

Season's Greetings!



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016

Another year is fast drawing to a close – a bit scary though, as the years appear to become shorter as we get older!

As usual, as I reflect on this last year, I am reminded of just how fortunate we are to be able to get out and enjoy the company of like-minded guys who have a common interest – the love of the great game of golf.

We are also blessed that we have the opportunity to play on golf courses that are of the highest quality, normally in weather conditions that are unparalleled in most parts of the world. And finally we have our health that enables us to get out and do what we enjoy most!

It was tremendous to see how our participation statistics have improved this year. In total, 922 rounds of golf were played by our members and our average attendance was 60% (3% higher than last year). Thank you and well done to you all.

Administrative Secretary

To date, no one has made contact with either Carine or me regarding the possibility of taking over from her at the beginning of April next year. I know that the shoes that are to be filled are dauntingly big (figuratively speaking Carine!), but it would be tremendous if someone “connected” to Seniors was available.

Carine has drafted a “Job Description” and is available to chat to anyone who would like more details. Clearly this is not a full time job and it could be that it would be ideal for someone who would like to find something to do for a limited time each month.

As mentioned previously, the Committee has agreed that the honorarium paid will be far more generous than in the past and will more appropriately reflect the time involvement of the administrative secretary. If we are unsuccessful in finding someone “internally”, then it is likely that we will have to advertise early in the new year.

Annual Society Championships and Annual Dinner

Both events went off flawlessly and from the feedback that I received, were enjoyed by all who participated. Thanks to everyone who played a part in making it all happen as it did.

Carine was absolutely delighted with the gift that she received from the Seniors, a Pandora bracelet with charms of her choice and she has included a picture of it elsewhere in this newsletter so that you can all see what our small token of appreciation to Carine was.

New Member Policy

I hope that by the time you receive and read this Newsletter, the committee will have had the opportunity to finalise the policy and be able to communicate it to all members. In the meantime, we are still not in a position to entertain any new member proposals.

Website

Carine will be away overseas from early December and we are both very hopeful that our new Gauteng North Seniors website will have been launched by then. As I have mentioned previously, this will lead to some changes in the way in which golf matches are arranged and communicated and we are all going to have to be involved.

However, I want to assure you that we will communicate extensively in the new year on the new processes to ensure that no one has any undue difficulties. We will probably give ourselves about 6 weeks to wean members off the current system, so that by the time Carine’s replacement has started, we are all up and running via the website.

Happy Holiday Season

For all of you who are travelling and will be out of town over the festive season, here’s wishing you safe travels and a wonderful and well deserved break. For those of us who will be spending the festive season in town, we have wonderful weather and uncrowded streets to look forward to as well as all our great golf courses.

To everyone and your families, I wish you a safe and blessed Christmas and the prospect of a great year in 2017.

Graham

2016 Championships

Congratulations!

RESULTS

Best Gross

Winner: Rinus van Niekerk (78)

Best Nett

Winner: Paul Laesecke (39 points)

Runner up: Paul van Rooyen (39 points)

3rd place: Steph Ferreira (37 points)

4th place: Jan van der Merwe (37 points)

Eclectic Competition

Winner: Brian Richter (58 points)

Runner up: Pauli Jenkinson (55 points)

3rd place: Johan Coetzee (54 points)



9th November 2016: "ACROSS THE BORDER" MATCH

(Results calculated on 14 holes due to inclement weather)

WINNING SOCIETY: GAUTENG NORTH 501 points
Gauteng Central 476

ALLIANCE COMPETITION:

First Fourball: Harold Teague 73 points
Pauli Jenkinson
Ray Hakim
Rob Scherman

Second Fourball: Colin MacKenzie 69 points
Steph Ferreira
Lou van Wyk
Ludwig de Kock

Third Fourball: Colin Heath 65 points
Bruce Edwards
Chris Dey
Wynand Claassen

BETTERBALL COMPETITION:

First Betterball pair: Pieter Krogh 36 points
Japie Vorster

Second Betterball pair: Piet Greyling 35 points
Corné Kruger

Third Betterball pair: Ray Hakim 35 points
Rob Scherman



ECLECTIC COMPETITION

TOP 10 (after 2 rounds)

Derek Ackermann	51
Corné Kruger	48
Pieter Krogh	47
Wim Fourie	45
Colin MacKenzie	45
Sakkie Perold	45
Henk Prinsloo	45
Jan vd Merwe	44
Brian Cassidy	43
Sydney Mpipi	43

New Trophy Competition

Your committee has agreed to a new Trophy competition (as per Graham's article in the October newsletter), **pending members' feedback from the "practice round" on 15th February.**

The format will be fun, yet challenging and good for any golfers game.

