

PLANTERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION

(An Association of Mutual Benefits)

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PREVIEW

We are pleased to publish our first Newsletter for the year 2014. In this newsletter we have covered the following heads, which will be of interest to our members:

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It gives me the greatest of pleasure to express my joy and satisfaction in this first Newsletter being published following the Silver Jubilee Celebrations which were truly a grand success befitting the occasion. The celebrations commenced with launch of **Silver Jubilee Souvenir/Directory 2014** at the **Appejay Surrendra Group - Gala Dinner** held the Park Hotel on Wednesday the 6th November, 2013. Followed by the **McLeod Russell India -Silver Jubilee A.G.M. - Lunchin** December, 2013 and in January, 2014 by the **Mr. & Mrs. Tibb-Lunch Party** at their emerald green lawn on a lovely sunny afternoon. **Mr. & Mrs. P. S. Tibb** gave the very lavish **Lunch-Party** of their own volition and we thank them most heartily for their magnanimity.

As these events have been described in some detail later in this Newsletter, to avoid repetition I shall leave it here.

However I shall be failing in my duty if I do not express my, indeed all members', heartfelt gratitude and thanks to **Mr. Purshottam Nanda** and **Mr. Bhushan Chhabra**. It was through their good offices that we got sponsorships of **ASG-Gala Dinner** and **MRI-AGM Lunch** respectively.

Total of eight Members' Meetings were held during the year, the remaining 5 nos. were also very successful 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.

SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR/MEMBERS DIRECTORY-2014

It was published to mark **P.W.A.Silver Jubilee : 1988–2013** and was launched in a great style by an audio visual presentation at the Park hotel during Apeejay Surrendra Group - Gala Dinner . It was forwarded to all our members during the month of January 2014. We hope that it will be appreciated and cherished by all of you as a memento.

Ours is the only Association of its kind to have attained this important milestone and we all can be justly proud of this wonderful achievement.

We are most thankful to Mr. B. Chhabra, Mr. V. Lall, Mr. K. N. Chaurasia, & Ms. Vineeta Lall Vohra for the assistance provided for printing of the Directory. We greatly appreciate Mr. Roopy Patney's efforts in compiling all the requisite information, updating , editing, and the assistance given for printing of the Directory . His efforts are highly appreciated.

Our heartfelt gratitude is also due to our generous sponsors namely M/s Contemporary Brokers Pvt. Ltd, Cuckoos Knitwear, Goodricke Ltd, Honda Siel Power products Ltd, International Journal of Tea Sciences, J.Thomas & Co. Pvt. Ltd, Mcleod Russell India Ltd, Rydak Syndicate Ltd, Rossell Tea Ltd, Tea Professionals, Time Zone entertainment Pvt. Ltd and Vohra Packaging

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF PLANTERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The above was celebrated with great pomp and show on Wednesday the 6th November, 2013 at the **Park Hotel , New Delhi** . The event was sponsored by **Ms. Shirin Paul , Chairperson, Emeritus , Apeejay Surrendra Group** , who is Patron of our Association, through good offices of Mr. Purshottam Nanda to whom we wish to express our thanks. **As many as 132 nos. members and their spouses, which is an all time record, attended this gala event** . The arrangements made by the sponsor were just magnificent and were enjoyed by all the members who attended the event. It was indeed a memorable evening. Ms. Paul could not attend the event as she was out of station . **Mr. Bhargava , Managing Director , M/s Apeejay Group** ,based at Kolkata, attended the function. He gave a brief talk which touched the heart of all who were attended the event.

The Members Directory –2014 , in the form of Souvenir which has been circulated to all our members and our sponsors (Splendid 25 years 1988 – 2013) was launched on a audio visual screen, which was a pleasant surprise to our attendee members .

The President of the Association , Mr. B. Chhabra thanked the sponsors for the excellent event arranged by them . He also thanked Mr. Bhargava to have come all the way to grace the occasion.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2013

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 15th December, 2013 at Golf Links Community Centre, New Delhi. The event was sponsored by **M/s McLeod Russell India Ltd.** through the good offices of **Mr. Bhushan Chhabra** and hosted by Mr. V. Lall. The event had a record turnout. Since the AGM held was in the year of Silver Jubilee of the Association,

additional arrangements of flower, live band etc were made which took many to the floor for a dance. The occasion was attended by few senior out station members who had specially come to Delhi to celebrate the occasion. The minutes of the meeting have already been circulated to all our members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have to inform that some of our NCR as well as Out Station members have not paid their subscription for the year 2012, & 2014. They are requested to pay the same ASAP. Subscriptions for the year 2014 are due 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 to enable the members to verify and make outstanding payments. **For your information subscription of NCR members is @ Rs.500/- per annum & of Out Station members is @ Rs.200/- per annum. No subscription is payable by a member who has attained the age of 80 years and above.**

IMPORTANT: Members are requested NOT to forward their subscription by MONEY ORDER to avoid unnecessary extra work and chances of error.

