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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR KARACHI GOLF CLUB MEMBERS

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Precision and Prestige: The 2026 CHUBB Golf Tournament

The Karachi Golf Club started the 2026 season with high-octane competition at the Chubb Golf Tournament, held on January 23rd and 25th. Known for its challenging atmosphere, this year's edition saw a remarkable display of precision across all categories, with players navigating the greens under ideal winter conditions.

In the Amateur division, Malik Murtaza secured the Gross title with a 75. However, the tournament's top honour went to Capt. Syed Bakhtawar Shah, whose phenomenal 69 net earned him the title of overall winner of the Chubb Golf Tournament 2026.

The Ladies' category was highlighted by Humera Khalid, who continued her fine form to take the gross title, while Jeonghee Choi secured the net win.

In the Seniors' section, Mohammad Ahmad Mannan (76 Gross) and Anjum Pervez Qureshi (74 Net) stood out for their strategic play. With strong performances from junior winner Suleman Amanullah and veteran Asad I. A. Khan, the event was a testament to the depth of talent at KGC.



RESULTS CHUBB GOLF TOURNAENT 23rd & 25th January 2026

JUNIORS

Winner Gross	Suleman Amanullah	41 Gross
Winner Net	Mustafa Maqbool	37 Net

LADIES

Winner Gross	Humera Khalid	38 Gross
Winner Net	Jeonghee Choi	34 Net

VETERANS

Winner Gross	Asad I. A. Khan	42 Gross
Winner Net	Rehan Mirza	36 Net

SENIORS

Winner Gross	Mohammad Ahmad Mannan	76 Gross
Winner Net	Anjum Pervez Qureshi	74 Net

GUESTS

Winner Gross	Zulfiqar Hyder Khan	39 Gross
Winner Net	Asim Siddiqi	30.5 Net

AMATEURS

Winner Gross	Malik Murtaza	75 Gross
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Winner Net Of Chubb Golf Tournament 2026
Capt Syed Bakhtawar Shah 69 Net

Captain's Corner



I'm pleased to share an important update on the continued development of our course.

Work has now commenced on the Red Course greens, marking a significant step forward in our long-term plan to enhance playing conditions at the Karachi Golf Club. We are genuinely excited about this phase. However, this progress does come with a temporary compromise; nine holes will remain closed, which will understandably lead to increased traffic on the remaining course.

To ensure smooth flow and fairness of play, we are reverting to the priority system previously followed when one course was shut – alternating between one full-course flight and one nine-hole flight. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we navigate this period. On a more encouraging note, the Blue Course greens are showing excellent progress. The health of the turf is returning, and members will notice improved smoothness and consistency in the roll – an outcome we have all been looking forward to.

I am also delighted to share that all imported course machinery has now been received. You will begin to see this equipment in operation across the course, and we are confident it will significantly elevate overall course conditions in the weeks ahead.

Alongside these developments, we are currently undertaking our annual maintenance programme. Given that one course is already closed, this process is more challenging than usual, as we are unable to fully shut down sections for extended periods. As a result, members will notice ongoing work, including aeration of greens, followed by fairway aeration and top dressing. While these essential activities may cause minor, temporary disruptions to playing conditions, they are critical to the long-term quality and sustainability of the course. We are making every effort to minimise inconvenience and maintain a seamless playing experience.

Finally, I'm happy to announce that the chipping green and bunker practice facility adjacent to the right side of the driving range is nearing completion. We expect it to be fully operational and inaugurated next month. This addition will further strengthen our practice facilities and provide members with an enhanced short-game experience.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to bringing you an improved and more enjoyable golfing experience in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

Ahmed Ismail

Captain, Karachi Golf Club

Ahmed Baig's Masterclass: A Hat-Trick of Titles at KGC

The 15th Rashid D. Habib Memorial National Professional Golf Tournament concluded with a display of sheer dominance as Ahmed Baig (RPG) etched his name further into Pakistan's golfing history.

Delivering a final-round masterclass, Baig carded a superb 4-under 68 to finish with a staggering aggregate of 276 (-12). This victory marks a historic third consecutive title at this prestigious event, cementing his status as the nation's premier professional.

