

CAPTAIN REPORT 2012

Introduction

I am honored to have been able to serve my second year as the Club Captain alongside a team of committed Management Committee. The year had been a challenging one with our golfing calendar being filled in with more events that were sanctioned by Sarawak Golf Association (SGA). Those events had attracted participation not only with Sarawak but also from neighboring Brunei Darusallam, Sabah anslo from Penisular Malaysia. I am also proud to note that we have successfully organize our club events as scheduled and more importantly, within the budget.

We have been able to carry out our planned upkeep, maintenance and improvement of our course on a low budget. There are also a other significant milestones achieved within the areas of Term Membership, Visiting Membership, election into SGA Committee, qualifying as R&A Rules Official, etc. These will be elaborated further in this report.

We are most honoured to receive visitors from the Sarawak Chinese Golf Association on 21st July, 2012. A contingent of 20 Chinese golfers from all over Sarawak, led by their President, congregated at the Club. In welcoming the group, the management committee had a round of 18 holes golf followed by buffet lunch.

ADMINISTRATION

Our website is very resourceful. We encourage members to make full use of all the features available on the website, all up-to-date news are being posted out there, monthly and yearly statements of account, online payments, online golf booking, 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 and it is assured of accurate information being posted into their account.

The Club has achieved a new milestone with the successful installation of the online payment. This has been announced to members in the website. Of late, only a handful of members have taken advantage of this facility. We do encourage members to use this online payment.

To run our golf operation, we have fifteen staff. This includes the provision of a 24-hour security. Through their commitment, they are able to cope with the arduous task. On the part of the club, we have conducted inhouse meetings to motivate them to be committed to their work.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 41 new members and the total registered members as at 31st December 2012 stood at 907 members. New Member's Night were held on 9th January 2012 and 16th July, 2012 as a traditional way to welcome them to KGM.

I am also honored to inform members that we have eight Term Members now. The Management Committee has also decided to allow Term Members to participate in Club Tournaments. With this, we hope that our Term Membership would be able to attract more golfers who are on short assignment to Miri to take up this very attractive offer.

I am also pleased to note that we have attracted two new Visiting Members this year.

Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) Rules School

This year, we have also achieved another milestone as two of our members namely Hon. Secretary Robert Inging and Hon. Competition Secretary Jayson Lai have both passed the Level 2 Rules School which was held in Bangi Golf Resort, Selangor from 16th till 18th November 2012. With this, they have been invited to join the "MGA Panel of Referees". However, as part of the MGA procedures, they have to undergo apprenticeship at designated tournaments. We look forward to them satisfying all "Standard Operating Procedure of the MGA Rules Committee" in 2013. Congratulations to both of them. Special thanks to Dr. John Yeo for his assistance in providing Rules Tutorials.

Financial

Financially, I am confident to say that we have managed well. Prudent spending is always our priority. Our main spending goes to the maintenance of the golf course as it is the core facility of the club. I am sure you will agree with me that the course has greatly improved in terms of quality and playability; this is achieved through much attention, concentration and deliberation input by the

Course & Greens Team apart from the funds which was spent slightly more as compared to last year. The depreciating clubhouse has also absorbed quite a substantial sum of money from the club's funds.

COMPETITION

Among the Open Tournament held in 2012, three of them were entrusted to KGM by SGA and they include:

1. 43rd Men & 24th Ladies Sarawak Amateur Open Golf Championship from 27th to 29th April, 2012

183 players took part and the Champions went to Lee Ka Tung of Sibu Golf Club and Loy Hee Ying of Malaysian Golf Association for the Men and Ladies respectively.

2. 14th Borneo Ladies Golf Challenge Trophies from 13th to 14th March 2012. 138 ladies from Sabah, Brunei, Labuan and Sarawak participated in this annual popular ladies event. Sarawak team came in second with the top 4 players: Martina Sim, Muren Wan, Marilyn Raja and Lee Miew Jin.

