

# Senior Golfers Society of Gauteng North

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



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## NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2024



Best wishes to our senior golfers and their families for a healthy and prosperous 2024.

Let this be a year of enjoyment, fun and friendship wherever we play.

### **2024 FIXTURES**

Our first game in 2024 will be at Wingate Country Club on 17 January. Entries are open on the GN website and we hope to see you all there.

A full list of GN's planned fixtures for 2024 is available on the GN website. Please diarise these dates and keep open so that you can play.

Some questions were raised at the end of last year on why so many of our games in 2024 have been scheduled for Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays as had been the case in previous years. The reason for this is because in May 2023 PCC let us know that, due to scheduling difficulties on their side, they would not be able to accommodate us on Wednesdays in 2024. After a meeting with their GM it was agreed that our Wednesday games could continue at PCC in the winter months but in the summer months our games would be on Tuesdays. This was announced after one of our games in June last year but was unfortunately left out of our October newsletter. We apologise to those members who weren't aware of the new arrangement for this oversight. Games at courses other than PCC are subject to availability of tee times and in some cases were set to take advantage of special price offers.

### **2024 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

All of you should have received an email notice from SGUSA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January informing you that entries have opened for the National Tournament to be held in KwaZulu-Natal in May 2024. The event will be played at Durban Country Club and Royal Durban Golf Club.

Entries close on Wednesday, 31 January 2024. If you haven't seen the email, please first check your junk mail and, failing that, contact Petra. We don't know how many playing spots will be allocated to our Society but should the number of applicants exceed that team selection will be made using the criteria set out on the Gauteng North website at <http://gnseniors.weebly.com/team-selection-process-for-nationals.html>.

Please submit your entries as soon as possible.

### **RESIGNATIONS**

The following members resigned at the end of last year: Thys de Beer, Sakkie Perold and Johan Struwig.

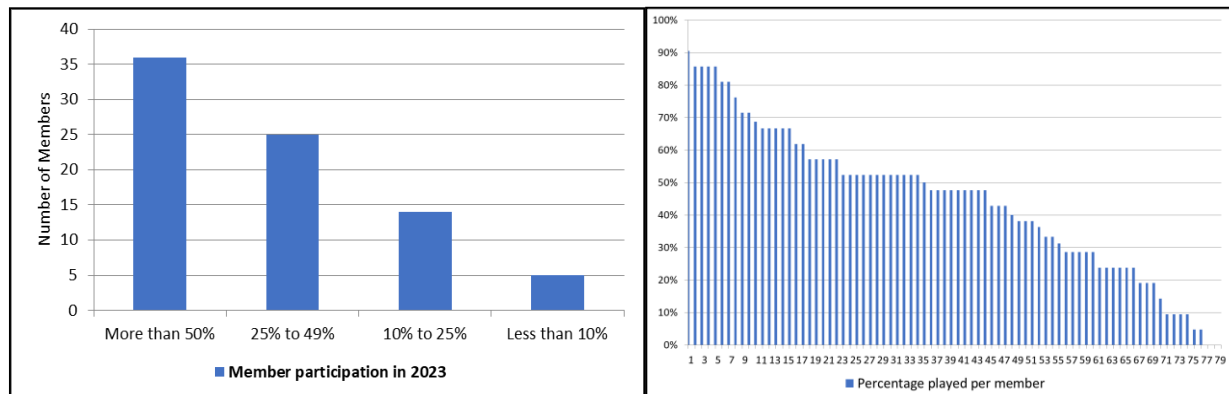
We would like to thank them for their companionship over the years and wish them good health and enjoyment going forward.

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Committee Members:

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

## ATTENDANCE AND PLAYING STATISTICS



The chart on the left hand side above shows that, for our 2023 fixtures, only 36 of our 80 members participated in 50% or more of our games. The right hand chart shows the detailed average attendance distribution for each member.

Overall average attendance at our games was 44%, well below our target of 50% per members. About 10% of the members that played less than half of our games were affected by sick leave and other commitments for which leave was granted but, making allowance for this only marginally improves our overall number.

Of greatest concern is the fact that almost 30% of our members fail to respond to fixture notices and do not even present an apology.

In 2024 the Committee wants to see a higher level of attendance and participation by those below the 50% line with a view to creating a greater spirit of camaraderie in our Society. If for any reason you're unable to play regularly for health or other reasons please let us know so that the Committee can take this into consideration when reviewing playing statistics.

### 2024 EVENTS

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 hosted by KZN from 5 to 9 May 2024

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.

### ADMIN MATTERS

Nici Bester's appointment as Admin Secretary has been delayed for a few months due to ill health but Petra has graciously to continue until Nici is able to take over. Thank you Petra.

### 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 in 2024

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