cut.
There's been lots of chatter about the PGA Tour abolishing all cuts, à la the LIV Golf model, but a compromise means that only five of the signature events will no longer have a cut. The Genesis, Arnold Palmer and Memorial will still feature a 36-hole cut and pay $4 million to the winner (a 20 percent share of the overall purse). The rest will pay the standard 18 percent.

Player power is on the rise.
Unlike this year, it will not be compulsory for the tour's biggest stars to attend every signature event. Rory McIlroy was forced to give up $3m from the Player Impact Program after skipping the RBC Heritage, but from 2024 onwards, players will have the freedom to pick and choose where they play without taking a financial hit.

PGA Tour stars have never had it so good.
The prizemoney will reach even crazier levels in 2024. The FedEx Cup champion will bank $25m, up from $18m this year, while the top-10 in the regular season standings will also pocket a share of a $40m bonus pool before the playoffs have even started. The purse for the Wyndham Championship, the final event of the regular season, has also been doubled, to $40 million, with $8 million going to the victor. Crucially, that event is set to take place on August 8, four days after the Olympic Men's Golf Competition. In other words, don't expect to see Rory McIlroy and Jon Rahm lining up for their countries in Paris.

'Trending' players will now be rewarded.
The season begins with the first signature event, the Tournament of Champions, which will feature winners from the previous calendar year, as well as the top-50 members from the 2022-23 FedEx Cup.
The qualifying criteria remains the same for the remaining events, but with the caveat that 15 members can play their way into each event, based on their FedEx Cup ranking and their results preceding each signature tournament.

Tiger Woods has been added to the PGA Tour Policy Board.
Jay Monahan's power is on the wane. A group of 41 players, led by Tiger and Rory, sent a list of demands to Monahan to effectively surrender control to the players in the wake of the tour's secret framework agreement with the Public Investment Fund. With trust at an all-time low, Monahan was left with no choice but to agree to new governance and transparency measures which dictate that no changes to the tour can be approved without player consent. Crucially, Tiger has since been appointed to the policy board, meaning the players now outnumber the independent directors by six to five. In other words, they now have a voting majority for the first time.

The PGA Tour won't be rolling the ball back.
The R&A has been notified that the PGATour will not support the proposed golf ball rollback that aims to curb hitting distances by around 15 yards. In a memo to members, Monahan claimed there is "widespread and significant belief the proposed Modified Local Rule is not warranted and is not in the best interest of the game." The DP World Tour has yet to comment.





COMING UP IN 2024

DP WORLD TOUR UNVEILS SCHEDULE SHAKE-UP

TheDP WorldTouris setfor a major overhaul next year with five global swings, a playoff double header, and two new bonus pools. Here are the main take-aways…

The DPWorldTour is going global

The former European Tour will be made up of 44 events in 24 countries across five continents. Players will compete for a record prize fund of US$148.5 million (not including the four majors), plus a Race to Dubai bonus pool of US$7.3 million.

The off-season lasts four days

The season begins at the Australian PGA Championship on November 23, just after the DP WorldTour Championship wraps up. The schedule also includes two new events, the Dubai Invitational and the Bahrain Championship, with the tri-sanctioned ISPS Handa World Invitational in Northern Ireland dropping out.The five Rolex Series events remain unchanged and will again offer the biggest purses.

For the first time ever, a playoff series will be used to crown the Race to Dubai champion

The Abu Dhabi Championship is moving from its traditional January slot to the penultimate event in November, featuring the leading 70 players from the Race to Dubai. The top-50 players will then advance to the season-ending DP WorldTour Championship in Dubai. As is the case this season, the top-10 from the 2024 Race to Dubai rankings (not otherwise exempt) will earn PGA Tour cards for the 2025 season.

Five 'global swings' will take place over the first eight months

Each swing will have its own individual ranking and champion, who will each earn US$200,000 from an overall US$1 million bonus pool.
The champions of each swing will then qualify for the new 'Back Nine' events, which run from the British Masters until the season finale. Another US$1 million bonus pool will be shared among the leading 10 players on the Race to Dubai after the Danish Golf Championship on August 25.

Three UK events will take place over a five-week stretch

The British Masters will return to The Belfry at the end of August and kickstart the 'Back Nine' series, featuring the Irish Open, BMW PGA Championship and Dunhill Links Championship. The top-15 members on the FedEx Cup ladder will be eligible to play in these events and qualify for the playoffs. The top-110 players on the Race to Dubai Rankings at the conclusion of this series in October will earn their DP World Tour cards for 2025.

THE KEY DATES

- **JAN 18-21** Dubai Desert Classic
- **JULY 11-14** Scottish Open
- **AUG 29-SEPT 2** British Masters
- **SEPT 12-15** Irish Open
- **SEPT 19-22** BMW PGA Championship
- **OCT 3-6** Dunhill Links
- **NOV 7-10** Abu Dhabi Championship
- **NOV 14-17** DP World Tour Championship



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GORDON SARGENT

Lived up to his billing as the world's best amateur by carrying America to a fourth consecutive victory in the Walker Cup at St Andrews. He won all four matches and even drove the 326-metre 18th with a 3-wood!

SIMON HAWKES

The Tasmanian won the 2023 WA Open at Joondalup, despite spending most of his time these days as a full-time member of the grounds crew constructing the spectacular 7 Mile Beach golf course near Hobart.

PETER MARGIN

The Golf Australia board has appointed the experienced businessman as Chair of the organisation, succeeding the outgoing Andrew Newbold. Margin is also the Deputy Chair of Bega Cheese.

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JASON DAY

Welcomed child number five to the world and many Aussie golf fans would deem that a more than fair reason for missing the Australian Open ... had he not signed up to play in Tiger Woods' 20-man invitational, the Hero World Challenge, on the same weekend.

PAUL GOYDOS

Leading by one with two to play in a PGA Tour Champions event, the 60-year-old somehow contrived to four-putt from three feet, handing Vijay Singh an unlikely victory.

ALEJANDRO TOSTI

The soon-to-be PGA Tour star is building quite the reputation as the new bad boy of golf. He was forced to withdraw from a Korn Ferry Tour event for an expletive-filled outburst and rumours soon followed that he had been suspended.



