



## OBITUARY Y P Das

Past Rotary International Director Yash Pal Das of RC Ambala, Haryana left us on 22.09.2020 grieving in most trying times. PRID Das was a leader par excellence and a towering figure in the Rotary world in general and Rotary in India in particular. SAFGR salutes him for his sterling humane mentorship and guidance. His extraordinary vision was to blend Rotarians' passion for golf and Rotary ideals of fellowship and service. He always encouraged SAFGR to reach the globe! SAFGR members deeply mourn his demise and express deep sense of loss to his Mrs. Das and son Manav.



## OBITUARY K. Vijay Kumar



As if loss of one leader was not enough. On 11.11.2020 we lost our founder Vice President Rtn K. Vijaykumar of RC Bangalore, India. His spirited services to humanity and to the SAFGR will guide us all for long times to come. He was a true family person dedicated to community work with purity of thoughts. SAFGR express its condolences to Ann Vijayalaxmi, son Shriram and daughter Rukmini.

## Message from Chair, SAFGR



My Fellow Golfers,

Warm greeting for the New Year just ushered!

I am so delighted that the new editorial team is now ready to re-start this information medium amongst us! The year that has just gone by has been a period of anxiety and trauma and of great learning! The ongoing pandemic and its aftermath has witnessed the sudden loss of our mentors in RIPD Y P Das [Ambala] and PP K Vijaykumar [Bangalore], affected kids' education and golfers' dilemma. But the members have given their expression encouraging our strong desire to stay connected to golf by holding memorial tournaments with online reporting of scores and awards. It is indeed an unexpected experience.

To ensure that we all continue to remain connected with our passion, SAFGR has lined up a retreat to Kashmir in May 2021 and an International Master Cup in Thailand. I am proud to say that you are such a wonderful group when I learn that over 120 registrations have already been done for the Kashmir event! The concerned teams will tell you more on these events.

With regard to membership, let me share my joy that we are now 197 strong! It is time that we all give a recognition to ourselves! We already launched our SAFGR ID card project. I thank all the members who have promptly responded by sending their photographs and blood group. I appeal to those members who are yet to comply, to please do it at the soonest possible. The ID cards are your identity as an avid golfer globally and grass root volunteer under the Rotary umbrella.

I am very happy to inform you that SAFGR is now represented on the international body known as IGFR [as Director], based in Switzerland [International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians]. I shall share more with you soon when SAFGR's foot print will go beyond South Asia and international events!

Season's Greetings!

Parag Sheth

## Editor's Note



My Golfing Friends,

The wait is over! The new editorial team has put together its first issue after a long gap!

We are thankful to Chair Parag and his able Executive who have been generating interesting ideas and putting them in action. Be it golf played and reported 'virtually', collecting donations or etch memory of its leaders, the passionate golfers of SAGFR have created a niche for themselves! Thank you!!

Our effort has been to ensure e-Bulletin is concise, wholesome and states only facts. While regular news from more regions is being lined up, we hope to engage members' participation in this compendium.

I urge members to please take note that yours and your family's achievements are proposed to be reported in this publication if pictures are of good quality and facts are received via the regional chairs.

We deeply acknowledge hard work put in by our media partners GolfPlus led by Mr. Anil Dev and his dedicated team.

Yours in Rotary & service of golf.

Ramesh Bhandari



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The re-structured Board is as under [Dec. 8, 2020]

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At its last AGM, members resolved to spread SAFGR wings beyond South Asia by (i) becoming members of international fellowship, and (ii) include nations of the Far Eastern region as well.



## MEMORIAL CUPS IN SUCCESSION

➤ SAFGR was poorer with the loss of senior and passionate golfing members - RIPD Yashpal Das ji and Krishnamurthy Vijaykumar. Rtn. Das was Advisor of SAFGR while Rtn. Vijay was its VP.

To etch their contribution in our minds,

tournaments were held in their memory on 6th Nov. and 25th Dec. 2020 respectively. The first event was one of its kind when 545 golfers participated from 35 golf courses on same day same time! Second was well attended too with 100 golfers playing in Bangalore.

