

# Amr Abu El Ella Takes Pan Arab

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Egypt has some of the most fabulous golf courses in the world. It's probably the most underrated golfing experience any golfer could appreciate in any country in the world.

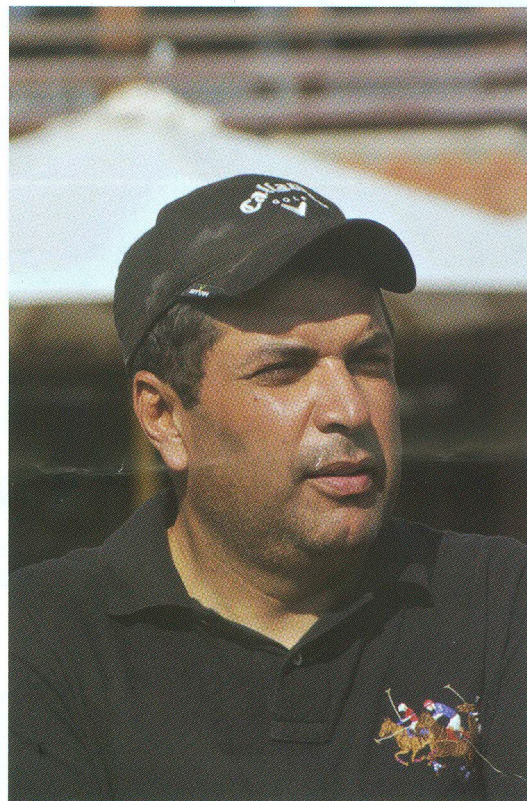
Expatriates living in Egypt sometimes take their posting here with a bit of trepidation. As we all know, upon arrival it doesn't take long to settle in to the local expatriate lifestyle. Once settled in there are various types of activities and experiences to be had.

Having exhausted the typical tourism opportunities, which are many, we then look to our hobbies and families to fill our weekends. For many, men and women alike, this means golf.

Extraordinary golfing opportunities abound in Egypt. Dally Golf has just finished taking The 200 Club Members to The Soma Bay Stableford Red Sea Open 2011, held at the world-class Cascades Country Club and Golf Resort, Soma Bay, just south of Hurghada on the Red Sea Coast.

This uncluttered resort is reminiscent of a mini St. Tropez of some 40 years ago, with the added attractions that the Red Sea has to offer. Its full slate of recreational and dining options with some of the best hotels in the world making this a wonderful resort fit for golfers, non-golfers and family alike.

The golf course, designed by Gary Player, is rated



among the top 13 golf courses in the world by the German Golfer who is there every year. This year as every year the Pan Arab Tournament was played here in early July Some 60 Egyptian and expatriate golfers had the extraordinary experience of playing their rounds with the challenging wind coming of the sea, a rare occurrence here.

The tournament was a little short on participants this year because of the political disruptions in the region this year but the competition was fierce none-the-less. On the men's side Amr Abu El Ella was the not surprising winner. He bested the second place finisher Bahraini golfer Nasser Yacoub by five strokes with Abdel Monem El Shafai coming in third. One stroke behind Shafai in fourth was Issa Abu El Ella, Amr's son.

On the lady's side Sabine Repond who is Swiss but lives in Egypt led the pack beating the second place finisher Maha Senoussi by an enormous gap of 23 strokes Nagwa Kamy finished in third a stroke behind Senoussi.