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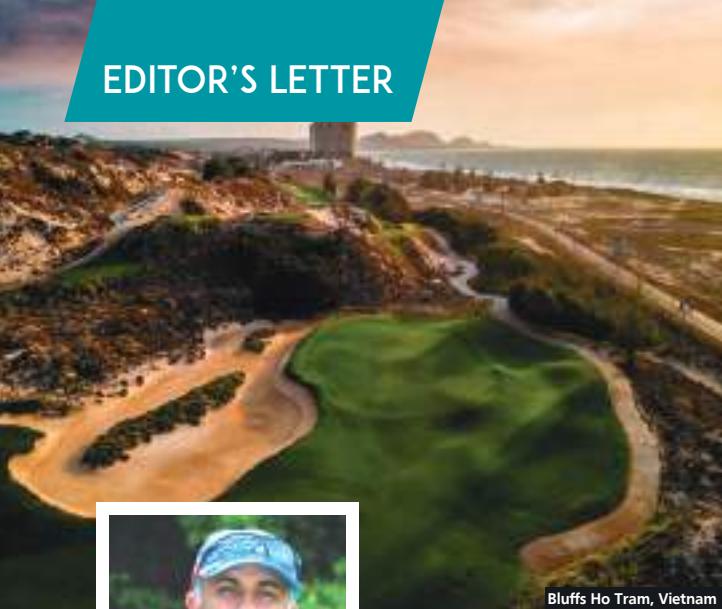
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While all courses in the beautiful country deserve mention we picked Great White Sharks trio of Links style work of art. Greg Norman with numerous major wins and

whose post-playing career in golf course architecture has shaped some of the world's most exciting layouts debuted in the Southeast Asian country with the Dunes course at BRG Danang Golf Resort and unveiled another gem, KN Golf Links Cam Ranh, at the close of 2018. The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip, is one of three Norman masterpieces in Vietnam.

Greg Norman has formed a strong attachment with Vietnam through his course design and is currently a tourism ambassador for the country.

The Bluffs Ho Tram Strip is the most acclaimed course in Vietnam might just be the best in Norman's entire design portfolio, which now exceeds 100. Set among massive sand dunes on a coastline not far from Ho Chi Minh City.

The Dunes at BRG Danang Golf Resort is never anything less than stunning. It debuted as one of the finest clubs in Asia when it opened back in 2010 and has maintained that exalted status since.

Vietnam's fabled natural beauty can be sampled at its maximum in KN Golf Links at Cam Ranh. Here, jungle-clad mountains pour down to an azure ocean dotted with traditional fishing boats and lush, green islands.

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Greg Norman

GP
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Anirban Lahiri made steady progress in the month of May as he took tied sixth place at the Wells Fargo Championship on the PGA TOUR, returned to play his first Major in nearly three years and also emerged as a contender for a spot on the International Team for the Presidents Cup 2022.

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Two weeks later, Lahiri participated in his first Major in three years when he teed it up at the PGA Championship. Unfortunately, Anirban missed the cut in his 17th Major appearance which was also his sixth outing at the PGA Championship.

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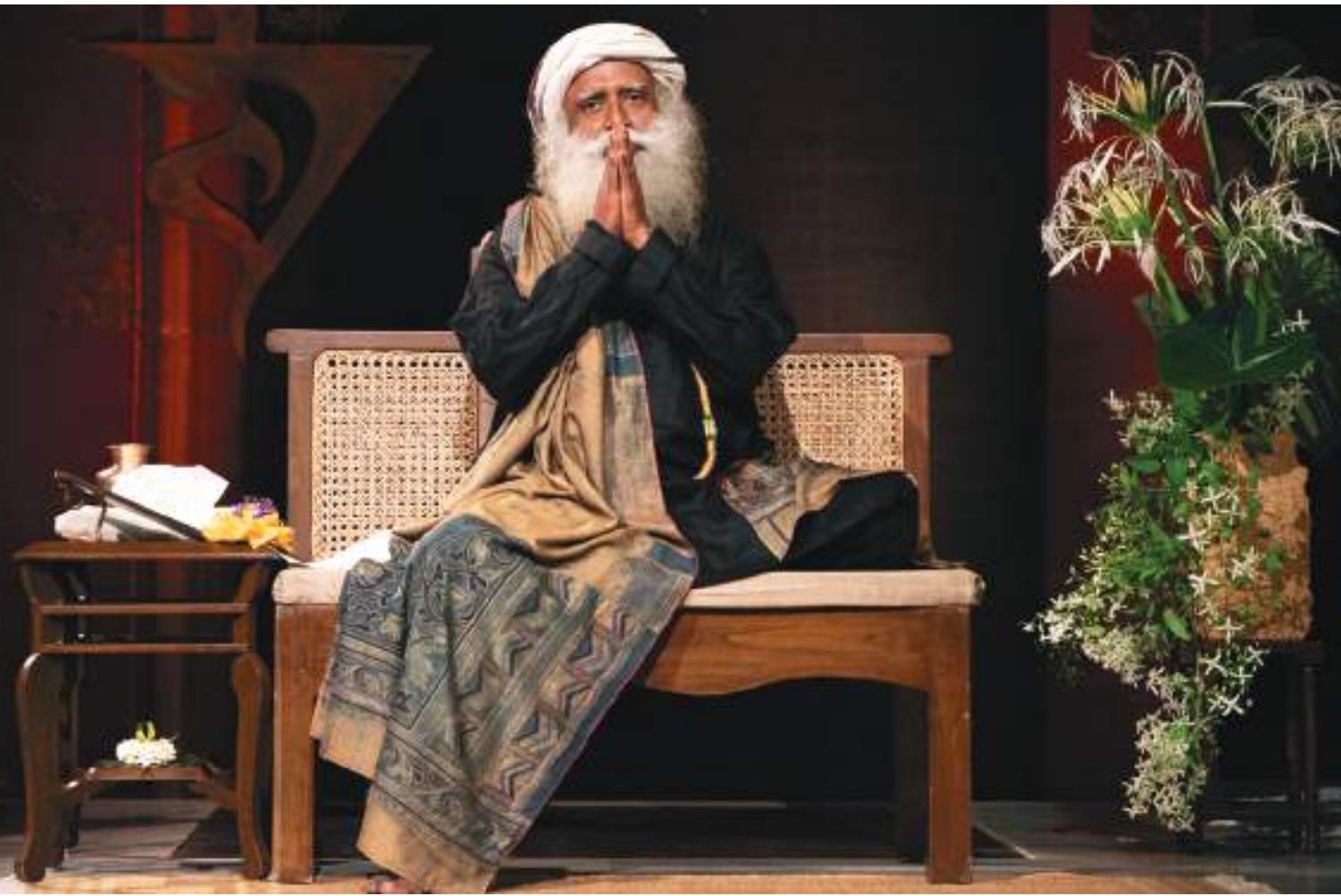
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people who are medically healthy, but not healthy in the real sense because they do not experience a sense of wellness within themselves.

If one has to experience this sense of wholeness and oneness, it is important that one’s body, mind and above all, one’s energy, functions at a certain level of intensity within themselves. Physically, as per medical terms,

a person may be healthy, but energies may be lethargic, and they may wonder why things don’t happen in life the way they should, both inside and outside. This is simply because he is not taking care of the wellbeing of his energy.

When it comes to health, no human being gets to live in perfect conditions. The pressures of life, the food that we eat, the air that we breathe, the water that we drink, all these

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can affect us in many ways. The more our activities are in the world, the more we are exposed to many things that can throw our chemistry off balance and create health problems. But if the energy in our system is properly cultivated and kept active, these things will not have much of an effect.

Medical science is always busy studying disease. I think they should take time to study health rather than disease because human nature has always been like this: wherever the problem is, that is where you put your attention. Right now, there is a disease, that is a problem so you put your attention there. This is a very rudimentary way of thinking and functioning in the world. But unfortunately, that is how the world is functioning right now - if there is a problem you attend to it, if there is no problem you don't attend to it.

In yoga, when we say health, we don't look at the body or the mind, we only look at the energy – the way it is. If your energy body is in proper balance and full flow, your physical body and mental body will be in perfect health. There is no question about it. Keeping the energy body in full flow is not about doing any kind of healing or things like that. This is about going to the foundations of your energy system and activating it in a proper way, building a foundational yogic practice that establishes your energy in such a way that your body and mind are naturally fine.

■ ENERGY

The Fundamental Basis

For every physical or psychological situation that you go through in life, there is fundamentally an energy basis, which also manifests as a chemical basis. In a way, modern allopathic medicines have become just chemistry. For every problem that arises in your body, you are just trying to take in some medicine – a chemical – and come to some kind of balance. If you use a chemical to bring down one aspect or enhance another, there is also a side-effect to this. For this side-effect, there is an antidote. For the antidote, there is another antidote. It is an endless chain. Whatever is happening on the chemistry level in your body is controlled by the way your energies function. Because a man has got excess acids within him, you put some alkaline medicine into him. But why does he have

excessive acids? Because of the way his mind, his body, and above all, his energy functions.

The body does not need medicine; it is only the disease which demands medicine. So, depending upon the type of ailment you have, accordingly the treatment should be given. If you have an infection, there is nothing better than allopathy. With the advance of medical science, we have been able to contain so many infections. Almost every infection that can arise today, you have some solution for it. But look at the simple ailments which man is creating for himself, like diabetes, blood pressure, migraine headaches or whatever else that he causes from within. Today, there are so many kinds of specialists, and a lot of money and time is being spent on just managing these chronic diseases for people within certain limitations. Please see, medical science is not offering any solution. It is only offering to manage the diseases and is never really talking about freeing people from those diseases.

So, if you have chronic ailments, allopathy is not a good thing to start with. For an emergency, allopathy is the best. If you are in an emergency state, do not go to an ayurvedic doctor. You go to an ayurvedic doctor only when you have time to recover. When your problems are ongoing and evolving, then ayurveda and other systems are very effective means of treatment.

■ AYURVEDA

The Science of Life

Ayurveda means - ayur means life span, veda means the scripture about how to keep your full stretch of life span. Ayurveda comes from a completely different dimension of life and a completely different understanding of what life is. In the ayurvedic system, the fundamental understanding is that this body, the way it is today, is an accumulation that we gathered from the planet. Whatever the nature of the planet, whatever the nature of the five elements which make the planet, are very much manifest in this physical body. Fundamentally, this whole body is just a play of five elements. Whether it is the individual human body or the larger cosmic body, essentially, they are made of the pancha bhutas or the five elements - earth, water, fire, air and space. What you call as "myself" is just a mischief of these five elements. If you

want to handle this physical body in such a way that the most productive result has to be produced by your life - which is a combination of time and energy - it is very important that everything that you do about this body has a relationship with the planet on which you are walking.

Ayurveda says that every root, every leaf, every tree bark found on this planet has medicinal value. We have learnt how to use only a few. The rest of them, we are yet to learn how to use. What this statement is trying to say is, health is not something that falls upon you from the sky. Health is something that has to grow from within you, because the body is something that grows from within you. The input comes from the earth but it grows from within you. The essence of ayurveda is such, we understand that if we go deep enough into this body, this body is not an integrated thing, it is a continuous process which involves the earth upon which you walk. If this relationship does not come through, these subtle systems of medicine which work from within, will fail to work. Without taking care

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of the whole system, just trying to do one aspect of it may not be very fruitful.

A holistic system does not mean just treating the body as a whole. A holistic system means treating life as a whole, which includes the planet, what we eat, what we breathe, what we drink – all of that. Without attending to all those things, the true benefit of ayurveda will not be seen. If ayurveda becomes a living reality in our lives and our societies, people can live like gods. **GP**



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IGU SOUTHERN INDIA JUNIOR BOYS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

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| 4 | MAHARASHTRA | Aditya Tyagi |
| 5 | KARNATAKA | Siddharth Paruthi |

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Q & A with

KRISHNAV NIKHIL CHOPRAA

GP: YOUR GOLF JOURNEY?

KC: I started playing golf when I was four years old. My father after retiring from cricket started golf and is completely in love with the game. When I was young, he used to take me to the driving range and I used to hit golf balls with my plastic clubs and just enjoyed hitting it hard. Ever since that day I have had my heart at golf.

GP: WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST LESSON?

KC : My biggest lesson is to never give up, as it's not over till it's over.

GP: YOUR TRAINING REGIMEN; ANY SPECIFIC PLAN YOU MIGHT HIGHLIGHT?

KC : I value time and practice smartly. I work on my short game a lot and play the course 3-4 times a week, whether it is 5, 9 or 18 holes and hit some driver bombs for confidence on the range.

GP: YOUR WINNING STRATEGY?

KC : I stay in the present and don't think about the future, I keep everything calm and flowing. To keep me calm and relaxed, I start humming a song I last heard before teeing off.

GP: IF YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE A RULE IN GOLF, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

KC : Pace of play should be maintained and a player should be penalised immediately if he/she is slow while playing.



GP: WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FORMAT?

KC : Stroke Play is my favourite format as each shot has a value to your end score.

GP: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON GOLF DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA?

KC: Development of golf has been great throughout India, Golf as a sport has become popular among youngsters and adults and I have personally seen many non-golfers starting to play to be outside with nature to relax from their daily busy lives.

GP: PASTIME BEYOND GOLF?

KC : Spending time with family!

GP: WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?

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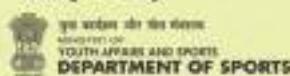
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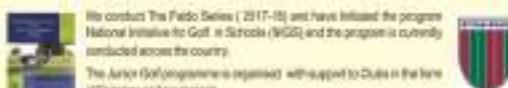
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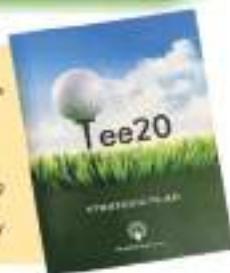
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JUSTIN THOMAS Captures second PGA Championship title

Rolex Testimonee Justin Thomas has claimed an unforgettable victory at the 104th PGA Championship at Southern Hills Country Club, claiming the iconic Wanamaker Trophy for the second time, after winning an extraordinary championship playoff.



Thomas secured his second PGA Championship adding to his 2017 victory after precision play in a three-hole aggregate playoff to determine the 2022 PGA Champion at Southern Hills Country Club. The playoff was the first in a men's Major championship since 2011 and with this triumph, the World No. 5, Thomas showed the composure and precision required to win, edging his competitor by one stroke after a

total of 75 holes played. The playoff for the Wanamaker Trophy was contested on holes 13, 17 and 18 with both players scoring birdie on the first hole, but Thomas edged to victory with a birdie on the second and his resulting par on the last playoff hole rewriting his name into the PGA Championship history books. In winning the 2022 PGA Championship Thomas, became just the sixth golfer in history to come back from seven strokes or more in a final round to capture a Major title.

