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Felicitations of RI President 2021-22

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Shekhar Mehta
President, Rotary International

On 1st July 2021 RI President Shekhar Mehta was felicitated by the senior R I officers and Rotarians all over the globe including ones of Indian origin at a virtual program. Attended by SAFGR Chair and team e-Bulletin, the scintillating program by the seniors was led by R I Director Kamal Sanghvi. Once again, welcome **Shekhar da and Ann. Rashi!**

Message from Chair, SAFGR



Dear Members,

We are returning to our golf courses with lot of joy and caution as this is the safest place to be in these pandemic times!

Just last week I happened to play a round of golf in Chandigarh with Mr. R. K. Rao IAS [retd.] who, over the decades, was instrumental in building robust development of Chandigarh city infrastructure including the golf course!.

We profusely thank Rtn. Navdeep Chawla for introducing few high-profile golfers of Chandigarh and New Delhi. The opportunity of one on one interaction with them helped convince them to join Rotary & SAFGR. His kind gesture would certainly take the SAFGR to new heights!

Friends, the 2nd edition of Yash Pal Das Memorial Golf Tournament (virtual) next month is already in works. I am proud to inform you that PDG Sanjay Khanna has graciously accepted to lead the big event. R I President Shekhar Mehta has very kindly consented to be the Chief Guest for the Award ceremony on 22nd Sept. 2021.

In recent times our SAFGR family has expanded pretty fast giving us so many more friends in various cities of India and Sri Lanka. We are glad to share with you that SAFGR has many very ambitious plans for the future. My

humble request to you is to keep a watch and engage yourselves whenever you can.

IGF - Europe has declared many tournaments in Germany, Belgium and Turkey. Members may avail these immense opportunities and be part of these fellowships as per their convenience. I am pleased to inform you that the newly formed IGF - UK is holding inaugural tournament of their Fellowship on 14th October, 2021. The 57th IGFR World championship at Morocco has started their registrations. Morocco Government too has declared liberal policy to allow fully vaccinated visitors. Many Rotarians from all over have registered.

Your valuable suggestions and feedback are always welcome for promotion of the SAFGR.

Warm Rotary regards & happy Golfing!

Yours sincerely, !

Parag Sheth

From the Editorial Team

'FREEDOM AT LAST, ALBEIT HALTINGLY!'

A SINGLE VIRUS UNLEASHED ON HUMANS ONLY TO SNATCH OUR FREEDOM TO PLAY GOLF!

NOW WITH ALL HUMANS SEEMINGLY WINNING THE LONG BATTLE [?], OUR FREEDOM TO PLAY GOLF IS TRUDGING BACK TO LIFE!

You know freedom is a thing we rejoice, freedom is our play with people who make a great difference in our lives. Your freedom to play golf is the foundation of learning as it teaches creativity &

self-expression, it bonds relationships and fosters tolerance, it teaches hazard assessment and imbibes resilience, it develops confidence and leads to constructive problem-solving!

Freedom to play a game together actually builds up trust and cooperation. Freedom generates diversity - diversity of interactions, diversity of behaviours, diversity of connections. We actually build stronger social relationships as a result. Play is the mediator of the invisible and visible. **Freedom to play is to tread into the lap of nature. It is very important and we pray to Almighty it never ever shove us out of the Golf courses like this again!**

'KNOW OUR MEMBERS' SERIES

GUEST SPEAKER on 13th July, 2021 [6]

Rtn. Dr. Mandar M. Shah [RC Jamshedpur, RID 3250]

JOURNEY OF A CARDIOLOGIST GOLFER!

Born in Sangli and growing up in Satara, MH in 1976 to a civil engineer father and teacher mother in the State government, Dr. Mandar Shah is a trained Cardiologist.

His was a simple and modest upbringing being a single child of doting parents. Starting from a small school, he excelled in his studies. After graduating in Medicine 1998 from Karad, MH, he did DNB in Medicine & Cardiology in 2005 and 2010 respectively. In 2013 he was awarded Fellowship in Advanced Electrophysiology at the Care Hospital, Hyderabad. He completed his mandatory term as Medical Officer at the primary Health Centre in Ahmednagar region, his hard work and professional competency made him a cardiology expert at several hospitals in Pune/Mumbai. He moved fast and his expertise took him to be a Consultant in Cardiology in eight hospitals in Mumbai.