RETIRE THAT SWING THOUGHT OF KEEPING YOUR HEAD DOWN

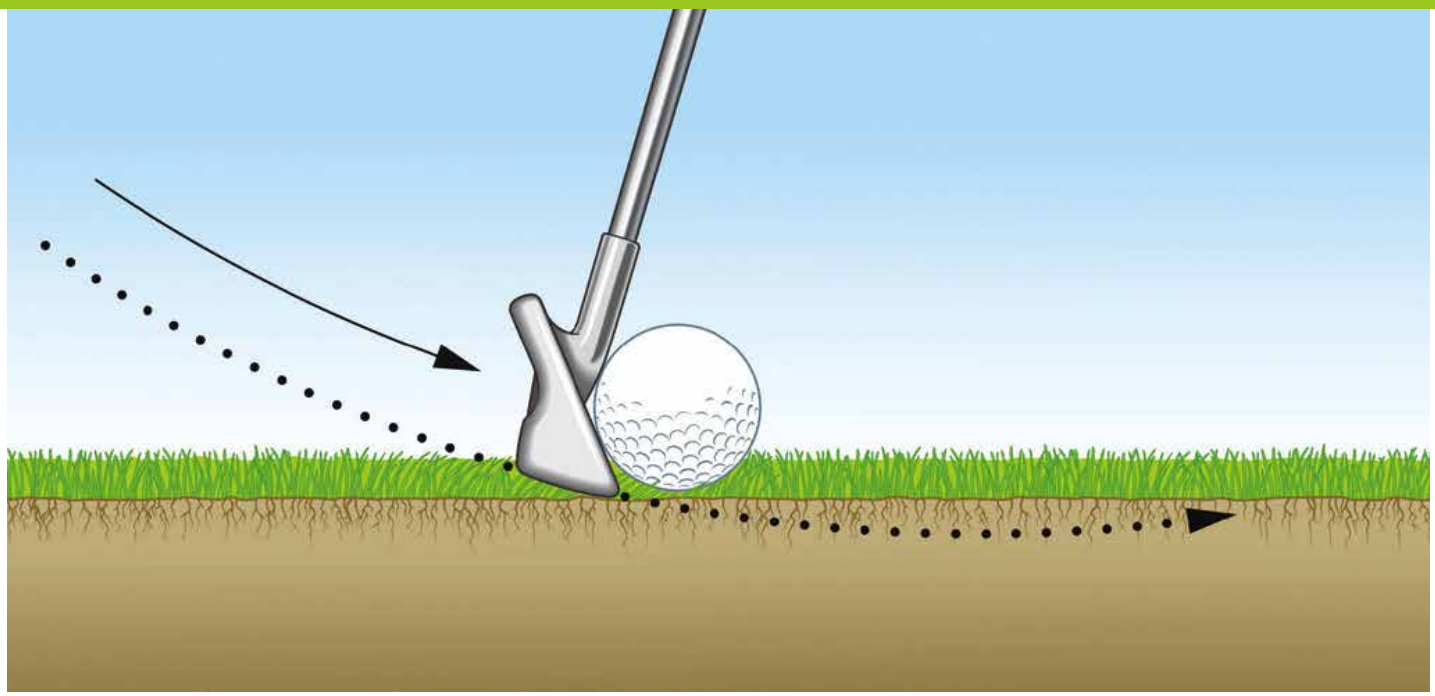
Looking for the all-time king of golf instruction malarkey? "Keep your head down" has to be in the conversation. What makes it so damaging is that it's one of the worst pieces of advice you can get.

"Our coaches will teach about 1.8 million golf lessons in 2023, and about a million of those will start with a player blaming their topped and chunked shots on not keeping their head down," says Nick Clearwater, GolfTEC's senior vice president of player development. "Your bad shots are literally never caused by this 'problem'. The best players in the world are moving their head upward, and their arms and legs are straightening as they swing through the ball. Yours should, too."

Instead of working hard to keep your head down — which only serves to restrict your body and slow your arm swing — try this plan of action: Make sure to set up so that the ball is in the centre of your gaze. If it drifts too far forward or back, it disrupts your depth perception, and you won't have as much success swinging freely and making consistent contact. Now make some swings where your only goal is to copy the position of the figure on the PGA Tour's logo —that's it.

"The only way to get there is to let your torso move up and your arms and legs extend," Clearwater says.

"Have a friend film you and see how consistently you can get into that position. The closer you are to getting that part right, the more issues you'll automatically knock out of your golf swing."



YOU DON'T CREATE BACKSP IN THE WAY YOU MIGHT THINK — AND YOU'RE MAKING THE SUPERINTENDENT ANGRY

Every week, hundreds of tour players peel off huge divot pelts as they hit wedge shots that spin back several feet. It's cool to watch, but it gives many amateur players the wrong idea about what it takes to get some of that sauce on their shots. It sends them back to their home courses, chopping down on the ball like Paul Bunyan.

"The best players in the world do hit slightly down on the ball, but that downward hit isn't what's producing all that backspin," says Paul Wood, Ping's vice president of engineering. "They're doing it with clubhead speed and friction from clean contact."

The problem with swinging aggressively down is that it often results in hitting the ground before the ball, piling a bunch of dirt and grass between it and the club.

"Don't be distracted by the size of the divot," Wood says. "Pros are hitting the ball first — cleanly — then taking the divot, and its size is usually because they have a lot more speed than average players do."

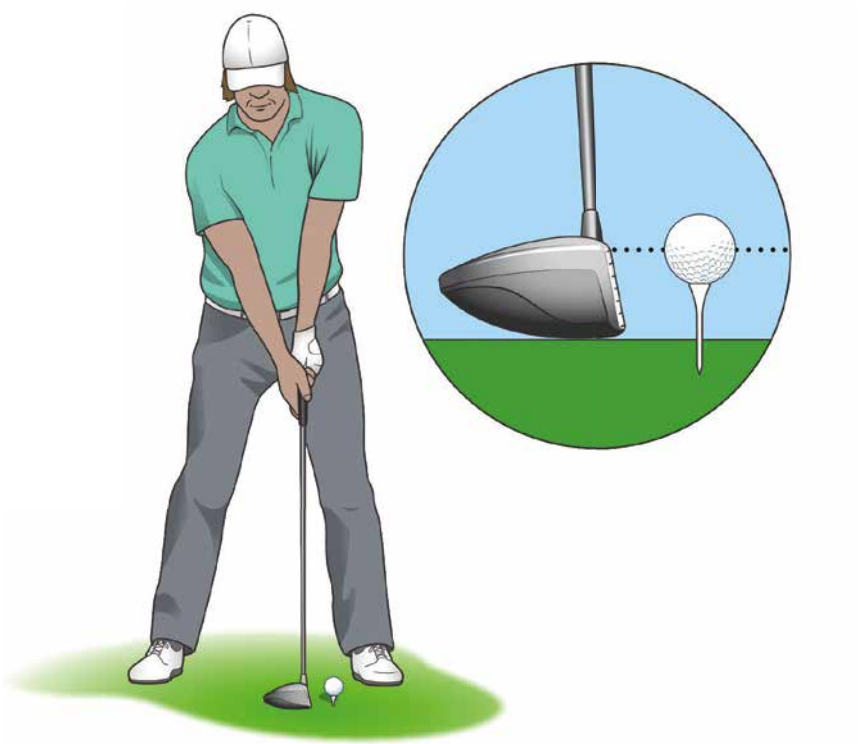
The term to understand is "spin loft," Wood says. It's the difference between the dynamic loft of the club and its angle of attack as it reaches the ball. Peak spin comes when you have 50 degrees of spin loft, and it can be achieved without tour-pro speed. Just make ball-first contact with a slight downward blow, Wood says.

