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A Message from the Caddy Committee Convenor

As we strive for excellence in our golfing community, I would like to express my appreciation for our caddies' hard work and dedication. They play a vital role in enhancing the golfing experience, and their expertise and course knowledge are invaluable.

As Convenor, I am committed to ensuring our caddies receive the support and training needed to provide exceptional service. Recently, we organised a Caddies Workshop on 7 January 2025, with esteemed facilitators Ms Nitika Kumari Jadeja and Mr Vinay Modi. The workshop focused on improving caddy behavior, interaction with members, and communication with Indian and foreign guests. Our Caddy Master, Mr Dal Singh, and Assistant Caddy Master, Mr Ram Singh, also played a pivotal role in guiding the caddies on best practices.

Furthermore, we are enhancing our caddies' professionalism by providing uniforms to both Category A and B caddies in May 2025.

I would like to thank our caddies for their tireless efforts and commitment to excellence. I encourage our members and guests to appreciate and acknowledge the important role caddies play in our golfing community.


Thank you


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Convenor Caddy Committee




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NC DATTA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The two-day NC Datta Memorial Golf Tournament (Monthly Medal - III) was organised at the Rambagh Golf Club. The tournament concluded with the prize distribution ceremony. Rishiraj Singh was the 'Pro-Gross winner' and Hemendra Chaudhary and Abhyuday Rawat were the 'Pro-Joint runners-up' in the tournament. At the same time, the title of 'Amateur Gross Winner' was won by Deependra Singhal and Rohit Gothwal was the 'Amateur Gross Runner Up'.



Winners and runners-up in handicaps categories were as follows- Pushpendra S Rathore was the winner in handicap category (00-09) and Rajat Karwasara was the runner-up; winner of handicap category (10-16) was Harsh Bairwa and runner-up was Archit Goyal and winner of handicap category (17-24) Nitin Khandelwal and Shaurya Vardhan was the runner-up.

In the tournament, the winner of 'Best Senior Golfer' title was Pradeep Tak and the winner of the 'Best Super Senior Golfer' title was Kamal Bordia, whereas the 'Best Lady Golfer' award was won by Dr Anjali Jain and the runner-up was Vrinda Saini.

Similarly, in other categories, 'Nearest to Pin' winner was Kunal Singh; the winner of 'Longest Drive' was Ahsaas Khanijau; 'Veterans Longest Drive' winner was Satish Rajoria; winner of 'Ladies Longest Drive' was Eti Choudhary and the award for 'Straightest Drive' was won by Sunil Shekhawat.

Par 3 Masters Golf Tournament



The Rambagh Golf Club hosted the much-anticipated Par 3 Masters Golf Tournament on 3 May 2025, drawing enthusiastic participation and showcasing exceptional short-game skills on the course.

In the Men's category, Pushpendra S. Rathore emerged as the Winner with a remarkable score of 53, while Atul Poddar followed closely as the Runner-Up with a score of 55. In the Women's category, Nitika Jadeja claimed the Winner's title, tying with Monisha Samaria at 66, with Nitika winning on countback.

Adding a spark of excitement to the day. In the Nearest to Pin contests, Col. S.S. Rathore placed his shot just 3 feet 10 inches from the hole on Hole No. 2, and Rafeek Khan impressed with a 7.3-inch shot on Hole No. 13.

Upcoming Tournament: The R.D. Singh Memorial Golf Tournament

The R.D. Singh Memorial Golf Tournament – Monthly Medal IV will be organised at Rambagh Golf Club on the 17 and 18 May 2025. Held in honour of the late R.D. Singh, the tournament celebrates his enduring legacy and contribution to the sport. This two-day event will follow an 18-hole Stableford format (3/4 handicap) with categories ranging from 00–09, 10–16, and 17–24 handicaps, along with separate divisions for veterans and ladies.

Additionally, professional and amateur golfers will compete in a 36-hole strokeplay format spread over both days. Special prizes will be awarded for Longest Drive, Nearest to Pin, and Straightest Drive, among others.

Friday Live Band Night with Kuldeep Singh Rao

The Valley Area of Rambagh Golf Club came alive on the evening of Friday, 2 May 2025, as members gathered for a vibrant edition of Friday Live – Band Night, featuring the soulful and energetic performance of Kuldeep Singh Rao (KSR).

