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# COURSE MAINTENANCE IS CRUCIAL TO TMCC WHICH RELISHES TRANSPARENCY

*By Godfrey Robert*



## Club introduces new online golf balloting system due to high demand

**D**uring a period of intense activity on the golf courses in Phase Two of the Circuit Breaker, the paramount job for any golf club is course maintenance.

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced golfers to play only in Singapore as favourite destinations such as Bintan, Batam and Johor still remain out of bounds.

This has forced the traffic flow on golf courses to be at the highest. In response to the heavy demand in recent months, Tanah Merah Country Club will introduce a new online golf balloting system from Nov 17.

It will provide members with an equal opportunity to secure a tee-time in an orderly process and further nullify any advantages as fastest fingers first, good internet connection and a type of device used.

Members can join the ballot anytime from 6.30am, which is 30 minutes before the timesheet is open at 7am, seven days prior to the date of play. There is no time limit in selecting a flight, however, once you have chosen your tee-time you have three minutes to complete your booking.

If members do not complete their booking within the allotted three minutes, their selected tee-time will be released back into the timesheet. And once the timesheet opens, members can typically

expect all available flights to be taken up between 15 and 20 minutes (for details see the club website). So maximum usage of courses has seen the fairways and greens suffering increased "beating" and drives golfers to adhere strictly to course etiquette and care for the surroundings.

This is where course maintenance becomes a premium, and at TMCC that is a top priority. And who better than Jafferri, the Tampines Course Maintenance Supervisor, who has increased his workload just to ensure this after having been with the club for 24 years.

This is the first job for the father of five who oversees the Tampines course as though it is "his baby". The popular personality is at the course before sunrise and attends to every small detail related to course maintenance.

His work entails extraordinary experience and wisdom to make judgment calls, and he has been carrying out his duties in such an exemplary manner. Despite the difficult period of overuse, the course conditions at both the TMCC courses, Garden and Tampines, have been pristine.

The Covid-19 pandemic had also brought many activities to a standstill during the four-month Phase One period, as all focus was on patients stricken with the virus with the healthcare workers slogging overtime to attend to the sick people as hospitals struggled to cope with the virus as many lives were at risk.



But where TMCC was concerned during the period of inactivity on the golf courses, its management and staff were engaged in worthwhile duties like spring cleaning and maintenance works on areas that needed attention.

The pre-historic creatures such as the Tyrannosaurus Rex have now “come alive” as the walkers and cyclists go past them in awe and wonderment as they also soak in a learning experience from the colourful exhibits like gigantic dinosaur eggs. The Changi Airport Connector is 3.5 kilometres long with a cycling and jogging path that links Changi Airport to East Coast Park and the Park Connector Network with a section hugging the TMCC.

TMCC is one club that attends to feedback, and whenever courses undergo renovation a survey is done to gauge opinions. When Tampines underwent redevelopment, one feedback was that putting was a problem for many social golfers. To address this bane, in this issue club pro Goh Kun Yang, a former national player, has offered useful tips on putting which is very crucial



in determining scores. Many juniors have benefited from his advice and seniors would do well to follow his tips.

TMCC also treasures staff loyalty, as seen by Jafferi's long tenure and the fact that the club had not let off any staff despite the pandemic hurt. Another obvious trait at TMCC is the promotion of transparency and visibility with all things that matter to members and staff, and this is professionally done through the club's social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) and online magazine.

That is why TMCC is a club that is so special.

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# MEET THE MAN WHO TAKES CARE OF THE GREENS AT TAMPINES COURSE

**M**aintaining a golf game is a hard enough task for many amateurs. You need a slice of luck; a bit of ability and your yardages must be right or else you find the hazards. And very few social golfers play to their handicaps because the index reflects your potential not your real game.

But if you accept that it is a hard enough job, what about the rigours and tasks of maintaining a golf course, considering that many golf courses have heavy traffic. And in tropical climate, like here in Singapore, you are subject to the vagaries of sunshine, rain, winds and landscaping problems. So a momentary lapse in course maintenance judgment can cause major issues.

Jafferi, Tanah Merah Country Club's ever-present Course Maintenance Supervisor, is fully

aware of these. And he has been taking care of Tampines Course like his own child for the past 24 years.

Being his first (and so far only) job, TMCC has a special place in Jafferi's heart. A father to five lovely kids, with the youngest serving National Service and the eldest on the cusp of getting married, he is certainly familiar with unique challenges involved in keeping a family together.

To him, maintaining a Golf Course is very much the same. He says: "You have to know when to step in when the situation calls for it and also how to take a step back to allow Mother Nature to run its intended course."