TEE IT HIGH AND LET IT FLY? NOT REALLY

Two-time World Long Drive champion Kyle Berkshire swings his driver 145 miles per hour and can generate 230 miles per hour of ball speed. It's OK for him to tee the ball high and launch it into outer space, but what about you? Berkshire's coach Bernie Najar, says you're most likely dialling up a drive into the rough — or someone's back yard.

"If your tendency is to swing from out to in like a lot of amateur golfers do, teeing the ball high and playing it more forward in your stance creates a scenario in which you're going to have impact collisions that are much more off-centre — both horizontally and vertically on the face," Najar says. "Catch it too low on the face and you'll put too much backspin on it. Swipe it off the toe and you'll have an even bigger right miss. You're mostly looking at bigger slices or straight pulls."

To hit your longest drives, get a little more vanilla with your set-up, Najar says: Tee the ball so that about half of it is above the crown of your driver, and don't let your ball position drift more forward than the inside edge of your front heel. You'll be able to sweep it off the tee at an optimal launch angle for your speed.





CAMERON SMITH

WHY THIS BACKSWING POSITION IS IMPORTANT

Did you know that adding distance to all your shots isn't simply a case of making a bigger backswing, it's about making a better backswing?

The biggest mistake any golfer can make is to try and gain that extra clubhead speed at impact by swinging too far in the backswing. This usually results in a right elbow (for right-handers) that bends so much it looks like a 'V'. This tucked elbow causes a narrow width backswing and can lead to the left arm to bending and all width of the swing lost. Remember, the wider the arc the faster the clubhead speed, which leads to greater distance.

A simple mantra to remember for the ideal top of the backswing position is "the right arm must never fold beyond 90 degrees."

A 90-degree right angle is a strong angle

Your arm in a right angle is at its strongest position – just look at arm wrestlers – and is more supportive of the club at the top of the backswing. Also, as Cam Smith is demonstrating here, it keeps the backswing as wide as possible, which will ultimately lead to more clubhead speed in the downswing.

The final checkpoint when the right arm is at 90 degrees, will be that both arms form an equilateral triangle. A line drawn touching both elbows as the base of the triangle will be parallel to the ground (pictured).

The most important point about this equilateral triangle with the elbows parallel to the ground at the top of the backswing is that the arms, head, neck, shoulders, and back are all free of stress and strain.

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Could a change of attitude really be enough to take us from serial losers to regular winners?

It sounds hard to believe... yet that is exactly what has happened to the England cricket team under the guidance of captain Ben Stokes and head coach Brendon McCullum. Prior to their May 2022 appointments, England had won just one Test match in 18; between then and the start of this summer’s Ashes series, the team won 11 out of 13. Whatever happens over the course of this summer, that has to go down as one of cricket’s greatest turnarounds.

If we could sum up the new mindset of English cricket – coined ‘Bazball’ after McCullum’s nickname – in a word, it would probably be ‘fearlessness’. The team’s relentlessly aggressive and positive approach is founded on a complete and utter absence of fear.In a sporting context fear is essentially fear of failure, of not performing. But this is clearly something Stokes and McCullum are determined to banish. Stories abound of batsmen, returning to the pavilion after early dismissals, receiving only praise for the intent they showed at the crease; of bowlers championed for their aggressive lines even though they are going for a few runs. There is no place for worry in this brave new England camp.

Playing without fear – be that in cricket, golf or any other activity – has of course been a holy grail for sportsmen and women for as long as there has been sport to play... and for a very simple reason: fear hinders performance. Physically, it creates nerves, tension, poor mechanics. Mentally, it pulls us into an unwanted future, dragging our attention from the task at hand.

As golfers, we are all too familiar with these unpleasant sensations. We know fear doesn’t work for or benefit us. But knowing that and keeping it out of our game are two very different things.

So how has the England cricket team become so successful at ousting fear? I believe their success comes down to their attitude to the ultimate fear – the fear of losing, or the fear of not getting the result they want. In professional sport, it is of course a given that winning is the ultimate goal. So Stokes’ insistence that his England side are ready to lose is as extraordinary as it is refreshing. “We are not a results-driven team,” he said recently.“Any game you play in sport, you always want to be the winner. But not putting the result at the top of everything that we think about actually really helps us play freespirited cricket.”

Whether we are the England cricket captain or a 20-handicapper looking to break 90 for the first time, results play a powerful role in our sporting experience. We are all trying to achieve something. But as Stokes suggests, if we let the pursuit of results dominate us, it rarely ends well.

For one thing, much as we’d like to think we are, we are not really in control of our results. Consider this year’s Charles Schwab Challenge. England’s Harry Hall is poised to win his first ever PGA Tour event. On the 18th tee, his slightly tugged drive hits a branch. Instead of dropping down or kicking sideways, his ball somehow manages to kick forward 75 yards into a water hazard no one else had found during the entire week. He misses the play-off by a shot. Such unfortunate moments have influenced golfing results for six centuries. We cannot afford to pin our hopes on something so unpredictable.

But moreover, when we set results as our ultimate goal, we are just begging to be compromised by the fear of failure. Once we set considerable store in a result, we cannot avoid the equal significance of missing out on it... and before we know it, we have placed ourselves under all kinds of needless pressure.

As Stokes and co. have shown us so emphatically, when results cease to be the beall and end-all, you can free yourself up to give your best effort... with the ultimate irony being that it is only once you cease caring about results that you give yourself your best chance of winning.

To clarify,I am not necessarily suggesting you follow the same all-out attack of ‘Bazball’ in your golf. But what you can do, both in the short and long-term, is give yourself a stronger purpose than the result. For Stokes and McCullum, that purpose seems to be the resurrection of Test cricket; for you it could be giving yourself the chance to express your skills, becoming a smarter decision-maker, or simply enjoying every round you play. Whatever it takes, note it well: if you want results, look beyond the result.




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Bryson's Crushers capture LIV team title

How were your nerves coming down the stretch?
Everybody was in flux and I wasn't driving it my best. I drove it very well on the front nine, but the back nine I didn't do it as well. It's one of those things. I was just trying to hit the best shots I possibly could. I was super nervous. I couldn't feel my arms over the ball on the last hole.

Can you tell us about how the team came together?
When I was choosing my team, there were players who wanted to be on the team and there were players who I asked to be on my team. And what's funny is all three of these guys [Anirban Lahiri, Charles Howell III and Paul Casey] wanted to be on my team. I couldn't have picked a better group of guys to be with.

How does this compare to individual titles you've won?
Any time you get a win with a team, I'd say honestly that's more important than individual stuff. Look, Majors are great, but there's a team behind you there. I've got a team, my own team. But having the Crushers be front and centre of the first full season just means the world. We are part of history and I couldn't be more proud of these guys.

