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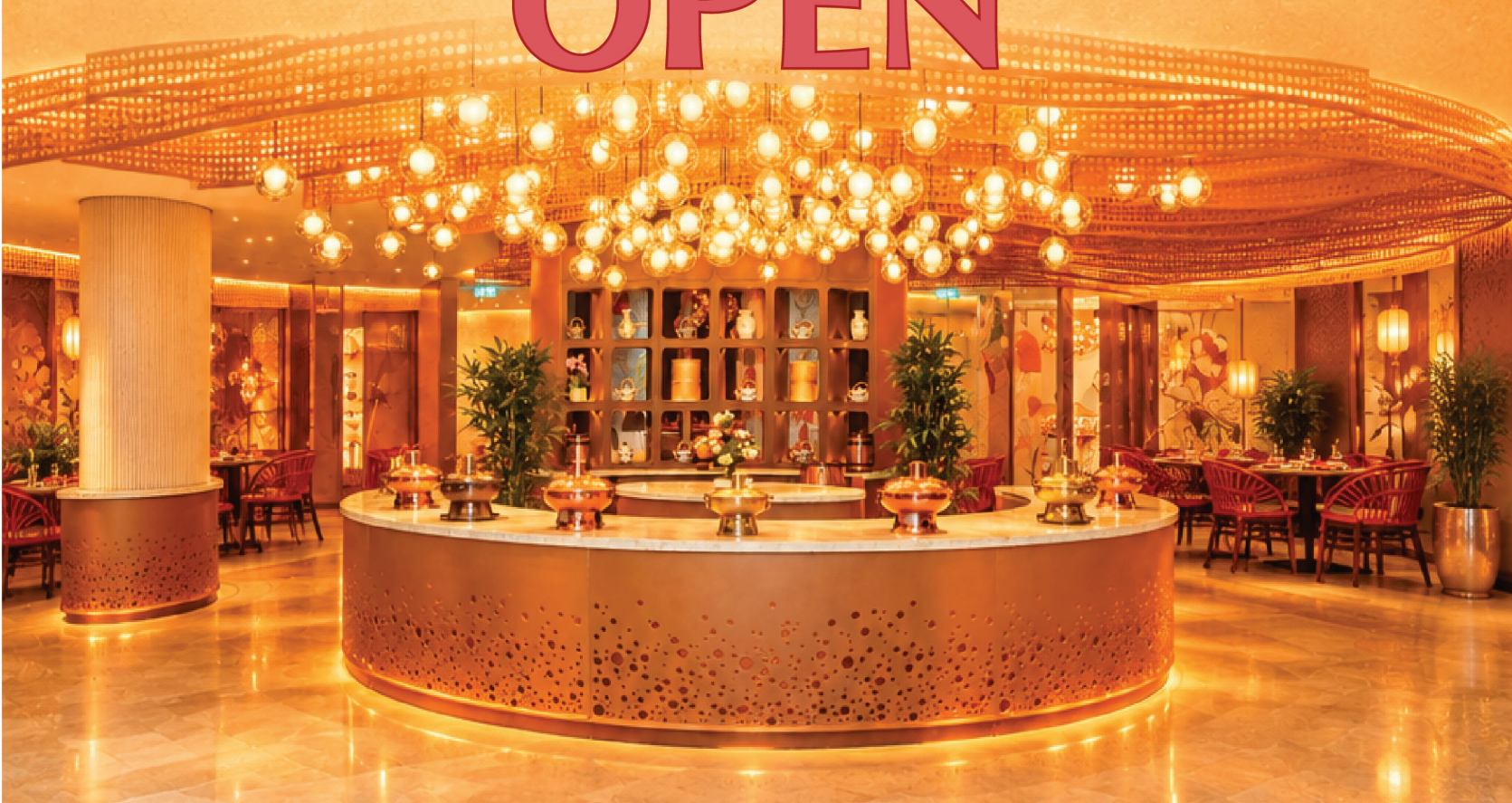

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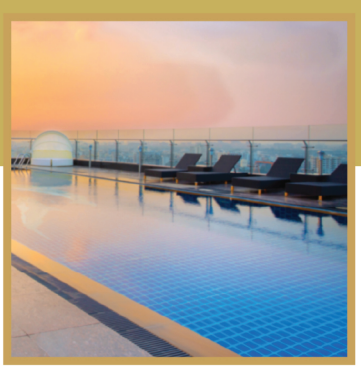

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Editor's Note

Dear readers,

After a break, the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup returned to Dhaka, bringing golfers together at Kurmitola Golf Club. We at GolfHouse were glad to be part of the event and to see it return to the local golfing calendar. A tournament like this gives club golfers a chance to test their game in a wider field and spend a day with people they might otherwise never play alongside.

Kurmitola also provides the setting for our cover story. Two strokes separated Green Demons from Vintage Swingers at the fifth Old Buddies Golf Tournament. Rais Uddin Siddique and Lt Gen Md Nazimuddin each returned a net 34 on the back nine, helping Green Demons secure their second successive win at the club and qualify for the OB Legacy Trophy final as the leading team.

At Woolston Manor in England, the UK Bangladeshi Golf Society welcomed me with a tournament that drew 16 golfers from different parts of the country. We first introduced the society to readers in 2018. It was good to see how a fixture on the calendar had become a regular reason for members to get together and stay connected with golf in Bangladesh.

The World Amateur Golfers Championship took me to Malaysia's Desaru Coast. At The Els Club, the Coast nine offers views of the South China Sea, while the Valley Course rewards a well-judged approach to its small greens. I went for a championship and came home thinking about which friends I would take back, including a few who would happily spend the whole day by the sea.

I hope this issue gives you a reason to call someone you have been meaning to play with and put a date in the diary.

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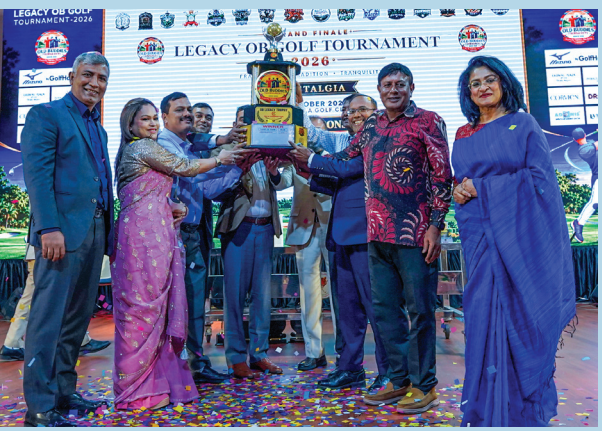

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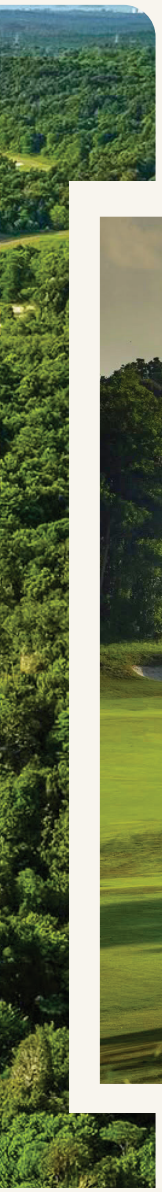



> I went to Desaru Coast for the World Amateur Golfers Championship. I came away thinking about which friends from Dhaka I'd bring back for a round and an afternoon by the sea.

At The Els Club Desaru Coast, I'd set aside a morning for each course. Ernie Els's Ocean Course has 27 holes across three nines called Coast, Lakes and Ridge. The Coast nine is the one to put on the itinerary if you're going for the views of the South China Sea. The Valley Course, designed by Vijay Singh with the Ernie Els Design team, is a different proposition. The ground rises and falls, the greens are small, and a good drive still leaves you with work to do.



For a group travelling from Bangladesh, the appeal is practical as well. Hard Rock Hotel Desaru Coast was the championship's official hotel, and The Westin and Anantara are nearby. You can book two rounds from the same base and leave the afternoons free for everyone to do as they please. Halal food is available in Desaru, and if you're arranging dinner for the whole group, it's worth checking which hotel restaurants or banquet kitchens are halal-certified when you book.

If you're already in Singapore, Desaru is about 90 minutes by direct ferry from Tanah Merah. From Kuala Lumpur, it's roughly four hours by road. You can also fly to Senai in about an hour and drive another hour to the coast. If your dates are flexible, The Els Club's weekday green fees are lower than its weekend rates.

> A good golf course does not need to intimidate players from the first tee. Sometimes, its greatest strength lies in making golfers think.











I'd go back for three nights with a few friends from Dhaka. We'd play the Ocean Course one morning and the Valley the next. I'd leave the rest of the trip open.

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JAMAL STANDS TALL AMONG PGTI'S TOP TEN

Five top-10 finishes the Bangladeshi golfer's competitive season on the Indian circuit

Jamal Hossain continues to hold his place among the leading performers on the DP World Professional Golf Tour of India, standing 10th in the Order of Merit after a season marked by repeated challenges near the top of the leaderboard.

The latest standings, updated after the DP World India Championship, credit Jamal with five top-10 finishes and 13 cuts made from 18 appearances. His earnings amount to approximately 57.50 lakh taka, making him Bangladesh's highest-ranked golfer on the circuit this season.

Although a victory has remained elusive in 2026, Jamal has repeatedly put himself in contention. His strongest result came at the Coal India Open in August, where he finished runner-up and earned approximately 13.04 lakh taka. That followed third place at the DP World Players Championship in April, another important contribution to his campaign.

His early performances had already established a promising rhythm. Ninth place at the SECL Chhattisgarh Open was followed by fourth at the February DP World Players Championship and fifth at the Urbana-backed championship the following week. Those results provided the foundation for his position among the tour's top ten.

Jamal's current standing carries greater significance when measured against his recent record. He finished eighth in the PGTI rankings in both 2022 and 2023, seventh in 2024 and sixth in 2025. Last season also brought victory at the Telangana Golconda Masters and three runner-up finishes. His performances this year extend an established record of competitiveness on the Indian circuit.

His latest appearance brought a demanding international test. Jamal competed in the DP World India Championship at Delhi Golf Club from October 15 to 18, an event jointly sanctioned by the DP World PGTI and DP World Tour. A field featuring Rory McIlroy, Tommy Fleetwood, Shane Lowry and Justin Rose offered a formidable benchmark.

Jamal opened with a four-over-par 76, leaving himself considerable ground to recover. He responded with a one-under 71 in the second round, improving by five shots, but his aggregate of 147, three over par, was insufficient to secure a place in the final two rounds.

The second-round recovery offered encouragement, while the missed cut highlighted the importance of a stronger start against such opposition. Jamal's season has demonstrated his ability to produce competitive finishes; the next challenge is to carry that standard consistently into events featuring deeper international fields.

His place in the top ten also remains closely contested. Ninth-placed Angad Cheema leads him by approximately 1.35 lakh taka, while Mohd Azhar, in 11th, trails by around 76,000 taka. Another strong finish could lift Jamal further up the standings, although the narrow margins leave little room for an extended dip in form.

Fellow Bangladeshis Badal Hossain and Md Akbar Hossain occupy 29th and 38th places respectively, while Md Muaj has recorded three money-winning finishes. Their performances add depth to Bangladesh's participation, with Jamal continuing to set the benchmark.

For Jamal, the immediate ambition is to turn another week of contention into a title. Five top-10 finishes have kept him among the circuit's strongest performers. A victory would give his season the result that has so far remained just beyond reach.

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The 11th Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup, world's most prominent corporate golf tournament, returns to Dhaka on the 17th October 2026



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Closest-to-the-pin winners

Brigadier General Yasir Jahan won the men's closest-to-the-pin competition, while Neela Aziz took the women's prize.

The tournament brought together golfers, business leaders and invited guests at the Dhaka course. It was the 92nd of 139 events scheduled in this year's global series, according to the organisers.



İslam Güre, Turkish Airlines' general manager in Dhaka, briefs golfers on the rules before the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup qualifier at Kurmitola Golf Club on 17 October.



A place in the Türkiye Grand Finals

Launched in 2013, the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup now draws more than 10,000 players across over 130 tournaments in 84 countries.

Winners of the qualifying events will compete in the Grand Finals at Gloria Golf Club on the Turkish Golf Coast later this year, with accommodation at Gloria Serenity Resort. The finalists will travel to Türkiye in Turkish Airlines' business class.