The unconventional initiatives taken by Rtns. Parag Sheth and Navdeep Chawla to support the Rotary Foundation India, the memorial event collected US\$ 125,000 with further contribution of US\$ 250,000 from the Bill Milinda Gates Foundation making a total of US\$ 375,000. That is power of Rotary and golf!

### PRID YashPal Das Memorial Golf Tournament



<b>Winner PRID Yashpal Das Trophy- Rotarian</b>	Sarvpreet Singh
<b>Winner PRID Yashpal Das Trophy- Non Rotarian</b>	Karan Mehto
<b>Winner Ladies</b>	Neeraja Khanna
<b>Winner Senior</b>	Kashinath Pai
<b>Winner Super Senior</b>	Kuldeep Bery
<b>Winner Max Pars</b>	Karan Mehto
<b>Winner Max Birdies</b>	Babu Sherpa

CITY	CITY CHAMPION	CITY	CITY CHAMPION
Ahemdabad	Shridhar Singh	Kandy, Sri Lanka	Haroon Aslam
Ambala	Ravinder Dhillon	Kathmandu, Nepal	Babu Sherpa
BaluMath	Krishna Sandarbh Pandey	Kochi	T. M. Shaji
Bengaluru	Sunil Shanmugam	Kodaikanal	Gauthma
Baroda	Shashwath Jayakumar	Kolkotta	Arya Vardhan Gupta
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Faridabad	Raghav Kalra	Roorkee	Rtn Dr Karan Singh
Hyderabad	Ramesh Surana	Shillong	Tony Curtis Lyngdoh
Jamshedpur	Vikramjit Singh Panag		

The event saw an inaugural address by the Tournament Chairman Rtn. Navdeep Chawla on a Zoom call from the Delhi Golf Club wherein he greeted all the golfers who had logged in for the tee off ceremony. The event culminated in a virtual Prize distribution in IPL style with all the Office bearers being present and more than 250 participants attending the prize giving ceremony virtually.







## Corporate Team Challenge, Bengaluru

A tribute to Rtn. Krishnamoorthy Vijaykumar







## SAFGR INVITED TO HOST WORLD CUP & TO THE BOARD OF IGFR

Expanding footprint of SAFGR reported by late RIPD Das to the IGFR was reiterated by PDG Parag. Recently IGFR invited SAFGR to bid to hold IGFR World Cup

in India in 2022 and invited PDG Parag Sheth to be on its Board.

In response, on 6.1.2021, SAFGR Chair Parag Sheth made a strong pitch to the IGFR Board. The

IGFR President has now slotted the matter for the Board of Directors' [BoD] Meeting of IGFR to be held in Feb. 2021. Friends, SAFGR has come a long way in global golfing circuit!

## SOTHERN REGION - HYDERABAD

Rotarian Dr. Sameer Azad Mahendra won in a row as many as three golf cups played recently at Hyderabad, viz., President Cup, Sankranthi Cup and Hyderabad Addicts Cup.

While President Cup is the biggest and prestigious annual event held at Hyderabad Golf Association played over 3 days with 2 rounds [stroke play], Sankranthi Cup is another big tournament held with 75% of handicap on a stable Ford format and



lastly, Addicts Cup is on 100% handicap stableford tournament.

## Membership News

As on 31st December 2020 SAFGR membership hit 187 mark.

Today it is 197 strong! You will see detailed graphs in next bulletin.

## EASTERN REGION- JAMSHEDPUR

The steel City Golf Tournament was held in Jamshedpur on 15th and 16th of January 2021. This year end tournament occupies a prominent place in the social and sporting calendar of Jamshedpur.

It also honours the amateur golfers who have performed consistently throughout the year.



Alka Garg, spouse of Rtn Jeetu Garg, another of our SAFGR members won the Runners up and Best Gross for this tournament.



Malvika Jha, the daughter of our esteemed SAFGR member Rtn Mithilesh Jha won the prestigious Nora Haley cup. She won two business class return tickets to Abu Dhabi.



