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TAMPINES COURSE IS RIPE FOR A MAJOR EVENT

By Godfrey Robert



It offers a true and testing challenge for leading pros, and Garden provides the pleasure for golfers.

Anual general meetings tend to provide a barometer of the “health” of a company or in our case, a club. When they are conducted in a smooth and exuberant manner, it is a positive sign that things are moving along in the right direction. And so, it proved to be the case with Tanah Merah Country Club’s recent virtual AGM where proceedings ran smoothly without a hitch.

Member interest was evident, questions were raised, answers were provided promptly and there was a general feeling of warmth in the goings-on underlining that apathy from members was non-existent. Club President Ho Beng Huat gave a frank review of the past year’s events, even highlighting the highs and lows, the latter arising from the COVID-19 pandemic which “paralysed” many usual happenings.

Still, the Club weathered the proverbial “storm” and came through the financial year with many positives, like managing staff welfare, maintaining the high standards of the two courses (Garden and Tampines), conducting the F&B business well and ensuring that the Club remained a great meeting place for family and friends.

In fact, even Club events, such as the Guns and Roses annual game (which saw participants dressing up for the occasion) and other activities like tennis and swimming, were back on the TMCC calendar.

Mr Ho, Club Captain Lee Lian Hong and General Manager Kok Min Yee gave honest appraisals of the Club’s proceedings and it was great to see four questions raised by active members (see questions and answers in the AGM report further inside).

The Club saw a near-two-month complete closure of the courses during the Circuit Breaker period. But everything has bounced back – especially the full playing experience – since June 2020 and the buzz has returned at both the Garden and Tampines locations.

Our members have enjoyed the ambience of the two redeveloped Clubhouses, and from the takeaway experience they switched to eating in in cosy, comfortable surroundings from a menu that offers an ever-expanding variety of dishes.

The changing room facilities of the two locations continue to be an envy of most other clubs because they are clean, spacious and high-tech.

While Garden lost a chunk of land due to government expansion plans for roads and highway, the highly reputed course did not forfeit its playing pleasure. In fact, many marvelled at the fact that even with reduced land, the Garden was transformed into a par-71 course from a par-70.

And while older members prefer playing at the Garden with

their pulled trolleys, the competitive golfers do not lose out on and are still challenged by its tighter fairways and difficult bunkers.

Naturally, the Tampines course took the mantle of a proper championship course with a par-72 layout that is both taxing and testing. Its 6,887-metre length from the black tees would offer even the world’s leading golfers a run for their money.

Even from the blues (6,423 metres) or whites (6,008 metres), decent golfers will find it hard to register good scores because of the length, course set-up and mainly tricky and undulating greens (especially if the green speed is raised).

A good test came about when the recent FTAG-sponsored Singapore Pro-Series was staged as a two-day event. Singapore’s top men and women professionals made up the 24-man field and many suffered a beating from the black tees.

The first-day cut was at 12-over 84 – one of the highest seen in big events – and one leading golfer even returned a 90 on the first day.

The scores of the champion, Gregory Foo, a member of the Club, told the best story about the course. Foo, 27, returned an eight-under 64 – his best score on the course – on the second day, following a high of 75 on the first day.

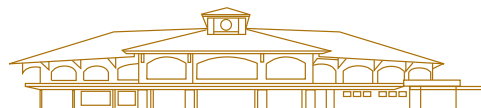
Invariably, Foo and some of the leading players on the island, had nothing but praise for the Tampines course (see article further inside).

Their raves and compliments can only lead to one result: that the management is experienced at hosting major events, including inviting some of the world’s leading professionals to pit their skills against a challenging layout.

In fact, this message is in sync with the management’s plans to stage major events and bring some of the region’s – and even world’s – best players to TMCC for this journey.

But what is most heartening is that TMCC caters to golfers of all levels of competency. The high-handicappers may veer towards the Garden for a leisurely round, but for those needing a bigger challenge, the Tampines will certainly oblige.

And depending on one’s ability an attitude, the golfer has a choice of five tees – black, blue, white, gold and red – to assess for himself or herself one’s true playing standard. So you, the member, can make the call.





From right, Mr Ng Kee Choe (Chairman), Mr Chris Liew (Vice President), Mr Ho Beng Huat (President), Mr Kok Min Yee (General Manager) and Mr Lee Lian Hong (Captain).

VIRTUAL AGM WAS A FRANK, FRIENDLY AND FRUITFUL EVENT

By Godfrey Robert

Main issues raised include rain problems at Tampines clubhouse, F&B matters and flights usage.

Question time at any AGM is a key item on the agenda. It can be difficult, it can be sensitive, and it can sometimes turn sour.

However, during the recent 38th AGM of Tanah Merah Country Club on April 29, question time turned out to be a pleasant affair.

Member Mr. Ng Fook Sun (N8406) started things off on a positive note by wishing club president Ho Beng Huat and his committee well and then expressing his gratitude for the smooth running of TMCC and stated that he enjoyed spending his time at the club, both for golf and dining.

Mr Ho responded by thanking him, and then showed his appreciation to his committee members and the staff for “keeping the club in good shape and in good condition for all of us to enjoy the facilities.”

At the second virtual AGM (after last year’s) Mr Ho said that 147 proxy forms were received through email and by post. There were eight virtual participants and voting was done for three resolutions, which were passed.

After an introduction by GM Mr Kok Min Yee, Mr Ho stated that there were four items on the agenda (three resolutions and one item on Any Other Business).

Resolution (1) was to confirm the minutes of the last AGM held on 12 June 2020. Mr Ho said that as chairman of the meeting, he had received proxy forms of 140 members voting [FOR] confirming the minutes, zero members voting [AGAINST] confirming the minutes,

and seven members voting to [ABSTAIN]. So he declared the minutes of the last AGM as confirmed.

Resolution (2) was to receive the Annual Report and pass the Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2020.

Before elaborating on this, Mr Ho said that the Annual Report, a copy of which was put up on the club's website earlier, contained the details of activities in the year 2020 with individual reports by the convenors, management, and himself.

Giving an overview, Mr Ho set the tone by stating that Covid-19 had affected the club, leading to a shutdown of many activities for more than two months between April and June last year.

The club was relieved to reopen on 19 June, albeit under restricted activities with strict Covid-19 safe management measures in place.

All resumed activities were subjected to a limited number of participants, but fortunately golf was not too badly impacted because it is an activity carried out in the open air, and each flight has a maximum of four players.

In fact, because of travel restrictions in place, members took to the golf course with a vengeance. Balloting had to be introduced to allocate flights. However, golfing events like club competitions and corporate golf where large groups would congregate could not resume.

