

NEWSLETTER



“Senior Golfers Society Gauteng North”

- February/March 2018 –

Gentlemen, I take this opportunity to thank you for your support of my Presidency, in 2017; and before that my captancy in 2016. Some final items that I would like your support on include; the completion of your



cards at each competition. Please ensure that you get into the habit of completing your cards in the same format that are reflected on the time sheets sent out to you by Petra. Provide your full names on a legible scorecard so that it is much easier for John Loftus to complete the onerous task of putting together the input for the eclectic competition.

Our membership has stabilized and we have a healthy turn out to our monthly competitions; please keep this up, because, as you have already noted, the criteria for selection to National tournaments, depend on playing regularly. Just before I forget; even our very tightly run ship requires your forbearance when it comes to setting the Annual fee for Senior Society membership.

Peet Du Toit will take you through his budget for 2018 and the financials for 2017 at our forthcoming AGM; and you'll see that we are remarkably

fortunate to be able to keep the annual subs increase down to an annual fee of ZAR 750. Of course, the more you play for Seniors; the more value you extract from your annual subs; and the better qualified you'll be when it comes to entering the next Nationals down in the Southern Cape, in 2019.

I must thank PCC again for the way in which they have supported us in since 2016 with a course that is a joy to play and facilities that produce an air of congenial hospitality, after the game, that one simply revels in!!

Meanwhile, the legacy is a happy one at Gauteng North. Jan Van Der Merwe, made the most of Valentine's Day 2018, by scoring 42 points in the Iron Man Competition; to add to his first round score in November 2017; of 31. He is the worthy winner of the handsome trophy donated by Carine Oldridge and completes the 1st edition of this competition.

The use of white long sleeve shirts as part of our summer dress is smart and formal enough to act as a compromise for those who advisedly felt that the dropping of the formal jacket and tie was a step too far. I think though that the debate was healthy and served to enhance our natural bonhomie. Obviously, and I'll probably remember to speak to this at the AGM.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to you all, including my immediate predecessors Graham Damp and Brian Richter for the confidence shown in my ability to lead the Society this past year. You have all been generous in your support and very tolerant of my foibles. I will value your mentorship for the rest of my golfing career. Separately, I must pay tribute again to the phenomenal growth that Petra has achieved in the efficient functioning of our Society; you make it a joy, Petra, for us to turn up and play. And then, finally, to my esteemed Committee; Johann Ströh [Captain and President in waiting]; Jan Van Der Merwe our captain

for 2018; John Loftus, Secretary for 2018; Peet Du Toit, Treasurer [forever, I hope]; Johan Willemse, Harold Teague; and Mike Silberman; your friendship and earnestness for the worth of the Society has been a revelation and a tonic while South Africa was finding itself ?

Warm Regards Bruce Edwards

>>Below your committee hard at work - February 2018<<



Fortnightly Competition Results

31st of Jan 2018 at PCC – Betterball Stableford + 3rd Eclectic Round 2018

Winners: Don Williams + Bill McKechnie (44 points)
Runner up: Corne Kruger + Pieter Krogh (42 points)
Third place: Errol Baron + Thys de Beer (41 points)
2 Clubs: Martin Brauer, Bruce Edwards, Pieter Krogh, Mac Mahomed, Sakkie Perold, Henk Prinsloo, Tallies Taljaard, Ray Wilkinson and Johan Willemse

Piero Grobler received his fare well wishes from the Seniors society of Gauteng North during his Last game on 31 January, with a recommendation letter issued by the society's president and endorsed by all players of the day, with bet wishes for his permanent move to the USA.

14th of Feb 2018 at PCC – Individual Stableford + 2nd Iron Man Challenge

Winner: Jan van der Merwe (42 points)
Runner up: Ken Roux (35 points)
Third place: Andre le Grange (34 points)
4th place: Johan Willemse (33 points)
2 Clubs: Derek Ackermann, Sakkie Perold, Johan Ströh, Jan van der Merwe and Johan Willemse
Longest Day: Johan Coetzee

28th of February at Wingate – Betterball Stableford

Unfortunately, Inclement weather conditions interrupted and subsequently game was abondend altogether.

Iron Man Competition Winner 2017 is: Jan van der Merwe

2nd place: Gerhard van der Linde

3rd place: Andre le Grange

Awards will be handed out at the AGM, on 14 March 2018

Congratulations to all Senior Achievers!!

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY GAUTENG NORTH:

Mac Mahomed – has been accepted and agreed to join Seniors GN. His planned induction fell thru due to the weather conditions on 28 February and will now take place on 14 March. Congratulations!

