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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR KARACHI GOLF CLUB MEMBERS

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KGC Appoints Captain Muhammad Anwar as New COO

The Karachi Golf Club is pleased to announce that Captain (R) Muhammad Anwar has taken charge as our new Chief Operating Officer.

Captain Anwar is already well-acquainted with the club's community and inner workings, having served actively on the KGC Managing Committee for the past two years. This close involvement ensures a seamless transition, as he brings a firsthand understanding of our operational standards, core values and the expectations of our membership.

A highly motivated and result-oriented leader, Captain Anwar transitions into this pivotal role following a distinguished 36-year career in the Pakistan Navy. Over nearly four decades of service, he held positions of increasing responsibility that demanded exceptional strategic planning, organisational governance and operational excellence.

He is warmly welcomed to this new role, with everyone looking forward to his valuable contributions toward the continued growth, excellence and future success of Karachi Golf Club.



Pace of Play

1. On behalf of the Managing Committee we would like to thank all golf playing members for their cooperation in helping with the SOPs regarding Pace of Play and respect for Course Marshals. These measures will ensure a more pleasurable golfing experience for all.
2. In light of KGC Bye laws, "if a group fails to keep its pace on the course and lose more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should invite the group/match following to pass. Even if a clear hole is not lost and the group feels that those playing behind them can play faster, they are to be invited to pass". It is not, nor should it be considered an affront to give way to a faster group regardless of your own pace.
3. A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. One recommended way to ensure pace of play is to adopt "Ready Golf" standards like:
 - a. On the tee: The first player to reach tee who is ready, hits off.
 - b. On the fairway: The first player ready plays his shot, regardless of distance to the green (provided it is safe to do so).
 - c. On the greens: Make your preparations while others are putting so that you are ready to putt immediately when it is your turn.
 - d. If your group has fallen behind the group in front then when 2 players have putt out, they should move to the Tee & tee off.
 - e. It is recommended that no more than 40 seconds be consumed in playing a shot.
 - f. Park your golf carts/pull carts on the side of the green that is closer to the next tee.
 - g. Approach your ball as quickly as possible to play your next shot.

Captain's Corner



Dear Members,

As we approach the end of the current committee's tenure, I find myself reflecting not only on what we have achieved together, but also on the responsibility we have to leave Karachi Golf Club stronger for those who follow. One initiative that I believe has the potential to make a lasting difference is our proposed Water Reclamation & Treatment Project.

Water is the lifeblood of any golf course. While our course has continued to serve us well, the quality of the wastewater currently being used for irrigation has become a growing concern. It affects not only the health of our fairways, greens and roughs, but also contributes to unpleasant odors, long-term soil degradation and an overall experience that falls short of the standards we aspire to maintain. More importantly, it impacts our employees, caddies, ball boys and even the neighbouring community.

Recognising the importance of making the right decision, we sought the guidance of independent experts to evaluate our current system and recommend the most effective long-term solution.

An independent technical assessment by the Hisaar Foundation concluded that our existing treatment system is overloaded, biologically ineffective and no longer capable of meeting the standards required for quality irrigation. Their recommendation was clear: a modern, correctly sized treatment system integrated with our existing infrastructure is the most prudent, sustainable and capital-efficient solution for Karachi Golf Club.

We also benefited from the opinion of internationally respected turfgrass expert Craig Henney, who reinforced a simple but powerful principle: better water leads to stronger roots, healthier turf and

ultimately a better golfing experience. High-quality irrigation water improves soil health, strengthens greens, tees and fairways, creates firmer and more consistent playing surfaces and reduces long-term stress on the course. In essence, this project is not merely about treating water, it is about enhancing the quality of golf at Karachi Golf Club.

Beyond the golf course, the benefits are equally significant. Cleaner water means a healthier and safer working environment for our staff and ball boys, a more pleasant environment for members and visitors, and a positive impact on our surrounding community through improved environmental management. It also positions Karachi Golf Club as a leader in sustainable water stewardship—an example that other institutions across the city can aspire to follow.