The F&B business was also affected. Outlets were limited to a maximum number of patrons and tables and seating was subjected to safe distance separation, and no more than five diners per table which was later increased to a maximum of eight people per table. Banquets were of course cancelled, and this only compounded the problem.

Club social activities were very subdued as group activities were restricted. Fortunately the swimming pool and gym were never crowded and members could still make use of these facilities.

Because of the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions on activities in 2020, Mr Ho said that the club's finances did not recover as expected. The year ended with an operating loss of S\$855,000.

Mr Ho added that originally the club was expecting to do better with the completion of the Garden Course redevelopment in February last year. Mr Ho said that the club was grateful to the government for its swift response to the pandemic through a generous job support subsidy of S\$1.86 million and a property tax rebate of S\$1.39 million to help shore up the non-operating bottom line.



TMCC President Mr Ho Beng Huat addressing the audience who had tuned in virtually.

2020 also marked the year when TMCC completed the redevelopment

projects at both Tampines and Garden. Mr Ho said that members can be proud that the club now has two brand new golf courses and clubhouses.

These new asset investments come together with the renewal of the land leases for Garden until 2035 and Tampines till 2040. The committee is working on leveraging on the wonderful new assets to raise the profile and status of the club.

The championship Tampines Course will be hosting the inaugural Singapore Women's Open towards the end of the year, if the Covid-19 situation continues to improve with the rollout of vaccines.

On Resolution (2), Mr Ho said that no questions in writing from members were received, but came the proxy forms of 142 members voting [FOR], one member voting [AGAINST], and four members abstaining.

On Resolution (3), Deloitte & Touche was appointed as external auditor of the club for the ensuing year, and to authorise the Audit Committee to fix the Auditor's remuneration. Mr Ho said that the management had not received any questions in writing from members pertaining to Resolution (3).

He added that as chairman of the meeting, he had received proxy forms of 143 members in favour of the resolution, two members against the resolution, and two members abstaining. So he declared the resolution passed.

On the last item on the agenda -- to transact any business of which seven clear days' notice has to be given in writing to the General Manager/Secretary -- the management received questions submitted by four members before the April 21 deadline.

The answers to these questions have been posted up on our website and on the Club's notice boards from April 24, but Mr Ho asked the GM to introduce each question for which answers were given.

Member Willem M Nabarro asked why there were maintenance crews working on the golf courses when golfers were playing. He also wanted to know why there was a big difference in quality between food at Garden and Tampines, as well as ensuing service and delays.

The management's response to the first question was that the golf course maintenance crew begins work from 6:30am daily. Important work which affects golfers the most, like greens mowing, cup changing and greens rolling have always been carried out ahead of golfers' settling on the course to minimise disruption to play.

However, it was impossible to complete each maintenance task ahead of all golfers taking to the course given the scale and sheer amount of maintenance work needed to keep our golf courses in tip-top condition.

This was especially so in the tropics, where the turf and plants grow vigorously throughout the year and hence require more maintenance as compared to golf courses in temperate climate.

Mr Ho said that the maintenance crew are routinely briefed to be aware of golfers in the course of their work, particularly when operating noisy machinery when they are near golfers who are ready to take their shot or who are in the midst of putting.

On the quality of food, Mr Ho said that the club is closely monitoring the food quality at our golfers' terraces, in particular at Tampines, as similar feedback had been received from other members.

He assured that Executive Chef Daniel would be at the Tampines kitchen more often to have a close watch on the operations there and to ensure that the quality of food served is consistently high.

He explained that the distance between the kitchen and the terrace at the Tampines Clubhouse may have affected food quality as the food served may have gone cold. To address this, the management is procuring food warmers to ensure that members are always served hot food.

The team will also try their best to serve the food at each table at the same time, although this may not always be possible as the food may be cooked by different stations and to delay serving food which is already cooked and plated may not be a good option.

Increasing the kitchen crew to improve on this would help, but the management is mindful of unnecessarily increasing manpower costs, as our kitchen is not always kept busy. Nonetheless, these matters would be investigated, he added.

On Any Other Business, member Kam Hong (N8943) said that there was an issue with the Tampines Clubhouse when it rained, a problem, he stated, that has been there since the clubhouse was opened.

He mentioned that when it rains, the rainwater droplets easily trickle down to the tables/chairs and splash on members in the open area. Even though the club had installed blinds that can be lowered to prevent water droplets from spilling onto the tables/chairs, the rainwater still seeped under the blinds across the floor. He had noticed that often, service staff and cleaning staff had to be scrambled to use mops and squeegees to push the seeping water away. At one time, the situation with the rainwater was so bad that the rainwater flowed all the way into the air-conditioned cafe area.

He attributed it to a design flaw with the clubhouse and asked the committee members to seek a permanent solution to resolve the rain issue.

The management responded, saying that vertical blinds were specially installed at the new Tampines Clubhouse to prevent rainwater from wetting the dining area at the terrace. This has been largely successful.

Only during heavy thunderstorms combined with strong winds does some rainwater seep through between the blinds or at the bottom of the blinds. A completely rain-proof solution would require significant change to the architect of the clubhouse and tack on considerable costs.

However, the management replied it took note the vertical blinds did not yet constitute a perfect rain shield and that the club will work with the relevant consultants with a view towards further improving the situation.

Member Daniel Kway (K5415) proposed a higher top-up amount for ordinary members whose memberships are expiring at the end of this year so that they can continue being members after 31 December 2021.

The management replied that this was not possible because the exercise was completed in April 2017 and that members had been given ample time to consider extending their membership when we had to enter a new land lease.

Mr Peter Teo (T1243) asked that reserved golf flights for office bearers should be made known in the interest of transparency. And, for accountability, he wanted to know what happens to these flights if they are not used by the office bearers.

Mr Ho replied that only the Club Chairman, Deputy Chairman, President and Captain are accorded reserved flights. This has been the customary practice since the formation of the Club. If any of these flights are not utilised, they would be then released back to the time sheet and allocated to members in the waitlist up to five days before the date of play.

The Club's policy on requiring a minimum of three golfers per flight was initiated to ensure optimum utilisation of flights, in response to the tremendous demand for play even on weekdays. Considering that

travel restrictions have yet to be lifted and demand remains strong, this policy shall remain in place.

Golf Operations are closely monitoring the utilisation of both courses and should there be a significant change in the demand, this policy will be reviewed and calibrated to ensure optimal usage without unduly inconveniencing members.

Mr Teo also provided feedback about golfers being properly dressed during play. The management replied that Golf Operations will be more diligent in carrying out enforcements, and we also request members and their guests to adhere to the Club's policy in this regard. On Freeing Unwanted Golf Flights on Weekdays for Two-Ball Bookings, the club has implemented many restrictions regarding golf bookings during the current Covid pandemic. This includes prohibiting two-ball flights and requiring a minimum of three players to book a flight.

