

Senior Golfers Society of Gauteng North

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



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2023 PLAYING SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we only have three games left before we break for the festive season. Included in these are our annual championships at PCC on 25 October, a game at Centurion on 8 November and the “Across the Border” game at PCC towards the end of November.

GN Seniors Annual Golf Championships

We have received 47 entries for the annual championships, with 18 others having apologised or being unavailable due to sickness or leave. It is gratifying to see such a high level of interest our most important competition of the year and we wish good luck to all participants. Let’s make it a day to remember.

“Across the Border” game – 22 November at PCC

Similarly, we’d like to present a large field for the game against our friends from Gauteng so please put your name down when entries open. This is our opportunity to claw back the trophy from our Gauteng rivals and tuck it away safely in Pretoria for the foreseeable future. We’re confident that it will be a great day on 22 November so don’t miss out and ensure that you get your entry in.

GN Seniors Annual Lunch – Sunday 5 November

Our annual lunch will be at the Italian Club on Sunday 5 November and entries close on 25 October. If you haven’t responded please let us know if you will be attending or not.

UPDATE SINCE THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

Parys Quadrangular Tournament – 12 and 13 August 2023

Your GN team, led by Andries du Plooy, added more silverware to our trophy cabinet by winning the Parys Quadrangular played at Val de Grace and Parys Golf Clubs in August against Free State, the hosts, Gauteng and Northern Cape. GN won the tournament with 256 points, 11 points clear of the nearest opposing team. Congratulations to the 12 players that represented us. By all accounts both courses were in magnificent condition and Free State put on a great event.



Committee Members:

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

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Nicol Labuschagne and Wynand du Plessis who were inducted as new members in August and September. May you both enjoy many years of golf with our Society.

SGUSA PRETORIA NATIONALS

The final accounts for the SGUSA National Tournament held in Pretoria earlier this year reported a profit of just over R30,000. This was thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and the commitment of our various sub-committees and the host of volunteers that helped to ensure a successful event. Our Gauteng North Society shared in this success by accruing R10,400 from a 10% share of the sponsorship income.

2024 EVENTS

January 2024 – GN's first game in 2024 will be at Wingate Country Club on 17 January. We hope to see you all there.

March 2024 – An international tour to Chile will take place from 13 to 26 March. Some entries have been received from GN members and applications are still open.

May 2024 - SGUSA Nationals will be hosted by KZN from 5 to 9 May 2024 at Durban Country Club and Royal Durban Golf Club. Entry applications are expected to open in early January so please keep an eye on your emails around that time.

August 2024 – The annual Quadrangular Tournament will be held again in Parys where GN will be the host Society. Given the success of the 2023 event we hope to be able to present a strong team to defend our title so please make a note of the date.

GN 2024 Fixtures – A full list of GN's planned fixtures for next year has been circulated and will be published shortly on the GN website. Please diarise these dates and keep open so that you can play.

ADMIN MATTERS

Wynand du Plessis will replace Hennie Uys as Treasurer and committee member of our Society in January 2024. Our grateful thanks go to Hennie for his support and diligence during his term as Treasurer and also to Wynand for accepting this important position.

Petra Ackerman will be standing down as Admin Secretary at the end of this year and will be replaced by Nici Bester. Petra has been a stalwart of our Society since 2018 and there will be opportunity to honour her dedicated service at our annual luncheon and the remaining games this year.

ATTENDANCE AND PLAYING STATISTICS

As noted in our June 2023 newsletter it's expected of members that they participate in at least 50% of the matches arranged by the Society in any given year.

We're now almost 90% through our 2023 programme and average attendance for the 10 games played so far this year is 52% once allowance is made for leave and sick leave.

In 2024 the Committee would like to encourage a higher level of attendance and participation from you all with a view to creating a greater spirit of camaraderie in our Society.

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

We have room for new members and would like to call on our current members to actively canvass for potential new members, taking into consideration the ethos and values applicable to Senior Golfers Societies in South Africa. Please submit applications to the Committee using the application forms available on our website

Happy golfing.

Senior Golfer's Society of Gauteng North Committee