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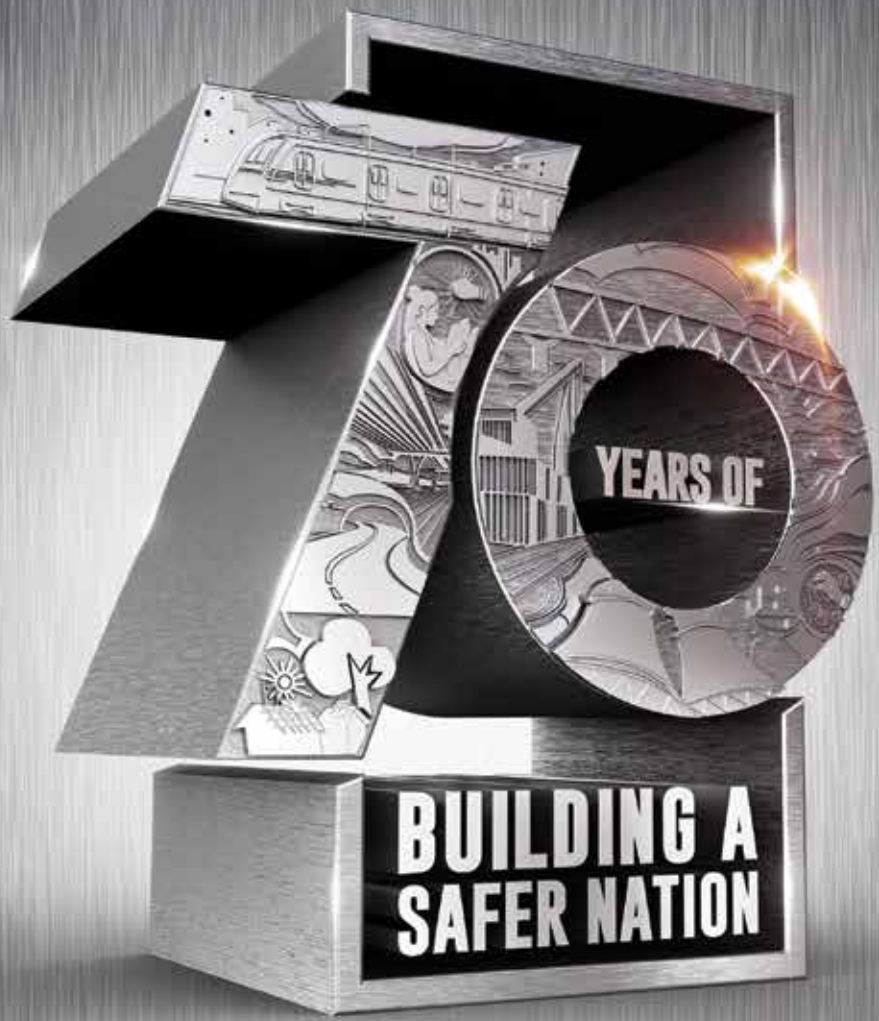


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# EDITOR'S CHOICE



Sadom Kaewkanjana of Thailand during the Pro-am event ahead of the Bangabandhu Cup Bangladesh Open at the Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

## Foreword

**Dear readers,**

It's been a long wait for all of us.

Three years and seven months to be precise that we have all waited for for the sixth edition of the Asian Tour to be played in Dhaka.

The wait has been worth it, for we have not only managed to beat the scourge of Covid collectively, we have also grown stronger and more mature in this time. The resolve is ever so strong.

It is a matter of shame that in the first five editions of the Bangladesh Open, no Bangladeshi golfer has been able to lift the coveted title. With Siddikur Rahman back in the top form and Jamal and Basal proving their worth in PGTI, we feel 2022 could be the breakthrough season when we could finally see a homegrown golfer lift the title of the 400,000-dollar event on the lush green of the Kurmitola Golf Club.

Wherever you are and whatever are your commitments, we urge you to be at the KGC to support our home boys from November 24 to 27.

Enjoy the best golfing action of the Asian Tour.

*Nazrul Hosen Ayon*
*Editor*

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Shaheen khan, a senior golfer and a former lady captain of Kurmitola Golf Club, passed away recently. Apart from being a wellknown golfer, Shaheen Khan was a noted sports organiser and a successful businesswoman. She was a woman of dignity and compassion; she won the hearts of each and everyindividual she came across. Society, especially the golfing community, has lost a friend, and sister.

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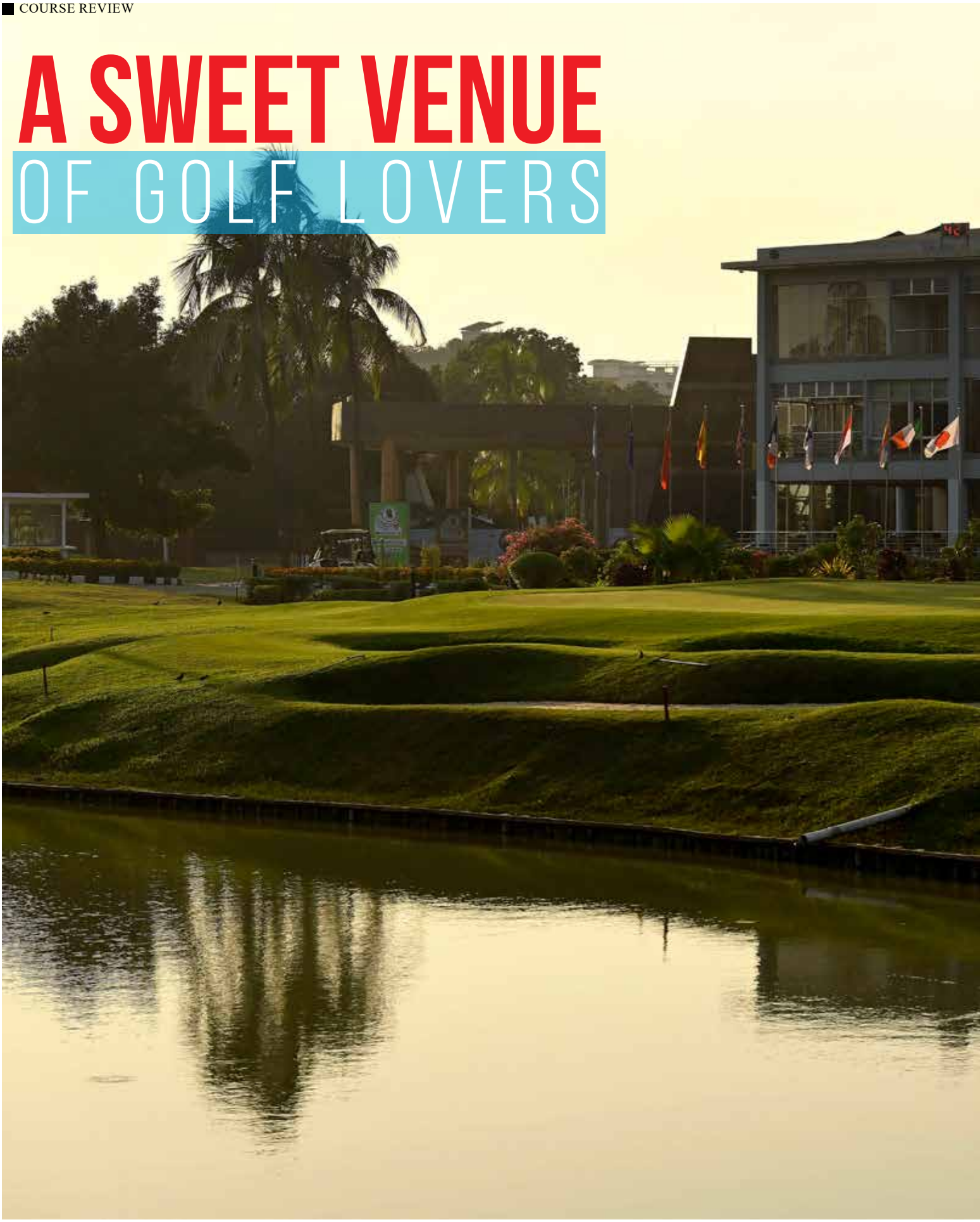

