

# NEWSLETTER

– JANUARY 2017 –

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The festive season is now well and truly behind us and 2017 is about to unfold. Whether you were away on holiday or enjoying the peacefulness of Pretoria, I hope that for you and your family this was a time of enjoyment and relaxation with your loved ones.

I have no doubt that the new year is going to be one that springs many surprises on us, both at home and abroad. Inevitably, our local political scene will be fascinating for so many reasons and one can only hope that leaders of integrity will emerge to take our wonderful country forward.

Abroad, it's going to be so interesting to see how the new President of the USA performs, now that he has won the race and of course; in the UK, the Brexit outcome is sure to produce many unintended consequences.

One thing that is certain however, is that we, as Seniors, have a great deal to look forward to and be thankful for. We have a tremendous Society of like-minded gentlemen playing the game that we all enjoy so much and so, whatever the politicians may do, I have no doubt that whilst we are on the golf course with our mates, we will not be too concerned about too much else.

Thankfully the summer rains have arrived and our golf courses, which I think are the equal of many great courses around the world, are now just that much more challenging. No doubt, there is a huge premium in staying on the fairway and out of the rough, something that most of us hackers really struggle with. Here's hoping that you will be successful in overcoming the challenges our courses present at this time of the year!

Our website is now well and truly launched and I would like to encourage you all to "be brave" and dive in at the deep end! It really is incredibly easy to use and it is the way of the future - we in Gauteng North have just been a little slow in getting there. The smart phone version of the site is still undergoing some technical issues at present, but I am very confident that we will have this all resolved very soon.

My wish for the new year is that you enjoy all your golf to the full, particularly that played in the company of your Senior golf friends.

Kind regards  
Graham

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# 2017 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT – GAUTENG NORTH TEAM

Bill McKechnie  
Bruce Edwards  
Corné Kruger  
Derek Ackermann  
Dieter Vogel  
Francois de Vos  
Gerhard vd Linde  
Graham Damp  
Harold Teague  
Henk Prinsloo

Jacot Guillarmod  
Jan vd Merwe  
Japie Vorster  
Joachim Mennen  
Johan Coetzee  
Johan Willemse  
Johann Ströh  
John Loftus  
Mervyn Haywood  
Mike Silberman

Nico Jackson  
Nico Maas  
Paul Pelser  
Piet Botha  
Piet Greyling  
Pieter Krogh  
Ray Wilkinson  
Tallies Taljaard  
Tony Yared  
Wim Fourie

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## WEBSITE

**SUGGESTION:** Set reminders on your cell phones –

- **Entries/Apologies:** 2-3 weeks before the date of an event.
- **Time sheets:** 1 week before a game.



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2016 – Website launched!

History  
in The **MAKING**

### FIRST RESPONDERS:

1. 09h43 Paul Jenkinson
  2. 10h11 Colin MacKenzie
  3. 10h39 Hennie Uys
  4. 11h33 Johann Ströh
  5. 11h54 Mike Silberman
  6. 12h22 Pieter Krogh
  7. 12h44 Björn Schildt
  8. 13h53 Peter Poole
  9. 17h26 Dennis Petre
  10. 21h00 Graham Damp
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# BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

## Congratulations on your Birthday!

May your special day be a culmination of a wonderful yesterday,  
a fantastic today,  
and an awesome future!

4<sup>th</sup> Japie Vorster

5<sup>th</sup> Theo Switala

5<sup>th</sup> Marietjie Fourie

5<sup>th</sup> Michelle Richter

10<sup>th</sup> Riana Gildenhuis

14<sup>th</sup> Bennie Geeringh

15<sup>th</sup> Eurgenie de Villiers

16<sup>th</sup> Wynand Claassen

16<sup>th</sup> Steph Ferreira (70)

16<sup>th</sup> Harold Teague

17<sup>th</sup> Chris Roberts

23<sup>rd</sup> Ludwig de Kock

23<sup>rd</sup> Sue Poole

26<sup>th</sup> Johan Heunis

28<sup>th</sup> Paul Jenkinson (70)

29<sup>th</sup> Loraine Laesecke

31<sup>st</sup> Lynn Roberts

## FUN FACTS

In response to Britain sending their convicts to America in the 1700s, Benjamin Franklin suggested sending back shiploads of rattlesnakes to return the favor

Napoleon and Hitler were born 129 years apart, came into power 129 years apart, and invaded Russia 129 years apart.

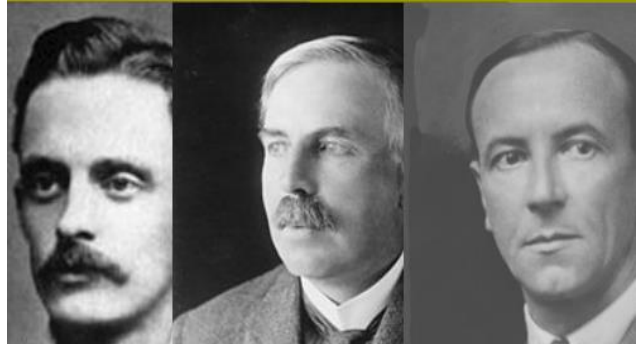
Android users are reporting a 20% boost in battery life after deleting the Facebook app off their phones.

Antarctica is the only continent with no spiders.

There are no rats in Alberta, Canada.

The concept of the "rap battle" has existed since the 5th century, where poets would engage in "flyting," a spoken word event where poets would insult one another in verse.

Chadwick (the discoverer of the neutron) was a student of Rutherford (discoverer of the proton) who was the student of Thomson (the discoverer of the electron).



John Malkovich wrote and starred in 100 Years: The Movie You Will Never See, which was completed in 2015 and then immediately sealed in a time-locked, bullet-proof safe. The safe cannot be opened, not even with a code or key, but is set to automatically unlock on November 18, 2115.

