

NEWSLETTER July 2020

We have all been surprised by this pandemic - no one planned for this and no club nor institution could have imagined the effects that it would have on our business, our lives and our freedom.

We ask all our members and visitors to please adhere to the protocols set in place, these are here to protect you, your friends and the staff of the club, support us to ensure we keep a safe environment for all to enjoy.

It has been almost a month to the day of writing this that we got back on the Golf Course. As mentioned in a bulletin a week ago Golf RSA reported that over 165'000 rounds of golf were played in June in South Africa- that is incredible!!

Our Club was truly indicative of the frustration and "cabin fever", but we are out there now and can only enjoy a most incredible golf course. Read below in Course news.

On that note all our members were unable to utilize the course during phase 1 & 2 and although this was through no fault of the club the finance committee did put together a spread sheet to check how we could assist those most inconvenienced by the lack of play, a very fair scenario was calculated and all players that were going to receive a round or credit have now been allocated their share.

- **Bowls**

At the time of preparing this newsletter we received great news. Bowls will make a welcome return on Saturday 25th July 2020. We look forward to having the top car park full again with happy Bowlers!

- **Tennis**

Tennis made a return and we must admit it is good to hear voices on the Tennis courts. Lessons are in full swing and Pete Henderson tells us as there is not too much to report but it is good to be back out there.
Well done Tennis!! Good to have you back.

- **Bridge**

We are planning on including some news about bridge as well - our "silent partners" at the club.

As there are many online games happening at the moment but we are looking forward to the day we can host them at our great club again.

We will keep you posted on anything that is newsworthy.

Should you be interested in enquiring about the game - feel free to contact the Club for details.

- **Golf News**

- **Course News**

I am sure we feel unanimous with a BIG Dankie/Tatenda/Thankyou/Siyabonga Nkosi Ngakhulu to our great team! Greg, Darell, David Porill and a limited team maintained that piece of real estate like no other.

From us to you, again, THANK YOU!

The CXPress of 29th April 2020 is proof that our Club is a family affair.

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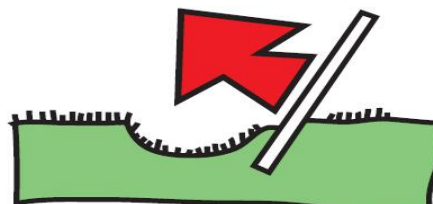
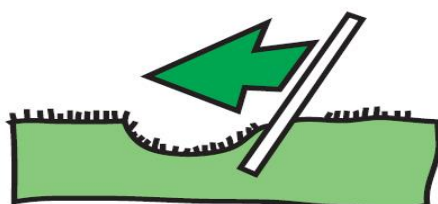
- As good as the picture represents commitment, we urge all players to show some commitment to our course.
- Pitch-marks are not being repaired or are not fixed correctly and are causing some concern to our greens staff. It is nothing new but seems to be getting worse as the green-keeper is spending more and more of his time fixing pitch marks and less on other important areas so please ensure that you follow the graph below when fixing a pitch mark.

Pushing the bottom of the depression upward only tears the roots, and kills the grass.

Right: Using the prongs to push grass at the edge of the depression toward the centre



Wrong: Using the prongs as levers to push up the bottom of the depression



- Using a gentle, twisting motion, push the edge of the **mark** towards the centre. Flatten by gently tapping the surface using your foot or the sole of your putter. A **mark repaired** within 10 minutes will fully recover within three days. A badly **repaired** or unrepaired one will **take** over a week to heal.
- A little sand in a divot will go a long way in recovering and keeping our fairways at the standard we strive for. The sand bins are filled with a mixture of sand and organic matter - your commitment makes a difference. The sandbags are sanitized every morning before use
- We are removing some blackwoods on the right of 11 to make room for sun. There are some beautiful Candlewoods, and Boekenhout trees up there that will show themselves in time. More importantly - our tee will get some vitamin D to recover better.
- We have cleaned out the water channel on 9 - it almost looks St Andrews like with our own stone bridge - Well done Greg and Jabulani!! The Dams on 17 are being cleaned now and we hope to head over to the 16th river soon. From there to our dam on 8th.
- The Spring above the 11th has been very active as you noticed. Greg climbed in there a week ago and cleared out the drainage problem. This got the water to flow down the pipe again. Next time you go down the path - take a look at the upright vent on the right of the path - that water runs into the 17th dams.

○ **Ladies**

The Girls are out in numbers and it is great to see.

Their Competitions are back too and going well. Colour, smiles and waves - Good to see you out there Ladies!! Please do not keep this a secret?

Let's get more ladies out there!!

○ **Staff**

All staff are well and being used as effectively as possible.

Due to social distancing shifts have been brought in so there will be staff on the course all day. Please bear with us.