Organisers congratulate the winner

Turkish Airlines General Manager in Dhaka İslam Güre thanked the participants and congratulated Rashed on his victory.

"We thank all of our guests who made





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A 44-point round earned Humayun Rashed a place in the Grand Finals in Türkiye.









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the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup here in Dhaka a huge success," Güre said. "Once again, it was a thrilling tournament in the TAWGC series, congratulations to our winner, Col. Md. Humayun Rashed. We wish him the best of luck in Türkiye."

The 2026 series is supported by Gloria Hotels & Resorts.

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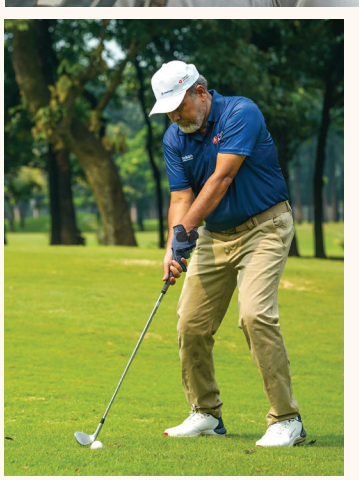
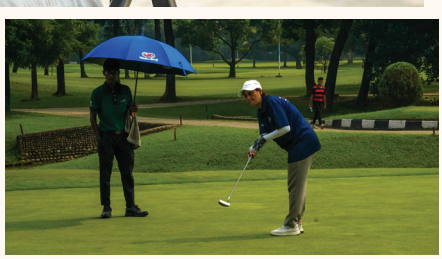
Golfers share a word between shots, play from the fairway and putt at Kurmitola Golf Club during the Dhaka leg of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup







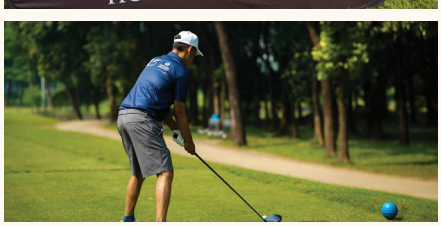


















Prize winners pose with their trophies at Kurmitola Golf Club after the Dhaka leg of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup Amateur Series.















A golfer holds up his trophy (top right), and another receives a flight ticket (bottom) at the Dhaka leg of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup Amateur Series at Kurmitola Golf Club.

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LIV GOLF PLANS WIND-DOWN AFTER RESCUE DEAL FALLS THROUGH

The Saudi-backed league announced on November 6 that it intended to wind down operations after its restructuring agreement with BC Partners Credit was terminated.

Five years after challenging professional golf's established order, LIV Golf is facing a financial reckoning, according to the supplied report, which claims the Saudi-backed circuit has sought bankruptcy protection in the United States.

The report describes a proposed restructuring intended to keep the competition running while addressing substantial debts. However, the court filings and financial figures cited in the article require independent verification.

Backed by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF), LIV entered the sport with lucrative player contracts, sizeable prize funds and a team-based format. Its arrival intensified competition for leading players and triggered a prolonged dispute over the future of professional golf.

According to the report, LIV filed for Chapter 11 protection in New York



on September 8. It also claims the organisation sought protection in England and Wales to safeguard its international assets and operations.

The article puts LIV's liabilities at between $500 million and $1 billion, involving at least 1,000 creditors. It identifies Bryson DeChambeau, Jon Rahm and Cam Smith among those affected.

The report traces LIV's financial difficulties to the gap between its spending commitments and commercial income.

It says the circuit recorded operating losses of approximately $1 billion in the United States and a further $2.1 billion in England by December 31, 2025. Despite those losses, the organisation reportedly maintained that profitability remained a long-term objective.

The article also claims PIF documents showed funding of up to $5.5 billion between the beginning of 2021 and February 2026. It says a further $267 million was provided after February, followed by a decision to halt funding. Additional payments of $10 million in July and $49 million three months later are also mentioned.

Those figures, and the account of PIF's funding decisions, have not been independently established.

The report describes cost-cutting measures that included cancelling tournaments in Michigan and New Orleans and reducing spending on hospitality and entertainment. It also refers to staff reductions, claiming the organisation had 41 employees as of September 8.

Beyond player payments and event costs, the article lists alleged obligations involving accommodation, commercial taxes and other expenses. It also refers to claims involving tax authorities and legal proceedings in Singapore and South Korea.

According to the article, the proposed restructuring would allow LIV to continue operating through 2027 with support from new investors.

It identifies London-based private equity firm BC Partners as a prospective investor and describes a proposed ownership structure under which players would hold 52.5 percent, new investors 45 percent and management the remaining 2.5 percent.

The report says LIV aims to emerge from bankruptcy protection and resume under a revised operating model in January 2027.

Yet the central challenge extends beyond ownership and financing. Any recovery would depend on retaining players, meeting contractual obligations and building enough commercial revenue to sustain the competition.

LIV's arrival demonstrated how quickly substantial investment could reshape professional golf. The account presented in the supplied article raises a different question: whether that spending can support a durable business.




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As elite golfers began to look and act more like Olympic triathletes, one man stood out from the crowd. Miguel Angel Jimenez didn't care for a bottle of electrolytes or a protein bar before teeing off. Instead, arguably the most charismatic golfer of the past 25 years stuck to his pre-round ritual of an espresso and a cigar.

Jimenez has always enjoyed the finer things in life and combined with his ponytail, his goatee, his Ferrari, his handmade golf shoes and his legendary warm-up routine, the man from Malaga has long been the most distinctive presence on practice ranges and courses.

Jimenez is infectious company, but don't mistake his zest for life for a lack of competitive fire. That determination was forged during his early years on the main European Tour. He was no Seve or Sergio and endured several false starts before establishing himself. But once he found his feet, he kept pushing forward, progressing from tour player to tour winner, then Ryder Cup star and major contender.

Only a major eluded him, despite several close calls. He eventually put that right on the senior circuit, adding two senior major titles to a career that had already delivered 13 DP World Tour wins in his 40s and another in his 50s. His victory in the Spanish Open at the age of 50 also made him the oldest winner in DP World Tour history.

During a half-hour conversation at The Els Club in Vilamoura on the eve of the Portugal Invitational, the 62-year-old was every bit as compelling and flamboyant as you would hope him to be as he reflected on a career that is notable for its colour as much as its longevity.

I was one of seven brothers and started picking balls at the range and caddying at my local club, Torrequebrada. I did it because I needed to. I needed to earn money to eat. It wasn't because I loved golf. Not yet.

The Spanish Open came to Torrequebrada when I was 15 years old. I skipped school to go to work on the driving range because my brother was a professional there and he was in charge of it. I didn't know much about golf, but it was the first contact I had with professionals.

Seve and Sandy Lyle were there, but I didn't know who they were. That summer I started putting a bit, then swinging the club. My brother said, 'This looks very good.' So then I started to combine caddying and going to the driving range. I started loving the game. The passion was coming, but I knew I had to work to survive.

I had already worked in a car garage before working officially as a caddie and at the range. It's where my nickname 'The Mechanic' comes from. Could I take an engine apart? No. But I could change the brakes, the oil, the sparks – all these kinds of things.

I finished in the army in 1985, which was mandatory in Spain, after going 15 months without hitting a shot. No golf for 15 months. But later that year I made my first attempt to get my European Tour card. I failed and failed again in 1986 and 1987. But I felt in those two years that I was playing well and I was at the top of the Spanish ranking behind the guys who were playing on the European Tour, like Manuel Pinero, Jose Maria Canizares, Santiago Luna, all these guys.

I played in the Spanish events on the European Tour – the Madrid Open, Spanish Open and so on – and that helped me to see what was going on. Then, I got my tour card finally in 1988.

I had my first win quite quickly in 1992 on a very nice course, Royal Zoute in Belgium. I played the last round with Nick Faldo and the rest of the top 10 had Seve, [Sandy] Lyle, Ian Woosnam in it, so that was a very important win for me. It gave me a lot of confidence, that I had beaten all those names. I played with them and beat them. Terrific.

Seve and I were soon playing almost all our tournament practice rounds together, so we got close. Him, Olazabal and myself. Then one day in the summer of 1997 we had a coffee together and he turned to me and said, 'Do you want to be my assistant captain for the Ryder Cup?' I replied, 'Yes boss. If you don't want me to play, of course I'm going to assist you.'

The Ryder Cup was intense. But it was a special week, and it really helped me in my career. I had been playing very well – not at Ryder Cup level yet – but it gave me a look at what focus really is. It gave me even more motivation inside me. Now I knew what it meant to fight and never let anything get you down. It is something you learn when you are around a hero like Seve, you know? He was a genius. Yes, the skill, but also the vision. Incredible. But probably the most important thing was his intensity on the golf course. He would never lie down in any situation.
Being an assistant captain at Valderrama gave me the desire to play in the next Ryder Cup. But wanting to play and getting a place





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on the team is not the same. I made it though. I qualified in the fifth automatic place. A lot of people arrive on tour and make some money and think, this is going to be end-toend money. But when you forget about the money, and focus on the results, and enjoy what you are doing, you can perform better. It's something that I saw with Seve and the Ryder Cup and that helped me focus on the moment.

The atmosphere at Brookline was amazing. OK, it was noisy and there were some problems. But how the matches changed from hole to hole was amazing. I only lost one match on the first two days and everyone knows we were far ahead. But I lost my singles – that disappointed me a lot – and so did a lot of the others. It was a bad end, but it showed me how special it is to play in the Ryder Cup. I knew it from Seve of course, what the meaning of the Ryder Cup is.

The 2004 Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills was very different. We had great camaraderie in the team. You







could see that happiness in the team room. And we had one big difference; we had more experience. In 1999, we had seven rookies. That's a lot. And we had the captaincy of Bernhard Langer in 2004. He was an excellent captain. Everyone won a point. It was a very, very good team from one to 12. In the 2010 Ryder Cup, it was very different with the rain, the singles being played on Monday... it was tough. But it was nice, in an intense way. And so many memories... the dancing, the flags, the crowd, the whole experience. I won my singles against Bubba Watson – I beat him in fourballs too – and that made me happy.

I won twice in 1998 – the Turespana Masters in Mallorca and the Lancome Trophy, when I beat David Duval and Faldo – and also won twice the following year. The Turespana Masters again – this time in Malaga, which was special – and I became the first Spaniard to win the Volvo Masters, the final one held at Montecastillo in Jerez. It was a good leaderboard as well.

I was also in the top 25 of the US Open in 1999 and that helped me get on the Ryder Cup team. The next year I finished second in the US Open at Pebble Beach. Except I really won the tournament I was playing in. I wasn't in contention for that US Open, only the one I played in with the rest of the players. Tiger Woods had his own tournament against the course. There was a 15-shot difference – he was minus 12, we were plus-three. That is not being in contention. It was amazing the way Tiger played at that moment. He was on top of the wave and there was a big difference between him and the rest of the field.

In 2001 I could have won a Major. I shot a 67 on Saturday to get into contention at Royal Lytham. I played well in the last round, and made two birdies on the back nine to get to eight-under. I was one shot behind [David] Duval as I got to the 14th. But I bogeyed it. I then hit a beautiful drive on the 15th and the ball bounced, bounced, bounced, bounced... into the bunker. I got it out, and was lucky that I was outside the bunker for my third. But it was another bogey, and that probably cost me the opportunity to win.

The Masters is difficult to explain to you as I learned a lot playing with Seve and Ollie in practice rounds at Augusta. With their input, I felt I could play the course, that I knew the course. And my first round in 1995 I started with a 71. I was happy. But then [I shot] a 75. Missed cut! My second time was in 1999. I shot a 72. OK... but then I made four bogeys at the start of my second round (in the first six holes). That was a missed cut. In 2000 I made the cut, but finished low down the leaderboard.

Westwood in a play-off. I just missed the water on the first play-off hole as my ball plugged in a bank and I chipped to save par, then holed a good putt on the 2nd. Westwood missed his putt on the 3rd and I holed mine. I was like a good wine – with age, they get better and better!

I have played 724 times on the DP World Tour and was the all-time appearance maker until David Howell broke the record. It is a little different though, because he played a full year – or two years, maybe – only on invitations, not because of rankings. I never need an invitation. I only got one in Switzerland last year.

The key to playing so many tournaments is because I love what I do. That's the main thing. And learning. Learning that the most important thing is not to worry if I make the cut or feel I have to earn some money. At the beginning it blocked my progress; I just didn't realise it.