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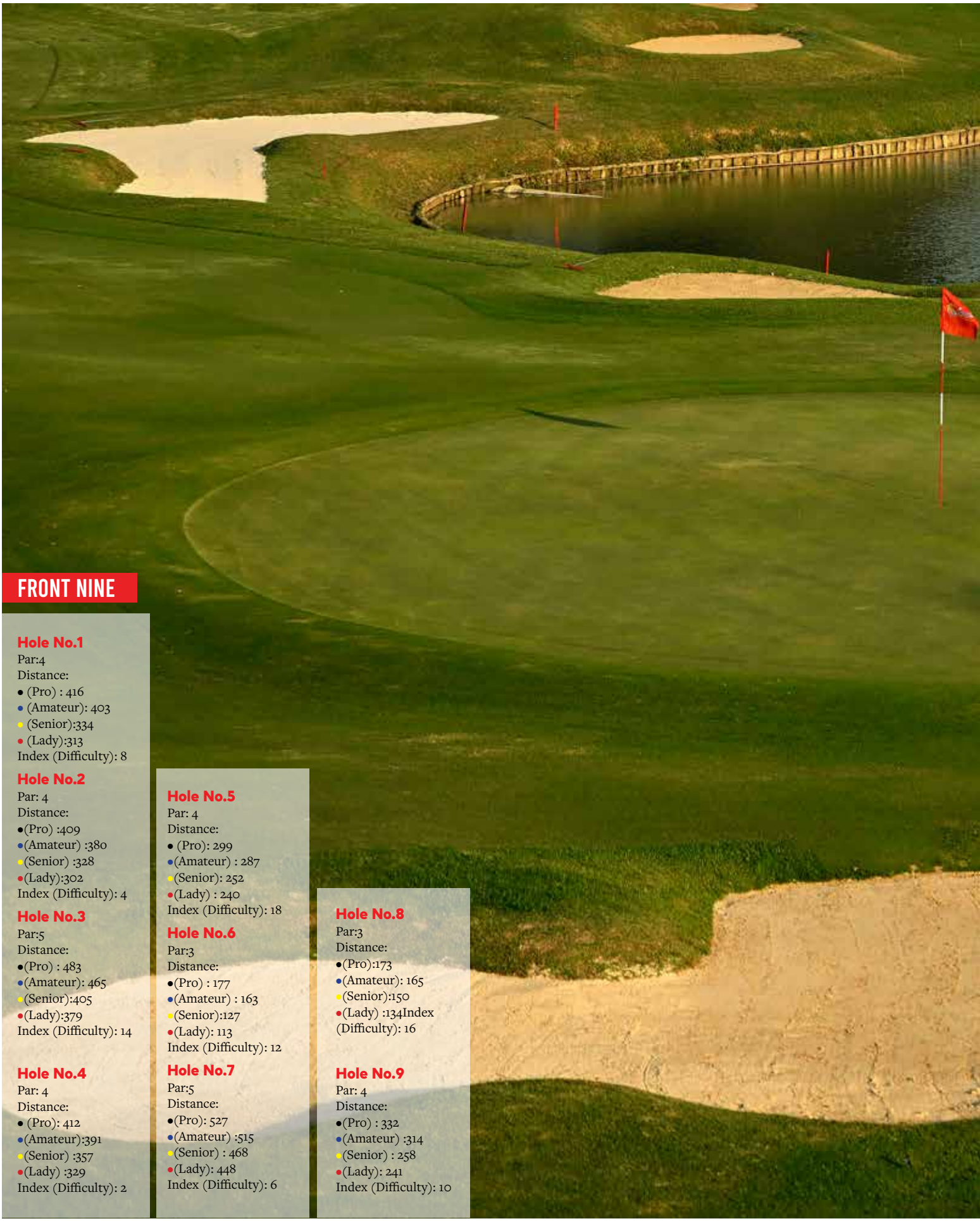

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- (Pro) : 416
- (Amateur): 403
- (Senior):334
- (Lady):313

Index (Difficulty): 8

### Hole No.2
Par: 4
Distance:
- (Pro) :409
- (Amateur) :380
- (Senior) :328
- (Lady):302

Index (Difficulty): 4

### Hole No.3
Par:5
Distance:
- (Pro) : 483
- (Amateur): 465
- (Senior):405
- (Lady):379

Index (Difficulty): 14

### Hole No.4
Par: 4
Distance:
- (Pro): 412
- (Amateur):391
- (Senior) :357
- (Lady) :329

Index (Difficulty): 2

### Hole No.5
Par: 4
Distance:
- (Pro): 299
- (Amateur) : 287
- (Senior): 252
- (Lady) : 240

Index (Difficulty): 18

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Par:3
Distance:
- (Pro) : 177
- (Amateur) : 163
- (Senior):127
- (Lady): 113

Index (Difficulty): 12

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Par:5
Distance:
- (Pro): 527
- (Amateur) :515
- (Senior) : 468
- (Lady): 448

Index (Difficulty): 6

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Par:3
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- (Pro):173
- (Amateur): 165
- (Senior):150
- (Lady) :134Index

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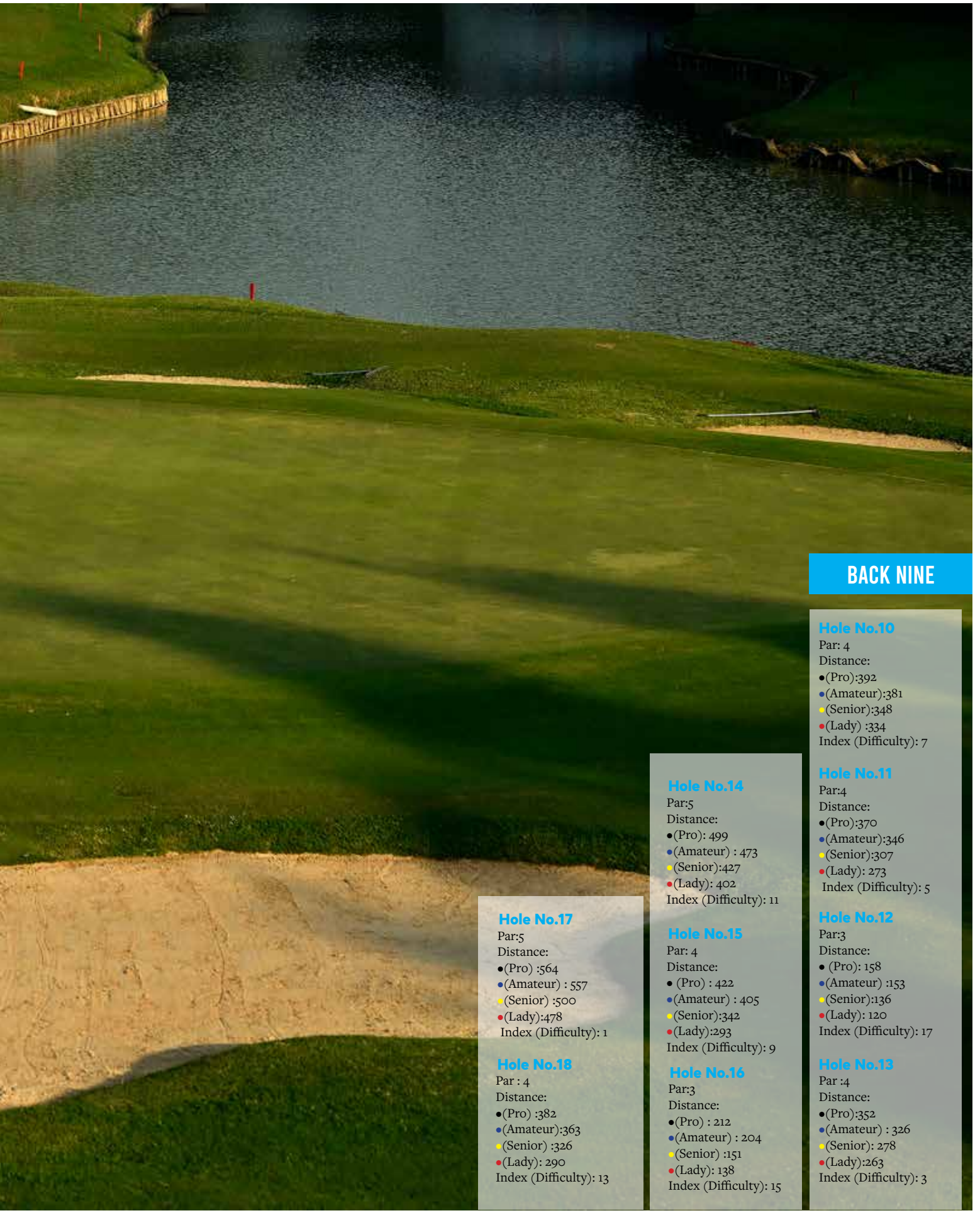

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- (Pro):392
- (Amateur):381
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- (Lady) :334

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Par:4
Distance:
- (Pro):370
- (Amateur):346
- (Senior):307
- (Lady): 273

Index (Difficulty): 5

### Hole No.12
Par:3
Distance:
- (Pro): 158
- (Amateur) :153
- (Senior):136
- (Lady): 120

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Distance:
- (Pro):352
- (Amateur) : 326
- (Senior): 278
- (Lady):263

Index (Difficulty): 3

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Par:5
Distance:
- (Pro): 499
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- (Senior):427
- (Lady): 402

Index (Difficulty): 11

### Hole No.15
Par: 4
Distance:
- (Pro) : 422
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- (Senior):342
- (Lady):293

Index (Difficulty): 9

### Hole No.16
Par:3
Distance:
- (Pro) : 212
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- (Senior) :151
- (Lady): 138

Index (Difficulty): 15

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Par:5
Distance:
- (Pro) :564
- (Amateur) : 557
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- (Lady):478

Index (Difficulty): 1

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Par : 4
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*The logo and trophy of the Bangabandhu Cup Golf Open 2022, one of the Asian Tour's emerging tournaments, have been unveiled.*

*Chief of Army Staff and President of Bangladesh Golf Federation General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, as the chief guest, unveiled them at Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka Cantonment recently.*




Bangladesh Golf Federation is organising the international tournament on November 23-27 sponsored by National Bank Limited.

Director of National Bank and Chairman of R&R Aviation Ltd, R&R Holdings Ltd and PowerPac Holdings Ltd (Sikder Group) Rick Haque Sikder joined the logo and trophy unveiling ceremony as the special guest.

President of Bangladesh Cricket Board Nazmul Hassan Papon, MP, Momtaz Begum, MP, Senior Vice President of Bangladesh Golf Federation Major General Md Zahirul Islam, famed actress Jaya Ahsan and Nazrul song exponent Shaheen Samad, among others, were also present on the occasion.