However, of late, there have been weekdays where there were many unused flights. A random check on April 6 and April 12 2021 showed that there were five unused flights (20 slots) on both days.

There was a proposal that any unwanted weekday flights be freed for two-ball flights to use. Or else it would be a waste of resources if even one weekday unwanted flight is left unused.

TESTING TAMPINES COURSE IS READY TO HOST A MAJOR EVENT

By Godfrey Robert

Leading pros rave about its scenic set-up and different elements of challenge.

A fabulous course primed and ready to stage a major golf event.

That's the verdict of leading Singapore professionals, many of whom have had a good taste of it during the recent FTAG-sponsored Singapore Pro-Series.

The sister course of Tanah Merah Country Club's Garden which, in its almost 40 years since set-up, has staged some of the world's major events, Tampines underwent redevelopment two years ago for the better.

The beautifully laid out course plays 6,887 metres from the black tees, 6,008 from the whites and 5,353 from the reds, the black-tee course rating seeing a relatively high 76.1.



A perfect day and location for a FTAG Pro Series Invitational tournament.



Gregory Foo taking a shot towards the win.

Pro-Series second-leg champion Gregory Foo, 27, who shot a personal-best of eight-under 64 on the final day, is a club member who enjoys his rounds at the superb layout because it gives him a different experience each round.

“The course is scenic, the fairways are great and bunkers correctly positioned, but some of the undulating greens can be very tricky and difficult. However, the roll on the greens is nice, sometimes fast. But it provides the best challenge and is a real test of your ability and nerves.”



A victorious Gregory with his plaque.

Foo, who bagged an eagle and eight birdies in his 64 (he had a 75 on the first day), said: “It is a great layout, and calls for strong mental application to play the long course. Tampines is ready to stage a major event as it has many championship features.

“The two most challenging holes are the second and 15th, both long par-fours (the former playing 469 metres and the latter 463 metres from the black). The interesting thing about these two holes is that when one plays to a headwind, the other plays to a tail-wind because they are in opposite directions.

“The most difficult hole is the par-three fourth, which plays 232 metres from the black. I need a rescue or three-wood to find the green, and after that managing the tricky green is a tough call. “Still, it makes for interesting demands and decisions for a bad first putt could see you playing over par.”



Marden Mamat executing a putt.

Pro-Series second-leg runner-up Mardan Mamat, 53, a longtime Singapore No. 1 who has played in Majors and some of the world's most reputed courses, echoed most of what Foo said, and added: "Obviously it is a superb layout, waiting to test the pros.

"Save for one, all aspects of the course are to be admired for a lot of thought must have gone to setting it up. My only concern is a couple of greens which is very difficult to manage.

Singapore Professional Golf Association president M. Murugiah, 57, who plays often at Tampines with member and fanatical golfer Tan Teck Kee, said: "I really like the course. I am senior golfer with loads of experience, having played from as a kid. I want to enjoy my golf now, and Tampines provides that to me.

"For me, the most difficult hole is the par-three fourth hole, if you play from the blues. You need a perfect drive and a good spot from which to putt. Coming back from down slopes is a tough call."

"No doubt, it is a tough course, but who does not want a challenge?

"I find the 463-metre par-four hole 15 (from black tees) to be the most difficult purely because of its length and a difficult narrow approach. You need a great drive for this hole."



Mardan's tee-shot from Hole #7.

Singapore's leading woman pro Amanda Tan, who played in the HSBC World Women's Championship at Sentosa's New Tanjong course, shot a one-under 71 on the second day of the Pro-Series to finish a creditable fourth.

She rued two bogeys early but bounced back with three birdies on the back nine to move up the ladder.

Said Amanda, 21: "The Tampines course has its challenge. The greens are big and has lots of slope which makes putting tough. Also, the course is long. But I do definitely enjoy playing on the course.

Like Murugiah concludes: "The Tampines course makes you think. One wrong decision, and you are in trouble. But what I like best about the course, it is a playground that is catered to all, the competitive pro, the serious social golfer, and the fun amateur. You have a choice of five tees, gold included."

"I like the par-five finishing hole because although it may not be long (514 metres from the whites), yet around the green it is challenging. It is crucial what you do with the second shot, for the lay-up must be right with the green surrounded by difficult bunkers."



Amanda Tan and her swing towards fourth place.

GUNS FIRE IN EVENT WITHOUT 'LOSERS'

By Godfrey Robert

It was all played in the spirit of fun and camaraderie. Members came dressed in their Guns & Roses best, especially the ladies. Decked out in their rosy outfits, it was looking to be a day of golfing enjoyment.



Guns and Roses having fun (From left: David Ong, Jason Yeo, Jasmine Chew & Dily Ng)



A day of golfing fun and camaraderie. (From left: Yukiko Hirahara, Gillian Sim, Jeffry Ho & Han Yong Guan)

The fourth edition of this anticipated event was won by the men, their third in four seasons, having previously winning in 2017 and 2018. The sporting spirit was embellished in the way Olivia Johansen and Patricia Sutanto accepted their defeat.

The ladies were full of praise for Bruce Kwong, only 13 years old, and Sol Richmond, a year older. "The boys played really well and were very serious with their game and truly professional," echoed the ladies.

That the Guns won was only for the record. For there were no losers in this annual game between the Guns and Roses.



Best dressed ladies – Sue Yap & Caroline Ong

1. NOVELTY EVENTS

Hole	Ladies	Men
2	Janet Potschke	Hiroshi Tai
7	Olivia Johansen	Rasik Ahuja
11	Dily Ng	JC Lee
14	Vanessa Song	Tan Swee Seng
17	Julia Johari	Sol Richmond

FUN EVENT – BEST DRESSED “GUNS AND ROSES”

Wendy Lim & Gregory Trinh
 Baek Seung Hwa & Choi Eun Gue
 Caroline Ong & Sue Yap
 Yeon Jin Hee & Suh Hyun Young
 Margaret Soh & Lam Lian Suan



The winners of the Best Dressed category
 (From left: Gregory Trinh / Wendy Lim &
 Celia Teh / Mark Law)

Due to Covid restrictions there was no prize presentation or gathering, but participants were very happy and enjoyed the post-game snacks, ala makan kecil, served to their table. The elation was enhanced by the generous free flow of beer (served by staff, of course).

A total of 112 golfers participated in the 27 matches (two men versus two ladies).

Players played off 80 per cent of their course handicap, men teed off from the blue, and ladies from the red tees.