SAFGR member Rtn Sujata Sachdev won the Runners up for Pervez Mehta Tournament, a two ball match play event held over 2 months.



SAFGR Eastern Zone Chair Rtn Rajender Sachdev won the Runners up trophy for the Jamshedpur Challenge, a tournament held over 72 holes over 2 weekends.



## THE 57<sup>TH</sup> ROTARY GOLF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MARRAKECH 23-30 OCTOBER 2021

After the success and the exceptionally high demand for the European golf championship in Marrakech we decided to renew the experience and invite you to the 57th edition of the International golf championship in the beautiful and sunny city of Marrakech, Morocco.

### OCTOBER 24 - 29TH 2021

With its endless blue skies and sunny days Marrakech represents an ideal golfing destination. Its golf courses are beautifully designed and several of them offer breath taking views on the Atlas Mountains and other impressive landscapes. We have already pre-selected three of the most spectacular golf clubs for you:

- **The Royal Palm Golf Club:** a unique combination of luxury and sustainable development, the course resembles a spectacular garden that changes with the seasons.

- **Samanah Golf Club:** one of the most recent golf courses in the Kingdom. 100 hectares designed by the famous architectural firm "Nicklaus Design" and suitable for all levels of play

- **Al Maaden Golf Club:** an 18-holes championship course that spans 72 hectares, with a Par 72 and a total length of 6,569 meters (7,184 yards). It bears the signature of the famous architect Kyle PHILLIPS who has married between a Moroccan and Scottish touch.

Not only will this championship permit an amazing golfing experience but also the discovery of an ideal and exotic destination. Marrakech is a vibrant and colorful city with a unique energy. You will be amazed by its beautiful mosques, enchanting palaces and thriving marketplaces known as souks where you can discover the exquisite Moroccan craft and all sort of souvenirs.

The program for non-golfers will make the most of all Marrakech's treasures, taking companions through a unique local adventure with a tour guide giving detailed explanations behind the significant sites.

Hakim Tahri  
President IGFR Morocco

### Upcoming events supported by SAFGR

Rotary DISTRICT 3054

Rotary Home Opportunities

Host Club: Rotary Club of Ahmedabad North

Supported By: SOUTH ASIA FELLOWSHIP

COLLABORATION

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2021 (Multi District)

28 February 2021, Sunday  
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Enquiries & Registrations: +91 97265 99555

Atani Shantigram, Near Vishnudev Circle, Sarkhel Chandinagar Highway, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

## SAVE THE DATE

Rotary GOLF FOR CHARITY

Rotary Club of Hyderabad District

### IN AID OF DIALYSIS CENTRES AT GUNTUR, KHAMMAM AND BIDAR.

Date: **21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2021.**

Venue: **Hyderabad Golf Club**



## UNITY GOLF CUP 2021

SAFGR accorded its support to the Unity Golf Cup being a unique tournament which celebrates a united India. The event was played at the Kalhaar Blues & Greens Golf Course on 22nd January and saw participation of SAFGR members from all over the country. The event was graced by Founder and Chair Rtn. Parag Sheth who inaugurated the event and briefed the gathering about the details of SAFGR and its activities.



### RESULTS

Closest to the Pin	Pranav Shah
Longest Drive	Ragesh Vasa
Straightest Drive	Masood Jafry
Winner Ladies	Punam Sheth
Winner 65+	MK Tandon
Winner Handicap 25-30	Anil Koshti
Winner Handicap 19-24	Mohit Patel
Runner-up Handicap 19-24	Parag Kamdar
Winner Handicap 10-18	Rajiv Kumar
Runner-up Handicap 10-18	Mahesh Chandra
Winner Handicap 1-9	Rajesh Vasa
Runner-up Handicap 1-9	Parthiv Mehta





# SAFGR CUP 2021

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South Asian Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians invites you to the annual golfing retreat in Kashmir-the Paradise on earth.



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# SAFGR Masters 2021

Hua Hin, Thailand  
3-6, September, 2021

