

April
2018

The Goose Valley Golf Committee Grapevine



Here's hoping that you enjoyed a blessed Easter weekend, that those people travelling found their destinations safely and all of you had lots of hot cross buns and Easter eggs! Speaking of eggs, these two pics were taken by Derel Human capturing a tortoise at Goose Valley laying eggs, just look at that little face in the second pic! It has been a busy time at Goose Valley and the course continues to look great; the rains we have had recently has certainly helped, although washing out a few days of golf.

Inter-Estate News

The basis for this year's Inter Estate Challenge has been formed with a few tweaks here and there. This competition is intended to be a fun competition, to build comradery amongst our members and to promote the wonderful courses in the Garden Route in the off-season. The new structure for 2018 is:

- Each team to consist of 12 players (couples, singles, men and women)
- Matches to be played between May – September, with a final to be scheduled in October.
- There will be 2 divisions, East & West: East will be Simola, Pezula, Goose Valley & St Francis Links. West will be Pinnacle Point, Mossel Bay, Fancourt, Kingswood and Oubaai.
- Group matches to be played on a round robin basis with each estate hosting 1 fixture.
- The 5 best scores from 6 (pairs / betterball format) to count.
- The top two teams from each division will contest a Final, hosted by the defending champions / previous year's winning club (Pinnacle Point won in 2017 and will host this year's final).
- Proposed Playing Fees: R450pp (includes Green Fees, Carts, Lunch)

Candice McGuinness will be co-ordinating this event so if you are interested in taking part, please send Candi a message or email for her to create a database of interested members. Her contact details are: 0792600812 and Savvy2108@gmail.com.

In the past, games were played on the last Sunday in the month, this may continue this year. It's a really nice way to mingle with people at different clubs, so please join us!

Golf events

There were quite a few golfing events in March:

North vs South – 10th March: the format was IPS and there were 25 players. Individual results were:

1st: Louis Heyns on 42 points

2nd: Scott Atherson on 40 points

3rd: Craig Coltham on 39 points

4th: Judy Pierson on 38 points

5th: David Pierson on 37 points

NTPs: Candy McGuinness, Gail Wall, Tony McGuinness and Anne Riemer

Congrats to The South who were the overall winners at 422 points!

Annual Cancer Fundraiser – 18th March: this event was held on a beautiful sunny day after previously being rained off. Winners on the day were:

1st: Andrew Langeveldt / Christian Langeveldt on 48 points

2nd: Peter Adams / Sue Adams on 47 points c.i

3rd: Ian Bloom / Terri Bloom on 47 points c.o

NTPs: Valerie Greane, Lawrence Boer, Jane Schultz and Richard Schultz

The Sanlam Cancer Challenge and Club Champs – 24th & 25th March: the weather threatened to play a part on the Saturday but everyone persevered and finished in lovely weather by the end of the second day. The results were:

Sanlam Cancer Challenge		Club Champs	
Men A:	Winner: Phillip Wiggett 36 points R/up: Kenneth McEwan 30 points	Men A:	Champ: Phillip Wiggett 152 gross R/up: Kenneth McEwan 175 gross
Men B:	Winner: Russ Victor 36 points R/up: Scott Atherstone 33 points	Men B:	Winner: Lawrence Boer 176 gross R/up: Russ Victor 148 nett
Men C:	Winner: Pieter Burger 39 points R/up: Peter Bailey 36 points	Men C:	Winner: Pieter Burger 74 points R/up: Russ Parkinson 73 points
Women A:	Winner: Anne Riemer 36 points R/up: Yvette Negrine 27 points	Women A:	Champ: Anne Riemer 182 gross R/up: Yvette Negrine 188 gross
Women B:	Winner: Norma Taylor 35 points R/up: Maré Gibson 34 points	Women B:	Winner: Maré Gibson 187 gross R/up: Norma Taylor 196 gross
Women C:	Winner: Linda Victor 35 points R/up: Kerry Cronje 34 points	Women C:	Winner: Kerry Cronje 61 points R/up: Linda Victor 61 points (play-off)
NTPs:	Phillip Wiggett, Yvette Negrine, Robert Wiggett and Anne Riemer	NTPs:	Japie Wessels, Norma Taylor, Lawrence Boer and Benjamin Krige



**Congratulations to our Club Champs,
Phillip Wiggett and Anne Riemer!!!**

People News



Do you think It was a case of the luck of the Irish?? Congrats to John Mulchay who played a hole in one on the 5th hole!

John celebrated with his fellow players by spoiling them with champagne.

Martie Jelliman spent a special birthday in the Kruger Park, she is feeling much more relaxed and on the road to recovery, we are glad to have her back in Goose Valley now.

Esrine Zander has also recovered from her back surgery and is getting back to golf.

Jackie Barclay is resting comfortably at home and with the kind assistance provided by Hospice he is able to have relatively pain-free peaceful days.

Pro Shop: Gail Loggenberg is expecting a new edition to the family, and our sincere condolences go to James Adams whose mother passed away recently.