It takes extraordinary experience and wisdom to make judgment calls in this capacity and to that end, Jafferi credits the club's

General Manager, Kok Min Yee, as having played an influential role in showing him the ropes in Golf Course Maintenance during the latter's tenure as Golf Course Superintendent back in the day. A typical day in Jafferi's life involves getting to Tampines Course bright and early before the sun rises. After settling down, he immediately sets off on a full round of the course and checks for any abnormalities (e.g. if any of the sprinklers have popped out or parts of the course turf that require repair). Following that, his crew is briefed on their respective duties for the day. These include but are not limited to mowing the grass, checking the fairways and scheduling regular irrigation.

Every now and then, a spell of heavy rain overnight can cause the golf course to be heavily saturated. Often, this results in

the bunkers being washed out and unplayable. It requires significant man-hours to restore them to their original condition and in some cases, the sand could be contaminated with soil.

Playability is often impacted for days to come, and there may be long-term problems with sand quality and drainage due to the contamination. These are among the numerous challenges confronting Jafferi and his Golf Course Maintenance team at Tampines Course every day. Still, they always perform their duties with a smile on their faces.

It goes without saying that Jafferi is familiar with the more unusual residents of the Tampines Course. Bees, monitor lizards, otters, snakes and even monkeys have been found to be inhabiting the course. Once, he even got stung by Malayan Bees at Hole 8 of the old Tampines Course! Jokes aside, what does one do when he encounters one of these creatures?

According to Jafferi, the best advice is to simply stay away and leave them alone. After all, both animals and humans have their own roles to play in keeping Mother Nature in perfect harmony.

And in a Golf Course, preserving this symbiotic relationship is undeniably beneficial given the often-high degree of interaction between both parties. In the unlikely situation when a venomous snake, like the King Cobra or a Hornet's Nest, is found and deemed to be a threat, pest control will be called in to remove them.

It's not just all work and no play for Jafferi though. The man likes to spend his days-off fishing at popular spots like Changi, East Coast and Pasir Ris.

***In his over two decades of service at Tanah Merah Country Club, there is nothing that Jafferi has not experienced or seen.***

As most would be aware of, fishing is a hobby that requires intense concentration and nerves of steel. You can idle at the same spot for hours and not get a single bite but the moment something comes along, one has to be ready to seize the opportunity and reel in the catch.

Jafferi always reminisces fondly the day he and a bunch of friends caught a 40-kilogramme stingray at the Bedok Jetty, which they eventually released due to its gargantuan size.

In his over two decades of service at Tanah Merah Country Club, there is nothing that Jafferi has not experienced or seen. From falling after attempting to pluck a mango from a tree at the old Tampines Course to seeing a golf buggy end up in one of the lakes or even hearing the odd spooky tale from colleagues or members. Nothing surprises him anymore.

By now, he is definitely as permanent a fixture on the Tampines Course as anyone else is and

Members are certainly generous in their praise of a man that has come to call the club his second home.

While admitting that the revamped Tampines Course is certainly harder to maintain compared to the old Tampines due to its greater number of undulations, it's a challenge that Jafferi and his team continue to eagerly embrace.

So, the next time you venture out onto the greens for a game of golf, spare a thought for the selfless individuals like Jafferi specialising in course maintenance and are tirelessly working behind the scenes whether rain or shine, to make everything run like clockwork.







# NEW ONLINE GOLF BALLOTING BOOKING SYSTEM WEEKDAYS ONLY

We are pleased to announce that the NEW ONLINE GOLF BALLOTING BOOKING SYSTEM will commence from **17 November 2020, Tuesday. Starting at 7:00 AM.**

This NEW system is being launched in response to the extraordinarily high demand for golf flights in recent months.

It will provide all members with an equal opportunity to secure a tee-time in an orderly process and further nullify any advantages such as fastest fingers first, good internet connection and type of device used.

For more details, please peruse the following sections over the next few pages.

- **Step-by-Step User Guide**
- **Revised Booking Policies**
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

Please note that the **Weekend Balloting System** will continue unchanged until further notice and shall be conducted every Friday.

## NEW ONLINE GOLF BALLOTING BOOKING SYSTEM

# STEP BY STEP USER GUIDE

- To be launched on **Tuesday, 17 November 2020**.
- Members can **"Join Ballot"** from **6.30am** and the timesheet will open at 7.00am for members' booking

STEP  
1

Login via TMCC website, "Members' Login (Golf Booking)" page.



STEP  
2

Select your preferred course (Garden/Tampines).

