

Annual Report of Sri Lanka Golf President from 01.06.2021 to 30.06.2022

It was another challenging year for Sri Lanka Golf as it was during the previous two years. The new variants of Corona that spread across the Nation brought restrictions into many sporting activities including Golf. At the back of the pandemic other restrictive issues followed in the form of the Economy taking a downturn particularly related to foreign currency.

Collectively this made it difficult to procure sponsorships as well as holding the scheduled Tournaments.

Despite the above Sri Lanka Golf (The name was changed during the year in review) was able to make progress in some areas, and also to lay the foundation for improvements in training of young golfers. The Monthly Ranking Tournaments to keep our potential national squads were conducted at Royal Colombo, Nuwara Eliya Golf Course and Victoria Golf and Country Resorts. A revolving method of entry and relegation to the elite squad was introduced to encourage competition. The Grand Prix Tournaments held earlier could not be worked off due to restrictive health warnings and lack of sponsorship due to the Country's economic downturn.

SLG Ranking Tournaments from 01.06.2021 to 31.05.2022

01. SLGU Ranking Tournament (Mixed)with Pros.

From 28/12/2021 to 31/12/2021 at ROYAL COLOMBO GOLF CLUB

Scores: Men's

Mithun Perera	68	71	70	64	273
N.Thanga raja	67	70	69	68	274
K.Prabakaran	67	75	72	71	285
Anura Rohana	67	75	71	73	286
Vijitha Bandara	70	68	76	73	287
Vinoth Kumar	73	79	73	71	296
Uchitha Akash	74	73	75	75	297
Haroon Aslam	71	74	76	77	298
Chanka Perera	69	74	75	80	298
Yannik Kumara	69	77	77	78	301

Scores: ladies

Taniya Balasuriya	86	78	78	83	325
Kaya Daluwatte	81	78	84	82	325

02. SLGU Ranking Tournament (Mixed)with Pros.

From 25th to 28th January 2022 at NUWARA ELIYA GOLF CLUB

Scores: Men's

ANURA ROHANA	68	71	73	76	288
PRABAGARAN	71	73	77	71	292
CHANAKA PERERA	74	72	73	78	297
VIJITHA BANDARA	76	74	77	76	303
UCHITHA AKASH RANASINGHE	71	82	77	82	312
HAROON ASLAM	76	80	79	78	313
VINOTH KUMAR	74	77	79	83	313
M.H.CHALITHA PUSHPIKA	85	78	79	79	321
YANIK KUMARA	81	79	82	79	321
H.L.SANATHCHANDRA	85	84	78	80	327

Scores: ladies

KAYA DALUWATTE - L	89	84	91	80	344
ARIKA WICKRAMASINGHE - L	95	95	96	106	392

03. SLGU Ranking Tournament (Mixed)

From 21st To 25th February 2022 at NUWARA ELIYA GOLF CLUB

Scores: Men's

Chanka Perera	73	67	74	71	285
Vinoth Kumar	74	77	77	76	304
Uchitha Akash	81	75	72	79	307
Chalitha Pushpika	75	82	74	79	310
P.D.S.U.Kumara	88	75	76	75	314
P.Hemantha	79	82	78	77	316
W.N.Waidyarathna	86	80	77	76	319
Haroon Aslam	80	79	80	80	319
Sanathchandra	83	86	75	85	329
R.M.S.Rupasingha	82	79	91	77	329

Scores: ladies - N/P

04. SLGU Ranking Tournament (Mixed)

From 25th to 29th April 2022 at ROYAL COLOMBO GOLF CLUB

Scores: Men's

M.H.Chalitha Pushpika	69	72	72	71	284
Vinoth Kumar	70	73	73	72	288
Uchitha Akash Ranasinghe	75	71	70	72	288
M.U.Chanaka Perera	69	71	79	76	295
H.L.P.Hemantha	73	77	73	79	302
Roshana Prasad	78	70	75	79	302
Reshan Algama	75	78	75	75	303
Januka Dilshan	80	77	78	75	310
R.M.S.Rupasingha	78	74	81	80	313
Sampath Kelum	82	81	80	74	317

Scores: ladies

Kaya Daluwatte(L)	76	84	75	86	321
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A sum of Rs.500,000.00 was allocated as Welfare and Insurance cover for the National/Development and Emerging Squads.

Sri Lanka Golf participated at the APGC Tournaments held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi during the year in review. Taniya Balasuriya (Abu Dhabi) and Chanaka Perera (Dubai) were our entries. Extensive mental and Physical training programme in addition to on course training were conducted prior to their departure. These exercises were held in Colombo as well as in Kandy and Nuwara Eliya.

The total cost of participation including expenses for pre- tour training cost Sri Lanka Golf Rs. 639,000.00

Both players did not return noteworthy performances.

Our Asst National Coach and a well experienced trainer put our squads through physical and technical training during the year.

The SRI LANKA LADIES OPEN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 was conducted at The Royal Colombo Golf Course from Tuesday 07th - Thursday 09th December 2021

This tourney was sponsored by the Abhayaratne Family once again and our sincere appreciation is extended to them.

SRI LANKA LADIES OPEN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 - SUMMARY GROSS SCORE

Taniya Balasuriya (0)	73	72	71	216
Kayla Perera (02)	80	75	71	226
Kaya Daluwatte (05)	74	83	74	231
Sherin Balasuriya (08)	80	76	76	232
Arika Wickramasinha (10)	84	81	80	245
Anouk Chitty (06)	80	84	81	245
S. Selvaratnam (14)	88	92	90	270
Yun Jeong Choi (15)	92	89	98	279
Soyeon Park (20)	99	98	98	295
Roshini Sangani (21)	96	103	99	298

The Nuwara Eliya Cup which is awarded to the best nett score over 3 rounds was won by Sherine Balasuriya (208) and in runner up position was Arika Wickramasinha (215).

