

# Planters Welfare Association

(An Association of Mutual Benefits)

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#### **Executive Committee**

President: V.K.Mehra, Vice President: V.lall, Ex. Officio: B.Chhabra, Secretary: R.K.Patney, Treasurer: K.N.Chaurasia, Members: Ms.H.N.Chopra, Deepika Nanjappa, S. Maini, & A.K.Saxena

**Members' Meetings (Socials) Sub – Committee** 

Mr. V.Lall, Mrs. Dipika Nanjappa & Mrs. Rani Patney

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**PREVIEW** 

We are pleased to publish our first Newsletter for the year 2015. In this newsletter we have covered the following heads, which will be of interest to our members:

Preview Obituary

Message from the President New Members

**Subscription** Movements & Change of address

Annual General Meeting 2014 Champagne & Roses:Births & Weddings

Members' Meeting Articles & Anecdotes

Website & e-mails

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am delighted that our Members' Meetings (Socials) held in the month of May/August 2014&October2014 to March 2015 have been grand success with record turn outs. The hosts at the various venues and our Social Sub Committee have done a great and commendable job,taking care of all the arrangements. Our Secretary, Roopy Patney provided all the assistance that was required.

The Members' Meetings (Socials) 8 events for the year 2015–16 will be held from the month of May/August 2015 & from October 2015 to March 2016. The necessary circulars will be sent out by mail and e-mail& text message.

We are still waiting to receive anecdotes & articles from members, highlighting their experiences during their days in Tea. This makes interesting reading for all &brings back fond memories of our life in Tea.

#### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

We have to inform that some of our NCRas well asOut Station members have not paid their Annual Subscription for the year 2013&2014. They are requested to pay the same ASAP. Subscriptions for the year 2015from (01.01.15 to 31.12.2015) are overdue now and all those members who have not paid so far are requested to forward the same to our Registered Office, address given on front page, to enable us to maintain proper updated accounts. PLEASE DO NOT insert any name on the address except the name of Mr. B. Chhabra since it is his residence.

\*Annual Subscription List is attached herewith giving status of payments as on 13.04.2015 to enable the members to verify and make outstanding payments. As you know Annual Subscription of NCR members per person is @ Rs.500/- & Out Station members @ Rs.200/-. No subscription is payable by members who have attained the age of 80 years and above.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> Members are requested **NOT** to forward their subscription by MONEY ORDERto avoid unnecessary extra work and chances of error.

\*Attached. Annual Subscription List.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2014**

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>December, 2014 at the Golf Links Community Centre, New - Delhi, The event was sponsored by Ms. Mcleod Russel India Ltd., Ms. GoodrickeGroup Ltd., Ms. Rossell Tea Ltd&Ms. Appejay Surrendra Group. The venuewas arrangedby

**Mr.V.Lall.**The event was very well attended and all the arrangements made were excellent. The live music rocked the show and drew members to the dancing floor. Mr. Deepak Agha sang some favorite numbers which were greatly enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Mr.& Mrs.V.Lall for all the arrangements made by them. The Minutes of the A.G.M. have already been circulated to all our members.

We are indeed grateful for the generous contribution made by the above mentioned tea Companies.

#### **MEMBERS' MEETINGS**

The following Members' Meetings were held from May 2014 to March 2015

S. No.	Date	Venue	Hosted by
1.	18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2014	DSOI Dhaulakuan, New Delhi (Lunch)	Capt. V K Mehra
2.	17 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014	DSOI Dhaulakuan, New Delhi (Lunch)	Capt. V K Mehra
3.	05 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014	Patio Club, Gurgaon (Lunch)	Mr. Deepak Agha
4.	23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2014	Air Force Sports Complex, New Delhi	Wing Comm. G. Kapur
		(Lunch)	
5.	14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014	*Annual General Meeting at Golf Links	Mr. V Lall
		Community Centre, New Delhi (Lunch)	
6.	15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	Residence of Mr. P S Tibb (Lunch)	Mr. P S Tibb
7.	20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015	PWA Golf 2015 at Air Force Sports	Wing Comm. G Kapur
		Complex (Lunch)	
8.	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2015	Lagoon Club, Gurgaon (Lunch)	Mr. A K Saxena