In his speech, General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed said Bangladesh has been able to maintain its development march even amid the COVID-19 pandemic and other obstacles.

He said such development has been possible because Bangladesh is an independent country. "We're truly grateful to our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who gave us this country and the dream to develop it," he added.

The Army Chief said development is taking place in all sectors including sports and that golf is also seeing much development.

He expressed gratitude to National Bank for sponsoring "such an expensive game".

Rick Haque Sikder, in his speech, expressed profound respect for and gratitude to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who presented the nation with an independent Bangladesh.

"I would also like to respectfully remember my father Mr Zainul Haque Sikder, one of the closest associates of Bangabandhu, who patronised numerous charity and social welfare initiatives. He was the Chairman of Sikder Group and National Bank Ltd," he said.

The National Bank Director recalled that his father, younger brother Ron Sikder and he himself secured the approval of the tournament's name after "Bangabandhu" from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who always patronises sports in keeping with her family tradition.

"The country's sports sector received the highest patronisation from our honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and made significant achievements. We successfully organised the first Bangabandhu Cup Golf Open in 2019. But we couldn't organise the tournament in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic although necessary contributions were made by my father and our entities for the event. By this time, my father passed away due to COVID," he said.

Rick Haque Sikder said R&R Holdings, PowerPac Holdings and R&R Aviation are now carrying on Zainul Haque Sikder's legacy in various sectors.

"We're very proud to sponsor Bangabandhu Cup Golf Tournament this year and also hope to continue our support in the days to come," he said.

Rick Haque Sikder mentioned that apart from the Bangabandhu Cup Golf Open, R&R Holdings, PowerPac Holdings and R&R Aviation have been organising the Independence Cup since its inception in 2011 and other golf tournaments in different districts.

Golfers from 23 countries will take part in this year's tournament to be held at the Kurmitola Golf Club in the Dhaka Cantonment. It will conclude on November 27 with the distribution of prizes among the winners.










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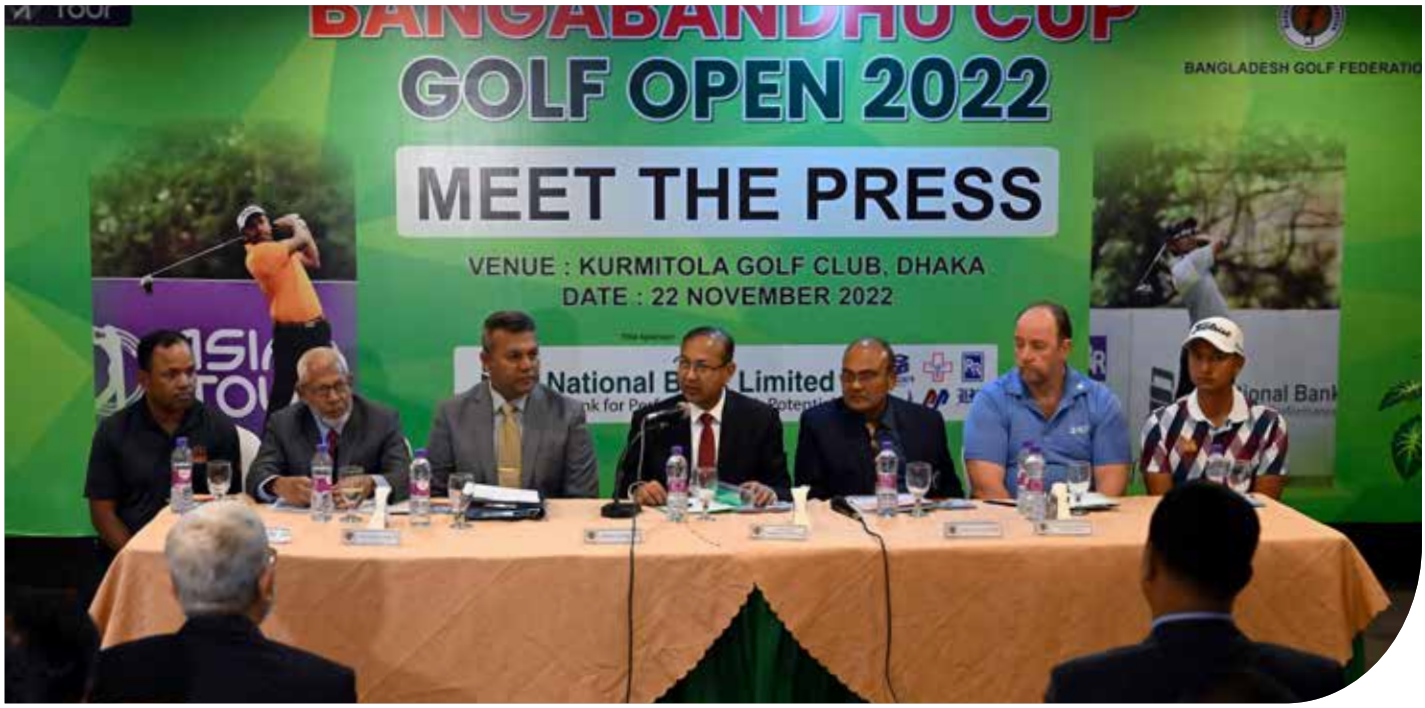
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# LOOK AT THE FIVE WINNERS OF BBO




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Singapore's Mardan Mamat was victorious in 2015 which was the first year the event was played on the Asian Tour.

In its five editions since Asian Tour's takeover, three Thai players have won the title alongside one Singaporean and one Swede. No Bangladeshi player has been able to win the title on their home soil, although Bangladesh's best golfer Siddikur Rahman came close in 2017 when he finished runner-up.

Here is a look at the five winners of the Bangladesh Open.



# 2019

SADOM KAEWKANJANA
Turned Pro: 2018
Nationality: Thai
OOM Position: 5
OWGR Ranking: 101

The 24-year-old was the last winner of the Bangladesh Open before the event was halted for three years due to the pandemic. It was also Kaewkanjana's first victory on the Asian Tour and first since he turned pro a year earlier.

The title made him the fastest qualifying school graduate to win on the Asian Tour.

In 2021, he won three times on the All Thailand Golf Tour, including the Thailand Open, and led the Order of Merit. He captured his second Asian Tour title at the 2022 SMBC Singapore Open and earned the spot in the 2022 Open Championship at St Andrews.

"Winning in my first start on the Asian Tour, I feel very happy," Kaewkanjana had said after winning the Bangladesh Open.

"I will take a lot of positives from this week and this win will give me a lot of confidence in my game as well. It's been an unbelievable journey since turning professional last December," he had added.





# 2018

MALCOLM KOKOCINSKI
Turned Pro: 2013
Nationality: Swede
OOM Position: N/A
OWGR Ranking: Unranked

Malcolm Kokocinski secured an inspiring victory with a sixunder-par 65 to win by three shots to win the AB Bank Bangladesh Open in 2018. In doing so, Kokocinski became the first non-Asian player to win the Bangladesh Open. It was his first Asian Tour title too.
"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," the Swede had said following his win.
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," the Swede had added.
With the win, Kokocinski rose to 270 on the Official World Golf Ranking, however, his career failed to take off following that victory as he slowly slipped out of OWGR.





# 2017



JAZZ JANEWATTANANOND
Nationality: Thai
Turned Pro: 2010
OOM Position: 10
OWGR Ranking: 249

Jazz Janewattananond became a seven-time winner on the Asian Tour after winning the International Series Morocco in November 2022, following a sensational eagle, birdie finish. In 2019 he claimed the Order of Merit title thanks to four magnificent victories and also captured global headlines that year when he tied 14th at PGA Championship, having been tied for second after three rounds.

Jazz went into Monkhood in Thailand in January 2017 in search of focus and direction; not even a month after that, he won first Asian Tour tournament at the 2017 Bashundhara Bangladesh Open.

In 2010 he became the youngest player ever, at age 14 years 71 days, to make the halfway cut in an Asian Tour event at Asian Tour International in Bangkok, as an amateur, and soon after that he made the transition to the paid ranks the day before he turned 15, also in 2010. His real name is Atiwit but he switched to 'Jazz' because his father (who is a judge) is a lover of the music.

"I have been waiting for this win for so long. I started playing on the Asian Tour when I was an amateur at 14. It's just a huge relief that I managed to get the job done. It wasn't easy. I took a step back as I lost my card for the first time in my career last season. I didn't make the mark at Qualifying School too," Jazz had said after the victory.



# 2016

THITIPHUN CHUAYPRAKONG
Nationality: Thai
Turned Pro: 2009
OOM Position: 195
OWGR Ranking: 2325

Thitiphun was the first of the three Thai players to have won the Bangladesh Open. The young golfer won the Bashundhara Bangladesh Open 2016 with a two-shot victory.

The Thai marked his card with five birdies against lone bogey in the fourth round for a total of 21-under par 263 to win his maiden Asian Tour victory.

"I have been waiting for this win for a very long time. I have worked really hard for this. I practised with Sutijet a lot back home and we are very good friends. I knew he will play good today and he did. I guess I am lucky," said Thitiphun, nicknamed 'Tote' by his friends which means slow as he does things in his own pace.

Thithiphun later played in the US Open that year, however, his career did not take off quite the way it did for some others.