Adrian Meronk's disappointment didn't last long as he went on to capture the Andalucia Masters





Tom Kim's Shriners Children's Open triumph made him the youngest player since Tiger Woods to win three PGA Tour titles



Matt Fitzpatrick claimed the Alfred Dunhill Links on the Monday after a weekend washout reduced the tournament to 54 holes



Celine Boutier won the Maybank Championship, beating Thailand's Atthaya Thitikul in a nine-hole play-off



Sami Valimaki sealed victory at the Qatar Masters with a birdie at the first play-off hole

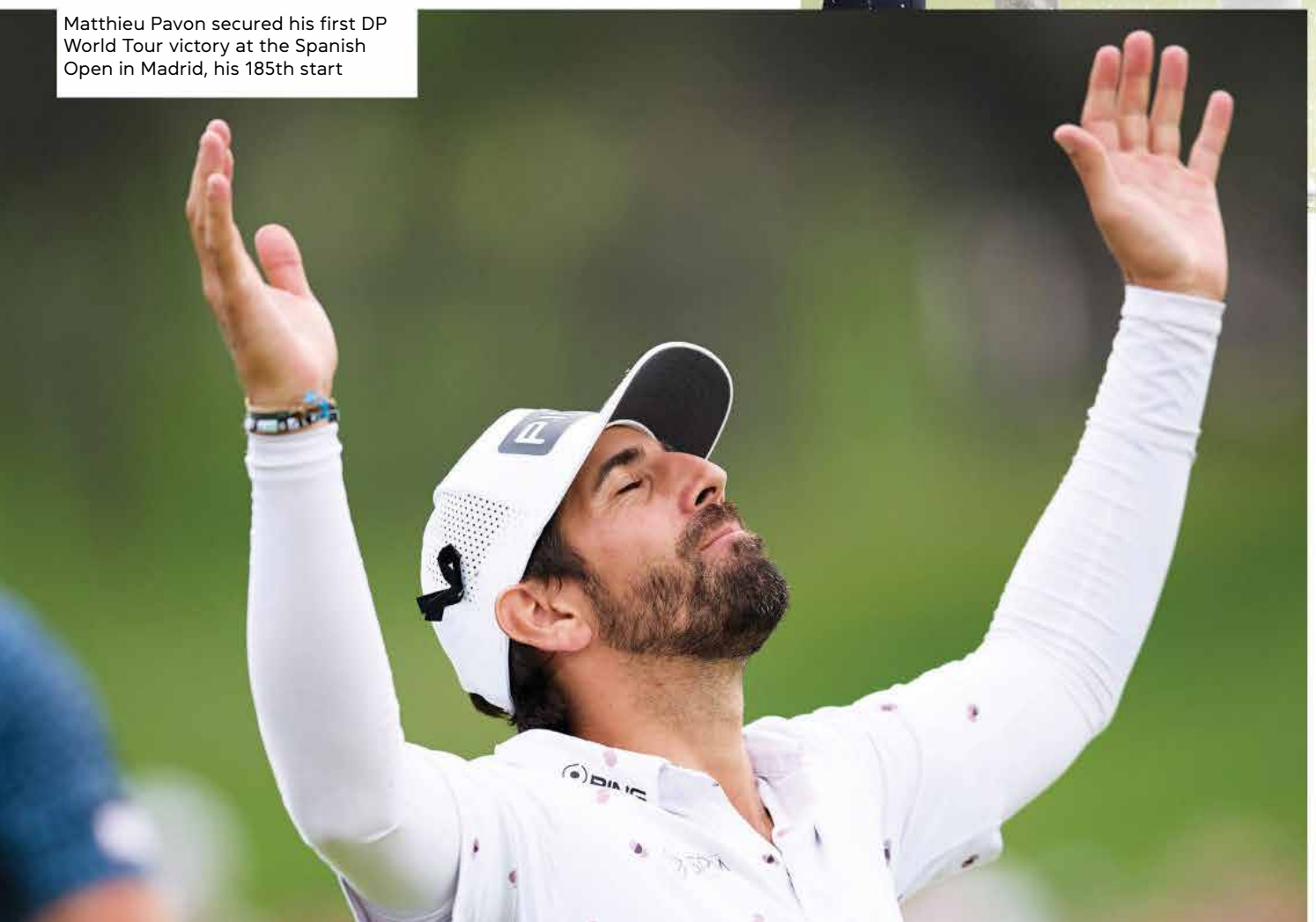




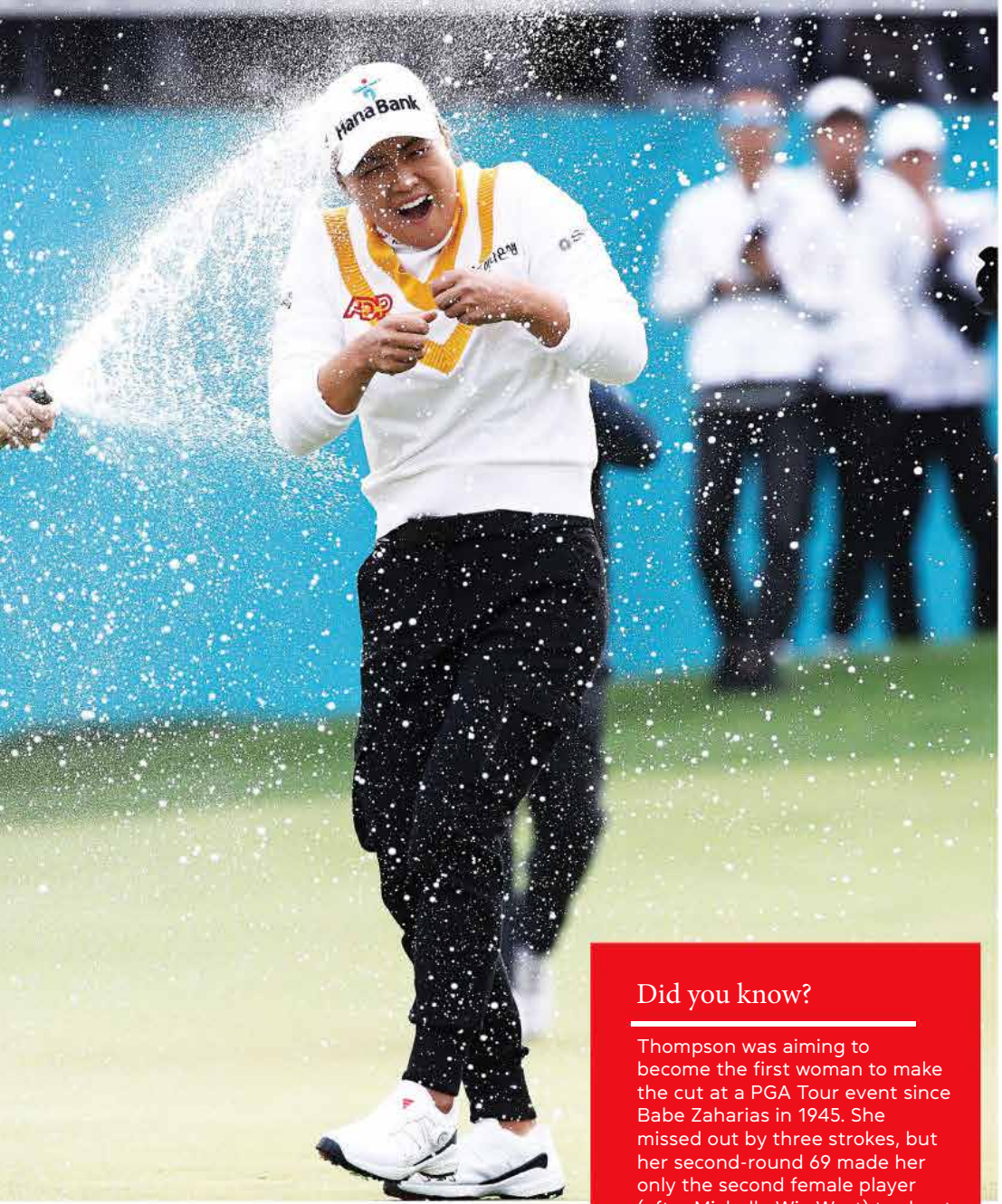
Luke List celebrates his second PGA Tour title after winning a five-man play-off at the Sanderson Farms Championship.