As a result of winning this momentous Championship, which featured 156 of the world's top players, the 29-year-old American secured the second Major title of his career and 16th worldwide victory joining an esteemed group of players to have won the PGA Championship more than once including Rolex Testimonees Gary Player (1962, 1972), Jack Nicklaus (1963, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1980) and Tiger Woods (1999, 2000, 2006, 2007).

Following Sunday's final day victory, Justin Thomas, said:

"I really tried to play the golf course for what it was, and I had a good feeling. Just walking up 18 in the playoff, I knew it wasn't over, but I looked up and I wanted to take it in because you don't know when and if it's going to happen again. The list of champions at this place speak for themselves and when you get good golf courses like this and been on the list of champions at this golf course is very special because all those others have been able to do that and its definitely nice to be able to do it after Tiger Woods in 2007."

Renowned for its pristine greens, strategic hazards and slender, meandering fairways, which places a premium on accurate iron-play, Southern Hills played host to the Championship for the fifth time in its history, more than any other host venue, for four days of exceptional golf. With rounds of 67, 67 and 74, Thomas roared back from seven strokes down after 54 holes, to close with a final-round 67 finishing with a five-under-par total of 275 that led to the three-hole playoff, with Thomas winning by one stroke from the international field.



Rolex's long-standing support for golf spans over 50 years, including a presence as the Official Timekeeper and Official Partner at the PGA Championship, with Justin Thomas adding his name to a long list of Testimonees to have lifted the Wanamaker Trophy in recent years including Jason Day (2015), Martin Kaymer (2010), Brooks Koepka (2018, 2019) and Phil Mickelson (2005, 2021). **GP**

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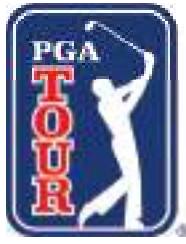
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- Picks up his 15th victory in his 191st PGA TOUR start at the age of 29 years, 23 days
- Becomes the sixth player since World War II with 15 PGA TOUR wins (including two majors) before the age of 30, joining Jack Nicklaus, Johnny Miller, Tom Watson, Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy
- Defeats Will Zalatoris in a 3-hole aggregate playoff for his second major championship title (2017 PGA Championship)
- Ties John Mahaffey (1978) for largest final-round come-from-behind victory at the PGA Championship (seven shots)
- TOUR's largest comeback win on the final day since Justin Rose came from eight back at the 2017 WGC-HSBC Champions
- First player to win his first two major championships at the PGA Championship since Dave Stockton (1970, 1976)
- Becomes the seventh-consecutive American winner of the PGA Championship



Jordan Spieth



Jon Rahm

THE SECRET TO JON RAHM'S SUCCESS

by Mike McAllister

In the previous three seasons on the PGA TOUR, Jon Rahm's rise to the top of the golf world can easily be reflected in his Strokes Gained: Total ranking.

In 2018-19, the Spaniard ranked 6th. The following season, he ranked 1st. Last season,

he ranked 1st again, this time with a career-best average of 2.098 strokes gained per round. It's no wonder he won 11 worldwide events during that span, including four TOUR events, and became a major champion.

He added another TOUR win this season with his one-shot victory at the Mexico Open at

Vidanta on the first day of May. And again he's among the best performers in Strokes Gained: Total, currently ranking 2nd with a 1.822 average to Australia's Cameron Smith, winner of THE PLAYERS Championship.

The biggest part of his game that fuels his overall ranking is his production off the tee.

Rahm has been a top-5 performer in Strokes Gained: Off The Tee for the past three seasons, including 2nd last year. This season? He currently ranks first, averaging 1.311 strokes each round off the tee. That means 72 percent of his overall Strokes Gained: Total is fueled by what he does with driver in hand.

Moving forward this season, the scary part - at least for his fellow competitors—is that Rahm still has plenty of room to improve in other areas.

He is 153rd in Strokes Gained: Around The Green. With his minus-0.159 average, Rahm actually loses strokes to the field in that area. And he ranks 114th in Strokes Gained: Putting, barely on the positive side at 0.014.

Rahm has not always struggled in those two areas. Last season, in fact, he gained a collective half-stroke each round with his short game and putting. In 2019-20, he was a top-25 performer in each of those categories. He's never ranked outside the top 100 in Strokes Gained: Around The Green until this season.

Playing so well the farther away he was from the hole allowed him to contend a few times earlier this season – a solo second at the Sentry Tournament of Champions and a tie for third at the Farmers Insurance Open. But short game and putting were keeping him out of the winner's circle.

Until he put it all together in Mexico.

"I kept working hard even though the results weren't coming," Rahm said in his post-victory comments. "I got a little tired about answering questions about stats and putting and short game and this and that."

The questions are now different, including the big one: How many more wins does Rahm have in him this season?

A ROOKIE AND A FIRST-TIMER

Brandon Wu is among the 27 rookies eligible for PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year honors



Todd Headshot



Kurt Kitayama

this season. Wu earned his card as a Top-50 performer on the Korn Ferry Tour last season.

Kurt Kitayama also earned his TOUR card as a Top-50 performer a year ago. But he's not classified as a rookie since he made eight starts in 2019-20 as a non-member. Eligibility rules for PGA TOUR rookies are restricted to no more than seven starts in any previous season.

Thus, Kitayama is considered a first-year player, joining South African Christiaan Bezuidenhout (10 starts in 2019-20) and Australia's Lucas Herbert (11 starts in 2020-21) in that designation.

Both Wu and Kitayama made noise in Mexico, tying for second with veteran Tony Finau, just one shot off Rahm's winning total. For Wu and Kitayama, it was the best result of their young TOUR careers. (As for Finau, it was his ninth career runner-up finish on TOUR.)

Wu's strength is his putting. He ranks 30th in Strokes Gained: Putting this season. In Sunday's final round, he shot an 8-under 63, establishing a course record at Vidanta. It

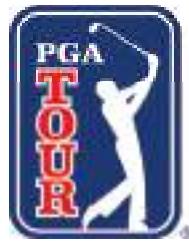
helped that he hit 16 greens in regulation – an indication that his iron play is coming around.

"I think the ball-striking is the biggest kind of hurdle," Wu said. "I like to think of myself as a good ball-striker, but to be honest, I really struggled with that towards the end of last year and a little bit to start the year this year. So finally getting that turned around has been tough and it's been kind of a long, arduous process, but it's nice to be finally hitting it well."

Kitayama played in the final group with Rahm and actually produced the better round (68 to Rahm's 69). Kitayama relies on his iron play to fuel his game – he ranks 26th in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green.

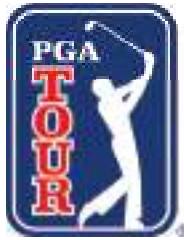
He ranks 181st in Strokes Gained: Around The Green and 98th in Strokes Gained: Putting this season, so he was thrilled to get up-and-down on the final hole in Mexico, rolling in an 8-foot birdie putt to grab a share of second.

"That was a big putt on the last," Kitayama said. "I'm really happy where I ended up." **GP**



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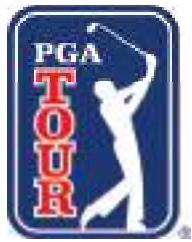
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DOMINATE THE BUNKERS LIKE JORDAN SPIETH

by Chris Cox/PGA TOUR

HOW THE 13-TIME PGA TOUR WINNER WON AT HARBOUR TOWN, PLUS HOW TO
CAN HIT SHOTS JUST LIKE HIS



Todd Anderson is the Director of Instruction at the PGA TOUR Performance Center at TPC Sawgrass, home of THE PLAYERS Championship. The 2010 National PGA Teacher of the Year has seen his students amass more than 50 victories across the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour, including two FedExCup titles. He is currently rated by Golf Digest as one of the top 20 golf instructors in the United States.

Jordan Spieth seems to have an affinity for clutch bunker shots.

The most famous one, of course, being that famed hole-out from the greenside bunker at the 2017 Travelers Championship to beat Daniel Berger. If you've watched any golf over the last five years, you have no doubt seen the incredible highlight at least once, if not hundreds of times, by now.

The 13-time PGA TOUR winner added another winning bunker shot to his highlight

reel in April at the RBC Heritage, where his 56-foot shot from a greenside bunker stopped 7 inches away from the first playoff hole, helping him beat Patrick Cantlay for a second consecutive win on Easter Sunday. Spieth's final-round 66 was just enough to force extra play, aided in part by a hole-out from the bunker at the par-5 second.

"I needed a lot of things to go right," Spieth said. "I needed to birdie the 18th then needed some help, got some help, dodged a bunch of bullets coming in, and ended up in a one-on-one playoff where my lie in the bunker, although not great, was certainly better than Patrick's."

If the humble Spieth isn't willing to applaud his own masterful stroke from the bunker, Todd Anderson certainly will. The Director of Instruction at the PGA TOUR Performance Center at TPC Sawgrass, home of THE PLAYERS Championship, spares no detail about all the daunting circumstances Spieth managed to overcome at the last en route to his victory.

"The ball was really close to the lip of the

bunker, which he had to stand outside of, so he had two really difficult things he had to overcome in order to hit a good shot," Anderson said. "But he took his time getting into his set up and tried to find the right stance to where he could stay balanced and get the club down in to the sand."

Finding the perfect stance for a lie like Spieth's is far from simple. When standing outside a bunker the ball is typically below your feet, which can make it difficult to get the club to reach the sand. "It's not like you're standing on level ground," Anderson notes.

With no sand to bury his feet into and the ball nestled so closely to the lip of the bunker, Spieth had to find a way to lower his body enough so that he could still hit behind the ball. The three-time major champion positioned his front foot higher than the back, allowing more flex in his left (or lead) leg than his right and in turn helping him more easily reach the sand.

"He's playing this ball further back than he would off a normal lie," Anderson noted.



"You can see that the ball looks almost like it's more toward his right foot, so that's why he's leaning over and trying to get more flex. If you lower your body it helps you hit behind the ball."

Despite all the circumstances surrounding the shot, Spieth still managed to swing from a stable base, hinging the club up quickly on the backswing before aggressively hitting down into the sand. Though he knew he was going to run the club into the lip of the bunker, the Texan still accelerates the club into the sand and let the edge of the bunker stop his club.

"What a lot of people would do," Anderson said, "is be afraid of hitting the edge of the bunker, so they would decelerate to stop. He went ahead and drove that club down into the sand and just made sure he had enough force to get the ball out over the lip and onto the green, and then just let it release down to the hole."

For most players, a 2-to-1 ratio (soft sand 3-to-1 ratio) in the bunker often works best. If you're trying to hit a 30-yard bunker shot

you likely need to make a 60-yard swing. In this particular instance, Spieth makes about a 60-yard swing in which he accelerates down into the sand. "That allows that blanket of sand from around and under the ball to carry the ball out, and he figures out where he wants to land it and how it's going roll after landing on the green," Anderson said. "He just trusts it and lets it go."

That "blanket of sand" is one of the first critical aspects of bunker shots beginners must keep in mind: Focus on hitting the sand as opposed to the ball itself. Anderson's advice to players is to picture the ball in the center of an oval circle, then try to move the sand from two inches behind it. The blanket of sand is what ultimately lifts the ball out of the bunker – if the sand isn't coming out of the bunker, the ball probably isn't, either.

"He also made sure the club face stayed open when he hit the sand so the ball would splash out," Anderson added. "If you close the face, the club would dig and the ball wouldn't get high enough, so he had the face



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open to add loft so he could use the sand to move it up and out."

So, to recap: Lower your body enough to where you can hit behind the ball. Swing from a stable base, hinge the club up quickly, accelerate down into the sand with a 2-to-1 ratio swing speed. Hit about two inches from behind the ball with the club face open, then watch your ball splash out of the bunker and release toward the hole.



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Jon Rahm wins Mexico Open



Jon Rahm pulled out of a four-way tie with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole and then held on with pars for a 2-under 69 and a one-shot victory Sunday in the Mexico Open.

Rahm won for the first time since the U.S. Open last summer at Torrey Pines, and the relief showed in the smile and the way he pumped his arm and then pounded down his fist after tapping in for par on the 18th at Vidanta Vallarta.

Tony Finau and Brandon Wu each closed with a 63, while Kurt Kitayama birdied the final hole from a back bunker for a 68. They tied for second.

Rahm at No. 2 in the world was a heavy favorite and he played that way from his opening 64. He just didn't feel any expectations. With the win, he moves to sixth in the FedExCup standings.

"I like to think every time I tee it up I'm a favorite. I play to win," Rahm said. "Fortunately, I got my seventh PGA TOUR win. It was a pretty stressful weekend, all the way to the end."



Staked to a two-shot lead going into the final round, he never trailed. But it was never easy.

Rahm's had a one-shot lead after his lone bogey of the round on the tough par-4 10th. GP

Max Homa wins second Wells Fargo Championship



Max Homa played solid, steady golf during a week of cold, wet conditions and a back-and-forth Sunday duel with Keegan Bradley, closing with a 2-under 68 for a two-shot victory in

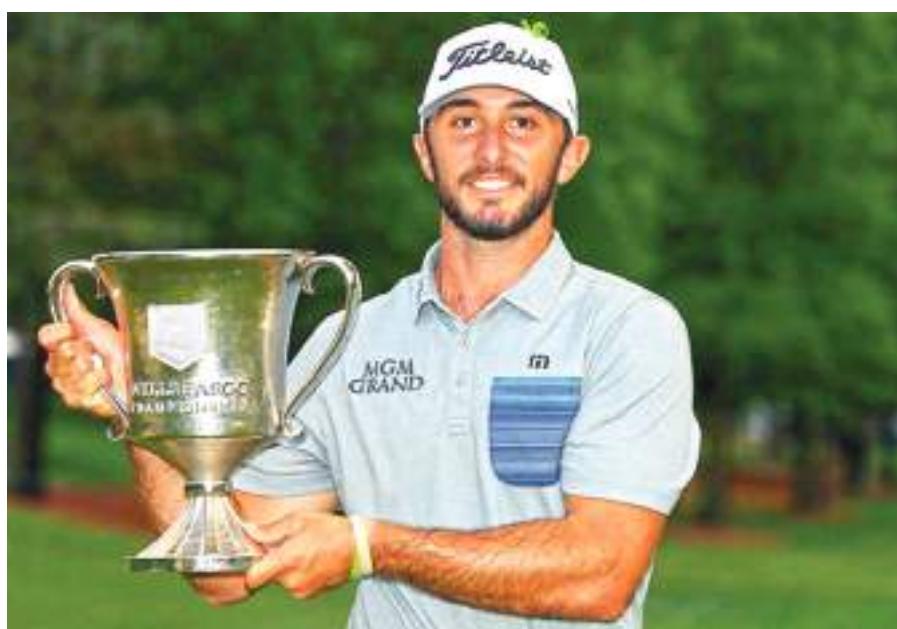
the Wells Fargo Championship. An emerging star on the PGA TOUR whose only missing achievement is contention in a major, the 31-year-old Homa finished at 8-under 272 at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm to move into

sixth in the FedExCup standings. He won for the fourth time overall, third in 15 months and second since he gave up his popular podcast.

