

CAPTAIN REPORT 2010

Although there are signs in 2010 that Malaysia's economy has improved, nevertheless, the Club's financial position remained status quo. The implementation of the Development Fee has managed to cushion the Club from running into a more serious deficit.

With the implementation of the new subscription rate of RM110.00 per month per member, the amount of money generated will be sufficient to sustain the current operation of the Club.

This year we have a few changes in the committee line-up, Mr. Michael Tang took over from Mr. Lawrence Lee as Honorary Treasurer, Dr. Charles Jolly from Mr. Tan Bee Seng as Honorary House Member and Mr. Benjamin Yong from Mr. David Tan as the Committee Member. I would like to thank Mr. Lawrence Lee, Mr. Tan Bee Seng and Mr. David Tan for their tremendous contributions. It was a pleasure to be able to work with them.

The golf course had always been the main concern of our golfing members. During the year, we have constructed two new greens at Hole 4 and 5, two elevated tee-boxes at Hole 5 and 18, and a bigger pond at Hole 5. The Management Committee received numerous constructive and critical comments pertaining to these changes. I am sure that over time, members will adjust to these challenges and began to appreciate the new look of their own home course.

As you can see my vision as Captain over the last 7 years is to improve the golf course; from improving the Back Nine's greens we solved the problem of waterlog during heavy downpour all the way to the nicely shaped and striped fairways and the newly elevated tee-boxes. Overall, what I would like to see is a better golf course in terms of playability and appearance. As I have mentioned this on many occasions that we cannot do this in a short period of time. Though this being said and done, there are still much more work that is yet to be done. As a whole, I believe that everyone of us would agree with me that our golf course's standard is now far more better that it used to be six years ago.

ADMINISTRATION

During the year, the Management Committee held numerous meetings, out of which 12 were monthly management committee meetings. The rest were other sub-committee meetings.

In regards to the Club Management System, we have fully migrated from a DOS Operating System to a Windows Operation System. Currently, we are web-based. All outlets are now fully computerized. We are proud to say that we are at par with most golf clubs in the world in terms of IT. With the new website, www.mirigolfclub-sarawak.com and the e-online management systems in place, a major portion of the tedious routine works was eliminated and at least three manpower from the administration department is being reduced as this work is no longer done manually. In view of this, there will only be two staff in the office. Their work scopes have been redefined. The office will be renovated next year for work efficiency and improved service quality to members.

The main objective of this is not just for KGM to be part in the 'in-thing' of today's technology, but merely setting its goal towards an effective cost control, productive and efficient staff operation.

We are also looking at the use of this technology in other areas, such as the securities of the Club, clubhouse maintenance and its operation as well as the golf course machineries and accessories control to further reduce the operation cost.

In line with all these changes that took place, we have also restructured the staff organization chart. Sessions of staff training were conducted in-house to change the way the staff work and training them to use the new system.

For the year 2010, we have approved 31 new members and the total registered members as at 31st December 2010 stood at 934. New Member's Night were held on 10th May and 16th August, 2010.

The Annual Dinner was held on 31st December, 2010, sponsored by myself. During the night, a sum of RM12,000.00 were given out from the charity funds to six charity organisations at a sum of RM2,000.00 each.

The Ladies Section under the Line Dance Group chipped in a sum of RM1,500.00 towards the total of the RM12,000 above, while RM10,500.00 came from the charity funds collection of RM1.00 per month from members by debiting their statement of account.

The list of charitable organizations as mentioned were;

- MRCS Sunflower Centre
- Persatuan Diabetes Malaysia
- MRCS Dialysis Centre
- MRCS Miri Chapter
- Palliative Care Association
- National Autism Society of Malaysia

COMPETITION

The 22nd KGM Open was held on 6th, 7th and 8th August, 2010. Mr. Lee Ka Tung from Sibul Golf Club emerged as the winner this year beating Mr. Kalana Ibrahim representing Kelab Golf Bintulu by one stroke and Mr. Malcom Tay from Kelab Golf Miri, third placing by eleven strokes.

As for the Ladies Section, Miss Getrude Lee from Kelab Golf Sarawak emerged as the winner. The Strokeplay Club Championship was held on 7th, 13th and 14th March, 2010. Again, the Club's Strokeplay Champion went to Mr Kalana Ibrahim leading Mr. Malcolm Tay by four strokes.