Play was disrupted by heavy shower, but fortunately it resumed with pleasant weather from 2.55pm and all flights completed their game, the last flight coming in after 7pm.



Captain and members enjoying their refreshments after the game.

THE DANGERS OF FISHING FOR GOLF BALLS

We advise golfers against fishing for golf balls with ball scoops or using a club as a scoop due to the high degree of danger that goes with this act which could lead to serious injury.



This practice is more prevalent when the lake water levels fall below 2.8 metres in depth exposing rocks and soil banks.

The lake edges at both Garden and Tampines courses are vertical walls or 3 in 1 slope edges and the water depth is up to 4 metres.

By fishing for golf balls at the water's edge you are placing yourself at the risk of falling into the lake. This should be a deterrent enough as the sheer drop combined with depth could result in a very serious outcome.

When golfers are in the act of fishing for golf balls they usually do not concentrate on the pace of play and the flights directly behind can be affected as play will be held up.

REDUCE DANGEROUS PLAY BY BETTER MANAGING YOUR GAME

KEY STEPS TO HELP AVOID DANGEROUS PLAY

1. Make sure you can see all the players in the group ahead before hitting. Take note if they are in a 3- or 4-ball flight.
2. If playing into a blind spot you can take your buggy up to double check that all golfers have moved on and are out of range. If walking you can see if any golfers are near to the blind spot location.
3. Knowing how far you hit the ball or capable of hitting is a very important part of learning your own game. This can be practised at the driving range and taking distance statistics when playing.

How to better manage your game and reduce errant shots that can in effect bring harm to other golfers on the course:

- When playing from a par-four hole that you think can be reached or drive near to the green, make sure golfers are well off the green before tee-off.
- Do not use a driver (or other club) unless you are sure it will not endanger golfers playing in the flight ahead or on nearby holes. For narrow holes you can tee off using alternative clubs such as an iron, 5-wood or 3-wood.
- When playing downwind, allow for up to 10 to 30 metres in carry and roll which can depend on the wind strength.
- Strong cross winds can carry your ball into neighbouring holes. Learning to strike the ball with a lower trajectory, by taking an extra club, shorter back swing and moving the ball back in your stance, will assist to reduce spin and offline strikes.

GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT

Golf course management is very much about how golfers can consider a new approach to playing the game and how to better manage your way round the course. It is about planning, about knowing your game and having an honest discussion with yourself about how that fits with whatever course you are playing. Have you ever considered how your game fits with a course? You should, it will save you shots, and you will also be less prone to hitting crooked shots.

Course management is a way of controlling your game so that you can make better decisions on the course. It is choosing the right club, choosing the right shot and plotting your way around the course. Good golf course management is about attacking when it is right to do so, playing conservatively when it is sensible and knowing when these moments come in a round. It is something that elite golfers work hard on as it is the best way to prevent throwing away silly shots on the course.

NEW CLUBS AND NEW DISTANCES

When buying a new set of clubs, it is possible it will take time to adjust to the distance you strike each club. For example, over hitting the greens with your irons or a new driver could cause an increase of wayward shots.

5 KEY ASPECTS OF COURSE MANAGEMENT

#1 Knowing your yardages

Do you know how far you hit each club on the carry? If not then this is the place you absolutely have to start. Maybe you are using a yardage device watch and yet you don't know your own yardages?

Book some time into having your distances checked on a launch monitor and work through your bag. Write these numbers down and repeat this process at least twice a year.

#2 Tracking your data

This is a similar point to the above and is all about knowing your own game. Do you know if you tend to miss fairways left or right, do you miss putts in a certain spot more often? These



are all things you should know to help you plan out a round. Course management is about playing to the percentages. If you know that you have a tendency to miss to the right from the tee, then when you see danger out there you can choose a club to avoid this happening. Tracking your data helps you avoid trouble beforehand.

#3 Playing to your strengths

We all have our favourite clubs we like to hit. By tracking your data if ever you need to lay-up on a hole, you try to leave yourself that particular club for the approach to the green. Playing to your strengths can be any part of your game but that's where you put the pressure on a hole or on a round. Maybe you're a good putter and just play for greens in regulation. Whatever it is, learn where the strengths of your golf game are and use them to best effect.

#4 Think through the round

Think about where the perfect tee shot is on each hole and how you will get round the course. Visualisation helps you come up with "Plan A" and you can think about how to plot your way around each hole.

#5 Learn from your mistakes

Debrief after the round and think about any big course management mistakes you made and how you could have avoided them. Also remember the good decisions you made and how you could employ more of those plays. Pay attention to the times in a round where you were sloppy in the final holes or maybe nerves get you edgy at the start. Tracking data and revisiting rounds once they are done will help uncover these trends.

TIPS TO SUPPORT SAFE PLAY & LOWERING YOUR SCORES

- Play safe, not aggressive
Play shots that you know you can pull off almost every time.
- Find out your "go to" clubs
What clubs do you feel great about as soon as you pick them up? If a club makes you feel confident then that is something to use to your advantage.
- Lay-up to your favourite distances
Learn a distance that you feel comfortable hitting to. Lay up to that number when you cannot reach the green.
- Improve your putting
This is where you can really change the figures in your scorecard as you putt on every hole. Working on your putting as a priority will help you drop shots and keep the momentum going in your round.
- Aim for the middle of the green
Pin positions can be used to sucker you into hitting into danger, aiming for the middle of the green helps you avoid this pitfall.

By Godfrey Robert

MARC AND GREGORY TAKE UP COACHING ROLES AT TMCC



Marc Ong

They are both in the prime of their golf playing careers. And at a matured age of 26 (Marc Ong) and 27 (Gregory Foo).

But circumstances are such that both professionals have hit a wall in their golfing careers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has floored both, leaving them with no travel, no overseas competitions, and few local events. So, both members of the 2017 SEA Games gold-medal winning team, have become club coaches to keep their hands in the game.

Tanah Merah Country Club has extended its helping hand to the pair by making them club coaches from May.

For Marc, a club member since 2015 who turned pro in 2018, this is not a new pursuit. He has been coaching at Warren Golf and Country Club with students of different levels. So, Marc is in a strong position to teach juniors and adults.



Gregory Foo

For Gregory, who also turned pro in 2018 and has been a club member since 2015, this will be his first foray into coaching. Highly talented Gregory, the winner of the recent FTAG-sponsored Singapore Pro Series at the Tampines course, also feels that he can help the juniors and adults

The pair, who have tremendous playing experience as amateurs having competed at several SEA Games, Asian Games, and the Eisenhower Trophy, have completed the SGA-SPGA organised coaching courses. Currently they are widening their golf coaching knowledge and are doing a First-Aid course, which would come in handy for golf.