They are doing a great job. Take a look at them and wave, some positive energy towards our team might go a long way.

So too in-house. Catering staff are on shifts. This is done to isolate any risk on cross contamination. The strictest rules are followed to ensure the safest possible supply of foods and drinks, please play your part and wear your mask around the clubhouse and at the half way house.

For the time being we are sticking to the grab 'n go scenario at halfway as the time saving on sit down halfway makes up a bit of time for our bigger time gaps on Tee off times. *** Watch out for our special treats.*

- **Monday Hackers**

The Hackers are back, it is a lot of fun and the players mix well. We wish them well - thanks for the efforts of the organizers.

Should you be interested in joining this "more experienced field", please get in touch with the Pro Shop.

- **Bookings & Check In**

We got out of Lockdown like Thoroughbreds out the starter blocks - this caused a bit of congestion on the time sheets.

Sadly the 10-minute intervals instead of 8, a one tee start, and less daylight time; lead to some disappointments.

From the Club's point of view, this "new normal" is a new thing to us too. Juggling the tee sheets from 2 tees to one tee, and bigger intervals between tee times caused serious congestion around our most popular times.

Arrangements are being put in place to relieve the pressure. We are re-introducing 2 tee starts on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from August. Wednesdays are on 2-Tee start already. We did this to assess the congestion at half-way house and to ensure we stay in line with compliance protocols.

We ask that you **please** book in the Names of players when booking on-line, "Members Guest" has not paid his subs yet and we are really hesitant to allow him back. He regularly does not pitch up and causes extra admin in the Pro Shop to find his real name.

** Should there be a need to accommodate 2 Balls, we can consider that in times to come.

Online check-in is going really well. The Clubmaster App is working well. Now that competitions are back, please ensure that you have some credit on your club account to accommodate the competition fees.

- **Communication**

- We ask for some patience, we are working on having a more effective means of communication with the members utilizing social media, website and other apps in development- your club strives to ensure your enjoyment of a great facility.

- Winners of Competitions will be announced on our Plettenberg Bay country Club Facebook page, as well as on our Website, and on the Captains Corner.

- If you would like to join the Captains Corner, please send a text-SMS or WhatsApp to Nico on 076 196 7755, he will send you the link to add your cell to the group.

- Our Website is being "verticut for improvement at the moment". We are working on some new looks and new news.

- Should you be in possession of some newsworthy pictures - please feel free to email them to pbcc@global.co.za or manager@pbcc.co.za?

○ **Competition Winners**

Our winners in the first few competitions:

Tuesday 7th LADIES Individual				
No:	Players Name	Voucher	Total	Points
Individual				
1st	J Tipping		R 100.00	
2nd	D Klette		R 75.00	
3rd	C Ford		R 50.00	

Wednesday 8th 4 ball alliance				
No:	Players Name	Voucher	Total	Points
1st	R Gray / D Decot	R 150.00	R 600.00	85c/o
	V Hesse / C Robinson			
2nd	N Westraat / G Bonini	R 125.00	R 500.00	85c/o
	P Ridge / C Lord			
3rd	S Mansfield / G Daws	R 100.00	R 400.00	83c/o
	J Levitan / T Black			
Two Clubs				
	S Mansfield	R 60.00		
	P Neep	R 60.00		
	T Taylor	R 60.00		
	A Leontsinis	R 60.00		
	D Kruger	R 60.00		
	J Faber	R 60.00		
	A Bellamy	R 60.00		
	S o' Sullivan	R 60.00		

Thursday 9th Individual				
No:	Players Name	Voucher	Total	Points
1st	Gus Bonini		R 200.00	40
2nd	John Moyes		R 175.00	39
3rd	Paul Jacobs 19		R 150.00	38
4th	Nick Woodhead 18		R 125.00	38
5th	Lance Morris 19		R 100.00	36
6th	Darell Phillips 17		R 75.00	36
Two Clubs				
	Paul Jacobs		R 120.00	
	John Moyes		R 120.00	
	Vaugh Richardson		R 120.00	

Wed 15th 4 ball alliance				
No:	Players Name	Voucher	Total	
1st	Gus Bonini / John Moyes	R 150.00	R 600.00	90
	J Hinton / C Lord			
2nd	P Collins / D Smit	R 125.00	R 500.00	87c/o
	C Adendorff / K Macleod			
3rd	A Leontsis / KC van Straaten	R 100.00	R 400.00	87c/o
	R Gray / M Stewart			
	Two Club			
	B Fothers		R 80.00	
	T Hinton		R 80.00	
	R Theron		R 80.00	
	L Steyn		R 80.00	
	D Brown		R 80.00	
	H Allenberg		R 80.00	
	C Robinson		R 80.00	
	D Kruger		R 80.00	

