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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR KARACHI GOLF CLUB MEMBERS

August 2025



KGC course is one of Pakistan's finest in terms of design and layout: Abid Sayeed

It was almost 28 years ago that Abid Sayeed first hit a few golf balls at the KGC and soon he fell in love with the game. Over the years, he has become an avid golfer and a proud father of Sameer Sayeed, who is counted among the leading young golfers in Karachi. Besides being a regular at KGC, Abid Sayeed also serves as the Club's Treasurer, making efforts to ensure its financial health. In an interview with The Chocolate, Abid talks about a variety of issues ranging from the quality of the KGC course to his favourite golfers. Here are the excerpts of the interview:

Q: How and when did you start playing golf?

A: I started playing golf in my senior year in college when I took a golf class. After that I came to Karachi in 1995 and did not have much interest in it till one day in 1997 I came to KGC with my friend Adnan Khalid. After that I was hooked on the game.

Q: The fondest memory of your

golfing life?

A: My fondest memory is watching my son Sameer Sayeed blossom into an amazing golfer from the time he was 5-6 years old and started hitting golf balls on the range.

Q: What prompted you to contest the KGC election?

A: The entire current MC and I myself contest the elections for the sole reason of looking after KGC which we consider our second home and to try and make sure that we can improve it for the betterment of the entire membership.

Q: What are your targets as KGC Treasurer?

A: The main targets of any Treasurer is to ensure the financial wellbeing of the club by building and maintaining the financial reserves of the club. Keeping track of expenses and if they are in line with the revenue being generated by the club and most importantly to cut down wasteful expenditure. Going forward the current and future MC's have long term strategic plans of doing major Capex expenditure on the golf course and it is the job of the

Treasurer to make sure that this is done within the reserves available with the club.

Q: How do you rate KGC course?

A: The KGC course is one of the finest in the country in terms of design and layout. Playing conditions are improving steadily again with the building of the new greens and improving the quality of the fairways.



Q: Who are your favourite golfers both, in Pakistan and abroad?

A: Tiger Woods has been my all-time favourite golfer.

Q: Your favourite golf course?

A: KGC of course

Q: Who is your chief rival?

A: My chief rival is the golf course itself.

Q: Your favourite veteran golfers?

A: Sohail Kareem Rana.



Captain's Corner



Dear Members,

As we approach the close of another year, I find it fitting to reflect on the progress we have made since taking charge last October/November. When we assumed responsibility, the course was in a difficult state. Today, I am pleased to share that it has improved significantly. This would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our Course Superintendent, the club management, and their dedicated teams, to whom I extend my deepest gratitude.

The recent rains have been a mixed blessing. On the one hand, they have brought much-needed nourishment, and the lush greenery around the course is evidence of that. On the other hand, excessive water levels have created challenges, from flooded bunkers to the risk of grass damage if water is not drained quickly. I must commend our management team for their outstanding work in minimizing disruptions and ensuring maximum playing time for our members despite these obstacles.

We are especially encouraged by the progress of the Yellow Greens, which are maturing well, with improved hold and roll. Our focus now extends to the Blue Greens, where the grassing is underway and promising signs are already visible. In anticipation of the work on the Red side, we have taken the proactive step of completing

the Red Tees ahead of schedule. This will allow us to dedicate full attention to the Red Greens when the time comes.

Other projects are also yielding positive results. The practice range is now fully operational, and by the end of September, members will have the opportunity to practice off natural grass rather than mats, allowing for a truer feel of the golf course.

However, while progress has been strong, we must also acknowledge the financial reality. Inflation and rising costs have significantly increased the expense of maintaining our course to the standards we are accustomed to. It is no longer possible to sustain the same quality within our old budget framework. Going forward, we must collectively review and realign our budgets to ensure that Karachi Golf Club retains the prestigious condition it is known for.

In closing, I want to thank all members for their support, and particularly the conveners of our committees for their invaluable contributions over the past year. It has been a year of challenges, but also one of great progress — and I look forward to building on this momentum together.

Warm regards,
Ahmed Ismail
Captain, Karachi Golf Club

TELEC Independence Day Tournament turns out to be big success

KGC extends profound gratitude to Mr. Hussain Sajjad, Chief Operating Officer TELEC Group for Sponsoring the TELEC Independence Day Tournament which turned out to be big success



Karachi Golf Club celebrated Independence Day with a well-attended golf tournament on August 14. The TELEC Group Independence Day Tournament featured amateurs, seniors, juniors, ladies and veterans and turned out to be a well-contested event.

