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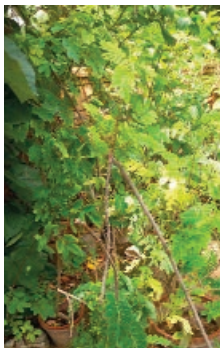
## Revival of Planting Selected Trees on the Course

It is imperative to have trees suitable to the location/environment of a golf course because they offer numerous benefits, enhancing playability, aesthetics, and the ambiance of the course. The trees provide shade, shape the course with strategic challenges, and contribute to a more enjoyable and environmentally sustainable experience. However, proper tree management is crucial to prevent issues like obstructed views, damage to turf, and safety hazards.

Keeping above in view and in backdrop of losing few grown up trees due to "Fusarium Wilt" disease/ tornadoes last year, the Club Management has taken up a long term plan for planting selected trees on the course. The aim is to adopt a proper theme after due deliberation for each fairway by Greens Committee. Accordingly planting of following category of trees shaping the fairway boundaries of the holes and open areas was approved:

Acacia	Ponciana	Gul Mohar	Neem	
Paris Peepal	Neelgam	Kaner	Desi Keekar	Lemon
Kigelia	Palm	Amar Taas	Chikoo	

The plantation of approved variety of these plants commenced in March 2025. With the current count of about 10,000 trees on all three courses, our target is to double this number by 2028 against the approved plan. A number of members also came forward and donated about 1000 saplings to the club for which we are very grateful to them for the kind gesture. These saplings are currently being nourished at our nursery and will be planted on the course once they gain sufficient height.



Acacia



Badam



Date Palm



Desi Keekar



Gul Mohar



Kaner



Kigelia



Lignam



Paris Peepal



Ponciana



Neem

# I want the next generation to have a quality golf course: Dr. Salman Qureshi

Dr. Salman Qureshi, KGC's Vice Captain, fell in love with golf despite a disastrous first round. Since then he has travelled the world, playing at some of the most iconic golf courses around the globe. In an interview with The Chocolate, Dr. Qureshi speaks about his love for golf and how the Club can continue progressing.

Following are the excerpts:

**Q: How and when did you start playing golf?**

**A:** I started playing golf when I was around 29 years old. My first round was at the original Blue Monster at Doral. I had no idea what golf was, had seen it on TV once or twice, it was a disastrous round but I was hooked on the game.

**Q: What are the fondest memories of your golfing life?**

**A:** I have two fondest memories, one was being at Medinah for the 2012 Ryder Cup, and the other was watching the 2014 Masters Tournament in person. It was unreal being there. The vibe, the energy, both were truly amazing experiences.

**Q: What prompted you to contest the KGC election?**

**A:** I have always desired that KGC goes from mediocre to great. Golf is a great love and I want the next generation to have a quality golf course. The Club needs a lot of improvement and for that I am willing to give my time and be part of the Managing Committee.

**Q: What are your targets as KGC Vice Captain?**

**A:** My primary goal is to be available for support to the entire MC and the staff of KGC. There is absolutely no doubt that every single person of MC and staff wants what is best for KGC. There are times when they are criticised by some for changes, but I assure you, every action is taken with the intention to improve our Club, and to ensure a better and lasting legacy. Again, I



must mention our staff, whose contributions are often overlooked. They work tirelessly and diligently, which makes every visit enjoyable, they deserve a lot of credit.

**Q: How do you rate the KGC course?**

**A:** KGC with the new Yellow course and soon to follow Blue greens will greatly improve. We have a long road ahead with coming up to any sort of international standard. Hopefully once all projects come to fruition we will be able to be on par with other regional international courses.

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

**A:** Tiger Woods has been a personal favourite, I have enjoyed all his great moments. In Pakistan my favourite golfers are my numerous friends at KGC, always have an amazing time with them and celebrate their wins.

**Q: Which is your favourite golf course?**

**A:** I am on a quest to play the Top 50 courses in the world and have managed to play 23 so far. Hopefully, I can do all my bucket list courses soon. Favourite golf course in the world is always where you play best and sadly for me that is not often, but I would play golf any day of the week as I love the game.

**Q: Who is your chief rival?**

**A:** I think my brother brings out the competitive side in me, but I enjoy my rounds with Saleem Adil, Billy Habib and the GOAT Asif Parekh.

**Q: Your favourite veteran golfers?**

**A:** I miss golf with my friend Sohail Rana, he is no longer actively playing, but at least I had the pleasure to play golf with him for a few years. He is a thorough gentleman and a great example of how a member should be.