*Attached. Annual Subscription List.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

List of Members' Meetings held/to be held during the financial year 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 is given below

| S.No. | Date | Venue | Host |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Sunday, 19th May 2013 | Patio Club, Gurgaon (Lunch) | Mr Deepak Agha |
| 2 | Sunday, 11th August, 2013 | DSOI Dhaulakuan, New Delhi (Lunch) | Capt. V K Mehra |
| 3 | Sunday, 20th October, 2013 | Patio Club, Gurgaon (Lunch) | Mr. Deepak Agha |
| 4 * | Wednesday, 06th November, 2013 | Park Hotel , New – Delhi (Dinner) Silver Jubilee Gala Dinner by Ms. Shirin Paul, M/s Appejay Surrendra Group. | Park Hotel , New – Delhi |
| 5 * | Sunday, 15th December, 2013 | Golf Links Community Centre , New Delhi. Silver Jubilee-AGM Lunch by M/s Mcleod Russell India Ltd. | Mr. V. Lall |
| 6 * | Sunday, 12th January, 2014 | At the residence of Mr. P S Tibb, Gurgaon (Lunch) | Mr. P S Tibb |
| 7 | Friday, 14th February, 2014 | PWA Golf at the Air Force Sports Complex, New Delhi (Lunch) | Mr. Vishnu Lall |
| 8 | Sunday, 23rd March, 2014 | The Lagoon Club, Gurgaon (Lunch) | Capt. A. K. Saxena |

Events for the year 2014 – 15: The first event of the year will be held at the Defense Services Officers Institute (DSOI) on Sun 18th May 2014 . The next on Sun 10th August (Lunch) . The events are hosted by Capt. V. K. Mehra. Schedule for the events to commence from October 2014 – March 2015 will be communicated to all our members at a later date.

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. Few of our out station members also attended the socials and the reunion was most touching. 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.

PWA-GOLF 2014

This event was held at the Air Force Sports Complex, New Delhi, hosted by **Wing Commander Gullu Kapur who also very generously donated Rs 5000/- for the event.** His donation and his continued unstinted support are greatly appreciated. All the arrangements at the Golf course and the lunch were made by Mr. V. Lall. **Financial assistance was provided by Mr. Sunil Khanna (M/s Toro & Co.).** Our sincere thanks to him for his support for the sixth consecutive year. **The in house catering for the golfers was sponsored by our Patron Mr. A.D. Sharma who made a donation of Rs 5000/- to cover the expenses of the event.** Our sincere thanks to him for his continued support.

28 nos. 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 large numbers, which was most heartening. Our sincere thanks to the donors of the trophies e.g., Mr. A.D. Sharma, Late Mr. T.R. Sahgal, Mrs. Asha Sahgal, Lt. General K.K. Nanda, Mr. Saran Singh. Mr. S. Maini & Mrs. Kamla Kapahi (Mother of Mrs. Nirmala Lall who has presented 2 nos. trophies). 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 runaway success. The lunch was enjoyed by all who attended the event. Our thanks to Mr. Vishnu Lall & Mr. Roopy Patney for conducting the tournament in a most efficient manner.

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: Mr. K. K. S. Jamwal

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

Winner: Mr. Shiv Sagar Suri

3. **Gen. K K Nanda Trophy:** Presented by Lt.Gen. K. K. Nanda (Retd.) for Senior Citizens (70 years & above)
Score on first Nine Holes

Winner: Maj. Gen. M. M. R. Narang

4. **Wooden Spoon:** Presented by Mr. T R Sehgal Max **Gross** Score

Winner: Mr. Karan Kampani

5. **Mrs. Kamla Kapahi:** Presented by Mrs. Kamla Kapahi Best **Gross** Score Trophy I on 18 holes

Winner: Mr. V. Lall

6. **Mrs. Kamla Kapahi** Presented by Mrs. Kamla Kapahi Third Best **Gross** Trophy II score on 18 holes

Winner: Mr. B. B. Medhi

7. **Mr. Kuku Maini Trophy** Presented by Mr. S. Maini Second best **Gross**

Winner: Mr. A. D. Sharma Score on 18 hole

Ladies Events

Running trophy for lady members and members' spouses only

1. **Asha Sahgal Trophy:** Presented by Mrs. Asha Sahgal

Winner: Mrs. Ritu Lumba

*** These events are sponsored as stated and members will not be charged.**

We will be absolutely delighted to welcome our Outstation members to the above get-togethers who happen to be in the town at the time.

WEBSITE

The website is updated regularly to make it more informative and have a new look. We wish to thank Mr. Lall & Mr. Patney for handling the website and emails so efficiently.