<sup>\*</sup> Sponsored by M/s Mcleod Russel India Ltd , M/s Goodricke Group Ltd, M/s Rossell India Ltd & M/s Apeejay Surrendra Group

All the events were very well attended and were a great success. Our thanks to the Sub Committee Members' Meetings (Socials) who have done a wonderful job in organizing all the arrangements to make all the events great success. Mr. Roopy Patney is thanked for all the assistance rendered by him in coordinating all the activities that have taken place during the year under review.

We also wish to thank the members who have hosted the events at their residences and other members who hosted the same at venues arranged by them .

#### **PWA GOLF 2015**

This event was held at the Air Force Sports Complex, New Delhi, venue hosted by Wing Commander Gullu Kapur who alsovery generously donated Rs 5000/- for the event. His donation and his continued unstinted support is greatly appreciated. All the arrangements at the Golf course and the lunch were made by Mr. V. Lall. The in house catering for the golfers was sponsored by our Patron Mr. A.D. Sharma. Our sincere thanks to him for his continued support.

18 golfers both ladies and men participated in the Golf Competition. PWA Golf fixture is an extended activity of the Association and its popularity has increased over the years. Non- Golfers joined for the lunch in good numbers, which was most heartening. Our sincere thanks to the donors of the trophies viz. Mr. A.D. Sharma, Late Mr. T.R. Sehgal,Mrs. Asha Sehgal, Lt. General K.K. Nanda, Mr. Saran Singh,Late Mrs. Kamla Kapahi (Mother of Mrs. Nirmla Lall who has presented 2 nos

Mr. Saran Singh, Late Mrs. Kamla Kapahi (Mother of Mrs. Nirmla Lall who has presented 2 nos trophies) &Mr. S.Maini Mr. P.S Tibb denoted a trophy which has been inducted in PWA Golf 2015 and is known as Rahmat Cup. We are most grateful to all the above for their support & to have been so generous in donating the trophies & their replicas every year.

The event was very well arranged and was a run away success. The lunch was enjoyed by all who attended the event. Our thanks to Mr. Vishnu Lall, Mr. K.K.S. Jamwal & Mr. Roopy Patney for conducting the tournament in a most efficient manner. On the request on Golfing members of the Association, participation of Golfing visitors was withdrawn by Association Golf Committee.

The Winners & Runners up of the Tournament are as under:

#### Men's Events

#### Running Trophy for Members only

1. Quest cup Presented by Mr. A D Sharma Best stableford Score

Winner: Capt. V.K.Mehra

2. Saran Singh Trophy Presented by Mr. Saran Singh Second Best stableford Score

Winner: Mr. Mahabir Singh

3. Gen. K K Nanda Trophy Presented by For Sr. Citizen Best Gross Lt.Gen.K.K.Nanda(Retd.) Score on first Nine Holes

Winner: Maj. Gen. M.M.R.Narang (Retd)(70 years & above)

4. Wooden Spoon Presented by Mr. TR Sehgal Max Gross Score

Winner: Mr. G.Gaddi

5. Mrs. Kamla Kapahi Trophy I Presented by Mrs. Kamla Kapahi

Best Gross Score on 18 holes

Winner: Wing Comm G.Kapur

6. Mrs. Kamla Kapahi

Presented by Mrs. Kamla Kapahi

Third best Stableford

Trophy II

Winner:Mr. K.K.S. Jamwal

7. Mr. Kuku Maini Trophy

Presented by Mr. S.Maini

Score

Second best Gross

Score

Winner: Mr. V.Lall

8. Rahmet Cup

Presented by Mr. P.S.Tibb

Longest drive

Winner: Mrs. Rama Khanna

#### **Ladies Events**

9. Running trophy for lady members and members' spouses only Best Stableford

Asha Sahgal Trophy Presented by Mrs. Asha Sahgal

Winner: Mrs. Ritu Lumba

#### **WEBSITE**

The website is updated regularly to make it more informative and have a new look.Lot of work has been done by Mr. V.Lall andMr. Arun Kaul and loads of new features have been loaded to the website.