What is important is to practise properly and enjoy yourself. There is no secret. Good food, good wine, good cigars and some exercise. You need to be happy! And those things make me happy. You have to do it. But I've also done more exercise in the last 25 years than in the rest of my life. In the beginning, after playing golf, I played some cards, I'm having a beer... but then I understood I have to start to work out, too, to stay competitive.

I still enjoy competing. I enjoy winning tournaments. It's what I do in my life. Since I left school, everything I do in my life is golf. I don't do anything else, I don't have the opportunity to study, to do other things, because we needed to survive. For me, golf is everything. And I'll continue until I say 'bye-bye' to golf. What am I going to do apart from playing golf?

Golf course design is something that interests me. Maybe that. I am redesigning a course in Sicily at the moment, at a resort called Costa Ragusa. Jose Maria Olazabal is redesigning the other courses there. I have one course design already, in the Czech Republic,



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and I am really excited by the work I am doing on the Queens course at Costa Ragusa. My idea is to offer golfers an experience full of character.

I've won 17 times on the Champions Tour, including winning two senior major championships in three months [in 2018]. The Senior Open at St Andrews was very special. Which professional doesn't want to win a major in St Andrews, the home of all of them? It's a very special place every time you play there. You need to understand links golf, and you need to understand St Andrews. Probably the first time I played it, I didn't understand it like I do now, but I still felt something special.

The more you play it, the more you understand the course. I love St Andrews. It's beautiful to play when you understand it. That win came at the right time. Of course, I would have loved to have won a major before I was a senior player, but it wasn't to be.

I still love being in contention. That pressure is what I'm looking for. If I am not in contention a lot, maybe I would think again.

I have made 16 holes-in-one in tournaments. Ten have come on the DP World Tour, two on the PGA Tour and four around the world, including two in the same tournament on the PGA Tour Champions, the Cologuard Classic. I made one on the 7th hole in the opening round, then on the 14th in the final round.

You never think about making a hole-in-one. You know, you just want to hit a good shot and put it as close as possible. I hit a beautiful 6-iron, it went at the hole and... ace [points down]. I won the tournament by four shots – those two holes-in-one were the difference.

My secret to so many holes-in-one? Play to the hole. You know, many players don't play to the hole. They play to the middle of the green.

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BEYOND THE FAIRWAYS: WHY GOLF COULD BECOME A PATH TO BETTER MENTAL WELLBEING

By Nazrul Hosen Ayon

OPINION

For many people in Bangladesh, golf remains a game associated with privilege, corporate networking and exclusive clubs. The familiar image is of business executives, senior professionals and retired officials spending their mornings on carefully maintained fairways. But perhaps we have been looking at golf through too narrow a lens.

Beyond the competition, expensive equipment and social connections, the game offers something increasingly valuable in today's world: an opportunity to escape everyday pressures, spend time outdoors and regain a sense of balance. At a time when stress, anxiety and digital dependence have become part of modern life, golf deserves to be recognised not simply as a sport, but also as an activity that can contribute to physical and mental wellbeing. This is particularly relevant to Bangladesh, where rapid urbanisation, traffic congestion, demanding work schedules and limited access to open spaces have made relaxation increasingly difficult.

A game that allows the mind to slow down

Consider an ordinary working day in Dhaka. For many professionals, the morning begins with mobile notifications, emails and telephone calls. Hours are spent navigating traffic, attending meetings and managing responsibilities. Even after returning home, the demands of work often continue through smartphones and laptops, leaving little opportunity to disconnect.

Now consider a morning on a golf course. The surroundings are different—there are trees, open skies and stretches of green. Instead of responding to another email, a golfer concentrates on the next shot, turning the mind towards the distance, the wind, the position of the ball and the movement of the club. For a few hours, everyday concerns can become less immediate.

This is one of golf's most overlooked qualities. Unlike many recreational activities, golf combines moderate physical exercise, concentration, social interaction and exposure to nature. The game requires patience, emotional control and the ability to recover from mistakes.

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The connection between golf and mental health

Mental health has become an increasingly important public health concern worldwide. The World Health Organization has repeatedly highlighted the widespread burden of mental health conditions and the importance of physical activity, social connections and supportive environments in promoting wellbeing.

Golf brings several of these elements together. Walking around a course



provides physical activity, while the natural surroundings may encourage relaxation. Playing with friends creates opportunities for conversation and companionship, and the concentration required to execute a shot can temporarily shift attention away from daily worries.

Research into golf and health has also identified associations between participation in the sport and benefits relating to physical activity, social wellbeing and aspects of mental health.

However, an important distinction must be made. Golf should not be presented as a medical treatment for depression, anxiety or other mental health conditions, nor can it replace professional psychological care. Its value lies in its potential to support wellbeing as part of a healthy and active lifestyle.

For many golfers, that contribution is already familiar, even if they have never described it in medical or psychological terms—they simply know that they often feel better after a round.

Why Bangladesh should pay attention

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Bangladesh has a growing golf community, supported by established clubs, professional players, amateur tournaments and increasing corporate participation. Courses such as Kurmitola Golf Club, Army Golf Club, Savar Golf Club, Bhatiary Golf and Country Club and Mainamati Golf and Country Club provide environments where the game can be enjoyed away from the intensity of urban life.

Yet golf's wider contribution to public wellbeing has received relatively little attention. Most discussions about developing the sport focus on tournaments, sponsorship, equipment, professional training and international participation.

While these are undoubtedly important, if Bangladesh wants golf to reach a wider audience, it may also need to communicate the game's benefits beyond competition. A business executive struggling with workplace pressure, a retired professional seeking companionship, a young person spending excessive time on digital devices or a family looking for a healthy outdoor activity may all find something valuable in golf.

Not everyone needs to become a competitive golfer. For some, the greatest reward may simply be spending an hour practising, walking outdoors or learning a new skill. This broader understanding could gradually change public perceptions of the sport.

Golf is not only for the wealthy

One of the biggest challenges facing golf in Bangladesh is accessibility. The perception that golf is expensive, exclusive and difficult to learn continues to discourage potential newcomers. To some extent, this perception reflects reality—membership fees, equipment costs and access restrictions at

established clubs can place the game beyond the reach of many people.

However, golf does not necessarily have to begin with an 18-hole championship course or an expensive set of clubs. Driving ranges, putting facilities, short courses, school programmes and mini golf can introduce people to the fundamentals at a more affordable level.

Such facilities could be developed in educational institutions, resorts, recreational centres and selected urban spaces. A child learning to putt, a university student practising at a driving range or a family enjoying a short golf session can experience elements of the game without entering the traditional club environment.

For Bangladesh, expanding these entry points could be an important step towards making golf more inclusive and establishing the sport as a recreational activity rather than an exclusive social pursuit.

A new opportunity for golf clubs and resorts

The relationship between golf and wellbeing presents an interesting opportunity for the country's hospitality and tourism industries. Internationally, wellness tourism has become an important segment of the travel market, with travellers increasingly interested in experiences that combine relaxation, physical activity and time in natural surroundings.

Golf can fit naturally into this trend. Bangladesh's golf clubs, hotels and resorts could explore packages combining golf lessons, outdoor activities, healthy dining and short leisure breaks. Instead of competing in a tournament, a visitor's attraction could be a peaceful morning on the course, followed by breakfast and time away from the pressures of city life.

Hotels could also introduce beginners to golf through partnerships with nearby clubs or accessible practice facilities, creating an additional reason for international visitors to extend their stay.

The opportunity is not limited to established golfers; couples, families, corporate groups and first-time participants could become part of a broader golf-related leisure market. Developing this segment will require investment, professional instruction, appropriate facilities and careful attention to affordability, but it could give golf a more meaningful place within Bangladesh's tourism and hospitality landscape.

Corporate Bangladesh has a role to play

Golf has long been associated with business relationships. Corporate tournaments bring together executives, entrepreneurs, diplomats and professionals, creating opportunities for networking in an informal environment.

Yet the corporate sector could look beyond golf's traditional networking benefits. Workplace stress and employee wellbeing are increasingly important management concerns, and companies already spend considerable resources on professional development, conferences and team-building activities. Golf could become another option within broader employee wellbeing programmes.

A corporate golf day need not be restricted to experienced players. Beginners could participate in putting competitions, introductory lessons or short-format activities, allowing employees to enjoy an outdoor experience without the pressure of completing a full round.
Such initiatives could encourage physical activity, strengthen workplace relationships, provide a welcome break from routine and introduce golf to people who might otherwise never consider trying it. For tournament organisers and sponsors, this creates an opportunity to develop events where the experience itself becomes part of the value.

The next generation may see golf differently

The future of golf will depend partly on how successfully it connects with younger people. Today's younger generation has grown up in an environment dominated by digital communication, social media and constant connectivity. While technology offers enormous advantages, excessive screen time and limited outdoor activity can also affect daily habits and wellbeing.

Golf provides an opportunity to develop a different relationship with time and attention. The game cannot be mastered instantly—progress requires practice, discipline and patience. It teaches players to concentrate on a task, manage frustration and appreciate gradual improvement, qualities that can be particularly valuable for young people.

Attracting them, however, will require a change in approach, as traditional club membership alone is unlikely to be sufficient. Schools, colleges, universities and community organisations should be encouraged to introduce accessible forms of golf through short-format competitions, affordable coaching and family-friendly facilities, while also creating stronger pathways from recreational participation to competitive golf.

The importance of companionship

There is another dimension of golf that deserves greater recognition: human connection. Modern life can be surprisingly isolating, even in a crowded city, as professional responsibilities, family commitments and digital communication often leave little time for meaningful personal interaction.

Golf creates space for conversation. A round can bring together people of different ages, professions and backgrounds, where players walk together, share experiences, celebrate good shots and occasionally laugh about poor ones.

For older adults and retired professionals, regular participation can provide routine, friendship and a sense of belonging, while for younger players it creates opportunities to learn from people with different experiences. The value of golf is not always measured by the score recorded at the end of a round—sometimes it is found in the friendships maintained along the way.

Rethinking the future of golf in Bangladesh

Bangladesh has made meaningful progress in developing competitive golf, producing internationally recognised professionals and organising tournaments that attract participants



from different sectors. The next stage should involve broadening the conversation.

Golf development should not be measured solely by the number of tournaments organised, trophies awarded or sponsors secured. It should also consider how many new people are introduced to the game, how accessible facilities become and how effectively golf contributes to healthier recreational habits.

Golf clubs can encourage introductory programmes and welcoming environments for beginners; educational institutions can introduce the sport; corporate organisations can incorporate golf into employee engagement initiatives; hotels and resorts can develop leisure and wellbeing packages; and the media can tell stories that go beyond tournament results. Expanding participation and public interest does not mean abandoning competitive traditions—on the contrary, it strengthens the sport at every level.

More than a scorecard

Having spent years closely observing Bangladesh's golfing community, I have come to appreciate that some of the game's most meaningful moments happen away from the competition itself. They are found in the early morning conversations before a round, the quiet walk between shots, the friendships built over years and the satisfaction of spending a few uninterrupted hours outdoors.

Golf does not remove life's problems. A difficult business decision will still be waiting after the final putt, personal responsibilities will not disappear, and the pressures of modern life will inevitably return. But the game can offer a temporary change of pace and perspective—an opportunity that deserves greater recognition in a country where open spaces are becoming increasingly precious.

Perhaps the future of golf in Bangladesh is not simply about producing more champions or building more championship courses. It is also about making the game accessible to more people and helping them discover its physical, social and psychological benefits.

Golf may never be a substitute for therapy, but it can be a meaningful part of a healthier and more balanced life. And sometimes, the most valuable thing a golfer takes home is not a trophy, a good score or a business connection—it is a clearer mind.

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SCAN TO READ

DRAW AND FADE BASIC

Fade is a shot that curves to the right, while draw is a shot that curves to the left. Sometimes conditions on the course "force" us to hit a fade or a draw. Therefore, I'll provide some specific tips for these types of shots. Follow these steps to help you shift your swing in the right direction to get the ball flight you desire.