COMMUNICATION BY E-MAIL

We firmly believe in and very strongly support the initiative:

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



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

We are happy to report around **154** NCR & Out station members have very kindly extended their consent by a e mail messages to 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 for mailing.

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

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Patney for under taking this tedious and time consuming exercise which is bearing fruit.

NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following:

Mr. Pavan Kumar Kaul, C/o Mr. A. Kaul, Pocket 551, Sarita Vihar, New – Delhi – 110016 Tel: 011 26940253,

Mobile: 09435745697, e- mail: pavankumarkaul@yahoo.in

Mr. Jaspaljit Singh Grewal, 001 Avalon Apartments, Manglapuri, M.G.Road, New – Delhi 110030, Tel: 011 26805110,

Mobile: 09811688884, e- mail: rajkamal.grewal@yahoo.com

Mrs. Baveen Gupta (D/o Late Mr. Jagjit Singh) , G – 26, Masjid Moth (FF) New – Delhi – 110048, Mobile: 09910448021 , e – mail: baveengupta@gmail.com

Dr. Ranjit Kumar Bhuyan, C – 2512 , Shushant Lok – 1, Gurgaon -122009 Tel: 0124 4251418, Mobile: 09560127589, e – mail: ranjitbhuyan@gmail.com

Miss Seher Tibb (D/o Mr. P. S. Tibb) , G- 10/7 DLF City Phase 1, Gurgaon Mobile: 09873595125, e- mail: sehertibb@hotmail.com

Miss MehmaTibb (D/o Mr. P. S. Tibb) , G – 10/7 DLF City Phase 1, Gurgaon Mobile: 09833419303, e – mail: dressdada@gmail.com

Mr. Manish Chaturvedi (S/o Mr. Y.N.Chaturvedi) , C- 1054-H , Shushant lok – 1 Gurgaon – 122009, Tel: 0124

4046944, Mobile: 09811116116 e – mail: manish.m.chaturvedi@aexp.com

Mr. Avijit Ganguly (S/o Late Mr. J.M.Ganguly (Darjeeling Planter) , A- 74 , Trinity Tower, DLF Phase 5, Gurgaon –

122002, Tel: 0124 4236841 Mobile: 09811812051, e- mail: ganguly.avijit@gmail.com

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26239151/ 26472732 , Mobile: 09811359790/ 09910387033 e- mail: malrohit@yahoo.com

Note – We are very pleased to inform that 39 nos. of our members are sons & daughters of our Members. They have shown great interest in joining PWA. They are members with full voting rights, being of first generation of tea Planters. It fills our hearts with joy and augurs well for the future of our Association to see that our off spring wish to keep memories of their childhood spent on tea gardens alive though now many of them are living in different parts of the world.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS & E-MAIL ID

Change of Address :

1 – Mr. Ashok Batra , C- 296, Defence Colony , New Delhi 110024

Change in e mail ID / Mobile no.

Nothing to report as the up dated version has been inserted in the Up dated Members Directory – 2014.

Corrigendum – Members Directory - 2014

The Members Directory – 2014 was circulated in the month of December 2014. The following amendments however may kindly be made as per the intimation received by the member who has detected certain errors due to typo / Printing error which is very much regretted –

Mr. Anirudh Goswami, Flat no 6 , 8 / 2A, Jamna Road, Civil Lines , New – Delhi – 110054 Mobile: 09871185888, e mail: goswamianirudh@gmail.com.

CHAMPAGNE & ROSES:

BIRTHS

Vijay & Cukoo Mehra were blessed with a grandson.

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.

ACHIEVEMENT

Grandson of Mr. & Mrs. J.K.Khosla , Mr. Shiv Darshan made a debut in the leading role in wholesome entertainment “ *Karle Pyar Karle* “ released in India and overseas on 17th January 2014 With the leading Co Actress Effervescent Miss Earth 2011 Miss Hasleen Kaur.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform sad demise of:

A) Our Members: Mr. Ramesh Suchdeva, Ms. Uma Malhotra, Mr. C. M. Vohra, & Ms. Nirmal Nanda.