The proposed system has an expected design life of 15 to 20 years and represents an investment in the long-term future of our Club rather than a short-term fix. It is the kind of infrastructure that future committees will inherit, future members will enjoy and future generations will benefit from.

As we prepare to hand over the reins to the incoming committee, one of our highest priorities is to lay the groundwork for this transformational project. We are actively seeking the support required to bring it to life because initiatives of this scale can only succeed when they become a shared vision of the entire Club.

Thank you, as always, for your continued trust, encouragement and unwavering support.

Warm regards,

Ahmed Ismail

Captain, Karachi Golf Club

In Memory of Aslam R. Khan: A Lifetime on the Fairways

By Khalid Hussain

The Pakistan golfing fraternity has lost one of its most distinguished stalwarts. Aslam R. Khan, former Vice President of the Karachi Golf Club and former President of the Sindh Golf Association, has passed away, leaving behind a legacy as enduring and refined as the greens he frequented for decades.

For those of us who had the privilege of knowing Khan Sahib personally, his loss leaves an irreplaceable void. Having covered sports in Pakistan for over thirty-five years, I have crossed paths with countless administrators and athletic enthusiasts. Yet, few possessed the genuine, unadulterated passion for golf that defined Khan Sahib's life.

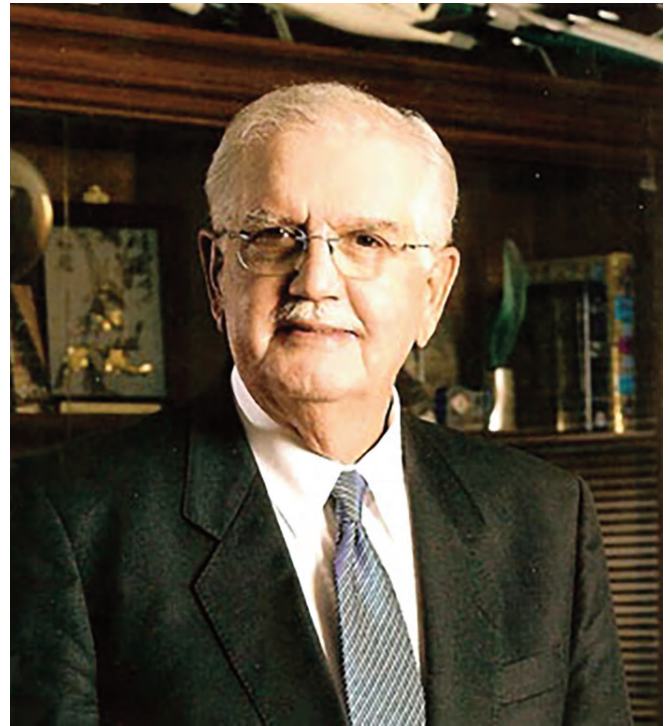
Our conversations over the years were routinely anchored in the sport he so dearly loved. Following a long, illustrious career as a senior aviation executive, including his tenure as Managing Director of PIA, he transitioned into retirement with a single-minded devotion to the game. He would often share with a subtle smile that, after hanging up his corporate responsibilities, he made it a point to play golf 365 days a year. Weather, travel or fatigue were rarely obstacles; golf was his daily discipline, his sanctuary and his enduring pursuit.

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Among the many anecdotes Khan Sahib shared with me, one particular memory captures his boundless vigour for the sport. During a summer trip to Europe, determined to capitalise on the extended daylight hours, he accomplished a feat that borders on the extraordinary: playing 54 holes across three different golf courses in three separate cities, all within a single day. Driving between destinations with his golf bag in tow, he literally chased the daylight to fit in every



possible round. It was an astounding display of endurance and enthusiasm, emblematic of a man who refused to leave a single moment on the course unused.

Beyond his personal devotion as a player, Khan Sahib was an influential figure off the course. During his tenure as Vice President of the Karachi Golf Club and President of the Sindh Golf Association, he approached governance with steady leadership and foresight. He took a keen interest in administrative refinement, supported the development of provincial golf, and remained an approachable, encouraging presence for young golfers entering the sport. His contributions to the organisational framework of golf in Sindh helped lay much of the groundwork the community benefits from today.