Members Home



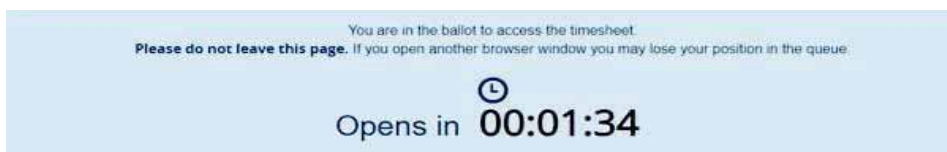
STEP  
3

Click "Join Ballot".



STEP  
4

Once you join the Ballot, you are in a virtual "waiting room" before the timesheet is open. Please do not leave the page.





## NEW ONLINE GOLF BALLOTING BOOKING SYSTEM

# STEP BY STEP USER GUIDE

### STEP 5

If you use multiple browsers to login, you may see the screen below. Please be reminded that you are only allowed to use **one browser** to join the Ballot.

**You have added yourself to the queue more than once!**

(It appears you have opened multiple browser windows and added yourself to the ticketing queue more than once. Please close this window and return to your original session to access the timesheet.)

### STEP 6

**Five (5) seconds** before the timesheet opens, all members who have joined the Ballot will receive a **queue number**, which is **randomly allocated** by the system.

### STEP 7

At 7.00am when the timesheet opens, the first **five (5) members** will be allowed to enter the **timesheet** to make their booking and all others will receive their queue number, which will indicate their "Current Position". As one member exits the timesheet, your queue number (current position) will be reduce by one, and when your queue number (current position) reaches zero, you will be automatically allowed entry into the timesheet to make your booking.

Due to heavy demand you have been placed in a queue.



**Current Position : 1**



**Approximate Slots Available : ~12**



**Approximate Full Flights Available : ~3**

You will be automatically redirected to the booking page when your position reaches zero.





## NEW ONLINE GOLF BALLOTING BOOKING SYSTEM

# STEP BY STEP USER GUIDE

### STEP 8

Select tee time and complete your booking within 3 minutes.

07:31 am 1st Tee AM	BOOK GROUP 1/18 Free				
07:39 am 1st Tee AM	BOOK GROUP 1/18 Free				
07:47 am 1st Tee AM	BOOK GROUP 1/18 Free				
07:55 am 1st Tee AM	BOOK GROUP 1/18 Free				

### STEP 9

The Waitlist will be available for registration by phone from 07:30am through the Golf Office.





## NEW ONLINE GOLF BALLOTING BOOKING SYSTEM

# REVISED BOOKING POLICIES

The Booker **MUST** play in the flight which he/she had booked.

Flights are non-transferrable.

If the Booker does not show up on the day of play he/she will be charged a no-show fee of \$250.00 (before GST).

Maximum of ONE booking per Membership per day.

If both the Principal Member and Spouse have booked a flight each on the same day, the Spouse's booking will be automatically cancelled, and the flight will be returned to the waiting list.

# REVISED CANCELLATION POLICY

Weekday and Weekend Bookings:

Cancellations must be made within 2 days from the date of booking, by phone only, before 5.00pm.

Example: Booking made on 1 Dec 2020, must be cancelled before 3 Dec 2020, 5.00pm.

Penalty for non-compliance: Booker will be charged \$250.00 (before GST).





## NEW ONLINE GOLF BALLOTING BOOKING SYSTEM

### FAQ'S (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

**Q. What is the "Ballot"?**

The "Ballot" is a virtual waiting room where members who have logged-in can wait to receive their queue number, which is randomly assigned by the system 5 seconds before the timesheet opens.

**Q. When can I join the "Ballot"?**

Members can join the "Ballot" anytime from 6:30am, which is 30 mins before the timesheet is open at 7:00am.

**Q. If I join the "Ballot" early, does this assure me of a low queue number?**

Members who join the "Ballot" early is not at an advantage as 5 seconds before the timesheet opens, the system will randomly assign the queue number (to enter the timesheet) based on the number of members present in the "Ballot". Queue numbers are NOT assigned based on who joins the "Ballot" first.

**Q. What time will the timesheet open?**

The timesheet shall be open from 7:00am, 7 days prior to the date of play.

**Q. How much time do I have to make my booking once I am in the timesheet?**

There is no time limit in selecting a flight. However, once you have chosen your tee-time you have 3 minutes to complete your booking (you will be able to see the 180-second countdown timer). If members do not complete their booking within the allotted 3 minutes, their selected tee-time will be released back into the timesheet.