DRAW SETUP



1 Down the line view - feet, Knees and hips on the target. Fore Arms shoulders slightly right of target. The more you shift your lower body and upper body right if target, the more the swing direction will drift too the right side which will help with the the correct path for a draw. To get the ball to start right if target we focus on the shaft at address to point anywhere just above the belt buckle up to the bellybutton

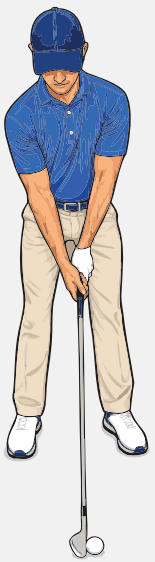
2 Face on view - Ball position in the middle of the feet. Left foot straight forward and right foot slightly flaired to the right. Good estimation is between 90⁰ and 45⁰ as in the picture. Right shoulder lower than the left shoulder.



3 Ball position in the middle of the feet. Left foot straight forward and right foot slightly flared to the right. Good estimation is between 90° and 45° as in the picture. Right shoulder lower than the left shoulder.

FADE SETUP

1 Down the line view - feet, Knees and hips left of the target. Fore Arms shoulders slightly Left of target. The more you shift your lower body and upper body left of the target, the more the swing direction will drift too the left side which will help with the the correct path for a fade. To get the ball to start left if target we focus on the shaft at address to point anywhere just below the belt buckle. This will set a close club face at address to help start the ball to the left of the target for a fade.



2 Face on view - Ball position on the left ear. Left foot slightly flaired open and right foot straight forward. Good estimation is between 90^0 and 45^0 as in the picture for the left foot. Shoulders will be more parallel to the ground at address



It's a common mistake from amateurs trying to achieve a certain ball flight but missing the importance of basics. With the setup changes towards your desired ball flight it will allow you to get the ball to do what you want it to do, shift your swing in the direction you need to get the shape and hands and shaft at the address to start the ball where it needs to start for the shape you want.

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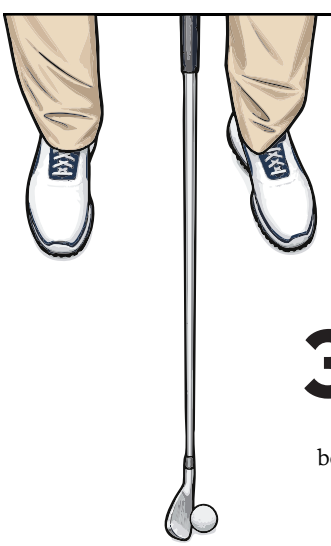

3 Feet - Right foot straight forward and left foot slightly flaired open between 90^0 and 45^0.

Are YOU playing the wrong shaft?

Lots of golfers are... and the best way to find the right option for you is to ask KBS

For years, golfers have obsessed over clubheads. The latest driver promises more distance, new irons claim extra forgiveness and wedges are analysed for grind and bounce. Yet the most influential component in any club is often accepted without question... the shaft.

Walk into any golf shop and many golfers will compare clubheads before simply choosing one of the standard stock shafts. In reality, that shaft will have been selected as a compromise designed to suit a vast range of players, rather than the individual golfer. That is where a KBS fitting changes everything.

Modern shaft fitting is not about finding the best shaft. It is about finding the most appropriate profile for the golfer standing in front of the fitter. Swing speed is only one part of the equation. Club delivery, transition, release, ball flight, launch conditions, feel and consistency all help determine the right recommendation.

The goal is not to make every player swing the same; it is to build equipment around the swing they already have, a philosophy that sits at the heart of KBS. Rather than expecting golfers to fit into a handful of standard options, KBS have developed an extensive portfolio of shaft weights, bend profiles and constructions, allowing fitters to match the shaft to the player, not the other way around.

It is all built on one simple idea, which is that there is a KBS shaft profile to suit every swing speed and type of golfer.

Matching performance, not stereotypes

Imagine three golfers arriving at KBS for a fitting. The first is returning to the game after several years away. Their swing speed has reduced slightly, but their priority is to achieve a higher, more consistent ball flight and greater confidence through the set.

The second is an improving player who swings aggressively and wants tighter distance control into greens.

The third is an accomplished golfer looking for greater consistency in strike and dispersion while maintaining a penetrating trajectory.

Their ages, handicaps and backgrounds may all differ. What matters is what the launch monitor and ball flight reveal. Each player could leave with a completely different shaft recommendation. That is exactly why a fitting is so valuable. It removes guesswork and allows equipment to complement a golfer's natural delivery rather than forcing technical changes.

Finding the right profile

Many golfers simply accept whichever shaft comes fitted as standard in a driver or fairway wood, despite these clubs having a significant influence on scoring opportunities.

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KBS have developed distinct wood-shaft profiles designed to suit different delivery characteristics and launch windows. The KBS TG Black range is aimed at golfers seeking a specific blend of stability, feel and performance. Rather than being a universal solution, it gives fitters another profile to match to particular swing characteristics and ball flight goals.

Alongside it sits the KBS PGW, which offers a different performance profile within the KBS wood shaft family. Depending on how a golfer loads the shaft, releases the club and wants to shape their ball flight, one option may prove more suitable than another.

Again, the emphasis is



not on one product being superior. It is about identifying which profile best supports the golfer's delivery and desired outcome.

For players looking to increase launch or achieve a different flight window, the KBS MAX HL wood shaft demonstrates another important fitting principle. Launch is not created simply by changing loft on the clubhead. The shaft contributes to how the club is... delivered, how it feels during the swing and how consistently impact is repeated. A dedicated high-launch profile, such as the KBS MAX HL, gives fitters another option for golfers whose performance goals include a different launch window, while maintaining a specification matched to their swing. As a result, the shaft becomes an active part of the fitting solution rather than an afterthought.

Graphite advances have changed everything

One of the biggest misconceptions in golf equipment is that graphite iron shafts are only suitable for golfers with slower swing speeds. That may once have been true, but modern graphite technology has transformed the category.



Just ask PGA Tour star Jason Day. The former World No.1 and 2015 PGA champion switched to KBS graphite shafts to reduce physical stress and maintain a consistent feel from his driver down through his wedges, saying it was "definitely easier on the body."

"I have the same profile shaft from 60° all the way up to driver (KBS TGI Tour Graphite 110g)," he explained. "The goal is to pretty much have one swing for whatever ball flight you want, whether that's a draw or a fade."

The KBS TGI graphite offering highlights just how broad today's shafts have become. Rather than providing a single lightweight solution, TGI is available across a wide range of weights and profiles, allowing fitters to match graphite performance to beginners, improving golfers, stronger players and elite competitors like Day.

For some golfers, the right graphite profile can improve launch consistency and provide a smoother feel. Others value the ability to fine-tune weight without sacrificing stability. Stronger players can also benefit from graphite designs engineered to deliver the control and consistency expected at the highest levels of the game.

The key point is that no golfer should automatically dismiss graphite, or assume it is the right answer. The decision should come from the fitting.

Modern graphite has become another performance tool available to fitters rather than a category reserved for a single type of player.



The big picture

Golf has become increasingly personalised. Drivers are adjusted for loft and lie, irons are custom fitted for length and lie angle, and grip sizes are selected to suit the individual. The shaft deserves the same attention.

Rather than viewing it as the component connecting hands to clubhead, think of it as a performance tool capable of influencing launch, flight, feel, consistency and control.

The most suitable shaft will not necessarily be the lightest, heaviest, stiffest or most expensive. It will simply be the one that best complements a golfer's unique delivery and performance goals.

That is why custom fitting remains central to the KBS philosophy. With a wide choice of graphite and steel constructions, multiple weight options and a broad range of bend profiles across families including KBS TGI, KBS TG Black, KBS PGW and KBS MAX HL, fitters have the flexibility to build specifications around the individual.

The result is refreshingly simple. There is not one shaft for every golfer. There is, however, a KBS profile for every swing speed, every ball flight and every type of golfer.

STRONGER LOFTED IRONS

You could be forgiven for thinking the biggest changes in golf equipment over the last few decades have happened at the top end of the bag. Drivers tend to hog the headlines with their carbon crowns, AI-designed faces, sliding weights and 10k MOI claims, but irons have quietly undergone a far greater transformation.



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Modern irons might look relatively similar to their ancestors from the 1990s and 2000s, but under the hood, they're a different beast. And the biggest cause of that shift can be seen by looking at the loft.

It's not immediately obvious to the naked eye, but gone are the days when a 7-iron used to live around 36°. Now, in many modern sets, it's 28° or less. That's not a subtle tweak. It's a completely different golf club wearing the same number on the sole.

Why iron lofts have got stronger
The loft revolution really took off when launch monitors went mainstream. Suddenly, golfers could see their carry distance on screen, and brands spotted an easy sales win as the longest 7-iron usually won the sale. And the easiest way to make that happen? Give it the loft of a 6-iron.

But this loft-jacking isn't just a marketing trick. As iron design evolved, engineers learned to push the centre of gravity lower in the head, helping the ball launch higher. That gave them two options: keep the loft the same and make the club easier to launch, or reduce the loft to add distance while maintaining normal height.



Most modern distance irons choose option two. That's why a modern 7-iron with 28° of loft can still launch high enough to work. But it doesn't work for everyone. Strong lofts can make irons go farther, but they also change how your entire set performs – and not always for the better. Here are some of the biggest issues...

They don't work for slower swing speeds
Strong-lofted irons rely on speed to create the height they lose through less loft. If the speed isn't there, things can fall apart.

The ball launches too low
The whole point of game-improvement (GI) irons used to be to help slower swingers get the ball in the air. But when the loft is pushed into the low 20s and the golfer's swing speed can't produce enough launch or spin, the ball simply doesn't climb. Instead of popping up nicely, it starts low and stays low.

Spin falls below the threshold needed to keep the ball in the air
Loft helps with spin. That's why your pitching wedge spins more than your 6-iron. When backspin drops too low, a slower swing speed won't generate enough lift to make the ball climb. This compromises flight and stopping power. Peak height ends up way below where it should be For a 7-iron to behave like a proper 7-iron, you want something in the region of 90 to 110ft of peak height. Many slower swingers with strong lofts end up at 65 to 80ft instead. That's the difference between being able to stop a ball on the green versus watching it bound through the back.



Descent angle is too shallow
This is the killer. A healthy 7-iron descent angle should be around 45–50°. With strong lofts and low speed, descent angles often fall below 40°. At a shallower angle, the ball simply doesn't have enough vertical angle to

'Strong-lofted irons work brilliantly for a specific type of golfer. But slower and moderate speed players? They end up fighting physics'



stop, so you start getting 15–30 yards of roll out, which makes approach shots uncontrollable.

Who they suit... and don't

Strong lofts can be a great fit if you create plenty of clubhead speed, naturally launch the ball high and value extra distance over spin and stopping power. They also make more sense if you can't hit the long irons or don't mind replacing them with hybrids or fairway woods.

"If you're not delivering enough speed, there's just not enough loft to give you the launch and spin you need," says Lewis Daff, TG's Equipment Editor, a Master Custom Fitter and club builder with more than 5,000 fittings under his belt.

And this is the heart of the whole issue. Strong-lofted irons are great, but they're often aimed at the wrong type of player. They work brilliantly for a specific type of golfer – usually someone with enough speed to generate their own height and spin. But slower and moderate speed golfers? They end up fighting physics.

Our favourite strong irons



Callaway Quantum Max
Has the DNA of the old Callaway X family, with an AI-optimised face and perimeter weighting to boost ball speed, consistency and confidence. 7-iron loft: 29°.



Mizuno JPX925 Hot Metal Pro
A compact players' distance iron with minimal offset, lower launch and beautiful looks. Best for consistent ball-strikers chasing ball speed and distance gains. 7-iron loft: 28°.



Ping G740
A super game-improvement iron featuring a wider dual-chamber sole, lower CG, higher MOI and PurFlex cavity badge for easy launch and forgiveness. 7-iron loft: 28°.



PXG 0311 XP GEN8
A great option for mid to high handicappers, PXG's most forgiving iron was the longest in our tests by 10 yards. Feel, sound and dispersion are all excellent. 7-iron loft: 27°.



TaylorMade Qi Max HL
The best GI iron on test this year, the Qi Max HL is a great looking club that delivers exceptional consistency thanks to TM's straight-distance face tech. 7-iron loft: 28°.



Titleist T350
Looks like a better players' iron while retaining the performance characteristics of a game improver. Expect a high, long and forgiving ball flight. 7-iron loft: 29°.

What's in the bag?

Scottie Scheffler

For the world's best player, equipment decisions are about feel and familiarity rather than chasing the latest tech. He demands clubs that look right, suit his shot-making and deliver precise feedback. "Feel is such a huge part of the game," he says. His P7TW irons provide versatility and control, while carefully fitted woods and wedges complete a bag built around confidence.