Speaking on behalf of the duo, Marc said: "We felt that instead of idling around after playing among ourselves, it would be good to keep our hearts and minds in golf. We can impart some knowledge to our members through tips and instructions and the occasional rounds with them. The interaction should be beneficial to both, we coaches and the members."

Of course, the pair, for whom the only event to look forward to at the moment is the FTAG Singapore Pro Series until January, could also earn some pocket money through coaching.

Marc and Gregory will join Daren Lim, Goh Kun Yang and Justin Tang as club coaches.

"The whole idea is to keep our minds engaged in golf, and also widen our own knowledge."

RESULTS FOR THE CLUB MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Champion
George Foo

Runner-Up
Samir Bedi

Joint 3rd
Ken Sugino
Maximus Toh

Tanah Merah Country Club, Tampines Course - 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th March 2021

	Results after Rd. 1 Sat, 6th March 2021	Results after Rd. 2 Sun, 7th Mar 2021	Results after Rd. 3 Sat, 13th March 2021
1 VS 16	George Foo (0.7) 3 & 1 Amos Ho (7.7)		
8 VS 9	Lau Wing Cheok (9.4) W/O Russell Yu (3.3)	George Foo 9 & 8 Lau Wing Cheok	
4 VS 13	Tan Lee Hong (9.1) 1 Up Raymond Lee (6.2)	Tan Lee Hong Ken Sugino W/O	George Foo 4 & 3 Ken Sugino
5 VS 12	Ken Sugino (2.4) Sudden Sng Seow Wah (14.7) Death		
2 VS 15	Samir Bedi (0.2) 3 & 2 Calvin Goh (5.0)	Samir Bedi 2 & 1 Timothy Pinnegar	
7 VS 10	Trevor Ng (2.3) 2 & 1 Timothy Pinnegar (2.6)		Samir Bedi Sudden Maximus Toh Death
3 VS 14	Maximus Toh (2.1) 3 & 2 Bruce Kwong (5.2)	Maximus Toh (2.1) 8 & 7 Don Tan	
6 VS 11	Don Tan (11.3) 6 & 4 Laurent Kretz (5.1)		

*Final Round Results -
Sun, 14th March 2021*

George Foo 2 & 1
Samir Bedi



RESULTS FOR THE LADIES MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Champion
Sara Lew

Runner-Up
Dily Ng

Tanah Merah Country Club, Tampines Course - 7th, 13th & 14th March 2021

	<i>Results after Rd. 1, Sun, 7th Mar 2021</i>	<i>Results After Rd. 2, Sat, 13th Mar 2021</i>	<i>Final Round Results - Sun, 14th Mar 2021</i>
1 VS 8	Dily Ng (12.9/18) 2 & 1 Jenny Chong (14.7/20)	Dily Ng 2 Up Yuki Kawai	Dily Ng
4 VS 5	Yeon Jin Hae (14.8/20) Yuki Kawai (16.9/22) 3 & 2		
2 VS 7	Sara Lew (13.0/18) 4 & 3 Norlia Embong (10.1/14)	Sara Lew 1 Up Fumiko Minowa	Sara Lew 1 Up
3 VS 6	Sue Yap (11.9/16) Fumiko Minowa (16.1/21)		



A BETTER WAY TO CHIP

By Justin Tang

The way chipping has been traditionally taught is for the ball to be put back of an open stance and then hitting down with the shaft leaning forward.

This technique works when the ball is sitting down in semi-rough around the greens which was historically the case. In the modern era with better and more advanced maintenance techniques, the area around greens now tends to be tightly mown, requiring a different technique.

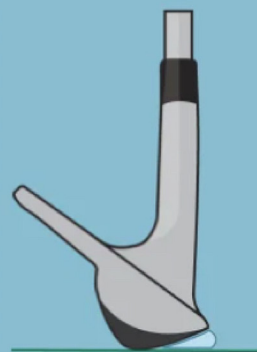
The traditional method presents a few problems.

1. The ball position coupled with the forward leaning shaft removes all bounce from the wedge. The bounce of a golf club is to prevent the leading edge of a golf club from digging into the ground.
2. When the ground is soggy, a less than perfect shot will result in a disastrous outcome.



The traditional set-up with ball way back in stance (L) versus the modern setup with the ball more forward (R). The square stance also encourages the use of the pivot to power the stroke.

In Layman's Terms



Bounce helps ensure solid contact between the club face and the ball by preventing the front bottom edge of the club head from digging into the ground



Low Bounce

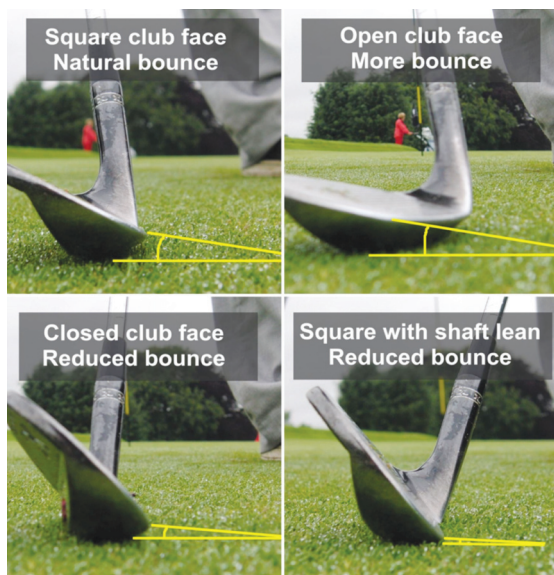


Medium Bounce



High Bounce

Source: *The Grateful Golfer*



Source: Dunes Golf Centre

3. With zero or negative bounce at set-up, the margin for error on a chip shot is greatly diminished. Hitting slightly behind the ball will lead to fat shots and deep divots – see black wedge below.
4. On the other hand, if the bounce is engaged, a chip shot could be struck slightly behind the ball without severe consequences – see chrome wedge below.



Source: Today's Golfer



Traditional impact with plenty of forward lean (L) and the modern method using the sole as a skid (R) – also note the freedom of rotation.

8. An approach that you can consider is:
 - a. Place the ball more towards the middle with a square stance.
 - b. Set the hands directly above the ball – this will result in only a slight lean of the club shaft and ensure that the bounce is engaged on the shot. This allows the sole of the club to be used as a skid rather than a digger.
 - c. This set-up gives the body space to rotate so that we can use the body as the engine of the swing and the hands as the rudder.

Justin Tang has been teaching golf since 2005 and specialises in junior golf. Over the years, some of his juniors have gone on to compete at the collegiate and national level. Find out more about him in the next page.