B) Our near & dear ones: Mother of Mrs. N. K. Puri, Ms. Lilly Sethi , Father of Ms. Neelam Awasthy, Mother of Ms. Dipika Nanjappa

C) Friends: Mr. Mahavir Singh Ghanerao (Chota Mahavir), Ms. Shirin Zaman, Mr. Vijay Mehra

And wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families

ARTICLES & ANECDOTES:

A poem written by **Ms. Shashi Bhargava** is reproduced below for you to enjoy:

एक गोलफर की हुई शादी

एक Golfer की हुई शादी,
उसने तो बस प्रश्नों की झड़ी लगा दी,
क्या होती है Bogey, क्या होता है पार
किसे कहते Stableford बतला दो इसका र
कितने भाई है Golf खेलते,
कितने केवल डंडे बेलते;
Silver में कितने Upgrade हो गये,
कितने रह गये bronze की bronze ;
किसकी tendency slice की है
कितने रह गये hooked के hooked ;
कितने खेलते कमी कमा
कितनों का है समय booked;
किस किस ने dropshots मारे,
कौन हुये penalty के शिकार;
कौन सा साथी असली Golfer,
मारे, कौन है केवल तीस मार;
करूं मैं punch या करूं क्या
किस तरफ से है घास कटा ;
Roll कर के दें पहुंचा
जाये hole में आये मज़ा।
क्या तू मुझे सब बतला सकेगी,
सूझ बूझ से Line बतला सकेगी;
सारे दोस्त सखियों का नाम बताओ,
अपने घर का भूगोल समझाओ;
रखे जाते हैं golf set कहा और golf की books;
कितना आदर वह हैं पाते, क्या जानती golf jokes?
उसने तो प्रश्नों की झड़ी लगा दी,

नई दुलहनिया ने जानी बरबादी,
यह सब सुन, उसका हुआ बुरा हाल,
पसीने छुट गये, भर आये आँसू
हुई नयी बेहाल दुलहनिया;
कहा जाऊँ, कैसे जाऊँ, क्या कर जाऊँ
कुछ तो निशानी छोड़ जाऊँ।
सोच रही थी वह बिचारी, किस्मत की मारी,
भरे मन से वह पड़ी धिल्ला,
"न दे तोहमत, मैं न करूँ गिल्लभा ;
Round हुआ है खत्म हमारा, Tee Off से ही पहले
भाग्य हमारे में यही लिखा है, दिल मेरा दहले;
Golfer ने जब यह सुना,
रह गया वह हक्का बक्का;
तपाक से भर लियो बौंह में,
तब वह लगा माफी माँगने;
मैं तो बड़ बड़ बोलता गया
पहले तू ने क्यों न कुछ कहा ;
तू तो मेरी असली अर्धांगिनी,
मेरे मन की तू ही स्वामिनी ;
तेरा bag (अह) बोझ मैं उठाऊंगा,
उर भर का caddie बन जाऊँगा (2)

शशि भार्गव

The year was 1986, when I was traveling to Nonaipara & OJ Tea gardens with Late Mr. Raja Durgaprassad, the Visiting Agent of the company. Since the assignment given to me was for water supply to the labour lines, he requested that the work be expanded to include irrigation for those two gardens. During that period, the irrigation in Goodricke Group gardens was in a nascent stage since the then Managing Director was not in its favour in the absence of quantification of returns from irrigation in tea.

Mr. Durgaprassad was totally convinced that if the crop was to be increased, irrigation was one of the main inputs.

With this view at the back of my mind I reached Nonaipara one December evening.

On inspection, I found, that the main source of water, be it for domestic need or for irrigation, was from Bhutan through a 12"dia RCC hume pipe line about 20,000 ft long and the water was being discharged in a masonry tank of 85'x85'x5 ft deep in section 19 at the northern end of garden.

On checking the level difference and hydraulics, it was concluded that the pipe should bring down 1 lakh gallon per hour whereas the actual receipt was only 20,000 gallons per hour.

We opened up some portion of the 12"dia pipe line and found that the roots of trees from the forest had entered the collar in quest of water and had choked the pipe joints at several places. The pipes were lifted, joints cleaned and as per our experience we packed the collar with bitumen, a chemical which roots do not like and avoid. On relaying the pipes after rectification the flow was restored to 1 lakh gallons per hour. We added a presettling chamber with filtration system so that the water coming to the no. 19 tank was reasonably clean. Since the volume had increased we provided two overflow pipes to lead the excess water into the irrigation flume.

During the execution of the work two interesting and amusing events came up.

The first was an earthen mound near no. 19 tank when cleaned revealed a well designed sluice gate which could divert water from a small rivulet (Chinai Nala) to increase inflow into the irrigation canal over and above the water received from the 12"dia pipe. This was built during the tenure of Mr. Gilchrist the Manager ably assisted by Mr. Asim Barooah. The vision that tea will need irrigation in the seventies and cater to it is the hallmark of some of the old Planters.

The second episode was quite amusing. I was staying with Mr. Ravi Singh, the Senior Assistant. One day early in the morning the Chowkidar came running to inform that an elephant cub had fallen into the no. 19 tank and a herd of elephants had come to its rescue. We hid ourselves behind some trees and watched the operation from a safe distance. The elephants first knocked off the 12"dia hume pipe which stopped the inflow into the tank. Then all of the elephants combined to take out the water from the tank with their trunks. Once the tank had been dewatered they picked up the cub and after a victory trumpet went away to the forest. It was well executed operation indeed !