

PUNJAB GOLF ASSOCIATION

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **PGA Vision 2012.** Efforts have been directed towards finding new talent to put in fresh life into the game, for which following steps were taken:-

a. **Talent Hunt**

- (1) Trials were conducted for selection of young players, both genders.
- (2) Coaches from abroad as well as local clubs conducted coaching for under 17 boys & girls.
- (3) Financial support in the form of coaching fee and payment at Driving Range was provided to the under privileged young golfers.
- (4) Inter – school matches were organized to encourage young players and attract them towards the game.
- (5) Trials are conducted to select boys and girls for:-
 - (a) National team trials.
 - (b) International Tournaments.
- (6) **International Tournaments.** Golfers from Punjab participated in the International Tournaments. These include:-
 - (a) M. Rehman (Royal Palm)
 - (b) Zulfikar Ali (Multan)
 - (c) Mahad Zafar (Gymkhana)
 - (d) Kashifa Zafar (Gymkhana)
 - (e) Nushmiya Sukhera (Gymkhana)
 - (f) Ghazala Yasmin (LGG&CC)
 - (g) Lt Col M. Shafi (Retd) (LGG&CC)
 - (h) Shoaib Bukhari (Gymkhana)
 - (j) Imran Ahmed (Gymkhana)
 - (k) Brig Nayyar Afzal (Retd) (Rawalpindi)

b. **Professionals.** Steps have been taken to enhance participation of players in national/ international tournaments, for which:-

- (1) Annual trials are conducted at provincial level to select 58 professionals. These professionals qualify to participate in Open Tournaments for which they are issued cards by PGF.
- (2) Provincial level trials are conducted before each tournament to select 22 professionals out of these 58 professionals, who participate in the tournament from Punjab side.
- (3) Prize money for Punjab Open was raised from 3 lakhs to Rs.1.75 Million, the highest ever.

c. **Major Tournaments Held in Punjab.** Owing to better management of Golf Calander and coordination in Pakistan Golf Federation, following major tournaments were held:-

(1)	Punjab Open	(Gujranwala)
(2)	Punjab Amateur	(Gymkhana)
(3)	Governor Cup	(Gymkhana)
(4)	Quaid e Azam Open	(Gymkhana)
(5)	COAS Open	(Rawalpindi)
(6)	Allama Iqbal Open	(Sialkot)
(7)	Ibex Amateur	(Sargodha)
(8)	ABL Open	(Lyallpur)
(9)	Crescent Open	(Lyallpur)
(10)	Ibrahim Fibres Amateurs	(Lyallpur)
(11)	Garrison Open	(LGG&CC)
(12)	Corps Comd Cup	(LGG&CC)
(13)	Sunset Amateur	(Bahawalpur)
(14)	Mangla Open	(Mangla)
(15)	Maj Gen Shahid Hamid Memorial Open	(Multan)
(16)	Brig Farhat Memorial Amateurs	(Multan)
(17)	Royal Palm Team Trophy	(Royal Palm)
(18)	National Amateur Championship of Pakistan	(Royal Palm)

d. **Awareness Campaign**

- (1) Official website has been launched to disseminate information relating to golfers and member golf clubs
- (2) A six monthly Newsletter of Punjab Golf Association is published and 1000 copies are distributed among all clubs of Punjab.
- (3) Similarly, Booklets containing Golf Rules and Golfing Ettiquette (1000 each) were got printed and distributed among the member clubs.

e. **Under – Privileged Programme.** PGF has provided some funds for grooming and talent hunt of under privileged (caddie) boys. Coaching / training is being provided in various clubs.

f. **New Clubs.** Following new clubs have joined the family of Punjab Golf Association:-

- (1) Mushaf Golf Club Sargodga (9 holes)
- (2) PAC Kamra Golf Club (9 holes)
- (3) Mangla Golf Club - (18 holes)
- (4) Defence Raya Golf & Country Club(DRG&CC)

g. **Provision of Facilities.** Following new facilities have been provided in various

Golf Clubs:-

- (1) New Club House - (LGG&CC)
- (2) Midway-huts - (LGG&CC)
- (3) Driving Range - (LGG&CC)
- (4) Security Wall - (LGG&CC)
- (5) Course improvement to include:-
 - (a) Grass
 - (b) Greens
 - (c) Plantation
 - (d) Provision of water
- (6) New Machinery to include:-
 - (a) TORO (green cutting)
 - (b) Verti Drain (green vibration for air / water)

2. **Raising of Funds.** The monitory situation of Punjab Golf Association was very gloomy and regretfully very poor, but through dedicated efforts it has now been brought to a point where it is very good.