Currently, Dr. Mandar is the Head of the Dept. of Cardiology and Cardiac Cath Lab at the Tata Main Hospital, Jamshedpur. He has established himself as an expert in complex cardiac interventions and pursued a highly successful Primary PCI programme at the same Tata hospital to deal with Acute Myocardial Infarction ['heart-attack'] patients.

He pioneered in getting latest technologies and medical innovations to Jamshedpur enabling the Tata Hospital to be the best hospital in the State of Jharkhand and the areas of the adjacent States. In 3 years, highly motivated Dr. Mandar single-handedly set up a busy Cath Lab of the Tata Hospital in Jamshedpur by creating a good team.

Dr. Mandar has been a faculty as well as an invited guest speaker at various national conferences to deliver lectures and conducted various workshops dealing with ECG. Recognising his expertise, he has been invited to participate in a number of national and international meets relating to heart rhythm, electro cardiology etc. both in India and abroad.

In his interactive presentation, he touched many a chord in the hearts of the SAFGR members when he shared his personal experiences in the social arena. Hailing from small place landed him to witness images of the needy very early while visiting an orphanage. He wondered what could a life be without parents. In his mind he made a promise to himself that he would adopt at least one of these children one day. Later in life he and his wife Priya adopted an 11 month old girl child who had a hole in her heart and



was suffering. They looked after her and nursed her back to health helping her grow into a healthy and happy child. A heart of gold!

Not just compassion, persona of Dr. Mandar included an artist in him when he showcased some of the sketches he drew of the iconic Madhubala, and Aishwarya Rai many years back. He showed a cute image of himself once when he dressed in a saree in a play at his school.

In his early days he loved to play cricket, play music and do lot of reading. He is member of Rotary club of Jamshedpur since 2016. Spouse Priya is a homemaker and both have cultivated passion for golf for 6 years now. Dr. Mandar and Priya are blessed with son and a daughter.

GUEST SPEAKER on 27th July 2021 [7]

Rtn. Jerome Rajendram, DGN [RC Colombo West, RID 3220]

JOURNEY OF A LEADER WITH SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS



Friends, meet veteran Rotarian of over 30 years, Rtn. Jerome K Rajendram. Jerome was born in Manipay, Jaffna to Mr. Anton Rajendram and Mrs. Jessie. Mr. Anton was the Secretary of the Ceylon Planters Society. He is blessed that his father is still active member of many other organizations.

Post his schooling in Kandy, he did management from Queens University, Ireland. Currently into consultancy in foreign investments. In the realm of business and profession too Jerome has been outstanding too! He is CMD - Scroll (Pvt.) Limited and Director at several companies. As a social duty to guide, he has been a marriage and family

counsellor.

Since joining Rotary in 1990, he held several posts at Club and District levels. He was President in 2013-14 and now DG Nominee 2023-24, RID 3220. He has a long list of achievements including 'Outstanding Rotarian' for several years, promoter of several Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs. He is a recipient of PDG Gemunu Gunatilleke Award for Most Outstanding Rotarian of the Year 2017/18, and 'Four Avenues of Service Citation' for Individual Rotarians for 2009/10. He is also MPH Fellow.

Rtn. Jerome is happily married to Ann. Rajam who was the President of Inner Wheel club of Colombo West. Couple is blessed with 2 sons - Jeggan [alumni of University of Pennsylvania and Sr. Manager at FB Singapore]. His wife Sumyutha is a practicing lawyer in Singapore post her law program from University of Nottingham UK. Rtn. Jerome's second son who is Rumesch is graduate from UCL London and is Director at Credit Suisse London.

In his talk to the members, RI officials, and guests he shared how he came about social service so

close to belief. In his early days, he was asked to bring joy to the elderly. The impression of that act was so deep that compassion became his preferred 'vocation'! He played the sterling role to help kids in the detention centres, motivated their disinterested staff, and responded to the needs for setting up 'prayer rooms' for all faiths.

He roped in Rotary in his efforts to make a real difference to the needy. He promises to do more during his Governorship in 2023-24! On golf, he has been with the game for 31 years and not uncommon to hit 69 gross!!

And he revealed his inside, according to PDG Sanjay Khanna.

SAVE THE DATES:

Speakers in August

▶ 10th August 2021
Rtn. Devendra Surana
[RC Hyderabad Deccan, RID 3150]

▶ 24th August 2021
AKS Rtn. Suresh K. Poddar
[RC Jaipur Midtown, RID 3054]

TRADITION OF GIVING CONTINUES - TRF CALLING!

