



# NEWSLETTER

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### Humna takes 2nd position in Egyptian Amateurs Golf

Humna struggled in windy conditions after an impressive round of 71 on the opening day of the championship. By virtue of finishing second, Humna has qualified to feature in next year's Saudi Aramco ladies championship.



### Hamza Amin wins Austrian golf title for second time

Hamza Amin overcame the elements and a stiff challenge from European Tour winner Martin Wiegele to claim the Austrian National Open in Oberwaltersdorf, Austria. With his father, the legendary Taimur Hassan on the bag, Hamza made a series of birdies to win the championship by two strokes.

## The PGF awarded 45 m through the calendar championships to professionals & affiliated clubs

PGF conducted a significant event, the Pakistan Open, with a total prize of 10 million, sponsored by UMA. Additionally, PGF distributed equipment to deserving clubs, contributing to the improvement of the game of Golf. The JDT has played a pivotal role in elevating the professional aspect of the game.

The PGF is dedicated to its objective of promoting Golf in the country and enhancing the capabilities of its clubs and associations. As a non-profit organization, PGF has effectively saved substantial funds, which are subsequently utilized for promotional purposes.

# President Message

"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our golfing community and all the executive committee members of the PGF for entrusting me with the role of President of the Pakistan Golf Federation (PGF). I genuinely value the confidence you have placed in me.

As President, my foremost objective is to fortify the PGF, transforming it into a more resourceful and effective organization. I aim to promote golf as a healthy sport accessible to individuals of all ages, including our current members, lady members, youth, and those keen on embracing the game of golf.



In my capacity as President, I am dedicated to introducing innovative and exciting ideas, improving our infrastructure, and championing golf as an undisputed sport. These efforts will strengthen the bond between you and our organization. However, I want to emphasize that none of this would be possible without your support. Inshallah, I will place special emphasis on promoting golf among our esteemed lady members and identifying young talent, as they represent the future of golf in Pakistan.

We are wholeheartedly committed to working diligently and making proactive decisions to take golf in our country to the next level. By exploring our website, you can find comprehensive information about the PGF, upcoming events, and most importantly, updates on golf rules.

With the grace of the Almighty, our organization is experiencing growth and adapting to the challenges of the future. I hope everyone enjoys a fantastic golfing season and looks forward to seeing you on the golf course.

**Lt Gen Qazi Muhammad Ikram, HI (M), (Retd)**



# Pakistan at International Level

The PGF has consistently prioritized the development of juniors and ladies, implementing policies to send the younger generation on tours abroad. Starting in December 2021, there has been a significant improvement in their performance. Pakistan's top players are now ranked in the top 500 globally, compared to the previous year when they were ranked in the 700s. This reflects the positive impact of the PGF's efforts in nurturing and promoting golf talent.



**13th Singha Thailand Junior Amateur Golf Championship**

The PGF is closely monitoring the performance of Pakistan's international participants and evaluating their achievements. Additionally, the number of tours has significantly increased, indicating the organization's commitment to providing more opportunities for Pakistani golfers to compete and excel on the international stage.



**Mr. Hamza Amin receiving the Cheque Austria Open 2022**

Hamza Amin has made us immensely proud! The Pakistan Pro secured the professional title at the Austrian National Open, hosted at the Altentan Golf Club in Salzburg from June 16 to June 19. He returned an impressive score of -7 over four rounds with scores of 74, 69, 67, 71 (-7). The sight of the Pakistan flag flying high is truly heartwarming. A big CONGRATULATIONS to Hamza for this remarkable achievement!

Miss Humna Amjad has qualified for the Ladies European Tour and will be participating in the Aramco Saudi International Golf Championship in late 2022. Furthermore, the top 3 finishers of the Egypt Ladies will receive invitations to the tournament.

Additionally, Miss Parkha Ijaz achieved a remarkable Top 5 finish in the Egypt Amateur Golf Championship, which took place at Elgouna Golf Club from May 19 to May 22, 2022. It's noteworthy to mention that both these players hold high positions in Pakistan's Amateur Ladies Ranking and are also ranked in the top 500 in the World Amateur Ladies Golf Ranking.

"I feel blessed to have the opportunity to accompany these two talented young girls; they are exceptional performers."

**Team Manager Egypt Visit**





# Pakistan at International Level

Two members of our team, accompanied by the Team Manager, took part in the Egypt Amateur Open Golf Championship. Syed Yashal Shah performed admirably and finished in the top five with a score of 11 over par. Unfortunately, our second player had a stroke of bad luck as he fell ill and couldn't deliver his best performance. Mr. Khokhar finished the championship with a score of 37 over par after completing 72 holes of stroke play golf.



**Egypt Amateur Open Golf Championship 2022**

*The Team Manager expressed, "We thoroughly enjoyed our stay and greatly appreciated the warm hospitality extended to us by the Egypt Golf Federation."*



**14th King Hammad Trophy, Bahrain 2022**

A two-member team, featuring the avid golfer Mr. Ishtar Khokhar, took part in the 14th King Hammad Trophy held in Bahrain. Mr. Qasim Ali Khan and Mr. Osama Nadeem were selected to represent Pakistan in this championship organized by the Bahrain Golf Federation in November 2022. This event marked the first championship for both of these players.