"I just feel like I'm coming into my own. I'm starting to believe in myself a lot and that's all I can ask for," said Homa, whose next start will be in two weeks at the PGA Championship.

With his win last September in Napa, California, Homa joins Scottie Scheffler (four), Hideki Matsuyama (two), Sam Burns (two) and Cameron Smith (two) as multiple winners on TOUR this season. He also moves to sixth in the Presidents Cup standings, meaning he's in position to earn a return visit this September to the Wells Fargo's usual home, Quail Hollow in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Homa got his first career win in 2019 at Quail Hollow, which took the year off as Wells Fargo host while it prepares for the U.S.-versus-International team competition. TPC Potomac, which last hosted the TOUR in 2018, filled in ably despite torrential rain on Friday and Saturday and unseasonably cold temperatures most of the week. GP



K.H. Lee defends title at AT&T Byron Nelson



K.H. Lee ran across the fairway to try to get a better view of the key shot in his second consecutive victory in the AT&T Byron Nelson.

The South Korean must have known it would be close, same as the low-scoring drama around him that included hometown favorite Jordan Spieth and a couple of other major winners in Hideki Matsuyama and Justin Thomas.

Lee's 240-yard shot on the par-5 12th hole stopped less than 5 feet from the pin, and the eagle put him in front for good Sunday on the way to a 9-under 63 and a one-shot victory over Spieth at TPC Craig Ranch. Lee earned 500 FedExCup points in the win and moved from No. 116 to No. 28.

Spieth shot a 67 to finish a stroke ahead of Matsuyama (62) and Sebastián Muñoz (69), who held or shared the lead the first three rounds. Xander Schauffele had a career-best 61 and tied for fifth with Ryan Palmer (66) and Thomas (67).

A year ago, Lee was playing for a spot in the PGA Championship, where he'll be again next week at Southern Hills in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This time it was for a place in history as the 30-year-old joined Sam Snead (1957-58), Jack Nicklaus (1970-71) and Tom Watson



(1978-80) as the only repeat winners at the AT&T Byron Nelson. Lee finished at 26 under, one shot better than last year.

Spieth had to settle for another career-best

finish in the event he so badly wants to win, a year after the three-time major champion was ninth but never really close in a disappointing final round. 

Sam Burns wins in playoff at Charles Schwab



Sam Burns made a 38-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole at Colonial, which came just more than two hours after he had finished his round, to beat top-ranked Scottie Scheffler.

After finishing his 5-under 65 to get to 9 under, Burns was done in the clubhouse when, at one point, Scheffler was among five players tied at 10 under.

The gusty wind and a strange sequence changed all that. And Scheffler needed three clutch putts for a 72 just to get into the playoff matching 25-year-old standouts and close friends.

Burns' seven-stroke comeback at the Charles Schwab Challenge matched Nick Price in 1994 for the biggest in a final round to win Colonial.

Burns earned 500 FedExCup points and moved to No. 2 in the standings behind Scheffler.

The playoff began with both driving into the fairway at No. 18, the same hole where just



moments earlier Scheffler made a 6-foot par after his approach on his 72nd hole went into the bunker.

It was the third win this season for Burns,

and his fourth overall in his last 27 starts. The world's 10th-ranked player won at the Valspar Championship for the second time in March. 

EPIC FIGHTBACK LANDS MAIDEN ADT WIN FOR SARUN

7 When Sarun Sirithon airmailed the green with his approach to the par-4 15th at Laguna Golf Phuket on Monday it seemed his epic final-round charge from five strokes adrift at the \$75,000 Laguna Phuket Cup had come up short.

The attempted, Phil Mickelson-esque flop-shot from the fluffy lie that resulted came up well short of the putting surface and soon, after another undercooked chip, the 27-year-old Thai was inwardly cursing a momentum-stalling bogey.

It didn't help that Malaysia's Shahriffuddin Ariffin, the overnight leader, had just got up and down from a similar spot with an exquisite pitch to tap-in range to find himself alone again atop the leaderboard, albeit now by just a shot.

When Sirithon then tugged his tee shot slightly left of the green on the next hole, it appeared

Ariffin, himself safely on the green, really wasn't destined to waste the four-stroke advantage he'd started the final day with.

But you don't wait four years for your shot at professional glory to give up on the dream that easily. Sirithon duly responded to the chips being down by chipping in for an unlikely birdie and was back level with Ariffin when the Malaysian's birdie try never deviated from its incorrect starting line.

Sirithon and Ariffin then traded pars on the final two holes to finish at -14 and send the Beautiful Thailand Swing event to extra holes.

The Thai had a chance to win in regulation time but couldn't conjure his birdie attempt from just off the green into the cup, relief for Ariffin who had remained alive with another stunning up and down from beyond the final green. **GP**



BIO KIM LANDS FIRST ASIAN TOUR TITLE

7 Roared on by a huge gallery, Bio Kim from Korea finally added another important trophy to his impressive collection of titles when he claimed the 41st GS Caltex Maekyung Open at Namseoul Country Club for the first of what could be many Asian Tour victories.

The hot favourite coming into the week thanks to a purple patch that stretches back to the end of last year, he carded a battling final round one-over-par 72 to win on nine under by two from Korean Mingyu Cho, who shot a 70 – on a day when organisers estimated 8,000 fans attended.

Korean Kyongjun Moon, winner of this event in 2015, finished third after shooting a 67.

Last season's Asian Tour Order of Merit winner Joohyeong Kim from Korea, closed

with a 70 to end in joint fifth place.

It is the second time Bio Kim has won the tournament - which is one of the jewels in the crown of tournament golf in Korea, along with the Korea Open - although when he triumphed in 2012, it was not part of the Asian Tour.

The Korean star, who led the event since round two, started the day with a four-shot lead and had to overcome an early challenge on the front nine by playing-partner Cho.

Cho joined Bio Kim tied for the lead on nine under after seven holes after he birdied four, six and seven, while Bio made bogey on six. But Cho bogeyed hole eight to slip one back before Bio reached the par-five ninth in two fine shots and birdied the hole to move two ahead of Cho. **GP**



TOM SLOMAN EXTENDS LEAD TO WIN



7 Tom Sloman has never doubted he has the game to compete at the highest level despite a frustrating start to his pro career but concedes he didn't foresee a potential Asian Tour detour on his pathway to fame and fortune.

That all changed on Thursday when the 25-year-old Englishman ran away with the \$75,000 Laguna Phuket Challenge, the first of four Beautiful Thailand Swing (BTS) events jointly co-sanctioned by the Asian Development Tour (ADT) and MENA Tour.

The US\$13,125 cheque the former Walker Cupper posed with in photographs afterwards mightn't force his accountant to undertake a sudden audit but the opportunities now on the horizon courtesy of his five-stroke victory

over Thai Poosit Supupramai are potentially life-changing.

Sloman has leapt from seventh to the summit of the MENA Tour's 2020+ Journey to Jordan Order of Merit (OOM) standings as a result of his brilliant 54-holes at Laguna Golf Phuket and will earn himself an invite to one of the Asian Tour's new \$1.5 million+ International Series events if he can stay there come the completion of the BTS. Two further ADT starts and a free pass to the final stage of Asian Tour Q-School for next season – the reward for those finishing in the top-10 of the final standings - almost now seem a lock too.

It means the big-hitting lad from Taunton might soon be rethinking his loosely plotted path to golf's loftiest stages. **GP**

IMAHIRA CLAIMS DIAMOND CUP FOR MAIDEN ASIAN TOUR TITLE

7 Shugo Imahira drew on his wealth of experience at winning to claim the Asia Pacific Open Golf Championship Diamond Cup at Oarai Golf Club to secure his first Asian Tour title and sixth success on the Japan Golf Tour Organisation.

In a photo finish to the tournament, which was jointly sanctioned with the Asian Tour, Imahira prevailed by one shot on eight under for the tournament thanks to a rock-solid finish of pars down the closing stretch, while his rivals were dropping shots.

He closed with a two-under-par 68 with his compatriots Kosuke Suzuki, an amateur, Hiroshi Iwata, Kaito Onishi, and Yuto

Katsuragawa all in second place.

Suzuki came charging out of the pack with a 63 – thanks to a brilliant back nine of five-under-par 30 – Iwata shot 68, while Onishi, who chipped in for birdie on 18, and Katsuragawa both carded 70s.

Imahira's win also earned him a place in the elite field for The Open at St. Andrews in July – an event he has played in twice before.

The 29 year old started the day one behind overnight leaders Onishi, Katsuragawa, Japan's Ryuko Tokimatsu and New Zealander Ben Campbell but finished first helped by a brave back nine made up of eight pars and a birdie, on the par-five 15th. **GP**



CHEN WINS AFTER STORMING FINISH

7 Like so many players, Chen Guxin overtly idolises Tiger Woods. Even his email address references the GOAT and golf stardom.

The 18-year-old from Hunan province isn't China's best golfer yet, much less in the same stratosphere as the 15-time major champion but he is well and truly on his way to rock star golf status in the People's Republic and perhaps even beyond.

Guxin produced a stunning back-nine charge with seven birdies in his last eight holes to snatch the \$75,000 Blue Canyon Classic from overnight leader Denwit Boriboonsub on Sunday - and a little more limelight in his homeland.

An eventual eight-under 63 helped Guxin, who started the final round two shots back and in the third from last group, set the clubhouse target at -16. That proved a bar set just a stroke too high for Boriboonsub who finished with a solid 66 but watched an eight-foot birdie attempt on the 54th and final hole agonisingly burn the cup and with it extinguish his chance at a playoff.



It was Guxin's maiden Asian Development Tour (ADT) and MENA Tour victory and a third pro win after a purple patch last June saw him win twice on the China Tour, at the Lanhi Classic and Xian Classic.

The world No. 484 could yet soar to a

career-high OWGR - he has been as low as 435th - and perhaps as high as the fifth-ranked player from China. What is guaranteed is that the US\$13,125 payday has propelled the teen to the summit of The ADT Order of Merit with a total of \$20,389 through four events. **GP**

PRAKONGVECH CONTINUES LOVE AFFAIR WITH BLUE CANYON



7 Settee Prakongvech would love to win around the globe but wouldn't mind either if every tournament he teed it up in was at Blue Canyon Country Club.

The 27-year-old continued his love affair with the Phuket course's fabled Canyon layout when he captured his maiden Asian Development Tour (ADT) title on Friday in a classic snatch and grab job after jetting in from the Asian Tour.

Starting the final round of the \$75,000 Blue Canyon Open three shots back, Prakongvech made the most of his own hot front nine and the misfortune of others coming home to win the 54-hole event, co-sanctioned by the MENA

Tour, by a stroke.

Prakongvech's closing four-under 68 saw him finish the Beautiful Thailand Swing (BTS) decider at -12, clear of a five-way tie for second featuring countrymen Chonlatit Chuenboonngam (65), Piya Sawangarunporn (67) and Witchayapat Sinsrang (68), Frenchman Victor Rui (71) and overnight co-leader Dodge Kemmer (72) of America.

It comes after the world No. 385 won the second of his thus far three All Thailand Golf Tour (ATGT) titles, the Singha All Thailand Championship, on the Canyon course last September. **GP**

DANTORP SHOWS CLASS TO WIN IN SPAIN



Tournament: Challenge de Espa a

Venue: Chiclana de la Frontera, Spain

Jens Dantorp returned to the winner's circle in style as a closing six under par round of 66 earned him the Challenge de Espa a title at Iberostar Real Club de Golf Novo Sancti Petri.

The Swede went bogey-free over the weekend to reach ten under par and secure a three-stroke victory over Spaniard Victor Pastor, who finished second on seven under par. Dantorp's countryman Mikael Lindberg finished third on five under par, with Switzerland's Jeremy Freiburghaus a shot further back in fourth.

The 33-year-old's last victory came at the Ras Al Khaimah, 2017 Golf Challenge and having lost his DP World Tour playing privileges in 2018, is pleased to be coming through a difficult period on the course.

"I can't describe it, it's been such a long time since I did this," he said. "It's been a struggle for a few years and I'm very, very pleased to be stood here with the win again."

"It's been tough. From playing pretty well on the DP World Tour in 2018, after my third place at the Scottish Open I just lost it really. I've struggled a bit mentally and that feels a lot better now."

"I've been working hard on that and I'm very thankful for my team. What the team has done for me, my mental coach, my performance coach, my wife, my swing coach, they've all been so supportive and I couldn't have done this without them." **GP**

HORSFIELD WINS BATTLE TO CLAIM SOUDAL OPEN CROWN

Tournament: Challenge de Espa a,

Venue: Chiclana de la Frontera, Spain

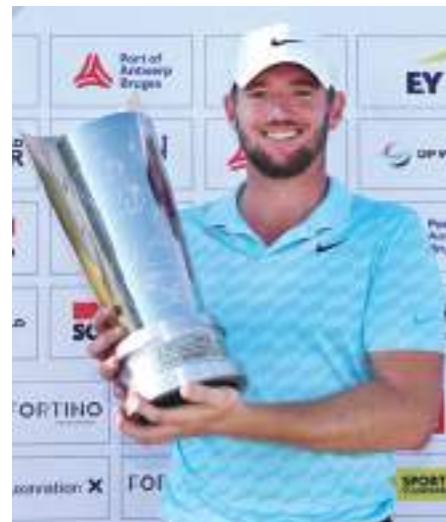
Sam Horsfield was fighting back the tears as he won a thrilling final-round battle with Ryan Fox to claim his third DP World Tour title at the Soudal Open.

The Englishman found himself three shots behind overnight leader Fox after eight holes on but showed his mettle on the back nine, clinching a two-shot victory with a winning score of 13 under par courtesy of a closing 68.

Horsfield's third victory, following his wins at the Hero Open and Celtic Classic in 2020, comes just two weeks into his return from a three-month injury lay-off.

And the 25-year-old, who had his partner on the bag this week, was emotional as he completed a fourth round which contained four birdies and a single bogey.

Fox finished in a tie for second on 11 under par alongside German Yannik Paul, with



Chase Hanna and Oliver Bekker another shot further back. **GP**

STUNNING FINISH SEALS BETFRED BRITISH MASTERS TITLE FOR OLESEN

Tournament : Betfred British Masters

Venue : The Belfry Hotel & Resort, England

Prize Fund : £1,850,000

Thorbjørn Olesen finished eagle-birdie for the second day in succession to win the Betfred British Masters hosted by Danny Willett in dramatic fashion at The Belfry.

The 32-year-old posted a one over par round of 73 to finish on ten under, one stroke clear of Sweden's Sebastian Soderberg.

The Dane entered the final round with a three-stroke lead but that soon disappeared after a two over par front nine, before another pair of bogeys at the 14th and 15th left the prospects of a first title for four years unlikely.