## 2015



MARDAN MAMAT
Nationality: Singaporean
Turned Pro: 1994
OOM Position: 164
OWGR Ranking: 2101

Mamat holds the honour of being Singapore's first winner on the Asian Tour and he is also the first player from his country to win a co-sanctioned tournament with Europe. Mardan is the first player from the Lion City to qualify and play at The Open in 1997. Mamat's maiden triumph in Asia came in 2004 when he broke through at the Indian Open after shooting a superb final round 65. But his biggest victory to date came in 2006 when he won the Singapore Masters after leading from start to finish, holding off defending champion Nick Dougherty for an emotional triumph. Mamat, playing in the inaugural Bangladesh Open in 2015, cruised to a two-shot victory at the US$300,000 event. The Singaporean completed a wire-to-wire win with a 14-underpar 270 total. "I'm the first Bashundhara Bangladesh Open winner so this is a special win. I talked to my wife (Naz) last night and she sent me a message saying 'You are the champion, you are the winner and you are the man'. That really inspired me today," Mamat had said after winning the title.



# SIDDIKUR FINISHES JOINT THIRD IN TAIWAN MASTERS




Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman displayed his best form in this season as he finished joint third in the Mercuries Taiwan Masters that concluded at the Taiwan Golf and Country Club in Taiwan recently. Chan Shih-chang emerged champion on home soil to claim an Asian Tour event title for the first time only after a titanic battle with India's Rashid Khan as both players carded four-under-par 68 and tied on 15 under-par 273. The Chinese-Taipei star beat Rashid on the second hole of a sudden-death play-off, incredibly, after coming from three shots behind with five to play before making birdie three times on the par-four 18th. Siddik shared the third place with Thailand's SaritSuwannarut, as they both were aggregated nine-under 279, ended six shots back of the winner, after carding one-under-par 71 in the final round. 'Best finish of this season so far...tied third after the final round. I am happy with how I have managed my game this week both physically and mentally,' Siddik, who earned USD$ 60,000, told the media. The result will also allow the two-time Asian Tour winner Siddik to keep his playing privileges for next season. 'That's a big relief for me because I was really struggling from the beginning of this year. I mean, and now I just finished tied third, so I think I have secured my card for next year. Definitely, I will be able to play without tension,' Siddik told Asian Tour. Siddik so far took part in 15 Asian Tour events since February 2022, but never could finish among the top 10 in previous 14 events.



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| Pos | | | Par | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Tot |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | CHAN SHIH-CHANG | | -15 | 68 | 68 | 69 | 68 | 273 |
| 2 | RASHID KHAN | | -15 | 67 | 65 | 73 | 68 | 273 |
| 3 | SIDDIKUR RAHMAN | | -9 | 70 | 69 | 69 | 71 | 279 |
| 3 | SARIT SUWANNARUT | | -9 | 67 | 73 | 68 | 71 | 279 |
| 5 | DANTHAI BOONMA | | -7 | 72 | 66 | 75 | 68 | 281 |
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# SIDDIKUR CHAMPION IN 7TH PARAGON PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022




The ace golfer Siddikur Rahman has become the champion of the 7th Paragon Professional Golf Tournament 2022 at the Kurmitola Golf Club recently.

He received Tk1,30,000 as prize money.

Siddikur carded five-under-par 71 in three days to lift the trophy while Dulal Hossain and JakirUzzaman both played two-over-par and jointly shared the second position.

The KGC has declared a par-71 course for this tournament to align with the upcoming Asian Tour to be held in this venue.

Usually, KGC is played in the par-72 course.

MdShamim became the winner in the amateur group.

A total of 78 professional golfers from all over Bangladesh participated in this event along with amateur golfers from the national team and Bangladesh Golf Academy.

Major General MdZahirul Islam, ndc, psc, Vice President of Kurmitola Golf Club was the chief guest in the concluding ceremony and distributed the prizes to the winners.

Moshiur Rahman, managing director of Paragon Group, was the special guest.

The Social Marketing Company is the "Electrolyte Partner" of the Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association.






Zamal Hossain Mollah wins the Radiant Open 2022 title after carding an eight-under-par 64 in the final round on day four at the Savar Golf Club recently.

# JAMAL WINS

## RADIANT OPEN PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Zamal aggregated a total of 25-under-par 263 (67-66-66-64) while runner-up Badal Hossain fell two-shot short though he also traded eight-under 64 in the final round of the tournament offered a bulk of Tk 12 lakh as prize money.
Zamal and Badal tied on 11-under-par 133 each in the second round before Zamal took a two-shot lead with 17-under-par 199 on the third day.
Zamal was awarded Tk 1.35 lakh while Badal, who aggregated a total of 23-under-par 265 (65-68-68-64), won Tk 80 thousand as prize money.
Dulal Hossain and MdMuaj shared the third place with an identical total of 13-under-par 275.
A total of 103 golfers from the country – 82 professionals and 21 amateurs – participated in the domestic competition, while only 48 survived the cuts.
The country's top golfer Siddikur Rahman had to skip this tournament for his engagement in the Asian Tour Tournament International Series Egypt.



# HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME

## WITHOUT PICKING UP A CLUB

*Better golf begins in the mind, not on the course or range*



**As true lovers of the game, we all carry golf with us wherever we go; but sometimes, keeping the fires burning becomes an increasingly frustrating pursuit.** But, in this article, I want to share with you three ways you can do just that. Not only will they stoke your enthusiasm for the game; they also have the potential to make you a happier, better and more fulfilled golfer, better equipped to suck the marrow out of the game when you next get to play. Let's take them in turn.

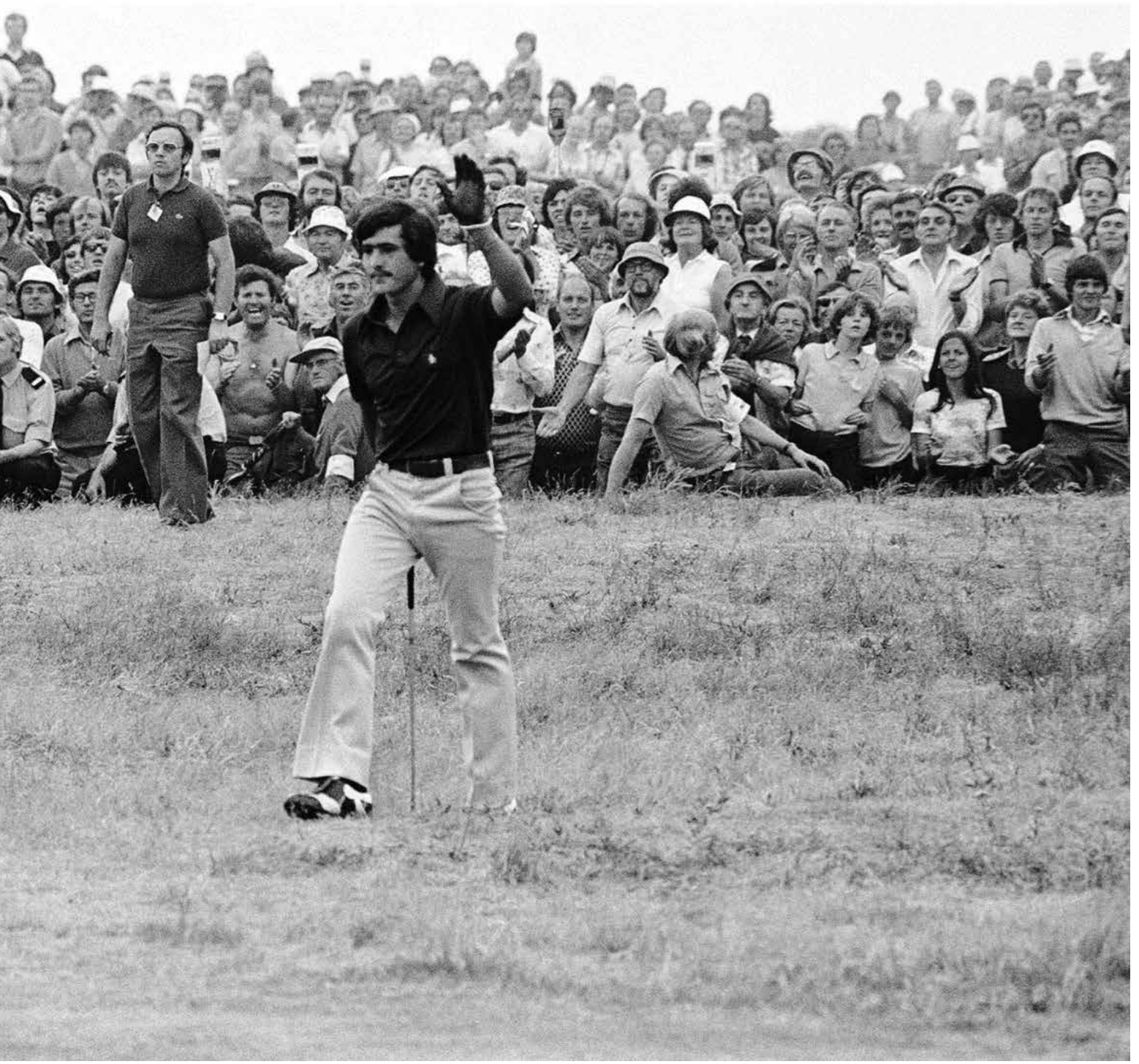
**1. READ.**

There is some incredible golfing literature out there. Here are four books I heartily – and objectively – recommend: Extraordinary Golf by Fred Shoemaker. A genuinely ground-breaking work, this book goes beyond the superficial, technical layers of performance to address the deeper elements that influence it. You will be asked at times uncomfortable questions about your relationship with the game – why you play, what motivates you. You will learn how Performance, Enjoyment and Learning form a triangle that becomes unbalanced when we are struggling with the game. And you will also discover how to bring out the instinctive knowledge and ability that gets buried by the golfer's culture of constantly trying to fix technical flaws.