**Q. How long will I have to wait before I can expect to make my booking?**

Once the timesheet opens, members can typically expect all available flights to be taken up within 15 to 20 mins. The total time taken is dependent on your position in the queue.

**Q. What if my queue number is larger than the flights available?**

Members should not give up their position in the queue once the timesheet starts unless there are no more flights available, as members ahead of you in the queue may give up their position.

**Q. Can I change my mind and join the other "Ballot" when I'm already in the "Ballot" for one course?**

Yes, members may leave one "Ballot" and join the other "Ballot". However, if you are already assigned a queue number in one "Ballot", you will lose your assigned queue number when you leave the "Ballot".

**Q. What are my options if I cannot secure a flight?**

If members are unable to secure a flight, members may call the golfing office from 7.30am onwards to be placed on the waiting list.

**Q. If I play in a regular group is there a function to help speed up the booking process?**

If you regularly play with the same group of players, you can set up a default group booking to quicken the booking process. When you click on the BOOK in the timesheet, the system will ask whether you would like to book your Default Group and when you select 'Yes', your playing partners will appear automatically.



# PUTTING FUNDAMENTALS

**M**any of my clients who have had putting lessons or individual practice sessions typically struggle to align their putts to the target with either their golf ball or putter face. This is a common fault that I see with many clients.

Most golfers would then attribute their missed putts to poor technique with their stroke. If you happen to fall into that category, you might actually have an Aim Bias.

Aim Bias happens when a golfer has a tendency to aim the putter face in a different direction to the intended line. Depending on their eye position relative to the golf ball, an Aim Bias will cause a golfer to aim more right or left of their chosen target due to the perception difference.

## 2 main areas that can affect your Aim Bias are:

1. Distance to the ball
2. Head tilt - Eye angle to the ball

### Distance to the ball



#### LEFT AIM BIAS

When a player stands too near to the ball, there will be a tendency to position their eyes too far over the ball and this causes a LEFT aim bias.

This LEFT aim bias will cause the player to aim to the right side of their intended target.

A good distance to the ball will allow the eyes to fall directly over the ball or just inside of the players target line.

#### RIGHT AIM BIAS

When a player stands too far away from the ball, there will be a tendency to position their eyes more on the inside of the ball and this causes a RIGHT aim bias.

This RIGHT aim bias will cause the player to aim to the left side of their intended target.

## Head Tilt - Eye angle to the ball



### LEFT AIM BIAS

When a player has insufficient head tilt (chin less tucked in), there will be a tendency for his eye angle to be too far above the ball resulting in a LEFT aim bias.

This LEFT aim bias will cause the player to aim to the right side of their intended target.

The ideal amount of head tilt will allow the eyes to get close to a perpendicular angle to the ball.

### RIGHT AIM BIAS

When a player has excessive head tilt (chin more tucked in), there will be a tendency for his eye angle to be too far inside the ball resulting in a RIGHT aim bias.

This RIGHT aim bias will cause the player to aim to the left side of their intended target.



## PUTTING FUNDAMENTALS



Here is a simple exercise to ensure that your eyes are positioned correctly to help you make more putts.

1. Find a position which has a fairly straight putt and set up an alignment stick aiming straight to the middle of the hole.
2. Without touching the alignment stick, take your address aligning your putter face to the alignment stick without looking at the hole first.
3. Upon turning your head to look at the hole, try to observe if the alignment stick is pointing left of the hole, straight at the hole or right of the hole.

If your alignment stick looks like it is pointing LEFT of the hole, this would mean that you have a LEFT Aim Bias.

### **Adjustments to correct your Left Aim Bias will be:**

- Standing further away from the ball
- Increasing amount of head tilt by having your chin more tucked in

If your alignment stick looks like it is pointing RIGHT of the hole, this would mean that you have a RIGHT Aim Bias.

### **Adjustments to correct your Right Aim Bias will be:**

- Standing closer to the ball
- Reducing the amount of head tilt by lifting your chin away from your chest

Give this exercise a try and gain more confidence when setting up to your putts!

Feel free to reach out for any queries or questions!

Happy golfing!

### **Goh Kun Yang**

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# GARDEN COURSE TREE PLANTING TO ENHANCE SAFETY

We are pleased to announce that the recent Garden Course tree planting project, to enhance safety, has been completed.

Since the new Robert Trent Jones II designed Garden Course opened in February, members' safety has been a top priority. This most recent tree planting project will help to protect golfers from errant golf shots.