The TaylorMade staffer plays a mixed bag.

The World No.1 currently plays a TaylorMade Qi4D driver, P7TW irons and Vokey wedges.





DRIVER

TaylorMade Qi4D (7.8°, Fujikura Ventus Black 7 X)
In the bag for the FedExCup Playoffs (where he won two of the three events) after using a Qi10 for three years. Subtle tweaks include a blue face design that matches his old Qi10. It also has the same groove pattern as a Stealth 2.

IRONS

TaylorMade P7TW (5–PW, True Temper Dynamic Gold Tour Issue X100)

Although they were built to fit Tiger's eye, Scheffler has been gaming these muscleback blades for all six of his PGA Tour wins. He carries a second 6-iron on practice days which is fixed with a form grip to check his hand position.

3-WOOD

TaylorMade Qi10 (15° at 14.75°, Fujikura Ventus Black 8 X)
The only club to win all four men's majors in 2025. Scheffler plays his slightly shorter (at roughly 42.3in). "We fit his 3-wood shorter so it doesn't go farther than his desired distance," says TaylorMade's Tour Chief, Adrian Rietveld.



UTILITY IRON

Srixon ZU85 (3, Nippon NS Pro Modus³ Hybrid Prototype 10 X; 4, True Temper Dynamic Gold Tour Issue X100)

Eight years old now, the ZU85 is a hollow-body forged utility iron. It has a larger, more forgiving head and launches higher than traditional long irons.



‘What are the best-value balls to get more spin?’

Our robot test identified three cut-price balls that match the spin and stopping power of the Pro V1, writes Rob McGarr

Most golfers assume you need to buy a premium golf ball like a Titleist Pro V1, TaylorMade TP5 or Callaway Chrome Tour if you want real bite on your approach shots. But when we tested 62 different golf balls on a robot, a few cheaper models punched well above their weight.

And these balls weren’t just good for the price. They were genuinely excellent on 40-yard wedge shots and full-shot 7-iron approaches, delivering tour-level control in both tests. Ultimately, our judgement came down to two key elements from our biggest-ever golf ball test.

1 Wedge spin similar to tour balls: Most premium balls produced between 5,800rpm and 6,300rpm on a 40-yard wedge shot. To count as tour-level, a value ball needed to sit within that window.

2 7-iron spin and descent similar to tour balls: The premium balls in our test delivered between 4,700rpm and 5,200rpm of spin with a 7-iron, combined with a descent angle of 45° or more. That combination is crucial for control,

‘When we tested 62 different golf balls on a robot, a few cheaper models punched well above their weight’

giving you shots that stop quickly enough to hold greens and attack pins. Balls with noticeably lower spin rates or flatter descent angles were disregarded. And after applying those filters, only three value balls truly held their own.

Mizuno RB 566 (£25 per dozen): You hardly ever meet anyone using it, yet the RB 566 delivers fantastic spin for the price. Its 7-iron spin rate of 4,947rpm was the fourth-highest in the entire test, beating numerous balls that cost more than twice as much. Its 45.3° descent angle was also the joint highest in the test.

Titleist Tour Soft (£34 per dozen): Of the 14 highest-spinning balls on wedge shots, the other 13 were all three-, four- and five-piece premium models. The Tour Soft was the only outlier. With a 7-iron, it produced 4,774rpm of spin (ranked 14th of 62) and a 45.2° descent angle. That puts it bang on the tour-ball blueprint.

Kirkland Signature V3.0 (£34.99 for two dozen): Ranked seventh of all 62 balls for wedge spin, just behind the Tour Soft. The Signature V3.0’s iron spin of 4,861rpm was seventh of 62 and even better than the Tour Soft, while its 45° descent angle put it right in the tour-level stopping window.

Plenty of cheaper balls had one good number, often wedge spin, but then dropped too much iron spin or landed with too shallow a descent angle. Others delivered a good 7-iron descent, but didn’t get anywhere near 6,000rpm on a 40-yard wedge shot. These three deliver both, which is why you might want to consider investing in a box if you’re looking to make some savings ahead of the winter months.





Mizuno Pro S-4 irons

Better players, take note! Mizuno have just served up another gorgeous set of irons



Mizuno certainly know a thing or two about making irons that golfers lust after, and the new Pro S-4 is a particularly good-looking example. Built for better players, it combines the classic shape and buttery feel of a forged players' iron, but with enough forgiveness to make it considerably less intimidating than a traditional blade.

The clean cavity-back design sits alongside the compact S-3 in Mizuno's Signature Series, while complementing the more distance-focused Pro M-13 and M-15.

The S-4's deeper cavity, progressive offset and slightly fuller profile point to a deliberate move towards greater stability without diluting its players' iron DNA.



A redesigned curved muscle concentrates mass lower in the head, while its heavily cambered sole is geared towards improving turf interaction through impact, particularly for golfers who like to attack the ball aggressively.

At its heart is Mizuno's signature forging philosophy, with Grain Flow Forged HD construction, soft carbon steel and carefully tuned acoustics delivering the kind of feel better players crave. The result is an iron that offers workability and precision, while keeping just enough forgiveness in reserve. It's a compelling package for anyone who loves the look of a blade, but would rather not live quite so dangerously.

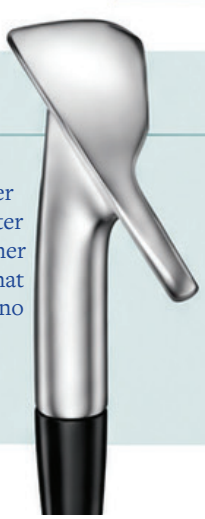
"The S-4 has been developed for players who appreciate the feel of a traditional forged iron, but want greater confidence through increased forgiveness," says John Freeman, Senior R&D Engineer at Mizuno.

"By repositioning mass lower in the head and refining the head geometry, we've created an iron that launches higher, offers more stability and inspires confidence without sacrificing the precision expected from Mizuno Pro."

Tech specs
Available: 3–PW
7-iron loft: 34°
Stock shaft: True Temper Dynamic Gold Mid 115 Stiff



At its heart remains Mizuno's signature forging philosophy.



What's new?

Mizuno craftsmanship
A redesigned curved muscle concentrates mass lower in the head for greater stability. Each iron is forged from a single billet of 1025E mild carbon steel using Mizuno's Grain Flow Forged HD process.

Progressive heads
More offset, wider soles and a deeper CG promote easier launch and greater forgiveness. A copper underlay further enhances the soft, responsive feel that has become synonymous with Mizuno Pro forged irons.

Harmonic Impact Technology
Precisely tuned vibration characteristics create the solid, refined impact sensation expected from Mizuno's premium forged irons. Bevelled leading and trailing edges also help to improve turf interaction.



Twin test

Launch monitors



Rapsodo MLM2PRO
Details: Dual optical cameras and Doppler radar. 15 performance metrics, multi-angle swing replays, 30,000+ simulated courses and iOS and Android compatibility.

Blue Tees Rainmaker
Details: Doppler radar, 4.3-inch colour screen, Bluetooth app integration for 20 performance metrics, remote control and simulator compatibility.

Ease of use

Connecting the MLM2PRO is just like any other device in 2026 as it involves downloading an app. The included guide makes the process incredibly simple. Once connected, you snap together the stand and body and you're ready to go. The simulator set-up is also guided, albeit you need third-party technology to begin with.

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Earns top marks for being ready to go straight out of the box. Blue Tees do have an app called 'Launch', but the on-device display and magnetic remote mean there's zero messing about. Everything you need is built into the monitor, while the app allows for in-pocket displays with easy-to-navigate feedback.

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Technology/metrics

The dual system of camera and radar is really impressive. I love being able to see a 'monitor's eye view' of my swing through the app, and the session insights are great for developing your game. The MLM2PRO also offers 15 metrics to track your game, though some are only available with a membership.

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The device is built using Doppler radar technology, similar to other launch monitors such as Trackman, and delivers consistently precise data. You get 20 built-in performance metrics, all included with the device and accessible without a membership. Simply purchase the device and you're set for life.

4

Accuracy

The MLM2PRO isn't trying to offer so much that it overwhelms the user. Instead, it focuses on doing the basics well. I've not seen any data that has thrown me off, whether testing at professional or more realistic speeds. Clubhead speed is a little higher than what's shown on our elite launch monitor, but never by more than 2mph.

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As with the Rapsodo, I've had no issues with ball or club numbers across multiple swing speeds, even when compared with an elite-level device. Better still, club data such as attack angle and club path comes as standard, with no membership needed. That gives it a clear advantage over some of its rivals.

4

Connectivity

The biggest selling point is in its alternate use as an indoor simulator launch monitor. It connects to a number of third-party technologies, including GSPro and E6, while also hosting over 30,000 courses of its own. My house parties have suddenly got a lot more popular, and we haven't even hit winter yet!

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This is where things get really clever. The Rainmaker allows saved sessions to be transferred from the launch monitor-specific app to the Blue Tees rangefinder app, allowing you to put your data to work on the course. Club recommendations can even appear in the display of the Blue Tees Captain Pro laser. Very handy.

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Verdict

If you want to add a quality but affordable launch monitor to that long-dreamt-of indoor set-up, the MLM2PRO is hard to beat. There is the additional cost of membership to access its full indoor capabilities, but it's not so high that you'll be left debating between this and a much more expensive device.

The Blue Tees Rainmaker is the scoring winner thanks to its versatility, price and level of insight. It's simple to use, plays nicely with other Blue Tees technology and packs plenty of useful metrics into its on-screen display and app. Zero-added costs are an even bigger bonus, and make it a no-brainer for me.

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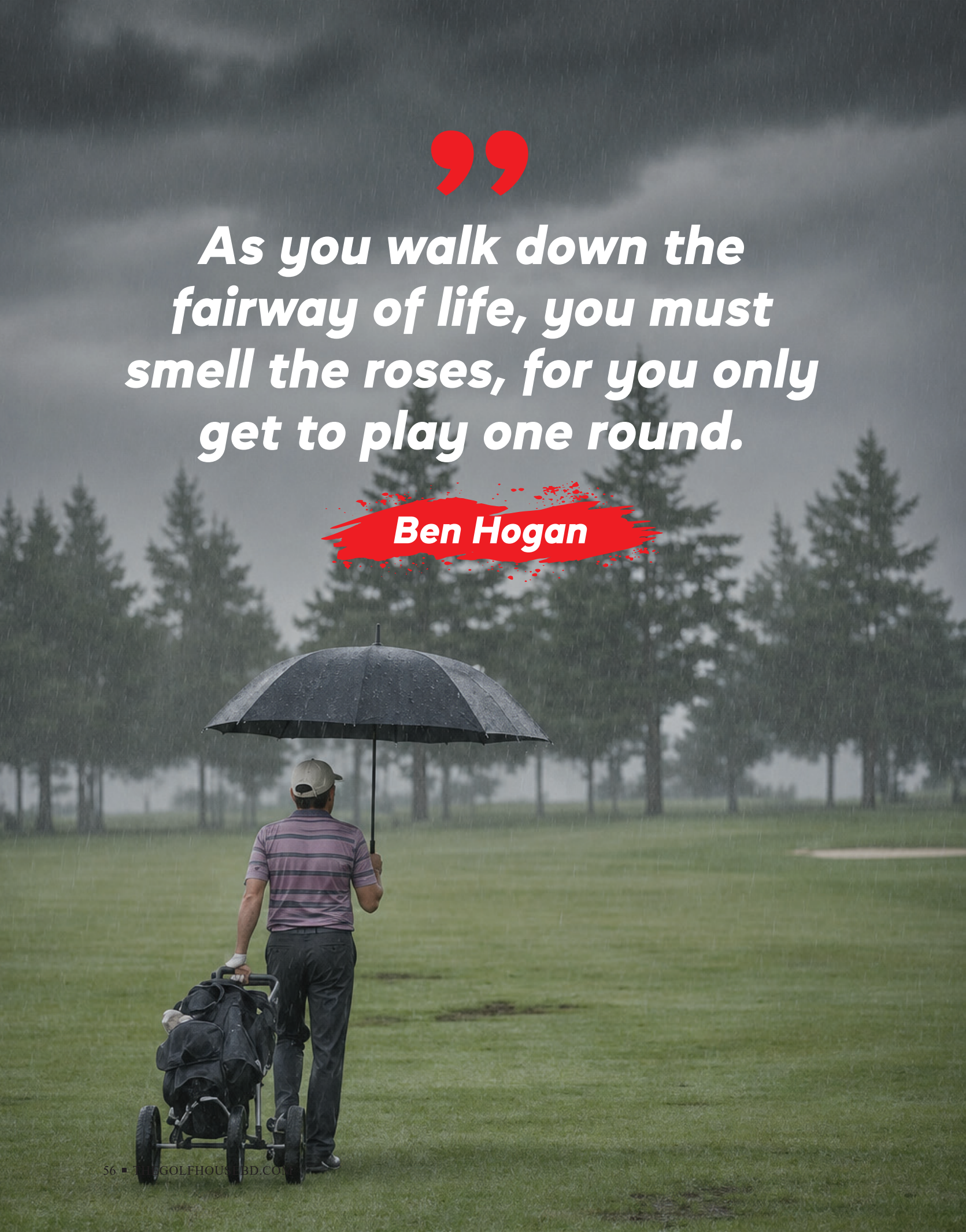
As you walk down the fairway of life, you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.
Ben Hogan

MATCH PLAY VS STROKE PLAY

September saw two major international events—the Solheim Cup and the Presidents Cup played in the match-play format. But how did this format develop, and how does it differ from stroke play?