**Q: Your favourite Pro?**

**A:** Waheed Baloch and Muhammad Zubair are great representatives of Karachi Golf Club and I wish them great success. I am also really pleased with how the juniors are playing and hope they get enough exposure to play on a tour.



# Captain's Corner



Dear Members,

I'm pleased to inform you that the recovery work on the Yellow and Red fairways is nearing completion. While there's always room for improvement – and we remain committed to doing better – I'm happy to share that we've reached a point where we've been able to remove preferred lies from both courses. The fairways are now in a playable condition, allowing you to play the ball as it lies – a significant step forward in our ongoing course improvement efforts.

At the Driving Range, the net installation has been completed. Most members are now allowed to resume hitting drivers. For our extra-long hitters, we are conducting one-by-one testing to ensure the net can safely contain their shots. Fortunately, we had the foresight to invest in a modular system, which gives us the flexibility to increase the height if required. We anticipate that when the Asian Development Tour players arrive, we may need to raise the net further.

On the clubhouse front, I'm pleased to report that the Clubhouse & Catering Committee has been hard at work. The bathrooms adjacent to the Candyland Lounge have been renovated and will soon be open for member use. This will greatly enhance convenience for all members.

In summary, I'm proud of the progress we've made across the board – from the fairways to the range to the clubhouse facilities. I would like to thank all stakeholders, staff, and members who have contributed to this improvement journey.

That said, our work is not done. The Yellow course greens remain immature and require time and care to fully develop. I request all members to kindly repair their pitch marks – and, if possible, go the extra mile by fixing an extra one or two if you spot them. We are implementing strict measures to protect and nurture these greens, but we need your cooperation to ensure they reach their full potential.

With your support, we will continue making Karachi Golf Club a course we can all be proud of.

Warm Regards,

**Ahmed Ismail**  
Captain, Karachi Golf Club

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## Pace of Play

In order to maintain Pace of Play for all members, following instructions are promulgated for compliance please:

- a. All groups, regardless of size, must play "Ready Golf". Once player has putted out, please proceed to the next Tee Box and Tee Off when it is safe to do so followed by same practice for approach shots.
- b. A ball is lost if not found within three minutes after the players or their Caddies begin to search for it.
- c. All groups regardless of size, must invite faster groups behind them for through if there is a hole or more open ahead, even if the group is playing at a good pace. Single ball has no priority.
- d. Marshalls have been authorised to monitor the Pace of Play and regulate facilitation of through among the flights on the course. Non adherence to Marshal's instructions will lead to disciplinary action against the whole flight.

# Sadiq Habib reigns supreme in Sindh Amateur at KGC

The fast-improving Sadiq Habib claimed his first World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) title when he won the prestigious Sindh Amateur Golf Championship 2025 at the Karachi Golf Club.

Sadiq was in top gear during the 54-hole championship as he played superb golf to card a three-day aggregate of 219 to win the crown. Zia Hai finished as the gross runner-up with a score of 228.

Zahid F. Ibrahim carded a 36-hole aggregate of 151 to win the seniors gross title ahead of Omar Faruque (156).



RESULTS		
24TH SINDH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2025		
4th, 5th & 6th April 2025		
<b>Juniors (Total Field 17)</b>		
<b>Juniors (Under 15 Years) Played Over 18 Holes</b>		
Winner Net	Eshan Nawab	65 Net
Winner Gross	Shameer Amjad	73 Gross
<b>Veterans (Total Field 15)</b>		
<b>Veterans Age (75 Above ) Played Over 18 Holes</b>		
<b>9 Holes On 5th &amp; 9 Holes On 6th April</b>		
Runner Up Gross	Gp Capt Aftab A Khan	88 Gross
Winner Gross	Rehan Mirza	83 Gross
<b>Veterans (Total Field 12)</b>		
<b>Veterans Age (Below 75 ) Played Over 18 Holes</b>		
<b>9 Holes On 5th &amp; 9 Holes On 6th April</b>		
Runner Up Gross	Cdr Mahboob Ahmed	85 Gross
Winner Gross	Cdre Zafar Mehmood	82 Gross
<b>Seniors Handicap (9 To 14) (Total Field 36)</b>		
<b>Played Over 36 Holes On 5th &amp; 6th April</b>		
Runner Up Gross	Zulfiqar Hyder Khan	174 Gross
Winner Gross	Cdre Ghazanfar Abbas	173 Gross
<b>Seniors Handicap (0 To 8) (Total Field 18)</b>		
<b>Played Over 36 Holes On 5th &amp; 6th April</b>		
Runner Up Gross	Omer Faruque	156 Gross
<b>Sindh Senior Champion 2025</b>		
Zahid F. Ebrahim		151 Gross
<b>Amateurs Handicap (9 To 12) (Total Field 20)</b>		
<b>Played Over 54 Holes On 4th, 5th &amp; 6th April</b>		
Runner Up Gross	Haider Bilal	245 Gross
Winner Gross	Saim Sohail	245 Gross
<b>Amateurs Handicap (0 To 8) (Total Field 23)</b>		
<b>Played Over 54 Holes On 4th, 5th &amp; 6th April</b>		
Runner Up Gross	Zia Hai	228 Gross
<b>Sindh Amateur Champion 2025</b>		
Sadiq Habib		219 Gross