Minjee Lee became the third Australian to win ten or more LPGA Tour events at the BMW Ladies Championship



Matthieu Pavon secured his first DP World Tour victory at the Spanish Open in Madrid, his 185th start



Did you know?

Thompson was aiming to become the first woman to make the cut at a PGA Tour event since Babe Zaharias in 1945. She missed out by three strokes, but her second-round 69 made her only the second female player (after Michelle Wie West) to shoot lower than 70 on the tour.

Lexi Thompson became only the seventh woman to play in a PGA Tour event at the Shriners Children's Open





Matchplay's Do's and Don'ts

The latest in our series of columns from one of the Sunshine Tour's leading officials to help you get the most from your game

With all the recent Walker Cup, Ryder Cup and Solheim Cup action, matchplay golf is certainly at the forefront of the game. Team golf, and in particular matchplay. always makes for interesting and exciting viewing. Even more so because of the various intricacies of specific rules for matchplay that come into effect.

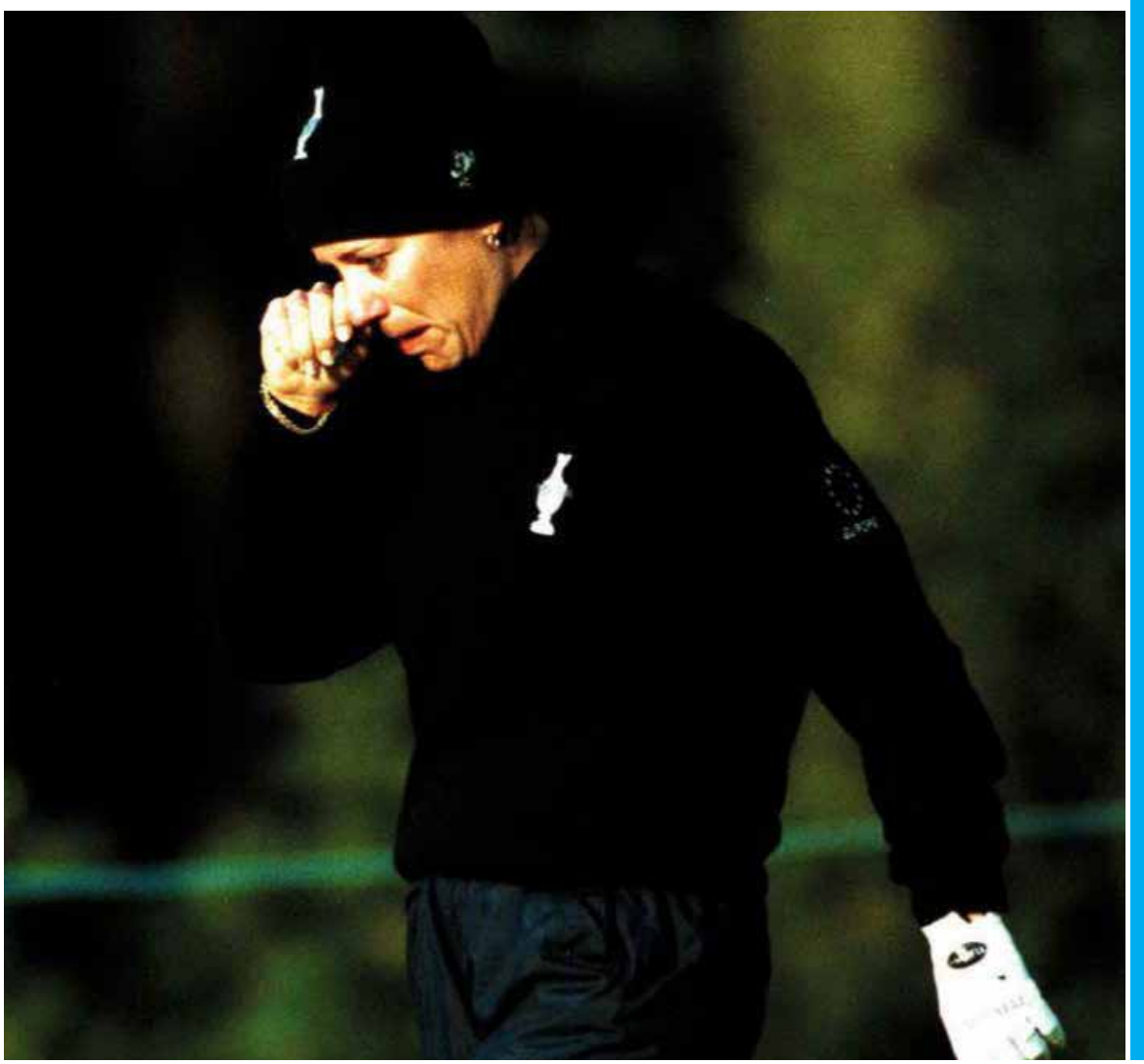
The main principle in strokeplay is that you compete against the entire field, and in order for the rules to protect the rights of all players, penalties are enforced regardless of the circumstances. In matchplay, however, it's just you against your opponent and in certain situations your opponent may decide to ignore a breach of the rules or claim the hole if the penalty is loss of hole. One such example is playing out of turn One of the core principles in golf is the honour. If you play out of turn, there is no penalty but your opponent has the right to recall your stroke if they choose to. However, they must do so immediately.

An infamous incident during a past Solheim Cup illustrated this rule. The matches were tight and during this particular match the US player was on the putting green but further away than her European opponent, Annika Sorenstam. Sorenstam then chipped onto the green and in fact holed out and this was followed by much celebration. Unfortunately, she did not realise that in fact she was closer to the hole than her opponent and had played out of turn. The US player was then within her right to recall the stroke and the European player had no choice but to replay the shot. As expected, this caused one of the biggest controversies in Solheim Cup history. Another often contentious issue that crops up in matchplay is concessions. A core tenet of strokeplay is that you must complete every hole by holing out and in fact would be disqualified if you teed off on the next hole without completing the previous hole.