3. Sarawak Junior Open Golf Championship from 14th to 15th November, 2012.

63 players took part in this 2 days' tournament. The Champions went to Jordan Jude Tay from Kelab Golf Miri and Jaclyn Chen Jin Yi from Kelab Golf Miri.

Two other Open Tournaments were KGM very own, namely:

1. 24th KGM Amateur Open Golf Championship (YBhg Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr. George Chan Trophies) from 21st to 23rd September, 2012.

213 players took part in this 3 days' tournament which ended on a high note at the prize giving lunch. Guests were entertained by a live band and dances, and treats of local produce and Kelabit delicacy.

The Champions went to Hassan Rahmat of Kelab Golf Miri and Diana Tham Shen Yen of Sabah Golf & Country Club for the Men and Ladies respectively.

2. 8th KGM Junior Golf Championship (Dato' Sebastian Ting Trophy) from 6th to 7th June, 2012.

66 players took part in this 2 days' tournament. The Champion went to Malcolm Adam Tay from Kelab Golf Miri.

KGM's Champions of the year 2012 are;

Kunjin Sandhu

1. Men's Strokeplay Club Championship was held on 4th, 10th and 11th March, 2012.
2. Men's Matchplay Club Championship was held on 8th, 14th and 15th April, 2012.

Lynda Bala

3. Ladies' Strokeplay Club Championship was held on 8th, 9th and 10th May, 2012.
4. Ladies' Matchplay Club Championship was held on 24th, 25th and 26th July, 2012.

Law Wai Min

5. Men's Medal of Medalist was held on 24th and 25th November, 2012.

Rusnah Abdul Rahman

6. Ladies' Medal of Medalist was held on 8th December, 2012.

Other Sponsored Competitions held were:

1. May Day Golf Sponsor: Mr. O 1st May, 2012
2. 23rd YB Dato' Sri Peter Chin & 18th Datin Sri Ruby Chan Golf Challenge Trophies 25th to 26th August, 2012
3. 9th YB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Alfred Jabu & 7th Senator Dato Sri Empian Jabu Golf Challenge trophies 3rd November, 2012
4. Japanese Golf Association 10th November, 2012
5. Highlander Golf Tournament 17th November, 2012
6. Shell Golf Tournament 18th November, 2012

Apart from the norm, a Caddy Competition was held on 28th November, 2012. The event was open not only to all active caddies, but also to staff, golf course workers, catering workers, driving range workers and half-way canteens' workers. Through this event, the management hoped to build closer bond of working together for a better KGM. There were four sections; Open Section Winner – Abdul Faisal, Staff Section Winner – K C and Ladies Section Winner – Yusni Sim Khalid.

CLUBHOUSE

Clubhouse maintenance repair works that was carried out during the year were;

1. Repair of the 2 ceiling units air-conditioners
2. Replacement of worn out curtains at the First Floor Function Hall and the KTV Room
3. Installation of CCTVs at the Frontdesk, KTV Room and Golf Bag Parking Bay.
4. Repair of Ground Floor Rooftop Spandex

5. Replacement of 1 unit air-conditioner in the Operation (Manager's) Room.
6. Replacement of 4 sets of swimming pool chairs and tables

The following are our F&B contractors:

Clubhouse terrace – New Wok

Front Nine Canteen – Puan Hajijah Bte Abdul Gani

Back Nine Canteen – Puan Mordiah Bte Abang

COURSE & GREENS

2012 has been quite a busy period for the Course & Green Department. Some of our projects for the course had to be on hold to cater to the numerous club activities. We have had a fair bit of 'major' tournaments apart from the usual sponsored and club sanctioned games. The 'majors' were: The Borneo Ladies Challenge Trophy, Sarawak Amateur Open, KGM Open and The Sarawak Junior Open. All these require the course to be in acceptable condition. Somehow we managed.