However, Olesen holed a 28-foot eagle putt on the par five 17th hole to draw level with Soderberg, who had earlier set the clubhouse target at nine under par, before going one better on the 18th as he converted a 35-foot birdie putt in front of a packed grandstand to seal victory and send the 15,000-strong English crowd into raptures.

The victory is the former Ryder Cup player's sixth on the DP World Tour and first since the 2018 Italian Open, which set him on the path to make his debut for Team Europe later that year.



Olesen also moves to the top of the European Qualifying Series for this year's U.S. Open. The top ten aggregate DP World Tour Rankings points earners, not otherwise exempt, from the Betfred British Masters, Soudal Open, Dutch Open and Porsche European Open will earn a place at The Country Club, Brookline in June. **GP**

ARNAUS SELLS PLAY-OFF TRIUMPH ON HOME SOIL

Tournament: Catalunya Championship

Venue: Stadium Course, Spain

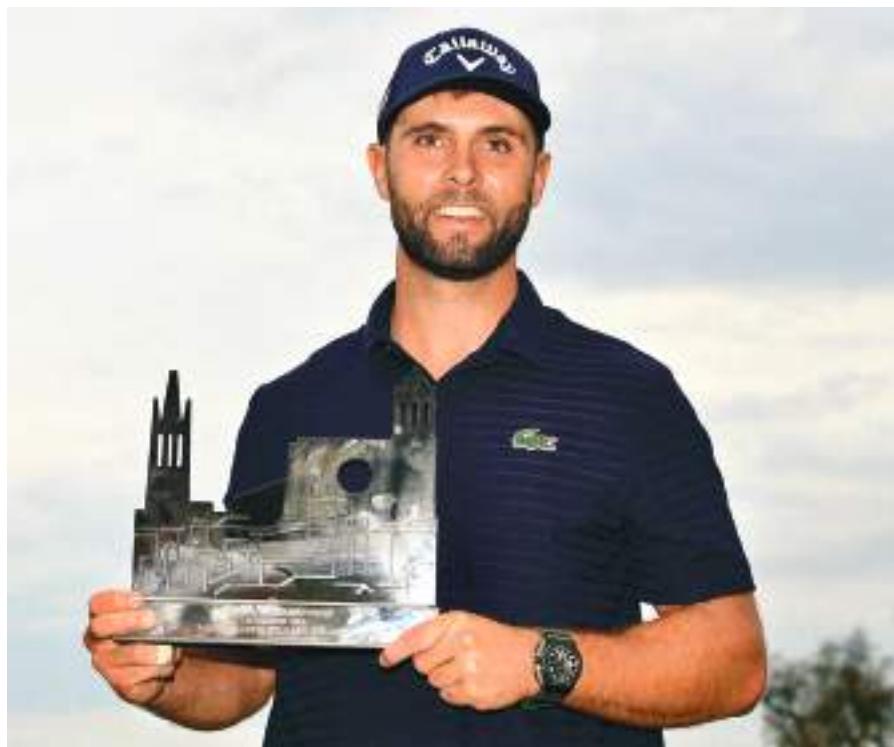
Prize Fund: USD \$2,000,000

Adri Arnaus defeated Oliver Bekker in a six-hole play-off to win his first DP World Tour title in stunning fashion at the 2022 Catalunya Championship.

The home favourite started the day seven shots off the lead and did not look a likely winner when he turned in 34, with Bekker and Laurie Canter doing battle at the top of the leaderboard at PGA Catalunya Golf and Wellness.

But he came home in 31 with the help of an eagle on the 12th to set the target at 11 under and was left to watch Bekker, who still had a one-shot lead as Arnaus was signing his card, finish his round.

A three-putt from the South African on the 16th made it a tie as he signed for a 72 and Arnaus was heading to a third DP World Tour play-off in seven months after defeats at the 2021 Acciona Open de España presented by Madrid and March's MyGolfLife Open hosted by Pecanwood.



The five trips back up the last produced reasonably stress-free pars all-round but when they moved to the 17th for the sixth extra hole,

Bekker missed the green and could not get up and down, allowing Arnaus to take the title with a par after putting his approach to six feet. **GP**

THOMAS BJØRN NAMED AS HENRIK STENSON'S FIRST VICE CAPTAIN



Henrik Stenson has named Thomas Bjørn as his first Vice Captain for the 2023 Ryder Cup which will be played at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club in Rome, Italy from September 25 – October 1, 2023.

Dane Bjørn will bring a wealth of experience to the role having been part of Team Europe in eight previous editions of the biennial contest – three as a player, four as a Vice Captain and as victorious Captain in the last 'home' Ryder Cup in Paris in 2018.

Stenson was one of Bjørn's 12 players in that successful team at Le Golf National and the Swede has now confirmed his fellow Scandinavian as his first official appointment since he was unveiled as European Captain on March 15.

"I have known Thomas for my whole career," said Stenson. "I trust him implicitly and I know any advice he will give me will be honest and direct. He will not simply tell me what he thinks I want to hear and that will be important, so I'm delighted to have him as my first Vice Captain for Rome. **GP**

HILLIER JOINS ACE BONANZA AND LEADS JABRA LADIES OPEN

Whitney Hillier from Australia became the third player to make a hole-in-one at the eighth hole in the second round of the Jabra Ladies Open presented by Bitstamp on Friday – and the fourth player to ace the hole in two days!

Hillier used her 8-iron to hole out from 140 yards on a warm and windy afternoon at Evian Resort Golf Club.

Earlier in the morning, Felicity Johnson used her 8-iron to make the first ace of the day and the second of the week on the hole. (Amy Boulden had made a hole in one on the eighth during round one, but later retired with a wrist injury).

An hour later, Aditi Ashok used her 7-iron to get her first hole-in-one in a professional event.

Hillier held on to post a level par round of 71 for a 36-hole total of four-under-par and takes a one-stroke lead into the final round of the tournament, where the winner will earn a place in The Amundi Evian Championship.

“I’ve had two holes in one this year already, one in Melbourne: crazy! It’s been expensive. **GP**



HOLMEY HOLDS HER NERVE TO CLAIM FIRST PROFESSIONAL VICTORY

Dutch amateur Lauren Holmey is the 2022 Flumserberg Ladies Open champion after a final day round of 70 (-2) was enough to seal the title by a single shot in Switzerland.

The 19-year-old, who was playing in just her third LETAS event, was one shot behind overnight leader Nikki Hofstede at the start of the day, but kept her cool as her compatriot faded away to seal the victory at GAMS-Werdenberg Golf Club.

14 straight pars to begin her round saw the 2020 Dutch National Stroke Play champion hang in at the top of the leaderboard, before back-to-back birdies on the 15th and 16th were enough to see her over the line.

Holmey said: “It felt really good to get my first win in a professional tournament, I’m really happy!

“I had my dad caddying for me today and we learned a lot over the last few tournaments, and I think we made a really good team this week so that was nice.

“I changed my clubs a few months ago and I had a hard time adjusting, they’re quite different clubs so I was a little lost for a bit, but now I feel really good with my game.”

Rounds of 68 and 70 on days one and two respectively saw Holmey sit in a three-way tie for second spot heading into Saturday’s action, with France’s Emma Ambrose and Emma Nilsson of Sweden also locked on -6 after 36 holes. **GP**



MANON DE ROEY CLAIMS INDIVIDUAL CROWN AT ARAMCO TEAM SERIES - BANGKOK



Belgium’s Manon De Roey clinched her first LET title winning the Aramco Team Series - Bangkok Individual title by three strokes.

The 30-year-old went into the final day two shots behind the leader, but equalled the course record firing a bogey-free 66 (-6) to win with a total of 13-under-par.

“It feels great! I was waiting for this for a long time, so I’m very happy,” said De Roey. “I fought really hard and I’m happy I came through and got the win.”

After overnight leader Patty Tavatanakit dropped three shots on the front nine to relinquish her lead, it was De Roey and England’s Felicity Johnson who set the pace early on.

But it was on the back nine where De Roey made her mark rolling in birdies on 10, 12, 14 and 15 to seal a three-shot victory and become the third Belgian to win on the LET.

“I started quite strongly. I was hitting it quite close and made a birdie on the second. I just stayed patient and dropped in some good putts,” she continued.

“I have been working hard on my game and I was just trying to stay patient for the win. I was really hoping to get this win last year, so I’m really happy I have got it now.” **GP**

A STAR IS BORN IN MADRID



It was a dream start to life on the Ladies European Tour (LET) for Ana Peláez as the Spanish rookie won her first LET title at the Comunidad de Madrid Ladies Open in

her debut tournament as a member.

The 24-year-old from Malaga shot rounds of 69, 67, 63 and 66 for an impressive total of 23-under-par to win by six strokes in front of

large galleries at Jarama-RACE Golf Club.

Peláez had shown flashes of her brilliance on the LET in the past when she finished third in the 2020 Andalucía Open de España as an amateur and she tied for 11th in the same tournament last year, after turning professional in July, on the eve of the Aramco Team Series – Sotogrande.

However, due to finishing in a tie for 83rd at LET Q-School in December, she had Category 18 status on the LET in 2022, which meant that she had to rely on an invitation to play in this week's tournament.

Needing nothing less than a win to secure her full card – and a winner's category of membership - she produced fearless golf of the highest calibre and thrived under the pressure.

She even shot the course record: a nine-under-par 63 in the third round on Saturday.

"I was very calm. I was trying to do my job, like I did the last few days and take one shot at a time. I was trying to shoot as low as I could," said Peláez, who had her brother, Carlos, as her caddie on the course and celebrated every great shot with a fist bump. **GP**

SENSATIONAL STARK SEALS THIRD LET TITLE WITH WOMEN'S NSW OPEN WIN

Sweden's Maja Stark claimed a third LET win in eight months after recording a five-stroke victory at the Women's NSW Open.

The 22-year-old led from day one at Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club and carded a fourth round of 70 (-2) to finish on 15-under-par and seal the win ahead of compatriot Johanna Gustavsson.

"I am super happy to get my third win on Tour. It was a slow start to the season in the US and then a couple of second places, so I'm very happy to get the win," said Stark.

"I started with a birdie on one, so that helped but then it was a birdie drought for a long time until I made a bogey. Then I had to get my act together and finish well. I was a bit stressed because Johanna was playing so good."

After a birdie on the first, Stark then dropped a shot on the 12th while Gustavsson sunk three birdies on her front nine to be within touching distance.

But the final five holes saw Stark make three birdies and one bogey to seal her third LET win since turning professional last August and claim the Jan Stephenson Trophy.

"It felt like it could slip away, Johanna was just one shot back for a while, so I don't know if it made me stressed," she continued. **GP**



IMAHIRA RULES AGAIN AS KENNEDY FALTERS

► Australia's Brad Kennedy had to be content with a share of fourth place at the Golf Partner Pro-Am Tournament after two late bogeys crushed his hopes of at least progressing into the playoff, which was eventually won by Shugo Imahira.

The 47-year-old, who teed off on the deciding day in joint-second place and two shots behind overnight leader Tomoharu Otsuki, signed off the week with a four-under-par 66 for a four-day total of 21-under-par 259- one shot short of making it into a four-way playoff with Imahira, Otsuki and Tomohiro Kondo.

Kennedy had gotten off to a solid start with a birdie on the opening hole before adding three more in succession from the eighth to get to 21-under.

However, he was left to rue a pair of costly bogeys on holes 14 and 15, although he eventually compensated for them with two gains on the next two holes.

A birdie at the last would have seen him



force his way into the playoff, but all he could muster was a par on the final hole. "I'm pretty gutted right now. I guess this one hurts. You only get so many chances a year," said Kennedy. **GP**

IMAHIRA SHINES WHILE CAMPBELL LEFT TO WAIT LONGER FOR JGTO BREAKTHROUGH

► Two-time Order of Merit champion Shugo Imahira continued his remarkable record of winning at least one title in every season since 2017 after being crowned the winner of the Asia-Pacific Open Golf Championship Diamond Cup on Sunday.

The 29-year-old, who began the day in tied fifth and one shot off the pace, shot a two-under-par 68 at the Oarai Golf Club to finish at eight-under-par 272 to win by just one shot from a group of four players tied for second that included current money leader Yuto Katsuragawa.

Imahira grabbed the lead at 15th from Katsuragawa, who at one stage appeared to be heading towards a second victory of the season before he conceded a bogey on the same hole.

Imahira started well with two birdies at the fourth and sixth, but a dropped shot at the par-three eighth halted his good run.

But it did little to dampen his spirit as he made six consecutive pars before scoring his third birdie of the day and pounced on Katsuragawa's misfortune. **GP**



HWANG FALLS SHORT AS INAMORI TAKES THE CROWN



► South Korea's Junggon Hwang was denied his fifth JGTO title by the brilliance of Japan's Yuki Inamori after the Japanese powered his way to victory with a final round of seven-under-par 63 to take home The Crowns on Sunday.

Starting his final round just one shot back of the lead, Hwang carded two birdies in his first five holes to reach the turn in 33. He parred the next two holes after the turn before his lone bogey of the day on 12 pegged him back.

Inamori, meanwhile, got off the blocks quickly with two opening birdies. He dropped a shot on three but recovered quickly with another pair of birdies on eight and nine for an outward 32.

The 27-year-old then extended his advantage after marking his card with further birdies on 10 and 12. He stayed patient by making three straight pars before storming towards the finishing line with two successive birdies on 16 and 17.

Hwang tried to muster a fightback by matching Inamori's efforts on 16 and 17, but it was too late to overturn the three-shot deficit with one final hole remaining. **GP**



DOMINANT JAPAN ENDS 20-YEAR TITLE DROUGHT BY WINNING THE QUEEN SIRIKIT CUP

Japan ended their 20-year title drought at the Queen Sirikit Cup when the trio of Mizuki Hashimoto, Tezuka Ayaka and Ueta Miku powered their way to a grandstand finish with a commanding seven-shot victory over New Zealand at Laguna National Golf and Country Club on Friday.

The last time Japan lifted the Queen Sirikit Cup was in 2002, when the team consisting of Ai Miyazato, Kyoko Furuya and Ayako Uehara emerged victorious in Malaysia. Two decades later, the team spearheaded by Hashimoto, the reigning Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship (WAAP) champion, would end the week with a combined gross score of 20-under-par to emerge victorious.

The Kiwis secured second place with their 13-under-par gross score while Korea clinched third place with a 10-under-par score, with host nation Singapore a further

shot behind in fourth place.

Despite returning with a one-over-par 73 in the final round, Hashimoto finished atop the leaderboard in the individual standings after previous rounds of 70, 64 and 72. The 19-year-old was even more pleased as she managed to emulate the footsteps of her famous compatriots in leading her country to victory again at the Queen Sirikit Cup.

"This win is very special as we have managed to win the Queen Sirikit Cup again after 20 years. It's a surreal feeling. I'm so happy. There were lots of expectations on me after I won the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship, and I'm pleased I was able to handle those pressure well and do well in Singapore," said Hashimoto.

New Zealand's Fiona Xu, who signed off with a 73, is pleased her debut at the Queen Sirikit

Cup ended positively.