The Matchplay Club Championship was held on 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th April, 2010 and once again, Mr. Kalana Ibrahim was the champion and Mr. Ling Yii Chern, the runner up.

Other sponsored competitions held in 2010 were:

7 th YB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr. Alfred Jabu and 5 th Senator Dato Sri Empiang Jabu Golf Challenge Trophies	10 th July, 2010
21 st YB Dato Sri Peter and 16 th Datin Sri Ruby Chin Golf Challenge Trophies	31 st July & 1 st August, 2010
SeaHorse Member Annually Golf Tournament	24 th April 2010
16 th Pan Borneo Foo Chow Golf	29 th August 2010
Japanese Association Golf Competition	13 th November, 2010
Highlander Golf Competition	29 th May, 2010

Two inter-clubs competition held at home club were:

Kelab Golf Mirivskudat Golf Club 20th & 21st March, 2010 KGM won

Inaugural Triangular Inter-club Miri / Panaga / Labuan 19th & 20th June, 2010 KGM won

Away Inter-club Competition was:

Kelab Golf Mirivskelab Golf Bintulu 15th & 16th May, 2010 Bintulu won

The 23rd Sarawak Inter-club Challenge Trophy 2010 was played at Kelab Golf Miri on 17th and 18th July, 2010. KGM won and beat Bintulu Golf Club by 80 strokes.

I would like to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to my fellow management committee and ladies committee for their commitment and hardwork to ensure the success of all the club's major tournaments and not forgetting all the sponsors, volunteers and helpers without whom all these events would not be so successful. "THANK YOU."

CLUBHOUSE

Some of the major clubhouse maintenance works that was carried out during the year were:

1. Repair of the swimming pool pumps.
2. Repair of pipes around the clubhouse including the kitchen
3. Installation of Sentricon System

This is necessary as the clubhouse is now 16 years old. Regular inspections were carried out routinely. So far, the result was good as there is no trace of white termites on the clubhouse.

However, there were a few areas in the clubhouse building where it was attacked by dry wood termite. The cost of repair is minimal.

The following are our F&B contractors;

Clubhouse Terrace New Wok
Front Nine Half way Canteen Encik Seni Bin Rasit
Back Nine Half way Canteen Puan Mordiah Bte Abang

The budget for clubhouse maintenance was spent a minimal this year in view of tight cash flow. Although the budget is approved and there is a need for major overhaul in many areas of the clubhouse; this, however, has been monitored very closely to ensure that its deterioration effect does not worsen the condition of the other parts of the clubhouse.

HANDICAP REPORT

Our monthly score card submission audit showed that many players did not turned in their acceptable score for monthly handicap updating. Acceptable scores means at least seven/nine holes or thirteen/eighteen holes have been completed. Most players abandon their scorecards when they possessed an n/r for a hole or more. Their scores are still acceptable and eligible for your monthly handicap update.

Some of you may find that your handicap card carries a letter "P" score. This is the penalty score the Handicap Committee put up for you for failure to turn in three or more acceptable scores. To avoid such a scenario to happen, we suggest that you help yourself by turning in all scorecards after a stipulated round.

LADIES SECTION

2010 had been a busy year for the ladies, with lots of golf, both at home and away.

11 extra Ladies Tuesday competitions were played in 2010 (adding to the budgeted number of 24 games a year), thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. Below are sponsors of these extra games and we would like to especially acknowledge and thank them:

- 1) 23 Feb: Combined February Birthday Game sponsored by Ms Lynda Bala, Ms Liew Shiew Ling, Ms Nancy Brodie & Ms Cindy Liaw.
- 2) 2 Mar: Utako's Farewell Game sponsored by Ms Utako.
- 3) 23 Mar: Combined February Birthday Game sponsored by Ms Jean Wong, Ms Grace Chong, Ms Annie Chong & Ms Candy Sim.
- 4) 18 May: 18 Holes Game sponsored by Ms Lyn Carrol & Ms Doris Francis.
- 5) 20 Apr: Fatirah's Farewell Game sponsored by Ms Fatirah Sabil.
- 6) 11 Jun: 2nd Metaweld Ladies Challenge Trophy sponsored by Ms Priscilla Wong.
- 7) 26 Oct: 4th Lady Captain's Challenge Trophy sponsored by Mr. Lakai Linuh
- 8) 28 Oct: 18 Holes Game played at Eastwood Valley G & CC, sponsored by Datin Sri Kong Bee Fong.
- 9) 9 Nov: Ladies Seniors Vs. Juniors Tournament sponsored by Ms Marilyn Raja-Wright & Ms Lynda Bala.
- 10) 23 Nov: Fellowship Game followed by Pot Luck Dinner at Lady Captain's Residence, sponsored by Wantop Goldsmith.
- 11) 3 Dec: Lady Captain's Birthday Game sponsored by Lady Captain, Ms Marilyn Raja-Wright.

The Ladies had also carried the KGM flag to as far away as Kunming, China and Bandung, Indonesia on many of the away-games they have participated in as follows:

- 1) 27 Jan: MALGA's Piala Puteri 2010 at Tropicana G & CC.
- 2) 8-9 Feb: MALGA's Duty Free Golf at Labuan Golf Club.
- 3) 7-12 Mar: MALGA's Golf Trip to Kunming, China
- 4) 15-17 Mar: 12 Borneo Ladies Challenge Trophy 2010 at Jerudong G & CC.
- 5) 11 Apr: BLGA Royal Patron's (Invitational) Challenge Trophy 2010 at Empire Golf & CC.
- 6) 21 May: Ladies Interclub Tournament (Panaga Vs KGM) at Panaga Golf Club.
- 7) 23 Jul: 1st Triangular Game (Panaga-Miri-Bandar Seri Begawan) at Panaga Golf Club
- 8) 2-5 Aug: Malaysia Ladies Amateur Open 2010 at The Mines Resort & GC.

- 9) 24-25 Sep: MALGA's Glamor Gals Vs Kuching Kampung Boys at Sarawak Golf Club.
- 10) 11-15 Oct: 2nd Asian Ladies Interport Invitational 2010 in Bandung, Indonesia.
- 11) 17-18 Nov: Borneo Ladies Captain Meeting cum Golf at Dalit Bay Golf & CC.

Besides just playing the game of golf, the Ladies Section had also been active in the support and introduction of MALGA's Golf for Girls program to Primary Schools in and around Miri. This program was first started in 2007 and it is our hope KGM will continue with its present support of the program. Two main activities that were carried out during the year were as follows:

- 1) 10 Nov: 1st MALGA-KGM Interschool Challenge Trophy 2010 at KGM.
- 2) 11-13 Nov: MALGA-KGM Ladies visit SK Bario.

The Ladies Stroke Play Championship was held on 4, 5 and 6 of May and was won by Ms Mary Lim. The Ladies Match Play Championship was held on 6, 7, and 8 of July and the winner was our Lady Captain, Ms Marilyn Raja-Wright. Our heartiest congratulations to them. Also, congratulations to the winners of our Lady Captain's Trophy and Medalist of Medalists for 2010: Ms Chooi Li Yoke and Ms NurJannah Abdullah respectively.

The KGM Ladies Section had always been very active in its fund raising effort. On December 1, our KGM ladies handed over donations in the form of medical support facilities-a mobile suction unit and a wheelchair to The Palliative Care Unit, Miri. Also, The Ladies Section's Line Dancing Group headed by Ms Liew Shiew Ling & Ms An Yong Sook had raised M\$1,500.00 during the year which was handed over to the Representative from The Sunflower Centre during KGM's annual dinner cum count-down party on 31 December 2010. We would like to express our sincere thanks to those who had contributed to these charitable funds.

Our heartiest congratulations goes to our New Lady Captain, Ms Patricia Lipang Raja and her Ladies Committee 2011 for being elected unopposed at our Ladies AGM held on 8 Jan 2011.

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support, friendship, encouragement and goodwill in 2010. Also, to the ladies who have always and effortlessly come forward in helping out during club events, in particularly, the KGM Open and the just concluded Annual Dinner cum Count-Down Party. Also to the very hard-working 2010 Ladies Committee who had done all they could to ensure the smooth-running of the ladies activities.