All golfers are reminded to shout "FORE" whenever an offline shot is struck so that fellow golfers are alerted to possible incoming danger. Safety would be further enhanced as our trees mature, grow taller and develop dense canopies. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the situation and take additional measures as appropriate to improve safety.

## COMPLETED TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS

**Hole 11:** Schefflera Trees planted left of Buggy Track till the beginning of Tee Box at hole 12

**Tee Box 13:** Yellow Cane Palms planted next to Tee Box to Safeguard from incoming shots received from play into Green 12.

The following photos show the completion of tree planting at holes 8, 14 & 15.



View from tee box #8 - Phoenix Palms (right of tee) to help block errant shots going right to #12 tee box



View from tee #15 - Livistona Palms (left side) to guard shots going left to tee #14



View from tee #14 - Bucida Trees (left side) to protect shots coming from tee #15



# INSTILLING INTEREST

**T**he following scenario is familiar to many parents. We bring our little ones to the range before dinner to sneak off for a quick practice session. Junior picks the club up and starts hitting the nearby 25m with a consistency that warrants a closer look.

Talent!

You know how the story goes from here. Junior is enrolled into a class and does live up to the precious 'talent' we thought he or she had. This phenomenon is not peculiar to golf and is usually the result of turning something fun into work.

While every child has different motivational triggers – we outline some of the observations gleaned from research and experience coaching juniors.

Children are by nature inquisitive and will seek to fulfil their innate curiosity when allowed to. If this self-exploratory process is short-circuited too early with formal coaching, then whatever interest there was is stifled.

We are mindful of this and keep our junior programme sessions fun and devoid of technical terms while improving the swing mechanics of our juniors.

Therefore, we are careful to structure the tasks in our programme to make them a bit like Goldilocks' porridge – not too hot and not too cold. In this case, we set realistic expectations for each junior. We want to make the task achievable, but not without some proper effort. After all, what one works hard for, one tends to cherish.

The accomplishment of tasks that is achievable leads the junior to have positive self-esteem.

Success breeds more success – no one ever hated an activity that he or she is good at. Ever seen your kids say they hate their Nintendo Switch or PlayStation because they were too good at it? They may be bored at the lack of challenge, but they will not hate it.

When kids play a game on the Nintendo Switch, they fail many times to get to the next level. However, in their minds, it is not labelled as such. It's called trying. In our programmes, we eschew labelling shots in a positive or negative way.

A slice is a slice, not a bad shot. Kids and adults, for that matter, learn better when there is no good or bad attached to an action. It's called feedback.

Stay tuned for the next article in our series, where we will talk about building mental toughness in kids – given the times we are in, this is definitely an object lesson.



# Justin Tang

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Justin Tang has been a specialist in junior golf development since 2005.

With a wealth of experience in teaching juniors, his passion lies in introducing the game to TMCC juniors, nurturing their technique and a life-long love for the game. Over the years, some of his juniors have gone on to compete at the collegiate and national level.

Using the American Development Model, his holistic approach balances the mental, physical and technical aspects of the game to meet every TMCC junior's unique needs.

He continues to seek out the brightest coaching minds in the USA and Australia to further refine his system which is based on anatomy and psychology for rapid improvement.

He has been a member of the MG Purestrike Golf Academy in Destin, Florida since 2005. He is also KMG Level 4 certified in Spine Mechanics and Qualitative Biomechanics in Golf.

### FUNdamentals

Boys: 6-9

Girls: 6-8



### Learn to Play

Boys: 9-12

Girls: 8-11



### Play to Improve

Boys: 12-16

Girls: 11-15



### Play to Compete

Boys: 16-23

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# OPENING OF TAMPINES COURSE ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

**We are pleased to announce that the Tampines Course will be open every Wednesday MORNING starting from 14 October 2020. As such, golf bookings for the 14th will commence 7 days in advance at 7.00am on 8 October 2020.**

The additional sessions is open to facilitate members' play given the heavy demand for golf in recent months. As there will be less course maintenance days, we hope that members will do their part in caring for the course by filling divots, repairing ball marks and keeping buggies behind traffic control ropes.

Happy golfing!

Thank you.





