

President's Report at the 1st AGM of the Senior Golfers Society of Gauteng North : 11 March 2009

The dream and the drive for a Gauteng North Society date back to the early 2000's. The reason for this initiative lies in the fact the transport and traffic from Pretoria to Johannesburg for the Gauteng Seniors Golf Meetings became unbearable. The Management committee listened and started showing sympathy.

The result of the Management Committee's input is well known by now: The formation of a Gauteng North Society on the 8th October 2008.

The following letter sent to the Management Committee says it all:

"Dear Les,

The privilege is mine once again to thank you and your committee for the role you played in getting our Society off the ground. If you were a business this letter would have been written with the following being included:

It was good doing business with your committee –

You listened

You showed empathy

You walked that extra mile

You reached deadlines

Your staff was unparalleled

*Your after sales service outstanding with the handing
over of the trophy*

Your financial contribution will never be bettered

From all of us, THANK YOU. We will grow into a society you and the Union will be proud of.

Corné Kruger – President"

Office Bearers

It was agreed that the Senior Golfers Union of South Africa, through the Management Committee, would appoint the first Gauteng North Committee and that this committee will remain in office until their 2010 AGM. The following members were appointed:

Corné Kruger	-	President
Henk Badenhorst	-	Secretary
Jacot Jacot-Guillarmod	-	Treasurer
Des Havinga	-	Member
Basie Wessels	-	Member

I thank the members who spent a lot of time in meetings before the official formation of our society and also thereafter.

Membership

At the Union's AGM, Gauteng North was allocated a membership quota of 30. Your committee was conservative in approaching potential members and decided not to fully subscribe our quota. 27 Members were inducted at the opening ceremony.

Obituaries

Nothing to report.

Attendance

Your committee decided on two monthly get-togethers – the second Wednesday as a social golfing event – the last Wednesday as the official Golf get-together.

We only had one official, and one social golf get-togethers for the year under report.

Not much can thus be reported on the attendance numbers.

Program 2009

The committee undertook to use as many clubs as possible in our region for the official fixtures. Pretoria Country Club will be used as our "home course" for social events.

Colours

At year end date, no decision was made on colours/shirts for our society.

Sponsorships

Our thanks go to Bell's whiskey for their sponsorship at our official fixtures.

Closing

Our Gauteng North Society is faced with the Pretoria Clubs and members not being informed and familiar with our organisation. It is therefore still our object to promote our society to the Pretoria Clubs. A bright future will be forthcoming for Gauteng North if our current and future members participate in our planned activities and share in the "Senior Golf Camaraderie".

Thank you all for a good kick off.

Corné Kruger - President