The Bronze Cup awarded to the aggregate gross score for handicaps 21-30 was won by the experienced Golfer Roshini Sangani and in runner up position was Vivienne Fowler Watt.

Our appreciation is extended to Mrs. Anouk Chitty, the Captain of the Ladies section of Royal Colombo Golf Club and Chairperson of Ladies Events (Sri Lanka Golf) and for her committee

Ms. Dhinuka Boralessa
Ms. Suwen Selvaratnam
Ms. Maleena Awn

The Prima Junior Championships were worked out at RCGC between 14th - 17th December 2021

Scores:

Gold Division 15 - 18+ Yrs. (18 Holes)

Boys -White Markers

BOYS	Round	Round	Total	Round	Grand
	I	II		III	
Yannik Kumara	69	69	138	69	207
Nirekh Tejwani	72	73	145	71	216
K. Dhanushan	71	71	142	77	219
Haroon Aslam-VGC	75	78	153	73	226
H.P. Alokshana Weerasinghe-ANU	75	79	154	79	233

GIRLS -Combined Gold/Silver Divisions	Round I	Round II	Total	Round III	Grand Total
Kaya Daluwatte(F)	74	72	146	77	223
Sherin Balasuriya(F)	78	82	160	79	239
Dhevinka Kanag-Iswaran(F)	90	90	180	89	269
R.M.DinumiSanjana Rajapashe(F)-ANU	106	90	196	103	299
K. Krishanthani(F)	106	104	210	105	315

Boys Silver Division 12 - 14+ Yrs. (18 Holes)White Markers

	Round I	Round II	Total	Round III	Grand Total
Reshan Algama	76	79	155	76	231
N.W.G. Shanal Binushka	84	81	165	82	247
Kvahn Tejwani	86	80	166	87	253
Keshav Algama	90	85	175	88	263
H.D.Adithya Weerasinghe-A'Pura	90	87	177	88	265

Bronze Division 10 - 11+ Yrs (18 holes)

Boys/Girls - RED Markers

	Round I	Round II	Total	Round III	Grand Total
Thejas Rathis Kanth	75	76	151	78	229
Kaiyan Johnpillai	75	82	157	79	236
H. Shanal Nimsith	96	87	183	89	272
W.G. Induneth Saubagya	103	102	205	104	309
K.Vacksharan-NEGC	108	109	217	106	323

Copper Division 09 & Under Yrs (9 holes)

Boys/Girls - Yellow Markers

	Round I	Round II	Total	Round III	Grand Total
Revaan Amarasinghe	44	48	92	46	138
Saqeeb Zuhar	54	53	107	53	160
Danik Daluwatte	57	63	120	58	178
L.G. Anuja Methsara-ANU	63	59	122	59	181
Yuwan Rathiskanth	67	59	126	64	190

Our appreciation is extended to the Junior Development Committee headed by Mrs. Niloo Jayetileke ably assisted by ,

- Mr. Tharanga Gunasekara
- Mr. Chandana Weerasinghe
- Dr. John Scarth

- Brg. Nanda Hathurusinghe
- Air Comm. Prasanna Ranasinghe

in conducting the tournament in an exemplary manner. This also received wide publicity. A special mention goes to Ceylon Agro Industries Ltd (Prima Ceylon) for the continued sponsorship.

The Junior Development program spearheaded by Mrs. Niloo Jayatilleke is being conducted with enthusiasm. Introducing Golf as a Sport to schools is underway and Ananda College is the latest to get on board.

The 132nd Sri Lanka Amateur Championships and Ladies Amateur Strokeplay Championships were to be held in Nuwara Eliya between from 22nd March to 28th March 2022

Given the difficulties in obtaining necessary facilities the postponement was inevitable. These will now be held at Royal Colombo Golf Course in September 2022. All arrangements are on course to make a successful tournament.

Final stage arrangements are being made to shift to the World Handicapping System (WHS) which is considered a step in the right direction. Much work has gone into this, and our thanks go out to Mr. Ranil Peiris (Vice President of SLG)for his untiring effort.

The name and style of our controlling body was changed to **SRI LANKA GOLF** from the old name after the necessary Constitutional changes were approved at a Special General meeting during the year under review.

Voting rights to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were also included in the changes in keeping with the requirements of the Sports Law as recommended by the Ministry of Sport.

A request has been made with much groundwork done to acquire land through the Ministry of Sport In securing a block of land to build a Golf Range and a separate request to build a Golf Course. This is work in progress.

Given the importance of social media and awareness and marketing that could be done effectively an Instagram site has been created. The FB page and YouTube of Sri Lanka Golf was commenced. The Website is in the final stages.

Obtaining sponsorships and conducting tournaments have been near impossible given the twin problems faced which was more so detailed above. Nevertheless, preparations are being made to move into full gear once positions improve.

A special word of gratitude to the R & A for the Annual R & A Grant and the Ministry of Sports and the National Olympic Committee for their continuous support and guidance.

Our appreciation is extended to Duminda De Zoysa and Pradeep Kumara our staff members for the unstinted support through the year.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Mangala Niyarepola for his advice and legal support in changes made to the Constitution of Sri Lanka Golf.

None of the noteworthy achievements of Sri Lanka Golf over the years would have been possible Without the total support of Royal Colombo Golf Course Committee, the Nuwara Eliya Golf Committee and the Managements of Victoria Golf and Country Resorts, Shangri-La Hotel and Golf Club.

Special word of thanks to the Navy Golf for making their Range available to us, at any time. To the Eagles Golf and Army for their continued help and support.

Last but not least the Sri Lanka Golf Office Bearers and Council Members for the sound advice and commitment throughout the year.

SRI LANKA GOLF



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