In matchplay, however, your opponent may concede your next stroke. This happens many times where a short putt is conceded and you pick up your ball and move on to the next hole.

Many of the above-mentioned match- play tournaments' most controversial moments in fact relate to concessions, or rather situations where players expected their putts to be conceded by opponents, only to be forced to putt out. Experienced players know well to never expect a putt to be given and are strategic in when they concede ar do not

concede putts.
At a recent Presidents Cup this rule was in the spotlight due to a player misunderstanding what his opponent actually said. The player heard his opponent saying 'that's good' but the opponent actually meant that's a good putt'. With the boisterous crowds it's perhaps forgivable that you do not hear your opponent correctly and pick up your ball in the mistaken belief that the stroke has been conceded. Luckily the rules make provision for such a scenario if there is a reasonable misunderstanding of the opponent's action or statement Under the rules there is no penalty in such a case and the ball must be replaced on its original spot
The different formats played in these team matchplay tournaments also bring interesting rule scenarios into play, especially with foursomes (or alternate shots).
The partners play one ball, alternating until the ball is holed out. If, in a match, you play when your partner was supposed to play, you can lose the hole if the opponents decide to claim the hole. It's important to note here that taking a drop does not count as your tur
If you hit your approach shot into a penalty area for instance it's then your partner's turn to play the next stroke. Taking penalty relief and dropping a ball does not mean that you then play the next stroke.
In team competitions, advice is also a major element. Normally a player may not get advice from anyone except his partner or caddie but in team golf an adviser is designated by the committee and this person may give advice to a player on how to play a certain hole, such as what clubs their teammates may have used on a specific par three or even how a certain putt breaks.
You would often see captains and assistant captains doing just that in advising the team members throughout their rounds.
Part of the excitement of these match- play team competitions is that in the modern game we don't often see matchplay, let alone team golf, and it certainly brings out the different characters in each team.
Knowing that the rules apply differently to the format only adds to the nuance and intricacies of matchplay golf, and watching some of the best golfers in the world out of their normal comfort zone makes it even better.



GET OUT OF THE BUNKER!

Bunkers are one of the most terrifying things on the course for amateur golfers. Meanwhile, for professional golfers, it's actually a pretty comfortable place to be in.

Greg Norman once said the best way to hit a bunker shot is to avoid the bunker in the first place. Sadly, we don't always have that luxury. We have to learn how to hit a bunker shot!
The difference between professionals and amateurs in the bunker is that the pros use the bounce of the wedge and can get the ball to go high and spin. To use the bounce of the wedge we must position ourselves correctly at address. So let's learn how to use the bounce!



INCORRECT BUNKER SHOT SET UP POSITION

1. Ball position is closer to the right foot.
2. Body and clubface are square to the target.
3. Knees are straight and the stance is narrow.
4. Hands are more left than the club.

CORRECT BUNKER SHOT SET UP POSITION

1. Ball position is inside of left heel.
2. Clubface is slightly open and the body is aiming slightly left.
3. Knees are more bent and stance wider.
4. Hands are on the same line as the club.







To be a good bunker player, first you have to understand how the bounce of the wedge works and after that, you have to position yourself so you can use the bounce. Simple variations in your set up position will let you use the bounce automatically and set you free from the sand!

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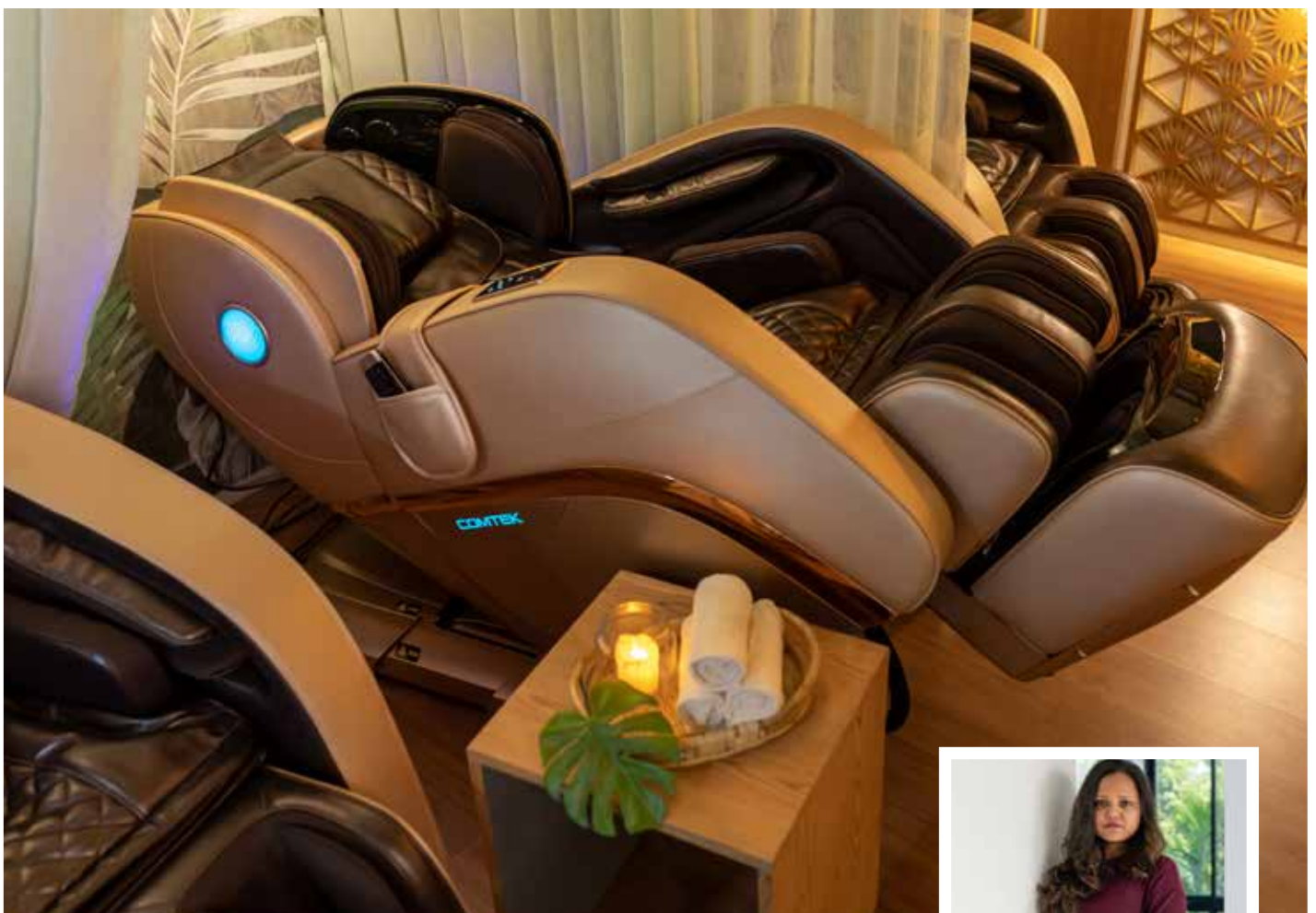
Unveiling Tranquility; The Grand Opening of Antai: A Journey into Wellness
Finding a sanctuary, nestled amidst the hustle and bustle of the busy Dhaka city, to unwind and rejuvenate, is a treasure. However, with the grand opening of Antai- it might just provide the people of this city the opportunity to do that. Located at the heart of Dhanmondi, Antai opens its doors to an experience that transcends the ordinary. As you step inside, be prepared to embark on a sensory journey; an ambiance meticulously designed to soothe the mind, body, and spirit. The ambiance speaks volumes, a harmony of soft lighting, calming scents, and soothing music gently caressing your senses. Each corner is thoughtfully crafted by Minus Designsto cocoon you in an atmosphere of tranquility. Architect Maliha Ahmed, principle architect of Minus Designs highlights that the décor took a lot of inspiration from nature and a minimalist approach was chosen to invite a sense of connection and relaxation, setting the stage for the healing to begin.