Among the projects that were put on hold was the 'seranggoonisation' of all greens. So far four greens had been re-turfed with Seranggoon grass. Only greens number one and two are left. Hopefully these can be achieved this December and in February 2013. A major work undertaken after KGM Open was the restructuring and re-turfing of green number five.

Re-turfing and changing the base soil of tee boxes was a major exercise undertaken as these did not affect club activities. Most of the raised tee-boxes were sand based and turfed with Seranggoon or Bermuda grass. The grass did not grow well as water was not retained in the sand. The sand was changed to yellow earth and the grass changed to cow-grass as this type of grass is hardy and requires less attention.

Our fairways are quite low and with the high water table (with the sea on one side and the river on the other) we frequently encounter soft grounds whenever prolonged rain occurs. This becomes worse when the downpour is simultaneous with king tide. This was the case in late October and early November this year. To raise the fairways require much money but we tried where possible without straining our pockets. This is an ongoing process.

Hole number fourteen is slowly but surely being eroded by the river water. Most of the trees and shrubs are in the water. If left unattended we may be left with only part of the fairway. We tried to stem the erosion but to no avail. A report was made to the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) followed by a meeting between the Divisional Engineer and the Management Committee. The discussion is ongoing.

Next, I would like to mention here is on spending! As many of us may not be aware, the golf course operates with a very minimal number of machines. Many at times, the Course & Greens Department faced much tough times; especially approaching a competition during the weekend and coincidentally, one machine broke down and is in need of spares, which is not available locally. By hook or by crook, they have to settle it before the competition day. Though our machines are being maintained with optimum care, a majority of them are more than 10 years now, it is eating either into the course maintenance expenditures or capital expenditure and whatever it is, a higher spending is necessary for the course and greens in the next two to five years. The committee has planned to replace new ones gradually by order of priority. This year, we will be buying 3 units machines.

HANDICAP

Most of the handicap work is governed by the National Handicap System. The database is kept at Malaysian Golf Association Data Centre. During the year, the Handicap Committee has exercised his jurisdiction to adjust any member whose monthly handicap computation has gone up more than two strokes difference within three months.

There were also member's whose handicap were not listed in the monthly handicap list. We believe this is caused by the NHS's system. The said matter has been brought to the attention of Malaysian Golf Association.

LADIES

Apart from the major events mentioned under Competition Report above, the ladies had their calendar full of activities.

1. Ladies Captain Trophy Sponsor: Angelina Benjamin 16th October, 2012
2. Lynda Bala's Birthday Game 21st February, 2012
3. Ladies Captain's Birthday Game 24th April, 2012
4. Metaweld Golf Challenge Trophy 20th November, 2012
5. Marilyn's Sponsored Birthday Game (Doctors and Nurses @ KGM) 4th December, 2012

Golfing outside KGM:

6. Inter-club with Panaga at Panaga Golf Club, Seria 18th May, 2012
7. Triangle Game; Kelab Golf Miri / Panaga Golf Club / Brunei Ladies Golf Association hosted by Panaga Ladies 29th June, 2012
8. 4th Asian Ladies Interport Invitational Golf Tournament, Pattaya, Thailand 29th October to 2nd November, 2012

SENIOR

The Senior Section under the Captainship of Mr. Moses Ting and his committee had 6 Bi-Medal Competitions held on 18th February, 2012, 22nd April, 2012, 23rd June, 2012, 8th September, 2012, 14th October, 2012 and 15th December, 2012. As many as fifty golfers participated.

The Senior Champion of Champions was held on 15th December, 2012, with Goh Soon Cheng emerged as the Senior Champion.

JUNIOR

In the not too distant past, the game of golf gave the impression it was only for the rich and elite groups of the community. Golfers more or less created their skills on their own, without help at an early age. Sheer drive, ambition and a certain level of natural ability were the main keys to become successful.

Today, it has all changed. Children have much more support.

No longer are kids serving as caddies to learn the sport, or simply hanging around the golf course and driving range or learning on their own.