Captains' Charity for 2018 – Hospice Plettenberg Bay



So the challenge between the Men's & Ladies Section is ongoing. A ladies sponsored day was held on 8th March, sponsored by Sue Adams & Angie Pease. The theme was "Round the World" and the beautifully clad Gail Wall and Marina Baxter won the best dressed on the day. The ladies were all ablaze with colour and lots of laughs and good humour prevailed. Thank you Angie and Sue for your generosity!

Still on the ladies, the Swallows have been very generous in donating funds towards Hospice which we will use to sponsor future days. For the month of March, an amount of R2,000 has been paid over to Hospice (R1,000 from a sponsored day and R1,000 from a generous donation from Jeanne Gould). It is so heartening to see people come forward to assist an organisation such as Hospice in their time of need, I am truly appreciative of the funds donated by our dearest Swallows.

The Men's Section are not slack either! Clive Brown & Mike Cooper sponsored a day in March and Allan Farquar & Ian Bloom sponsored one in April. May month is already tied up with John Taylor & Peter Bailey being the sponsors for that month. They are going to pay over an amount of R5,000 to Hospice soon so this edges them into the lead FOR NOW!!! Watch this space

We are very proud to show the latest standing on the challenge, well done GV peeps, this is amazing and will get even better!

	Total paid to Hospice
Men's Section	R5,000
Ladies Section	R3,750
Total paid from Goose Valley Golf	R8,750

The opening of the Hospice Shop (second-hand goods) has been delayed and is now opening towards the end of April 2018. The shop will be located at the Jinga Shop which is closing down. Volunteers are needed to help in the shop, they are looking at 2 hours a week? **Can you help?** If so, please contact Debbie Bruinders on 044-5335616.

Gail Wall has stepped forward to assist in setting up the shop and its contents – thanks Gail, you are a super-star! if anyone else is keen to assist with this project, please contact Cecily van Heerden on 0795011866. Remember that Hospice would be very pleased to receive donated goods to sell, once again contact Cecily to organise where goods can be delivered. Hospice Plett are severely cash-strapped this year and any kind donations to assist them can be paid to:

The Plettaid Foundation, First National Bank, Plettenberg Bay;
Branch code: 210514, Account number 620 4809 5063.

Events and general notes:

-  Team shirts: Norma has placed an order for our new Ladies shirts, we look forward to receiving them. The Men will be sourcing new white shirts too and Captain Tony has requested all those players who indicated they would like to be considered for the league team to let him or John Wilshut have their shirt sizes.
-  The Ladies Knock-out Comp was won by Anne Riemer, with Gail Wall being the runner-up. Well done ladies on your achievements!
-  The Men's KO is at semi-final stage, so we should be able to announce the winner soon.
-  The "fastest" hole is being played on a monthly basis, lots of fun! This is held after the Meat Comp on certain Fridays, so come along and show off your 3 man team golfing skills! Obtain info from the Pro Shop on this.
-  The first Derby Day for 2018 will be held on Friday, 27th April – book your spot at the Pro Shop soonest!
-  A Captains' Drive will be held on 19th May and we aim to make it a fun day run on a mixed comp basis – more news on this event to come.

Rules of Golf 2019

You may have heard about some interesting changes to the game of golf going forward. The process to modernise the rules began in 2012 and was initiated to ensure that the rules are easier to understand and apply for all golfers, and to make the game more attractive and accessible for newcomers. These are rule changes:

- **Dropping procedure:** When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now drop from knee height. This will ensure consistency and simplicity in the dropping process while also preserving the randomness of the drop.

- **Measuring in taking relief:** The golfer's relief area will be measured by using the longest club in his/her bag (other than a putter) to measure one club-length or two club-lengths, depending on the situation, providing a consistent process for golfers to establish his/her relief area
- **Removing the penalty for a double hit:** The penalty stroke for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke has been removed. Golfers will simply count the one stroke they made to strike the ball.
- **Balls Lost or Out of Bounds: Alternative to Stroke and Distance:** A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions
- **Elimination or reduction of "ball moved" penalties:** There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.
- **Relaxed putting green rules:** There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.
- **Relaxed rules for "penalty areas" (currently called "water hazards"):** Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.
- **Relaxed bunker rules:** There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.
- **Relying on player integrity:** A player's "reasonable judgment" when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.
- **Pace-of-play support:** Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of "ready golf" in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play



And snakes alive!! – DON'T go looking for your balls in the bush, rather just wave a fond farewell to them. This dead snake was found at the side of the road near the Y block so imagine what lurks in the rough!

The season is changing, we are heading towards Autumn/Winter. Hopefully we all (Cape Town to Port Elizabeth) get a lot of rain this winter, it is so badly needed, so we won't complain if our golf days are rained out (or maybe we will!?!). I keep saying it, but it is sad to see our Swallows flying back, enjoy your summer wherever you are and we look forward to you returning.

Yours in golf, Ruth B.