

NEWSLETTER



“Senior Golfers Society Gauteng North”

– September 2017 –

We enjoyed a very successful tour to Parys. The result of the two competitions played over the 26th August [in Better Ball Stableford format] and 27th August [in Individual Stableford format] was the following:

1. **Free State won overall** by scoring 275 points on 26th and 194 points on 27th for a total of 466 points
2. Gauteng North was placed second on 272 points [26th] and 192 points [27th] for a total of 464 points
3. Gauteng came third on 262 points [26th] and 189 points [27th] for a total of 451 points; and
4. Northern Cape finished fourth on 260 points [26th] and 185 points [27th] for a total of 445 points



A special word of thanks is due to John Loftus and Jan Van Der Merwe for their support in setting up the competitions and collating and adjudicating the results. I took on my own shoulders the, as it transpired, controversial responsibility for dropping the Pinehurst competition for the first time at this

tournament. I'm sure my fellow captains at the tournament Rob Wassenaar [Gauteng], Michael Vigne [Northern Cape] and Johan Grobelaar/ Reg Krohn [Free State] will see it reinstated next year? Controversy aside though; I would like to thank these fellow captains and the entire contingent of 40 players for their generous support and camaraderie over the two days.

Members would have noticed an addition to the booking in procedures on our trusted web site. This requires that you swipe your card as a mandatory requirement, preferably before you commence a Seniors round. Obviously, that also means that it is incumbent on you to enter the score you achieved at the end of the round. This forms part of a general tightening up of the handicap system because of the fact that golfers often don't enter correct [or any scores] after rounds that are also, often, not properly registered. The matter is eloquently described in the latest edition of Handicaps SA and should be obligatory reading for every member of our exclusive community. Although I've had our recording habits accurately reported on for the last two years, I have waited patiently; and with some compassion; for this opportunity to appeal to your sense of honour to desist, one and all, from the practice of falsifying your record in any way. We are paragons of virtue and I want to be the last to open anyone's record for scrutiny and censure.

Projects that the committee are busy working on; arising from my earlier Newsletter and member feedback on merit selection for tournaments and the use of performance criteria for selection; are bearing fruit; and will be reported on in forthcoming Newsletters. I have noted the member concern about the entry criteria for tournaments and give you the committees commitment that entry will always be egalitarian; “on a first come first served basis” with merit applied ONLY when there is an over subscription.

So, although we, again, were pipped at the post in a tournament that we set up with pride and alacrity; we go forward in anticipation of our own society Championships and Gala Dinner in October. I hope to see you all soon at a dinner that will bear the hallmark of excellence as usual!!

Warm Regards, Bruce Edwards

COMPETITION RESULTS

2nd August at PCC – Betterball Stableford:

Winners: Colin Heath & Nico Maas (47 points)
Runners up: Jan van der Merwe & Tony Yared (44 points)
Third place: Corne' Kruger & Willem Krige (43 points)
2 Clubs: Björn Schildt, Brian Richter, Colin Heath, Corne' Kruger, Derek Ackermann, John Loftus, Pieter Krogh and Stephan Ferreira

22nd August at Zwartkops CC – Individual Stableford – Final Eclectic Competition

Winner: Thys de Beer (40 points)
Runners up: Corne Kruger (39 points)
Third place: Paul Laesecke (39 points)
Fourth place: Jamie Paola (38 points)
2 Clubs : Corne Kruger, Colin Haeth, Frank Pretorius and Willem Krige

[Congratulations to MARK STEVENS for his 1st hole in one, achieved at the 8th at PCC on 29th July!](#)

[Congratulations to ERROL BARON for his 5th hole in one, achieved at the 8th at Wingate Park on 31st August!](#)



ECLECTIC COMPETITION – Results for this year's competition to be announced soon by the committee.

QUADRANGULAR 26/27 August - played in Parys and Vaal de Grace:

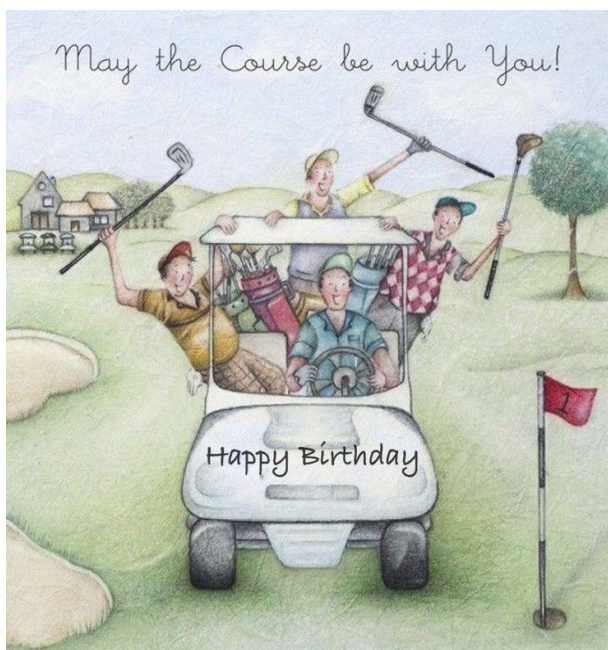
The Committee decided to maintain the 12man team as per last year's entries, except for Wim Fourie replacing Tallies Taljaard, who was unavailable.

- Bruce Edwards
- Wim Fourie
- Corne Kruger
- Andre Le Grange
- John Loftus
- Nico Maas
- Hillie Meyer
- Frank Pretorius
- Henk Prinsloo
- Jan van der Merwe (Captain)
- Johan Willemse
- Tony Yared

Congratulations to all for achieving 2nd Place!

The Welcome letter issued by our society president to all tournament participants can be found on the website, next to this months Newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER



SEPTEMBER

- 4th Derek Ackermann
- 5th Rina Botha
- 6th Hillie Meyer
- 7th Danise Teague
- 12th Blignault Gouws
- 12th Gerhard van der Linde
- 13th Bill McKechnie
- 14th Alex vd Schyff
- 15th Marisan Coetzee
- 17th John Loftus
- 17th Sakkie Perold

DIARY:

6 September – Away game at Wingate Park CC (National Society Competition)

20 September – Home game at PCC (Iron Man Competition)

4 October – PCC- Society Championships & Annual Dinner

26 October – Away game at Services CC (2018 Eclectic - Round 1)

8 November – Home game at PCC “Across the Border” – Gauteng North vs Gauteng

23 November – Waterkloof GC (2018 Eclectic – Round 2)

2018 – Fixture list to be available during Quarter 4/2017.

