



## Asia Golf Awards, Singapore



For the second year running Pacific Coast Design (PCD) has been awarded 2nd Runner-up – Best Golf Course Architect in Asia – Pacific.

Held recently in Singapore the 2015 Asian Golf Awards was well attended with over 200 guests. PCD designed golf courses were well represented with 8 courses receiving awards. PCD Courses to receive awards were - Vietnam, Kings Island Mountain View Course, Heron Lakes Golf Course – China, Tianma Country Club, Chengdu Country Club – India Eagleton Golf Village, Clover Greens Golf Club, Oxford Golf Club – Thailand, Black Mountain Golf Club. PCD Director Paul Reeves was at the evening along with Mr Tsou (Tianma) and Mr Narayan (Eagleton)



## IGIA Conference At Oxford Golf, India



The Indian Golf Industry Association (IGIA) is continuing to grow throughout India. A recent development has been the organising and running of short seminars for various regions throughout India. These seminars are attracting local golf course Owners, Managers and Superintendents and providing them with a great forum to discuss issues and ideas as well as having speakers talk about specific issues.

The most recent of these seminars was held at the Oxford Golf Club – Pune, and coincided with the Western India Oxford Masters a 4 round IGPTA event. Guest speakers were James Quilley from Thailand, speaking on ideas for promoting your golf course and PCD Director Paul Reeves, speaking on Water Conservation. Over 25 industry participants attended and both organiser Rishi Narain and the IGIA are to be commended for organising such a great event.

The 2016 IGIA Golf Expo will be held in Delhi next April 20-21 further information can be found on their website [www.igja.co.in](http://www.igja.co.in)



# Renovation Of Poona Golf Course - Pune, India



The current Poona Club Golf Course, set in an area of only 89 acres was designed in 1992 by PCD and constructed through to opening in 1994. While the original golf course was constructed well (technically) the actual features were mostly constructed by hand / labour and being 22 years ago there was not a lot of funds available to bring in a lot of soil to cover the previous surface of mostly sheet rock. The golf course was opened to great acclaim at the time and the greens were said to be the best in India.

However over the past ten years the playing surfaces have suffered through (a) accumulation of about 15 to 20 cm of thatch under greens (b) major weed infestation in fairways and (c) uneven tees.

During late 2014 and into 2015 the Committee of the Golf Course had decided to completely renovate the golf course as well as appoint a new Golf Course Superintendent (Harshada) to maintain the newly renovated surfaces. PCD were proud to be approached to take on the project to restore and enhance the design as well undertake the redesign of all greens, bunkers and fairways. The original planning was reviewed fully, budgets developed and a concept with full presentation given to members (Open House) by PCD Directors Phil Ryan and Vincent Pinto.

Global Golf (India) were appointed to project manage the renovation while Continental Earthmovers were successful with the tender process and were appointed to carry out the work. PCD Shaper Pun was appointed to carry out the shaping and will be on site for 4 months.

PCD had put forward a plan for closing Holes 1 to 9 then progressively opening new holes, within the redeveloped nine to enable the balance of holes to be renovated, all within a 10 month window (monsoon to monsoon) while still having nine holes open for play at all times.

The new Par 71 / 6750 yard layout was commenced in late September 2015 and to date greens / fairways / bunker complexes & Tees on six holes have been completed, readied for grassing. The greens have had sod removed and stored, new sections of greens created to alter basic design shape, then thatch removed with new sand placed / shaped and then the grass replaced. The fairways are having over 620 trucks of soil imported enabling better movement and more shape to bunker complexes. Drainage is being installed and Irrigation modified / upgraded with full automatic computer control.

To date the results have been spectacular and certainly both golfers and PCD are really looking forward to the re-opening of new holes.



# Check The Roots On This Green - Jaipur MTC Golf, India



At PCD we stay in touch with our clients and love to see their courses mature and evolve while always being available to discuss the ongoing development of the golf course.

Royal Jaipur Golf Club is built in the sandy hills to the north of Jaipur where rainfall is seldom and water use must be carefully managed. It was with great pleasure that PCD recently received an email from the team onsite that not only showed the courses developments but the wonderful grass roots they have been able to achieve. Growing such deep roots can only make for healthy turf and all at Royal Jaipur are to be congratulated on what they are achieving.



## Renovation Of "A" Course At Amai Golf Club, China



Originally built as 18 holes in 1982 then extended to 27 holes the golf / residential / resort is located at the foot of Qi Mountain about 30 minutes drive from downtown Fuzhou. The entire project is just under 1500 acres of land and currently each of the nine holes is a Par 36 of around 3200 to 3500 yards in length.

The Xin Dong Yang Group, Owners of the project engaged PCD to redesign the 'A' Course to introduce a golf driving range to complement the new Country Club facilities. PCD developed a concept of converting the existing ninth hole into the driving range and utilizing spare land creating three new holes (H1, 2, & 9) to reinstate the nine hole layout. At the same time the other holes of the golf course are undergoing complete redesign / renovation with all greens and bunkers redone so as to create a totally new "A" Course.

