

Tampines Course

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

(PART 1) SUBMITTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The original Tampines golf course was built in 1988. It was redeveloped in 2000. A minor renovation programme was carried out in 2009 to extend the playability of the course. Members have come to love the mature trees and the challenging layout which forces the players to be creative in shotmaking. In some way, the first nine has a “Forest” feel while the 2nd nine gives you the “Lake” feel.



Our Garden course lost some 10 hectares of land to the airport expansion last year. The planned ECP highway expansion would further cut into part of the Garden course within the next few years. We intend to apply for additional land to mitigate this. However, the additional land applied for, if successful, will not be available until the airport developments are completed. This has made the intended restoration of the Garden course uncertain.

In order to regain TMCC’s status as a premier club that provides the members with a high quality international championship golf course which is enjoyable to all, yet challenging to the professionals, the General Committee has decided to redevelop the Tampines course.

There is also the need to be self-sufficient in water for the irrigation of both courses. The Public Utilities Board has advised that our future water needs cannot be guaranteed due to the competing demand from the industries. In view of this, we need to create lakes of sufficient capacity at Tampines to meet the irrigation needs of our two courses.

In addition, after some 16 years, the time and weather elements have taken their toll on the Tampines course. The lake walls have collapsed in many areas and the spare parts for the water irrigation system are out of production. The drainage pipes that are broken are choked by the tree roots. The turf on the greens, fairways and tees have been contaminated by other species. Organic matter has dominated the fairway surface resulting in it adhering to the face of the golf club after each stroke.



When the redeveloped Tampines course is completed, we aspire to host major international golf tournaments commensurate with TMCC's status as a premier club and make the new Tampines course, a reputable international championship course.

Since the Land Transport Authority and the Public Utilities Board had finalised the road and canal planning for Tampines course, the General Committee gave its approval in March 2016 to the redevelopment of Tampines course and approved the appointment of the Tampines Redevelopment Committee headed by President, Ho Beng Huat. The other members of the committee are Lee Kwong Weng, Goh Hup Chor, Goh Hoon Pur, David Soh and Lee Lian Hong. They will be assisted by Kok Min Yee and Ian Roberts.

The Redevelopment Committee decided to retain the services of golf course designer, Phil Jacobs, who has been involved with the Tampines conceptual design since 2009. He was also the designer of our Garden course in 2004 and the reconfigured Garden course in 2015.



Phil was one of the founding partners of Gary Player Design, based in Johannesburg. He has experience in golf course construction and maintenance. His land surveying background stands him in good stead when it comes to setting out levels and grades for golf courses.

Among the courses that Phil was directly involved with are:

1. The Links, Fancourt Hotel and Residential Estate, George. South Africa (Ranked No 1 in South Africa and in top 50 worldwide by Golf Digest)
2. Leopard Creek, next to Kruger National Park. South Africa (Ranked No 2 in South Africa. Hosts a European Tour event every year)
3. Ria Bintan. Indonesia (Ranked best course in Indonesia in 2014 by Asian Golf Monthly)
4. Château de Taulane. South East France – France (Ranked 4th in France and 25th in the European Union.)
5. Jockey Club. Kau Sai Chau (North) - Hong Kong

From the standpoint of project timeline, the following key activities are envisaged:

1. Sign-off of golf course design
- June 2016
2. Tendering for and appointment of Consultants
- July 2016
viz Civil & Structural, Mechanical & Electrical, Irrigation, Project Manager and Architect
3. Presentation of the new design to members
- August 2016
4. Tendering for and award of course construction
- December 2016

The Redevelopment Committee has invited several architectural firms to submit their ideas for the clubhouse and, when finalised, the details will be shared with members.

For the redevelopment of the **Tampines course**, the **design philosophy** that is being employed encompasses the following main fundamentals:

1. The golf course must be fun to play for all levels of golfers
2. From the championship tee markers, the test must be outstanding but fair
3. The golf course must be suitable to host major Professional Tournaments with first class viewing areas for spectators and ease of movement for spectators
4. The re-contouring of the golf course must be pleasing to the eye while providing a wide variety of lies to the golfer
5. There will be a wide variety of holes from short to very long. Direction of prevailing winds determines the length and direction of key holes
6. The golf course must be memorable. Each hole must have a special charm and a challenge of its own
7. The bunkering style will be classical and simple from the Golden Era of golf course Architecture in America. This period was from the late 1800's to the mid 1930's
8. The golf course must be a parkland style of golf course without each fairway necessarily being lined on both sides with solid tree plantings. Tree planting to be done to allow the golfer long views at key points on the course
9. The golf course must be simple to maintain. The grass types currently under consideration are the same grasses on the tees, fairways, roughs and greens on the Garden course

