**SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF GAUTENG NORTH**

**Report of the President at the 14th Annual General Meeting**

**held on 6 April 2022 at the Pretoria Country Club**

The ability to enjoy the company of and playing golf with like-minded colleagues and to socialize with golfers who share common values is the goal of this Society. We, my friends, have then achieved what we set out to do over the past year. For that I sincerely thank every one of you. I stole this from the book “Senior Moments” but, we should not forget to read this wonderful book from time to time. I also think we managed during this past year to live with Covid, and to handle it, and that is an achievement. Well done. Life goes on.

**Membership**

Firstly, I want to remind you all how privileged we are to be members of senior golf and I am sure you will all agree that this is something very, very special. I, like many of you guys, can't wait for the draw to see who I am playing with next time. Gentleman please do not forget to look after our society. We must take care that our conduct is not unbecoming of a member of this society, as it is written in our constitution.

During the year the following members have left the society, Lukas Fourie, Pieter Els, Pieter Krogh, Bruce Edward, Hugo Marais, Peet du Toit, Wayne Grace, Ed Shedden, Pierre Tredoux, Johan Coetzee, Rob Scherman, Louis Powell and George Kyriakou. We wish them the very best and thank them for the time that we had with them. During this past year we managed to eliminate many of the inactive members, thanks to Jamie.

We have welcomed the following new members Willie Miller, Theuns Eloff, Giel van Wyk, Dirk Swanevelder, Graham Erasmus and Steven Doëg. We trust that they will enjoy it with us and have a splendid time being part of our society. Our current members, I am sure, are a lot more active than previously.

Our membership stands at 82 and we have a quota of 92 members in total. SGUSA has decreased all the Society quotas by 9%.

**Competitions and events**

We have held 21 competitions during the year including the games against Gauteng Society. We have also played on a variety of courses in our area. In December we had an extra game called the “Presidents Surprise” for I think the first time. I hope it will continue.

Our 2021 Championship were held at Woodhill Country Club with the results as follows:

**Society Gross Championship**

1st Derek Ackermann

2nd Dirk Swanevelder

3rd Giel van Wyk

**Society Stableford Champion**

1st Mike Silberman

2nd Freek Steyn

3rd Ludwig de Kock

**Par 3 Champion**

Freek Steyn

Congratulations to all!!

Many events like the Nationals, The Northern Cape inter society at Kimberley, The KZN Southbroom Inter Society Challenge and the Quadrangular at Parys have been cancelled due to the Pandemic. We trust that, with the Nationals back on track for 2022, many of the other events will also be reinstated. Gauteng North will be represented by 18 players from our society this year at the Border Nationals in East London from 16 to 19 May 2022. Jamie is our team leader.

It seems that our own Pretoria Nationals may eventually materialize next year in 2023 after so many postponements due to Covid. We wish John Loftus and his team all the best in preparation for this upcoming event.

**Committee**

With the Covid Pandemic in our midst we as a committee met less often than usual but used the phone, e-mail and WhatsApp more frequently.

Jamie Paola, Francois de Vos, John Loftus, Piet Botha, Harold Teague, and Hennie Uys thank you all for your help, friendship, assistance and input during the time we were together on the committee. You were all amazing and I truly appreciate what you did for me and for our society. It was a pleasure serving with you and I know that you are all in good and capable hands with the new committee. Harold is leaving the committee and on behalf of the members, thank you for your time and effort over the years as a committee member.

Our committee members for the 2022/23 year would be as follows:

President                   Piet Botha

Captain                      Jami Paola

Treasurer                   Hennie Uys

Member                    John Loftus

Member                    Francois de Vos

Secretary                  TBA

Members to be elected: 2

**A Special Lady**

She somehow always manages to make our life’s a little better, to arrange things in her stride to make sure everything happens, to find two extra spots for Nationals, to replace a late cancellation at the last moment. She is committed, efficient, organized, I can carry on…... she is Petra. Thank you for what you do and who you are……...we all love you! Gentleman Petra is now with us for 5 Years!

**Home Course**

A huge thank you to Pretoria Country Club for accommodating Gauteng North Senior Golfers Society all these years. We are very privileged to have such a golf course as our home club. We have written a letter of appreciation to the Committee of PCC to express our gratitude.

**Luncheon**

We had our first ever annual Gala Lunch and Prize Giving. As a result of Covid we had no Gala Dinner and Prize Giving the year before and John Loftus and I used the opportunity to catch up on handing all the outstanding prizes. We also handed out the 10-year membership buttons and the inauguration of all the new members. Many people enjoyed not driving back home in the dark and we should consider doing it in future as well. It was very enjoyable and at a fraction of the normal price.

**Financials**

In the capable hands of Hennie Uys. Thank you, Hennie.

**Closure**

I want to use this opportunity to thank the committee and the members for all the support that I had during my year as President. The fantastic spirit that exists between the members is so very special. It was MAGIC for me to serve as your President.

Baie dankie, groete, voorspoed en sterkte!

André le Grange

President