**Wherever You Go, There You Are**

An insightful introduction to the world of mindfulness, this is not a golf-specific book but it does address one of the keys of golf performance – staying in the present. Kabat-Zinn demonstrates how bringing your awareness to your body, which resides in the present, can help you achieve that. As we are so often told, there is so much of golf that is not actually hitting a ball. This is a book that will tell you how to fill that other time effectively. Be a Player by Lynn Marriott and Pia Nilsson.

The latest work from this respected duo, **Be a Player** cogently makes the case that if you want to improve, you need to spend less time on the range and more time on the course itself. If you have been a range rat but not seen the benefits of your labour, or are simply someone who habitually searches for answers to their poor play on the range, this book will give you a different and, quite possibly, more useful perspective. Redirect by Timothy Wilson. This influential work explains how we live according to the narratives we use to explain ourselves – narratives that can imprison us, or set us free. Again, this is not a golf book as such, but its principles absolutely relate. What



are you ... a poor putter? Good at matchplay but rubbish at strokeplay? Streaky? A solid 15-handicapper? Redirect will help you become aware of your own narratives, evaluate them, and adapt them into something more useful to you.

**2. SEEK INSPIRATION.**

The internet is full of incredible moments you can relive, and be inspired by. Why not search out your top-five? I'll spot two of mine for starters – Seve's chip between the bunkers on the 72nd hole of the 1976 Open Championship (pictured above)– a shot Henry Longhurst described as impossible – and Tiger's "In your life" chip from the back of the 16th at the 2005 Masters. Watch this clip carefully and you can see Tiger creating the shot; even his lips move, as if describing it to himself. Both clips are inspirational, but also educational.

**3. DEVELOP GRATITUDE.**

In these difficult times it's so easy to dwell on what we haven't got, but this is not a useful place to have your attention. At the end of each day for the next two weeks, spend five minutes writing down things you are grateful for. They could be as banal as the fact the boiler is still working, to more profound things like loved ones, or health. The idea here is to break that habit of having to wait for something good to happen before you can feel good. And that's totally relevant to golf. We tend to think that if we play great golf, we will feel good; but if you can feel good before you start, you'll have created a mindset that actually promotes that great play.




# THE GRAPH OF GOLF IS GOING UPWARDS

*Farid Uddin Khan Rumy. A former cricketer-turned-organiser traded his cricket bats for golf clubs. For more than two decades, since he hung up his cricket bats, the sportsman has embraced golf as his favourite sport. But that is not all about him. Away from sports, Rumy is a freedom fighter and a successful business person. Owner of Rupsha Air Services (Pvt.) Ltd. and Managing Director of Tele Tell Communications, the veteran sportsman divides his time between golf, business, family life and social commitments. In this interview, Rumy speaks about Bangladesh golf and its potential.*

**When did you start playing golf?**
It's been long time. Actually, l have been playing golf for the last 25 years.

**How did you get involved with golf despite being a professional cricketer?**
Actually I used to play cricket in the past. It was ex-president of the country, Hussain Mohammad Ershad, who inspired me to become a member of the Kurmitola Golf Club. He was the then president of KGC. I had no idea how to play golf. However I got interested in golf after ending my cricket career. As I am a sportsman, I have to live with some sport. Gradually golf became one of my hobbies.

**Could you draw a comparison between golf and cricket?**
Cricket is already an established sport with huge popularity in Bangladesh. It cannot be compared.
The mainstream competitive golf is played all over the world by young people. Yes, it has an additional advantage that it can be played at an old age too. Surely and slowly golf is spreading and one day it will become one of the most popular sports in Bangladesh.

**Golfers cannot take part in international tournaments regularly outside the country. What do you think our corporate house's role here can be?**
The golf federation, BGA and club authorities should work together to ensure sponsors for potential golfers. They should involve entrepreneurs, corporate houses, club members and government to support golf. Now the sponsorship for the players is done individually by business entrepreneurs in a scattered fashion.

**What specific suggestions do you have in regards to sponsorship of potential golfers?**

I think regulatory body like BGF should outline the guidelines and requirements of sponsorship in terms of infrastructure development, training, arranging tournaments, supporting club activities and also sponsoring individual players -- setting the priorities. I found that business entrepreneurs don't know exactly what is best investment for development of golf. The potential golfers who can bring glory for the country should be listed by BGF centrally. The sponsorship should be based on recommendation from the BGF instead of personal likings and loyalty shown to sponsors by individual player. I am sure if this is maintained, many more Siddikur Rahman will be produced sooner or later. Golf is moving in the right direction; all l can say is that the graph of golf is going upwards.



**Your company is working in a project related to the Padma Bridge. Say something about it.**

First of all, we thank our honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the Padma Bridge. Padma Bridge is not just an engineering masterpiece, but a symbol of our pride, a symbol of our capacity, our dignity, our strength. The economic importance of the bridge is in many ways obvious, and will become more apparent in the days, months and years to come. But the completion of the bridge is not just about the economic value it will add, but also the symbolic value it holds. Bangladesh is now in safe hands of our Sheikh Hasina; she has developed every part of the country.



# THE TRAILBLAZER



*Shaheen khan, a senior golfer and a former lady captain of Kurmitola Golf Club, passed away recently.*
*Apart from being a well-known golfer, Shaheen Khan was a noted sports organiser and a successful businesswoman. She was a woman of dignity and compassion; she won the hearts of each and every individual she came across. Society, especially the golfing community, has lost a friend, and sister.*
*In remembering the departed, we produce this interview from TheGolfHouse archive.*

**How and when did you start playing golf?**
I started playing golf in 1987. My husband was a golfer and every weekend he used to go golfing, so to be with him I started participating with him. I had a very supportive husband, which was very important as you have to spend long hours here and sacrifice a lot of housework at times. I was into sports at school; I played basketball and I was also interested in other sports. Bangladeshi women started playing golf in around 2000, and at the time I was the only Bangladeshi woman playing the sport and I have inspired them to get into the sport more and more.

**What would you say was the highlight of your golfing career?**
At the beginning it was the Koreans and I was the only Bangladeshi, and my ambition from day one was to win the Aga Khan Gold cup, which I won in 1993. I'd say the highlight of my golfing life was that I walked with Tiger Woods for 4 days at Alpine Golf Club in Thailand, where I watched him play. I was lady captain for 14 years and I inspired Bangladeshi women to come and play.

**What are the challenges in playing golf as a woman?**
When I started playing golf in Bangladesh, it was predominantly a male sport as there was no place for women to sit down. I'm happy to see that now there are places for women, and I feel good seeing that the sport and the sportsmen are very kind to the ladies who participate.

**Why do you choose to play golf instead of other sports?**
I play golf because there is no age for golf; it doesn't matter how old you are. You can play alone, in your own space and most importantly, you can understand the

character of your opponent. When you play golf, you can see the temper, the behaviour and the overall the temperament of other players.
When you play for four hours with a person, everything comes out in a person. I have met some wonderful people through the sport. Being a lady captain, I owe a lot to Kurmitola Golf Club, as the amount of love and respect I have received is incomparable. I have spent my youth in this club, and after playing for 27 years I have seen the club grow along with the people who have been here for a long time.

**What advice would you give to your future generation?**
I am happy that the future generations are coming to play the game. We used to be told back then that golf is an old man's sport and we were young. But now golf has gone to such height that the future generations are playing and practicing all over the world. Kurmitola Golf Club has made a lot of facilities for the younger people, starting from the driving range, the course and the coaching. There are a lot of options and opportunities for them to go forward and go up in history.

**Outside of golf, tell us a bit about your business ventures.**
My passion is cooking, and with my passion I started a few restaurants. I was also the first woman to run a restaurant in Bangladesh. It is called Spaghetti Jazz which I opened in 1994. I opened a few more restaurants, the proceeds of which I use to run schools for slum children. Very recently I was made the President of SAARC Women's Associations.

**What is your message to women?**
This is a wonderful sport, hold onto it for as long as possible. It can give you a sense of self respect.
People look up to you, and walking is good for everyone if you look at it from the fitness side of things.

**Any golfing nightmares?**
A ball nearly hit me; it flew right by my face. That was certainly a scary experience.

**Best golfing memories?**
I walked with Tiger Woods, and I won the Aga Khan Golf Cup which was my ambition from day one
and I also won many other trophies.

**What do you think is next for you in your golfing career and what do you want for the golfing scene in Bangladesh?**
I play golf now as a social game; I am not playing competitive golf but I am always present. Cricket and football are very much highlighted in newspapers and electronic media, but I would want golf to achieve more recognition nationally. I am very happy to see that there is a golf magazine to highlight what is happening in the golfing front.









# SKECHERS PRO 5 HYPER SHOE

## GM VERDICT

Skechers' focus has always been on offering instant comfort, which, in the past, may have been to the detriment of style, but the new Pro 5 Hyper looks to have addressed this. It is evidence of a concerted effort to appeal to the younger golfer while maintaining, or even improving, the features golfers love about Skechers. The styling is relatively simple, which arguably broadens the appeal, and the sporty silhouette will certainly attract a more youthful demographic.

We like the low-profile nature of the out-sole, although we're not so sure about the ribbed effect on the upper.

The shoe only comes in two colour options, but the white/blue colourway we tested is very striking. The Arch Fit technology is truly the standout feature on this shoe (and others in the 2022 range) and one we implore you to try out for yourself at some point. It is designed to reduce pressure on your foot by distributing weight over a wider area, thus reducing foot fatigue.