Walking through the grounds of Karachi Golf Club, his absence is deeply felt. We will miss his sharp intellect, his trove of golfing history and the quiet dignity he brought to the clubhouse.

On behalf of the Karachi Golf Club and the wider sporting community, I extend my deepest condolences to his family. Khan Sahib lived his life with grace, purpose and an absolute commitment to the sport. He has completed his final round, but his memory will long remain a fixture of our golfing heritage.

Tankard Monthly Witnesses Exciting Contests

The prestigious Karachi Golf Club Tankard Monthly Golf Tournament concluded on July 17 following two days of intense competition across multiple divisions. Featuring a competitive field of golfers, the event highlighted stellar performances, precision play and dramatic finishes across both gross and net categories.

Emerging as the marquee performer of the weekend, Omar Khalid captured the coveted Tankard title by winning the Amateur Gross category. Playing with exceptional composure, Khalid carded an impressive round of 1-under par 71 to outpace the field and secure the premier honours of the tournament.

In the Net division, Commander Javed Zafar delivered an equally commanding performance to claim top honours. Displaying remarkable consistency across the course, Cdr. Zafar posted a net score of 68 to take victory in his category.

The tournament also showcased

competitive action across senior, veteran and ladies' flights. Prominent victories were logged by veteran KGC stalwarts, with Shahid Azim Khan, Khalid J. Siddiqui, Asad I.A. Khan and Group Captain Aftab A. Khan securing top spots in their respective categories through sharp short-game control and tactical course management.

The ladies' divisions saw equally spirited contests on the greens. Rukaiya Habib and Nida Arfeen produced standout rounds, navigating challenging pin positions to claim victory in their events.

The two-day tournament highlighted the high standard of golf at Karachi Golf Club, bringing together emerging talent and experienced veterans. With immaculate course conditions and spirited camaraderie on display throughout the weekend, the July Tankard once again proved to be a resounding success for the club community. Congratulations to all the winners and participants for an outstanding showcase of skill.

RESULTS		
KGC MONTHLY TANKARD GOLF TOURNAMENT		
17th & 19th July 2026		
JUNIORS		Prizes
Main Event 09 Holes		
Winner Net	Rohaam Mughal	38.5 Net
Winner Gross	Akbar Khan	45 Gross
LADIES		
Main Event 09 Holes		
Winner Net	Nida Arfeen	38 Net
Winner Gross	Rukaiya Habib	42 Gross
VETERANS		
Main Event 09 Holes		
Winner Net	Gp Capt Aftab A Khan	37.5
Winner Gross	Asad I A Khan	38 Gross
SENIORS		
Main Event 18 Holes		
Winner Net	Khalid J. Siddiqui	71 Net
Winner Gross	Shahid Azim Khan	80 Gross
AMATEURS		
Winner Net	Cdr. Muhammad Javed Zafar	68 Net
Winner Gross	Omar Khalid	71 Gross



Triple Glory for KGC as Omar Khalid, M.A. Mannan and Humera Khalid Shine in Sindh Open

Omar scripts history by becoming the first amateur ever to win the prestigious Sindh Open title.

The Karachi Golf Club (KGC) had much to celebrate as its own home-grown talent swept top honours at the Sindh Open Golf Championship. In a display of exceptional composure and precision, KGC's Omar Khalid clinched the overall championship, while veteran golfer M.A. Mannan brought further glory to KGC by securing the Senior title. Humera Khalid won the ladies title.

Omar Khalid's victory in the flagship division etched his name into Pakistan's golfing history books. Defying challenging conditions and testing greens, the young amateur delivered a masterclass on the final day, firing a breathtaking 5-under-par 67 to finish with a 54-hole aggregate of 7-under-par 209. Staving off a fierce challenge from top national professionals, Omar secured a thrilling two-stroke victory over runner-up Minhaj Maqsood Warraich (211, -5) to lift the coveted trophy. His monumental triumph highlighted not only his individual brilliance but also the rich talent pool continuously nurtured at KGC.