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Antai's dedication to well-being extends beyond the confines of its showroom. The team of Antai expressed their passion about community wellness and the wish to engage in initiatives that promote health and relaxation in the coming days.

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- Turmeric powder- 1 tsp
- Ginger paste- ½ tsp
- Garlic paste- ½ tsp
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- Chopped Green Chili- as per taste
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1. Get your pan nice and hot with Olio Orolio extra virgin olive oil. Then, add the chopped onion, ginger paste, and garlic paste.
2. Next, sprinkle in the spices - pepper powder, red chili powder, garam masala, and turmeric powder. Stir them into the aromatics.
3. Once the masala mix is well-seasoned, welcome the minced chicken to the pan. Give it a good stir to coat it in all the flavorful goodness.
4. Deglaze the pan with a splash of water, then cover it up and let the chicken simmer in the masala sauce until it's cooked through and the water has evaporated.
5. Toss in the green chili for a pop of freshness, garam masala for depth, brown sugar for a touch of sweetness, lemon juice for a bright tang, and coriander leaves for an herbal flourish.
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Just ask Malcolm Campbell, who has presided over the menu at the picturesque Cabot Cape Breton resort as the Panorama Restaurant's executive chef for the last five years.

Guests at Cabot Cape Breton, which is stunningly situated on Nova Scotia's rugged Atlantic coastline and was recently honored as one of GOLF's Top 100 Resorts, tend to gravitate toward steak or seafood. But a taste of Campbell's Cornish hen may change their minds.

Campbell serves his iteration with creamed polenta (included for its ability to hold and retain the dish's many flavors), grilled Broccolini and radicchio and a caper albufera sauce, which is enriched with a mix of foie gras, chicken stock and a little cream and butter. The hen's legs are confit in duck fat, glazed with house-made piri piri sauce and then barbecued to order.

Though the ingredients and prep may sound exotic, there's a comfort-food quality to the Cornish hen that Campbell loves—and a touch of the unexpected from the piri piri, which includes a blend of shishito, poblano and bird's eye peppers.

"That sauce preparation really helps elevate the dish a little bit more," Campbell says.

So, the next time you find yourself dining cliffside at Cabot, give the seafood a break and the humble hen a try. With Campbell at the helm, you won't be disappointed.


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GOLF TOURNAMENT CONCLUDES



The prize distribution ceremony of the two-day long 'Jolshiri Pioneer Cup Golf Tournament-2023' was held at the Jolshiri Central Park as the first tournament at Smart City Jolshiri Housing Golf Club.

Chief Patron of the club and Chief of Army Staff General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed, attended as the chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

A total of 150 golfers participated in this two-days tournament.

Major Mobashher emerged as the winner while Lt. Col. Imtiaz was the runner-up and Major Anwarul Haque was the best gross scorer in the tournament.

The course has been planned to be opened for regular play from April, 2024. The course has been prepared for the entertainment of the residents of the 'Jolshiri Housing Scheme' implemented as accommodation for army officers. The nine-hole golf course has the country's first elevated driving range planned which makes the course unique.
Senior military officials, officials of Bangladesh Golf Federation, officials and employees of Jolshiri Golf Club, officials of Kurmitola Golf Club and Army Golf Club, and others were present at the closing ceremony.







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ABG BASHUNDHARA BIJOY DIBOSH

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023 HELD

After a three-day on-field action, ABG Bashundhara Bijoy Dibosh Golf Tournament 2023, sponsored by the country's largest business conglomerate Bashundhara Group, wrapped up with a colourful closing and prize giving ceremony at the Banquet Hall of Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) recently.

Chief of Army Staff of the Bangladesh Army and KGC President General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed distributed the prizes among the winners as the chief guest during this colourful evening, reads a press release. Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, who is also one of the country's prominent sports organisers, was present on the occasion to grace the programme as the special guest.

Bashundhara Group Vice-Chairman, T-Sports Chairman and Managing Director, Rangpur Riders Chief Patron and Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club Ltd President SafwanSobhanTasvir was also present there, among others.

Bashundhara Group Director YeashaSobhan, ABG Bashundhara Director Mostafa Azad Mohiuddin, KGC Vice-President and Master-General of the Ordnance of Bangladesh Army Major General MdZahirul Islam were present there.

The closing ceremony, which consisted of several segments, started with a video clip that showed the contribution of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and liberation war martyrs.
Afterwards, 50 freedom-fighters, who were also the members of Bangladesh Army, accorded a reception by the organisers.

Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan handed over the crests while they received sash from the business tycoon of the country.
Later, the chief guest and special guest gave their speeches.

Thanking Bashundhara Group and Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, the chief guest said in his speech, "Bashundhara Group is always actively participating in the development of the various sports in Bangladesh. Bashundhara Group is also the highest sponsor who plays an important role for the development of Golf in Bangladesh."

"They sponsored the Asian Tour for three consecutive years from 2015-2017. They have for the first time sponsored the BijoyDibosh Golf Tournament 2023. I hope they will continue their journey with golf," the chief guest added.

Shehzad R Majid emerged the champion and Maj Mohammad Golam Moudud became runner-up while Fatema Rahman became the champion in the women's category of this three-day event.

A total of 655 local and foreign golfers took part in the meet.








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GOLF TOURNAMENT-2023



ABG BASHUNDHARA CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT ENDS AT BGCC



The two-day Bashundhara Cup Golf Tournament 2023 concluded amid festivity at Bhatiary Golf and Country Club (BGCC) in Chattogram recently.

General Officer Commanding (GOC) of 24 Infantry Division, Chattogram Area Commander and BGCC President Major General Mohammad ShaheenulHaque attended the prize giving ceremony as the chief guest while ABG Bashundhara Director Mostafa Azad Mohiuddin was present as the special guest.

Addressing the ceremony, Maj Gen Shaheenul hailed Bashundhara Group for extending support for golf.