The final day at Karachi Golf Club was a battle of nerves. While Baig began the turn with measured play, he ignited the back nine with a spectacular streak, sinking four consecutive birdies from the 14th hole. This late surge effectively extinguished the hopes of a formidable chasing pack.

A group of four elite players —Mohammad Zubair, Shabbir Iqbal, Mohammad Ashfaq and Hamza Amin — finished five strokes adrift at 281 (-7).

Beyond the leaderboard, there were two Hole-in-One feats: professional Zubair Hussain claimed a Toyota Altis on the



Red Course's 7th hole, while caddy Muhammad Akram drove away in a Suzuki Alto.

With a record prize purse and world-class competition, the 2026 edition lived up to the enduring legacy of the Habib family.





NOTICE

DRESS CODE – KARACHI GOLF CLUB

Members and guests are requested to strictly adhere to the following dress code while using the facilities:

A. CLUB HOUSE COURSE PREMISES

1. Shoes with metal spikes are not permitted.
2. Ladies wearing narrow heeled footwear are not allowed on the Golf links.
3. Denim Jeans are not permitted on the Golf links or Club House premises.
4. Shorts are permitted which are not more than 2 inches above the knees.
5. Sandals or slippers without back straps are not allowed in the Club House and garden premises. Ladies are exempted from this rule.
6. Gents are permitted to wear National Dress (Shalwar Kameez) in the Club House.
7. Collarless Shirts and track suit bottoms are not permitted on the Course.

B. DRIVING RANGE AND GYMNASIUM:

1. Denim Jeans are not permitted.
2. Gents wearing Shalwar Kameez are not permitted.
3. Maids/servants are not permitted in the Driving Range area.
4. Active sportswear/Athletic shoes/joggers are permitted.

RESULTS

25TH HAMID D. HABIB MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

7th & 8th February 2026

JUNIORS

Winner Gross	Mustafa Ahmed	96 Gross
Winner Net	Akbar Khan	73 Net

LADIES

Winner Gross	Cho Young Me	86 Gross
Winner Net	Humera Khalid	71 Net

VETERANS

Winner Gross	Cdr Mahboob Ahmed	40 Gross
Winner Net	Zaffar Ahmed Khan	30 Net

SENIORS

Winner Gross	Cdre Saad Bin Jabbar	79 Gross
Winner Net	Lt Ejaz Ahmed Khan	67 Net

AMATEURS

Winner Gross	M. Zia Hai	75 Gross
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Winner Of Hamid D. Habib Memorial Golf Tournament 2026

Abdullah Junaid	62 Net
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Rashid D. Habib Memorial National Professionals Golf Tournament

Winner	Ahmed Baig (Rpg)	276 Gross (-12)
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Rising Through the Fairways: The Remarkable Journey of Aania Farooq

In recent years, few names in Pakistan's golfing landscape have generated as much admiration and momentum as Aania Farooq. With a string of impressive victories, including triumphs at the Bangladesh Amateur and the KP Open, Aania has firmly established herself as one of the country's leading amateur golfers and a proud representative of Karachi Golf Club.

Reflecting on her recent success, Aania credits her consistency to a disciplined system developed over more than a decade in the sport. Having started her golfing journey in 2012 under the guidance of her father, she has built her game around three key pillars: structured practice, strategic course management, and sustainable fitness. Rather than



chasing perfection, her focus has evolved toward making intelligent decisions on every shot — an approach that continues to deliver results at both national and international levels.

For Aania, Karachi Golf Club remains more than just a venue; it is the foundation of her growth as a player. Her familiarity with the course's winds, greens, and target lines gives her a distinct mental advantage and allows her to play with calculated confidence. Away from home, however, her approach becomes more analytical, relying on detailed preparation and conservative strategy during early rounds to better understand unfamiliar conditions.

Mental resilience has also become one of the defining features of her game. Aania follows a disciplined post-round routine, allowing herself ten minutes to process a difficult performance before shifting focus entirely toward improvement. During tournaments, controlled breathing techniques help her remain composed and present, regardless of setbacks on the course. Beyond her personal achievements, Aania believes the landscape for women's golf in Pakistan has changed significantly. She notes a growing sense of belief among young female golfers, supported by increased tournament opportunities, improved prize structures, and stronger family encouragement. According to her, the conversation has shifted from whether women can compete to how far they can go. Balancing professional-level golf while pursuing dentistry demanded exceptional discipline and time management. Yet, with unwavering support from her family and coach, Aania has managed to excel in both fields. Looking ahead, her ambitions are firmly set on competing at the highest level, with the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific serving as the next major step toward her long-term goal of earning status on the Ladies Professional Tour.