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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.

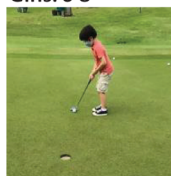
Using the American Development Model, his holistic approach balances the mental, physical and technical aspects of the game to meet every TMCC junior's unique needs.

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



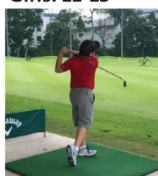
Learn to Play

Boys: 9-12
Girls: 8-11



Play to Improve

Boys: 12-16
Girls: 11-15



Play to Compete

Boys: 16-23
Girls: 15-21



Play for LIFE





HOLE IN ONE ACHIEVERS

Tan Jit Kwang

Hole #2 (142M)
Sentosa Serapong
Course
30.01.2021

Low Yeow Boon

Hole #16 (112M)
TMCC Tampines
Course
02.02.2021

Ng Thiam Soon

Hole #16 (126M)
TMCC Tampines
Course
03.02.2021

Albert Moh Swee Yong

Hole #7 (141M)
TMCC Garden
Course
06.02.2021

Tan Boon Hoo

Hole #14 (155M)
TMCC Garden
Course
16.02.2021

Tsumura Kenzo Sean

Hole #14 (174M)
TMCC Garden
Course
20.02.2021



James Sih Kia Tee

Hole #11 (105M)
TMCC Garden
Course
17.03.2021



Jason Yeo YB

Hole #11 (110M)
TMCC Garden
Course
17.03.2021



Lee Woot Chon

Hole #14 (151M)
TMCC Tampines
Course
25.03.2021



Zan Jiao Vicky

Hole #16 (88M)
TMCC Tampines
Course
30.03.2021



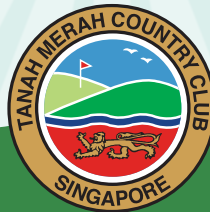
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TMCC JUNIOR GOLF

PROGRAMME

Open to Juniors from 7 years of age



ENROLMENT OPEN for 2nd Semester 2021 Training (Golfing training starts from July till November)

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	ADVANCED LEVEL
Coach Justin Tang		Coach Daren Lim
For Beginners / Juniors whom are preparing to attend the Courtesy Round to obtain Proficient Certificate	For Juniors who have attended Courtesy Round (PC Holders and H.I 24.5 & above)	For Juniors with a Handicap Index of 24.4 & below
Saturday or Sunday	Saturday or Sunday	Saturday
Fee: \$428 incl GST	Fee: \$642 incl GST	Fee: \$856 incl GST
15 sessions (1 hour)	15 sessions (1.5 hours)	15 sessions (2 hours)
The Games / Play in the Development Level is designed to teach different aspects of the game of golf.	Drills are designed to help Juniors in the Intermediate Level learn grit and perseverance.	

The 15 Sessions in the Development and Intermediate Levels are divided into 4 Modules:

Module 1	: 3 sessions of Putting
Module 2	: 3 sessions of Chipping
Module 3	: 6 sessions of Pitching
Module 4	: 3 sessions of Swing (3/4)

In this level, a full assessment will be done of a Junior's current skills to determine their strengths and weaknesses. Thereafter, a specially designed programme will be created for them, tailored to suit their physical and non-physical skillset needs.

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By Godfrey Robert

WAI FUN BELIEVES IN SERVICE WITH A SMILE

**F&B outlet executive relates well
with members and colleagues.**



Wai Fun and her colleague pose for a photo with two members.

Working in any F&B outlet can be tedious. As with any service industry, F&B workers need to put the customer first. Therefore, when you work in any club – be it golf, sports or otherwise – the customer is the member. He or she has to be the priority.

Win over the member, and half the battle is won. That has been foremost in Loke Wai Fun's mind, and the F&B outlet executive has been enjoying her work at Tanah Merah Country Club's Garden location.

As the always-smiling Wai Fun says: "My motivation comes from being able to engage in conversations with the members. The members are also very willing to share their life stories with me.

She enjoys working in TMCC because everyone works together like a family. "There are no hierarchies within the Club. Rank or position means nothing, and we are all treated fairly.



Wai Fun fully decked out in the Garden View Restaurant's uniform.

"Compared with F&B establishments elsewhere, the members here are benevolent, and very nice to engage with. Most are generous and treat the F&B staff well. Not only do they give tips, but they also offer to buy the team food every now and then."

She then related an incident when she first started working at TMCC. "I can remember vividly a member's child running around in the restaurant. Even after advising the child not to run around, he did not stop. I was holding onto a pot of hot soup and an accident happened. The hot soup spilled onto the child and he suffered from scalded skin."

"The member held no grudges and did not put the blame on me, nor did he pursue the matter. Rather, the member disciplined his child."

Wai Fun attributes her close bond and cordial relationship with the members to her long service and friendly disposition. Amongst the members, she is known for her jovial nature and always-welcome attitude.

She says: "Particularly, it is the sense of familiarity that makes me feel happy and comfortable working here. Even though my years of service is the shortest among my co-workers, my working relationship with them is very amicable."

"We always share the workload and work seamlessly as a team. As I love the working environment, I introduced my cousin, Sally to join TMCC GVR." Wai Fun had already started working at GVR when it was previously run by an external caterer. Till date, she has been with TMCC for 16 years.

She started out as an F&B Supervisor (in charge of cashier and bar duties, stock checks etc.) and is now an F&B Outlet Executive, overseeing all matters relating to the F&B operations of GVR and general welfare of five staff. She also manages reservations (checking emails and whether VIPs are around) and makes changes to menu items based on members' feedback. Preparing the restaurant (front houses) for opening is also part of her daily duties.

The mother of two boys, aged 13 and 15 years, is from Ipoh in Perak. She came to Singapore soon after completing her studies in Malaysia and has never looked back since. Wai Fun says: "Right after school, I came to Singapore to earn a living. I started my career in F&B at another country club for a short while and then moved on to TMCC."



Wai Fun fully decked out in the Garden View Restaurant's uniform.



A crocheted baby chair cover made by Wai Fun.

Wai Fun's right attitude has not gone unnoticed. She has been presented the club's EXSA Award, plus 5-years and 10-years Long Service Awards. She is also very good at crochet, having even made a baby chair cover for TMCC's GVR. She also enjoys crocheting bags and even TraceTogether token covers for friends and family alike. Her parting wish is: "I hope more members will continue to feel at home in GVR and render us their full support."



Wai Fun received TMCC's 10-years Long Service Award in 2020.



Wai Fun and her family.

