

CAPTAIN REPORT 2013

INTRODUCTION

At the last Annual General Meeting held on 17th March, 2013, the present Management Committee was elected to manage and run the club for a term of one year.

The Management Committee Members and I feel that we have a challenging, interesting and exceptional year. A year whereby we were given the golden opportunity to be a part of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the KGM Open.

There were some changes since the election of Management Committee, our Hon. Competition Secretary, Mr. Jayson Lai Horng Jye left the management team in May 2013 in view of his work commitment. The committee co-opted Supt (B) Haji Han bin Hipeni to be the Committee Member whilst Mr. Victor Lee Yau Ming was co-opted to be the Hon. Competition Secretary.

ADMINISTRATION

As a whole, the Club has gone through some struggles for the past 1 year. The employment of a Club Manager, Tuan Haji Mohd Rosli Ahmad was for a short span of time. He left us end October 2013, after which, the Club continued to be run by its staff departmental heads. The number of staff stood at 21. A staff appreciation dinner was held on 31st March, 2013.

This year, we have four of our members namely Hon. Secretary, Cr. Robert Inging and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Michael Tang, Hon. Course & Greens Member, Mr. Esaw Mikir and Committee Member Supt (B) Haji Han attend the Malaysia International Golf Symposium (MIGS) conference organized by Malaysian Golf Association at Raja Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur from 21st till 23rd October 2013.

The membership register as at 31st December, 2013 is 908. 34 new members were admitted. New Members Night were held on 8th January, 2013 and 1st November, 2013.

The Management Committee held a total of 12 monthly MC Meetings. On top of those, many more meetings were held for many other purposes e.g. Sub-Committees, KGM Open and KGM Junior Golf Championship.

An indemnity clause was added to the by-laws of the club governing the use of the buggy on 12th April, 2014.

The Committee strongly encouraged members to make full use of all the features available on the Club's website, in particular, the monthly and yearly statements of account and online payments, DIY update of member's address and telephone contact and etc. Apart from being cost savvy, it is the intention of the Committee to provide convenience to members. To date, this facility is still under-utilized.

Financial

Financially, we managed through well. Prudent spending has always been our priority. This year, most of the spending are spread out proportionately according to its necessities. The

golf course undergoes its normal routine maintenance. Repair of equipment is a great challenge. Machines downtime is rampant. Sourcing a right workshop to fix the repair is critical, hence resulting in a golf course in a less favourable playing condition.

While we are aware that every part of the Club is in need of money, with a cash reserve of RM1.5million is indeed an acute sum accumulated. In other words, the needs are greater than the funds reserved. The run down machines are posing much challenges for the golf course and the clubhouse to be maintained to its ideal state. Our club house is now over 25 years old, recently, the Function Hall's air-conditioner broke down. This has not leave us any choice but to spend a substantial sum from our reserves. However, having said that, over the past 10 years, we have spent a lot of money on course development whereby more than a thousand trees have been planted, the fairways elevated, drainage system improved, large ponds with boulders created and all the 18 greens have been elevated and renovated. In spite of all these major expenditures on the golf course our financial position has nearly doubled to stand at RM1.5million today. This would have not been possible without the prudent spending and coupled with the increase in the monthly subscription 5 years ago.

CLUBHOUSE

An Eagle monument was erected and placed at the Clubhouse Frontage on the centre of the round-about. The statue resembles the Club's logo 'Macam Burong Terbang'. Club Captain has been instrumental in initiating the project together with our Club President who is also the Sponsor for this project.

The Golfer's Terrace at the clubhouse was extended to allow members to enjoy the view of Hole 10th and 18th while chilling out in the evening. The construction cost was sponsored by Datin Patinggi Puan Sri Dato' Lorna Enan Mulun Chan.

The Men and Ladies' Restroom were refurbished and once again this was paid for by our Club President.

A new set of pool table and 24 new tables and 96 new chairs were purchased for members to patronize at the Golfer's Terrace.

The air-conditioner at the Function Hall has broken down and is beyond economical repair. We have provided a budget of RM94,000.00 for a brand new set this year.

Additional CCTVs were installed outside the Men/Ladies Restroom to tighten the security control.