SAFGR greets our own Rtn. S K PODDAR Saab who is now in the 'Trustee Circle' of RI with AKSx2 (double). Sir, you have made us proud by your magnanimous gift to TRF! May your journey light up the path of Giving for all.



Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy [RC Bangalore Indiranagar, RID 3090] is a Major Donor Level 4 with \$ 100,000.00 as of March 2021. Thank you, Prab! We are very proud of you!!



GOLFERS GAIN 'FREEDOM' IN THE LAP OF NATURE!

WEST – VADODARA / AHMEDABAD

FREEDOM BRINGS BARODA TO KENSVILLE!

SAFGR member Rtn. Dilip Shah [RC Vadodara Jawahar Nagar] and Ann. Sushma Shah had great freedom moments playing with Chair Parag and Rtn. Punam Sheth at Kensville, Ahmedabad.



NORTH – PANCHKULA / BHARUCH

FREEDOM AT THE MOUNTAIN TOP!

Rtn. Gopal Munjal [RC Panchkula, RID 3080] was host to Rtns. Parag and Punam on 24th June playing at the Panchkula Golf Club. We only knew Dr. Munjal as a Pharma man by profession and an entrepreneur. He is also past Ranji Trophy player besides being a habitual golfer! His son too is a professional golfer.



WEST – PUNE / KOLHAPUR

VISIT TO GOLFERS' PARADISE!

And then freedom takes Rtn. Inderjit Nageshwar to Pune's iconic Oxford for another round of golf!

Famous test cricketer Ajit Agarkar [in right below] is the most frequent visitor to Oxford as for many a cricketers from Mumbai. In fact during IPL many international cricketers make it a point to play a round at Oxford, Pune. Some, they say, are lucky to experience new freedom!! Enjoy your freedom, Inderjit!



The beautiful view of Full Moon shot whilst at Panchkula Golf Club last month by Rtn. Munjal! Who said he only plays golf?

NORTH – DELHI

QUTUB TOO IS DEN OF FREEDOM, LATELY!

Rtn. Nishant Kalia [RC Delhi South] enjoyed freedom at Qutub Golf Course with friends and shared bond with nature and unending horizons!



NORTH - DELHI

SAFGR leaders had a round of golf with new SAFGR members [L to R]

Perhaps Delhi toasts freedom naturally! Chair Parag and other seniors took SAFGR to new potential members! Guests in the pic. are [L to R] Rtn. Lovely Chadha and Dr. Chetan Sobti !



NORTH - ROORKEE

FREEDOM OF FOUR-SOME!

On 16th July SAFGR members [L to R] Rtns. Dr. Sudhir Choudhary, Hemant Arora and Pramod Kir [all of RC Roorkee Midtown, RID 3080] with a friend celebrated their freedom with gusto!



NORTH - CHANDIGARH / DELHI / BHARUCH

WEATHERING 'HOT & HUMID' TO ENJOY FREEDOM

Chair Parag enjoyed playing 18 holes with Rtn. Navdeep Chawla [RC NCR Golfers], Rtn. Varun and Mr. R K Rao IAS [R] at the Chandigarh Golf Club last week. They enjoyed their freedom even when the weather was hot and humid.



NORTH - SHIMLA

FREEDOM IN CLOUDS!

SAFGR's Mr. Anil Dev of GolfPlus monthly was recently at Naldera Golf Club near Shimla. One can see breathtaking location with real mountain slopes, challenging walks, the roundabout Tee boxes, dancing greens! You can see all those in the pictures below. ... And that is called freedom!



SOUTH - KODAIKANAL / KOLHAPUR

EVEN BULLS NEED FREEDOM!



Rtn. Inderjit Nageshkar [RC Kolhapur Main, RID 3170] broke free to play recently at Kodaikanal, only to witness real life Bullfight at the hole 14 of the golf course!

SOUTH - HYDERABAD / KODAIKANAL

FREEDOM IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD!

Rtn. Kamal Goel [RC Hyderabad Deccan, RID 3150] encashed his freedom with Rtn. Rohan Sambabu family at Kodai [RC Kodaikanal, RID 3000!] Ann. Ritu too was with Rtn. Kamal.



SOUTH - BANGALORE

FREEDOM TO BREATHE FRESH!



SAFGR member Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Rao [RC Bangalore Indiranagar, RID 3190] along with other golfers of the same Club shared their new freedom at Prestige Golfshire at the foothills of famous Nandi Hills. This is one of the top courses in India.