Isadore Matunhire & Flip Diedericks - Good luck with the Vetting process!

Gerrie Nel – Still awaiting his acceptance of extended invitation as a prospective member.

National Tournament 2018 hosted by Gauteng Society from 16-20 April – The Gauteng North Team consists of:

	Nationals -Player	Pinehurst Partner
1	ACKERMANN , Derek	John Loftus
2	BOTHA , Piet	Johan Willemse
3	COETZEE , Johan	<i>WILDCART</i>
4	EDWARDS , Bruce	Frank Pretorius
5	FOURIE , Wim	Johann Ströh
6	GREYLING , Piet	Jan vd Merwe
7	JACKSON , Nico	Paul van Rooyen
8	JACOT-GUILLARMOD	Henk Prinsloo
9	KROGH , Pieter	Gerhard vd Linde
10	KRUGER , Corne	Mike Silberman
11	LOFTUS , John	Derek Ackermann
12	McKECHNIE , Bill	Bjoern Schildt
13	<i>WILDCART</i>	Johan Coetzee
14	PRETORIUS , Frank	Bruce Edwards
15	PRINSLOO , Henk	Jacot Guillarmod
16	Schildt , Björn	Bill McKechnie
17	SILBERMAN , Mike	Corne Kruger
18	STROEH , Johann	Wim Fourie
19	TEAGUE , Harold	Ray Wilkinson
20	VAN DER LINDE , Gerhard	Pieter Krogh
21	VAN DER MERWE , Jan	Piet Greyling
22	VAN ROOYEN , Paul	Nico Jackson
23	WILKINSON , Ray	Harold Teague
24	WILLEMSE , Johan	Piet Botha

Good luck!

GN Society 10th Anniversary - 10 October at PCC

Please diarize the date! Day includes Annual Championship competition with sponsored prizes and Gala Dinner, as well as special guests.

Eclectic Score Card- updates are available on the Website

BIRTHDAYS IN January & February & March



Belated ones also count!

January

4th Japie Vorster
5th Theo Switala
5th Helen Basson
5th Marietjie Fourie
5th Michelle Richter
10th Riana Guildenhuys
14th Bennie Geeringh
15th Eugenie de Viliers
16th Wynaand Claassen
16th Steph Ferreira
17th Chris Roberts
23rd Ludwig de Kock
23rd Sue Poole
26th Johan Heunis
28th Pauli Jenkinson
29th Loraine Laesecke
31st Lynn Roberts

March

2nd Wayne Grace
2nd Ronald Wainwright
3rd Paul van Rooyen
4th Wessel Theron
5th Mimi Uys
5th Miranda Vogel
13th Hilary Silberman
14th George Kyriakou
18th Mandi Geeringh
20th Geoff Irons
20th Willem Krige
24th Brian Cassidy
24th Vic de Stadler
24th Yasmin Mahomed
26th Rob Scherman
29th Erna du Toit
29th Mac Mahomed
31st Lynnette Dahlman

February

5th Johan Coetzee
16th Marianne Godyki
23rd Neo Mpipi
23rd Thys de Beer
27th Jeanette Willimas
28th Colin McKenzie
29th Anne Grace

DIARY: Fixture List 2018 - Status 28.2.2018

Wednesday	14 March	PCC — Golf followed by the AGM
Wednesday	28 March	Wingate CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 4</i>)
Wednesday	11 April	Centurion CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 5</i>)
Sun-Fri	15-20 April	National Tournament in Johannesburg
Wednesday	25 April	PCC
Tuesday	8 May	Woodhill CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 6</i>)
Wednesday	23 May	PCC
Thursday North	7 June	Royal JHB & Kensington — “Across the Border” – Gauteng vs Gauteng
Wednesday	20 June	PCC
Wednesday	4 July	PCC
Thursday	19 July	Irene CC — 4B Alliance with JHB Seniors
Wednesday	1 August	PCC
Tuesday	21 August	Zwartkop CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 7</i>)
Sat-Sun	25-26 August	Quadrangular – Parys, Free State (OFS, NC, Gauteng North & Gauteng)
Wednesday	5 September	Irene CC (<i>Eclectic — Round 8</i>) & National Inter Society Challenge
Wednesday	26 September	PCC (Iron Man Challenge 2018)
Wednesday	10 October	PCC — 10th Anniversary & Society Championships & Annual Dinner
Thursday	25 October	Services GC (<i>2019 Eclectic — Round 1</i>)
Wednesday	7 November	PCC — “Across the Border” – Gauteng North vs Gauteng
Thursday	22 November	Waterkloof GC (<i>2019 Eclectic — Round 2</i>)