The contract for the half way house canteens were awarded to Ms Mordiah Bte Abang and Ms Hajijah Bte Abd Gani for a period of one year with an option to extend for another one year.

The Club experienced quite a few changes of the catering contractors in a single year. New Wok's contract ended in June 2013 and Annisa Cafe took over from June to August 2013. Dhutz Café is now the current catering contractor.

COURSE & GREENS

Managing a playable course this year has not been an easy task due to machinery constraints. Most of the major equipment used in maintaining the course is more than 10 years old. It is neither too early nor too old for replacement. Challenges came when only a few workshops in Miri are skilled savvy with these equipments. At times, its spare parts have to be sent outstation for further repair.

The following equipment were purchased during the year;

1 unit Hybrid John Deere Green Mower

1 unit Howard Rotaslasher

4 units buggy. These do not contribute to the course and greens maintenance but its maintenance comes under the care of the Course & Greens Department. The rental of buggies generated an annual income of RM113k last year.

The river embankment erosion along Hole 14 remains a major concern for the club. We have written to the relevant ministries and had a committee delegation to NREB divisional engineer previously but we have not received any positive replies to the estimate of 900K for the project. This sum of money is too big a burden for our club to spend but perhaps we may have to consider some immediate remedy to spend RM100k from our own funds to prevent the situation from getting worst meanwhile.

COMPETITION

Mr. Jayson Lai resigned as Hon. Competition Secretary in April 2013. Thereafter Mr. Victor Lee was co-opted to take over this post.

Our in-house competitions held are our own monthly medal and festive golf celebration competitions.

The Strokeplay Club Championship was held on 3rd, 9th and 10th March, 2013. And the Champion went to Mr. Malcolm Adam Tay with a gross score of 237 followed by Mr. Abdul Azim Muhd Junaidi who scored 244.

The Matchplay Club Championship was held on 7th, 13th and 14th April, 2013. It was played over five rounds. Mr. Malcolm Adam Tay was the Champion and Mr. Kunjin Sandhu, the Runner up.

Other sponsored competitions held in 2013 were:

May Day Golf	1 st May, 2013
24 th Tan Sri Dato Sri Peter and 19 th Puan Sri Datin Sri Ruby Chin Golf Challenge Trophies	7 th & 8 th September, 2013
Shell Golf	16 th November, 2013
Japanese Association Golf Competition	2 nd November, 2013
PRGR Golf Tournament	24 th November, 2013

Inter-club competition held at home club:

Kelab Golf Miri vs Panaga Golf Club	11 th May 2013	KGM won
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Away Inter-club competition :

Kelab Golf Bintulu vs Kelab Golf Miri	23 rd & 24 th March, 2013	KGB won
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The 25th KGM Open attracted 193 participants from all over Sarawak, Sabah, Labuan, West Malaysia and Brunei. It was held on 20th, 21st and 22nd September, 2013. Mr. Hassan Rahmat from Kelab Golf Miri emerged as the winner and the ladies' trophy was dominated by Miss Michelle Koh from Royal Pahang Golf Club.

HANDICAP

The Handicap Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Agan Maran had been appointed to serve in the handicap committee. The Handicap Committee encountered problems related to data processing, whereby, members were assigned 2 NHS numbers, members' names were found missing in the handicap list and inaccurate handicap computation due to insufficient scores being submitted and subsequently posted into the system. All these problems, however, were carefully managed and monitored by the handicap committee and were within control.

It is understandable that golfers would always want a comfortable handicap, for whatever reason, reasonable or otherwise. The handicap computed by the system is based on its data input. To overcome any further misconception, it would be helpful for members to read and understand the USGA Handicap System on how each golfer's handicap is calculated.

RULES

The club is very privileged and proud to have a member, Mr. Ivan Pui to be our Rules Chairman. He has so far conducted 6 Rules Class, on average, once in two months.

CADDY SYSTEM

The Management Committee member in charge of caddies, Supt (B) Haji Han took over from Mr. Victor Lee in May 2013 had since then organized two caddies fund raising golf; 7th August, 2013 and 19th November, 2013 with its objectives to build up the Caddies Fund. The funds will be used to organise caddies competitions.

During the year, one team from KGM ; 2 staff and 2 caddies were sent to Johor to take part in the IOI Palm Resort Caddies Competition. Congratulations to the KGM Team who emerged as team champion and upheld the name of KGM.