Pakistan's top players took part in the LLD Singapore Amateur Championship. Syed Saim Shazli had an impressive performance, securing the 7th position with a score of 9 over par, consistently scoring 75 in each round. On the other hand, Mr. Damil finished at the 31st position with a score of 31 over par after completing 54 holes of stroke play competition. Following this championship, Syed Saim Shazli notably improved his national and international ranking, now standing among the top 5 amateur players in Pakistan.

The Team Manager shared their thoughts, stating, "We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and appreciated the food and catering arrangements made by the Singapore Golf Association".

**Team Manager**





# Pakistan at International Level

4 members comprising two teams both for Amateur men & ladies participated in the 118th Malaysia Amateur Open Golf Championship. Mr. Hussain Hamid, Mr. Nouman Asghar, Miss Suneyah Osama & Miss Daniyah Syed showed their skills. However, Mr. Hamid & Mr. Asghar missed Pakistan Open due to this event.



*118th Malaysia Amateur Golf Championship 2022*

## Junior Golfers are our assets



*13th Singha Junior World Amateur Golf Championship Thailand*

Two Juniors based on Faldo Series Trials ranking selected for 13 Singha Junior World Amateur Golf Championship held in Thailand. Master Larib ur Rehman & Master Muhammad Dharmal participated in the Junior World Amateur Championship.

### **Pakistan Golf transforms Pakistan's Hamza Sarfraz, steers him to San Diego**

Sarfraz explains playing in his first 18-hole tournament, where he finished 142nd in a field of 143. He explains why he didn't quit. Why he couldn't quit, really. Golf had infected all corners of him, from head to heart and the connecting arteries and veins in between.

"I credit golf with everything," he said. "To me, it's more than just competing. It's my center, if you will. In a day and age ravaged by social media and electronics, the golf course provides me solace. I find peace there."

**Says Hamza Bilal Sarfraz**





# The 48th Open of Pakistan

The final round of UMA 48th Pakistan Open Golf Championship 2022 was played on Sunday at Karachi Golf Club.

Pakistan's Ace Golfer Shabbir Iqbal from Islamabad finished with 14 under par to claim victory. Shabbir bagged Rs. 1.1 M award money. Omar Farooq of LGG claimed Hole in One Bike at Blue three of Karachi Golf Club, Karsaz.



*Winners of UMA 48th Pakistan Open Golf Championship*

## Milestone Unlocked: Shabbir's Penta-Win Journey



*Mr. Sohail Shams awarding the Champions Trophy to Shabbir Iqbal*

UMA 48th Pakistan Open Golf Championship organized by Pakistan Golf Federation. Event held from 26th January to 30th January. Mr. Imran Ismail, Governor Sindh as Chief Guest Along with Mr. Sohail Shams (CEO United Marine Agency), Lieutenant General Mian Muhammad Hilal Hussain, HI(M), (Retd) President Golf Federation presented award to Mr. Muhammad Shabbir registered Title Victory in the tournament which concluded at the Karachi Golf Club Golf Course on Sunday 30th January. PGF promoted amateurs and professionals both Golf players through this tournament. "UMA as Title sponsor contributed hostily in the completion of this successful event throughout, said President PGF.

**Lt Gen Mian M Hilal Hussain, HI (M), Retd**

**"I was relaxed because of the big lead after a great round on Saturday,"** said Shabbir, referring to his stunning 63 in the third round.

In the senior category, Nisar Hussain carded an impressive final round of 69 to win the title.

In the junior category, Lahore's Muhammad Saqib recorded a big eight shot victory.





# The 61st Nationals of Pakistan

Lahore's Nouman Ilyas on Sunday displayed nerves of steel as he braved a fascinating final round of the **61st National Amateur Golf Championship** to become the new national champion at Peshawar Golf Club.

In the senior category, Col Waqar of Lahore became the new national champion.



AVM Muhammad Ehsan ul Haq, AOC awarding the trophy to Nouman Ilyas

## Impressive Nouman wins National Amateurs crown



*"I knew I had a big lead and kept playing to my strengths. It's really great to win the country's most prestigious championship,"* said a visibly delighted Nouman Ilyas.

PAF's young Humna Amjad faced no such resistance as she fired a stunning round of 71 to win the ladies title by six strokes.

### Col Waqar Ahmed and Humna Amjad receiving the Trophies

### In the Inter Association Team Match (Amateur Men)

Sindh dominated the leaderboard with a score of 220, buoyed by consistent performances from team members Saim Shazli, Hamza Khan, and Omar Khalid. Punjab, represented by Salman Jehangir, Qasim Ali Khan, and Ralfay e Aslam Raja, secured second place with a score of 227, trailing Sindh by 7 strokes. The Federal Golf Team finished at 232.

In the Inter Association Senior Amateur Team Championship, Punjab asserted its dominance, securing the trophy with a commanding performance.