Match play is widely regarded as golf's oldest competitive format. Although its precise origins remain uncertain, several accounts suggest it was the dominant form of the game during golf's early development in 15th-century Scotland.

In match play, each hole is a separate contest. The player or side completing a hole in fewer strokes wins that hole, and the match is decided by the number of holes won rather than the total number of strokes taken.

The earliest written rules referring to match play date back to 1744, when courses did not yet have standardised pars or fixed distances.

According to historical accounts cited in the article, stroke play was introduced in 1759, with the first tournament using the format held at St Andrews in Scotland. By counting every stroke across a round or tournament, stroke play offered a different way to determine the winner. It also helped events attract larger fields, allowing more golfers to compete within the same tournament.

Three of golf's four major championships have used stroke play since their inception. The exception was the PGA Championship, which began as a match-play competition in 1916.

As television became increasingly influential during the 1950s, organisers switched the PGA Championship to stroke play in 1958. The change took account of scheduling, broadcast requirements and the advantage of keeping more leading players in contention through the final day.

Match play creates compelling individual contests, but its elimination structure means fewer golfers remain as the tournament progresses. A leading player can exit early, while the final may feature only two competitors.

Stroke play accommodates a much larger field over a fixed schedule. A tournament can begin with as many as 144 players, with approximately 70 advancing to the final rounds, all within four days.

A match-play tournament involving a similarly large field would generally require more time, increasing operational costs. For that reason, some match-play events use a preliminary stroke-play qualifying stage to reduce the field before the knockout competition begins.

THE ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE

MATCH PLAY	STROKE PLAY
Players compete to win individual holes.	Players compete to record the lowest total score.
The result depends on holes won and lost.	Every stroke counts towards the final result.
A match can finish before the final hole if one side has an unassailable lead.	Competitors generally complete every scheduled hole.
Commonly used in head-to-head and team competitions.	Commonly used in professional tournaments and major championships.



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House of Han
WHERE HERITAGE MEETS
Honest Luxury

Chinese culinary heritage finds an elegant home at House of Han in Crowne Plaza Dhaka Airport. With a master chef at the helm, signature duck and ten private dining rooms, the restaurant brings traditional craftsmanship to a contemporary setting. Its philosophy of "Honest Luxury" centres on carefully prepared food, thoughtful service and warm hospitality a welcoming setting for business dinners, family celebrations and intimate gatherings.

In the heart of Crowne Plaza Dhaka Airport, a remarkable culinary destination awaits those who appreciate authenticity, sophistication, and exceptional dining. House of Han is more than a restaurant; it is a celebration of Chinese heritage, craftsmanship, and culture, thoughtfully brought to life through an experience that blends tradition with contemporary elegance. Guided by the expertise of a renowned Master Chef, House of Han invites guests on a journey through the rich and timeless world of authentic Chinese cuisine.

From the moment guests' step inside, they are welcomed into an atmosphere that reflects the essence of refined Chinese hospitality. Inspired by the grandeur of traditional Chinese aesthetics, the restaurant features rich interiors, elegant detailing, and carefully curated design elements that create a sense of warmth and sophistication. Every corner of House of Han has been crafted to provide an experience that



At House of Han, honest luxury finds expression in authentic Chinese cuisine, thoughtful craftsmanship and the warmth of genuine hospitality.



feels both luxurious and inviting, making it the ideal destination for business gatherings, family celebrations, and memorable social occasions.

At the core of House of Han lies an unwavering commitment to authenticity. Every dish is rooted in centuries-old culinary traditions and prepared with meticulous attention to detail. The menu showcases the true artistry of Chinese gastronomy, where classic recipes are honored and elevated through premium ingredients, expert techniques, and flawless presentation. Each ingredient is selected with care, each flavor thoughtfully balanced, and each dish prepared to deliver an experience that is both genuine and exceptional.

Leading this culinary philosophy is the restaurant's skilled Master Chef, whose expertise and passion transform every meal into a work of art. Through years of







experience and dedication to preserving authentic Chinese cooking methods, the chef ensures that every plate reflects the depth, complexity, and elegance that define traditional Chinese cuisine. Guests are not simply enjoying a meal; they are experiencing a culinary story that has been passed down through generations.

Among the restaurant's most celebrated highlights is its signature duck, a true representation of House of Han's culinary excellence. Carefully prepared using traditional techniques and presented with remarkable precision, the dish exemplifies the attention to detail for which the restaurant is known. From its preparation and roasting process to its elegant presentation and carving, every aspect is designed to create a memorable dining experience. It is a specialty that captures the spirit of craftsmanship and transforms dining into a celebration of flavor, texture, and artistry.

House of Han is also designed to cater to a variety of occasions with unparalleled comfort and exclusivity. The restaurant features ten private dining rooms, each offering a sophisticated setting for guests who value privacy and personalized service. Whether hosting an executive board dinner, entertaining valued clients, celebrating a family milestone, or gathering with friends for a special occasion, these beautifully appointed spaces provide the perfect environment for meaningful and memorable moments. Supported by attentive service and customized dining experiences, every gathering is elevated with a level of care that reflects the highest standards of hospitality.

What truly sets House of Han apart is its guiding philosophy of "Honest Luxury." This philosophy is reflected in every detail of the guest experience. It is found in the authenticity of the cuisine, the quality of the ingredients, the elegance of the surroundings, and the sincerity of the hospitality. Rather than excess, House of Han focuses on delivering luxury through substance, craftsmanship, and genuine care. Every



interaction, every dish, and every experience is thoughtfully designed to leave a lasting impression.

House of Han is a place where culture and cuisine unite, where tradition is preserved while embracing modern expectations, and where every meal becomes an unforgettable occasion. It is a destination that celebrates the richness of Chinese heritage while offering guests an elevated dining experience defined by authenticity, refinement, and warmth.

Now welcoming guests at House of Han, Crowne Plaza Dhaka Airport proudly sets a new benchmark for Chinese fine dining in Dhaka. Whether for an intimate dinner, a grand celebration, or an important business engagement, guests are invited to discover a world where heritage, exceptional flavors, and honest luxury come together in perfect harmony. Here, every meal is thoughtfully crafted, every detail carefully considered, and every visit designed to create memories that endure long after the final bite.



Cheesy Shrimp *Stuffed Bun*

Creamy shrimp, melted cheese and golden buns, served warm with a fresh garden salad and spicy sriracha mayo.



Method
Heat butter and sauté onion and garlic until soft. Add shrimp and cook for 2-3 minutes. Stir in cream cheese and cooking cream. Add mozzarella, salt, pepper, and parsley. Cook until thick and creamy. Cool completely before stuffing.

Topping
Mozzarella cheese: 10g, Parmesan cheese: 05g, Parsley flakes: 2g
Sprinkle cheese on top before baking.
Baking

Oven: 180°C, Time: 10-12 minutes
Bake until golden brown.
Serve warm with: Fresh Garden salad & Spicy sriracha mayo

INGREDIENTS

Shrimp, peeled & chopped	**6**
Cream cheese	**50ml**
Mozzarella cheese, shredded	**50g**
Cooking cream	**60ml**
Butter	**20gm**
Garlic, minced	**10gm**
Onion, finely chopped	**30gm**
Black pepper	**3gm**
Salt	**4gm**
Parsley, chopped	**5gm**
salt	**2gm**
Chili flaks	**2gm**



YEARS IN THE MAKING

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BLUE BLOODED

By now, the Patek Philippe Nautilus needs little in the way of introduction. After 50 years of dividing collectors into a frenzy, it returns in what many would argue is its definitive guise: White metal paired with a blue dial, and in a time-only (and date-less!) configuration that lets Gerald Genta's iconic design speak for itself.

Powering the three anniversary wristwatches is the ultra-thin Calibre 240, allowing all three a svelte profile of 6.8mm. The Ref. 5810/1G-001 and Ref. 5810G-001 are both housed in 41mm white gold cases, the former on a matching bracelet, the latter on a blue composite strap with baguette-cut diamond hour markers on the dial. Each is limited to 1,000 pieces, while the smaller, more precious 38mm platinum Ref. 5610/1P-001 is capped at 2,000.

Rounding out the collection is the first ever Nautilus pocket watch, the Ref. 958G. 50.65mm of white gold gleams in tandem with baguette-cut diamond hour markers. The hinged case back bears a blue Calatrava cross appliqué, under which beats the 31-505 8J PS IRM CI J hand-wound calibre with 8-days of power reserve on two barrels. It can also be used as a desk clock, displaying the time, date, day of the week, and remaining reserve. Only 100 pieces made.





A LITTLE LEGACY

Nine anniversary models (and counting) mark IWC's two-decade partnership with the descendants of Antoine de Saint-Exupery for the Le Petit Prince collection. What ties the nine together is a sunray-brushed dial in the blue that's defined the collection since its debut, with the little prince himself marked on the case backs.

As expected, the line-up is dominated by Pilot's Watches – a fitting tribute to the pioneering aviator and author – including the Mark XX, Pilot's Watch Automatic, chronographs, and the new Big Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar ProSet. Breaking with tradition is the Portofino Automatic Day & Night 34, the first Le Petit Prince edition outside the Pilot's family.

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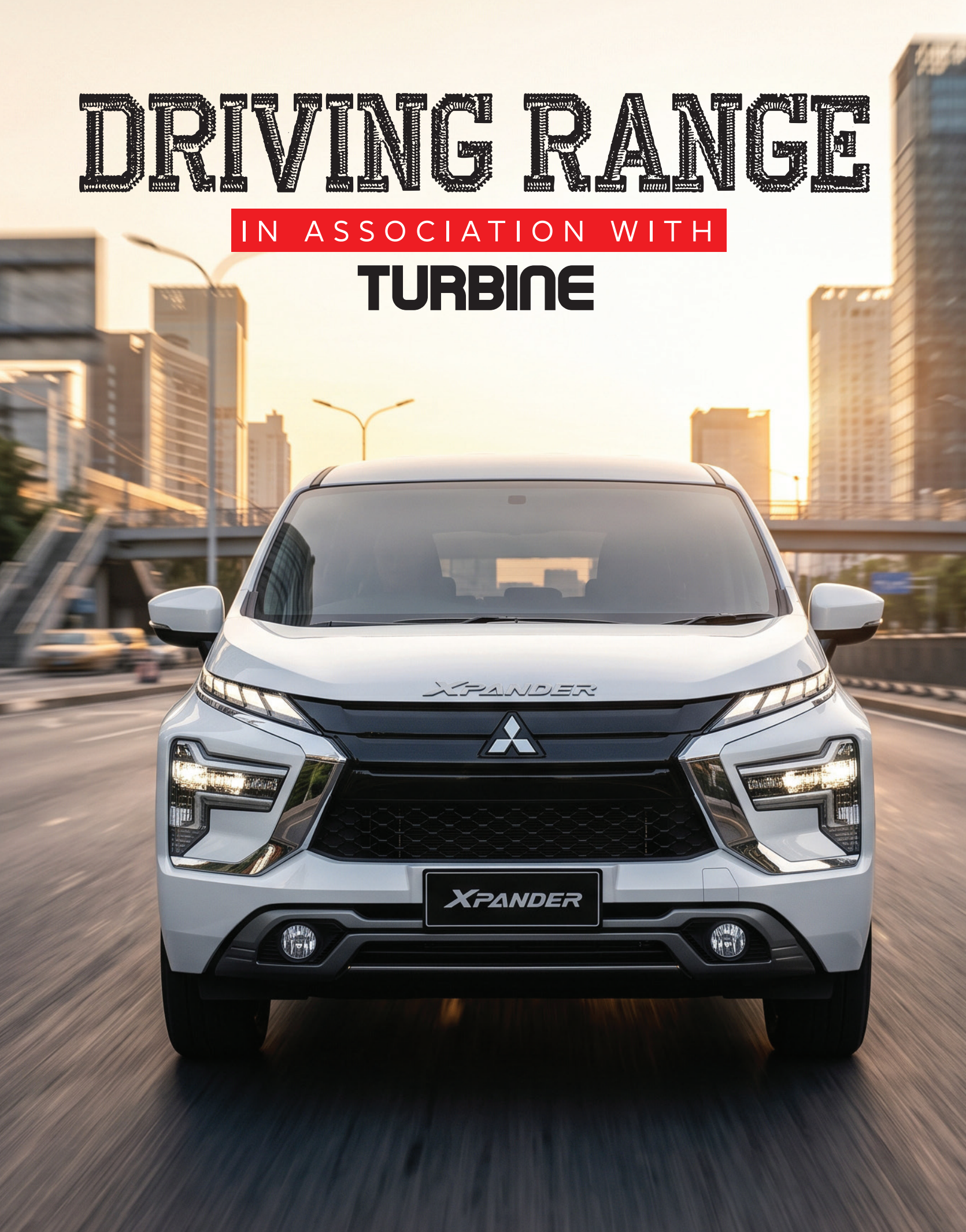