The quartet of Rizwan Feroz, Samir Feroz, Zubair Iqbal and Muneer Feroz won the gross title with a score of 59 (-13). The team of Omar Khalid, Saim Shazli, Hamza Shikoh and Hamza Zahid Khan also finished with 59 but ended as runners-up on the back count.

In the net category, the quartet of Maj Gen Shahid Abro, Lt Col Saqib Ansari, Lt Arshad and Captain Azhar Hussain carded a score of 54.8 to win the trophy.

The team of Tabassum Sharif, Amna Amjad, Nida Arfeen and Hareem Tahir carded a net score of 56 to finish as runners-up.



RESULTS TELEC GROUP INDEPENDENCE DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT 14th August 2025		
	Name	Score
3rd Runner Up Team Net	Cdre Abdul Rehman Saifullah Farooq Amna Khalid Haziq Saifullah	58.1 Net
3rd Runner Up Team Gross	Bilal Aqleem Abdullah Bilal Farhan Ahmed Waleed Bilal	62 Gross
2nd Runner Up Team Net	Cdre Ghazanfar Abbas Zillay Nawab Brig Mazhar Abbas Rizwan Punjwani	57.7 Net
2nd Runner Up Team Gross	Ejaz Ahmed Khan Brig Qasim Changezi Sajid Sharif Navaid Ali	61 Gross
Runner Up Team Net	Tabassum Sharif Amna Amjad Nida Arfeen Hareem Tahir	56. Net
Runner Up Team Gross	Saim Shazli Hamza Zahid Khan Omar Khalid Sameer Sayeed	59 Gross
Winner Team Net	Maj Gen Shahid Abro Lt Col Saqib Ansari Lt Arshad Capt Azadar Hussain	54.8 Net
Winner Team Gross	Rizwan Feroz Samir Feroz Zubair Iqbal Muneer Feroz	59 Gross



KGC Tankard Golf Tournament

The July edition of the KGC Monthly Tankard Golf Tournament turned out to be a keenly contested event despite hot and humid weather conditions.

In the amateur gross category Saim Shazli carded 73 to win the title.

Wg Cdr Mumtaz Ali won the net title.

In the seniors' category Capt Ansar Mahmood won the gross honours while M. A. Mannan claimed the net trophy.

The event culminated with a well-attended prize distribution ceremony followed by a sumptuous hi-tea.

RESULTS		
KGC MONTHLY TANKARD GOLF TOURNAMENT		
19th & 20th July 2025		
Subsidiary Prize		
JUNIORS		
Winner Net	Suleman Amanullah	73 Net
Winner Gross	Abdul Raffay	76 Gross
LADIES		
Cat 'B' H' cap 19 To 28		
Winner Net	Ashi Muneer	89 Net
Winner Gross	Tahira Raza	112 Gross
Cat 'A' H' cap 0 To 18		
Winner Net	Humera Khalid	76 Net
Winner Gross	Dr. Aania Farooq	77 Gross
VETERANS		
Cat 'B' Age 80 Years & Above		
Winner Net	Zahir A. Chaudry	36 Net
Winner Gross	G/Capt Aftab A. Khan	41 Gross
Cat 'A' Age 70 - 80		
Winner Net	Siraj Banatwala	36 Net
Winner Gross	Cdre Zafar Mahmood	41 Gross
SENIORS		
Winner Net	M A Mannan	71 Net
Winner Gross	Capt Ansar Mahmood	75 Gross
AMATEURS		
Winner Net	Wg Cdr Mumtaz Ali Junejo	70 Net
Winner Gross	Saim Shazli	73 Gross



“KGC Workshop is equipped with modern machinery” – Mushtaq Ahmed

Machinery plays an important part in the upkeep of a golf course. And to keep the machinery in perfect order, you need a good workshop.

At the Karachi Golf Club, all machinery that is used to keep the 27-hole course in pristine condition, is serviced and repaired at KGC's workshop.

Mushtaq Ahmed is serving as in-charge of the KGC workshop. In a brief interview, he told The Chocolate about how he began his career almost 40 years ago and the progress made at KGC during the last four decades. Following are the excerpts.

“I began my career at Karachi Golf Club in 1987 as a mechanic at the age of 28. At that time, the club had only 18-hole course, with greens built at ground level and small tees, all workshop equipment consisted of local machinery.

“Thereafter, in 1993, Karachi Golf Club started upgrading by acquiring imported Jacobsen Greens Mowers, followed by a



gradual expansion of the machinery fleet. I was tasked to establish a proper workshop setup at KGC, introducing yearly improvements and maintaining high standards of machinery upkeep.

