

SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF GAUTENG NORTH

President's Report at the 2nd AGM of the Senior Golfers Society of Gauteng North : 9th March 2010

Gentlemen Golfers,

It is an honour and a pleasure to present my President's Report on this occasion.

Pretoria golfers are still not familiar with Senior Golf and get confused about golf for the not-so-young:

Sages – open to everybody over the age of 55 years.

Senior Amateur Golf (Veterans) – open to those golfers 50 and older. All events are of a highly competitive nature where the good golfers are earmarked.

Senior Golf – International, National, Regional Social Golf, where membership is by invitation only, with a strict national quota of a 1 080 members only.

Office Bearers

Our objective for 2009 was to grow our society selectively, to establish and to honour the ethos of the Seniors.

Corné Kruger	-	President
Henk Badenhorst	-	Secretary
Jacot Jacot-Guillarmod	-	Treasurer
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Your committee met regularly but was in constant contact throughout. Great thanks to the members of this committee.

Corné Kruger has to carry on as President for the ensuing year but 4 members of the committee have to be selected.

Members

Our society's quota for 2009 was thirty members. We decided not to fill our quota, but to be conservative. We ended the year with 26 members.

Our request to the Union for a bigger quota was granted and from the 1st January 2010 it was increased by 17 to the current 47. We again thank our member Societies for having sacrificed their own memberships in order to allow us to broaden our membership base.

We undertake to apply the same high standards to selected new members as our Society colleagues apply throughout the country. Every member will be an asset in every sense to our organization as a whole. At the date of this 2010 AGM our membership stands at 37.

Central Gauteng Society has a membership of 250 active members with 20 on their waiting list. This waiting list equals approximately one year.

Golfing Fixtures

Your Committee arranged eleven formal fixtures at Pretoria's leading clubs. Our host clubs have come to understand who we are and offer us attractive playing fees which we accept with gratitude. A big thank you to all our host clubs.

Nine informal games at Pretoria Country Club took place with one fixture having rained out. Also a thank you to Pretoria Country Club, our home club, for their willingness to host us. The attendance figures for the informal events was disappointing at times but we trust that the support will pick up.

Our Society's championships took place at Pretoria Country Club where Henk Badenhorst was crowned as our first champion.

As golf is what our Society is all about, we request all our members to enter as many fixtures as their diaries allow them. The dates of our events are known to all of us.

Nationals

The 70th Seniors Nationals took place in Port Elizabeth at the Humewood Golf Club and the Port Elizabeth Golf Club during April of 2009. Johan Coetzee won the Satchwell Cup as highest overall stableford scorer. Gauteng North Society had the highest average stableford points: 37. Bill McKechnie finished runner-up in the A Division stableford.

Our Society succeeded in making a significant statement in Port Elizabeth. Well done to the team as well as Johan and Bill in particular.

The 71st Nationals will take place in Cape Town during April at Mowbray and Cape Royal. Our quota of eight participants have been taken up with one on the waiting list.

Dress Code

Blue golf shirts have been introduced. Although not compulsory we request our members to wear the blue shirts at our events.

Tie or bowties to be worn at our golf days. Jackets will not be compulsory during hot summer days.

Social

Fourteen couples had a most enjoyable weekend of golf and fun at the Euphoria Golf Estate and Hydro during October 2009.

CIAO RESTAURANT with Bill McKechnie as the owner, saw 80% of our members with spouses or partners enjoying themselves.

Count on it that 2010 will also see offerings of social events to our members!

Caddy Tournament

Our Union sponsored sixty golfers to participate during May 2009 in Kimberley. Our own Society nominated four caddies from Centurion Golf Estate, Woodhill Golf Estate and two from Pretoria Country Club, to participate. Sponsor assistance from Northern Gauteng Golf Union was highly appreciated. In a written report, our caddies thanked our Society and expressed the hope for further such championships. The Northern Cape Society in Kimberley will once again host this tournament during May.

The Management Committee of the Union decided that this tournament will carry on as long as there is a Society to host it.

Sponsorships

Bells Whiskey was our sponsor at our formal events. Thank you to Bells.

Obituaries

Nothing to report.

Closing

Thank you to all our members' support in every aspect of Senior Golf in Gauteng North. Let us live and show our SENIOR GOLF CAMARADERIE to its fullest.

Good golfing and good friendship for 2010.

CORNÉ KRUGER
PRESIDENT