

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of PCD news for 2015. It has been a busy time for Directors and staff of PCD with varied golf projects across Asia both new and ongoing to support. We were discussing in the office recently that it is hard to believe that next year PCD will have been established for thirty years as the time seems to have gone by so quickly. Enjoy the read and please contact us if you need any information or assistance. The Directors, PCD.



Delhi GC - Peacock Nine - Golf Restoration



PCD has begun the restoration works at the Delhi Golf Club, Peacock Nine on behalf of the Club and members. The Peacock Nine had three holes under redevelopment (H3, 4 & 5) since early January 2015 as a Phase One works, following the Indian Open (Feb 2015) the balance of holes were also closed so that all Nine holes are now under restoration.

The construction works are being undertaken by Silverglades Group and project management is being undertaken by the DGC team of Brig Sanjiv Mehra (Secretary), Course Management Babu Lall & Bhupendra Singh. PCD Directors have been visiting the works on a regular basis and also monitoring via internet web cam / video conferencing. PCD has been very impressed with the team work shown, the dedication to restoration works by DGC team and also the quality of golf construction work by Silverglades.

Grassing has now commenced on the Phase One holes and the Course should be reopened later in the year.



Thana City Golf (Bangkok) Renovations



Thana City Golf & Sports Club Co. Ltd. engaged Pacific Coast Design in late 2013 to undertake a review and redesign of the golf course. Such a redesign would bring the golf course up to the standards of current golf strategy as many of the golf features have been made redundant due to (a) golf equipment improvements and (b) technical advances in golf construction since the golf course opened in 1993.

The redesign process commenced with a review of the golf course by PCD Directors, the notes relating to this were then shared with Thana City Management (Absolute Golf Services) and the Project Managers (Links Golf Services) who then went on to develop a preliminary budget which was reviewed by TCG&SC who then approved the program to move to the next phase.

A complete survey was undertaken of the golf course, from that concept design and documentation was prepared and evaluated / discussed and approved over several workshops with the entire team during the first half of 2014. The final budgets were approved in mid 2014 and detail design commenced culminating in construction works commencing early in 2015.

The renovations will bring the 18 hole championship golf course to 7118 yards and include, nine new green complexes, two redeveloped holes, a new Par 3 / hole 19 in front of the Club and a "linking" of holes 16, 17 & 18 into what will become known collectively as the "Shark Bite".

A feature of the finish at the Island green on hole 18 will be the "Shark Bite bunker". Which has recently been completed as per the photo below

Extensive cart path, landscaping and re-grassing works will complement the other structural changes. Works by Links Golf Services will proceed over the next two years however golfers will have an 18 hole layout at all times during the redevelopment program.





The Ahmedabad based Arvind Real Estate (<http://www.arvindinfrastructure.com>) has established itself as an innovative provider of residential and commercial projects in Gujarat and Bangalore.

PCD has worked as a part of the Arvind team to develop a "Community Golf Zone" to be a central focus in the under construction Uplands residential / resort township project on the outskirts of Ahmedabad. The community golf concept has a 9 hole / Par 3 golf course with two tee system set around a major lake and landscaping within a 10 acre parcel of land. The concept is simple, the golf course is fenced (only 1.2m height) and operates exclusively as a golf facility during certain times of the day, access is only via the Club. At other times of the day the zone is used by residents virtually as an open park with a circular path system linking all of the golf holes but also providing a base trail for walkers, joggers and leisure use. The path has bollard lighting and security cameras watch over the zone.

There are two "snack cafes" within the zone (seating up to 20) and also two outside exercise stations along the trail. Resident use during non-golf times can include picnicking on tees or fairways but residents are requested not to go onto greens or in bunkers, pets are not allowed into the zone.

The community golf concept builds on PCD's successful Blue Ridge golf in Pune and many Developers are looking for such integrated multi-use golf facilities in new townships as the golf helps to pay for ongoing maintenance of the open space. The ability of residents to also come into the golf zone builds up their confidence and creates interest in possibly learning golf which further utilizes and generates additional financial return on the space. A real win-win for all.

The final shaping works are currently happening and the Course should be open by the end of 2015.

Chongzhou Golf - LXS Asean Golf Club



Citic, one of China's largest companies with interests in banking, mining and urban development, commissioned PCD to master plan their 262 hectare site in Chongzuo, Guangxi province in southern China several years ago. The plan is for a 36 hole golf project with residential areas overlooking parts of the golf course.

PCD Director Paul Reeves recently visited the site to inspect ongoing progress and play the first 9 holes of the project. These opening holes combine 5 holes of the east course with 4 holes of the west course and provide a sample of what is an exciting golf facility.

The 2 courses are designed to provide the golfer with 2 different golf experiences with both visual and strategic differences. This initial opening 9 holes has proved popular with the club boasting significant membership sales.

Construction of the courses continues and commencement of the building of the residential areas is about to start.



Calcutta Riverside Golf



The Hiland Group is developing an exciting township in Kolkata along the Ganges River on 262 acres. The project named Calcutta Riverside incorporates a multi-speciality hospital, vibrant retail, International school, river front promenade, 9 hole executive golf course, sports facilities, transportation hub, golf frontage villas and stunning apartments.

The Golf Course is a Par 29 of 1794 yards but with a multiple tee system golfers can play alternative nines for an 18 hole experience. Set on a land area of 28 acres the design has developed around existing trees and so the end product will look as it has been long established.

Project Managers Global Golf (India) are overseeing construction works and Phase One / three holes is expected to be completed and opened with temporary Club facilities later this year.



Tianma Golf Renovations



The 27 hole, Tianma Country Club in Shanghai was designed by PCD and opened in 1999, the course has proven a popular club with both members and visitors. The course owners have always had a commitment to the continuous improvement of the golf course and with this in mind they asked PCD back to review the course. At the moment the work is on the 9 holes of the Old Course.

The work has mainly involved adjusting feature positions and designs while working on a minimal footprint. Although all 9 greens and all bunkers are being reconstructed, less than 20% of the course is impacted by earthworks, no routing changes, only 4 new tees, and most cart paths, trees and the irrigation main will remain as previous. The objective is to give the course a new feel but without the expense or effort associated with other reconstruction projects.

All of the bulk earthworks are now completed and final feature construction is well underway, the intention is to complete the construction by the end of May and have the course back in play by August.



Indian golf industry association - symposium & golf expo



PCD are proud supporters of the Indian Golf Industry Association, being foundation members and also having PCD Director Phil Ryan as a Board Member since its inception. Each year the IGIA holds a Symposium (major forum for Industry information exchange and education) as well as the Golf Expo and this year the forth Expo will be held at DLF Club 5 in Gurgaon, Delhi on April 15 & 16.

More information on the Symposium & Expo can be found at www.indiagolfexpo.com

PCD Directors Vincent Pinto (based at Pune Office), Paul Reeves and Phil Ryan will all be in attendance and look forward to meeting up with both old and new friends during the event.

The Expo will be busy with both Paul & Phil being speakers at the Symposium and Phil is also the Symposium Organizer so if you do need some private time with any Director please send us an email so this can be organized.

