



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016



There has been much activity in our society since my last newsletter.

2017 Committee

We have finalised the office bearers for 2017. Bruce Edwards will take over as President and I am delighted that Johann Ströh has agreed to be our Captain next year. Peet du Toit will continue in the role of Treasurer. I am also very pleased that Jan van der Merwe has agreed to join the committee and he will be taking on the Secretary responsibilities. Harold Teague, Johan Willemse and Sydney Mpipi will remain on the committee as co-opted members.

Administrative Secretary

For many years Carine Oldridge has been incredible in the manner in which she has arranged our many golf days and functions. In addition, she has attended to all the secretarial work of the society. Carine has decided that she wishes to step down at the end of March 2017 and as such, we need to find her successor as soon as possible.

If any member is willing to fill the vacancy, or knows of someone who is interested in doing so, please let either Carine or me know. It may well be that a member has someone in the family who would like to take over and of course, we would be delighted to pursue this option if possible. We are in the process of developing a job description for the position.

The committee, at its last meeting, decided that the very minimal honorarium that is currently paid to the Administrative Secretary must be increased and this will be provided for in next year's budget. It will have the effect of increasing member annual subscriptions, but I am hopeful and confident that members will recognise the immense value that our Administrative Secretary brings to our society and will support this decision.

Thankfully Carine is going to "be around" for some time, but we do have to get used to the idea of not having her in attendance to look after our every need in future. Many, many thanks Carine.

Website

We are making good progress and will be using the same developer, a senior himself, who was responsible for the development of the other seven Societies' websites. Hopefully we will have our website up and running by the year end and incidentally, we expect that it will make the life of the Administrative Secretary much simpler.

Interaction between members and the society will increasingly be through the website – a change that we are all going to have to get accustomed to!

Iron Man Competition

Carine recently made a suggestion for another competition, and whilst this has not yet been taken to the committee, Piero Grobler and I recently did a test run on the concept. As such, I thought that it would be a good idea to share this with you.

It is a fun golf format which goes as follows: The competition will be played over two nominated matches, probably both at PCC, in which we will not use any club “longer than a three iron”. Rescue clubs that are the equivalent of traditional irons will be allowed. The “Iron Man” winner will be the player with the best Stableford score over the two rounds.

Piero and I recently played in a fourball at Woodhill and we all played this format. It was tremendous fun and interestingly, we both had our best round in ages!!

➤ Nothing has been decided and I would be very keen to hear opinions from members about this idea.

Eclectic Competition

From time to time, there are queries about the Eclectic Competition and Brian Richter, who does all the score recordings for this competition, has kindly prepared an article explaining it for us all – many thanks, Brian.

Summer Dress Code

Our summer dress code applies from the 1st October, 2016 and just in case any member did not see the recent communication in this regard, it is as follows:

A jacket is not required in the summer months (1st October to 31st March). The Seniors’ tie, worn with either a short or long sleeve collared shirt, with your name badge affixed to either your shirt or tie is a requirement.

There is no change to the dress code for formal functions such as our Annual Dinner this month.

New Member Policy

This is still a work in progress and as soon as the committee has finalised it, it will be communicated to members.

Participation Statistics

We do still have some members whose participation this year has been on the low side, so please, if the cap fits, wear it. We would love to see more of you at our matches. Please also remember that participation during the year will inevitably be one of the factors taken into account when finalising our players for next year’s Nationals in Cape Town.

Slow Play

Every now and then, concerns are raised about slow play and all members are reminded that it is our responsibility to keep with the fourball ahead of us. This small consideration for the players behind us should be the responsibility of all members of the fourball.

Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our annual golf day and dinner on 12th October, 2016.

Warm regards,

Graham Damp



HERE'S HOW THE ECLECTIC COMPETITION WORKS

The third Eclectic has just drawn to a close, with many of our members still a little vague on exactly what it is and how it works. The dictionary tells us that "eclectic is choosing, or picking the best."

That is what we do with our golf scores, we pick the best stableford points scored, on each hole, at all the nominated courses for every golfer throughout the year (our year is from just after our championships, until just before the next one, so November to September.)

In the first year we scored "The Eclectic" on net scores, but it was very onerous to capture the scores accurately, so it was decided to change to the best stableford score as from year two. Every player's stableford score, at each course which we play (only one round at each course), and on each hole, is recorded.

This gives the players an opportunity to better their scores regularly, because for example, the first hole at Irene is stroke 15, but at PCC it is stroke 2. This does not matter, because it is the points that count.

So, a player may achieve 18 two-pointers in round one, giving a score of 36. In round two, he plays really badly, but chips in twice to make 2 four-pointers, and little else. His Eclectic score however, improves by 4 points. Each time he scores more than the points already achieved on any given hole, his score improves.

History shows us that the frontrunners in the Eclectic, generally make three-pointers on most holes, and the winners are those who make the most four-pointers or, as was the case last year, two players recorded a five-pointer each.

For further information on the Eclectic Competition please contact Brian at richterbrian52@gmail or 0834429582.

A special word of thanks to Brian for all his effort and hard work managing the Eclectic Competition!

Competitions & Results

Congratulations to the following winners —

14th September at Wingate Park CC: BBS

- 1st: Tallies Taljaard & George Kyriakou (48 points)
- 2nd: Francois de Vos & Piet Greyling (44 points)
- 3rd: Colin Mac Kenzie & Hillie Meyer (44 points)

28th September at PCC: BB Squared

- 1st: Mark Stevens & Derek Ackermann (129 points)
- 2nd: Ben Burger & Vic de Stadler (121 points)
- 3rd: Piet Botha & Harold Teague (119 points)





wishing
you
a very
happy
birthday!

- 1st Tallies Taljaard
- 1st Darlynn Ströh
- 5th Audrey Brauer
- 6th San-Maríe Ferreira
- 8th Terry Brauer
- 8th Thelma van der Schyff
- 9th Sydney Mpipi (60)
- 9th Don Williams
- 14th Barry Robinson
- 14th Karen Robinson
- 19th Ansie van Rooyen
- 19th Janet Hakim
- 23rd Jane Petre
- 31st Nico Maas



The Irish are always the first ones to come to the aid of their fellow man...

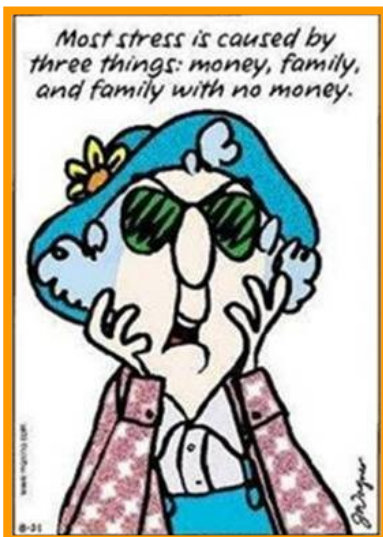
Shortly after take-off on an outbound, evening Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this has happened, but we have 103 passengers on board, and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience."

When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat, will receive free and unlimited drinks for the duration of our 10 hour flight."

Her next announcement came about 2 hours later:

"If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available."



Diary

OCTOBER

12 Home Game: PCC



Society Championships & Annual Dinner with Spouses/Partners

27 Away Game: Waterkloof GC

NOVEMBER

9 Home Game: PCC: "Across the Border" — Gauteng North Society versus Gauteng Society

24 Away Game: Services GC

2017

JANUARY

18 Home Game: PCC

31 Away Game: Els Club-Copperleaf



**Seniors
National Tournament
2-7 April 2017**

**4 - 7 March 2017
at
Pretoria Country Club**