KGM Junior Golf Development Program, under the patronage of Kelab Golf Miri, was initiated by former club captain Dato' Sebastian Ting in 1999. Since then, and under the leadership of - subsequent captains, Tan Sri Datuk Jimmy Lau and Councilor Dr. Philip Raja, the form and shape of KGM Junior Golf Development program has changed. From a simple driving range and course practise to a more comprehensive and wholesome program to develop a more rounded golfer who, not only knows how to play the game but are familiar with the rules and etiquette and has the physical fitness to challenge golfers over the world.

It has been a busy year for the KGM JGDP committee. Compilation and documentation of JGDP methodology and syllabus incorporating many past successful methods and syllabus and lessons learned over the years was undertaken to become the club's standards and guidelines. Incentives and reward programs, its criterions and procedures were documented, for clarity and transparency, and as goals to be achieved by our junior golfers. This year also saw the implementation of physical training to improve stamina and short game competition to horn our juniors skills, in addition to the traditional driving range practise and monthly junior monthly medals. A rules and etiquette workshop was also conducted in the last quarter of this year prior to the Sarawak Junior Open and the Sarawak Chief Minister's cup.

It is still work in progress, as the road to create a wholesome JGDP is long and arduous, and KGM JGDP has just started its journey of a thousand miles.

The MGA president, Tan Sri Dato' Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor, was in Miri for the Sarawak Junior Open, and was significantly impressed with the club's effort and this was reciprocated with a small grant by MGA to the KGM JGDP.

This year saw Kimberly Nelson being 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. The program targetted for 8 candidates.

Kimberly was offered the scholarship together with a few others golfers after the briefing at CILC and the Placement Test followed by interview. The placement test was to gauge level of education and the command of English. The syllabus at CILC is the Cambridge International Certificate of Secondary Education.

On the whole, it can be said that KGM JGDP is the most successful compared to other golf clubs in Sarawak.

Many thanks to our club members. Without their understanding, we may not even be able to have our junior monthly medal. Many thanks to the parents, who have committed their time and effort to allow their children the opportunity and time to learn this game. Many thanks to the sponsors whose monetary contribution helps to keep the prizes and food interesting and palatable. Many thanks to the volunteers who have contributed time and effort in the many tournaments for the juniors. And last but not least, many thanks to you, young golfers, for believing in yourself and wanting to learn this game.

CADDY

We have tried all sorts of ways to recruit caddies and one must admit this is not easy. From the schools to the army camp, from the Labour Department and all the way, even to the by-ways; the caddies, staff and the management committee put in every effort to recruit students, armies and unemployed personnels to work as caddies just to ensure that there are sufficient caddies for all the major open tournaments namely; the 14th BLGCT, 8th KGM Junior Championship, 24th KGM Open, Sarawak Junior Open and the many sponsored competitions that attracts of crowd of more than 200 golfers.

On normal days, the management tried its best to train and keep new caddies to work on regular basis.

While we realized that the caddies conduct is unacceptable, the staff force from Golf and Security sections are now working together to instill discipline on caddies. We hereby seek member's cooperation not to select caddies as well as pay them according to the Club's prevailing published caddy rates.

The increased in buggies from two to six units have greatly ease our weekly caddies shortages. Through the rental of buggies, it has also generated some income to the Club.

GREENCHAT

I would like thank Ms Winni Saba and her team for their relentless efforts in working on the greenchat and ensuring that the highest standard of article is

being documented in our yearly issue. And I am proud to say that they achieved. The magazine is getting better and better.

Congratulations to our Greenchat Team!

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

I would like to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to my fellow management committee, ladies committee, senior committee, junior committee, rules committee and greenchat editorial team for their commitment and hardwork in ensuring a smooth running of the club.

And also to this special group of people and organizations; THE SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS AND HELPERS -THANK YOU for your continuous faithful services and generous contributions towards the success of all the Club's major tournaments held during the year.

DR. PHILIP RAJA

CAPTAIN