SOUTH - BANGALORE

All of SAFGR brigade led by Rtn. Prabhakar [RC Bangalore Indiranagar] celebrated their freedom at Clover Greens Golf course close to Hosur [TN] on July 09. One passion lead to strong fellowship and fun! True Champions identified!!



SOUTH – TIRUCHARAPALLY

FREEDOM TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICES IN PANDEMIC



Led by SAFGR member Rtn. Ganesh Muthukrishnan [RC Tirucharpally Midtown, RID 3000], in spite of pandemic, the Club contributed to the community projects over Rs. 72.0 lacs in 2020-21. Super effort, Ganesh!

SOUTH - HYDERABAD

FREEDOM HAS MANY SHADES OF GREEN!

You can see all green only when you had freedom to witness it. Well done Hyderabad teams!



SOUTH - HYDERABAD

WINNER ALL THE WAY 'UNDER 20'

Well done Rtn. Sunil Jain [RC Hyderabad Deccan, RID 3150] to have won the HGA (Hyderabad golf) monthly tournament in 20+ category. Keep it up, Sunil! Congratulations!!



EAST – BINNAGURI CANTT.

ANIMAL FARM RECALLED!

At Binnaguri Cantonment, West Bengal Golf Course even elephants were seen enjoying their freedom while golfers had their innings! Rtn. Madhukar shared this pic.



BANGLADESH – DHAKA

FREEDOM ALSO MEANS SWEATING OUT!

Rtn. Nasimul Hoq Majumder [RC Dhaka, RID 3281] [2nd from right] broke free to play with his besties at Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka!



BANGLADESH

GOLFER'S FREEDOM CAKE - ART AT ITS BEST!



Did you say Rotarians and golfers just play golf? See the creation above and you will change your opinion! e-Bulletin salutes the artist who created this beautiful piece of art to raise toast to RC Uttara, Dhaka's Past President's birthday! Yes, it is none other than our own Shafiq bhai, Chair, SAFGR Bangladesh! [RC Uttara, Dhaka, RID 3281]. e-Bulletin

wishes him good health and many more innings! Copy the design before it is patented!!

NEPAL - KATHMANDU

TWIST TO ENJOY FREEDOM!

To celebrate freedom, 'every week-end' SAFGR members and others in Kathmandu play 'Whisky Tournament' - the Winner gets 18 year old Chivas every week! Another creativity at works!



YOU ARE OUTSTANDING!

All praise for the young leader's commitment to Rotary! SAFGR compliments its member Rtn. Mohit for his dedication and selfless service!
Thanks to IPDG Ranjan Dhingra for identifying such youthful resource in Rotary!!



NEWS: UNITED KINGDOM HAS NEW GOLFING FELLOWSHIP

'D' DAY IN OCT. 2021

"To be launched in October, the new Fellowship hopes to start regular golfing days out around the UK where Rotarians can get together to both compete and make new friends", says Chairman of the newly formed UK golfing fellowship, Trevor Johnson. This development is post Brexit!

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LEADERSHIP GALORE AT SAFGR IN 2021-22'

SAFGR MEMBERS AS LEADERS OF THEIR CLUBS & DISTRICTS

Rtn. Anil Singh
Chairman, New Club Extn.
[Gujarat] 2021-22
RC Ahmedabad North [RID 3054]

Rtn. Binesh Sukumar
Zonal Chair, IGFR 2021-22
for RI Dist.3201
RC Cochin DOWNTOWN [RID 3201]

ALL THE BEST CHAMPS! Rotary First!



Rtn. Shreejesh Parattu of RID 3201 [pic. above] is representing India in Tokyo Olympics. He is hockey team goal-keeper. We wish him all the best.

...AND GOLFING GIRL & BOYS TO TOKYO OLYMPICS!

What a refreshing news amid pandemic! There will be 3 golfers in a squad of 127 athletes / Sports persons who will represent India at the Tokyo Olympics. We are excited to report that our own Aditi Ashok, Anirban Lahiri and Udayan Mane are already in Tokyo. They are accompanied by Coach Ashok Pandit and their caddies as part of the squad.

NEWS: GFR - Europe

GFR – Europe [Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians] or EGFR has lined up several tournaments across Europe for the near future. The flagship tournament is at 46th European Open Golf Championship at Turkey.

We are delighted to report that our own Rtn. Anil Menon has registered for this tournament.

Thousands of Rotarians are already members of the European Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (EGFR) with 2000 members was founded in 1975 covering 21 countries.

57TH IGFR WC WAITING!