With a mix of live melodies and engaging crowd interaction, Kuldeep Singh mesmerised the audience with his charismatic stage presence and musical talent. The event, held under the starlit sky, saw an enthusiastic turnout, creating a relaxed and festive atmosphere. The event was well received by members and guests alike, reinforcing the club's commitment to curating memorable cultural evenings.





Free Eye Check-Up Camp

Rambagh Golf Club, in collaboration with member, Puneet Mittal, successfully organised a Free Eye Check-Up Camp on 27 April, 2025, within the club premises. The initiative received an overwhelming response, with over 100 members, caddies, and staff participating in the camp.

In addition to comprehensive eye examinations, free spectacles were distributed to those who required them, making the effort both meaningful and impactful. The event reflected the club's ongoing commitment to promoting health and wellness within its community, and was appreciated by all who attended.



RGC'S Hridaan Qualifies for Junior World Championship in USA



Rambagh Golf Club's Hridaan Saraogi has qualified for the Junior World Championship by performing excellently in the US Kids Golf India Tour. Hridaan has shown his talent by securing first place in 4 consecutive tournaments of the US Kids Golf India Tour held in Gurgaon. He will now represent India in the Junior World Championship of Golf to be held in July 2025 at the prestigious Pinehurst Golf Course in North Carolina, USA. Hridaan regularly practices at the Rambagh Golf Club to hone his skills.

Hridaan is one of only two children in his age group to represent India on the world stage who have been able to reach this level. He has brought laurels to India not only at the national level but also at the international level.

This is the local tour that US kids organises every year in India and 30 other countries around the world. Junior golfers are then selected to play the world championship, which takes place in Pinehurst and is the largest tournament worldwide for juniors. Golfers are chosen only if they score level par over 36 holes. Hridaan scored -2 in one round and +2 in the second for a level par score across two days. This has secured him an invitation to this tournament.

Shiksha Jain : Jaipur's Young Golfing Star with Olympic Dreams



From the quiet greens of Rambagh Golf Club to the fairways of international acclaim, 14-year-old Shiksha Jain is writing a story of discipline, resilience, and unwavering belief—one powerful swing at a time. Born and raised in Surat and now training out of Jaipur, Shiksha began her golfing journey at the tender age of 7. What started as a curious first lesson quickly evolved into a deep passion and daily pursuit. Today, she stands tall as one of India's top-ranked junior girl golfers, with over 87 tournament victories under her belt and 174+ international invitations to her credit. She is currently ranked among the Top 3 nationally in her age category.

Shiksha's journey, however, hasn't been smooth or conventional. Coming from a service-class background, her parents have made enormous sacrifices—relocating cities, choosing flexible schooling, and self-funding training and travel—to ensure she gets every opportunity she deserves. Every trophy has a backstory: early morning fitness drills, countless hours under the sun, long drives across cities for tournaments, and a tightrope walk on family finances.

But none of this dims her ambition. "I don't just want to win. I want to represent India at the Olympics. That's the dream. And I know I have to earn every step," says Shiksha.

Currently being coached by Dronacharya Awardee Mr. Jessi Grewal, Shiksha trains 10–11 hours a day, combining high-performance golf with intense physical conditioning. Her 2025 calendar is packed with 24+ national and international tournaments, including qualifiers in Thailand, South Africa, and Bangladesh.

Shiksha's talent hasn't gone unnoticed by professionals on the national circuit. Om Prakash Chouhan, a decorated PGTI winner, remarks: "I've seen Shiksha's game closely. Her swing is sharp, her mindset is mature, and she's fearless under pressure. She belongs on the Olympic stage."

His sentiments are echoed by Sachin Baisoya, another PGTI stalwart: "Shiksha reminds us what Indian golf is capable of. She's not just the future of women's golf—she's a symbol of what sheer determination looks like."

Shiksha has become a local inspiration, especially for young girls who often don't see themselves reflected in golf. She aims to use her platform to make golf more accessible, especially in underrepresented communities.

"If one girl sees me and picks up a golf club tomorrow, that's a win for me," she says with her signature smile.

The Rambagh Golf Club has been an integral part of Shiksha's growth, offering her a nurturing ground to compete, train, and connect with Jaipur's tight-knit golfing community. Her victories in tournaments hosted right here on our turf are reminders that world-class athletes can rise from within our own greens.

As Shiksha now marches toward her Olympic goal—eyes set on Los Angeles 2028—we as a community have a chance to support, celebrate, and champion one of our own. Let us take pride in this remarkable young athlete who is not just playing golf but redefining it for the next generation.



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