

Quote for the Press Release

We are excited about the upcoming tournament and the opportunity to showcase the exceptional talent and skill of our players. The stunning backdrop of this prestigious golf course promises an unforgettable event for both participants and spectators.

JW Golf Course nestled in the heart of Mysuru, the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club is a premier golfing destination renowned for its picturesque landscapes and challenging fairways. The course spans over 134 acres, featuring lush greens, strategically placed bunkers, and pristine water hazards that provide a true test of skill for golfers of all levels. Designed by Phil Ryan, it seamlessly blends the natural beauty of the surroundings with top-notch facilities, making it a favorite among golf enthusiasts.

We are very much pleased to inform you about our JW Golf Club, that is being nestling at the foot of the famous Chamundi Hills and the Golf Course in the back drop of Chamundi Hill sprawling over 110 acres out of 153 acres of Government land which is being leased to Mysore Race Club Ltd. It was the late Maharaja of Nalavadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who with his farsighted vision chose this present place for Race and Golf Course in 1906. Those days racing polo and golfing were played in the same ground, patronized by the Royal Family and British dignitaries. We are proud to mention here that our JW Golf Club and Mysore Race Club Ltd., jointly celebrated the centenary year of golfing in Mysore on 4th & 5th November 2006.

His Highness Late Jayachamaraja Wadiyar on his accession to the throne in 1940 took keen interest in racing and golf, had maintained the course and he instituted the 'Maharaja's Cup' in 1957 which is being continued every year without any break and when his HH Jayachamaraja Wadiyar sold the Race Course and Golf Course land to Mysore Race Club Ltd in the year in 1971, HH expressed his wish that the golfing activities should be continued, as such golfing activities were being looked after the Mysore Race Club Ltd. In the year 1976 the land was acquired by the Government of Karnataka and leased to the Mysore Race Club Ltd.

The Mysore Race Club Ltd was maintaining the Golf Course and conducting the routine golfing activities and also conducting the golf tournament such as 'Maharaja's Cup' and South India Addicts meet. Due to paucity of funds, the Mysore Race Club decided to close the golfing operation in the year 1984, faced with the extinction of golfing activity in Mysore, few visionary

people joined together and with the consent of the Mysore Race Club Ltd continued to use golf course, formed the JW Golf Club in 1985. The Mysore Race Club Ltd not only acceded to the request of the JW Golf Club, but also came forward to maintain the course by lending their men and machineries. The JW Golf club began a membership drive and soon had over a hundred members and had steady growth in membership and the sponsored tournaments. The Mysore Race Club and the JW Golf Club entered into a MOU in 1990.

In the year 1993 to 1996 saw the transformation of golf in Mysore. The Tourism Department Government of India embarked on a project to develop golf tourism in India by upgrading the existing golf courses to a minimum international standard so as to attract the international golf tourists. Recognizing our JWGC for its golfing activity, The ITDC, Government of India sanctioned a grant of Rs. 37.50 Lakhs to upgrade the course so as to promote Tourism.

The JW Golf Club entrusted the redesigning of the golf course and construction of greens to M/s. Pacific Coast Design, Australia, who has done a wonderful job for a very nominal fee. The redesigned golf course with all 18 greens were inaugurated on 6th June 1996 by H.E. Kurshed Alam Khan, the then Governor of Karnataka. The grant of Rs. 37.5 Lakhs was completely released by the ITDC Government of India through the KSTDC. While sanctioning the grants the Government of India imposed two conditions, one was to maintain the golf course in a good playing condition throughout the year so as to promote the game of golf and to attract the golfing tourists from abroad; another condition was to provide a nice club house facilities to the foreign golfing tourists.

In addition to the ITDC grant our JW Golf Club also put in crores of rupees to develop the golf course to the present stage and also the JW Golf Club is spending more than Two Crore Rupees to upkeep the golf course every year and it has become a jewel in the crown of Mysore City which attracts lots of foreign tourists and as well as tourists from other parts of our Country.

We are proud to mention that we have a par excellent club house nestling below the foot of the world famous Chamundi Hill.

With the help from the Central and State Government our JW Golf Club has progressed by leaps and bounds and has made a name in the national and international golfing arena. Though our JW Golf Club is one of the premier golf clubs in the country, uncertainty looms over the future

of the golfing activities of our JW Golf Club for the reason that, the land where both the racing and golfing are being carried out belongs to Government of Karnataka which is being periodically leased to Mysore Race Club Ltd. The terms and conditions of the lease agreement do not include the Golfing activity of JW Golf Club. We understand that the lease period has expired during 2006 and yet to be renewed.