

Congratulations!



GAUTENG NORTH TEAM

Front row (left to right): Dieter Vogel, Corné Kruger, Brian Richter (President), Piet Botha, Ray Wilkinson.

Back row (left to right): Bill McKechnie, Gerhard vd Linde, Henk Prinsloo, Johan Coetzee, Jan vd Merwe, Ben Burger, Brett Oldridge, Nico Maas, Ludwig de Kock.

Inserts (left to right): Piet Greyling, Derek Ackermann, Paul Laesecke, Johan Willemse

President's Corner



MANCOM and the presidents of all the societies will be holding Strategic Planning Sessions in July to discuss how Seniors golf is to go into the future in terms of total number of members nationally, national tournament arrangements (i.e. do we make it more exclusive by using only one course and playing a shorter format etc.) and, generally, how to position Seniors to ensure exclusivity and sustainability.

I would like to pose the question: "Is Seniors Golf providing Gauteng North members what you want, and expect, from our Society?" For example:

- Is the number of members just right, too low, or too high?
- Should we play more, or less often?
- Should we play at more courses?
- Should we play more social games at outlying courses?
- Are we enjoying the format we currently enjoy or should it be changed?
- Are there any other issues our members would like to bring to our attention?

Please email us your responses to enable the committee to

2015 Seniors Nationals

We had a very successful Seniors Tournament in Bloemfontein. The organisation was excellent and, bar two rain delays, the tournament went off without a hitch and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Gauteng North team won the Society Trophy for the fifth time in seven years. Through consistent play the team finished with 1119 points, averaging 31.08 over the two tournament rounds. Well played guys!

Our sincere thanks to those members and wives who represented our Society at the Nationals.

Daily Competition Results:

- Sunday:** Brett & Carine Oldridge came 3rd in the Mixed Competition.
- Tuesday:** Derek Ackermann's fourball won the Alliance at Schoeman Park with 93 points on a count-out from Nico Maas' fourball.
- Wednesday:** Piet Botha & Johan Willemse came 4th in the Pinehurst Competition at Bloemfontein GC.
- Friday:** Jan van der Merwe won the "Best 18 Holes" medal on 41 points at Schoeman Park.

2016 Seniors Nationals

We need to increase our participation at the National tournaments and the committee urges members to support our Society at these events. Next year's tournament will be hosted by the Eastern Province Society. Please diarize:

Date: 18-22 April 2016
Venue: Port Elizabeth

Diary

MAY

- 14th Away game: Silver Lakes CC
27th Home game: PCC

JUNE

- 11th Away game: Royal Jhb & Kensington: "Across the Border" — Gauteng Society vs Gauteng North Society
12th Committee Meeting : 09h00 at PCC
24th Home game: PCC

JULY

- 8th Away game: Woodhill CC
23rd Away game: Irene CC (hosted by the Gauteng Society)

AUGUST

- 6th Away game: Waterkloof GC
19th Home game: PCC

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Away game: Wingate Park CC
17th Away game: Pretoria GC (Pta West)
30th **PCC: Championships & Annual Dinner with Spouses/Partners**

OCTOBER

- 8th Away game: Services GC
21st Home game: PCC

NOVEMBER

- 11th PCC: "Across the Border" — Gauteng North Society vs Gauteng Society



MAY:

- 2nd ~ Lucia van Niekerk
3rd ~ Bruce Edwards (60)
4th ~ Ed Shedden
5th ~ Hettie Maas
7th ~ Peter Brauer
8th ~ Melinda de Kock
9th ~ Thys Pretorius
14th ~ Thea MacKenzie
15th ~ Piet Botha
15th ~ Chris Dey
16th ~ Piet Greyling
17th ~ Marié Jackson
18th ~ Johan de Villiers
20th ~ Anita Switala
21st ~ Marie-Christine Schildt
24th ~ Tony Yared
25th ~ Ingrid Weinert

Competitions & Results



Congratulations to the following winners:

15th April @ Zwartkop CC — Combined Stableford:

- 1st Prize: Joachim Mennen & Piet Botha (67 points)
2nd Prize: Brett Oldridge & Thys Sigle (64 points)
3rd Prize: Brian Richter & Theo Switala (63 points)

29th April @ PCC — Betterball Stableford:

- 1st Prize: Sakkie Perold & Japie Vorster (48 points)
2nd Prize: Henk Prinsloo & Harold Teague (44 points)
3rd Prize: Steph Ferreira & Johan Willemse (43 points)



Not just one ... or two ... or three, but FOUR two-clubs!

Congratulations to **Sakkie Perold** who finished his round at PCC with a birdie on all four the Par 3 holes.

As far as can be ascertained, this is only the third time that a player has accomplished this at Pretoria

ECLECTIC LEADER BOARD

Harold Teague	52
Paul Jenkinson	50
Mark Stevens	50
Brian Richter	49
Tallies Taljaard	49
Derek Ackermann	48
Sakkie Perold	48
Brett Oldridge	48
Sydney Mpipi	48
Theo Switala	47
Piet Botha	46
Martin Brauer	46
Jan van der Merwe	46
Johan Willemse	46
Japie Vorster	46
Errol Baron	45
Bennie Geeringh	45
Gerhard van der Linde	45
Corné Kruger	44
Björn Schildt	44
Mike Silberman	44
Ray Wilkinson	44
Denis Petre	44

Mohammad entered his classroom on the first day of school:

"What's your name?" asked the teacher.

"Mohammad," he replied.

"You're in Australia now," replied the teacher, "So from now on you will be known as Kevin."

Mohammad returned home after school.

"How was your day, Mohammad?" his mother asked.

"My name is not Mohammad. I'm in Australia and now my name is Kevin."

"Are you ashamed of your name? Are you trying to dishonor your parents, your heritage, your religion? Shame on you!"

And his mother beat him. Then she called his father, who beat him again.

The next day Mohammad returned to school. The teacher saw all of his bruises. "What happened to you, Kevin?" she asked.

"Well miss, shortly after becoming an Australian, I was attacked by two f...ing Arabs."

Proud to be a Senior!



"Team Building"