We look forward to another exciting year of golf.

SENIOR SECTION

The Senior Section under the captainship of Mr. Moses Ting and his committee had six bi-monthly medals held normally during the weekend. As many as sixty seniors age 50 years old and above participated.

CADDY SYSTEM

Although this year we had lesser problems with the caddies, this does not mean that the root problem of the dwindling number of caddies had diminished. Some of the continuous efforts taken to enlighten these problems were by recruiting new caddies, training them, enticing them

to come from as far as Tudan and other places by putting up advertisements for vacancies at public places.

Transportation cost is one of the major factors contributing to this problem. Therefore, the Management Committee decided to abolish the C Category. Caddy fees for A category is increased to RM35.00 and B Category is increased to RM30.00 and additional RM5.00 for carry bag applies for both category.

Training by the Caddy Master as well as the Course Marshal is an ongoing task enforced to equip new caddies and to sharpen the existing caddies' skills.

I would like to apologize if the caddies had not been up to your expectation. The caddy committee would try their best to minimize golfers' inconveniences. We seek members' patience in dealing with the caddies' problems.

One caddy competition sponsored by Mr. Tang Ing Mui was held on 17th May, 2010.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

We are very thankful to be able to sail through 2010 with the full support financially from so many members. In short, all the Junior Monthly Exposure Game was fully sponsored.

Our Elite Juniors had shown great improvements in their golfing skills. This is proven by their awards won in 2010. In 2010, they brought home two medals for the Sarawak Region in MSSM and were among the few top ranking positions in almost all the Open Championships held by both the Sarawak Golf Association Sanctioned events and club's major tournaments.

The Junior Development Fund is healthy financially. Funds were received from the Government Agencies, various organisations as well as from our own members.

KGM and MALGA Golf For Girls worked together to create an interest in the game of golf among the girls and grooming them in this field. This includes training the girls selected from a few schools in Miri and conducting small tournaments for them. Our girls have also benefited from this Programme and a few of them were selected to represent MALGA and KGM for outside tournament. This was fully subsidized by MALGA.

I would like to thank Mr. Ronny Ling and his Sub-committee for their commitment, contributions and efforts to maintaining and consistently upgrading the Junior Program to transforming it into a successful program and one of the best in Sarawak and in Malaysia.

COURSE & GREENS

Some of the major projects on the course that was done during the year were:

1. Reconstruction of Green no. 4 and 5

The greens were elevated and undulated. Its grass was changed from Bermuda to that of Serangoon.

2. The pond at Hole No. 5 was enlarged for a more challenging approach and better appearance.
3. More flowers were planted to add colours to the golf course.
4. The tee boxes at Hole No. 5 and 8 were rebuilt.
5. Improved drainage on fairways.
More spoon drains were created on the fairways on areas where it is prone to waterlogged.
A new drain was constructed on the left side of Hole No. 2.
There were many other areas that needed immediate attention too. These areas have been identified at Hole No. 2, 6, 8, 11 and 14. Drainage would be constructed using sub-soil pipes.
6. Distant Indicators
The distant indicators were installed by the side of every tee-box at the courtesies of 100-Plus.

With the many changes done over a period of 6 years, the First Nine now gives a new look especially with so many khayal trees being planted there. In connection with this, I would like to thank Mr. Fred Liew for generously sponsor us yet with another 200 khayal trees.

I am also pleased to say that without the commitment and contribution from our Course & Greens Member, Mr. Tang Ing Mui assisted by Mr. Ivan Pui, these projects would not have been realized.

CLUB MAGAZINE

This is another year of great achievement by the Greenchat Editorial Team. Their contributions in highlighting the club's activities were well appreciated by both the Management Committee and the members.

I would like to thank those members who have contributed in terms of write-ups, photos, comments and feedbacks throughout the year.

CONCLUSION

Lastly, I would like to thank all my committee members, sub-committee members and staff for their hardwork, dedication and commitment. I would like to mention here that for the year 2010 and the last six years of my captainship, my task and ambition had been achieved through all of you without whom definitely it would not have been possible. THANK YOU.

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TAN SRI DATUK JIMMY LAU
CAPTAIN