WE ENJOYED THE GRIP AND STABILITY THE OUTSOLE OFFERED

Admittedly, it's a slightly strange feeling initially – it's almost like the arches of your feet are being pushed up – but it's a sensation you get accustomed to before too long.

Combined with the Resamax cushioning and the padding around the ankle, it made the shoe extremely comfortable. After testing it over a number of rounds, we can attest that Arch Fit really does help keep a spring in your step for longer.



THE PRO 5 HYPER PROVIDES A SOLID SWINGING PLATFORM

Our feet didn't ache as much towards the end of a round, especially in areas where you might tend to put too much pressure.

The traction on offer is effective from different lies.

If you're looking for a reliable workhorse of a golf shoe that will keep your feet relaxed, comfortable and connected to the ground when you swing, the Pro 5 Hyper from Skechers is an excellent choice.

★★★★★

## KEY TECHNOLOGY

**1.** Skechers' Arch Fit technology is a removable, podiatrist-designed insole system made to mould to your foot, reduce shock and increase weightdispersion, enhancing arch support.

**2.** New Hyper Burst cushioning is made from a lightweight and responsive material with spherically shaped cells compressed into the midsole for long-lasting comfort.

**3.** The Pro 5 Hyper also has a dynamic diamond traction plate outsole with replaceable Softspikes for maximum grip in all conditions.



**STYLING**

A CLEAN YET CONTEMPORARY GOLF SHOE, THE PRO 5 HYPER HAS AN ATHLETIC, PERFOR-MANCE-FOCUSED LOOK THAT WILL APPEAL TO A WIDE RANGE OF TASTES.




## PXG 0211 DC IRON

This all-rounder is a looker from every angle, with its hollow-headed construction giving it the appearance of a blade but with the performance of a forgiving cavity-back iron. The 7-iron loft of 28° makes the ball flight a little flatter, so some may need to choose weaker lofts to increase playability. Off the face, this iron gives a fast yet dense sensation from its wide sweetspot. At £65 per club in the stock shaft, the 0211 DC offers exceptional value for money.

★★★★★

## OSCAR JACOBSON DARWIN MID-LAYER

his incredibly stretchy mid-layer offers a lovely feel to the touch and is really comfortable to swing in. The waterresistant zipper makes it ideal if you get caught in a light shower, but don't expect much protection in a heavy downpour. It boasts some nice design touches around the collar and chest that help to make it both a smart and practical mid-layer option.

★★★★★

## PUMA IGNITE ARTICULATE SHO

Articulation geometry is behind the somewhat quirky name of the latest spiked shoe from Puma. It allows the shoe to move with your foot while still providing a high level of support. In practice, it works brilliantly and the shoes are a pleasure to play in. The styling is subtle but smart and Puma's Ignite Foam midsole provides a good amount of comfort and energy return. The grip from the eight cleats and smaller nubs is also impressive.

★★★★★




## CLICGEAR 4.0 PUSH TROLLEY

The Clicgear 4.0 push trolley stands out from the crowd thanks to its overall size - you get a lot of trolley for your money here. The frame is incredibly robust and the storage console on the handle is comprehensive, too, with room for all your accessories and more. Despite being effortless to manoeuvre on the course, the folding mechanism can be a little awkward to master at first. It requires patience initially, but does become easier after plenty of practice.

★★★★★

## SOUNDER GOLF BALL

A three-piece, urethane-covered golf ball at this price always piques our interest. During testing, we found it to offer good distance, but with a more penetrating ball flight than the equivalent TaylorMade or Titleist models. With mid-irons, the Sounder provides a good blend of distance and stopping power. While it perhaps lacks a little in greenside spin control, its unique looks and price make it one of 2022's most surprising golf ball packages.

★★★★★

## MIZUNO BR-D3 STAND BAG

This all-rounder in Mizuno's comprehensive bag range manages to nicely balance out features and storage at a competitive price. Its eight pockets include a nifty insulated cooler pocket, a full-length apparel pocket and a waterproof valuables pocket. The four-way top is optimal for club storage and, weighing in at 2kg, it's a pleasure to carry, too. The extra padding on the straps helps to disperse the weight across your shoulders.

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# HEAD TO HEAD







## CLEVELAND LAUNCHER XL IRON

### LOOKS

This iron is noticeably longer from heel to toe than the Cobra and pretty much all other models on the market. Some might view this as somewhat unwieldy, but for inconsistent golfers who utilise a lot of the face, it should bolster confidence levels.

**8~9**

From the back, this iron really 'pops' on the shelf, while at address its generous topline and wide sole make it look inviting to hit. There's a healthy amount of offset in the 7-iron to combat a slice and the degree of offset is progressive through the set.

### FEEL/SOUND

This iron feels fairly firm off the face with a louderthan-average impact sound. Some may prefer a more subtle sound, but it undoubtedly instils a sensation of power at the point of strike, with the clubhead also feeling stable and well balanced.

**8~9**

Its lighter feel is immediately obvious, and while this takes some getting used to, faster swings soon become easier to achieve, along with a higher ball flight. Off the face, it feels consistently fast and reassuringly stable – very pleasant indeed.

### BALL FLIGHT

The Cleveland Launcher XL produced, for us, a slightly lower and more penetrating flight without sacrificing stopping power on landing. Given the stronger lofts, it was perhaps no surprise that it also carried the ball five yards further on average.

**9~8**

Our ball flight with the Air-X was a little higher and had more draw-bias. In time, it felt easy to control, and while it fell a few yards short of the Cleveland, this was partly offset by us being able to swing it a little faster and by its longer stock shaft length.

### FORGIVENESS

While much of the forgiveness comes from the size, the V-shaped sole, which elevates the leading edge, helps further here. It encourages you to strike the ball correctly with forward shaft lean and increases the margin for error in the ball/turf interaction.

**9~8**

The perimeter weighting reduces the effect of poor swings, while the wide sole certainly helps prevent the club from digging into the turf excessively. It's arguably not quite as consistent as the Cleveland, but there wasn't much in it.

### OVERALL APPEAL

This iron isn't as long as we were hoping it would be, but it is consistent and provides plenty of assistance on mishits. For golfers on a budget seeking a new iron, it's a compelling option, especially for mid- to high-handicappers.

**8~9**

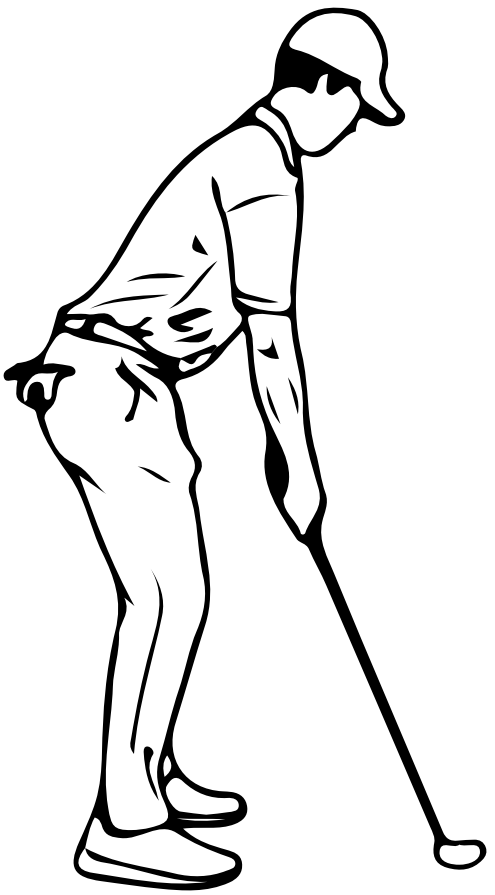
A really easy iron to hit, with a lightweight and solid feel and competitive distance. Control of direction comes naturally with time and, at this price, the value for money is exceptional for the highhandicapper or beginner golfer.

### TOTALS/50

# MASTER SHORT PUTTS FOR CONFIDENCE

***Short putts are one area of golf that amateurs and juniors underestimate the importance of the most.***

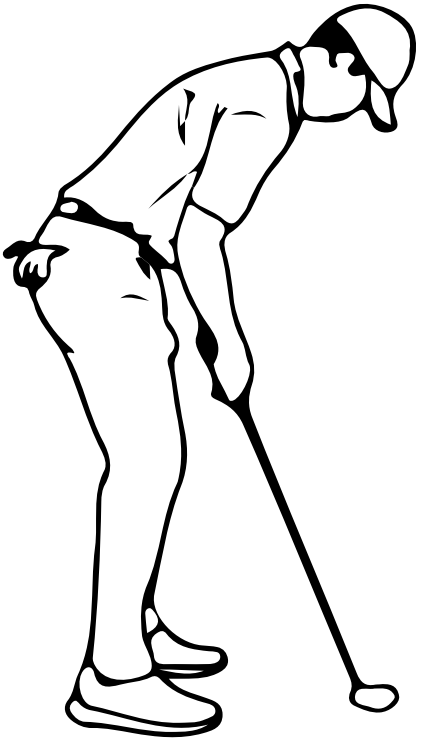
Short putts looks so easy and harmless but missing a short putt can affect your golf game mentally and really break your momentum during the round. The first important factor golfers should consider for shorter putts is that direction is more important than distance control. So what affects the direction 80%? Direction is dictated by the clubface. When I see golfers working on short putting, I mostly see them working on their club path rather than the clubface. In the professional ranks, we see so many different types of strokes and grips yet their clubface is always square to the target at impact.
Let me show you how you can stabilize your clubface to be square at impact.