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Fuel Price Hikes:
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Could Be the Alternative



When you see traffic jams and long lines of vehicles on Dhaka's roads, it may seem like the country's auto market is swelling rapidly. But the reality is that most of the vehicles currently running on the roads are reconditioned.



The main reason is cost. Importing brand-new cars had been burdened with such heavy taxes and duties that for many, owning a new car remained just a dream. A shift began in 2021 with the Automobile Industry Development Policy. Under this policy, for locally assembled vehicles up to 2,500 cc, taxes and duties range from 25% to 35%. In contrast, for fully imported cars of 1,600 cc, the duty rate is 127%.

As a result, car manufacturing and assembly plants are gradually being established across the country one of the most notable examples being the Mitsubishi Expander. In Gazipur, the RANCON Auto Industries initiative is producing the Mitsubishi XPANDER locally. According to the company, depending on the tariff policy, the locally assembled XPANDER can cost up to around 20% less than an imported vehicle. Earlier this year, in April, Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan announced it would buy a 25% stake in RANCON Auto. This is a positive signal for the country's auto industry.

However, managing the costs after buying a car is another challenge. This year, fuel prices have risen in three phases. On April 18, the price of octane increased by 20 taka per liter to 140 taka. In June, it rose another 5 taka to 145 taka. Finally, starting September 21, octane went up by another 20 taka, and is now 165 taka per liter. In January, the price was 122 taka meaning that in just nine months, it has increased by nearly 35%.



In this situation, people naturally begin looking for alternatives. Broadly, there are three options ahead: hybrid, CNG, and LPG.

Hybrid vehicles do use less fuel this is true. But they come with extra components such as batteries, electric motors, and brake boosters. These require regular care, so maintenance costs are comparatively higher. On the other hand, while CNG is cheaper, it also brings several short- and long-term inconveniences.

This year, CNG supply problems have not been minor. For the past two months, the capital has faced a severe gas shortage. Many drivers have had to stand in lines for six to ten hours just to return



with a limited number of trips worth of gas. There are also vehicle-related limitations. Since CNG is installed at high pressure, the cylinders become heavier and larger, and a significant portion of the boot space is taken up by the cylinder.

Some research suggests that CNG-powered cars can experience a performance drop of about 10% to 15% compared to petrol-powered vehicles. According to a study by the technology organization SAE, the engine valves in CNG vehicles may wear out faster unless the engine is specifically designed for that type of gas. Owners' experiences also reflect this: after some time, mileage may decrease, engine noise may change, and vehicle speed may reduce problems that are becoming familiar.

In that context, LPG could be the best solution. LPG stands for Liquefied Petroleum Gas, mainly a mixture of propane and butane. Unlike CNG, LPG does not need to be installed at very high pressure, so the tank is relatively lighter and more normal in size. The price factor is also worth considering. For October, BERC has set the price of autogas (LPG) at 84.62 taka per liter including VAT, up from 73.09 taka the previous month. Even with the increase, it is still roughly half the 165-taka octane price.

The biggest question, however, is: who fits the LPG kit and where? After purchasing a car, if LPG is installed at an external workshop, it usually voids the vehicle's warranty and free service. There is also no guarantee that everything will be properly matched to the engine. Then there is the question of how skilled the mechanic is and how professionally the work is done. Yet, the Mitsubishi XPANDER addresses these concerns.

First, the Mitsubishi XPANDER is now being manufactured in Bangladesh. With trained personnel from Japanese experts, the seven-seater family SUV is being produced at RANCON Industrial Park in Gazipur. At the factory itself, an advanced European LPG kit is fitted on the XPANDER Eco variant, meaning there is no need for extra worry about proper engine fitting and safety.

It features a 1.5-liter MIVEC engine and 220 mm ground clearance, offering extra comfort on the country's roads. The design is also made so that everyone can sit comfortably across three rows.

Besides the Eco variant, the XPANDER has three more variants: Classic, Premium, and Sport. And interestingly, those remaining three variants can also be converted to LPG if desired (with applicable conditions). Along with colors such as white, black, metallic gray, and green bronze metallic, the four variants are also now available in Nardo gray and Lunar blue.

With a 40-liter LPG tank and a 45-liter octane (petrol) tank, there is no fear of running out of fuel even on long trips. The LPG cylinder donut-shaped is placed under the chassis, allowing the entire boot space to be used. In addition, after-sales service includes a 5-year warranty with the LPG kit and 1 year of free service.

In other words, the Mitsubishi XPANDER co appears to solve almost all major concerns. Since it is manufactured locally, the car's price is relatively lower. And because it uses Japanese technology, the brand value, performance, and comfort are also said to be excellent. At the same time, the LPG variant promises savings on fuel costs.

Whether fuel prices will fall or when they might cannot be guaranteed. So when buying a car, people should not only look at the purchase price; they must also factor in other costs after purchase. Considering everything, the Mitsubishi XPANDER could be your best choice.

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Cox's Bazar, located in southeastern Bangladesh, is a unique blend of natural beauty, cultural diversity, and coastal charm. It serves as a city, fishing port, tourism hub, and district headquarters, most famous for its breathtakingly long natural sandy beach, one of the world's longest continuous stretches of golden sand.

FACT

The name Cox's Bazar originates from Captain Hiram Cox of the British East India Company, who served as Superintendent of the Palongkee outpost during the late 18th century. In recognition of his humanitarian work rehabilitating refugees, a market was established in his honor named Cox's Bazar.

Best time to visit
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Currency
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MUST VISIT



Cox's Bazar is the crown jewel of Bangladesh's tourism industry, celebrated for its miles of golden sands, rolling waves, and dramatic sunsets. The beachfront stretches endlessly, offering panoramic views of the Bay of Bengal.

MUST TRY



Cox's Bazar is a paradise for seafood enthusiasts. Freshly caught fish, lobsters, prawns, and crabs are served daily in both five-star resorts and local eateries. The town's street-side food stalls offer deliciously grilled fish and traditional Bengali dishes that capture the essence of coastal cuisine.

NEAREST GOLF COURSE



The nearest golf course to Cox's Bazar is Ramu. Paul Jansen, a Canadian architect, designed it.t, was the designer of it. Golf and Country Club of Cox's Bazar was originally intended for an 18-hole course, already 9 holes are constructed. It currently occupies 120 acres out of an intended 200 acres of land.

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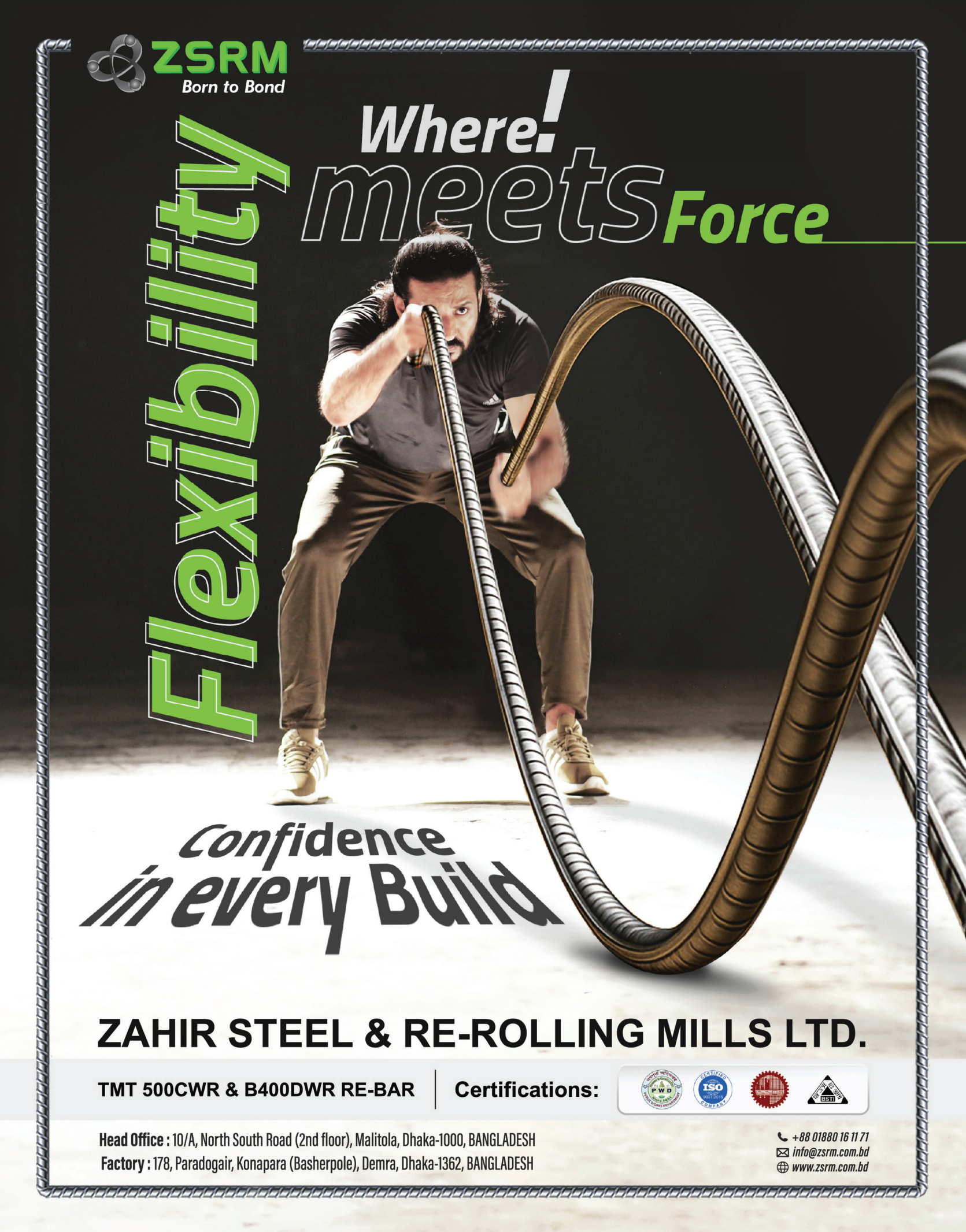

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GREEN DEMONS WIN 5TH OLD BUDDIES TOURNAMENT BY TWO STROKES AT KURMITOLA

Rais Uddin Siddique and Lt Gen Md Nazimuddin each carded a net 34 on the back nine as Green Demons edged Vintage Swingers by two strokes in the fifth Old Buddies Golf Tournament at Kurmitola Golf Club on September 18. The win was their second in a row at Kurmitola and sent them into the OB Legacy Trophy final with the best record in qualifying.

Green Demons won the fifth Old Buddies Golf Tournament by two strokes at Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka on September 18, 2026. The victory over Vintage Swingers was their second in succession at Kurmitola and gave them the highest points tally of any team across the season's five qualifying rounds.