"I felt I played well this week. It could have been better, but overall, I'm pleased. The weather's very different from New Zealand. It's winter in New Zealand now."

"But over here, I've to adapt to the weather quickly. Everyone in the team is very happy with the result as we did not expect ourselves to finish so high atop the leaderboard," said the 17-year-old.

Singapore's Shannon Tan signed for a 72 to finish in second place in the individual standings, one shot behind Hashimoto.

"I never expected myself to finish second in the individual standings and also for Singapore to take fourth place. We have indeed surpassed all expectations. A lot of that comes down to the support given to us by the various stakeholders, and we're really thankful for that," said Tan. **GP**

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST ANDREWS ANNOUNCES CLIVE BROWN AS CAPTAIN



The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews has announced that Clive Brown will serve as Captain in 2022/23.

Mr Brown has been nominated by the Past Captains of the Club and will begin his year in office with the traditional Driving-in ceremony on the first tee of the Old Course on Friday, 23 September 2022.

A renowned Welsh international golfer, Mr Brown has enjoyed a long and successful amateur career, including captaining the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team in their victorious 1995 match at Royal Porthcawl and the 1997 match at Quaker Ridge.

The Welsh Amateur champion in 1971, Mr

Brown made 65 appearances for his country in the 1970's in the Home Internationals, the European Team Championship and the Snowdonia Trophy. He represented GB&I at youth level in the EGA Trophy in 1972.

Mr Brown was non-playing captain of the Welsh international team in 33 international matches in the 1980's and the winning GB&I team in the EGA Trophy in 1990 in Oporto. He led the GB&I team in the St Andrews Trophy and the Eisenhower Trophy at the World Amateur Team Championships, both in 1996. He also captained the GB&I Palmer Cup team to its only victory in the match in 2000 and again in 2001. **GP**

'IONA INVESTIGATES' GOLF'S HEALTH BENEFITS IN NEW VIDEO SERIES



Golf's widespread physical, mental and social health benefits have been brought to life in a new video series from The R&A in which broadcaster and presenter Iona Stephen uncovers how playing the sport can help you become fitter, healthier and happier.

At a time when record numbers are now playing golf worldwide, 'Iona Investigates' is a three-part series where Stephen learns how people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are reaping the rewards of playing the sport.

Stephen speaks with famous faces from other sports – including former Liverpool and Republic of Ireland footballer Jason McAteer and ex-England cricket international James Taylor – leading medical professionals, fitness instructors and club golfers to understand how golf improves general fitness, eases stress and anxiety, and offers social interaction.

The first episode covers mental health and

well-being, the second on physical health, and a final show on strength and balance.

"Working on this series has been a hugely rewarding experience," said Stephen. "I've discovered more about golf's wonderful health benefits and helped to highlight them by speaking to people from many different backgrounds.

"When I'm playing golf I feel uncomplicated, it's like your mind is focusing on one objective - to get the ball from A to B. That focus brings you into a place of mindfulness and flow, where there isn't space for the complications and pressures in our daily lives."

"Golf is for people who are busy working, who have young children, and for those who have retired with more time on their hands. Golf is for absolutely everyone, young and old, and wherever they are from and whatever they do." **GP**

AMATA SPRINGS TO HOST 2022 AAC

The Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC), the Masters Tournament and The R&A announced that the 13th Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (AAC) will be contested at Amata Spring Country Club in Chonburi, Thailand, 27-30 October, 2022. The AAC will return to Amata Spring Country Club a decade after the fourth edition of the

championship was hosted there in 2012.

Created in 2009, the AAC was established to further develop amateur golf in the Asia-Pacific region. The champion will receive an invitation to compete in the 2023 Masters Tournament and The 151st Open, while the runner(s)-up will gain a place in Final Qualifying for The Open.

"We look forward to bringing the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship back to Amata Spring Country Club and gathering the region's top players at this exceptional venue once again," said Taimur Amin, Chairman of the APGC, Fred Ridley, Chairman of the Masters Tournament, and Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive of The R&A, in a joint statement. **GP**

INSTRUCTION FROM THE GAME'S TOP PLAYERS AND COACHES

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TYRRELL HATTON

Master one swing... and stick with it

The English star on how his swing is based on solid fundamentals and consistency.

"I've been playing golf since I was a toddler. My parents got me into golf straight away, and I was in the back garden playing when I was just 13 months old. My first time on a golf course was aged three on the short course at Wycombe Heights – my dad made up three little clubs for me to go out and play with. I played my first tournament when I was five, so I've been playing competitive golf ever since.

"People often ask me what has been the secret of my success and I believe it's because I haven't □

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changed anything for the sake of changing. I've gone on consistency and it's worked. The most important thing for me is that it's a swing I can repeat easily because we haven't changed it in more than 10 years.

"Keeping things simple and not having too many things to worry about works for me and also helps me under pressure. I believe in myself and I know what works. My father is my coach and there are certain points in the swing we look at. If they're in the right place, we'll normally have a good week."

Hatton has been coached by his father, Jeff — a single-figure-golfer — since he was a junior. "I took over about 15 years ago. We tried a few coaches before that but they were basically saying the same things I was saying, so I had no hesitation in taking over," says Hatton senior. "We worked predominantly on Tyrrell's set-

'I try to feel that I make a three-quarter length swing'

up. I like the way Jack Nicklaus went about it. He says the three most important things in golf are set-up, set-up and set-up. I like that philosophy." For a mid-iron shot, Tyrrell's feet are shoulder-width apart and the ball is in the middle of his stance. The shaft is inclined forward, which is perfect for a mid-iron. If he were using a fairway wood or hybrid, the shaft would be close to vertical. It would be inclined slightly away with driver. While I like the balance at address to be 50/50 from front to back, Tyrrell prefers it to be 60/40 towards his toes. But his balance is excellent.

"We also study down the line at address a lot to make sure the feet, knees, hips and shoulders are all parallel to the target. Tyrrell uses an alignment rod on the ground on the range to check this."

The Hattons also follow another of Nicklaus' famous doctrines: If it ain't broken, don't fix it. "If you're playing well, the last person you want to talk to is your coach."

TYRRELL'S SWING KEYS

TYRRELL'S FATHER AND COACH JEFF EXPLAINS THE SWING THEY'VE BUILT AND TRUST.

1 BACKSWING

This is the first checkpoint in the swing — I call it P1. There are a couple of things to look for. Firstly, when the shaft is horizontal to the ground, it is parallel to the toe line. Secondly, the clubface is parallel to Tyrrell's spine angle. These are all things I want to see replicated in the downswing.



2 ADDRESS

With a mid-iron and a three-quarter-length swing, Tyrrell's left knee has kicked in only slightly, indicating less weight has shifted onto his back foot than it would with a driver. This backswing gives him more control, while less weight shift encourages the downward hit through impact you want with an iron.



DRIVING DISTANCE

2020 310.3 yards (9th)

2019 299.3 yards (54th)

2018 304.6 yards (29th)

2017 307 yards (15th)

2016 304.6 yards (13th)

2015 311.6 yards (4th)

2014 303.5 yards (13th)



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IMPACT

This is the moment of truth. I like that Tyrrell's hips are turning and that his hands are leading – but his head hasn't gone with them. The shaft is still inclined towards the target, encouraging that downward hit we talked about. Tyrrell's flight is what you might call 'mid-trajectory' – he doesn't hit his shots particularly low or high. **GP**

JOOST LUITEN

CHANGE BALL POSITION, NOT SWING

YOU DON'T NEED A SWING CHANGE TO RIP YOUR DRIVER.

A lot of people think that, because the clubhead is shaped a little differently, you have to change your swing to hit the driver. I don't know where that myth came from, but the truth is that you only need one golf swing. The only thing that's different in your driver swing to your iron swing is your ball position (below). That's because the club is longer and the face is a little straighter. You want to hit the ball slightly on the upswing to counteract those two things.

Get the ball position right – for me, opposite my left heel below my left armpit – and you will naturally hit the ball slightly on the up and launch it high without making any other adjustments. Which brings me onto the subject of amateurs trying to help the ball into the air. I see so many people allowing their weight to fall onto their back foot through impact, thinking it will help them get the ball airborne more effectively. It won't. Instead, you'll simply end up flipping your hands into impact and mishit the shot. Just swing naturally, trust your ball position and let the club do all the work. You don't need to force the issue, either. Keep your same tempo. If you try to swing too hard, you'll lose your balance and your swing speed. **GP**

– Joost Luiten is a six-time European Tour winner.



DAVID HORSEY

ALWAYS AIM AND START YOUR BALL AWAY FROM TROUBLE

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR TEE SHOT.

In many cases, a mistake that leads to a drop shot, or worse, is a result of poor decision-making before you even swing the club. Many amateurs either don't take enough care with their aim, or they take on too many

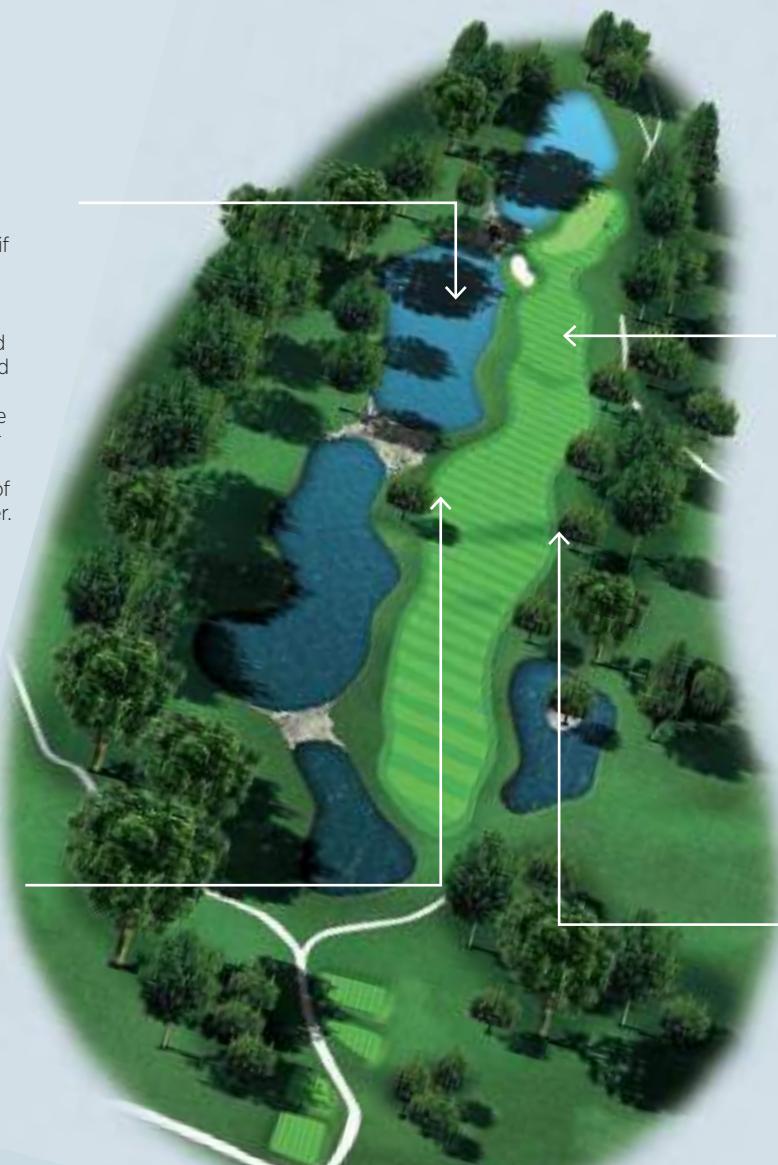
risky lines and angles off the tee. If you are aiming well, start the ball where you want to and you pick sensible lines, then your accuracy and scoring really cannot fail to improve.

AVOID THE DANGER AT ALL COSTS

A general rule of thumb: always aim away from danger unless you absolutely have no alternative. For example, if you fade or slice and there's water left, you should aim down the middle of the fairway and accept that you might end up in the right half of the fairway or slightly into the rough. That's much safer than aiming left and increasing your chances of hitting the ball in the water.

TAKE RISK ONLY IN EXTREME SITUATIONS

As I mentioned above, you should only start the ball at trouble if there's absolutely no other option to consider. The only time you should consider aiming anywhere near the water on this hole is if there's a hard wind off the left and severe danger right of the fairway, too. It's all about playing the percentages and knowing where to find the good 'miss'.



IGNORE THE FLAG... SOMETIMES

It's the same going into greens, too. You don't always have to take dead aim at the flag, especially when it's near the edges of the green. Do so and you bring hazards and short-sided recovery shots into play. In fact, most amateurs would score better by aiming for the middle of the green no matter where the flag is.

PICK A STARTING POINT AND TAKE AIM

Once you have chosen your line off the tee, pick a specific spot in the distance as your aim point. I like to work with a starting point and move the ball off that, rather than picking the point where I want the shot to finish because I find that easier to visualise and execute. Some players pick a spot, like a patch in the grass or a twig, a couple of yards in front of the ball and start the ball over that. You'll be amazed by how much it can improve your accuracy. **GP**



ANDY SULLIVAN

SWING WITHIN YOURSELF FOR BETTER STRIKES

It sounds obvious, but you have to hit the ball in the middle of the clubface if you want to be a good striker of the ball. If you try to hit the ball too hard, you'll struggle to pure it. There's loft on an iron for a reason – it's designed to go however far you can hit that loft. Accept your distances and simply take more club if you need extra yardage.

1. IF IN DOUBT, CLUB UP AND HIT IT SMOOTH

When in between clubs, many amateurs would rather take the shorter iron and hit hard rather than the straighter-faced iron and swing more smoothly. Tour pros are the opposite. With irons, it's all about control. We would always prefer to club down and keep the control. You're only ever trying to hit your irons at 75% power and so I'd much rather ease down to 60% than go up to 90%. The slower you swing it, the easier it is to get the club where you want it. You lose control when you swing it harder.

2. TRUST YOUR SHAPE

It's always easier to embrace your natural shot shape than continually try to fight it. I've lost count of the number of times I've seen amateurs who hit fades start the ball straight at the pin and, of course, miss it right. Allow for your shape with your start point. If you fade the ball, it's got to start left of your target.

- Andy Sullivan is a three-time European Tour winner



FIVE-MINUTE LESSON

CHRIS PAISLEY

The 2018 BMW SA Open Championship winner champion is one of the European Tour's best scramblers around the green. We got him to let us in on a few of his secrets.

GP What is the best way to practise your short game and chipping?

CP: "The first thing I do in practice is check on my strike. I'm looking to make sure I'm hitting the ball out the middle off the face and that I'm taking the same small divot with each shot. I've found that if my strike isn't quite there, then my distance control goes all over the place."

GP Do you prefer the ball position back or forward for chipping?