Format: The competition will be played over two nominated matches, probably both at PCC, in which players will not use any club "longer than a three iron". Rescue clubs that are the equivalent of traditional irons will be allowed. The "Iron Man" winner will be the player with the best Stableford score over two rounds.

Graham: *"Piero and I recently played in a fourball at Woodhill and we all played this format. It was tremendous fun and interestingly, we both had our best round in ages!"*

2017 Fixtures List

Wednesday	18 January	PCC
Tuesday	31 January	The Els Club — Copperleaf (<i>Eclectic — Round 3</i>)
Wednesday	15 February	PCC (<i>Practice Round — proposed new Iron Man test run</i>)
Wednesday	1 March	Woodhill CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 4</i>)
Wednesday	15 March	PCC — Golf followed by Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	29 March	Centurion CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 5</i>)
Sun-Fri	2-7 April	National Tournament in Cape Town
Wednesday	12 April	PCC
Thursday	4 May	Silver Lakes CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 6</i>)
Wednesday	17 May	PCC
Thursday	1 June	Royal Johannesburg & Kensington — “Across the Border” match
Wednesday	21 June	PCC (<i>Eclectic — Round 7</i>)
Wednesday	5 July	PCC
Thursday	20 July	Irene CC — Friendly game with JHB Seniors (<i>Eclectic — Round 8</i>)
Wednesday	2 August	PCC
Tuesday	22 August	Zwartkop CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 9</i>)
Wednesday	6 September	Wingate Park CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 10</i>)
Wednesday	20 September	PCC
Wednesday	4 October	PCC — Championships & Annual Dinner with spouses/partners
Thursday	26 October	Services GC (<i>2018 Eclectic — Round 1</i>)
Wednesday	8 November	PCC — “Across the Border” match
Thursday	23 November	Waterkloof GC (<i>2018 Eclectic — Round 2</i>)

QUADRANGULAR MATCHES (Inter-Society) — 12-16 members per society

Sat & Sun	26 & 27 August	Vaal de Grâce and Parys golf estates. Participating societies: OFS, NC, Gauteng North & Gauteng
Sat & Sun	21 & 22 October	Harrismith Golf Club Participating societies: OFS, KZN, Gauteng North & Gauteng

NOTE: *Members who participate in the Inter-Society events (National tournaments and Quadrangular matches) will be awarded one credit for each round played (brought into the equation when evaluating members’ annual participation statistics).*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Wishing you a fabulous day,
and a prosperous year!*

December —

4th Astrid de Vos
9th Hugo Marais
28th Francois de Vos
28th Carola Fourie
31st Elsa Botha

January —

4th Japie Vorster
5th Theo Switala
5th Marietjie Fourie
5th Michelle Richter
10th Riana Gildenhuis
14th Bennie Geeringh
15th Eugenie de Villiers
16th Wynand Claassen
16th Steph Ferreira (70)
16th Harold Teague
17th Chris Roberts
23rd Ludwig de Kock
23rd Sue Poole
26th Johan Heunis
28th Pauli Jenkinson (70)
29th Loraine Laesecke
31st Lynn Roberts



*a playful heart
is a
young
heart ...*

Thank you!

Dear Gauteng North Seniors

My sincere thanks to you all for the beautiful bracelet — I simply love it! A perfect gift which I'll enjoy wearing and will treasure always!

I am truly grateful at having had the opportunity to work with such an incredible group of people and will miss you all greatly!

My best wishes to each of you ... may you have many years of great senior golfing moments together!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best regards
Carine