Rais Uddin Siddique and Lt Gen Md Nazimuddin each carded a net 34 on the back nine for Green Demons. Shaila Parvin added a 36 and Maj Gen Mashud Razzak a 37, bringing the team's four counting scores to 141.

Vintage Swingers came close with three net 35s, from Lt Col AKM Zahurul Islam,







> Vintage Swingers had three net 35s on their card. Green Demons answered with a pair of 34s from Rais Uddin Siddique and Lt Gen Md Nazimuddin. Shaila Parvin's 36 and Maj Gen Mashud Razzak's 37 took their total to 141, enough for a second straight win at Kurmitola and a place in the OB Legacy Trophy final as the leading qualifiers.

Maj Arman Ali Bhuiyan and Maj Golam Moudud. Brig Gen Amin Tarique's 38 completed their total of 143. Lt Col Waheduzzaman led Shankapotomus with a net 34 as his side finished third on 145, four strokes ahead of Shadow Hunter.

One of the day's strongest individual rounds came from Saad Rahim Chowdhury of Par-Tee Animals, who played the back nine in 36 strokes for a net 34. His team finished on 150, level with El Toro and Bengal Birdies.

September's round also decided which four of the season's 16 teams would contest the OB Legacy Trophy. Green Demons earned maximum points in four of the five rounds and shared first place in their group in July. They finished on



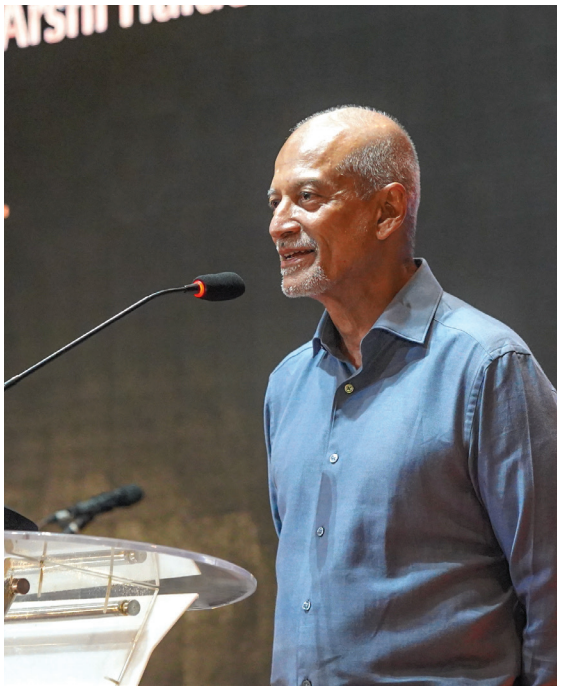
> Around 76 golfers including Diplomats, Ambassadors from 20 countries, and Corporate leaders participated in this tournament.



19.5 points, five clear of their nearest Group D rivals, Bunker Busters.

The closest qualifying race was in Group A, where El Toro edged Prowling Tigers by a single point. Master Slicers qualified from Group B, while Shadow Hunter claimed the Group C place with 18 points. For Vintage Swingers, even second place at Kurmitola left them two points short of a trophy berth.

> Reflecting the growing use of golf as a medium for professional networking and cross-cultural exchange.





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Vintage Swingers fell two strokes short of victory at Kurmitola and two points short of the OB Legacy Trophy final.







The OB Legacy Plate winners (top right) and fellow prize recipients pose with their trophies at the 2026 Legacy OB Golf Tournament.





















Par-Tee Animals receive the OB Legacy Plate runners-up award after finishing one stroke behind Bunker Busters.



Guests present a commemorative trophy and a draw prize at the Old Buddies season finale at Kurmitola Golf Club.



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ARMY GOLF CLUB HONOURS WINNERS OF 9TH PRESIDENT'S CUP

Four days of golf at Dhaka's Army Golf Club ended on October 10 as the winners of the 9th Anwar Ispat–Anwar Cement President's Cup received their trophies.

Army Golf Club honoured the winners of the ninth Anwar Ispat and Anwar Cement President's Cup on Saturday, October 10, after four days of competition in Dhaka. Club president Major General Md Sajjad Hossain presented the trophies alongside Manwar Hossain, chairman of Anwar Group of Industries. Business in Bangladesh

The two had attended the formal opening at 9:30am on Friday, October 9. Brigadier General Syed Ahmed Ali (retd), the club's chief executive, and Brigadier General Akhter Shahid, chairman of its tournament committee, joined them. Deputy managing director Furkaan N Hossain and chief marketing officer Galib Mohammad were among those representing Anwar Group at the opening.

The organisers said they hoped the tournament would strengthen ties between the club and the two companies and encourage wider support for sport in Bangladesh. The sponsors already had a connection to these fairways. In October 2025, Anwar Ispat and Anwar Cement backed the eighth Captain's Cup at the







Army Golf Club president Major General Md Sajjad Hossain and Anwar Group chairman Manwar Hossain present trophies to the winners of the ninth Anwar Ispat–Anwar Cement President's Cup in Dhaka on October 10.

same club.

Set inside Dhaka Cantonment, just south of the airport, the course is short, with enough bends and hazards to make accuracy count. The second and fifth fairways are doglegs, while an orchard borders the third. Elsewhere, rows of coconut, mango and jackfruit trees separate one fairway from the next. The President's Cup has drawn amateurs from across generations. In 2019, the fourth edition brought together 700 golfers, with juniors and veterans competing in their own divisions. Three years later, 750 golfers from Bangladesh and abroad took part in the sixth edition.

Furkaan and fellow deputy managing director Waeez R Hossain joined the golfers for Saturday's closing ceremony. Also present were the operations chiefs of the two sponsoring companies, Commodore Humayun Kallol (retd) of Anwar Ispat and Anisuzzaman of Anwar Cement. Cultural performances and a raffle followed the trophy presentation before players and guests sat down to dinner.



UKBGS HONOURS THEGOLFHOUSE EDITOR **WITH SPECIAL TOURNAMENT IN ENGLAND**

Sixteen golfers gathered at Woolston Manor to welcome TheGolfHouse Founder and Editor A M M Nazrul Hosen, reflecting the growing friendship between Bangladesh's golfing community and its compatriots in Britain.

A shared passion for golf and a strong sense of Bangladeshi identity brought 16 golfers together at Woolston Manor Golf & Country Club in England on May 31, 2026, as the UK Bangladeshi Golf Society (UKBGS) organised a special tournament in honour of TheGolfHouse Founder and Editor A M M Nazrul Hosen.

The event, held during Hosen's visit to the United Kingdom, was organised by UKBGS, led by its President Nurul Hoque, with the involvement of the society's leadership and members. Rahat Murs serves as Vice Captain and Koyes Choudhury as Treasurer.

Golfers travelled from different parts of England to take part in the occasion, which combined friendly competition with an opportunity to strengthen ties between British Bangladeshi golfers and the golfing community back home.









The day concluded with a presentation ceremony, during which commemorative gifts were exchanged and members gathered for photographs with copies of TheGolfHouse magazine.

For Hosen, the visit was particularly meaningful. TheGolfHouse has followed the society's activities since its early years, having introduced UKBGS to readers in its February 2018 edition.

The tournament provided an opportunity to meet the people behind that story and learn how a shared enthusiasm for golf has developed into a close-knit community.

Bringing golfers together across Britain

Founded on September 20, 2017, UKBGS held its first tournament on October 8 that year. Its original aim was to bring together British Bangladeshis interested in golf while encouraging newcomers, particularly younger generations, to discover the sport.

Nearly nine years later, the society continues to pursue that ambition through regular tournaments, social gatherings and overseas golf trips.

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During an interview with TheGolfHouse at Woolston Manor, a society representative described how UKBGS





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grew through personal friendships and recommendations.

As members began organising monthly competitions, they invited friends and acquaintances to join. Gradually, the society attracted golfers from different professions and regions across England.

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Their shared heritage has helped create

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a sense of belonging, while golf has provided a regular opportunity to meet.

The representative explained that members take their competitions seriously. Everyone wants to win, but fairness, integrity and respect for fellow golfers remain essential.

Monthly tournaments and an order-of-merit competition help sustain that competitive interest.

Yet the appeal extends well beyond the leaderboard.
For members who live considerable distances apart, a tournament offers a welcome break from their professional and family commitments. They meet over breakfast, spend several hours on the course and often continue their conversations over a meal afterwards.

These occasions have become an important way of maintaining friendships that might otherwise be limited to telephone calls and occasional meetings.

Golf as a lifelong sporting passion
One of the most interesting aspects of the conversation was the society's emphasis on helping members remain active as they grow older.

Many British Bangladeshis grew up playing cricket and football. As professional responsibilities increased and the physical demands of those sports became more difficult, golf offered an opportunity to continue enjoying competitive sport.

"Being a sportsman all our life we cannot sit down at home," the representative told TheGolfHouse.

He explained that golf provided a combination of physical activity, recreation and friendship that members could enjoy for many years.

Walking the fairways, meeting friends and spending time outdoors were important reasons to continue playing. The society also wants to challenge the perception that golf is only for experienced players.

"Forget your ability, show interest," the representative said when asked what advice he would give to newcomers. Experienced members, he explained, were willing to guide beginners and help them improve.

Although UKBGS primarily seeks to encourage British Bangladeshis to play, the society welcomes people of different nationalities and backgrounds.

Proudly representing Bangladesh
For UKBGS members, the word Bangladesh in the society's name carries particular significance.
The representative explained that when members visit golf courses across Britain and overseas, the name frequently attracts questions from other golfers.

Those conversations create opportunities to introduce Bangladesh, its people and its culture.

For a community that has built its life in Britain while retaining strong family and cultural ties to Bangladesh, the society offers a way to express that identity through sport.

The members' pride in their heritage is evident not only in the society's name but also in their interest in developments within Bangladesh's golfing community.

The conversation at Woolston Manor reflected that connection, moving between experiences on British courses and opportunities to support golf in Bangladesh.

Expanding beyond monthly tournaments
UKBGS has gradually broadened its golfing calendar to include weekend trips, Ryder Cup-style team competitions,



matches with other golf societies and international tours.

The representative spoke about encounters with Malaysian and Sri Lankan golfing groups, alongside competitions involving societies from Britain and elsewhere in Europe.
Portugal and Türkiye have also featured in the society's overseas golfing activities.
One of its recent highlights was the 2026 Algarve tour in Portugal, which attracted 32 golfers.

According to an earlier report published by TheGolfHouse, the Raiders defeated the Eagles 14.5–9.5 in the team competition, while Dr Sajib Zaib secured the individual Tour Cup.

Such events have helped members experience new courses and maintain their enthusiasm for the game.
They have also strengthened the society's reputation as an active British Bangladeshi golfing organisation.

Supporting the golfing community back home

The society's activities are not confined to competitions and recreational tours. During the interview, the representative recalled how UKBGS members had contributed financial assistance to caddies and ball boys in Bangladesh during the Covid-19 pandemic.

With golf courses closed and regular activities suspended, many workers whose livelihoods depended on the sport were left without their usual income.

The representative said members recognised the difficulties faced by those workers and their families and contributed what they could to help.
He also spoke about assistance to individual golfers and support for winter blanket distribution.

These initiatives, as described by the representative, reflected a willingness among members to remain involved with communities in Bangladesh despite the geographical distance.

Strengthening ties through golf

The tournament at Woolston Manor was another example of how the society uses golf to bring people together.
For the UKBGS leadership and members, welcoming TheGolfHouse editor offered an opportunity to share their experiences and strengthen their connection with Bangladesh's golfing community.

For TheGolfHouse, it provided a closer understanding of an organisation whose activities the magazine has followed since 2018.



For British Bangladeshi golfers, every tournament is another opportunity to enjoy the game, renew friendships and carry a little of Bangladesh onto the fairways of England.

The occasion was marked by warm hospitality, spirited competition and conversations about the future of golf among British Bangladeshis.

The commemorative presentation and photographs captured the formal moments of the visit, but the friendships developed on and off the course were equally significant.
As UKBGS approaches its tenth anniversary in 2027, its journey illustrates how a sporting initiative can grow into a lasting community.

What began with a group of enthusiasts organising tournaments has become a platform for competition, friendship, overseas travel and engagement with Bangladesh.
The gathering at Woolston Manor offered a reminder that the country's golfing story is not limited by geography.
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