CP: "I have the ball just forward of centre to encourage me to make a wider arc and to keep my body turning through impact. Spin comes from the quality of the strike. A shallow attack angle with a fraction of forward shaft lean and a shallow divot with a strike out the middle makes it spin."

GP And what about your stance? Some players like an open stance, others prefer closed.

CP: "I actually prefer to be ever so slightly closed. It just feels more comfortable for me. I don't like to feel I'm aiming too far left because it forces the clubhead to come into the ball a bit steeper. Whereas feeling almost closed encourages the clubhead to stay nice and shallow to the turf."

GP Finally, do you prefer a wristy or non-wristy approach?

CP: "I'm quite passive with the wrists for a standard chip. I see the chipping action as a bit of a putting stroke. I use the bigger muscles because it makes the club and ball speed more predictable, which makes it much easier to judge the shot, which is important because you've got to be quite precise with chips, especially on fast greens."

DUSTIN JOHNSON

WHY IT PAYS TO PLAY A FADE

I was always a natural drawer of the ball until, in 2015, I decided to start fading everything left-to-right. The decision was made to help keep my driver under control, but it's had a beneficial impact on my irons. With a fade, your attack is slightly more downward and your path tends to work left through impact. This helps compress the ball and improves spin, flight and distance control. It also helps it land softer on the green.

MAKE YOUR SHAPE ADJUSTMENTS AT ADDRESS

For me, hitting a fade is all done at set-up. I like to play with zero swing thoughts, and knowing that my address position takes care of my shot shape helps me with that. I aim my feet, hips and shoulders a little left of parallel to the ball-target line to encourage a leftward swing path. Then I aim the clubface between my path and the ball-target line at impact. **GP**

THE COACH'S VIEW

WHY THERE'S ROOM FOR LATITUDE IN DJ'S TECHNIQUE

"When DJ started working with my father, Butch, they talked about the very bowed wrist and 'shut' face he played with. My dad was smart enough to leave it in place. 'This is what makes you good,' he told DJ. 'We could change it, but then no one's going to know who you are.' History has shown us that trying to force orthodoxy on a feel player rarely works. DJ proves that, as long as you put the club on the ball consistently well, there is plenty of room for latitude in technique." – **Claude Harmon, Jr**

Role model... **COLLIN MORIKAWA**

The postponement of the Ryder Cup may have caused problems for the European Tour, but it looks like it could spell trouble for the European team too. Shifted to 2021, the event gives Collin Morikawa the chance to gain another year of Tour experience and press his claims for a place on the team. This young American won four points from four at the 2017 Walker Cup. Aged just 22, he already looks set to be a thorn in the European side for many years to come.

With victory at the Workday Charity Open, Morikawa joined one T. Woods in winning his second PGA Tour event before missing his second cut. His impressive blend of technique, focus and intensity has taken him to 13th in the world in just 28 events. Central to this success is his ability to flush irons at will. Here, we strip down his technique to see how he does it... and how you can too. **GP**



TRAIL ARM NOT YET FULLY EXTENDED

Note how Collin's right (trail) arm is still slightly flexed at impact. This helps produce a ball-first contact. Club golfers often straighten this arm too early, causing casting and a low-compression strike. Imagine your trail arm is a piston; as you swing through, that piston should extend to a point beyond the ball. Feel pressure in the lifeline of your trail palm as you do this.

TRAIL-HAND GRIP CREATES PRESSURE

Notice Collin's right-hand grip. He's aligned some key points with the rear side of the handle, notably the index finger and the lifeline of the palm. By maintaining pressure through these points, he can compress the ball at impact because the club is well supported.

To find a similarly effective hold, place your trail-hand lifeline against the side of the lead thumb.

BALL FIRST, TURF SECOND

Collin makes contact with the ball first and turf afterwards, beyond where the ball was lying. This indicates a descending attack angle, an essential part of iron play as it promotes clean, powerful contact with a ball resting on the ground. To hone this, draw or picture a chalk line on the floor and place a ball on it. When you swing, try to get your divot hole-side of that line.

SPEED DELIVERS COMPRESSION

Higher impact speed means greater ball compression. Collin uses the ground to help his pelvis rotate dynamically through. Most club golfers do not use the ground as well and have lower speeds as a result. To improve this, hit shots barefoot. It gives a sense of the pressures you should feel when making a swing. Feel pressure under your lead foot – not trail – at impact.

COLLIN'S 2020 BY NUMBERS

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| Strokes gained [green approach] | 1.084 [1st] |
| Driving distance | 296.7 yards [T108th] |
| GIR percentage | 70.5% [26th] |
| Stroke average | 70.006 [19th] |
| World ranking | 13th |



MEET THE PRO

KSHITIJ NAVED KAUL

GP: Your Golf Journey?

My journey started with spending time with dad in golf course and enjoying catching butterflies to watching birds and collecting shells from bunkers.

GP: What has been your biggest lesson?

Golf is teacher for life and it continuously teaches a player to become better version. Always learning and evolving.

GP: Your Winning strategy?

There is only one winning strategy JUST PLAY YOUR BEST'.

GP: Your training regimen; any specific schedule/ plan you might highlight?

For the last two years I have spent in taking care of the technical aspects of the swing. So mostly drills, drills and drills. Nowadays I am working on getting everything together.

GP: If you had an opportunity to change a rule in golf, what would it be?

Rule book is perfect according to me. I would like to play by the present rules.

GP: What is your favourite format?

Matchplay always.

GP: What are your thoughts on golf development in India?

Golf is definitely growing interest among Indians because of inclusion in Olympic Games and with Anirban, Shubankar and Aditi Ashok doing well on international platforms is good for the game at-home.

GP: Pastime beyond Golf?

Swimming, reading and music. 

FAVOURITE:

- ◆ **Food**
Kashmiri Wazwan
- ◆ **Book**
Dan Brown series
- ◆ **Golfer**
Tiger woods

WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?

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| Wedge | Titleist SM8 |
| Balls | Titleist prov1 |
| Irons | Titleist T100 |
| Hybrid | Titleist TSi3 |
| Putter | SIK |
| Driver | Titleist TSi3 |



Q&A

with

KUSH KAMRA

SVP- Global Shared Services &
Chairman & Managing Director for
Global Operations Support Centers

A post-graduate in business administration (MBA) from Mumbai University (Jamna Lal Bajaj Institute of Management studies ie JBIMS), Kush Karmra have been a professional business manager last 30 years with work experiences in several industries like pharmaceuticals, Media, Hotels, Engineering and Financial Services with global companies like Bank of America, General Electric (GE Capital); Honeywell and MetLife Inc. GolfPlus interacts with the golfer to know about his new loves for the game and how he loves the analytics of the sport.

GP: Playing golf helps business acumen. Your comments?

KK: Golf in my life has been an extremely rewarding and enriching experience. It has helped me grow and evolve as a business manager in several ways. I have learnt the power of being calm, mindful, reflective and patient while being focused on the process and outcomes.

GP: On the business front, what's your view for business post Covid-19?

KK: The world has changed post Covid - it's a defining moment for human workforce. The

future work models are going to be significantly different since people have new appreciation for quality and value in life and how work fits into it.

Tell us about your first brush with the game?

KK: I started in 2015 and approached it like a child - trying to learn on my own. I have never looked back - just got addicted to this great game. I am eternally grateful to God for this gift - feel blessed to be a part of the game and it's fraternity

GP: Your dream four-ball?

KK: Dream four ball - I would not name the global golfing celebrities here but I do have aspirations to play with Kapil Dev and Aditi Ashok. I take inspiration from them. I would also love to have Vivek Seth by my side who influenced and inspired me to take golf as a passion and hobby.

GP: Your favourite pro golfer?

KK: I have been very impressed with Aditi Ashok's approach and demeanour.

GP: Favourite golf course – in India & abroad?

KK: Favourite golf course in India is the JP

Greens Greater Noida where I play most often and where I got this awesome addiction. I loved the Pebble Beach in San Francisco and the May River club at the Plamento Buff where I found alligators on the fairway.

GP: Your thoughts on doing business on the golf course?

KK: I love the time on the course so much that I would hate to mix it with business. I am very passionate about work and equally passionate about golf but getting the two together is not best of ideas in my mind

GP: Describe your most memorable experience on the course?

KK: I have had innumerable exciting and memorable moments on the course - tough to single out one or two. However, what I cherish most is the 5 hours of childhood that I experience on the course. Every time I play, I feel like an excited child passionately giving the game everything in pursuit of wins and happiness.

GP: Your secret for 'perfect' golf?

KK: The secret to Perfect golf is a calm mind with a large heart; competitive friends with true sportsmanship; good weather and a lovely challenging course. **GP**

KAMRA'S FAVORITES:

Golf Apps/ Gadget: Garmin golf and sports watches - I enjoy the support and the analytics.

Sport other than golf: Cricket

Holiday destination: Golf in St Andrews with my favourite foursome

Dish at your home course: Grilled fish and piping hot Samosas

19th hole drink: Jack and coke

Golf brands do you lean towards: Titleist, foot Joy, Decathlon



OUR ANNUAL GUIDE TO THE BEST IN MEN'S SHIRTS

>> ...continued from previous edition

If it serves them well while golfing and provides the added bonus of looking good for their activities off the course, most players are willing to pay more for that multi-functionality. So, with a willingness to expand their budget, how do they determine the quality of the prospective shirt they are considering purchasing?

"There are so many companies faking a quality product out there," noted Haisfield. "You really

have to look and see who is going above and beyond. Anyone can email a factory online and make golf shirt to sell. But who is putting in the care and attention-to-detail to solve problems, be better than what's out there, come up with unique prints and keeps the end consumer in mind? Whenever we come up with a new design or product, it's not to make a quick buck - it's to create a high-quality product that we know our customer will thrive in - whatever they're

up to. Premium products are premium because they were designed with the end customer in mind - not just how they look, but how they feel as well."

Again, we are back to feel. "Looking good, feeling good."

Fortunately, there are labels (see photo layout) that produce natty clothes for golfers to blend their on-course looks with their off-course style. **GP**

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► This *Omni-Wick Range polo* from Columbia Golf features proprietary performance technology that pulls moisture away from the body and enables perspiration to evaporate quickly, keeping you dry and comfortable. The fabric is 100% stretch space dyed polyester and features a sewn-on collar with a contrasting color that adds to the polished look of the garment. Available in 11 colors.



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► A cutting-edge designer label that is really making a name for itself in golf, you'll feel on holiday no matter where you're at with this silk shirt (hand-cut in Bali) from Kenny Flowers. Breezy as the island where this shirt was made, smooth as a flight in business class, *The Bali Hai - tropical silk shirt* has arrived. Get in touch with paradise every time you put on this vintage tropical print.



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► *This Fairway Fiesta Polo* from Kenny Flowers presents a spicy, colorful design.

Buttery-soft, 4-way stretch eco-friendly fabric (80% recycled polyester, 20% spandex), it is UPF 50+, anti-odor, moisture wicking, and wrinkle resistant. It also has The Original KF Tee Holder (patent pending) and Coconuttons - Coconut Buttons.

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► *The Forge Polo* from Cutter & Buck has you covered in more ways than one. It will literally stretch not only out on the course but your budget as well because it is exceptionally versatile. It's designed to be your favorite super soft men's short sleeve polo shirt for golf, the clubhouse, the office, travel, work from home, or wherever adventure takes you. And it comes in over a dozen colors.



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► The **Advantage** is all yours when you add this dynamic Tri-Blend Space Dye Men's Polo from Cutter & Buck to your wardrobe. High quality patterned tri-blend jersey combines super soft cotton with DryTec polyester and spandex to achieve incredible comfort, moisture wicking to keep you cool, and stretch to look great for years. And have over sixteen colors to chose from.

► The iconic **Pike Double Dot Polo** is engineered with stretch for exceptional versatility, that looks sharp on its own, under a sport coat, or quarter zip. Super smooth with stretch, refined and lasting, the Pike Double Dot print fabric blends the best DryTec polyester with spandex to give you a sophisticated and sporty look.

► The **Stretch Oxford Stripe Men's Long Sleeve Dress Shirt** should be an essential part of your wardrobe. Once again Cutter & Buck has designed a shirt that is engineered for exceptional versatility. Made from a textured cotton blend stretch fabric, it has a wrinkle-resistant finish. Offering a stretch fabric, it is super comfortable, with crispness, and it'll look great right-out-of-the-dryer.

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► If you like one-stop shopping, Jos. A. Bank can fulfill all your wardrobe needs for on and off the course. For example, this versatile **Traveler Collection Tailored Fit Button-Down Collar Sportshirt**, with its non-iron, wrinkle and stain-resistant fabric (100% cotton) is an ideal travel and casual-wear option. Tailored Fit. Button-down collar. Chest pocket. Machine washable.

► Jos. A. Bank's **Reserve Collection Traditional Fit Short Sleeve Pima Cotton Polo** is a golfer's go-to favorite because it not only feels super comfortable in thick and soft Pima cotton, it also travels well. Easy to care for, it is available in over a dozen colors.

► This easy-to-care-for three button placket **Abstract Print Polo** from Bugatchi is made of 100% Cotton. Kind of a modern-art-meets-nature motif, this abstract wont distract from your golf game, and in fact, will expand the boundaries of your wardrobe.

soft Pima cotton, it also travels well. Easy to care for, it is available in over a dozen colors.

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► Bugatchi is a company known for innovative designs and patterns. This **Hendrix short-sleeved polo** in monochrome floral digital print is a good example. It's made of 100% cotton with solid contrast three button placket and self-fabric collar.

REMEMBERING PHIL PILLING



By Digraj Singh

One of the most ethereal moments in my life has been thanks to Phil baba, as Philip Pilling was affectionately called by whoever knew him. And I'll share that moment soon, and another episode to indicate the type of person he was. But why Phil Pilling? Because he made a difference to Indian professional golf.

Phil, a Yorkshire man, came to India in search of his sister. And fell in love with it and stayed on. He was a good amateur golfer but turned professional in India to earn some money. During those early days, perhaps in the early 80's, there was no real professional circuit, but there were a few professional tournaments with very limited prize money. Mostly under a lakh of rupees.

Phil was fit, a professional to the core when it came to the sport and had an aura around him. He was also humble, creative and a poet in his mind. He was equally comfortable travelling 2nd or 3rd class in train from one tournament to another, as was the reality for most players in those days. He was equally comfortable and

adept in managing with a very small budget, as was the reality with most of us.

I learnt a lot from Phil and he was quick to share advice and also reflect about life in a very idealistic and philosophical manner. He had a very different take on life and education. Phil was always ready to help anyone with their golf and I was one of the beneficiaries. I played with him regularly and saw how well he applied himself, his disciplined pre shot routine and the calm manner which hid a very competitive mind. We became friends and ended up rooming together on several occasions while playing the same tournament, where he would compete as a professional and I would be competing as an amateur. And the conversations were always interesting and sometimes futuristic. It was during one such tournament in Gulmarg that I experienced that ethereal moment.