With the design plans approved and on display in the Club Manager Ian Watkins, Golf Superintendent (Tony) and PCD Director Phil Ryan conducted a site meeting / workshop with contractors so it is expected that works will commence early December.

Along with the major renovation the Club is taking the opportunity of converting greens to a hybrid Bermuda grass as well as upgrading the Irrigation system to fully automatic control. The new layout will be a Par 36 of 3432 yards.

Golfers will still have the benefit of the other 18 holes being open throughout the redevelopment.



## Congratulations Anil Seolekar



Anil Seolekar the founder of the Oxford Golf and Country Club has been unanimously elected as President of the Indian Golf Union (IGU). Anil who has spent many years serving on the IGU board has set the goals of further developing the ranks of junior golfers throughout India as well as promoting Indian golf to the rest of the world.



## Opening Of Tianma, China



China is a dynamic country that moves at a very fast pace, what was new quickly becomes old and golf courses must evolve to meet the demands of this market. Hence when PCD's first Chinese project, Tianma Country Club, decided it needed a refresh it came as no great shock.

Knowing both the course and the client PCD has worked with the original routing to create a new golf course. This has been done with large portions of the site untouched both saving the client funds, ensuring the work was completed and reopened within 9 months, and giving the renovated course the feel of being well established.

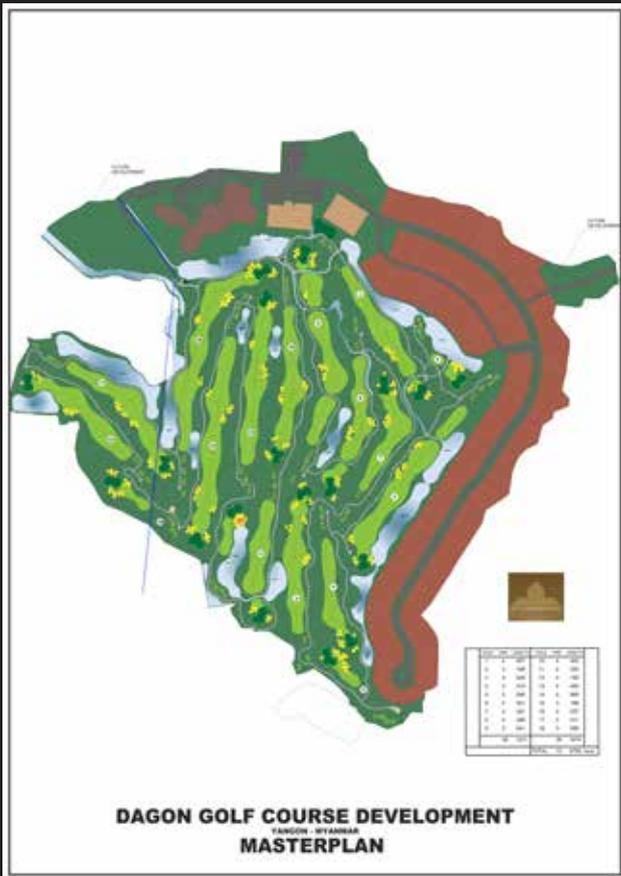
The recent opening coincided with the country clubs 19th birthday and a gala evening was held to celebrate. Members are finding the renovated 9 holes more challenging but the fun and enjoyment that makes Tianma such a great members club has been retained.

## Thana City Golf, Thailand



PCD Designed "Shark Bite" bunker island Hole 18 at Thana City Golf Redevelopment in Thailand

## New 18 Hole Golf Course At Yangon, Myanmar (Burma)



PCD have already completed one 18 hole Golf project in Myanmar, The Royal Myanmar GCC in the (then) new Capital city of Naypyidaw in 2009.

In late 2014 the JLG Group commissioned PCD to undertake site planning and design for a new 18 hole, residential, resort golf project near the International Airport in Yangon, to be called Dagon Golf.

PCD have worked with The Beaumont Partnership and Absolute Golf Services (both companies based in Thailand) to create a Master Plan that encompasses a township component (commercial buildings, restaurants & shopping), International School, Orchid Research Centre, Condominium towers, Serviced Apartments, Villas, 210 room Hotel, Clubhouse and a Par 72 golf layout of 6786 yards.

Work has commenced on site and it is hoped that a major portion of the golf can be completed prior to the next monsoon rain.

## International Golf Architects Study Tour



PCD Directors Paul Reeves and Phil Ryan travelled to England in September 2015 to participate in the 'To Heath and Links Tour' an event run by the European Institute of Golf Course Architecture (EIGCA).

Over 70 golf course architects from throughout the world were in attendance with the study tour visiting Sunningdale Golf Club, Berkshire Golf Club, Royal St Georges Golf Club and Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club. Visiting and studying classic golf courses such as these provides the architects with both inspiration and ideas for future designs, while displaying that the fundamentals for good golf course design are as relevant today as they were over 100 years ago.