# HOLE IN ONE ACHIEVERS

## Ho Siong Hin

Hole #6 (122M)  
TMCC Tampines  
Course  
02.08.2020



## Sarah Tan Wei

Hole #17 (116M)  
TMCC Garden  
Course  
02.08.2020



## Low Chun Yiong

Hole #6 (137M)  
TMCC Tampines  
Course  
22.08.2020



## Hirohide Terunama

Hole #6 (137M)  
TMCC Tampines  
Course  
12.08.2020



## Lim Chiang Wei

Hole #16 (125M)  
TMCC Tampines  
Course  
30.08.2020

## Tan Ching Khoon

Hole #17 (155M)  
TMCC Garden  
Course  
05.09.2020



## Ng Siow How

Hole #7 (131M)  
TMCC Garden  
Course  
11.09.2020

## Jonathan Lee Tien Kuen

Hole #6 (137M)  
TMCC Tampines  
Course  
12.09.2020



## Samir Bedi

Hole #6 (137M)  
TMCC Tampines  
Course  
17.09.2020



## Lily Chew Shue Tiang

Hole #7 (131M)  
TMCC Garden  
Course  
25.09.2020



AUGUST

SEPTEMBER



# EAST COAST PARK BICYCLE TOUR

## ON 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

There were 8 participants for this event, and we decided to prepare 2 waves, namely one at 8.30 and the other at 9.30 am. Dean Singh led the 8.30 am procession of 4 members after a quick safety briefing and conducted the tour promptly. Kesavan oversaw the 2nd wave of 4 members and moved off at 9.30am. The tour covered a few prominent places, namely the parrot park, Amber Beacon Tower (scene of a horrific murder in 1990), the Safety Park (opened in Kallang in 1961) and Big Splash (1977). We provided the history and a brief anecdote of the designated stops.

The leisure cycle had a short break right outside the Keppel Club with a full view of the Marina Bay Sands (MBS) at a designated rest stop. We then cycled back to the start point, namely Carpark E2. Nutritious snacks in the form of bananas, trail mixes, wholesome energy bars and refreshing drinks were made available to our hungry and parched participants. After a brief mingling session, we finally bid our participants goodbye.







By Godfrey Robert

# TMCC HAS ANOTHER REASON FOR TAKING YOU BACK IN HISTORY

## Jurassic Mile blends with the golf club at one section and has exhibits of dinosaurs

**S**ome 15 years ago, I had a golf game with former England football manager Bobby Robson and two friends at Tanah Merah Country Club's Tampines course.

The legendary Robson was 70 then and enjoying his golf with member Patrick Ang and British football commentator John Dykes. But in between shots, he would always stop momentarily and enjoy watching the aeroplanes taking off and landing, uttering "amazing this, every three minutes. What a sight."

The golf club, sitting beside a busy Changi Airport, is an iconic facility, always drawing favourable comments for its location and golfers seldom complain about the jets' loud noise especially while taxiing because of the picturesque sight. Very often we see golfers stopping play to get a few photo shots in from many vantage points with the aeroplanes in the background.

I am sure that if Robson, who passed on 11 years ago, were still around, he would be amazed and intrigued at another new sight that blended into the club recently, that of the Jurassic Mile. Also known as the Changi Airport Connector, it is a 3.5-kilometre cycling and jogging path that links Changi Airport to East Coast Park and the Park Connector Network (PCN) with a section passing through TMCC.





For the first time, visitors and the airport community can cycle or jog to Changi Airport, with convenient access onwards to Jewel Changi Airport and the terminals.

A new route and place for recreational activities, the Changi Airport Connector links the airport to the other attractions on Singapore's east coast through the PCN managed by the National Parks Board (NParks), offering even more reasons for both locals and travellers to explore the rich charm that the East Coast has to offer.



The Changi Airport Connector is home to the Changi Jurassic Mile -- Singapore's newest and largest permanent outdoor display of life-sized dinosaurs. More than 20 different prehistoric creatures from nine species are displayed along the one-kilometre cycling and jogging path.

From a towering Tyrannosaurus Rex to gigantic dinosaur eggs, visitors will be wowed by the lifelike dinosaur exhibits at the Changi Jurassic Mile, making it a perfect outdoor weekend destination for families, and a tourist attraction when travel resumes.

The Changi Airport Connector begins and ends at HUB & SPOKE Changi Airport (HUB & SPOKE), near Terminal 2. This is a new pit-stop facility where visitors can rent bicycles, cool off with a shower after exercise, or have a meal with family and friends.

For visitors who wish to cycle from Changi Airport towards East Coast Park and



enjoy the sights along the way, they can rent bicycles at \$8 per hour from GoCycling's newest outlet at HUB & SPOKE and return them at any of the seven other GoCycling outlets around Singapore, such as those at Changi Beach Park and East Coast Park.

For the more adventurous, they can even cycle all the way up to Coney Island and Jurong Lake Gardens. Carrying a wide array of bicycles including tandem and children's bicycles, this GoCycling branch also sells bicycle equipment and offers bicycle repair services.