# The Jinnah Development Tour

Sunny Masih emerged victorious over M Saeed of Pakistan Rangers in a sudden death playoff to clinch the title in the 4th Pakistan Golf Federation (PGF) Jinnah Development Tour (JDT) Golf, which concluded at the Royal Palm Golf Course on Sunday. Sunny found himself tied with M Saeed after completing 54 holes.



Chief Guest Mr Hammad awarded prizes to the Winners

## Sunny Masih grabs 4th PGF JDT Golf title



Victory tastes sweeter under the open sky.

For Sunny Masih, this victory marked a long-awaited moment, pursued over three years with impassioned effort. "I express gratitude to my parent club, Lahore Gymkhana, and to PGF for providing me an opportunity to enhance my golf career and bring financial relief to my family." Sunny hopes that this breakthrough will pave the way for more successes in his golfing journey.

Tournament Director echoed **Sunny's** sentiments, noting that the Jinnah Development Tour has showcased many skilled and talented golf players who are poised to become leaders in national professional golf in due course.

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# The Amateur Ladies Championship

Rimsha Ijaz from PGA secured the trophy at the 5th PGF Int'l Ladies Golf Championship at Islamabad Golf Club. She displayed golfing prowess throughout the event and claimed victory in the esteemed int'l championship with an aggregate score of 225. Close behind was Thailand's Mana Ssanan.



*Group Photo of Winners and Int'l Participants*

## ***Rimsha Crowned Champion at 5th PGF Int'l Ladies Golf***



***Participants of 5th PGF Ladies Amateur Golf Championship***

The tournament day was blessed with perfect mid-spring weather, providing an ideal backdrop for the participants. A total of 74 ladies participated, and following a splendid air-show, the Invitational category golfers teed off for 9 holes. President PGF extended his gratitude to all sponsors, including Ibadat University, Freeline Movers, Serena Hotels, and PGF, as well as the distinguished guests from the Diplomatic Corps. The prize distribution ceremony took place at the Golf Course Terrace, offering a panoramic view of the golf course. We were honored to have **Dr. Sania Nishter** grace the event as its chief guest.

Thailand's Mana Ssanan, who also demonstrated remarkable skill through-out the championship, securing the second spot with an aggregate score of 226. In third place was Humna Amjad with an aggregate score of 239, followed by Parkha Ijaz in fourth place with an aggregate score of 244.





# The Inter Club Championship

Karachi golf team emerged as the country's champion club after securing victory in the three-round Pakistan Golf Federation (PGF) Inter-Club Golf Championship 2021-22 held at the Karachi Golf Club Golf Course on Sunday. Peshawar Golf Club claimed the runners-up position.



*Group Photo of Winning Team, 2nd PGF Inter Club, Karachi*

## **Karachi Team Triumphs as PGF Inter-Club Golf Champions**



The ladies segment was won by the Peshawar Golf Club ladies team, comprising Mrs. Ayesha Moazzam, Syeda Iman Ali Shah, and Syeda Laiba Ali Shah. The KGC ladies team of Tabasum Sharif, Nida Arfeen, and Naghmana Atif secured the runners-up position.

### **PGF Mandatory Category to promote Ladies in Golf**

In other segments, the four-member amateur team comprising Hamza Shikoh, Yashal Shah, Saim Shazli, and Abdullah Adil emerged victorious with a score of 669. The Lahore Garrison amateurs, consisting of Nouman Ilyas, Damil Ataullah, Ahmad Kiyani, and Captain Muhaymin, secured the runners-up position with an aggregate score of 672. In the senior amateur segment, the Garrison team of Col (r) Asif Mehdi, Col (r) M Shafi, and Tariq Mehmood clinched victory with a score of 703, while the runners-up were the Karachi Golf Club team members Asad IA Khan, Khurram Khan, Cdr Majid Satti, and Sohail K Rana. **IPC Minister Dr. Fehmida Mirza** awarded prizes to the winners.





# Rules in Focus: R&A Levels

In our continuous endeavor to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and expertise in golf, the Pakistan Golf Federation (PGF) proudly announces a new initiative: Rules in Focus (R&A Levels). This page serves as a platform to spotlight individuals who have demonstrated exceptional proficiency in understanding and applying the Rules of Golf.

We are excited to share the remarkable journey of Mrs. Munazza Shaheen, who recently achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first lady from Pakistan to pass the Rules of Golf Level II examination. Her dedication, passion, and commitment to mastering the intricacies of the game have set a new benchmark in our golfing community.



## ***Elevating Golf Standards: The Munazza Shaheen Story***



As part of her ongoing development, PGF has appointed Mrs. Shaheen as the Chief Referee for the prestigious 5th PGF Ladies Amateur Golf Championship held in Islamabad. This appointment not only recognizes her accomplishments but also provides her with a platform to further refine her skills and expertise in overseeing competitive play.

Furthermore, PGF is actively supporting Mrs. Shaheen in her pursuit of the TARS qualification, reaffirming our commitment to nurturing talent and fostering a culture of excellence within our ranks.

Mrs. Shaheen's journey exemplifies the spirit of resilience, determination, and pursuit of excellence that defines the ethos of our golfing community. We congratulate her on this historic achievement.





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