



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

President's Corner



As most of us are aware, the Governing Body for Seniors in South Africa (which consists of all the presidents and Mancom) recently held a "bosberaad" to draft a plan which, we believe, will ensure the sustainability of Seniors in our country. I was privileged to be part of the group, and believe that our Society needs to be conscious of some of the discussions.

To place into context the thinking by our group, the following quote from the book 'Senior Moments' is at the heart of Seniors:-

"So we count it a great privilege that we have been invited to join so select and fine group of men of our own age. Golf in their company is one of the great joys of our lives."

We feel very strongly that we are a select group, and need to include new members who will not only place a Seniors game ahead of all others, but be bitterly disappointed on the occasions when they can't play. Our requirement at Gauteng North is that, in order to retain membership, a member must participate in a minimum of 50% of the official events. However, our expectation is more in the region of 75 - 80%.

To ensure greater diligence in accepting new members, and to reinforce exclusivity, the total number nationally for Seniors has been reduced to 972. The good news is that our quota has been increased from 78 to 90. Our decision to grow into this number over the next few years, we believe, will allow us to induct quality men, from different backgrounds, and from a wider selection of Tshwane Golf Clubs.

It was agreed that we will revert to the original criteria for admittance, with more emphasis on the proposer and seconder to not only ensure that the new candidate is suitable and willing to meet playing requirements, but should also be held accountable should corrective action be necessary for the duration of his membership.

The subject of sponsorships was debated and a decision to not actively seek local or national sponsors was adopted. We felt that the members should have the ability to "pay his way" as far as society golf goes. The knock-on effect of this is that, after the National Tournament next year, the hosts will not be required to finance Nationals by finding sponsors locally, but Mancom will provide the necessary funds. This will necessitate an annual increase in affiliation fees of R50 per member.

The dwindling numbers at Nationals is a major concern and will be monitored over the next few years. Thoughts of reducing the number of entries was discussed, with qualifying criteria being employed. Single-course events (such as a tournament in Kimberly where there is only one course) are to be encouraged. Reasons for the lower attendances seem to be affordability, and time constraints for our younger members who are still active in business.

On a more local note: Most of the other societies have web sites and we were encouraged to follow suit. Alan Bulmer of Central has done a number of set-ups and is willing to help us get started. The cost of this webpage is in the region of R1500 – not expensive, and maintenance is apparently not onerous. Nationals correspondence and brochures will be done electronically after the Port Elizabeth tournament. We would welcome your views on the subject, so please feel free to contact Carine and/or myself to discuss.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our annual Championships and Dinner on 30th September.

Diary

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Away game: Wingate Park CC
- 16th Away game: Blue Valley
- 30th **PCC: Championships & Annual Dinner with Spouses/Partners**

OCTOBER

- 8th Away game: Services GC
- 21st Home game: PCC

NOVEMBER

- 11th PCC: "Across the Border" — GN Society vs Gauteng Society
- 25th Away game: Irene CC

SAVE THE DATE ...

Seniors National Tournament

Date: 18-22 April 2016
Venue: Port Elizabeth



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER:

- 4th ~ Derek Ackermann
- 6th ~ Hillie Meyer
- 7th ~ Danise Teague
- 12th ~ Blignault Gouws
- 12th ~ Gerhard vd Linde
- 13th ~ Bill McKechnie
- 14th ~ Alex vd Schyff
- 15th ~ Chris Smith
- 15th ~ Marisan Coetzee
- 17th ~ Sakkie Perold
- 29th ~ Doriene Falkson



Playing from the Forward Tees



Below is a copy and paste from Handicaps SA, of the implications of playing from the forward tees, and the influence it has on a player's stableford scores.

We often get enquiries on this subject, and the extract below will help our members understand it.

~ Brian Richter ~

Question:

I always play off the forward tee and so I am handicapped accordingly. Why then must I reduce my handicap when playing against a player off another tee?

A player's handicap differential is calculated from his gross score minus the standard rating of the tee and not par of the course. So it does not matter which tee or course he regularly plays from, the handicap system adjusts his differential to the tee rating and not par. When competing, the score calculation is to par and so handicaps must be adjusted by the difference in the tee rating.

Comparison of a 20 handicap player, playing to his handicap off the Forward and Club Tee Calculation:

Forward Tee Standard Rating 67 (Par 72):

- Player with a handicap of 20 plays to his handicap.
- Gross Score 87 - SR 67 = 20 Handicap Differential.
- Stableford points Gross Score 87 (Par 72) = 41 Stableford Points.

Club Tee Standard Rating 72 (Par 72):

- Player with a handicap of 20 plays to his handicap.
- Gross Score 92 - SR 72 = 20 Handicap Differential.
- Stableford points Gross Score 92 (Par 72) = 36 Stableford Points.

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A Restired Person's Perspective

1. I'm not saying let's go kill all the stupid people. I'm just saying let's remove all the warning labels and let the problem work itself out.
2. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now.
3. You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands. If they are holding a gun, she's probably very cross.
4. Gone are the days when girls cooked like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.
5. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone you've just met? That's common sense leaving your body.
6. I don't like making plans for the day ... because then the word "premeditated" gets thrown around in the courtroom.
7. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes 1,508 days in a row.
8. I decided to change calling the bathroom "the John" and renamed it "the Jim". I feel so much better saying "I went to the Jim this morning".
9. Dear paranoid people who check behind shower curtains for murderers: If you find one, what's your plan?
10. Politicians should have two terms — one in office and the other in prison.

Just remember Einstein's comment:

"There is a major difference between intelligence and stupidity: Intelligence has its limits."