

## **Senior Golfers Society of Gauteng North**

### **New Membership - Guiding Principles**

During the course of 2015, the Seniors' national management body (Mancom) decided to review the total allowed active members for each of the 9 provincial societies. Gauteng North was one of the societies which had its allocation increased, in our case to 90. Some other societies had theirs reduced.

At present we have 82 active members and there is another person whose application is currently being processed. This means that we could have the potential to take on an additional 7 members.

A number of points are worth mentioning to contextualise the principles that the committee has agreed upon.

Currently, four clubs constitute 86% of our members (PCC – 54%, Wingate – 12%, Irene and Woodhill – 10% each). Ideally we should have more members from Waterkloof, Silver Lakes, Copperleaf and Centurion.

We have no deadline for the acceptance of new members and therefore have the opportunity and responsibility to make these decisions wisely, always endeavouring to ensure that they are taken in the best long term interest of our society.

**This is an opportunity for all members to be mindful of the need, over time, to grow our society in a manner that will result in it becoming more representative of our golfing community in particular and society in general.**

**The committee has decided that the above considerations will be its guiding principles as it considers future proposals for membership.**

Finally, referring back to 1920 when the US Seniors' Golf Association was incorporated, it's worthwhile remembering that, the member "should be a gentleman and fun to be with, during and after golf" and "he should enjoy and respect the game of golf and its traditions".

I hope that all members will understand and support these principles.

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