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22. Chikkarangappa S.

Date of Birth: 30th September 1993

Sport: Golf

Hometown: Chikkaballapur, Bangalore

Training base: Eagleton Golf Resort, Bangalore

Born in a village in the limits of a suburb on the Bangalore-Mysore highway, Chikkarangappa's is a truly awe-inspiring story. Son of an agriculturist and a labourer, Chikka started working at the Eagleton Golf Resort at the age of 10, just so that he could earn some extra money to support his family.

Young Chikka immediately fell in love with golf and secretly practiced swings using a tree branch, which he had carved and shaped into a Golf club. His "secret" practice sessions were soon discovered by Mr. Vijay Divecha, Anirban Lahiri's coach, who saw potential in a young Chikka. Recognising that playing Golf is an expensive option, Chikka continued to work at Eagleton as a ball-boy, and later as a caddy, all this while working on his Golf skills.



Today, he holds a staggering collection of accolades to his credit and is considered as one of the most talented young golfers on the tour. Having turned professional in 2013, Chikkarangappa consolidated his position at the top of the Order of Merit on the Professional Golf Tour of India by finishing the year ranked 2, and even winning the Rookie of the Year Award. He ended 2015 ranked No. 1 on the PGTI Order of Merit and achieved 3 top 10 finishes on the Asian Tour. He is aiming and working hard towards his first Asian Tour victory in the short term, and a qualification for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020!

Achievements

- Best Pro Male Award, India Golf Awards, 2016
- Winner, PGTI Eagleburg Masters, 2016
- Ended 2015 ranked No. 1 on the PGTI Order of Merit
- Winner of the Indian Open Amateur Golf Championships in 2012