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PCD Courses are Winners again

At both the recently held Asian Golf Monthly Awards and the recently listed 2012 China Golf Awards courses designed by PCD have again received awards. These awards come hot on the heels of the PCD designed Black Mountain Golf Course, Hua Hin - Thailand, being listed as one of the top 100 golf courses of the world.

Award Winners recently announced were;

ASIAN GOLF MONTHLY

Oxford Golf and Country Club - Best Maintained course in Asia Pacific - 3rd

Black Mountain Golf Club - Best Course in Asia Pacific - 2nd

Oxford Golf and Country Club - Best Course in India - 2nd

Eagleton Golf Resort - Best Course in India - 2nd

Black Mountain Golf Club - Best Pro-Shop in Asia Pacific - 3rd

CHINA GOLF AWARDS

The Country Club Chengdu - Best New Golf Course

Gentle Uptown Golf Club - Best Hot Spring Golf Club

Lake Hill Golf Club (Haining) - Best Parkland Golf Course

The Country Club Chengdu - Best Club House Design



The Country Club - Chengdu

Mianyang - Xianhai Project Commences



Mianyang is a city of over 4 million people situated in the Sichuan province of China about 200 kilometres west of Chengdu. The Chengdu Hongyuan Investment Co. Ltd has control of over 375 hectares of land on the edge of the beautiful Lake Chenkangtun in a region known as the Xianhai Tourist Area. The plan is to develop the area into a large residential and resort area including a 27 hole golf course.

PCD has been commissioned to design the golf course and work has commenced on the construction of the first 9 holes. The site is spectacular and lends itself to many exciting and challenging golf holes with significant elevation changes, water carries and a variety of strategic shot options. The construction team is working in close association with PCD and building the course at a hole at a time to minimise the construction footprint and preserve much of the natural vegetation.

Grassing has now commenced on some of the early holes and it is hoped that the first 9 holes will be completed and ready for play by the end of 2013.

Construction will continue on the remaining 18 holes with the 27 hole course eventually being completed in 3 loops, each being over 3,700 yards long.



Chirnside on track



The relocation of the Chirnside Park Golf Club to a new 18 hole facility less than 5 kilometres from its current site draws closer by the day. All bulk earthworks on the project are virtually completed, as is the fine shaping of the first 9 holes. Grassing is about to commence, the club house is partially constructed and all is in place for an opening in late 2013.

This exciting project will see the old course closed and sold for development into residential allotments, while the golf club will get a new course of superior quality. The new course is being built on the site of an old clay quarry, this project is not just about creating a great golf course, it's also about reclaiming and reforesting a degraded site and will be a win for golfers, the community and the environment.

Chickmagular expands to 18 holes



Chickmagular Golf Club lies at the foothills of the Babubadanagiri Ranges across the Western Ghats which are simply breathtaking. Pacific Coast Design undertook the original design of the Nine hole layout which was opened in 2002. The Golf Course had been the community dream for a group of coffee planters from the region and their hard work has seen the members set up a great golf club and on-site accommodation.

Now after ten years the members have raised enough funds, bought additional land and have commenced construction in November 2012 on a second nine holes to bring the Golf Course up to 18 holes.

PCD Director Phil Ryan and Global Golf Director Prakash Alvares recently met the Committee (Old & New) at the Kadur Club (Coffee Planters Club established in 1887) in Chickmagular to reminisce as that is where the original meeting with PCD occurred to establish the Club back in 2000. After a hard day going over the construction site the team enjoyed the social atmosphere while remembering the many difficulties encountered over the years to get the Club to this point, as well as those members who were no longer with us to see and share in the pleasure of the second nine.

The new 18 hole golf course will be a Par 68 of 5,610 yards and is being Project Managed by Global Golf (India) and should be open for play in August 2013.



Golf in India - still available



Golf in India is a book that covers all aspects of golf course development and management in a country that has a history in the sport of golf that exceeds 150 years. Every golf course in India is listed, and with over 200 coloured photographs the book details the drama and beauty that is golf in India. With a focus on the Indian marketplace, chapters on master-planning, construction, maintenance and golf course management are covered.

Written by PCD Directors Phil Ryan and Paul Reeves the book is a great resource for anyone interested or involved in golf in India.

Priced at around R's 2,000 (US\$ 50) the book is still available for purchase through www.uread.com.

New Course for Southern India



Shimoga (local spelling Shivamogga) is a growing city with a population of around 350,000 and is located about 276 km from Bangalore in Karnataka. PCD were engaged by KTG Group - Bangalore in 2011 for the planning and design of the new International standard residential / resort, Nine hole golf course of Par 35, 3201 Yards at the site which is about 7.5 km from the city centre.

The Planning involves over 200 residential lots, apartments, a resort hotel & spa as well as the golf club and function facilities. The project will create a new standard of residential living and tourism in Shimoga.

Work on site commenced in November (2012), although originally a palm oil plantation there were quite a few established native trees within the site and a great deal of attention was taken to retain these during clearing and this will add to the look of the golf course and resort from opening day, expected to be following the monsoon in 2013.

The golf course will be bringing a new dimension to golf in India as the second hole (Par 3 of 162 yards) will be the first Island green in India, quite a different challenge for those that find water intimidating. The site has a gentle valley through the middle so provides for very good movement giving golfers a variety of shots.

Golf in the south is looking positive and it is expected over the next few years that many smaller cities in the south will join the movement towards lifestyle golf facilities



PCD Directors on the Road



2012 saw PCD Directors Phil Ryan and Paul Reeves make over 16 trips to countries outside Australia, to visit clients and assist with the ongoing development of various golf projects. In 2013 both Phil and Paul remain committed to this desire to assist clients in the creation of exciting golf visions and will both be on the road from early in the new year.

Both are committed to visiting India in February to participate in the Indian Golf Industry Association Expo to be held at Oxford Golf Club Pune. (www.indiagolfexpo.com) . At the expo both will be part of the seminars appearing on expert panels to discuss various golf related topics.

In March Phil and Paul will also be attending the China Golf Show to be held in Beijing. PCD will have a booth at the show

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