

Message from
Chair, SAFGR



Dear Golfing Friends,

I am sure you and your families are all safe and sound in critical hours of wide-spread pandemic in the country.

It is a pity only few golf courses are open to play golf. The current situation has badly affected our various golfing events too. The Europe Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians in Finland stands cancelled. Per force we postponed our proposed Kashmir Retreat this May. It is heartening to know, however, that our members continue to be enthusiastic and are involving in SAFGR activities.

I am pleased to inform you that IGFR had its virtual AGM on 25th April, 2021. IGFR President Freidhelm Zanella spiritedly recognised the great potential India and South East Asia region hold. Our performance is now weighed favourably on the international platform. Indeed it also puts on our shoulders greater responsibilities of bigger, bolder and broader involvement in golf related activities.

With the IGFR board inviting me on its board, friends, SAFGR representation is to be considered on the global platform. My tenure is for 3 years - 1st Jan. 2022 to 31st Dec. 2024.

For your information, we have established links with Rotary golfing fraternity in the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan and Thailand. We are making efforts to cover more of them. Why not you too shuffle through your archives and dig out some links in this region? Let's get ready to visit these countries in future to play golf under Friendship Exchange programme.

While publication of e-Bulletin is slowly taking shape, our programs to strengthen fellowship are being given fresh impetus - 'Know your member' is one of those.

Dear Friends, let's stay cool and calm in these challenging times and await new dawn who hope will soon usher. Play well.

Regards

Parag Sheth

Message from
Editor



Dear Friends,

You now have 4th issue of SAFGR e-Bulletin for your reading pleasure! Team has made efforts to improve contents every time. It has been a tumultuous month with all kinds of experiences, viz., good news and not so good news - first the good news. Our Chair Parag Sheth is now on the Board of IGFR, the supreme body of golfing Rotarians, next, we hit membership score of 239 as we go to design studio, next, and we had in-house 'Kohinoor' Rtn. Navdeep as our Speaker of the month and lastly, Hideki of Japan winning the Masters!

Not so good news include pandemic taking the toll by pushing Kashmir Retreat to next year, many of us growing beard [you see me up there?] as many of us miss 'hours of peace' due to many golf courses remaining shut or admitting limited players!

Lightly put, dear friends, I am a little worried guy! Why? Many of you have not yet sent in your photo and blood group to Rtn. Madhukar. Next worry is absence of your contribution of event news. How can a bulletin be complete without you? We all know golfers play game honestly. Furnish score honestly! Same our editorial board too is honest and resist the temptation to cook news content!! So please stay connected to the game of golf, take pictures and explain about it. There is a good chance same will be featured for fun, for sharing joy and, lastly, for information. You alone can make it an enjoyable break from otherwise depressing environment around!!

I may add that executive team of SAFGR looks forward to ameliorate the skewed membership scene. The large metros like Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai and Pune have the least no. of members? We hope this will change by the joint effort of the existing golfers in these cities.

Your suggestions are welcome for improving the publication for you and the audience beyond the 239!

Have great golfing days ahead!

Warm regards

Ramesh Bhandari



STOP PRESS!

KASHMIR RETREAT

Dear Golfing Friends,

Keeping in view the present uncertainty we all are experiencing, it is decided that we postpone the ‘Kashmir Retreat’ to a next date i.e. from 13th- 18th May 2022, that is, exactly one

year from now. In continuation to the earlier announcement of withdrawal opportunity from the Kashmir Retreat up to 22nd April, we have further discussed and have come up with few more options -



DATE OF CANCELLATION	REFUND AMT.	CANCELLATION	REMARKS
By 30th April, 2021	85 %	15%	The date for cancellation has been extended now up to 30th April, 2021
Between 14th Nov.2021 & 12th Feb.2022	100 %	Nil	For all those members who wish to continue now
13th February, 2022 to 12th April, 2022	85 %	15 %	-Do-
13 April, 2022 to 15th May May, 2022	50 %	50 %	-Do-
Cancellation due to force majeure by state or Central Government	Full Credit note Refund	Nil	-Do-

Note:

1. All those members who have already cancelled are again invited on priority at the same price when fresh registration starts next year. Money remain safe with the organizers.
2. Any new participants joining the tournament next year shall pay Rs. 5000/- extra being the escalation charges per person.
3. The organisers keep balance money received by them in a FD under agreement with SAFGR.
4. All Golfing participants (who have not cancelled so far) must

reconfirm their decision to continue or withdrawal from the ‘Kashmir Retreat’ on or before 30th April, 2021 by email to registration@slwindia.com and by marking a copy on marketing@pilindia.in.

We are hopeful you all will exercise the options available above based on the suitability of each individual.

With Warm regard,

Navdeep Chawla

Event Chair, SAFGR Kashmir Retreat

WINNER OF MASTERS SPECIAL!

Hideki Matsuyama of Japan made history on Sunday, 11th April 2021 at Augusta National, Augusta, Georgia becoming the first Japanese man to win a major Championship!