Besides complimentary bicycle parking, HUB & SPOKE also offers bicycle lockers for rental. Ideal for backpacker travellers who wish to "bike and fly" when travel resumes, users will be able to securely store their bicycles for up to 10 days each time.

Those looking to freshen up after their exercise can do so at the pay-per-use showers that come fully equipped with bath amenities and lockers for safekeeping of personal belongings. Other amenities at HUB & SPOKE include a washing point and drinking fountain.

Nestled at HUB & SPOKE, the HUB & SPOKE Café serves up local and western dishes in a colonial-themed setting, with the option of outdoor alfresco dining where diners can enjoy their meal under a canopy.

Transport Minister Ong Ye Kung officiated at the opening recently at the Changi Jurassic Mile, after he cycled from East Coast Park. Entry to the one-kilometre stretch with dinosaur exhibits is free.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information regarding a Walking Tour of the Jurassic Mile that we will be organising either at the end of November or early December 2020!







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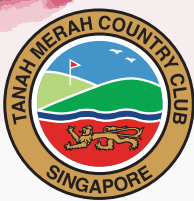
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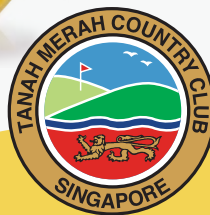


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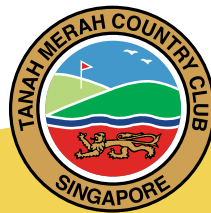
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**Tasting Pairing:** Pan Fried Fish with butter, Chicken Caesar Salad, Oven Roasted or Smoked Chicken, Charcoal Grilled Shrimp, Pastry, Quiche, Seafood Pasta with a light cream sauce, Fine Textured Pasta and Tempura.

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# Garden View Restaurant

November & December 2020

## Chef's Recommendations



淮山杞子响螺桃胶炖鸡汤

Double Boiled Chicken Soup with Sea Whelk,  
Chinese Yam & Peach Gum

**\$12.00 per person**



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Steamed Bamboo Clam with  
Glass Vermicelli & Minced Garlic

**\$10.80 per person**



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# Christmas

## WEEKEND SPECIAL



**December Weekends (Sat/Sun)**

**5pm to 8pm**

**Tampines Golfers' Terrace & Garden Golfers' Terrace**

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
|  <b>Roasted Tom Turkey with Stuffing</b><br>Served with cranberries sauce and gilbert sauce | <b>\$16.80</b> |
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All above items will be accompanied with  
Sauteed Potato, Daily Vegetables and Garlic Bread

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Reciprocal Member is required to produce:

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## FAST FACTS

### TAMPINES COURSE:

18-hole Buggy Course

- Redesigned by: Phil Jacobs (2017)
- Total Yardage: 6,887metres (Par 72)
- Course Rating: 76.1
- Fairways & Roughs: Zoysia matrella
- Greens: Paspalum platinum TE

### GARDEN COURSE:

18-Hole Buggy / Walking Course

- Redesigned by : Robert Trent Jones II (2020)
- Total distance : 5706 metres (Par 71)
- Course rating : 70.3
- Fairways & Rough : Zoysia matrella
- Green : Paspalum platinum TE

Caddie Services (with buggy)	18-Hole	9-Hole
Twin-share (1 caddie to 2 golfers)	\$70.00	\$35.00
Single golfer	\$50.00	\$25.00

**\*Cash payment required for caddie services**  
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### GOLF OFFICES OPERATING HOURS

#### TAMPINES COURSE

Mondays	Closed
Other Days	7.00am till 7.30pm

#### GARDEN COURSE

Tuesdays and Thursdays	9.30am to 7.30pm
Other Days	7.00am to 7.30pm

### PROSHOP OPERATING HOURS

#### TAMPINES COURSE

Monday	Closed
Other days	7.00am to 7.00pm

#### GARDEN COURSE

Tuesday & Thursday	11.30am to 7.00pm
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### **GARDEN VIEW RESTAURANT (GVR)**

Situated in the main clubhouse of Garden Course, it can accommodate 130 persons in a comfortable air-con, elegant setting. With a panoramic view of the golf course, the Garden View Restaurant offers attentive service, and warm ambience.

#### **Operating Hours:**

Daily

Lunch : 12.00pm to 3.00pm (Last Order – 2.30pm) • Dinner : 6.30pm to 10.00pm (Last Order – 9.30pm)

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### **GARDEN BANQUET ROOM (GBR)**

Whatever the need, weddings, birthdays, product launches, golf prize-presentation etc, GBR can cater up to 250 diners with its balcony overlooking the serene surroundings of the Garden Course.