# Sadiq Habib wins Pritchard Cup title

Pritchard Cup is the oldest golfing tournament in Pakistan. Regarded among the most prestigious events on the Karachi Golf Club calendar, the Pritchard Cup features a big field of players annually. This year at the 118th edition of the tournament, the contest for top honours was both fierce and exciting.

In the end it was the young and talented Sadiq Habib, who carded a two-day score of 146 to win the coveted amateurs gross title.

Farid Ahmed claimed the top honours in the net category with an aggregate of 144.

In the seniors' category, Captain Ansar Mahmood won the gross title while Imran Khawaja prevailed in the net category.



RESULTS		
118TH PRITCHARD CUP		
12th & 13th April 2025		
<b>JUNIORS (18 Holes)</b>		
Winner Net	Abdullah Bilal	71 Net
Winner Gross	Abdul Rafay	78 Gross
<b>LADIES (18 Holes)</b>		
Winner Net	Yumna Awan	82 Net
Winner Gross	Syeda Amna Khalid	97 Gross
<b>Main Event (Handicap 0 - 18)</b>		
Winner Net	Tabassum Sharif	76 Net
Winner Gross	Humera Khalid	82 Gross
<b>AMATEURS (36 Holes)</b>		
Winner Net	Farid Ahmed	144 Net
Winner Gross &	Club Champion 2025 Sadiq Habib	146 Gross
Hole In One	Red Hole # 07	Capt Zubair Sarwar Janjua
<b>Maj.Gen.M. Hayauddin Memorial Cup</b>		
<b>SENIORS</b>		
Winner Net	Imran Khawaja	71 Net
Winner Gross	Capt (R) Raja	78 Gross
Winner Gross	Ansar Mahmood	78 Gross
<b>Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola Cup</b>		
<b>Veterans Age 80 Below</b>		
Winner Net	Rehan Mirza	38 Net
Winner Gross	Asad I A Khan	38 Gross
<b>Veterans Age 80 &amp; Above</b>		
Winner Net	Zahir Chaudhry	37 Net
Winner Gross	Asghar Ali	45 Gross

# Catering facilities have really expanded over time: Qaisar Gul Nawaz, incharge of all KGC Kiosks

More than 30 years ago, Qaisar Gul Nawaz joined the Karachi Golf Club as a Drinks Boy. Today, he is serving as Senior Waiter and Incharge of all of the Club's Kiosks.

“Back in 1996 when I joined the Club, only limited items were served to members. With the passage of time the Club management has taken initiative to expand the facilities like the Governor Gallery, construction of Kiosks and addition of Sunday Brunch and dinner functions,” says Qaiser.

Qaiser explains his role at the KGC: “As incharge of all Kiosks at the club, I am responsible for organising and ensuring the timely availability of snacks, cold drinks and water at the Kiosks during golf tournaments and club events.



My role includes close coordination with the catering managers to fulfill all beverage-related requirements, while maintaining service quality and readiness at all times.

“I have travelled to Spain, Italy, and the USA, observing global golf clubs and have applied the ideas at KGC to improve the services.

I have supervised hospitality arrangements for events i.e. Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (JCSC), Mr. Rashid D. Habib (Bank Al Habib), and the Chief of the Naval Staff Open Golf championships.

I also manage additional catering as per the specific requirements of each tournament or VIP guests, ensuring smooth operations and guest's satisfaction.”

## Care Of The Course KGC Bye Law 5(E)

1. The management has revised fines against non-compliance of KGC bye law 5(e) as indicated below:

S No.	Description of Offence	Fine
a.	Non repair of divot, pitch mark and non-raking of bunkers	Rs. 1,000.00
b.	Practicing on the course and playing with multiple balls	Rs. 1,000.00
c.	Throwing litter/cigarette butts on the course	Rs. 1,000.00
d.	Taking golf cart/golf trolley to non-designated areas	Rs. 1,000.00

2. Course marshals have been manadated to monitor violations by members, guests, professionals and caddies and report the same to the administraton for necessary action.