SWIMMING POOL

For the coming year, we will look into ways to effectively control non-members from utilizing the pool.

The usage of the swimming pool in the evening and during weekends and public holidays is well patronized. As a side income for the Club, we will endeavor to invite organization to maximize the use of the pool during weekdays for their training or other purpose at a reasonable charge.

A new floor scrubber for cleaning the swimming pool surrounding area has been purchased.

DRIVING RANGE

The worn-out ceiling fans at the Driving Range was replaced with new ones.

The driving range exterior surfaces and the downstairs interior walls had been repainted with weather shield paint for a better and livelier look. This will last for the next five years where only minor touch-up is necessary.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

Another year has gone by, The KGM Junior Golf Development Committee led by Mr Jerry Ling and Golf Pro Shanmugam have done their best in ensuring our junior golfers improve their golf game from the year before.

Golf is an evolving game, some days one can play like a top world's best player and on another occasion, it is just the opposite of being the best. Pro Shanmugam approached ISN (Institute SukanNegeri) to invite them to give talks on nutrition, psychology and physical fitness to our junior golfers.

For the Sarawak Amateur Junior Open 2013 which was held in Kelab Golf Sibu from 28th to 29th May 2013. Kelab Golf Miri sent 15 boys whose age range from age 10 years to 17 years old and 12 girls whose age range from age 8 years to 15 years to compete in the tournament. Except for the Boys Group A, all other groups' winners were won by KGM Juniors, namely, Liew Yih Seng, Malcolm Ting, Eliza Mae Kho, Alethea Cordelia and Mirabel Ting.

The 9thKGM Junior Championship, Dato' Sebastian Ting Challenge Trophy, was held on 29-30/6/2013. This is the first time being held on a weekend.

The competition attracted 85 participants from Pantai Mentiri Golf Club, Sabah Golf & Country Club, Sandakan Golf & Country Club, Kelab Golf Bintulu, Kelab Golf Sarawak, Malaysian Ladies Golf Association, Sibu Golf Club, Eastwood Valley Golf & Country Club, Panaga Golf Club and our own KGM Juniors.

Malcolm Adam Tay took home the Dato' Sebastian Ting Challenge Trophy after having won 3 rounds of the KGM Junior Golf Championship while Jaclyn Chen is the 2013 Champion.

2013 Junior Achievements:

- 1) Alethea Cordellia Tigi (for winning the Maybank Camp Competition 2013).
- 2) Mastura Tan and Siti Farahin was granted a golf scholarship by Cempaka International Ladies College (CILC), located at Nilai, Negeri Sembilan. The programs and sourcing of funds for golf scholarship are the collaboration between CILC and MALGA. CILC is entrusted with the girl's education while MALGA will arrange for the professional coaching and tournaments.
- 3) Hole in one achievers - Sarah Jane Kho
- Malcolm Ting (CM Cup)
- 4) Outstanding performance for 2013- Lim Beng Kiat
- 5) Most improve player for 2013- Malcolm Ting
- 6) A great 2013 for Jaclyn Chen, winning tournaments outside Miri.

LADIES SECTION

Congratulations to the Ladies Captain, Ms Marilyn Raja and her newly elected Ladies Committee for 2014/2015 whose nominations were returned unopposed. The ladies had their AGM on 1st March, 2014.

This is another eventful year for the ladies in 2013; with lots of in house sponsors for our Tuesday games. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals

(Prizes and Lunch sponsors)

Jenny Yong, Lynda Bala, Puan Sri DatinTiong Pick Ling, Priscilla Wong, Marilyn Raja-Wright.

(Lunch Sponsors)

LiewShiew Ling, Grace Chong, Candy Sim, Annie Chong, Jean Wong, Fatirah Sabil, Delima Ibrahim, Nicola Brewster, Lynda Bala, Chooi Li Yoke, Mary Lim, Patricia Yong, Ang Yong

Sook, Angelina Benjamin-Mohr, Doris Francis, Muren Wan, Rigo Karim-Draper, Wanja-GituraArentz.

The Lady Captain's Challenge Trophy cum Birthday Charity golf was held on 3 December 2013 where RM6K was collected and channeled to the Sunflower Centre, Miri. Thank you to all those who have come forward to support.

