

## **B. K. Satish wins kickoff event of Louis Philippe Cup**

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*B. K. Satish becomes the first golfer to qualify for Puravankara Bengaluru team in the Louis Philippe Cup*

**Bengaluru:** Bengaluru's Eagleton golf resort saw over 100 amateur golfers vie for a place in the Puravankara Bengaluru team that will represent the city in India's richest domestic golf event – the Louis Philippe Cup. Scheduled to commence on 5th March, 2012 at the Karnataka Golf Association, the IPL-style event, with its US\$250,000 and city-based teams is expected to change the way fans relate to golf in India.

The club qualifiers held at Eagleton golf resort is the first of 20 amateur qualifying rounds to be held in the eight participating cities across India – Delhi, Mumbai, Gurgaon, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Chennai and Lucknow. Braving the chilly weather, Bengaluru's enthusiastic amateur golfers teed-off for a chance to be Anirban Lahiri's team-mate and play alongside India's top pro golfers on the first two days of the Louis Philippe Cup for the Pro-Am title.

Fresh from winning the Western India golf title, India's No.1 amateur golfer S. Chikkarangappa was the favourite to qualify for the Puravankara Bengaluru team. But, he had to be content winning the longest drive award for striking the ball 300 yards away, while Shankar Gopal won the 'closest to pin' award.

Displaying fine golf skills and great understanding of the Eagleton course, B K Satish triumphed with a final score of 44 net stableford points. K Sudheer triumphed in the 16-20 handicap category with a score of 44 points, while Gopinath scored 50 points to top the 21-24 handicap category.

Excited to find the first amateur golfer for their team, Mr. Ashish Puravankara, Joint Managing Director, Puravankara Projects Ltd, said, “We are glad to have a great golfer like B. K. Satish on the Puravankara Bengaluru team. We hope our team does well and brings home the inaugural Louis Philippe Cup.”

India's top stars like former Asian tour player of the year Jyoti Randhawa (Gurgaon), European tour regular Shiv Kapur (Delhi), two time European tour winner S. S. P. Chowrasia (Kolkata), two time Asian tour winner Gaganjeet Bhullar (Chandigarh), 2011 Asian tour winner Anirban Lahiri (Bengaluru) and 2011 Singapore Classic winner Himmat Rai (Gurgaon) and current Rolex-PGTI ranking No. 1 Chiragh Kumar (Delhi) have all confirmed participation in the eagerly anticipated event that promises to be a game-changer for golf in India.

**Overall Results: (Net stableford points)**

Winner: B. K. Satish – 44 points

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1st runner up: Shankar Gopal – 41 points (better back 9)

2nd runner up: Teertha Prasad – 41 points

**Handicap 16 – 20**

Winner: K. Sudheer – 43 points

1st runner up: A. Siddarth – 40 points (better back 9)

2nd runner up: S. Nagaraj – 40 points

**Handicap 21 – 24**

Winner: Gopinath – 50 points

1st runner up: Sharath Chandra – 49 points

2nd runner up: Karan Singhvi – 48 points

**Overall longest drive**

Chikkarangappa – 300 yards

**Overall closest to pin**

Shankar Gopal – 3.4 feet