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### **GARDEN LOUNGE (GL)**

The lounge is situated adjacent to Garden View Restaurant and members can enjoy the magnificent view of the Garden Course.

#### **Operating Hours:**

Sundays to Thursdays 3.00pm to 10.00pm (Last Order – 9.30pm)

Fridays & Saturdays 3.00pm to 12.00am (Last Order – 11.30pm)

Closed on Mondays except on Public Holidays

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### **GARDEN EVENTS ROOM (GER)**

The Events Room caters up to 100 persons for sit-down dinners and has parquet flooring for dancing. The room is also a popular venue for the club's social activities.

Tel: 6592 0386 / 6592 0385.



## POOLSIDE CAFETERIA

With a prime vantage point overlooking the swimming pool at the Sports Complex, this poolside retreat is the perfect place for refreshing the spirit after a day of fun in the sun. Famous for its local fare served up with a warm smile.

### Operating Hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays	12.00pm to 8.00pm (Last Order – 7.30pm)
Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays	8.00am to 8.00pm (Last Order – 7.30pm)
Closed on Mondays	

## POOLSIDE COVERED TERRACE (PCT)

Overlooking the best view of both worlds, a panoramic view of Garden Course and the calm water of mesmerising pool amidst beautiful landscape, the Poolside Covered Terrace is a good venue for barbecue or social gatherings and can hold 30 tables with buffet tables placed on the pool deck.

For bookings of rooms for private functions, please call F&B office at Tel: 6592 0386 / 6592 0385.

## TAMPINES GOLFERS LOUNGE & TERRACE

Tampines Golfers' Lounge (air-conditioned) adjacent to the non-airconditioned Golfers' Terrace for dining.

### Operating Hours:

Monday (Except on Public Holidays)	Closed
Tuesdays to Sundays & PH	7.00am to 8.00pm
Eve of PH	7.00am to 8.00pm

## Garden Golfers' Terrace

### Opening Hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays	7.00am to 8.00pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays	11.00am to 8.00pm
Fridays to Sundays & PH	7.00am to 10.00pm
Eve of PH	7.00am to 10.00pm

## GARDEN VIEW WING

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
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### Heliconia Room

Need to hold board meetings, workshops, seminars etc? Book the Heliconia Room with seating capacity from 30 to 60 persons, offering various set-ups.

### Ixora Room

Cooking and baking are such an enjoyment with a stylish kitchen studio. The room can also be used to conduct talks ranging from beauty to personal enrichment up to 40 persons. So look out for the various activities that we have in store for you printed in the bi-monthly newsmagazine.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
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### Lotus Room

Dining in privacy is guaranteed here. To add some sizzle to your events with musical touch, look no further, karaoke is recommended for more fun! Seating capacity – 20 pax is available for booking.

### Hibiscus Room

More spacious than the Lotus Room, you may organise your gathering and dine in private here. Seating capacity is 30 to 60 persons. Lunch - \$500 minimum spending (on food and non-alcoholic beverages); Dinner - \$700 minimum spending (at least minimum \$600 on food)

### Karaoke Lounge

Belt out your best hit songs at the self-operated Karaoke Lounge, with a seating capacity for 20 persons.

### Operating Hours:

Sundays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays



The Ministry of Health mandates that masks have to be worn at all times, except while eating and drinking. **Once you are done with your meal, please put on your mask when you are relaxing or chatting with friends while seated at the dining table.**

Wearing a mask helps to:

- Reduce the risk of airborne transmission of viruses from saliva droplets, produced when talking; and
- Lessen the likelihood of droplet transmission through cough and sneezes.

Let's all do our part to ensure a safe and secure Club environment for everyone!



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## SAFETY MEASURES



Use **SafeEntry** to check in  
and check out for contact tracing



Face masks must be worn at ALL times

### Restrictions to Club Entry

- **No entry** for those who are quarantined, serving their Stay-Home-Notice or have travelled overseas in the last 14 days, unless exempted by the relevant authority
- **No entry** if you are unwell, having a fever or experiencing flu-like symptoms



Maintain at least **1 metre** apart from the next person or **2 metres** when exercising



## SAFETY MEASURES



Face masks must be worn at **ALL** times unless doing strenuous exercise



Maintain at least **1 metre** apart from the next person or **2 metres** when exercising



All Members must **sanitise their hands** before entering the gym



## SAFETY MEASURES



Golfers must **mask up** unless striking the ball



Golfers must practise safe distancing at least **2 metres** apart