In the Senior category, M.A. Mannan delivered a masterclass in strategic



course management. Facing a formidable lineup of experienced contenders, Mannan relied on his deep familiarity with the greens, staying calm under pressure and delivering clutch shots when it mattered most. His steady play throughout the championship reflected the true spirit of senior competitive golf, earning him a well-deserved victory.

The tournament brought together the premier golfing talent from across the



province, but it was KGC's course conditions and home contenders that ultimately stole the show. The twin victories were met with immense pride by KGC members, management and spectators who gathered around the 18th green to cheer on the champions.

This triple triumph marks another memorable chapter in Karachi Golf Club's storied history, reaffirming its standing as a powerhouse of golfing excellence in Sindh and beyond.



EDITORIAL

Even as the intense July heatwave gripped the city, Karachi Golf Club proved once again that it remains a thriving hub of activity, drawing members to the greens for some of the season's most anticipated highlights.

Chief among them was the July 2026 Tankard Monthly Golf Tournament. Played under testing summer conditions, the flagship fixture showcased stellar talent across all divisions.

Adding to the momentum, KGC officially entered a new chapter this month by appointing Captain (R) Muhammad Anwar as our new Chief Operating Officer. Bringing 36 years of distinguished Pakistan Navy leadership and two years of insight from our Managing Committee, Captain Anwar's transition ensures our operational excellence remains as steady as our golfers' resolve.

Sumeha Khalid
Editor, The CHOCOLATE

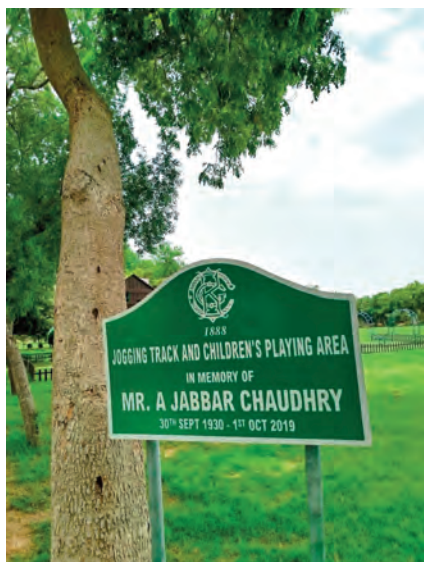


A Living Legacy: The A. Jabbar Chaudhry Children's Play Area & Walkway

Nestled amidst the lush greenery along the path leading to the 10th Tee on the Yellow Course, a vibrant space offers a quiet tribute to one of Karachi Golf Club's most cherished veteran members, the late Mr. A. Jabbar Chaudhry.

Conceived as a dedicated sanctuary for our youngest visitors and walking enthusiasts alike, the area features slides, swings and manicured jogging paths seamlessly woven into KGC's natural landscape. It reflects the warmth, community spirit and enduring love for the club that Mr. Chaudhry embodied throughout his life.

As families gather and children play beneath the shade of the trees, this dedicated enclave serves as a living legacy ensuring that the memory of a



beloved member continues to bring joy, vitality and togetherness to the heart of our club for generations to come.



Hole-in-One

Mrs Narumi Nishizaki,
Membership No. C/o
4654 scored Hole-in-One
on Hole # 16 (Yellow
Course) on May 13, 2026



Captain Israr Ahmed,
Membership No. 4583
scored Hole-in-One on
Hole # 1 (Yellow Course)
on June 7, 2026



Ali Sana Rizvi Membership
No. Nya-10801 scored
Hole-In-One on Hole # 16
(Yellow Course) on July
25, 2026



Ahmed Jamil Siddiqi
Membership No. 4129
scored Hole-In-One on
Hole # 8 (Blue Course)
on July 30, 2026



OBITUARY

Mr. Aslam R Khan
(Membership # 145)

Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Durrani
(Membership # 1030)

PRIORITY COURSE

Priority for the Month of **August 2026**
will be on **Yellow Course**.

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