

Hello  
Spring



# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2016



The year is flying by and would you believe, Christmas is just around the corner!

Happily we do have six more matches scheduled for this year, including the Across the Border in early November.

### **Championship and Annual Dinner**

We also have our Annual Dinner on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, which follows our Annual Championship match at Pretoria Country Club that day. I look forward to seeing all of you and your partners on that evening as it always is a special, not to be missed, event.

### **Quadrangular match at Parys**

Thanks again to Captain Bruce and his team who represented Gauteng North at the quadrangular match against Northern Cape, Gauteng Central and Free State in August. Our team came second to Gauteng Central who won by only half a point ... well played guys! By all accounts, a huge amount of fun was had by all and I am sure that, in future, this is going to become an outing that more of our members will wish to participate in.

### **Summer Dress Code**

The response to our questionnaire regarding a summer dress code was tremendous and as soon as the committee has had an opportunity to review the results, we will be getting back to you with a recommendation.

### **Trophy Cabinet**

As you will have seen, Pretoria Country Club is busy with some alterations at present which may result in us being able to get a better than anticipated location for our trophy cabinet. I am hopeful that this will be finalised soon with the club.

### **New Members**

As mentioned in the July Newsletter, the committee felt that it should define a strategy to guide us as we move forward to fill our allotted compliment of 90 active members. This is still a work in progress and as such, I would ask members not to motivate for new members until this has been resolved.

### **Committee Members**

Our Constitution allows for a committee of 8 members, 4 of whom serve as Office Bearers. As we look forward to the new year, we will again need to co-opt members on to the committee in the near future. Being a committee member can be somewhat time consuming, but it is extremely rewarding. Anyone interested in making himself available for committee duty should please let me know as soon as possible.

### **Participation Statistics**

Carine recently distributed our participation statistics for this year. Inevitably, we will be limited in the number of players who will be able to attend the Nationals in Cape Town next year and so it is most likely that we will have to use the participation statistics this year as one of the key criteria in choosing our representatives.

**Warm regards,  
Graham Damp**

## Competitions & Results



### 10th August at Woodhill CC: BBS

On a count out on 47 points ...

- 1st: Sakkie Perold and Harold Teague
- 2nd: Sydney Mpipi and Freek Steyn
- 3rd: Bennie Geeringh and John Loftus

### 31st August at PCC: BBS

- 1st: Johan Willemse and Paul Laesecke (47 points)
- 2nd: Francois de Vos and Jacot Guillarmod (46 points)
- 3rd: Derek Ackermann and John Loftus (45 points)

Congratulations!

## ECLECTIC LEADERBOARD (after 8 games)

➤ **FINAL ROUND: 14 September at Wingate Park CC**

Brian Richter	58	Sakkie Perold	52
Pauli Jenkinson	55	Theo Switala	52
Harold Teague	54	Ben Burger	51
Henk Prinsloo	53	Corné Kruger	51
Björn Schildt	53	Jan vd Merwe	51
Errol Baron	52	Ray Wilkinson	51
Martin Brauer	52	Graham Damp	50
Johan Coetzee	52	George Kyriakos	50
Johan Heunis	52	André le Grange	50
Jamie Paola	52	Tony Yared	50

## Diary

### SEPTEMBER

- 9 General Committee Meeting
- 14 Away Game: Wingate Park CC
  - Final Round of the Eclectic competition
- 28 Home Game: PCC

### OCTOBER

- 12 Home Game: PCC



**Society Championships  
& Annual Dinner with  
Spouses/Partners**

- 27 Away Game: Waterkloof GC

### NOVEMBER

- 9 Home Game: PCC: "Across the Border" — Gauteng North Society versus Gauteng Society
- 24 Away Game: Services GC

*Birthdays in  
September*



4th	Derek Ackermann	14th	Alex vd Schyff
6th	Hillie Meyer	15th	Marisan Coetzee
7th	Danise Teague	17th	John Loftus
12th	Blignault Gouws	17th	Sakkie Perold
12th	Gerhard vd Linde	29th	Dorienne Falkson
13th	Bill McKechnie		



**Seniors  
National Tournament  
2-7 April 2017**

**4 - 7 March 2017  
at  
Pretoria Country Club**



# Did you know?

1. Every year, South Africa moves about two inches farther away from South America as a subtle continuation of continental drift.
2. **Adams Calendar:** A circular stone structure that was found in 2005 in Mpumalanga. The functional and intact monolithic stone calendar has been dated back to about 750 000 years ago. There is an amazing concurrence: The location of the Adams calendar is along the same longitudinal axis as the Great pyramid and the great Zimbabwe ruins.
3. South Africa has **45 million active cell phone subscribers** among the over 51 million people. This places SA among the top 5 countries with the highest cell phone penetration and coverage.
4. **Two-thirds of every South African has colour TV;** 9 telephone land lines are installed for every 100 people and there are 90 mobile phone subscribers per 100 population.
5. According to the Open Budget Index of 2012 by the International Budget Partnership (IBP), South Africa has the second most transparent budget in the world and the best in Africa.
6. The first MBA programme outside of the United States was started by the **University of Pretoria in 1949.**
7. The country is the first, and up till date, the only country to build its own nuclear weapons and to voluntarily dismantle its nuclear weapons programme. There is no other country in history that has done so.
8. If **aliens** landed in South Africa, they would be **property** of the State!
9. The **largest theme resort hotel in the world** is the Lost City Resort Hotel at Sun City.
10. South Africa is home to **seven** world heritage sites.
11. The **Vredefort dome** is the oldest meteor scar in the world.
12. Walt Disney serves **South African wine exclusively** at the 73-acre Animal Kingdom Lodge in the United States.
13. **"Monkey Gland steak"** was invented many decades ago by overseas chefs as an insult to the inhabitants of Johannesburg who used to pour Worcestershire and tomato sauce over everything.

September 1752						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
-	-	1	2	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**Calendar Change** — Here is an interesting historical fact. Just have a look at the calendar for the month of September 1752. Go to Google type "September 1752 calendar" and see for yourself. You will notice, 11 days are simply missing from the month.

Here's the explanation: This was the month during which England shifted from the Roman Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar.

A Julian year was 11 days longer than a Gregorian year. So the King of England ordered 11 days to be wiped off the face of that particular month (a King could order anything, couldn't he?) So the workers worked for 11 days less that month, but got paid for the whole month. That's how the concept of "paid leave" was born.

Nobody in England or its colonies would have a birth certificate bearing the dates 3-13 September 1752.

Britain wasn't the last holdout for the new form of calendar. Russia didn't change over until 1918. Greece refused to switch until 1923. By then the synchronisation had become so bad that the two countries needed to skip 13 days, rather than 11.