Report

on

9th "We Are All Able" Charity Golf Tournament – 2025

Ability Development Society of Nepal Sukedhara, Kathmandu





1. About the Program:

The "We Are All Able" Charity Golf Tournament is one of Ability Development Society of Nepal, ADSoN's annual fundraising initiatives, dedicated for supporting the education, rehabilitation, and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in Nepal. Since its establishment, ADSoN has mobilized local resources through this event, demonstrating strong community engagement and sustained partnerships.

This year's tournament, held on Saturday, 26th April 2025 (13th Baisakh 2082) at Gokarna Golf Resort received generous support from long-time principal sponsor Singapore Airlines with 5 Kathmandu Singapore Kathmandu economy class tickets besides contributing the goody bag to all participants. Other notable cash supporters were Nabil Bank, Gorkha Brewery, Laxmi Sunrise Bank, Yeti Distillery, President Travel & Tours, Samaya Rooftop Garden, Himalayan Friends Trekking Pvt. Ltd., Ujjwal Tara School, Shree Investment & Finance Co. Ltd., Everest Express International Pvt. Ltd., Global IME Bank, FedEx, Support Nepal Foundation, Leapfrog Technology, Panchakanya Group, Himalayan Bank, NMB Bank, Surya Jyoti Life Insurance and Friends of Lincoln School. Besides, Budhha Air, Golchha Group, Summit River Lodge, Landmark Hotel & Resorts, Barahi Jungle Lodge, Green valley Resort, The Soaltee Hotel, Hotel Yak & Yeti, Aloft Hotels, Royal Singhi Hotel, Jawalakhel Group of Industries & Gorkha Brewery supported in kind.

2. About the 9th "We Are All Able" Charity Golf Tournament:

A total of 73 golfers registered and 72 played in the tournament. This year's tournament was played under Stableford format with ¾ handicap with 72 golfers taking part. Awards were given to 10 different categories viz. Overall Winner, Runner up, Gross Winner, Ladies Winner, Senior Winner, Super Senior (above 70 years) Winner, Closest to the Pin, Most Birdies, Longest Drive and Straightest drive.

Playing with 4 handicap allowance, Hridesh Singh accumulated 41 points to be the overall winner, Gyanendra KC was runner-up with 39 points. Along with the trophy, Hridesh received one Kathmandu-Singapore-Kathmandu economy class air ticket sponsored by Singapore Airlines.

Norbu Tshering Sherpa won the Best Gross award with 41 points. His bogey-free round was highlighted by five birdies and 13 pars. In the women's category, Gita Gurung carded 28 points to clinch the title.

Among senior golfers, Maj. Gen. Daman Bahadur Ghale emerged victorious with 35 points on count back. Ghale was tied with Purna Sakya, but edged him out on a countback over the last six holes, where Ghale had 10 points against Sakya's 9. In the super senior's category, Bhairaja Pandey claimed the title with 32 points. Pandey also bagged the Straightest Drive award.

Brig. Gen. Bishnu Bahadur Karki won the Closest to the Pin award, while Dhundul Nagyal bagged the Longest Drive honour. Wangchen Dhondup won the Most Birdies award, recording an impressive six birdies.

To further enrich the event, lucky draw of 11 Kathmandu Singapore Kathmandu tickets were made, the proceeds of which will further add to the overall support amount to ADSoN.

The prize distribution ceremony was honoured by the presence of distinguished guests, Mr. Melvin Tan, Country Manager of Singapore Airlines, Mr. Arun Adhikari, Managing Director of Gorkha Brewery Pvt. Ltd, Suhrid Ghimire, President of Gokarna Golf Club; Joseph Nathan, Club Captain including Mr. RR Pandey, Chairperson of ADSoN; Dr. Khadak Singh Bisht, Executive Committee Member; Ms. Nirmala Gyawali, Public Relations and Fund Development Manager.

During her remarks, Ms. Nirmala Gyawali, who herself is a visually impaired person, emphasized that ADSoN is the only organization in Nepal working comprehensively across all categories of disabilities, with a focus on education, rehabilitation, and empowerment. Her personal journey and commitment to the cause served as a powerful reminder of the transformative impact that such initiatives can have. She further requested all the participants and the guest to support in the various 2 year's programs of the organization which were displayed in the banner.