We were sharing a hut overlooking the Gulmarg Golf Course. When we arrived in Gulmarg, there had been a hail storm and the entire valley was covered by hailstones nearly as big as golf balls. So play was not possible. We had an early dinner and retired early. I then woke up in the middle of the night, feeling really cold and heard Phil playing the flute. Yes – he played the flute as well. He was sitting on the window sill, with the window open, and was gazing out and playing the flute. When I asked him to shut the open window, as I was freezing, he declined and instead said "Baba get up and come here and look outside". It was a sight that took my breath away.

The sky had cleared and the moon was bright and clear as day. The twinkling stars were bright and seemed an arm length away. And they were reflecting off the hailstones which had still not melted. It was like a sea of sparkling and twinkling lights on the ground and in the sky as well. And the music was reverberating across the valley. The freezing cold, the beautifully played flute, the twinkling stars and the bright moon, reflected by the hailstones – it was magical and unlike anything I had ever seen. I just stood there, mesmerised and humbled by the beauty of what I was experiencing. All thanks to Phil baba.

Another example of Phil's personality and sharing of knowledge is what he told me after a tournament which he lost to Basad Ali in Mumbai. It was the BPGC Open and Phil was one shot behind Basad, another legend, after

13 holes. On the long par four 14th hole, Basad pulled his drive and the ball finished in the trees on the left of the fairway. Phil hit his drive down the middle. Basad then calmly chipped the ball back to the middle of the fairway, hit a 5 iron to the middle of the green and made the putt for par. Phil who had hit his second shot on the green, two putted for par and they actually left the green with Basad's lead intact. Basad eventually went on to win the event.

Later after the round, Phil looked at me and asked me, "Baba did you learn any lesson from watching the tournament today?" Before I could answer, he drew my attention to the 14th hole and said "I was hoping that he would try and play a big draw for his second shot, which was possible, but instead he accepted the mental penalty of a poor tee shot. He then played percentage, trusted his game to hit the green and then happened to make that putt for par. That's a champions play. If he had tried that draw, which I was hoping for, he could have made a mistake and dropped a shot. The lesson is to accept it when you've made a mistake. Swallow that bitter pill. And then move on positively, with confidence. Basad taught us all a lesson there" he concluded.

The very fact that he wanted me to learn something, and proactively at that, is what Phil was all about. I am aware that several others gained from his knowledge in a manner similar to this. I remember Ali Sher was one such beneficiary and I'm sure all such golden nuggets of "gyaan" helped him win the Indian Open. Twice. And I learnt other lessons from that episode. About respect. And that you can learn from your competitors as well.

Phil made Indian professional golf look good. And several players learnt from his manner of conduct and play. He drew in the crowds at tournaments and that time period started drawing the attention of sponsors towards Indian golf.

And then Phil vanished as quickly as well. Someone said he had gone back home. He had stopped playing golf et all. But all this is mostly hearsay. All I can say is that Phil made a difference. By doing all that he did, he played the unplanned role of a catalyst in improving the state of professional golf and left us all enriched, in more ways than one. Phil baba, you are missed. And thank you for all that you did. **GP**



Phil Pilling



A GOLF JAUNT

Combining a business trip with Golf has been the norm for many of us for many years, of late specially post Covid19 Golfers have made it vice versa combining a Golf trip with business. Navdeep Chawla , a renowned Rotarian and forerunner from the Pharma industry shared his last trip with us. On a business trip to Dubai the passionate Golfer ended up more times on the courses in Dubai than in the boardroom! Dubai has an amazing experience to offer in terms of Golf, no wonder the lure of the 'Greens' pulled Navdeep to its fairways. **DP**

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SAFGR KASHMIR RETREAT

Date: 13-18 May 2022 / Location: Pahalgam & Srinagar

The Kashmir Retreat had seen it all! 'Ready' to 'not ready' and 'ready again'!!

As many as 74 golfers played whilst total registrations were 117 including non-playing spouses from 17 cities in India, 1 each from Bangladesh, Dubai and Nepal.

It surely was an exhilarating experience to have played 3 rounds in Kashmir. The first

round was played at the Lidder Valley Golf Course followed by Kashmir Golf Club and Royal Springs Golf Course. The day's sunset was with a gala dinner scheduled on the lush green lawns of the 'Lalit'.

Not unexpected, the sudden storm and rain made us shift the venue to the iconic 'Darbar Hall'. Evening was to celebrate the Retreat, its winners with prizes and cocktail, dinner

and sufi music was lined up. The august presence of Sh. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Hon.Lt Governor of UT & J&K, added to the grandeur of the event.

Their happiness was so evident at the final morning breakfast venue where several members and spouses sang retro songs in chorus with Kashmiri Santoor promising to catch up with next big golf event at Hyderabad. GP



LIDDER VALLEY GOLF COURSE, PAHALGAM

14th May 2022

Closest to the pin -
Dr. Sudhir Choudhary

Straightest Drive - R K Rao

Longest Drive - Mahipal Singh

Winner Couple -
Mrs. Poonam Sheth & Mr. Parag Sheth

Runner Up Ladies - Bhawan Tiwari

Winner Ladies - Poonam Sheth

Runner Up Super Senior (70 & Above) -
Wing Cdr (Dr) A K Roy

Winner Super Senior (70 & Above) -
Ranjan Bhandary M K

Runner Up Senior Citizen (65 & above)
Pawan Kapoor

Winner Senior Citizen (65&above)
R Satyanarayan Murthy

Winner: H'Cap Category 19-28 -
Murali Tripuramen

Winner: H'Cap Category 10-18 -
Dr. Vinay Tule

Winner Gross -
Rajinder Singh Khurana



KASHMIR GOLF CLUB SRINAGAR

16th May 2022

Closest to the pin - Jaiprakash Sharma

Straightest Drive - Navdeep Chawla

Longest Drive - Yug Sharma

Winner Couple -

Mrs. Bhawna Tiwari & Wg Cdr Vijay Tiwari

Runner Up Ladies - Bhawna Tiwari

Winner Ladies - Radhika Tandon

Runner Up Super Senior (70 & Above) - Raju Doshi

Winner Super Senior (70 & Above)
Ramesh Chander

Runner Up Senior Citizen (65 & above) Dr. Prashant Agnihotri

Winner Senior Citizen (65 & above)
K L Sharma

Winner: H'Cap Category 19-28
Ashok Odhrani

Winner: H'Cap Category 10-18 -
Yogendra Singh

Winner Gross - Karan Singh





ROYAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, SRINAGAR

17th May 2022

Closest to the pin - Ramesh Surana

Straightest Drive - Shantharam Girimaji

Longest Drive - C A Raju Sharma

Winner Couple - Mrs. Jatinder Jeet Kaur & Mr. Mahipal Singh

Runner Up Ladies - Jatinder Jeet Kaur

Winner Ladies - Sharmila Verma

Runner Up Super Senior (70& Above) Gp Capt HMV Murthy

Winner Super Senior (70& Above) - M K Tandon

Runner Up Senior Citizen (65&above) - Wing Commander Vijay Tiwari

Winner Senior Citizen (65&above) - Brig (Retd) Satyendra Kumar, SM

Winner: H'Cap Category 19-28 - Sameer Shah

Winner: H'Cap Category 10-18 Karan Singh

Winner: H'Cap Category 0-9 Praveen Bhadana

Winner Gross : Dr. Arjun Singh Mehta

THAI GOLF PASS TROPHY 2022

The Thai Golf Pass Trophy made a comeback at the exotic island of Phuket in Thailand. The event in its third edition was the first event to be held post Covid19 marked the lifting of all restrictions for the travelers to the Kingdom. The event partnered by Tourism

Authority of Thailand under the Thai Golf Pass saw participation from players from Delhi, Jaipur, Pune and Chandigarh.

The event was played at three championship courses the Blue Canyon course being the first one followed by Aquella Golf Club and the

final round at the Red Mountain Golf Course followed by the Prize distribution and lunch. The networking dinner and the Thai Cuisine at the Prize distribution Lunch were the highlights of the event and had Khun S Vachirachai, Director, TAT New Delhi as the Chief Guest. GP



BLUE CANYON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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| Winner Gross | Dr. Sanjiv Kalra |
| Runners Up Gross | Varun Raj Khanna |
| Winner 1st Four Ball | Gaurav Karnik |
| Winner 2nd Four Ball | Alok Wadhwa |
| Winner 3rd Fourball | Lt. Col. Sanjay Chowdhary |

AQUELLA GOLF COUNTRY CLUB

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| Winner Gross | Dr. Sanjeev Kalra |
| Runners Up Gross | Aditya Agarwal |
| Winner Nett Veteran | Lt. Col. Sanjay Chowdhary |
| Winner Nett | Ajay Kanwar |
| Longest Drive | Gp. Capt. Sanjay Singh Chauhan |
| Closest To Pin | Gp. Capt. Jasbir Singh |

RED MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB

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| Winner Gross | Dr. Sanjeev kalra |
| Runners Up Gross | Gaurav Karnik |
| Winner Nett Veteran | Col Pradeep Sinha |
| Winner Nett | Varun Raj Khanna |
| Longest Drive | Gp. Capt. Jasbir Singh |
| Closest to Pin | S S Chauhan |

OVER ALL

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| Gross | Dr. Sanjeev Kalra |
| Nett General | AP Singh |
| Nett Veteran | Lt. Col. Sanjay Chowdhary & Gp. Capt. Jasbir Singh |



INDIAN BOYS AT ASIAN JUNIOR MASTERS AT PHUKET



Greens to Glory Junior Golf Tour Juniors participated in the inaugural ‘Asian Junior Masters Tournament-2022’ conducted at Blue Canyon Country Club, Phuket from 28 Apr to 01 May 2022. A total of 16 juniors participated in the Individual as well as Team event. It was a task in itself for Greens to Glory to take such a large contingent to Phuket in the COVID restricted environment. However, with the enthusiasm of players and parents the team could participate and came out with flying colours. Category C Boys played some magical game and lifted top three trophies for the tournament. Kartik Singh, Arshwant Srivastava and Armaan Gawde lifted the Winner, Runners up and 2nd Runners Up trophy at the event. Asara Sawhney Cat C girl received her 5th position certificate on the podium. Cat C&D Boys Team that included Kartik Singh, Arshwant Srivastava, Arihaan



Beri and Basil Singal received Runners Up trophies. Similarly Cat C&D Girls that included Asara Sawhney, Advika Dutta and Naina Kapoor received Runners Up trophies. Other participants includes Sumeir Rohit Chawla, Manraj Singh Deol (Cat A Boys), Anshul Bhati (Cat B Boy), Anshh Dubey, Ayan Dubeys (Cat C Boys), Palakshi Siingh, Manya (Cat A Girls) and Anvvi Dahiya (Cat B Girl)

The inaugural Asian Junior Masters Tournament was conducted over three days and was a WAGR listed tournament. It was conducted by Thailand Junior Development Tour (TJDT) with Thailand Junior Golf Association (TJGA) being its official promoter. Players from six countries including Thailand, India, Australia, Indonesia and Singapore were part of this international event. **GP**

GULMOHAR DUETS MAY 2022

Gulmohar Duets took place on 7th & 8th May as part of the MP Financial Services -Go Golf 2022 calendar. **GP**

RESULTS:

Category 0-18:

Winner Team - Nitin Chaudhary Rajinder Chauhan

Runner up Team - Dharmendra Zaveri & Rahul Sanghani

Category 19-36:

Winner Team - Ajay Kumar Singh & Baljeet Singh

Runner up Team - Samir Kumar Das & Anand Babu



Ajay Kumar Singh & Baljeet Singh



Rajinder Chauhan

MERCEDES - BENZ CENTRAL STAR CARS GUJARAT GOLF TOURNAMENT



The central star trophy was a very special event held on Saturday, 14th May 2022 at Kalhaar Blues and Greens Golf Club. Mercedes Central Star decided to make it doubly eventful by launching the C-Class on the same day for their esteemed guests. The Luxurious new C-class was unveiled at Kalhaar Blues and Greens Golf Club on the same day before the prize distribution so that the entire guest gets a closer look and discovers all new additional features and style.

The winner of the tournament at Kalhaar Blues and Greens Golf Club are;

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Tanasha Patel | - Category of 0 – 9 H'Cap |
| 2. Ruchir Teli | - Category of 10 – 18 H'Cap |
| 3. Paresh Vasani | - Category of 19 – 24 H'Cap |

TAEGA SPRING TEAM EVENT TOURNAMENT 2022

TAEGA is once again back with its most awaited team event having 4 Team with 4 Captains. The event started on 7th April and finished on 8th May 2022. The tournament was played in different format's Match Play (Scramble Match play; American Match Play & 3 way Match Play).

Total 88 players played over a period of 1 month. Every team took this as a challenge to compete the tournament to reach to finals. The tournament was played in the true sportsmen sprit. The officials for the tournament were

Mr Sudershan Singh and Mr Rohan Manhas.

The Team scores as follows;

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Opulence | : 469 |
| Space Management | : 356 |
| Damson | : 438 |
| Habitat | : 592 |

The Winner was Team "HABITAT" with 592 points. Fantastic prizes of Srixon Drivers and A box of Srixon Z golf balls were given to the golfers.



MERCEDES - BENZ LANDMARK CARS CORPORATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The most premium Corporate Golf Tournament Mercedes - Benz Landmark Cars Corporate Golf Tournament held on Saturday, 9th April 2022 at Kalhaar Blues and Greens Golf Club.

The Landmark Cars Trophy was indeed a charismatic event that got all Golf enthusiasts from the city of Ahmedabad

together for a competitive and exciting game of Golf. 75 participants were indulged in complete luxury.

The national finals of the tournament will be played at PUNE.

All the pre qualifier finalist will be competing at PUNE in the month of JUN 2022.

The Winner of the tournament as per Handicap Category at Kalhaar Blues and Greens Golf Club are;

- | |
|--|
| Aditya Parikh with 37 point in his category of 0 - 9 H'Cap |
| Mukesh Panchal with 41 point in his category of 10 - 18 H'Cap |
| Harpreet Singh Arora with 42 point in his category of 19 - 24 H'Cap |

VEDANT CREATES UPSETS ON WAY TO VICTORY AND WIN THE BATTLE OF THE V'S

The Young Master Amateur Golf Tour held its first WAGR Matchplay tournament of 2022. 8 boys qualified for the matchplay rounds and 3 rounds were played over 2 days. The 8 boys to qualify were Vihaan Jain, Shravan Kadyan, Vihaan Malhotra, Andrew Groser, Kevin Groser, Udai A. Middha, Manoj Rathi and Vedant Banerjee.

The Quarter Finals went as expected apart from the big upset of Vedant Banerjee defeating the 2nd seed Manoj Rathi on the 19th hole. The winners proceeded to play the Semi-finals on the same day and the losers played the subsidiary semi-finals.