### Safety nets at practice driving range

Members are informed that safety nets have been successfully installed on the practice driving range (PDR).  
Members are now permitted to use drivers on the pdr.

**Club Management**  
03 July 2025

### PAIN MANAGEMENT

Physiotherapy & Massagetherapy  
Chiropractic Manipulative Therapy

#### For Appointment

Tariq Rasheed: 0302-4919554  
Physio Room Karachi Golf Club

# EDITORIAL

It's monsoon season and the KGC course is getting greener and better. And with the plantation campaign set to be in full swing soon, one can expect our course to become even more lush green in the coming months. The monsoon season was preceded by the club's tournament season with several key

tournaments like the Sindh Amateur Golf Championship and historic Pritchard Cup taking place.

We have covered the events along with a couple of interviews in this issue of The Chocolate.

Happy reading!

**Sumeha Khalid**  
Editor The CHOCOLATE



## Bridge Tournament



### RESULTS

#### KGC MONTHLY PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT MAY 27, 2025

Position	Pairs	Name	Score	Position	Pairs	Name	Score
1	5	Shahab Sarki & Yousuf Jan Muhammad	65.68	13	15	Rehana Saigol & Paro Raza	47.75
2	14	Zia Hai & Anwar Kizilbash	64.50	14	1	Afzal Shaikh & Sattar Coachinwala	46.82
3	10	Masood Mazhar & Hamed Mohiuddin	62.95	15	19	Tahir Dada & Imran Farookhi	46.00
4	11	Shakeel Chandna & Asghar Abbas	58.18	16	6	S.A.K. Sami & Tariq Rasheed	44.55
5	4	Shahin Iqbal & Maj. Zaidi	57.50	16	18	Saeed Mirza & Jamal Hussain	44.55
6	7	Abdul Muqet & Wajahat Ali Suri	57.05	18	9	Anushae Alam & Zain Bokhari	42.95
7	16	Zafar Zaki & Tariq Zafar	56.75	19	2	Abid Mumtaz & Ahtar Saeed	42.27
8	23	Asad Aslam & Muneeb Shamim	56.00	20	21	Awaad Mirza & Rayan Shahid	41.50
9	24	Khalid Manzur & Khaled Mohiuddin	52.50	21	22	Saleem Vahidy & Nuchhi Currier	39.00
10	8	Hussain Jaffar & Minhaj Kidwai	52.27	22	3	Jalal Khan & Mumtaz H. Khan	37.50
11	13	Aejaz Basrai & Iffat Basrai	49.50	23	20	Javed Rahman & Osman Baig	33.50
11	17	Salim Chamdia & Ilyas Janu	49.50				

### PRIORITY COURSE

#### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Priority will be on BAFL Yellow Course  
Saturday/Sunday & Public Holidays

Non-Members are not permitted to play after  
9:30 am. Priority will be regulated on both red  
and BAFL Yellow Courses on alternate flight  
basis for members and non-members

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### Hole-in-One

Captain Zubair Sarwar Janjua,  
Membership No. 3489 scored  
Hole-in-One on Hole # 07 (Red  
Course) on April 13, 2025



Saim Shazli, membership No.  
c/o 820 scored Hole-in-One  
on Hole # 03 (Red Course) on  
April 27, 2025



Vice Admiral (R) Irfan Ahmed  
HI(M) SJ, Membership No.  
1558 scored Hole-in-One on  
Hole # 03 (Red Course) on  
May 15, 2025



Cdre (R) Muhammad Arshad,  
Membership No. 4262 scored  
Hole-in-One on Hole # 03 (Red  
Course) on May 17, 2025



Brig (R) Syed Junaid Iqbal,  
Membership No. 4778 scored  
Hole-in-One on Hole # 07 (Red  
Course) on May 24, 2025



Captain Israr Ahmed,  
Membership No. 4583 scored  
Hole-in-One on Hole # 16  
(Yellow Course) on May 25,  
2025



Mr. Rashid Ahmad, Membership  
No. 4420 scored Hole-in-One  
on Hole # 16 (Yellow Course)  
on May 25, 2025



Mr. Rizwan Rashid, Membership  
No. 2925 scored Hole-in-One  
on Hole # 03 (Red Course) on  
June 08, 2025



### OBITUARY

Mr. Kamal Uddin Azfar  
(Membership No. 850)





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