“Today, the workshop is equipped with modern, specialised golf course machinery for Greens, Tees, Fairways Mowing,

Aeration, and Top-Dressing. I keep all the machinery in operational state so that the course is well prepared for the tournaments. Karachi Golf Club is proud host of National and International Tournaments e.g. Asian Tour, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, CNS Open and Rashid D. Habib Golf Championships.”

Bringing Vision to the Forefront: Free Eye Camp at KGC

As part of our ongoing commitment to community well-being, Karachi Golf Club, in collaboration with Layton Rahmatulla Benevolent Trust (LRBT), organised a two-day free eye camp for the Club's caddies and marshals on 12th and 13th July 2025.

This initiative aimed to provide accessible, high-quality eye care to individuals who are essential to the Club's daily operations but may have limited access to routine medical services.

Over the course of the two-day camp:

- * 273 individuals underwent eye examinations
- * 263 patients were provided with free medication
- * 88 individuals received refraction tests for vision correction



* 11 patients were referred to LRBT hospitals for advanced treatment or surgical procedures

The camp was led by LRBT's skilled medical team, whose professionalism and compassionate service were widely appreciated by both the Club's management and the beneficiaries.



The KGC management extends our sincere thanks to LRBT for their continued partnership and dedication to improving lives through quality eye care. This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to community impact and inclusive health support.

EDITORIAL

The prolonged monsoon season is finally over. Thanks to the rains, the course looks lush green. Work is underway on the Blue Course and everyone is looking forward to its reopening.

Meanwhile, the tournament season continues at the Club. There were

several events held at the Club in the last few weeks and more have been lined up in the near future.

We have covered all the major events which took place at the Club in the current issue of The Chocolate.

Happy Reading

Sumeha Khalid
Editor The CHOCOLATE



Bridge Tournament



RESULTS KGC MONTHLY PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT July 29, 2025

Position	Pairs	Name	Score	Position	Pairs	Name	Score
1	14	Minhaj Kidwai & Wajahat Ali Suri	63.39	11	11	Anushae Alam & Zain Bokhari	48.21
2	19	S.A.K Sami & Maj. Malik	58.63	12	20	Javed Rahman & Imran Ali Sabir	47.92
3	5	Shahin Iqbal & Maj. Zaidi	57.14	13	12	Tahir Dada & Imran Farookhi	46.73
4	16	Muneeb Shamim & Asad Aslam	56.55	14	1	Ali Hai & Sattar Coachinwala	44.35
5	4	Zia Hai & Anwar Kizilbash	55.36	15	3	Muhammad Rafique & Osman Baig	44.05
5	13	Khalid Mohiuddin & Salim Zaki	55.36	16	18	Sarfraz Ahmed & Afzar Shaikh	43.15
7	15	Masood Mazhar & Hamid Mohiuddin	54.76	17	6	Riazuddin Shaikh & Arif Basrai	41.37
8	8	Athar Saeed & S. Abid Mumtaz	54.46	18	2	Risha Mohiuddin & Ismail Ahmed	41.07
9	9	Anis Ur Rahman & Gulzar Bilal	54.17	19	17	Masood Akram & Shakeel Chandna	40.77
9	10	Asghar Abbas & Hussain Jaffar	54.17	20	7	Tariq Rasheed & Awaad Mirza	38.39

Hole-in-One

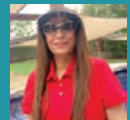
Lt Cdr (R) Imtiaz Arshad, Membership No. 4239 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 03 (Red Course) on June 18, 2025



Umair Choudri, Membership No. 2085 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 16 (Yellow Course) on July 06, 2025



Farah Waseem, Membership No. C/O 2813 scored Hole-in-One, on Hole # 16 (Yellow Course) on July 11, 2025



Cdre (R) Shahid Habib, Membership No. 4773 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 16 (Yellow Course) on July 12, 2025



Qumail R. Habib, Membership No. 755 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 11 (Yellow Course) on July 15, 2025



Imran Khawaja, Membership No. 4545 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 11 (Yellow Course) on August 02, 2025



Mr. Faisal Afsar Ali, Membership No. 4503 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 16 (Yellow Course) on August 02, 2025



Mr. Iqbal Alam, Membership No. 1188 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 07 (Red Course) on August 06, 2025



OBITUARY

Mr. Azfar Hasnain (Membership # 283)

Mr. Rafiq M. Habib (Membership # 1394)

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— Tiger Woods

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