The Chairperson of ADSoN Mr. RR Pandey extended sincere gratitude to the principal sponsor Singapore Airlines as well as to the Sagarmatha Supporters, Annapurna Supporters, Dhaulagiri Supporters and all other supporters and well-wishers. "He further said, "Your presence and generous contributions not only made the tournament possible but also ensured that hundreds of persons with disabilities will have better access to educational resources and opportunities for self-reliance. ADSoN looks forward to continuing this tradition of partnership and excellence in the years to come."

Ability Development Society of Nepal (ADSoN) is gratified by the generous support of all the organisations / individuals. We look forward to their continued support in the years ahead.

3. The Objective of this Year's Tournament:

The primary objective of the 9th edition was to raise local funds to support Persons with Disabilities in Nepal, focusing on enhancing their overall development through programs in Education, Rehabilitation and Empowerment.

Funds raised from the event will be specifically used to provide Basic Braille and Tactile Educational Materials to 182 Blind and Visually Impaired (BVI) students in six government-inclusive schools across Bagmati Province. This initiative aims to help resource teachers and students improve their learning experience through the TOUCH, SENSE & LEARN methodology using tactile educational tools.

4. Impact of previous Tournaments:

ADSoN's previous eight tournaments have created a lasting positive impact including:

- Increased Literacy and Skills: 315 Blind and Visually Impaired students have gained access to tactile learning tools, significantly improving their academic comprehension and practical skills.
- Improved Physical and Mental Well-being: Medical support, corrective surgeries, and health services have enhanced the quality of life for many beneficiaries.
- **Promoting Economic Independence:** 67 persons with disabilities have received training in organic vegetable farming and poultry farming, leading to self-employment and sustainable livelihoods.

5. Conclusion:

The 9th "We Are All Able" Charity Golf Tournament proved to be a remarkable success, both in terms of participation and in achieving its fundraising objectives. The event brought together enthusiastic golfers, generous sponsors and supporters who share ADSoN's vision of creating an inclusive society where persons with disabilities are empowered through education, rehabilitation, and skill development. With 72 golfers competing and significant funds raised, the tournament once again demonstrated the power of community spirit and collaboration in driving social change.

6. Media Coverage:

ADSoN's 9th "We Are All Able" Charity Golf Tournament received media coverage both before and after the event. The coverage links are provided below:

Prior of the Event: https://bellsanchar.com/2025/114372/ (Bellsanchar media)

After the Event: https://bellsanchar.com/2025/114655/ (Bellsanchar media)
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19563oPSpK/ (Routine of Nepal Banda)
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Bqat3Ri1i/ (Golf in Nepal)

7. Pictures of the Event:

















Singh wins charity golf tournament title

Himalayan News Service Kathmandu, April 26

Hridesh Singh won the title of the ninth ADSON Charity Golf Tournament here at the Gokarna Golf Club today.

Played under stableford format, the four-handicap golfer Singh accumulated 41 points to claim the trophy along with Kathmandu-Singapore-Kathmandu air ticket, courtesy of Singapore Airlines, Gyanendra KC finished second up with 39 points.

Norbu Tshiring Sherpa claimed the gross category trophy with 41 points. Sherpa's bogy-free round featured five birdies and 13 pars, showcasing exceptional consistency throughout. Gita Gurung won the women's title with 28 points ahead of Bipana Shrestha (25 points).

In the senior category, Maj Gen Daman Bahadur Ghale emerged victorious on count back after he was tied on 35 points with Purna Sakya. As they remained tied on the back nine as well, the winner was decided in the count final six holes. Ghale scored 10 points on the last six holes, while Sakya earned nine. In the super senior division, Bhairaja Pandey claimed the



Winners of the ninth ADSoN Charity Golf Tournament pose for a group photo at the Gokarna Golf Club in Kathmandu on Saturday.

title with 32 points. Pandey also added the straightest drive award to his haul.

Wangchen Dhondup claimed the most birdies award with an impressive six birdies, Brig Gen Bishnu Bahadur Karki and Dhundul Nagyal bagged the closestto-the-pin and longest drive awards respectively. A total of 71 golfers took part in the tournament organised by Ability Development Society of Nepal. The event received major backing from Singapore Airlines, Carlsberg, Nabil Bank, and other partners.

ADSoN Chairman Rabendra Raj Pandey, Fundraising and PR Manager Nirmala Gyawali, Gokarna Golf Club President Suhrid Ghimire, Club Captain Joseph Nathan, Gorkha Brewery Pvt Ltd Managing Director Arun Adhikari, and Singapore Airlines Country Manager Melvin Tan handed over the prizes to the winners.

Thank You!!