A Legacy on the Links: A Conversation with Head Course Marshal Pervez Yusuf

Since 2009, one face has remained a constant at the Karachi Golf Club: Pervez Yusuf. Recently promoted to Head Marshal in 2025, Pervez reflects on a sixteen-year journey defined by discipline and a deep love for the game.

Q: What has kept you dedicated to the course for 16 years?

A: It is respect for the game. Golf is about discipline. Whether it's monitoring the pace of play or enforcing the dress code, I see my role as protecting the spirit of the club. Seeing a championship run smoothly is my greatest reward.



Q: As Head Marshal, what is your daily focus?

A: Attention to detail. I ensure pitch marks are fixed, divots are filled, and bunkers are raked perfectly. If the course isn't in world-class condition, the experience for our members isn't complete. I also take pride in providing rules guidance helping players enjoy the game correctly.

Q: What does the Karachi Golf Club mean to you?

A: It's family. From my start in 2009 to leading the marshaling team today, I've seen this club grow. My goal is to ensure that every visitor feels the high standards we've worked so hard to maintain.

EDITORIAL

Despite the rising mercury in Karachi, the spirit at Karachi Golf Club remains as cool and focused as ever. While the summer heat has certainly arrived, our fairways are far from empty; golfing activities are going strong, proving that our members' dedication transcends the thermometer. In this edition, we bring you exclusive insights from Aania Farooq, alongside a heartwarming interview

with our oldest marshal, who shares decades of club history. Coupled with comprehensive coverage of recent major events, this newsletter celebrates the resilience and vibrant community that make KGC a premier destination, regardless of the season.

Happy reading!

Sumeha Khalid
Editor The CHOCOLATE



Bridge Tournament



RESULTS MONTHLY OPEN PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT February 24, 2026

Position	Pairs	Name	Score	Position	Pairs	Name	Score
1	12	Hamid Mohiuddin & Hussain Jaffar	66.67	8	11	Mohsin Chandna & Mubashir Puri	51.98
2	2	Zia Hai & Anwar Kizilbash	62.70	9	14	Jalal Khan & Rizwan Panjwani	47.92
3	6	Wajahat Ali Suri & Khalid Manzur	57.14	10	13	Zafar Zaki & Ahter Saeed	44.44
3	9	Minhaj Kidwai & Talal Mahmood	57.14	11	1	M.Z.K Burki & Sultan Ahmed	40.08
5	8	Qumail Habib & Azhar Iqbal	53.97	12	7	Osman Baig & Risha Mohiuddin	40.00
6	4	Shahin Iqbal & Maj Zaidi	53.17	13	10	Tariq Rasheed & Awaad Mirza	38.49
7	3	Sattar Coachinwala & Afzal Shaikh	52.38	14	5	Rubina Hai & Yasir Usmani	33.33



The recently acquired course machinery at Karachi Golf Club

Hole-in-One

Atif Iqbal, Membership No. 4805 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 11 (Yellow Course) on February 1, 2026



Mustafa Maqbood, Membership No. c/o 2759 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 8 (Blue Course) on February 1, 2026



Reza Jumani, Membership No. 4821 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 3 (Red Course) on January 8, 2026



Raja Babar Khan, Membership No. 4146 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 8 (Blue Course) on January 10, 2026



Hamza Obaid, Membership No. c/o 839 scored Hole-in-One on Hole # 4 (Blue Course) on February 5, 2026



Ahsan Azhar Siddiqui, Membership No. 2917 scored Hole-In-One on Hole # 11 (Yellow Course) on January 29, 2026



OBITUARY

Dr. Zubair Mirza (Membership # 392)
Mr. Sajid Ahmed (Membership # 1225)

PRIORITY COURSE

Priority for the month of May 2026 will be on Yellow Course

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