This is indeed a great pleasure to see that Bashundhara Group, one of the largest, finest and popular business conglomerates of the country, has sponsored golf in Bhatiary, he said.
"We know the business group is very enthusiastic about sponsoring various games and sports in the country, and they extended support for golf for the second time," Shaheenul continued.

Thanking all for the smooth arrangement of the







tournament, he said the number of participating golfers was the highest so far.
Around 250 golfers took part in the competition in different categories, including senior, lady, and junior.

Col Md Enamul Islam was the winner while Maharus Uddin won the best gross and Lt Col Md Abu Faysal Tushar the runner-up awards.
Architect AAM MuzahidBaig won the 2nd best gross award while Kafil Uddin Yusuf secured the 2nd runner-up position.

CdrIkhtear Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury won the best front nine award while CdrImtiaz Uddin Md Sabir bagged the best back nine, Mohammad Sazzadur Rahman the 9 hole, Mohammad Salim the 9 hole best gross, and DrMdShahidullah Chowdhury the 9 hole runner-up awards.

Besides, MahibahMahasin Uddin became the winner in the lady category while Kim in Sook won the runner-up award.
JK Kang secured the senior winner award, and Lt Col (retd) Forkan Ahmed became the senior runner-up.
Muhtasim Islam won the junior winner award while Farhanul Islam got the junior runner-up award.

Dr Abu Khaled Md Iqbal secured the longest drive award while Mohammad Saif Uddin Mamun got the nearest to pin, KyengChulAn the best par 3s, and Maj (retd) MdMokaddes Hossain the best par 5s awards.
Pocket, powered by ABG Bashundhara, sponsored the event.



27TH SUMMIT CUP
GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023

Three days long `27th Summit Cup Golf Tournament 2023' concluded at Kumitola Golf Club recently.

Lieutenant General Waker-Uz-Zaman, OSP, SGP, psc, Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division as Chief Guest gave away the prizes to the winners of the tournament on 22 December 2023 at 6:45 pm at the Banquet Hall of Kurmitola Golf Club.

Mr. Muhammed Aziz Khan, Chairman, Summit Group, Mr. Muhammed Farid Khan, Vice Chairman, Summit Group, Major General Md Zahirul Islam, BSP, SGP, ndc, psc, Master General of the Ordnance, Bangladesh Army and Vice President, Kurmitola Golf Club, Brigadier General Md Mahbubus Samad Chowdhury, BSP, ndc, psc, Club Captain, Kurmitola Golf Club, Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Tournament Director, Kurmitola Golf Club, Colonel Md Shahidul Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer, Kurmitola Golf Club, Lieutenant Colonel Abu Md Sayedur Rahman (Retd), General Manager, Club Affairs, Kurmitola Golf Club, Lieutenant Colonel Md Anwar Hossain (Retd), General Manager, Golf Operations, Kurmitola Golf Club were also present in the prize giving ceremony. Around 650 Golfers from different Clubs of the country and members of Summit Group participated in this grand Tournament and high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the function.

Winner
Mr. S M Abdullah Farabi

Runner-up
Maj Gen Md Rashed Amin
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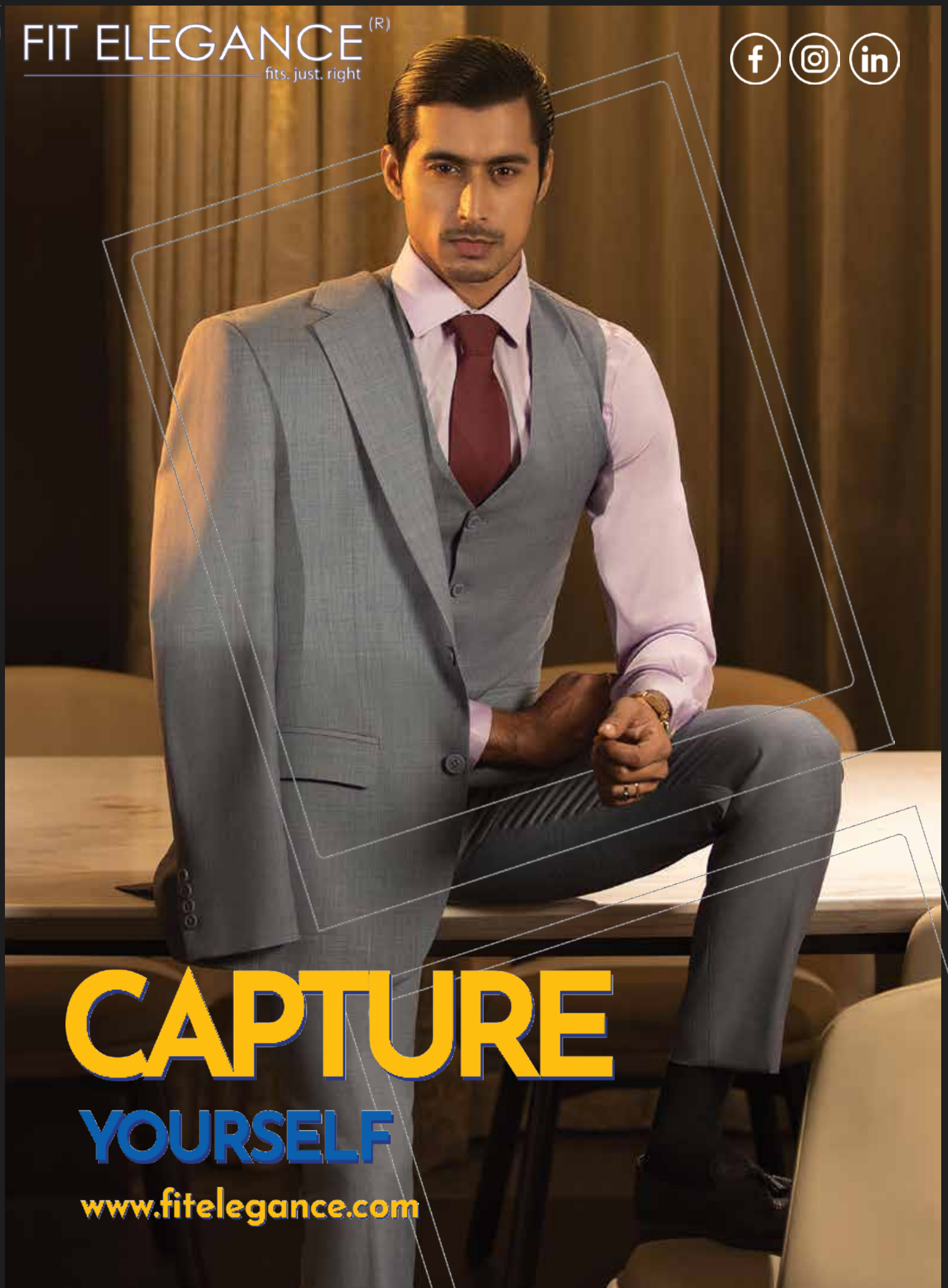
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