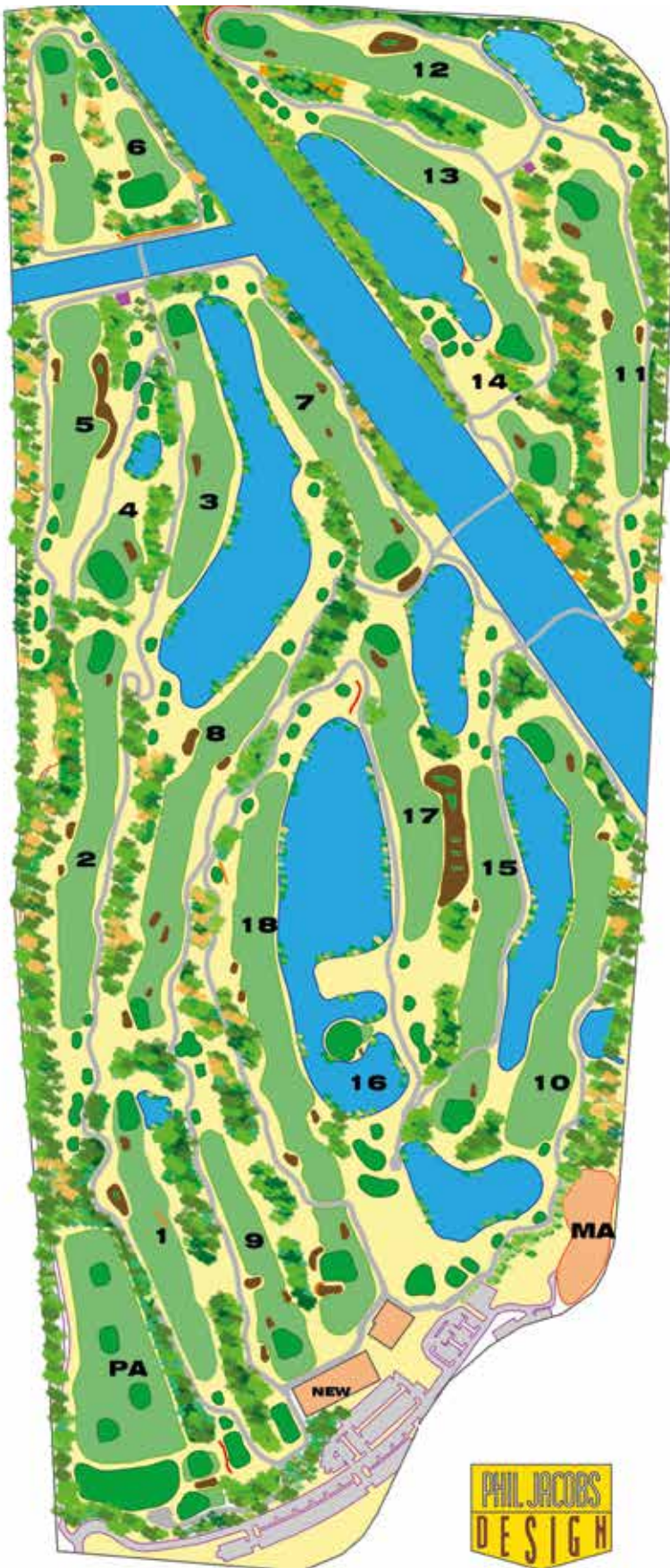
10. Each green complex will be unique and stand on its own
11. The strategy of the golf course will reward strategic play
12. Most of the greens will have a portion of the front of the green open, to allow the running shot to run onto the green
13. Water will come into play on 10 of the holes. Ample width in the landing areas will provide the option of conservative play
14. Where feasible, sensor technology will be exploited to optimise the watering needs of the course and help to conserve water

The redeveloped Tampines course will surpass the existing Garden and Tampines course in all aspects and will be among the best championship course in Singapore and the region

Tentatively, the current Tampines course will be closed from January 2017 to March 2018, subject to reconfirmation. The General Committee is mindful of the members' playing time at Garden when Tampines is closed and is looking at options to minimise disruption to members' ability to get tee-times. The appropriate announcement will be released in due time.

As we embark on this exciting project, The Redevelopment Committee will issue updates to keep members in tune with the project progress. We are looking forward to showing the members the display of the redeveloped Tampines by August which will give a much better feel of the new course. ❖

TAMPINES COURSE MASTER PLAN



TAMPINES PROVISIONAL SCORE 3/06/2016

HOLE	PAR	BLACK	SPARE	SPARE	BLUE	WHITE	SPARE	RED
1	4	351			331	313		288
2	4	475	450	435	412	374		365
3	4	410			382	362		322
4	3	232			200	193		161
5	5	573	534		508	467	449	416
6	3	161			141	125		112
7	4	390			376	312		296
8	5	529			471	437		380
9	4	309			296	276		233
10	5	547	524		527	494	455	399
11	4	394			369	352		317
12	4	402			380	361		319
13	4	376			357	335		311
14	3	185			161	143		134
15	4	465		422	403	362		352
16	3	148			124	106		96
17	4	405			386	355		313
18	5	579	546	524	497	440		396
TOTAL	72	6931			6321	5807		5210