## **Golf Course News**





Dear Members,

Thanks for reading our message and we hope that you have a fantastic holiday season as well as in the upcoming "Year of the Rat".

It's been a great year for our GM Team as we have new supervisors that have come on board that have brought a new energy to our group and produced a great golf course for us. The greens have been spectacular this fall and we will work hard to maintain this condition through the spring.

Please help us congratulate our Grounds Manager (Bill), Fan Guo Ping who has completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> segment of the Asian Golf Industry Federation (AGIF) Certificate in Greenskeeping this past December. Bill currently ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class and will gets his certification later this spring. We will see the results of his study in the quality of our course. Please join us in both congratulating and encouraging Bill in his studies.

Over the past two years we have had several wind and typhoon events that have resulted in the loss of thousands of trees. The vast majority of these losses have been with Gum or Eucalyptus Trees which have heavy water requirements, create huge shade problems for us and are not as environmentally friendly as other trees. The good news for our club, is that we have been able to replace these trees with insurance with ornamental trees that will greatly improve the beauty of our course. You will see us adding these trees over the next several months.

We have made a concerted effort to improve our bunker maintenance and have seen our bunker consistency and playability greatly improve. We will continue with our bunker programs as well as completely refurbishing bunkers on holes 10 and 15 this spring.

As always, we want to get as much work done as possible on the golf course without interfering with your play. If you ever have any comments, questions or thoughts on our course, please feel free to see myself, Bill, Laura or Candy and we are pleased to discuss.

With Best Regards HPGC Grounds Maintenance Team