By Godfrey Robert

GARDENING

- A HOBBY, A PASTIME, AND A NECESSITY

For a Garden City like Singapore, it should be second nature for the residents to indulge in plants. For landed property here, the hobby comes as a necessity, adding to the beauty of the home.

However, even those living in flats and condominiums take to this pastime, giving the corridors and common areas a fresh appearance. Country clubs too, have their own versions of landscaping with a multitude of plants and trees, leading to “green lands”.

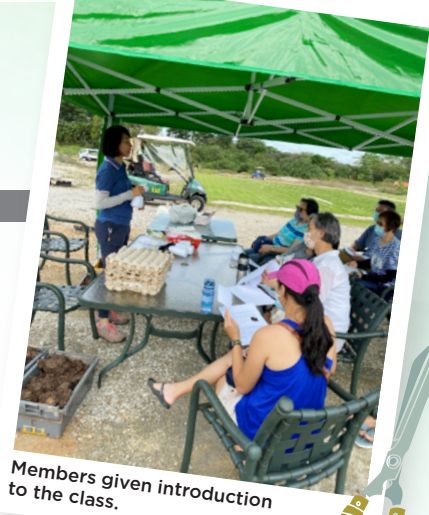
That being the backdrop, TMCC engaged nine participants in a Gardening with Edibles Masterclass, focusing on leafy edibles on March 25.

Excited members were first assembled and seated in the Garden Plant nursery under a sheltered canopy for a short introduction to the Masterclass. Subsequently, members were given the rundown on how to enjoy community gardening and gardening itself. Members also learnt the “How to” for caring for their plants and given tips on growing edibles safely.

A demo session followed with where and how to plant seeds and transplanting seedlings with success. Tips on how to select and buy seeds were also shared with members. Members were then given all the materials for them to start their hands-on session on planting their seeds. During an engaging Q&A session, the participants tossed many questions on seed planting.

Members were encouraged to bring their seed tray home to care for and bring back to the nursery to transplant their seedlings into their plot.

Before the event ended, members were also given another demo on how to grow seeds in water. All members enjoyed the fruitful class as they brought back with them all the needed knowledge and fun of gardening.



Members given introduction to the class.



Seeds provided for the members to plant.



Seedlings planted and ready to grow.



A happy member and her planted seedlings.



By Godfrey Robert

TURNING NON-SWIMMERS INTO SWIMMERS

Our Instructor briefing participants on the Swim Safer Test.

Tanah Merah Country Club plays its part in national activities.

And in line with what SportsSG has championed, the club takes its cue and organises events for national causes.

The Swim Safer Test is one such event. Eleven participants took part in the 2021 Swim safer test, conducted over two days on March 15 and 16.

Four gold, one silver and six bronze medals were at stake for the swimmers. The event is a national water safety programme developed to raise the standard of swimming proficiency in Singapore.

Created especially for children below 16 years old, this programme will help transform your child from a non-swimmer into a competent swimmer.

It is the only programme recognised by all schools, institutions, and water-related sports (e.g., kayaking, scuba diving) in Singapore. Please refer to the website (<https://swimsafer.com.sg/>) for more information on the programme.



Participants giving it their all for the test.

SWIM FOR LAPS PARTICIPANTS SET NEW 1,554-LAP RECORD

By Godfrey Robert

When you have a doctor in the house, you feel safe. And in this instance, the doctor did more than just ensuring peace of mind to his fellow swimmers.

In fact, he brought the house down with his dancing and actively engaged members during the Swim for Laps 2021 event on Sunday, 21 March 2021.

For that and more, Dr Yang Ing Hong was awarded “The Most Sporting Person” award, for which he won a JBL headset.

The event kicked off at 9am and the enthusiastic few were raring to go.

Cold drinks in our cooler box were prepared well ahead of time for the members and bananas were distributed prior to the swim.

There was more: curry puffs and chicken pies for all participants redeemable via a coupon-based system.

He is wearing the 100 laps medal and the Swims for Laps T shirt.

The first centurion of the day was Lee Suen Woon who hit 128 laps in total. Doh Hanseong also pushed his way to 100 laps and displayed a lot of courage and effort in his endeavours.



Dr. Yang Ing Hong wins the “The Most Sporting Person” award.

Hanseong’s entire family including his mom, dad plus sister Judy pushed and encouraged him to clock 100 laps. Ms Eunice Teo was the next recipient to hit 100 laps.

Being regular participants at our yearly Swim for Laps event, the Phua family of four arrived at 2pm to assist with the day’s laps.

And they immediately got to work with the intention of knocking last year’s record of 1,460 laps.

Mrs. Phua managed to swim 108 laps with no rest in between, which was a truly remarkable feat. Her daughter, Ms. Phua Siang Xuan, also managed 100 laps with plenty of rest in-between. Both mother and daughter were all smiles and clearly enjoyed the event.

Mr. Lucas Lim was bestowed the “Best Effort” award, owing to his tenacity and drive.

The event itself ended at 6.20 pm and the staff tabulated the total numbers of laps swam from the participants. It was great to note that the swimmers surpassed the record for last year which was 1,460 laps with 1,554 laps this time round.

The youngest swimmer of the day was three years old and there were 56 participants in total.



Doh Hanseong and his, sister Judy Doh. The family supported him all the way till he hit 100 laps.



The Phua Family poses with their medals. The mom and daughter both swam 100 laps each while the 2 brothers and dad also contributed significantly to breaking this year's record.



Mr. Lee Suen Wong with the 100 laps medal. He was the first to hit 100 laps during this year's event and would end up hitting 128 laps in total.



Staff Tarmizi having a funny moment with Dr. Yang Ing Hong.



Ms. Eunice Teo and her daughter, Michelle Lim. Ms. Teo hit 100 laps to win a medal and the T shirt.

Notable prizes:

Dr Yang Ing Hong	The Most Sporting Award
Lee Suen Woon	128 laps
Doh Hanseong	100 laps
Eunice Teo	100 laps
Soh Ying Jin (Mrs Phua)	108 laps
Phua Siang Xuan	100 laps
Lucas Lim	Best Effort Award



Dylan and Donovan Tan loving their mocktails whilst dressed in Hawaiian themed outfits.

Say Aloha TO DYLAN AND DONOVAN

“Aloha” is a form of greeting to say, hello or welcome. It is also used as an expression of love and affection that takes you all the way to the idyllic island of Hawaii.

By Godfrey Robert



Dean preparing mocktails for our participants to enjoy.



Donovan and Dylan Tan (Champions of the Competitive Games).



Winner of our Best Dressed Contest- Ms Amy Lam (Winner 2).



Winner of our Best Dressed Contest- Mrs Kim (Winner 1).

