

NEWSLETTER

– May 2017 –



We are still basking in the reflected glory of our new National Champion, Wim Fourie's, exploits at Royal Cape and King David Mowbray in April. I say that because at Pretoria Country Club this Wednesday; Andre' Le Grange, Corne' Kruger and I had the privilege of playing with Wim. Quite a few remarks were made about Andre playing in the "illustrious" company of Corne' as "Groot President", me as "klein president" and Wim our national champion for 2017. Andre remarked that he regretted not being at Nationals and felt the pressure of having to perform in our internal game against Wim and Corne'. In the end, Andre performed very well on the day and that reminded me that there are many ways to measure success. We take the game of golf seriously at Gauteng North and we are mindful of etiquette. I am constantly moved by the apologies from players who excuse themselves for not being at prize giving; and the decorum that attends our dress code. The freedom that some members feel to express their delight that they love dressing up because they are proud to belong to a society as special as ours, is humbling. It was this drive for success and excellence that prompted me to ask Brian Richter to assist me with an analysis of Gauteng North's team performance at Nationals this year [his analysis sheets are placed at the end of this Newsletter] and his analysis reveals the following;

On day 1, there were 21 scores of 30 points or more, with 1 player better than 36 points, and 1 on 36. There were 9 scores of 29 and less.

On day 2, also 1 better than 36, but no 36's. 12 players managed 30 or more points. 7 players scored 30 points or more on both days.

Top 5 Northern Gauteng scores: Johan Coetzee; Wim Fourie; Bruce Edwards; Corne' Kruger; and Tallies Taljaard.

We had: 3 players in the top 50;
2 players 50 to 100;
8 players 100 – 150;
10 players 150 – 200;
3 players 200 – 250;
4 players 250 - 300.

What, therefore, is very apparent, in spite of a widely-shared drive amongst our members for all round excellence; is that we do not have the performance consistency [yet] which is required to win the various trophies for team performances. This emphasises the validity of suggestions from members that we should gather information on league playing performances to move us out of analysis paralysis and towards promoting excellence in team selection for performance. Another suggestion, perhaps, is that we should be looking at overall player performance over the year, when selecting the representative teams. By that I mean keeping a record of all players stableford scores for the year, and looking at who consistently scores well. I think there are players who play well all the time, but don't necessarily win any prizes. When I raised the question of our overall performance at our committee meeting last Friday, the committee was unanimous that all our Seniors enter their scores accurately, and routinely, into the national handicap system, this provides a further valuable resource of player performance statistics, in the public domain. And this and allows us, therefore to refine, and enhance, the science applied to team selection, started by my predecessor Graham Damp. Graham used Eclectic scores as the core of his system; and the handicap record of each of our players, together with league performance and experience, certainly gives us a richer way forward. This, especially, since Brian is generously considering a review of the Eclectic system, based on a committee suggestion to review the eclectic system based on grading stroke holes across courses. Brian has also offered to assist in on-going analysis of rounds played at PCC.

So, although we couldn't have hoped this year to win any team prizes; as we only had 5 players in the top 100; we have produced a National Champion in the first decade our existence as a union that was given life and substance by Gauteng North; and our hearts and minds are set in the right direction. So, bring on 2018!!

Warm Regards, Bruce Edwards

Memories of 2017 Senior National Championships played in Cape Town



COMPETITION RESULTS

4th May at Irene CC – Individual Stableford:

Winner: Vic de Stadler (38 points)
Runners up: Andre' le Grange (37 points)
Third place: Corne' Kruger (35 points)

17th May at PCC– Betterball Stableford:

Winners: Gerhard van der Linde & Don Williams (47 points)
Runners up: Jan van der Merwe & Peet du Toit (46 points)
Third place: Sakkie Perold & Japie Vorster(45 points)
2 Clubs: Lukas Fourie, Colin McKenzie, Brian Richter, Harold Teague

ECLECTIC COMPETITION – Results will be continuously updated and published on the website under the MEMBERS home page.

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

"Belated, but not forgotten" 😊

May your Birthday be full of Sunshine
and Rainbows and Love and Laughter...

Happy Birthday!

May

3rd Bruce Edwards
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 Marie' Jackson
18th Johan de Villiers
20th Anita Switala
21st Christine Schildt
24th Burgert Goldenhuys
24th Tony Yared
25th Ingrid Jenkinson
25th Elmiën Meyer

June

2nd Andre' le Grange
5th Keith Morris
6th Linda Pelsler
6th Marie-Louise Venter
8th Brian Richter
8th Gail Kruger
11th Jennifer Paola
11th Alet Vorster
12th Birgit Scherman
13th Mike Silberman
14th Peet du Toit
15th Jan van der Merwe
16th Paul Laesecke
20st Ben Burger
20th Corne' Kruger
20th Dennis Petre
22nd Graham Damp
28th Ingrid Krige
29th Jeanette Claassen

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

DIARY:

1 June – RoyalJHB & Kensington “Across the border” – Gauteng vs Gauteng North

21 June – Home game at PCC (Eclectic Round 8)

5 July – Home game at PCC

20 July – Away game at Irene CC “4Ball Alliance with Seniors Gauteng (Jhb)”

2 August – Home game at PCC

22 August – Away game at Zwartkop CC (Eclectic Round 9)

26-28 August – Quadrangular Paris, Free State

6 September – Away game at Wingate Park CC (Iron Man Competition – Final Round 2)

20 September – Home game at PCC

4 October – PCC- Society Championships & Annual Dinner

21-22 October – Quadrangular – Harrismith, Free State

26 October – Away game at Services CC (2018 Eclectic - Round 1)

8 November – Home game at PCC “Across the Border” – Gauteng North vs Gauteng

23 November – Waterkloof GC (2018 Eclectic – Round 2)

- Analysis - Nationals Championships 2017 – Summary

Name	Handicap	Round 1	Round 2	Total	
Johan Coetzee	21	40	33	73	Top 50
Wim Fourie	8	33	39	72	Top 50
Bruce Edwards	14	31	35	66	Top 50
Corne Kruger	16	32	33	65	
Piet Botha	16	35	28	63	
Tallies Taljaardt	15	31	31	62	
Pieter Krog	9	30	31	61	
Gerhard vd Linde	15	34	27	61	
Peter Poole	16	34	26	60	
Paul van Rooyen	9	29	31	60	
Frank Pretorius	11	36	24	60	
John Loftus	11	34	26	60	
Johan Willemse	17	30	30	60	
Jacot Guillaumod	16	32	27	59	
Nico Jackson	19	32	27	59	
Jan VD Merwe	19	33	26	59	
Bill Mc Kechnie	24	30	28	58	
Graham Damp	19	23	34	57	
Joachim Mennen	14	22	35	57	
Henk Prinsloo	21	31	26	57	
Piet Greyling	17	31	25	56	
Derek Ackermann	9	25	31	56	
Nico Maas	21	33	23	56	
Johan Stroh	16	27	29	56	
Harold Teague	18	29	26	55	
Tony Yared	13	30	22	52	
Mike Silberman	21	33	18	51	
Ray Wilkinson	17	18	33	51	
Francois De Vos	22	24	26	50	
Merwyn Haywood	18	14	26	40	
	482	896	856	1752	
Ave score or h/cap	16.1	29.9	28.5	58.4	

- Analysis - Nationals Championships 2017 – Round 1

Johan Coetzee	40
Frank Pretorius	36
Piet Botha	35
Gerhard vd Linde	34
Peter Poole	34
John Loftus	34
Wim Fourie	33
Jan VD Merwe	33
Nico Maas	33

Mike Silberman	33
Corne Kruger	32
Jacot Guillarmod	32
Nico Jackson	32
Bruce Edwards	31
Tallies Taljaardt	31
Henk Prinsloo	31
Piet Greyling	31
Pieter Krog	30
Johan Willemse	30
Bill Mc Kechnie	30
Tony Yared	30
Paul van Rooyen	29
Harold Teague	29
Johan Stroh	27
Derek Ackermann	25
Francois De Vos	24
Graham Damp	23
Joachim Mennen	22
Ray Wilkinson	18
Merwyn Haywood	14

- Analysis - Nationals Championships 2017 – Round 2

Wim Fourie	39
Bruce Edwards	35
Joachim Mennen	35
Graham Damp	34
Johan Coetzee	33
Corne Kruger	33
Ray Wilkinson	33
Tallies Taljaardt	31
Pieter Krog	31
Paul van Rooyen	31
Derek Ackermann	31
Johan Willemse	30
Johan Stroh	29
Piet Botha	28
Bill Mc Kechnie	28
Gerhard vd Linde	27
Jacot Guillarmod	27
Nico Jackson	27
Peter Poole	26
John Loftus	26
Jan VD Merwe	26
Henk Prinsloo	26
Harold Teague	26

Francois De Vos	26
Merwyn Haywood	26
Piet Greyling	25
Frank Pretorius	24
Nico Maas	23
Tony Yared	22
Mike Silberman	18

- Analysis - Nationals Championships 2017 – Overall

Johan Coetzee	73
Frank Pretorius	60
Piet Botha	63
Gerhard vd Linde	61
Peter Poole	60
John Loftus	60
Wim Fourie	72
Jan VD Merwe	59
Nico Maas	56
Mike Silberman	51
Corne Kruger	65
Jacot Guillarmod	59
Nico Jackson	59
Bruce Edwards	66
Tallies Taljaardt	62
Henk Prinsloo	57
Piet Greyling	56
Pieter Krog	61
Johan Willemse	60
Bill Mc Kechnie	58
Tony Yared	52
Paul van Rooyen	60
Harold Teague	55
Johan Stroh	56
Derek Ackermann	56
Francois De Vos	50
Graham Damp	57
Joachim Mennen	57
Ray Wilkinson	51
Merwyn Haywood	40