

# Senior Golfers Society of Gauteng North

Affiliated to the Senior Golfers Union of South Africa (SGUSA)



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## NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2023

### ACROSS THE BORDER GAME

A Gauteng North team ventured across the Jukskei River on 8 June, with the trophy in hand, but unfortunately had to leave it behind in Johannesburg, going down 517 to 494. Better luck next time guys and congrats to the Gauteng team.

### 2023 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Nationals have come and gone for another year but feedback on the Tournament week was generally favourable and Gauteng North has reason to be proud of the event presented at its first attempt. This was due to a strong team effort by the Organising Committee, our members who played and the non-playing volunteers that gave up of their time to make sure that everything ran smoothly. Thanks to all of you. Thanks also to the sponsors that contributed, particularly the main sponsor Momentum, introduced to the Tournament by Hillie Meyer. Also special thanks to the management of the two clubs that gave their courses to us for the week, Pretoria Country Club and Waterkloof Golf Club.

Gauteng North again won the Society Trophy and congratulations to our members who won the Team Event and those who were successful in adding to our honours list.

Medallions and prizes for those that haven't yet received them will be handed out at our next game at Pretoria Country Club on 21 June. If any of the prize winners listed below aren't able to attend please let us know.

- Society Team Competition Winners
  - Wim Fourie, Piet Botha, Paul van Rooyen and Graham Erasmus
- Individual Stableford Runner Up – Corné Kruger
- Class A (64 and under) Nett Stableford Runner Up – Freek Kruger
- Class B (65 to 68) Nett Stableford Runner Up – Wim Fourie
- Class C (65 to 68) Gross Stableford winner – Dirk Swanevelder
- Class C (69 to 71) Nett Stableford winner – Paul van Rooyen
- Class C (69 to 71) Gross Stableford winner – Derek Ackermann
- Class D (72 to 74) Nett Stableford winner – Piet Botha
- Best 18 Hole Score for Day 1 - Jan van der Merwe
- Best 18 Hole Score for Day 2 – Peter Brauer
- Pinehurst Winner PCC – Jan van der Merwe and Gerhard van der Linde
- Pinehurst runner Up Waterkloof – Andries du Plooy and Sydney Mpipi



The 2024 Tournament will be held in Durban, KwaZulu Natal.

### DRESS CODE

The Winter dress code came into force at the end of March and will be in place until 1 October. Please remember that one of the principal objects of our Society is to promote fellowship and comradeship among our members and enjoying the company of your fellow golfers at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole is part of that ethos. Our dress code is a feature of the Senior Golfers' fraternity and distinguishes it from most other golf societies. Let's all pay due respect to that and come appropriately attired to our after match functions.

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Committee Members:

Jamie Paola (President); Bill McKechnie (Captain); Hennie Uys (Treasurer); Andries du Plooy, Wessel Theron; Ronald Wainwright

## ATTENDANCE AND PLAYING STATISTICS

As set out in the Information Guide on our Society website it's expected of members that they participate in at least 50% of the matches arranged by the Society in any given year. Reasonable levels of attendance at our games are important as it's becoming more difficult to negotiate time allocations and discounts on green fees at clubs. One of the positives that we can offer is that we can bring a lot of players each time we play. The greater our numbers, the better we're able negotiate.

We're now almost half way through 2023 and average attendance for the 10 games played so far this year is only 49% once allowance is made for leave and sick leave.

For those interested, the numbers are shown in the table below.

	18-Jan	08-Feb	22-Feb	08-Mar	22-Mar	05-Apr	19-Apr	04-May	24-May	08-Jun	Total	%
Total Members / rounds	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	780	-
Sick Leave/ Leave	4	5	7	1	3	6	7	3	6	6	48	6%
Played	44	38	34	39	29	44	39	38	30	26	361	46%
Apology	13	21	18	15	20	8	17	13	11	19	155	20%
Withdrawal	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	6	1%
No Response	17	14	18	21	25	19	15	23	31	27	210	27%
Minimum Target rounds	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	390	50%
Average played excl. leave	62%	55%	53%	51%	41%	64%	59%	53%	46%	41%	49%	
Guest Rounds	0	2	1	1	0	3	2	2	2	2	15	

Drilling deeper into the data we find the following for our 78 members:

- 18 have played 7 or more games
- 40 have played 5 or more games
- 18 have played 4 games
- 7 have played 3 games
- 6 have played 2 games
- 6 have played one game
- 3 have not played any games.

### Points to note

It is a concern to the committee that for the year to date, on average, more than a quarter of our members don't respond to game notices with an apology or reason for their absence. Please guys, it's not too much to expect that you respond to game notices timeously so that Petra is aware of who is or isn't available.

Please let us know and ask for leave of absence if you're going to be travelling or have to have a medical procedure that's going to prevent you playing for more than one game.

### THREE BALL ARRANGEMENTS

There's often confusion at games where members play in a three ball. Please make note of our policy in that regard.

#### PIVOT PLAYER - ALL FORMATS

In the event that members play in a three ball, for whatever reason, the Captain will – after the match, randomly select a "ghost" player from the field who will then complete the four-ball.

Three-balls must fill in the score and points for each player, for each hole, but leave the 4th Player's data blank. The scorer will complete the card.

Happy golfing.

**Senior Golfer's Society of Gauteng North Committee**