Simply put, it is a way of life in Hawaii. Put them both together, and you get a gist of what this event is all about. Labelling it “Aloha Tennis Night” should also give away that this is a tennis event.

Held on March 25, the event attracted eight participants. The members and their guests came dressed to impress as well as to snag the prizes on offer.

Mocktails in the form of Virgin Pina Coladas were prepared with fresh pineapples and fresh young Coconut juices for the participants. Appetising fruit platters with tropical fruit were placed for our members and guests on the night to enjoy.

Isotonic drinks were on standby as the organisers knew the competitive spirit of the tennis patrons would call for thirst-quenching drinks. A series of round-robin, competitive games was staged, and the winners were brothers Dylan and Donovan Tan. The winners for the best dressed section were Mrs Kim and Ms. Amy Lam.

The next themed night will be the Chocolicious event on April 29. Can you guess what the main dish will be?



Adult participants awaiting their cue to start the game.



Kid participants being briefed before the game.

It was labelled the Easter rendition of the Kids' Carnival, but even the adults found fun and excitement from the carnival on 4th April. A total of 28 children and six adults participated in the various segments of the games.

The participants were very keen to get going. We divided the segments in the Egg Race and Treasure Hunts into the following categories:

- 1) **Under 6 - Egg Race 1** followed by Treasure Hunt 1 (Only in surroundings of the Main Pool)
- 2) **Under 8 - Egg Race 2** followed by Treasure Hunt 2 (Only in surroundings of the Kid's Pool)
- 3) **Under 12 - Egg Race 3** followed by Treasure Hunt 3 (Only in surroundings of the Basement)
- 4) **Adults Race - Egg Race 4** followed by Treasure Hunt 4 (Covered Terrace across the Pool)

EGGED ON BY THE FUN AT OUR

By Godfrey Robert

Easter Kids Carnival



Rushing back to the initial basket after dropping off the Easter egg.

Egg Race

The participants had to run back and forth with three eggs for 10 metres while balancing an egg with a spoon from one basket to another.

Treasure Hunt

The treasure hunters were given a pail and had to search a designated area for 17 golden nuggets for a period of six minutes.

Colouring Fun

We also catered for a colouring contest for the younger kids that could not participate in the egg race and treasure hunt. Six of them took part in it.

Every attendee received an Easter show bag with assorted chocolates and goodies for spending their Easter Sunday at TMCC.



Happy little Sophine with her colouring.



Kids eagerly getting their Easter show bags.

A BRIGHT AND BRISK WALK ALONG CHANGI COAST WALK

By Godfrey Robert



Warming up before the walk.

Walking is becoming a healthy pastime, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Every day, you see people walking at parks, coastlines, roads and nature reserves.

TMCC organised its own version of walking on March 20, at Changi Coast, in the name of Brisk Walk.

All five participants set off at 8.15am after the completion of their warm-up. Bananas and coffee were served to them on arrival. Thereafter, gift packs of healthy granola bars and a massage roller were handed to them too. The first kilometre was not too challenging, with the participants passing the entrance to the Jurassic Mile Walk and crossing over to the areas closer to NSRCC.

The next phase of the walk was a relatively green walk along the coast to our mid-way point, just past the National Sailing Centre. This was where our staff, Kesavan, was stationed with cold, icy water and isotonic drinks. After fuelling up, the walkers made their way back to TMCC. The total distance clocked was seven kilometres and the walk was conducted in exactly two hours.

The participants were well worn out from the walk as well as the hot weather. They were served ice cold water and isotonic drinks upon their return to the Club. Kesavan assisted with the cool down exercises before the walkers were served delicious bee hoon, cold drinks, and more coffee to perk them up after a good walkout.



Participants enjoying their walk.



Madam Lim Seok Geok & her guest Madam Lim Siok Tee relaxing during the mid-way rest break.



Participants at the marker for the Jurassic Mile Walk.

JUNIOR TENNIS IN OVERDRIVE

By Godfrey Robert

With a tennis facility that offers great playing experience in quiet, exclusive surroundings, usage becomes an important aspect for TMCC. This was why the Club decided to hold the Junior Tennis Championship on April 18 as a springboard to develop TMCC's tennis programmes.

The intent was to use this competition to allow for more tennis collaboration with other clubs. As a result, two different junior events were planned for. The Junior Tennis Championship welcomes young players while the Junior Tennis Championship (Programme) is primarily catered for all junior players currently in the Tennis Munchkins Intermediate programme.



The pre-games briefing from Coach Sjaiful.

Tennis Junior Championship 2021

Brothers in tennis is a common phenomenon. The Amritraj brothers of India, Anand and Vijay, John and Patrick McEnroe, and Bob and Mike Bryan are some within a family.

At TMCC, brothers Donovan and Dylan Tan, aged 13 and 15 respectively, are familiar faces at the tennis nights as well as the competitions. Gutsy Matthias Huang, aged 10, was involved in the competition to gain some experience against the older boys.

The round-robin competition among the three was played in great spirits with Donovan emerging as the champion and Dylan as the runner-up. Matthias won the Best Effort Award for his tenacious display and "never say die" attitude.



Matthias Huang with proud father, Mr Jack Ng.



Runner-up, Dylan Tan & champion, Donovan Tan.



Clara Tan, champion for the Programme Awards.

Tennis Junior Championship (Programme) 2021

This competition was primarily catered for all junior players currently in the Tennis Munchkins Beginner Programme and all five students were very enthusiastic about the event.

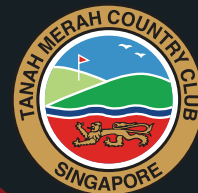
After much interesting play and some serious back-and forth-games, Clara Tan emerged as our champion with a clean sweep of four wins with no losses.

The runner-up was Ashley Tsui, with her only loss against Clara. All the competitors had a great time and were keen more for more future tournaments.



Runner-up Ashley Tsui in action on the court

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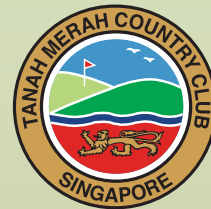


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18-hole Buggy Course

- 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
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***Cash payment required for caddie services**
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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

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Tuesday & Thursday	11.30am to 7.00pm
Other days	7.00am to 7.00pm

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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)

Closed on Mondays except on Public Holidays

Tel: 6545 2891 / 6592 0388.

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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.

**Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, we regret to inform you the Garden Lounge is currently not available for usage.*

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)

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The Garden Events Room caters for 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.

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Operating Hours:

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Friday to Sunday & Eve of PH	7.00am to 9.00pm

Garden Golfers' Terrace

Opening Hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays	7.00am to 8.00pm
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Lotus Room

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Operating Hours:

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