

DONALD STEEL TROPHY 2011

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION : TWO DAY STABLEFORD.

Ian Tait created history by becoming the first golfer to win the Donald Steel Trophy three years in a row, while Sam Gunaratne won the Ebert Pot. Amongst the ladies , Niloo Jayathilake won the Pam Fernando Trophy and Pauline Morley won the Victoria Bowl.

Sam Gunaratne, playing to a handicap of 10 won the Ebert Pot with a Nett Score of 71. Chris Holloway playing to a handicap of 12, also scored 71 but was beaten on countback. Niloo Jayatilake won the Pam Fernando Trophy with 40 stableford points. Runner - Up was Dinali De Zoysa with 34 stableford points. Pauline Morley, playing to a handicap of 22 won the Victoria Bowl with 61 Nett and Linda Harris was Runner - Up with 60 Nett, playing to a handicap of 23.

To Summarize : Results for the Donald Steel are as follows : Winner Victoria Bowl (Ladies' Combined Nett) Pauline Morley. Runner - Up Linda Harris / Pam Fernando Cup (Ladies' Combined Gross) Winner Niloo Jayathilake. Runner - Up Dinali de Zoysa / Ebert Pot(Gents Combined Nett) Winner Sam Gunaratne. Runner - Up Rohitha Batepola

Finally : The Donald Steel Trophy 2011. Winner Ian Tait. Runner - Up Chris Holloway.

From left Ian Tait Winner of the Donald Steel Trophy receives his award from Chris Holloway

From left Sam Gunaratne Winner of the Ebert Pot Trophy receives his award from Mrs. Thornton

From left Chris Holloway Runner-Up of the Ebert Pot Trophy receives his award from Errol Johnston

From left Pauline Morley Winner of the Victoria Bowl receives her award from Tony Whitham

From left Dinali De Zoysa Runner -Up of the Pam Fernando Cup receives her award from Mr. Thornton

THE DONALD STEEL TROPHY 2012 WILL BE HELD ON 11th AND 12th FEBRUARY 2012

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OMAN AIR GOLF OPEN 2010

The Oman Air Golf Open 2010 was held at the Victoria Golf & Country Resort. The golf tournament, conducted over the course of two days, saw the participation of over 30 overseas golfers from the Middle East, together with 80 golfers from Sri Lanka.

Johan Taylor emerged the overall winner of the Oman Air Trophy and Suwen Selverathnam was the runner - up. Taylor's scores for the tournament were quite impressive, registering a total of 87 points playing to a handicap of 14, while Suwen Selverathnam scored 76 points playing to a handicap of 8.

Other winners included Maleena Awn, who was the winner of the 'Longest Drive' in the Ladies' Category. Richel Hameed won the 'Longest Drive' in the Gents Category. Niloo Jayathilake was the winner of 'Nearest the Pin' in the Ladies' Category. Mukesh Sawhney won 'Nearest the Pin' in the Gents' Category. Niloo Jayathilake was the Combined Gross Winner in the Ladies' Category and Mark Lane was the Combined Gross Winner in the Gents' Category.

Luckily, the weather remained fine on both days. The golfers enjoyed playing at Victoria and vowed to come back for the next tournament to be held during September 2011.

Oman Air Country Manager for the Maldives and Sri Lanka, Gihan Karunaratne, distributed the trophies and Victoria's General Manager, Errol Johnston, compered the awards ceremony.



OMAN AIR GOLF OPEN 2011
3rd Of September

Developments

We welcome Etisalat again as our Major Sponsor 2011. We look forward to working with them in partnership for Golf Events. We will shortly commence refurbishing the old Club House to incorporate improvements to the Ladies' changing rooms and a complete reroofing of the building. Currently, we are also refurbishing the Chalets.

Mr. Pathmanathan has taken over coaching duties at VGCR. He will shortly undertake an Advanced Teaching Course in India as part of his development to take up a permanent position as Coach at Victoria Golf & Country Resort.

Errol Johnston
General Manager

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VICTORIA GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Victoria Club Championship was held on the 13th November 2010. The golf tournament format was 18 hole stroke play and more than 40 members competed in this annual event.

Twenty three year old Amrith de Soysa who represented Sri Lanka at the Asian Amateur Golf Championship held in Japan, won the Gross Championship with a gross score of 72. He performed extremely well, shooting one under par, sinking four birdies on his way to the top. The Ladies Gross Championship was won by Suwen Selvarathnam with 81 gross, followed by Niloo Jayatilake with 84 gross and in the third place was Sonia Boyle with 94 gross.

Men's Nett Winner was Scott Wanigasekara with a nett score of 71, playing to a handicap of 24. The highly talented Niloo Jayatilake playing to a handicap of 9, registered a nett score of 75 to become Ladies Nett Winner.

Winner Men's Division One : Sidath Wettimuny 74 / Winner Men's Division Two : Rohitha Batepola / Longest Drive Ladies Suwen Selvarathnam / Ladies 'Nearest the Pin' Indira Tibblin / Men's Longest Drive Sujeewa Lankathilake.



(From left Niloo Jayatilake receives her prize from Shamini Wettimuny) (From right Suwen Selvarathnam receives her prize from Shamini Wettimuny)

(From left Amrith de Soysa receives his prize from Shamini Wettimuny)

Special notice to Members

Victoria Golf & Country Resort is now open to all local and foreign weddings. Please contact our Marketing Executive on +94(0)727 840 894 or mail; marketing@victoriagolf.lk for more information. We will offer competitive prices for Catering and Accommodation for Members at Victoria Golf.