**SHORT PUTT - WRONG**

- Posture is tall and similar to a 7-iron swing
- Backswing is long and will cause you to decelerate through impact

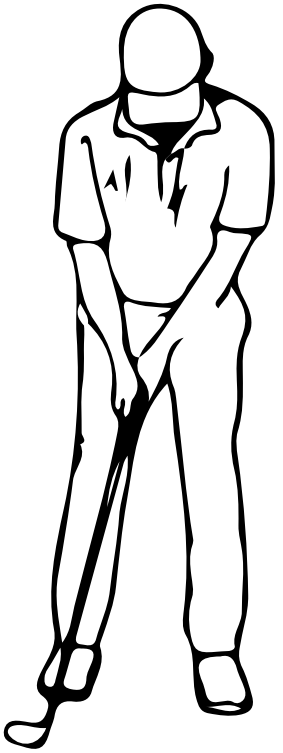


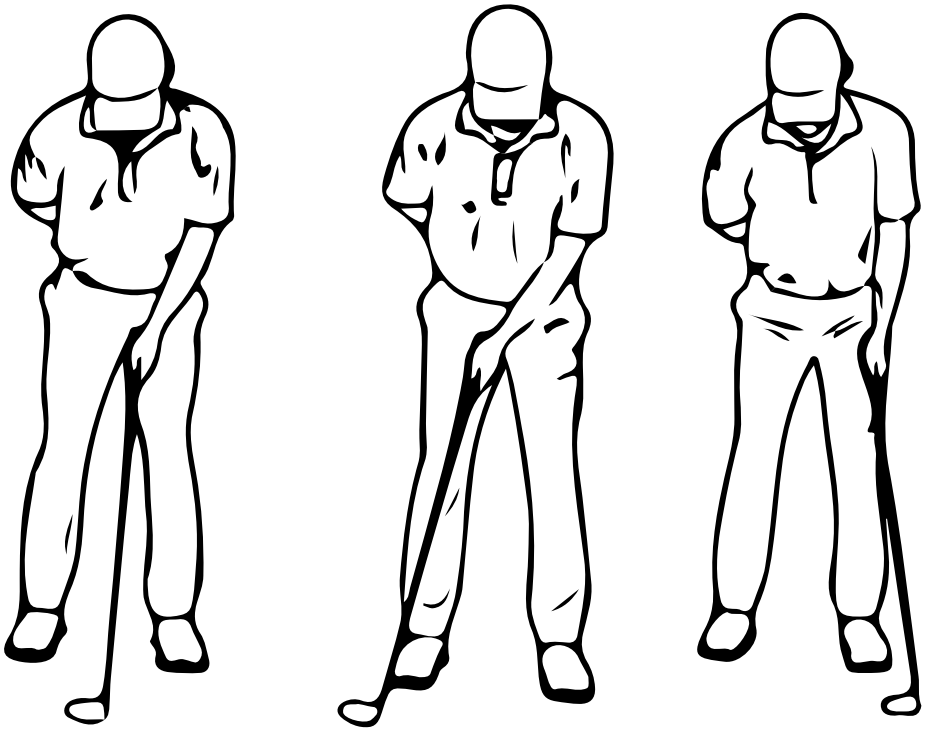


## SHORT PUTT - RIGHT

- Posture should be over the ball with your arms more bent connected to your body

- Backswing is shorter which will naturally help you to accelerate through impact





## SHORT PUTT DRILL

Practice some short putts with only your left hand. Feel the club low to the ground and the back of your left hand going to the target. It will help you steady the clubface through impact.

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**44** **2021 TOYOTA PRADO TXL**
The Prado name strikes fear into the hearts of lowly and low-seated sedan passengers, errant CNG drivers and security personnel who just don't want another transfer to a remote location.

**46** **DELICIOUS & EASY BENGALI RECIPES**
Food holds a special place in Bengali culture. While we do have our grand dishes, it is the simpler dishes that really steal the show.



# 2021 TOYOTA PRADO TXL

The Prado name strikes fear into the hearts of lowly and low-seated sedan passengers, errant CNG drivers and security personnel who just don't want another transfer to a remote location. It is the vehicle of choice for politicians, grandmothers going for a knee transplant and petrolheads who want to survive going into muddy, dangerous, boulder filled terrain. That or a weekend trip to under-construction Uttara.

Murdering off-road terrain for decades
Four-wheel drive vehicles that are as insane as the incredibly brave/stupid people in a variety of SUVs are required for expeditions to the North Pole and the most isolated regions. These workhorses are primarily Nissan Patrols, Mitsubishi Pajeros, and Land Rovers. A Toyota Land Cruiser is the only vehicle that guarantees to get you there AND back.
It is more than just an all-powerful legend. These things are legendary for going miles and miles without giving up (that's kilometres for you Dhanmondi-Gulshan commuters). A Swiss couple, Emil and Liliana Schmid, took their Cruiser for a short drive in 1984. After three decades, they had traveled to 180 nations and clocked up more than 740,000 kilometers. Bangladesh, on the other hand, is 820 kilometers long at its longest.

A little old school for very good reason
The Prado is a monolithic giant that has maintained all of its greatest, traditional traits while updating itself in all the appropriate spots. The Land Cruiser continues to be a body-on-frame SUV with 300 series-inspired styling. then, the best of both worlds. See, the body on frame construction makes it excellent for off-roading since it resists twisting forces well as you climb over boulders or load the trunk with a ton of gear. The suspension can be articulated better. Imagine twisting a sandwich and the fillings do not fall out.

The car is a little bit heavier than a monocoque or unibody construction, which is one of its drawbacks. We took a couple of Land Cruisers for the day and drove them



We got lost after heading out to buy eggs for breakfast. Bought a dozen chickens from a guy in exchange for directions.

back to back. That 2.7-liter, 163-bhp engine isn't exactly a slouch. But it is carrying a substantial amount of weight—roughly 2240 kg. There isn't much acceleration but the torque delivery is so well regulated, in-gear bursts are plentiful. It squats deliberately before moving forward.

Ride has a somewhat boat-like feel. On city tarmac, it lurches and dives. As I steered that enormous vehicle through the clogged mid-afternoon Banani traffic in Dhaka, I had the feeling of a ship's captain. However, that massive box-like design also gave off a feeling of coziness and imvulnerability.

Scares the life out of Gulshan speed breakers
Due to the low down torque, the 181 lb/ft of grunt can travel across difficult terrain at a very sluggish speed. It is challenging to become stranded with the correct tires. And even with our bodykitted example, the ground clearance is excellent. At first, I was concerned that I may scratch my chin, but soon I concluded that most peaks and valleys are manageable. Due to the extremely large seats and the extremely long suspension, which absorbs the majority of what you throw at it, you are traveling in complete comfort the entire time over roads that would demolish a family sedan.

Buttons to keep you busy all day
The Land Cruiser Prado really hasn't changed much over a decade. Which in many ways is a good thing. That body on frame and the suspension setup make for excellent off-roading. On the inside, they kept the layout full of real tactile buttons instead of the modern show of touch screen panels for everything.

Enough space for two families
There is more than enough room inside for several adults to fit. Two extra adults can potentially fit in the remaining seven seats. Several electrical modifications ensure that front-row passengers are completely comfortable. Both the front and back rows are equally spacious and comfortable. The center passenger in the second row benefits from having vents pointed directly at their crotch thanks to the ability to control their personal temperature settings. Very useful on days when Dhaka is hot and muggy.

Verdict:
This is a supremely capable off-roader. Australia, known for being hugely inhospitable, accounts for about ten percent of Land Cruiser sales worldwide. That is a huge number. But what we really care for most of the time is now the car makes us look. It is imposing. It looks majestic. And in association, you feel like a king. Or queen. But really, the car will hold its value and beat everything else off the beaten path. Whether you go only for North End coffee runs or beyond 300ft of Purbachal's muddy, rock test sites, the Prado will beat everything else off the beaten path. The Prado conquers all. And it's a Toyota. It can't possibly break.



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## SPECIFICATION

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**Transmission:**
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**Power:**
163 HP@ 5,200 RPM

**Max Torque:**
246 NM@ 3,900 RPM

**Drivetrain:**
Four wheel drive

Prados similar to our reviewed unit are available at Rancon Car Hub.
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# DELICIOUS & EASY BENGALI RECIPES



## PANCHADAL KHICHURI

**Ingredients**

1 cup rice
2 tbsp split Bengal gram (chickpea)
2 tbsp skinned green gram or yellow moong dal
2 tbsp split green gram or green moong dal
2 tbsp pigeon pea or arhar dal
2 tbsp pink lentil or masoor dal

½ cup finely chopped onion
½ cup potatoes, cut into cubes
½ cup carrot, cut into cubes
½ cup tomatoes, cut into cube
½ tsp garlic paste
4 green chillies
2 tbsp oil
1 tbsp ghee
½ tsp mustard seeds
½ tsp cumin seeds
2 cloves
3 dry red chillies
2 bay leaves
A pinch of asafoetida
½ tsp turmeric powder
1 tsp red chilli powder
½ tsp coriander powder
¼ tsp garam masala powder
4-5 cup water
Chopped coriander leaves
Salt to taste

**Method**

Wash the chickpeas and soak in water for 2 hours. Combine rice and all types of dals except chickpeas. Wash them properly. Soak using enough water for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, drain the water and keep it aside. Heat the ghee and oil in a pan. Add the mustard seeds and cumin seeds. When seeds start to splutter add bay leaves, dry red chillies and cloves. Add onions, sauté until onion gets transparent. Add garlic paste and sauté until raw aroma goes away. Add potatoes and carrot, sauté for 2 minutes. Add tomatoes and mix well. Add all the spices and mix well. Add drained rice and dals. Mix well and 4-5 cups of water. Add salt and green chillies. Cover and cook till done. Garnish the panchadal khichuri with fried onions and coriander leaves. Serve hot with spoon of ghee.

