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**SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF GAUTENG NORTH**

**Report of the President at the 15th Annual General Meeting held on 19 APRIL 2023 at the Pretoria Country Club**

**It is a privilege to present my report for the society’s 15th Annual General Meeting.**

The year under review has been the first after Covid, we are almost back to normal.

**Membership**

We currently have 76 Active Members.

During the year the following members have left the society

Dennis Petre, Brian Richter, Wynand Claassen, John Loftus, Joachim Mennen, Mervyn Haywood, Mike Silberman, Martin Brauer, Ray Wilkinson.

We wish them the very best and thank them for the time we had with them.

During the year we welcome the following members

Stephan Barac, Graham Erasmus, Steven Doëg, Freek Kruger, Geoff Ferreira, Rui Lavarinhas

**Playing Statistics and golf events**

During the year we had 21 golf matches, including two Across the Border matches against our friends the Senior Golfers Society of Gauteng. Our members’ participation in matches organized, continues to decline to 45%.This is of concern. We need this percentage to move to 60%

**82nd SGUSA National Tournament**

in May 2023 we will field a team of 36 players at the Nationals in Pretoria.

We look forward to the performance by our team at the Nationals. We owe a word of thanks to Mancom and the Gauteng North National’s organising committee under the leadership of Bill McKechnie

We wish our players good golf and lots of enjoyment.

Gauteng North have won the trophy several times ,so bring it home Manne

Louis Furter was runner up in the Nationals last year.

**Championship and Annual Dinner**

We had a tremendous turnout of 52 players for our Championship match at PCC on 28th October, 2022 which was followed by a lunch and prize giving at the Italian club on 16th October.

The champion golfer for the year was Derek Ackermann with a gross score of 74.

In the individual Stableford competition, the winner was Paul Laesecke (41 points), second place went to Peter Brauer (40 points).

Congratulations to the winners.

**Host Club**

Our sincere thanks go to the Pretoria Country Club for hosting so many of our golf events during the year as well as the other clubs , Woodhill, Waterkloof, Wingate Park, Silverlakes, The Els Club, Centurion , Irene, Services.

**Summer Dress Code**

**After consulting our members your Committee has decided to stay with the winter and summer dress codes**

**Financials**

The financial situation of the society is sound and well under control, thanks to Hennie Uys. An increase in annual subscriptions was approved by the committee for 2023.It is still good value for money!

**Administrative Secretary**

Whilst every member of the committee played an important role in the smooth running of our society this past year, I must single out Petra Ackermann for her efficiency in bringing to bear the full utility of our wonderful web site; and ensuring that all our golf matches; and events; have always run like clockwork.

**Committee**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to every member of our committee.

A special thanks to Golf Captain Jamie Paola

Francois de Vos who has been a committee member for the last few years, has tendered his resignation. Thanks, Francois, for years of service

Your new office bearers for 2023 are:

President: Jamie Paola

Captain: Bill McKechnie

Treasurer: Hennie Uys

Secretary; Ronald Wainwright

Additional Members: Andries Du Plooy

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It has been a great privilege and an honour to serve as your President. Thanks to all our members for their support.

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President