SWEDISH CLASSIC 2010

The Annual Swedish Classic Golf Championship organised by the Swedish Community in Sri Lanka and the Victoria Golf & Country Resort, was held at our award - winning golf course on the 27th November 2010.

Over 130 golfers, including 60 foreign players, competed in the golf championship, which is extremely popular. The participation of a large number of golfers from countries such as Sweden, India, Malaysia, Japan, U.A.E, Denmark and many other countries is an indication of its popularity.

Nick Clayton won the 7th Swedish Classic Trophy while in the Gold Division Sujeewa Lankathilake and Niloo Jayatilake won respectively. Swede Per Cramborn won the Rolf Cup offered for the senior over 65 years with the Best Nett score.

Results for the Swedish Classic were as follows: Swedish Classic Trophy Winner Nick Clayton / Runner - Up Shayanika Fernando. / Ladies Gold Division : Winner Niloo Jayatilake / Mens Gold Division : Winner Sujeewa Lankathilake / Runner Up Nimal Wettimuny / Mens Silver Division : Winner Sunil Fernando / Runner Up Ranjith Perera.

To view all the results you can log on to www.golfsrilanka.com



On behalf of Victoria Golf & Country Resort I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Rolf Tibblin and especially, his wife, Indira Tibblin and also Chaturi Engman, for giving their full support towards this tournament. Their help in the preparation and organisation was invaluable.

Dhanushika Medagoda
Marketing Executive

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Mark Bostock Memorial Trophy 2011

The 10th Annual Mark Bostock Memorial Golf Championship was sponsored by John Keels Limited. The format of this competition is a Stableford. The wife of the late Mark Bostock, Lif Bostock, who is now resident in England, flew over to Sri Lanka with her family to witness the Championship. She also celebrated her 80th birthday at Victorias 'Aralya Restaurant' just before the Awards Ceremony. She took the large crowd by surprise, dancing solo to the music of 'Papare Band'.

Bo Lindberg put on a classic display of golf to win the Mark Bostock Trophy. The Mens' Gross title was won by Lalith Ramanayake. Suwen Selvaratnam won the Ladies' Gross.

Lif receives a bouquet from Eloise Thornton



Lif Bostock with daughters Claire & Gillian and grand daughters Catherine and Alexandra



Preparing to cut the Cake

Results for The Mark Bostock Trophy were as follows: Ladies' Nett Winner Sonia Boyle. Runner - Up Roshini Sangani / Tony Witham Trophy : Ladies' Gross Winner Suwen Selvaratnam / Runner - Up Niloo Jayathilake / Men's Nett Winner Staffan Hansson Runner - Up Rohitha Batepola / Ken Balendra Trophy : Men's Gross Winner Lalith Ramanayake Runner-Up Gary Chatfield Finally: Winner Mark Bostock Memorial Trophy 2011 Bo Lindberg .



From Right Bo Lindberg receives his trophy from Mrs. Bostock



Lalith Ramanayake Winner Ken Balendra Trophy



From Right Steffan Hansson receives his trophy from Mrs. Bostock



From Right Sonia Boyle receives her trophy from Mr. Holloway



From Right Niloo Jayathilake receives her trophy from Mr. Holloway

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NEW ARRIVALS AT VICTORIA GOLF



INDI RODRIGO (B.SC AGRO -INDUSTRIAL) GOLF COURSE MANAGER

Indi Rodrigo joins us as Golf Course Manager on the retirement of Mr.Bulumulla. Mr. Rodrigo holds a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture and has had a long career in the Sugarcane Industry of Cuba and Sri Lanka. In the middle part of his career he was an understudy to Billy Barsenbeck at Royal Colombo Golf Club before taking over as Golf Course Manager.



PERCY FERNANDO MANAGER F&B

Trained in many aspects of the hotel industry and has worked as 'Maitre D' Hotel in the Middle East employed by the Intercontinental and Marriott groups as well as the Crown Plaza in Kuwait. He joins us as Food and Beverage Manager.



ALOY MIRANDA - EXECUTIVE CHEF

Joins us as Executive Chef, having trained at the Ceylon Hotel School. He worked for 20 Years at the Holiday Inns in Dubai, Saudi Arabia and Colombo. He also worked as Executive Chef in Eden Hotel and Ramada Hotel, Colombo. He is a Senior Chef in the Chefs' Guild of Sri Lanka.



MRS. INDUMALA RASANJALEE (ACIM,DIP UK) EXECUTIVE VICTORIA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Mrs. Rasanjalee holds a Diploma in Marketing at CIM, and has been employed by the John Keels Hotels Group for the last seven years where her last position was as a Senior Marketing Executive. She will head the VPMS Team where her experience in the Travel Industry will add value to the VGCR Hospitality Sector.



VINDYA MULLEGAMA - B.A(GENERAL UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA. MANAGEMENT TRAINEE HOSPITALITY

Ms.Mullegama , a graduate student of Hillwood College Kandy , is completing her Bachelors of Arts Degree majoring in English Language, from the University of Peradeniya. She has also been employed at the Mahaveli Reach Hotel Kandy for a year as a Sales and Marketing Executive.



SHYAMA ELLIOTT - EXECUTIVE VPMS

Shyama Elliott had been transferred from Administration to the VPMS Division as an Executive. Shyama achieved distinction in her final year 'A' Level from the Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy. She Joined VGCR in 1999 and has worked in the Administration Office since then.



CHAMINDA DHARMASENA - MANAGMENT ACCOUNTANT

Began duties on the 1st July 2011 as Management Accountant. He was educated at St. Sylvester's College, Kandy and latterly obtained his degree from the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka (CMA) He has worked as an Accountant in the Motor Industry for 10 years , the last two years at Indra Traders, Kandy.