MARRAKECH - 24-29 OCT. 2021

Chair Parag has already shared with you all that Morocco govt. has cleared issuance of visa post Covid situation without mandatory quarantine. Just apply for visa 6 weeks before the travel date! May be you apply in late August / early Sept. 2021. Your agent will help you locate airlines of your choice. You will greatly benefit if you opt to book hotel right away.

Morocco being a tourist destination, why not touch base cities of Casablanca, Chegchaouen and capital Rabat? Do register for tournament at www.igfr-international.com or www.igfr.ma.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE! ITS PAR! WE HIT 300!

With month of July adding 24 members to SAFGR, we are almost there - 300 to be precise!

Regions of our focus during August / Sept. will be Nepal and the Indian cities of Coimbatore, Delhi, Goa, Jaipur, Mumbai, Pune and Vizag. **Are you listening, dear Leaders of the regions?**

58TH IGFR WC AT NEW DELHI

LET'S TALK INDIA!

Friends, why not identify some of your Rotary contacts in various countries the world over. Your special focus can be on Asia. Reach those who play golf to be part of SAFGR / IFGR and also get set to register for 2022 event in Delhi?

PRESTIGE & BEAUTY IN POCKET!

ID Card Saga

Three cheers to Rtn. Madhukar for the stupendous work done to deliver over 185 ID cards! The next lot of about 100 cards is in the making. Rtn. MJP your design is liked by all! On your behalf we inform those who have not yet sent their photographs and blood group info. Friends, will you extend your helping hand!

SAFGR'S RFE PROGRAM [FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE]

TAILOR-MAKE A GOLFING VISIT NEXT DOOR & MAKE FRIENDS!

To enable SAFGR members to enjoy golf, engage in fellowship and full steam friendship, an RFE program just as Rotary Clubs / Districts have. Members can reach out to members in any city / cities of their choice to visit / host golf events with 1 or 2 or 3 four-balls on reciprocal basis. You are welcome to seek guidance from the team below -

Captain	PDG Rajendra M. Doshi [RC Kolhapur Central, RID 3170]
East Zone	Rtn. Binod Khaitan [RC Central Calcutta RID 3291]
South Zone	Rtn. Sharath Choudhary [RC Hyderabad Deccan RID 3150]
North Zone	Rtn. Dipak Jain [RC Gurgaon Cosmopolitan RID 3011]
West Zone	Rtn. Samir Shah [RC Mumbai Nariman Point RID 3141]
Sri Lanka	Rtn. Jerome Rajendram [RC Colombo West RID 3220]
B'desh	Rtn. Shafiqul Islam [RC Uttara, Dhaka, RID 3281]
Nepal	Rtn. Purna Sakya [RC Kathmandu Kantipur, RID 3292]
EX OFFICIO	
	PDG Parag, Chair
	Rtn. Ramesh Bhandari, Hon. Secretary



2ND EDITION OF Y P DAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Block the Date of 19-22 Sept. 2021

To commemorate late RIPD YPD's 2nd death anniversary, like last year, SAFGR has decided to hold 'Y P Das Memorial Tournament [virtual]' this year too. The two-day event will be held on 19th and 20th Sept. 2021.

Event shall be Chaired by PDG Sanjay Khanna [RC Delhi South East, RID 3011], the Chief Guest for the Awards Ceremony on 22nd Sept. will be none other than R I President Shekhar Mehta.

As mentioned in the event fact sheet, minimum participation fee shall be U\$ 20.0 [or equivalent] per participant payable to TRF towards Polio Eradication. As usual, sum paid to TRF shall be matched by twice by the Bill Melinda Foundation.

We hope you will join the event to support and be recognized!

To make it a serious professional game, SAFGR shall go App based [digital] right from the start. Mr. Anil Dev of our media partner GolfPlus Monthly shall support the preparations.

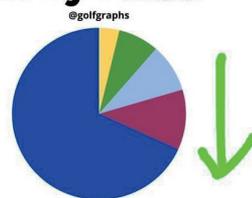
GOLFER'S HUMOUR COLUMN

What else are doctors good at besides their occupation?

“Where can you find 100 doctors all at the same place on any given day?

At golf course!!”

Why I Golf



- I like the challenge
- Might make a hole in 1
- Time away from the family
- It's fun to gamble on

I'm honestly not sure there's a better feeling in the world than walking down the fairway with 3 of your best friends, shooting the shit, laughing at all the bad shots, and just enjoying life.