

VANCOUVER CHINESE GOLF CLUB
ANNUAL 'CALCUTTA' TOURNAMENT
SURREY GOLF CLUB
AUGUST 3, 2025

Friday, August 1st – **Chinese dinner and 'Auction Night'**

Flamingo House Chinese Restaurant

Address: 1652 SE Marine Dr., Vancouver, BC

Phone: 604.325.4511

6:15pm - Free Parking

Sunday, August 3 –

Golf Tournament and BBQ steak dinner following ** (full buffet with other selections as well)

Surrey Golf Club

Address: 7700 168 St. Surrey, BC

*** Other Activities: – 50/50 draw

**\$150.00 FOR GOLF AND BOTH DINNERS
(FRIDAY AND SUNDAY).
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GOLFING SEASON!**

Calcutta Rules:

Here's a very brief and simple to understand explanation of the Calcutta Tournament:

4-person teams are formed with equal (or very close) combined team handicap. For example: 40 players signed up to play, 10 teams will be formed to the closest team handicap (With our club, around 80 has been the average team handicap in the past).

With these 10 teams, on Friday Auction Night, every team will be auctioned off to members (or a group of members and guests). The winning bidder of a team is the owner of this team much like an owner of a race horse. All money collected from the auction are pooled and stay with the club until the outcome of the tournament on Sunday, on which day (at the post game dinner) the pooled money will be rewarded to the owners of the winning teams (Traditionally we pay 4 places – 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th).

In the past, total money collected from the auction is around \$7,000 (again, in the past, this year may be less or more). The owner/s of the winning team/s is handsomely rewarded. To be fair to the owner/s of your team, you are required to purchase a minimum of 5% of the winning bid... you may buy up to 10% or more if the owner agrees.

Example:

<u>Team 1: Name</u>	<u>Handicap</u>
Johnny	12
Billy	17
Dan	20
<u>Mary</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>78</u>

On Friday night, a group of members 'buys' this team with the highest bid – say \$600. Johnny, Billy, Dan, and Mary have to purchase a minimum of 5% of the winning bid or $5\% \times \$600 = \30 . 10% is a more common purchase amount... this would be $10\% \times \$600 = \60 . Each of the players pays their 'owner'.

Scoring format – For the Calcutta this year we will again be using the traditional "Stableford" scoring format, or sometimes known as Par Points, and 4 out of 4 scores will count per team, and note the scoring points per hole!

Definition: Stableford scoring systems are stroke-play formats in which the high total wins, not the low. That's because in Stableford, your final score is not your stroke total, but rather the total points you have earned for your scores on each individual hole.

For example, a (net) par is worth 2 points, a birdie 3. If you par the first hole and birdie the second, you've accrued 5 points. Points will be allocated as follows:

(Net) Double Bogey or worse	= -2 points
(Net) Bogey	= 1 point
(Net) Par	= 2 points
(Net) Birdie	= 3 points
(Net) Eagle	= 4 points
(Net) Double Eagle	= 5 points

We will be factoring in each person's handicap into the Stableford scoring - according to the USGA Handicap Manual, Section 9-4b(viii), players in a Stableford competition should use full course handicaps, with strokes taken as they are allocated on the scorecard. We will look after adding up points for everyone, but for illustration purposes only:

VCGC Annual Calcutta																								
Course:			University Golf Club												Date:			23-Aug-15						
Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total			
Par	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	36	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	36	72			
Stroke Index	5	1	17	3	9	11	13	15	7		10	12	8	2	16	4	18	6	14					

NO	NAME	HCP																			SCORE		NETT	NO	
1	Joe Chan	16	6	5	4	5	4	5	6	7	3	45	5	4	6	7	3	6	5	5	5	46	91	75	1
	S'ford Points	>>>>>	2	2	1	2	4	2	-2	-2	4	13	2	2	1	1	4	1	-2	3	2	14	>>>>>>>>>	27	<<<

Using the example above, Joe is a 16 handicap at this sample course, therefore, he gets a stroke on the 16 hardest holes, as indicated in the red section. Joe gets a stroke on each hole except for holes #3 and #16. So, on hole #1, he shoots a 6, but gets a stroke so he nets a par. A par is worth 2 points. On hole #8, he shoots a triple bogey 7, and nets a double bogey, so he gets 2 points deducted. On hole #9 though, he birdies the hole and nets an eagle, so he gets 4 points, and so forth. Joe accumulated 27 Stableford points for his team on this round.

We will award 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places on Sunday, based on the total of all 4 players aggregate points – the team's owners will win prize money, and pay out accordingly.

Note: The Calcutta tournament is also a regular club tournament as well – you can choose to play in the tournament (and attend the dinners) but not be placed on a Calcutta team. Because it is a regular tournament, we require all players to complete all holes – do not pick up your ball thinking that you cannot earn any points, or else you will be disqualified from the regular tournament. As well, for this tournament, there are no gimme putts! Everyone must putt out completely.

Again, you don't have to be playing in the Calcutta to attend the Auction night, and you can bid to own a team or join in with others to buy a team even if you are only playing in the regular (non- Calcutta) tournament. The auction night dinner is free for all paid members but you have to let us know you are attending just so we have a good head count for Flamingo House restaurant. If you would like to bring a guest to the auction night dinner, the cost is \$50.00.

This is the nutshell of the Calcutta. Again, at the auction night, details can be further explained. So show up at the auction – dinner is free – what have you got to lose other than be tempted to buy a team and lose the money you paid for it if it didn't come in for you.