The Win - It was a set of tensed moments for Hideki! The one stroke victory was more comfortable than it looked! The 29-year-old shot a final round 1 over which was good enough to hold off the field on a day when only 3 players broke 70 to claim the first major title ever by a Japanese player!

The Game - Hideki, who started the day 4 ahead of 4 players, had his lead narrowed to 2 after 2 holes but then steadied himself to extend his lead to 5 strokes after 13 holes. Although minor mistakes

led to bogeys on the easy par 5 15th and 16th, he reached the 18th with a two stroke lead. When he nailed his drive in the center of the fairway, it was all but over. Although Hideki missed a 5 foot par putt, he safely tapped in his bogey to clinch the title by one stroke from a fast charging.

Winner’s humility & partnership of Caddy -

Shota Hayafuji, Hideki’s caddy, played a major role in that win, and he found a way to pay tribute to the great Augusta National golf course during a long-held caddy tradition. The moment came after Hayafuji collected the flag from the 18th green, which is a tradition for caddies whenever their golfer wins a tournament. When he was returning the flag pole to the hole, he made a small gesture that communicated a lot of emotion.



‘KNOW OUR MEMBERS’ SERIES [GUEST SPEAKER] Navdeep Chawla



Journey of our own Leo [11th Aug.] Rtn. Navdeep Chawla [RC Faridabad Central] was the journey of a ‘litho printer to a healthcare delivery entrepreneur’ as he was called by fellow member Rtn. Punam Sheth who read his introduction! Yes,

he was the Guest Speaker of the month on 27th April!

We did not know of this multi-faceted persona till he coyly informed about himself, his family, his humble beginnings, his struggles, his unfinished agenda of to give back to the society and, lastly, his love and his passion for golf.

While his introduction was elucidated it all, the fine takeaways from his life learnings he shared are -

- o Parents’ unflinching support always and their blessings,
- o Wife is the best friend,
- o Put next generation in the driving seat as early as possible,
- o Businesses don’t last a long – generally shelf life is 2 generations.

o Each dream must have a plan to back up. Else, dream will remain a dream.

A Rotarian par excellence, his belief has been to give back to the Society and he found Rotary as one ideal vehicle to drive his desires. His story of a Rotary Exchange program to the US was a watershed experience. Then to pursue his passion he linked with SAFGR from its start. He is also life member of IGFR. Navdeep is ‘AKS’ members, an exclusive Club of donors to the Rotary with minimum US\$250,000 to the Foundation. #This is your fellow SAFGRian! [www.pil.india.in]

You may know other 2 AKS from SAFGR are Parag Sheth [twice] [Bharuch RID 3060] and S K Poddar [RC Jaipur Midtown RID 3054].

MAGIC OF 239!

 Thank you friends for reaching a new high in membership! We are now 234 strong!!

This quarter Bangladesh took lead for maximum additions with 20 strong in spite of pandemic!

As Chair Parag always emphasized, ‘it is a collective project and not for one or two pursuing it’!! His prescription is to use this lean period due to 2nd wave of Covid playing out, better plan how more golfing Rotarians can be inducted

to SAFGR.

You will recall our target of 300 by July ’21 and 350 by Dec. ’21. Let’s fold up our sleeves and get cracking! Forms are available with all Regional Chairs. Call the editor, if you so wish!

MECCA OF GOLF - I

ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS
[R&A] [The Old Course] St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland

Since the earliest days of the game, golfers the world over have looked to St. Andrews as their holiest shrine. It has become their Mecca, the castle of the kingdom, the home to golf.



The distinguished reputation of the St. Andrews is almost a curious one to those who have played the course.

It has no tricks, no gimmicks, no railway ties, or mountains. The attraction is the uncorrupted purity. It is natural and awe inspiring, as it should be.

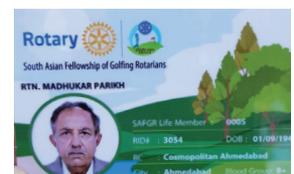
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IGFR KNOCKING!

 As we all hope to get back to ‘normal’ and our pet game of golf in full swing, to enjoy at the international circuits of your choice, do join the IGFR as life members. Visit www.igfr-international.com

LET’S GET ID CARD INFO.

Project Chair Rtn. Madhukar Parikh wishes to share 2 important points-
> Just as the first lot of cards was to be ready, Covid hit the city of Ahmedabad hard. Yes, the designer vendor’s entire staff too fell victim and work came to halt. We hope the ground situation improves soon.



> Yet, ID card team seeks cooperation from the respected members who have not yet sent in their photo and blood group info. We recently shared lists of those members with the Regional Chairs to follow with them. This may be treated as urgent, please.