We have increased Data base to load more information's and the website has a side lock against Hacking.

You are requested to down load our website at www.pwa.in and send us your views.

We wish to thank Mr. Lall & Mr. Patney for handling the website and emails so efficiently.

#### **COMMUNICATION BY E-MAIL**

Wefirmly believe in and very strongly support the initiative:

"Go Green, Think Green, Act Green, Save Paper, Save Trees, Save Environment, &Save Planet Earth."

To this end we have been requesting our members to give their consent for correspondenceby email.

Therefore we are happy to report around 193 (141 NCR &52 Out station) members have verykindly extended their consent by email messagesto receive all our Association mailers by e mail. Thus we will be saving paper, photostat and envelop expenses, postal and courier expenses which are increasing day by day. Moreover, it also saves lot of time and labour required formailing

We earnestly request those of our members who have not sent their email ID to send the same. It is our fervent hope that more and more members will opt for communication by email.

<u>Kindly forward your consent along with your e mail ID to the Secretary by e mail – rkpatney@gmail.com</u>

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Patney for undertaking this tedious and time consuming exercise which isbearing fruit.

# <u>IMPORTANT</u>:Members Meeting intimation <u>ARE BEING FORWARDED BY A TEXT MESSAGES BY SMS instead of courier / post.</u>

This is being done not only to save cost of paper / Courier / Post , but also to further the cause of "GO GREEN." Only those members whose Mobile numbers are not recorded with us are on Courier Service,hence such members are requested to forward their mobile numbers to enable us to put them on the Text Messages List. Messages are sent as reminders/information of any deaths/Prayer meetings etc to keep members informed at all times.

We are thankful to Mr. V.Lall who has been forwarding text messages since November 2014 with commendable alacrity.

#### **OBITUARY**

### We regret to inform the passing away of:

- a) Our Members: Mr. Birendra Narain, Mr. Samir Lanba.
- b) **Near and dear ones of our members:** Jaya wife of Mr. Kesri Singh, Father in law of Mr. J.S Jamwall, Mother of Mr. Bijoy Talukdar, Mother of Mr. Pawan Kaul, Mother in law of Mr. Pawan kaul, Sister of Mr. R.S.Makoll, Mother in law of Mr. V.Lall, Mother in law of Mr. Bawa Kuldip Singh, Mother of Mr. M.N.Kaul.
- c) Our friends: Mr. Aman Wazir (Ex Tata Tea),

#### OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES

We deeply condole the sad and untimely demise of

Mr. Deepak Khaitan

who was a doyen of tea industry.

Not only those of our members who had good fortune of serving

McLeod Russel

but also all others will remember Mr. Deepak Khaitan with gratitude

who always kept welfare of planters close to his heart.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We warmly welcome the following:

- 1 Mr. Pradhuman S. Bhati,1038, Sector A, Pocket A, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110070 Mobile: 09810919237, E mail: Pradhuman.bhati@ril.com
- 2 Mr., Ashish Biswas- C 186 (FF) Greater Kailash 1, New Delhi 110048 Tel: 011 41326261, Mobile: 09810537787, e mail <u>ashish.sunlotus@gmail.com</u>
- 3 Miss Malvika Talukder -WI B , 096, Wellington Estate , DLF City Phase V , Gurgaon 122002 Mobile: 09810079811 , e mail malvika.talukder@gmail.com
- 4 Mr. Anuj Talukder- WIB, 096 Wellington Estate, DLF Phase V, Gurgaon 122002 Mobile: + 971552160029, e mail: anul.talukder@gmail.com
- 5 Mr. Pradeep Baruah ATS Green Paradiso, 06102, Tower 6 ( 10<sup>th</sup> Floor), Greater Noida 201308, Mobile : 09435016213 e mail: pbarauh50@yahoo.com
- 6 Mrs. Radhika Sital, 03204, ATS Advantage , Anisha Khand 1, Indrapuram , Ghaziabad 201014, Mobile : 09717059922, 09717859922, e mail: radikasital@gmail.com
- 7– Mrs.Shalini Jhingan, E 704, Ashok Garden, TJ Road, Sewri Mumbai –400015 Mobile: 09819173473, e mail: Shalini.jhingan@gmail.com
- 8– Mr. Vikramjit Grewal, 001 Avalon Apartment, Mangalpuri, M.G Road, New Delhi 110030, Mobile: 09811703521, e mail: <a href="wikramjit.grewal@gmail.com">wikramjit.grewal@gmail.com</a>

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS / E MAIL/ MOBILE NO -

- 1 Mr. K.R.Bhagat, No 6 (GF), Block 3, Charmwood Village, Surajkund Road, Faridabad, 121009
- 2 Mr. Atul Nanda, 5840 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, L5M 5J9, Ontorio, Canada Mobile (Canada): +1 647 388 1555, (India) 09818887752
- 3 Mr. D.P.L.Nanda Mobile no 09818044578

#### **CHAMPAGNE & ROSES:**

**BIRTHS**: Nothing to report.

**WEDDINGS:** Nothing to report.

Members are once again requested to inform us by email or by post regarding Births, & Marriages. This helps us to include the announcements in the News Letter.

### **ARTICLES & ANECDOTES:**

Given below is an article written by Mr. Prithipal Singh Aswal, Senior Manager, Sepon Tea Estate, published in the January, 2015 Issue of **The WM Times**, the McLeod Russel House Journal:



# Ties That Bind.

80th Birthday Celebrations of Mr K.N. Chaurasia

"The ties that bind us are sometimes impossible to explain. They connect us, defying distance, time, and sometimes, logic. Because some ties are simply... meant to be." Anon

Mr Kailash Chaurasia was Manager Sepon T.E. from 1973 to 1983, and although as Superintendent of the Moran estates – Sepon, Attabarrie, Moran and Lepetketta – from 1984 to 1986 he operated out of the Superintendent's office (present GM's office) at Moran T.E., he continued to be stationed at the Burra Bungalow at Sepon T.E. until his retirement.

To mark his 80th birthday, Mr Chaurasia bestowed Rs 80,000/- to meritorious students from the estate. A function was organized on 26 September 2014 to felicitate the eight students hailing from the four Divisions of the estate and present them with bank drafts of Rs 10,000/- each. The function, presided over by Mr Nareswar Sonowal, General Manager, Moran, was attended by the executives, senior staff, union officials and Mother's Club members of all four Divisions, as well as the parents of the recipients.

Mr Sonowal advised the students to utilize the money judiciously for educational purposes only. The students were elated to receive the prize money and assured everyone present that they would work even harder to secure better results in future.

A cake was cut by all the eight recipients to celebrate Mr Chaurasia's 80th birthday, while three senior staff members – Shri H. N. Dutta, Shri R.T. Phukan and Shri P. Handique – shared fond memories of his tenure at Sepon. Mr Chaurasia had appointed Shri Phukan as a permanent staff member in the factory in 1982 while Shri Handique was appointed as a temporary staff in1983, and made permanent in 1984. Shri H. N. Dutta, who was the ACKS Secretary in 1983, has cherished photographs of Mr Chaurasia's farewell function held at Sepon T.E. We would like to thank Mr Chaurasia for the benevolence showered on the deserving students who join us in conveying their gratitude to him.

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Mr Chaurasia's kind gesture demonstrates the strong bond that exists between planters, and the staff and workers of the estates that they serve in, even after they (the planters) are no longer in service.



 Prithipal Singh Aswal Sepon T.E.