The Final between Vedant and Vihaan had some tense moments. After 17 holes it all came down to 10 footer for Vedant, who had to make the putt to avoid going into a playoff. Vedant lined up the putt taking more than usual time but it was all worth



it as everyone saw the ball disappear in the middle of the hole and loud cheers from all Vedant's friends could be heard all over the course.

Udai managed to get the better of Shravan in the 3rd place playoff and won 2&1.

The subsidiary match was a keenly contested match with the match shifting after every few holes. Kevin had the match in his grasp as he was 3 up with 4 holes to go, but Andrew summoned all his energy and played the best golf in the last 4 holes to win 1 up. **GP**

SHAT MISHRA & CEERAT KANG GOLF HOTTER THAN THE WEATHER

Young Master Amateur Golf Tour held its 2022 Links Amateur Championship at the Golden Greens Golf Club from 18th to 20th May.

We had a full field of top Male and Female golfers even with the temperatures soaring high each day. There were 30 Male Golfers and 12 Female Golfers. A mention here about 2 sisters from Chandigarh Heena and Ceerat Kang, Heena did not take part in the event as she wanted her sister to open her WAGR account and as luck and good golf had it Ceerat did open her WAGR account. Also not to be left out is Ayesha Gupta who was the youngest competitor competing with the big girls and made herself noticed by shooting 3 sub 80 rounds.

The women's section was won by Ceerat after she had lost the lead after 10 holes, but managed to pull her game back in the last few holes and eventually win by 3 strokes. Ragini had a bad day and let Anvvi get the 2nd position. **GP**

The prize winners of the 54 hole tournament:-

Male Category

- 1st - Shat Mishra
- 2nd - Mirajul Dildar
- 3rd - Udai A. Middha

Female:

- 1st - Ceerat Kang
- 2nd - Anvvi Dahhiya
- 3rd - Ragini navet 223



Ragini, Ceerat and Anvvi



Shat, Mirajul and Vedant

LADIES GURGAON BIRDIES TOUR MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Birdies Golf Tour held its first WAGR tournament of the year. 8 girls qualified for the matchplay rounds where 3 rounds were held over 2 days.

Kashika after being 2 down with 3 to play sprang a big surprise by defeating the ex National Champion and a World Ranked player Khushi on the 19th Hole.

The other Semi Final was won by Anvvi who was stretched till the last hole by the rookie Preitisha

Sharanya and Renee won their subsidiary semi-finals by the same margin of 2up.

The Main event Final between Anvvi and Kashika had some good moments with both players playing exceptional golf. Anvvi went



3 up on the front nine but then Kashika went into overdrive and almost took the match to the 19th hole if it hadn't been for the birdie by Anvvi on the 18th hole.

The 3rd & 4th place playoff was a one sided

affair as Ragini was not on her A game and Khushi capitalized on it and won the match 6&4.

The subsidiary match was won by Sharanya also on the 18th hole. **GP**



Banyan Tree Lang Co Hill Villa

CALVER TIPS VIETNAM

TO REGAIN STATUS AS GOLF TRAVEL'S BIGGEST NOISE



Pre-pandemic the buzz about Vietnam's golf courses was almost as loud as the motorbike horns that soundtrack daily life in major cities like Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi.

And Adam Calver, director of golf at Laguna Golf Lang Co and a driving force in Vietnam Golf Coast - a destination marketing organization that links Central Vietnam's best signature golf courses - has tipped the nation to become an even bigger noise in golf travel following its reopening to international visitors in March 2022.

"Asia's top golf destination is not just recovering following the pandemic: it's getting even better," he said.

In recent years, Vietnam has forged a reputation as Asia's ultimate bucket-list golf destination. Big-name architects including Sir Nick Faldo (designer of Laguna Golf Lang Co), Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, and Robert Trent Jones Jr have made their mark with a string of incredible layouts the length and breadth of the Southeast Asian country.

Global accolades for the nation, meanwhile, including the coveted title of World's Best Golf Destination at the 2021 World Golf Awards, fueled pent-up demand for travel during a

period when Vietnam's borders remained largely closed.

Nobody involved in Vietnam's tourism industry expects visitor numbers to immediately bounce back to pre-pandemic levels. But golf industry insiders like Calver predict a bright future for clubs in Vietnam following the reopening, pointing to a growing contingent of layouts that are maintaining the country's reputation for quality.

"A lot has been going on here (in Vietnam) during the pandemic," said Calver. "New courses have been popping up all over the country so golfers who have visited Vietnam in the past have a number of new courses to experience when they return."

"For example, many golfers won't have been in Central Vietnam since 2019. We already had five great championship courses here at that time. Now, with the addition of Hoiana Shores and the second course at BRG Danang Golf Resort (a Nicklaus design), we have seven."

Like other layouts around the country, Laguna Golf Lang Co has been forced to contend with

stern challenges posed by the pandemic over the course of the past couple of years. But the club, which recently ranked #88 on Golf World's Top 100 Golf Resorts in the World list, is training its sights on a major resurgence over the coming months.

At Laguna Golf Lang Co, two award-winning resorts - Angsana Lang Co and Banyan Tree Lang Co as well as the ultra-luxe Banyan Tree Residences and the Laguna Park Golf Villas along the 18th hole just a hundred meters from the clubhouse and the beach – round out one of Asia's most attractive stay/play packages. Indeed, the club is witnessing an uptick in bookings from various key international markets including Korea and Europe as well as from domestic travelers.

"Demand is surging here once again," added Calver. "Before, I would have said that anyone serious about golf travel should be coming to Vietnam at least once in their life. With world-class courses opening all the time, I would revise that to say that you'd need to return every few years to do the place justice." **GP**



TATA STEEL PGTI STATS - 2022

Here's a look at TATA Steel PGTI's stats from the eight events played in the first half of the 2022 season:



Ajeetesh Sandhu is the TATA Steel PGTI Order of Merit leader

PGTI Order of Merit

Ajeetesh Sandhu

leads with earnings of Rs. 42,90,750

Most Wins : 2

Manu Gandas (Glade One Masters 2022 & Prometheus School presents Delhi-NCR Open 2022) and **Yuvraj Singh Sandhu** (TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Tollygunge Club & TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Chandigarh Golf Club)



Manu Gandas has the Most Wins and is the Eagle Leader



Yuvraj Singh Sandhu has the Most Wins, Most Top-10s, is Birdie Leader and recorded the Lowest Winning Total at Tollygunge Club

Birdie Leaders

| Rank | Player | Birdies |
|------|---------------------|---------|
| 1. | Yuvraj Singh Sandhu | 124 |
| 2. | Manu Gandas | 121 |
| 3. | Kartik Sharma | 119 |
| 4. | Sunit Chowrasia | 114 |
| 4. | Kshitij Naveed Kaul | 114 |

Eagle Leaders

| Rank | Player | Eagles |
|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1. | Manu Gandas | 9 |
| 2. | Sunit Chowrasia | 7 |
| 3. | Kartik Sharma | 6 |
| 3. | Amardeep Malik | 6 |
| 3. | M Dharma | 6 |

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PGTI Emerging Player :

Arjun Bhati leads with earnings of Rs. 4,74,500



Rookie Arjun Bhati leads the PGTI Emerging Player of the Year race

Most Top-10s:

Yuvraj Singh Sandhu and Kartik Sharma



Kartik Sharma has the Most Top-10s and has made the Most Cuts

Most Cuts Made: 8

Kartik Sharma

Lowest Rounds:

- Nine-under 61 by **Yuvraj Singh Sandhu** in Round 3 of TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Tollygunge Club
- Nine-under 63 by **Kshitij Naveed Kaul** in Round 2 of Mujib Borsho Chattogram Open 2022

- Nine-under 63 by **Rory Hie** (Indonesia) in Round 1 of Gurugram Challenge 2022 Tata Steel PGTI

- ADT hosted by Classic Golf & Country Club

- Nine-under 63 by **Pawan Kumar** in Round 2 of Gurugram Challenge 2022 Tata Steel PGTI - ADT hosted by Classic Golf & Country Club

- Nine-under 63 by **Shivendra Singh Sisodia** in Round 2 of TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Chandigarh Golf Club

Avg. Winning Score: -16

Avg. Cut Score: +2

Lowest Cut Score: 3

at **Gurugram Challenge 2022** Tata Steel PGTI - ADT hosted by Classic Golf & Country Club

Albatross: Aadil Bedi

TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Tollygunge Club





Course Record:

Glade One Golf Resort & Club:

Seven-under-65 by **Harendra Gupta** at Glade One Masters 2022

Delhi Golf Club:

Eight-under 64 by **Danthai Boonma** (Thailand) at The DGC Open 2022 presented by Mastercard



Harendra Gupta set the Course Record at the Glade One Golf Resort & Club



Kshitij Naveed Kaul registered the Biggest Winning Margin

Biggest Winning Margin : 8

shots by **Kshitij Naveed Kaul** at Mujib Borsho Chattogram Open 2022

Hole-in-One:

Manu Gandas

TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Tollygunge Club

Vijitha Bandara

TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Tollygunge Club

Abhijit Singh Chadha

TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Chandigarh Golf Club

Playoff

The DGC Open 2022 presented by Mastercard - **Nitithorn Thippong** (Thailand) bt Ajeetesh Sandhu on the 1st hole

Lowest Winning Total:

Tollygunge Club: 21-under 259 by **Yuvraj Singh Sandhu** at TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2022 presented by Tollygunge Club. 





TATA STEEL PGTI ORDER OF MERIT

TATA STEEL PGTI ORDER OF MERIT as of PROMETHEUS SCHOOL
presents DELHI-NCR OPEN 2022 (EVENT - 08)

| POS | GOLFER | HOME TOWN | PLAYED | WINS | CUTS | TOP-10s | TOTAL PRIZE |
|-----|-------------------------|------------|--------|------|------|---------|-------------|
| 1 | AJEETESH SANDHU | CHANDIGARH | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | ₹ 4290750 |
| 2 | YUVRAJ SINGH SANDHU | CHANDIGARH | 7 | 2 | 6 | 5 | ₹ 3051863 |
| 3 | MANU GANDAS | GURUGRAM | 7 | 2 | 7 | 4 | ₹ 2059675 |
| 4 | KARANDEEP KOCHHAR | CHANDIGARH | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | ₹ 1656038 |
| 5 | MD ZAMAL HOSSAIN MOLLAH | DHAKA | 6 | 0 | 6 | 3 | ₹ 1476194 |
| 6 | KSHITIJ NAVEED KAUL | FARIDABAD | 6 | 1 | 6 | 4 | ₹ 1440888 |
| 7 | MITHUN PERERA | COLOMBO | 8 | 0 | 6 | 3 | ₹ 1392913 |
| 8 | SHAMIM KHAN | DELHI | 7 | 0 | 7 | 3 | ₹ 1164053 |
| 9 | VEER AHLAWAT | GURUGRAM | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | ₹ 1139751 |
| 10 | YASHAS CHANDRA M S | mysore | 7 | 0 | 7 | 2 | ₹ 1117798 |
| 11 | M DHARMA | BENGALURU | 8 | 0 | 6 | 3 | ₹ 1074653 |
| 12 | SHIV KAPUR | DELHI | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ₹ 1009688 |
| 13 | SHANKAR DAS | KOLKATA | 8 | 0 | 7 | 3 | ₹ 944800 |
| 14 | KARTIK SHARMA | GURUGRAM | 8 | 0 | 8 | 5 | ₹ 938071 |
| 15 | SUNIT CHOWRASIA | KOLKATA | 8 | 0 | 6 | 2 | ₹ 934450 |
| 16 | VIRAJ MADAPPA | KOLKATA | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | ₹ 809734 |
| 17 | OM PRAKASH CHOUHAN | MHOW | 7 | 0 | 7 | 1 | ₹ 804308 |
| 18 | RANJIT SINGH | CHANDIGARH | 7 | 0 | 7 | 3 | ₹ 770749 |
| 19 | RASHID KHAN | NOIDA | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | ₹ 708223 |
| 20 | SACHIN BAISOYA | DELHI | 7 | 0 | 6 | 0 | ₹ 659073 |
| 21 | ANGAD CHEEMA | MOHALI | 6 | 0 | 5 | 2 | ₹ 652417 |
| 22 | ABHIJIT SINGH CHADHA | CHANDIGARH | 6 | 0 | 6 | 2 | ₹ 646245 |
| 23 | HARENDRA GUPTA | CHANDIGARH | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | ₹ 636323 |
| 24 | ARJUN PRASAD | DELHI | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | ₹ 592650 |
| 25 | AMAN RAJ | PATNA | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | ₹ 566750 |
| 26 | PAWAN KUMAR | DELHI | 7 | 0 | 5 | 1 | ₹ 548730 |
| 27 | KAPIL KUMAR | DELHI | 7 | 0 | 6 | 1 | ₹ 534157 |
| 28 | HONEY BAISOYA | DELHI | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1 | ₹ 534139 |
| 29 | RAHIL GANGJEE | BENGALURU | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | ₹ 525125 |
| 30 | SSP CHAWRASIA | KOLKATA | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | ₹ 498625 |





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ANIRBAN LAHIRI TAKES TIED SIXTH PLACE AT WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP, PLAYS FIRST MAJOR IN THREE YEARS

Anirban Lahiri made steady progress in the month of May as he took tied sixth place at the Wells Fargo Championship on the PGA TOUR, returned to play his first Major in nearly three years and also emerged as a contender for a spot on the International Team for the Presidents Cup 2022.

Lahiri shot scores of 68, 68, 70 and 71 to finish the week at a total of three-under 277 at the Wells Fargo Championship, five shots behind winner Max Homa of the United States. It was Anirban's second top-10 of the season following his runner-up finish at The Players Championship in March.

Two weeks later, Lahiri participated in his first Major in three years when he teed it up at the PGA Championship at Southern Hills in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Unfortunately, Anirban missed the cut in his 17th Major appearance which was also his sixth outing at the PGA Championship.

Lahiri thus ended the month of May in 78th place in the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) and 51st place in the PGA Tour's FedExCup Standings.

Anirban has also risen in contention for a spot on the International Team for the Presidents Cup scheduled to be held in September this year in the United States.

Lahiri, who became India's first golfer to feature in the Presidents Cup

Lahiri moves up to 78th in world ranking, contends for a spot on the International Team for the Presidents Cup



in 2015 and made the team again in 2017, is currently placed 14th in the International Team's Points List. The Team will be comprised of the top eight players from the Points List, followed by four selections made by Captain Trevor Immelman on August 29, 2022. **GP**

SHUBHANKAR SHARMA FINISHES TIED 14TH AT DUTCH OPEN, LIES 17TH IN DP WORLD TOUR RANKINGS

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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

SSP CHAWRASIA

6 International Wins

Joint record holder of most wins (4) by an Indian on the European Tour

6 Wins on the Asian Tour

2 time Indian Open Champion (2016 & 2017)

Represented India at the Rio Olympics in 2016

Represented India at the World Cup of Golf in 2016

Represented Team Asia at the EurAsia Cup in 2016 and 2018

Arjuna Award in 2017





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