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To: All Members / Players

From: Pilipinas Golf Tournaments, Inc.

Subject: GOING GREEN - Use of reusable water bottles

The Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) released a report in 2019 stating that almost 57 million shopping bags are used daily throughout the Philippines, or roughly 20.6 billion pieces a year. The same report said that in just a year, the average Filipino uses 591 pieces of disposable sachets, 174 shopping bags, and 163 plastic *labo* bags (thin and translucent plastic bags).

Plastic pollution is a growing problem worldwide. Pilipinas Golf Tournaments Inc. realizes that hundreds of plastic bottles are being used daily in our Tournaments. To promote environmental preservation and conservation, starting 2020, PGTI will be implementing a new policy with respect to water bottles in all tournaments. In line with this "GOING GREEN" initiative, PGTI will be providing every member with an insulated stainless steel reusable water bottle. Non-members may purchase the reusable water bottle from the PGTI Tournament Administrator during any tournament. Given this, all PET water bottles will be prohibited in all tournament events.

To contribute further to this sustainable initiative, we also encourage everyone to practice and promote the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) in your daily activities. For any inquiries please contact us at pilipinasgolftournamentsinc@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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