Congratulations to the 2013 Lady Champions:-
Ladies Strokeplay~Mary Lim
Ladies Matchplay~Capt Patricia Yong
Medalist of Medalists~Fiona Liung Nienaber
Lady Captain's Challenge Trophy~Muren Wan

The KGM-Panaga Ladies Interclub was held at KGM on 16 April 2013 where KGM won. Special thanks go to Sarawak Shell Berhad & Valve Integrity Sdn. Bhd. (Angelina Benjamin-Mohr, MD) for their added value and extra prizes offered as compared with previous year's prizes.

The Borneo Ladies Golf Challenge Trophy tournament was held in Labuan on 26-27 March 2013 where Sarawak Team won.

Last but not least, a very warm welcome to all our new Lady Golfers. We are so encouraged and excited to see the growing numbers of new members in our Ladies Section. We would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship in 2013 and trust it to continue into 2014!

SENIOR SECTION

The Senior Section under the Captainship of Mr. Moses Ting and his committee had 6 Bi-Medal Competitions held on 23rd February, 2013, 21st April, 2013, 16th June, 2012, 17th August, 2013, 26th October, 2013 and 21st December, 2013. As many as fifty golfers participated.

The Senior Champion of Champions was held on 21st December, 2013, with Mr. Wong Tiong Hee emerged as the Senior Champion.

GREENCHAT

10 years to me is just like a blink of an eye. Hard to part but one needs to - some how, some day. Our Greenchat Editor, Ms Winni Saba and her team, Ms Liew Shiew Ling and Ms Jane Teo have finally decided to call it a day after having served the Club in the publication of the GreenChat for 10 years. It is so easy for a reader to finish reading one whole book in just five minutes, but it takes much of the Editorial Team's time and energy to brain-storm for new creative ideas and gather all information together. Their relentless effort and sacrifice always amazes me on the very high standard quality of work that they produced for every issue of the magazine. This Greenchat Edition (Jan-Dec 2013) which you received recently is their last production. While we wish them all the best, we are also looking for a successor to receive this baton from them.

On behalf of the club and members I would like to say "Thank you very very much to all three of you for all your hard work, sacrifices, dedication and commitment. Thank you once again for everything."

SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the KGM Annual Dinner which was held on 17th March 2013, a sum of RM12,000.00 were given out to MRCS Miri Chapter, MRCS Sunflower Centre and MRCS Dialysis Centre, Palliative Care Association of Miri, The National Autism Society of Malaysia and PibakisMiri at RM2,000 each. RM11,000.00 was an accumulation of the RM1 Charity Fund and the balance of RM1,000,00 was topped up by the Ladies Line Dance.

With effect from 1st April, 2013, the Charity Fund is increased from RM1.00 to RM2.00 per month per member and thus our clubs CSR to NGOs and community in Miri doubles to slightly over RM20,000 per year, and so our contributions to the respective organizations will double and may include other new deserving NGOs in years ahead.

Our Club also hosted and organized a number of charity events. The following golf charity competitions were held:

1. Junior Charity Golf 'Go Bald' Pro Praew

Date: 12th May, 2013

Amount Collected: RM101,000 + RM5,000 from KGM Charity Fund

Pay To: Sarawak Children Cancer Society

2. SCGA and DGA Charity Golf Competition

Date: 20th July, 2013

Amount collected: RM10,000.00

Pay To: Kampung Dato

3. Fund Raising for Fire Victims at KampungAwat-Awat, Lawas

Date: 19th November, 2013

Amount collected: RM5,211.34

Pay To: Jawatankuasa Penyelaras Bencana Kebakaran Kampung Hujung Awat-Awat, Sundar, Lawas.

There were also a number of private charity golf events held at our club which are not mentioned here.

SPONSORS AND MEMBERS

Our club is run on volunteer service by members and many golf events are dependent on sponsors and kind donations. To all the volunteers whose names too many to mention and to all sponsors, thank you for your selfless contributions and generous sponsorships both in cash and in kind. On behalf of the club and all the golfers, thank you once again.

And finally to all the members, thank you for your cooperation, understanding and support given to me and the Management Committee during our tenure.

DR. PHILIP RAJA
CAPTAIN