Food holds a special place in Bengali culture. While we do have our grand dishes, it is the simpler dishes that really steal the show. Not everyone has mastered Bengali cuisine, be it for lack of interest or practice or complexity. And so, the following recipes are just some of the popular dishes that are not only easy to make but also easy on the stomach. Try them out; they will most certainly not disappoint.



## SINDHI MUTTON FRY

**Ingredients**
1 kg mutton pieces
2 tbsp raw papaya paste
4-5 tbsp oil
4 medium onions, chopped
2 tbsp ginger-garlic paste
1 cup yoghurt
2 tomato puree
2 tbsp chopped coriander leaves
1 tbsp cumin seeds
1 tbsp coriander seeds powder
1 tsp garam masala powder
4 green chillies
2 red chillies
2 green cardamoms
Salt to taste

**Method**

Wash the mutton pieces properly. Apply the papaya paste to the mutton and leave it for half an hour. Grind all the spice ingredients and make a fine powder. Heat oil in a vessel, add onion and fry for 1 minute. Then add ginger-garlic paste and sauté until the raw smell goes off. Add yoghurt, tomato puree and salt. Fry for few minutes. Add the mutton and mix well. Cover and cook on low flame for 20 minutes. Now add garam masala powder and green chillies to the mutton. Mix and cook for another 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Garnish with coriander leaves and serve.




# 5TH DAFFODIL CAPTAIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022 CONCLUDES




The three-day-long 5th Daffodil Captain Cup Golf Tournament concluded at the Kumitola Golf Club in Dhaka Cantonment recently. Lt Gen Ataul Hakim Sarwar Hasan, SBP, SGP, ndc, afwc, psc, PhD, Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army, was present as the chief guest of the occasion, giving away prizes to the winners at the banquet hall of KGC.

Major General Md Zahirul Islam, Vice President, KGC, Dr. Md Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil Family, Brigadier General Syed Md Rafiqul Islam, Club Captain, KGC, Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Chairman, Tournament Committee, KGC, all the executive committee members of KGC, Colonel Md Shahidul Haque (Retd), CEO of KGC, members of Daffodil Family and others were also present. A large number of participants and high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the function.

Following are the winners of tournament:

1 Winner: Major Muheet ul Alam

2 Runner-up: Brig Gen Md Mohiuddin Siddique (Retd)

3 Ladies Winner: Mrs. Fatema Rahman








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# SHEIKH RUSSEL
# 6TH FEDERATION GOLFCHAMPIONSHIP 2022



Kurmitola Golf Club emerged as champions while Army Golf Club became runners-up in the Sheikh
Russel 6th Federation Cup Golf Championship, which was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka
recently.
Tasnim Karar of Mainamati Golf Club emerged as men's champion while Mrs Fatema Rahman of KGC finished as women's champion. SM Samir Hossain of Bogura Golf Club emrged as the winner in junior
category.
A total of 102 golfers including 46 make, 30 female and 32 junior players took part as part of 12 clubs in
the two-day event.







## Sheikh Russel 6th federation Golf Championship 2022

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# 6TH ANWAR STEEL-ANWAR CEMENT CAPTAIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT ENDS

The closing and prize distribution ceremony of the "6th Anwar Steel-Anwar Cement Captain Cup Golf Tournament-2022" was held at Army Golf Club, Dhaka Cantonmentrecently.

Chief of Army Staff Gen SM Shafiuddin Ahmed was present as the chief guest on the occasion. Among others, Adjutant General of Bangladesh Army and Army Golf Club President Maj Gen MdMoshfequr Rahman, Anwar Group Chairman Manwar Hossain, Army Golf Club Tournament Committee Chairman Brig Gen Shah-Noor Jilani (retd), Chief Executive Officer Brig Syed Ahmed Ali (Retd), Army Golf Club Director (Sports and Facilities) and Member Secretary Lt Col Md Ghulam Manzoor Siddiqui and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. The four-day tournament, which began on Wednesday, was held in five categories for



amateur golfers. The categories are Senior, Junior, Regular, Ladies and Veteran. A total of 716 players participated in the tournament. Among them are several foreign players. Lt Col Golam Mortuza became the overall champion in the tournament. Veteran Winner Hayatuzzaman Khan, Senior Winner Col AKM Nazrul Islam (retd), Lady Winner KulsoomFarid and Junior Winner Master SM Samir Hussain were also awarded.





# 3RD BEXIMCO CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022

THE 3RD BEXIMCO CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022 WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED, AND THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT SAVAR GOLF CLUB RECENTLY.

The primary visitor was Major General Mohammad ShaheenulHaque, NDC, HDMI, psc, General Officer Commanding of the 9th Infantry Division & Area Commander, Savar Area &President, Savar Golf Club. Syed Naved Hussain, Chief Executive Officer of the Beximco Group, was also honored as a Special Guest.

The occasion was attended by Brig Gen Mohammad Taufique Hami, Chairman, Tournament Committee, Savar Golf Club, as well as other high-ranking officials from the Beximco Group, SGC, Armed Forces, and civil and military officials.


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The inaugural Golf House Corporate Cup Golf Tournament was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka recently where around 185 golfers from different cubs of the country participated.

General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, SBP, OSP, ndu, psc, PhD, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army and President Kurmitola Golf Club, was present as the chief guest of the closing ceremony and distributed prizes among the winners.

Major SM Yousuf Reza (retd) won in the men's category while Brig Gen Moazzem Hossain (retd) emerged as the runner-up. Mrs Umme Kulsum emerged as the winner in ladies' category.

The tournament was also witnessed by other high officials of Bangladesh Army, ambassadors of different countries, club members and officials of The Golf House magazine.









## GolfHouse Corporate Cup Golf Tournament 2022

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# NOTE OF APPRECIATION

A M M Nazrul Hosen
Editor & Founder
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As we all know, TheGolfHouse has recently celebrated its seventh anniversary and we are proud that we could host the event in presence of the who's who in Bangladesh golf. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who generously helped us make this event a success.

I, on behalf of TheGolfHouse, thank all our patrons, sponsors, writers and well wishers for their support, suggestions and advice. I would take this opportunity to show our gratitude individually to a few people who are the reason TheGolfHouse is what it is today. First and foremost, I would like to thank the President Bangladesh Golf Federation, and Chief of Army Staff, General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed for the kindness he has shown towards TheGolfHouse.

I would also like to thank Maj Gen Md Zahirul Islam, Senior Vice President of Bangladesh Golf Federation and Brig Gen Syed Md Rafiqul Islam, Secretary General of Bangladesh Golf Federation, Colonel Md Shahidul Haque (Retd), CEO of KGC and all the officials of KGC for their incredible support. Without you, we couldn't have come this far!

My gratitude to Mr. Arshad Jamal (Dipu), Chairman of Tusuka Group who introduced me to golf and extended his unconditional support during our journey.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to Ex CEO of KGC, Colonel Sardar Hasan Kabir (Retd), who supported me during the whole process of the first issue in 2015.

Special thanks to Brig Gen Mamun-Ur-Rashid, Army Headquarters, Major General AKM Abdullahil Baquee (Retd), Major General Mizanur Rahman Khan(Retd) who are the ex Senior Vice President of Bangladesh Golf Federation, Major General Md Masud Razzaq(Retd) ex President, Junior Divition Golf of Bangladesh Golf Federation. Ex Secretary General of Bangladesh Golf Federation Brig Gen Abul Fazal Md Sanaullah,Brigadier General Muhammad Sayeed Siddiki(Retd),Brig Gen Quazi Samsul Islam (Retd), those who are imparted their words of wisdomand of encouragement which helped TheGolfHouse grow since day one.

Last but not the least, I am truly grateful to our foreign friends from Asian Tour, DP world and PGA Tour, PGTI who supported us not only during the initial time, but during the whole course of seven years.

For the last seven years, TheGolfHouse magazine has provided Bangladesh's golfers and golf enthusiasts with the latest in-depth news and features, expert opinion, updates on latest equipment, fashion, travel and lifestyle, plus extensive news on golf competitions and events.

The stride that golf has made has been a combination of a few factors including the continuous hard work of the administrators and the growing interest shown by the sponsors. Slowly but surely golf has become more popular and widely recognizable throughout the country compared to what it used to be seven years ago.

We are happy that the last seven years of our journey has coincided with this growth and we are happy to have put the collective stride, the individual achievements and the tireless efforts on the pages of our magazine.

Needless to say that there remains a lot to be done for golf in Bangladesh. The interest that the sponsors are showing could be more widespread and inviting. The golf administrators, who are already doing a commendable job, hopefully will continue their selfless endeavour for the love of the game.

It was a challenging task to bring out a quality magazine on a comparatively niche sport in the country. But looking at the progress that golf has made over the past decade, we can proudly say that the effort was worth it.

Our commitment remains the same today as it was on day one. Our endeavour is to improve the quality further, bring new and exciting features and produce an even better publication. We are looking forward to your advice, suggestions and cooperation.


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