MEET & GREET EVENTS OF THE MONTH

NORTH – DELHI



On 14th April 2021 DG Rajiv Pandey played at Delhi Golf Club with Messrs. Sanjeev Sharma and Sanjeev Kumar of Northern Railways. SAFGR member Anil Dev [in light blue T-shirt] is seen presenting trophy to DG Rajiv Pandey played for being best in his 4 ball.

DELHI MEETS NAGPUR!



In April Rtns. Amarjit Singh [RC Delhi South East] and Navdeep Chawla [RC Faridabad Central] (both on the left respectively) hosted another SAFGR father son duo Rtns. YM [Yogi] Singh and Anuj in Delhi! Visiting Rotarians not only enjoyed the golf, they were mesmerised by the sheer beauty of Qutub Golf Course in New Delhi. Qutub is one of the courses SAFGR has shortlisted for the 58th IGFR World Championship in Nov. 2022.



You see nothing but nature and its beauty at Qutub!

BANGLADESH

The Army Golf Club, Dhaka held golf tournament for the whole month of Feb. 2021 in different categories. Congrats to Maj. Asad bhai who became the Club Champion.



WALTON CUP

At the 5th Walton Cup held from 31st March to 3rd April 2021 at the Army Golf Club [ARC] spread over 4 days, as many as 567 golfers played. SAFGR members Rtn. Nasimul Hoq Majumder [aka Nasim] was winner of 3rd Runner Up trophy and Rtn. Abdul Kalam Azad [aka Mithu] won the longest drive trophy.



SRI LANKA

It surely is a moment of joy, a moment of celebration! Yes, on 24th April '21 our own SAFGR Sri Lank Chapter Chair Rtn. Ahalya Rajan was the winner all the way -

SHE WINS:

- Donald Steel 2021
- Nets Ladies Nett Winner (Victoria Bowl)
- Ladies Gross Runner up (Pam Fernando Trophy)
- Hit Ladies
- Nearest to the Pin

MANY MORE OF GOLFING, AHALYA!



GOLFER'S HUMOUR COLUMN

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CAUTION NOTICE!

**IF YOU DRINK,
DON'T DRIVE.
DON'T EVEN PUTT!**

JOY OF FUNNY SERVICE!

MY GOLFER FRIEND STAYED IN THIS HOTEL IN MAJORCA THAT OVERLOOKED THE SEA. SADLY, IT ALSO OVERLOOKED HYGIENE, GOOD SERVICE AND EDIBLE FOOD, HE SAID!

DON'T MISS THIS!



HUM..... PADRO REPORTS:

CONVICTS LAST NIGHT ESCAPED FROM TIHAR IN A CEMENT MIXER.

POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A GROUP OF HARDENED CRIMINALS.

I PRESENT MYSELF!

EDDIE CONDON

(After a few drinks)
He climbed into the bed as it came round the second time.

P.G. WODEHOUSE

An alcoholic is someone you don't like who drinks as much as you do.

DYLAN THOMAS

I'M ON A WHISKY DIET
I'VE LOST THREE DAYS ALREADY.



USING THE 'HYBRIDS'

Contributed by **Rtn. Sujata Sachdev**, RC Jamshedpur West, RID 3250

The Hybrids were introduced into the game in the late 1990's. Hybrids combine both the characteristics of woods and irons with a smaller club head, a shorter shaft and similar loft. They are numbered the same as the irons they are designed to replace. A hybrid will give you 10 yards of distance more than the iron with the same loft.

Design wise hybrids are a major step forward. It is a boon for an average golfer who has difficulty

Finding the green with the 3 or 4 iron. Hybrids are easier to hit in the centre of the club face. The ball flies higher and lands softer than with one's long irons which make it easier to control the important and lengthy approach shot. They are also versatile and can be hit from the rough and from bad lies.

Technically speaking, it is the club head design and trajectory which makes it



different. Because of the depth of the hybrid club head from the club face to back of the club head is more [than a typical iron, it resembles more as a mini wood. This design

allows the centre of gravity to be placed much further from the face than a long iron – and the result is a higher club trajectory compared to the iron with same loft.

GOLDEN RULES OF ENJOYING GOLF MORE...

By : **Rtn. Pramod Kir**, RC Roorkee Midtown [RID 3080]

PART 2

11. Repair someone else's ball mark on every green.
12. Play as it lies.
13. Let the group, you are frantically trying to stay ahead of, play through.
14. Give advice, only when asked.
15. Really see and appreciate the beauty, all around you.
16. Quit taking your game ...And yourself... So seriously.
17. Play more often.
18. Next time you sink a key Putt, react as if you have won the US Open.
19. Be respectful to other golfers.
20. Aspire to be the best version of you, on Course.
21. Remember that in Golf, as in Life, you get what you focus on. Focus on the best parts of the game.
22. Golf with strangers at every opportunity, you will make more friends.
23. Give that old set of clubs to a new golfer.
24. Play a record breaking round entirely in your mind.
25. Thank God that this wonderful game exists, and you have the ability to play it.

This is for all HONEST GOLFERS!