Thurs 16th Individual				
No:	Players Name	Voucher	Total	Score
1st	Joe Morley-Jepson		R 200.00	41
2nd	Anthony McCollum 23		R 175.00	38c/o
3rd	Barbie Fotheringham 19		R 150.00	38c/o
4th	Merle Decot 21		R 125.00	37c/o
5th	Mike Wallace 19		R 100.00	37c/o
6th	Hilton McCallum 19		R 75.00	37c/o
	Two Club			
	H McIvor		R 70.00	
	P Jacobs		R 70.00	
	A Bellamy x 2		R 140.00	
	N Westraat x 2		R 140.00	

Saturday 18th July 4 ball alliance				
No:	Players Name	Voucher	Total	
1st	B Forbes / R Weddell	R 175.00	R 700.00	90
	J Coetzee / R Dunn			
2nd	I Bell / M del Fante	R 150.00	R 600.00	88c/o
	M Rautenbach / J Greenberg			
3rd	C Lord / J Grove	R 125.00	R 500.00	88c/o
	G Bonini / J Moyes			
	Two Clubs			
	C Fleischer		R 100.00	
	J Coetzee		R 100.00	
	P Jacobs		R 100.00	
	L Schoof		R 100.00	
	N Westraat x 2		R 200.00	

Winnings have been credited directly to members spending account, again here please assist us in reducing the handling of cash at the club and keep your spending account filled up, for the duration of the lockdown phases we are going to allow pre-funding via the Clubmaster app so you can top up without coming into the club. Visitors winning prizes can collect vouchers from the pro shop.

- **PRO SHOP / GimmeGolf**

Cliff Barnard

A BIG THANK YOU!

It is truly wonderful to welcome all our golfers back. The re-opening of The Plett Pro Shop was extremely nerve racking and for the first time, amid all the chaos, I was unsure what to expect. The support that we have received from all of you has been unbelievable and 'The Team' want to thank each and everyone of you who has supported the shop during these times.

LOCKDOWN SPECIALS

Who would have ever thought that any special offered at the Plett Pro Shop will be described as a Lockdown Special? Crazy times!!

For all the support shown by you, The Plett Pro Shop will continue with all the specials throughout the month of August.

Please check the Pro Shop for the best deals in Plett!!

THE GIMME TIP OF THE MONTH

Always remember that the Club Head is the most important part to your set up. Align the Club Face to your intended target and allow the Club Head to set in its intended natural lie angle (butt of the handle normally sets in the left groin for right-handed players.)

Through a natural tilt of the spine allow the hands to set on the handle and only then, set your structure (feet, knees and shoulder line) around the hands, ensuring that the Club Head has not changed its position.

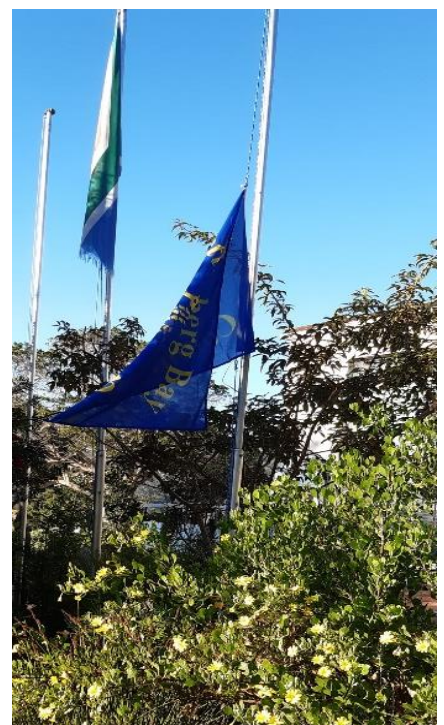
Follow this routine and I will guarantee an improvement in your overall consistency.

- **Membership**

We will miss you:

- Basil Smith
Uncle Basil served on Committee for many years, was a pleasure to have there and created many a laugh to "you youngsters" as he referred to the rest of the Committee.
Malume, hamba kahle sekuru – when we think of you we laugh, when we talk of you, we cry.
- Tony Manderson was a golfer and friend to many. Anyone that played golf or squash with Tony will remember that smile, a limerick or a poem.
- Tony passed away during lockdown after being diagnosed with brain cancer early on in Lockdown.
- Nancy Stratten was a long-time past Tennis member.
- Thor Saemundsson.
- Peter Keidel.

** May you rest in peace



NEW MEMBERS:

We wish to welcome the following new Members:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Michael Young○ Carol Hubert○ Neil du Plessis○ Liz Lorse○ Yorke Hinds○ Mackenzie Venter○ Emil-Jan Strydom○ Mark Dodd○ Harm & Lynette Schreurs○ Dorothy Robertson○ Christopher van Gass○ Pieter & Helga Streicher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Riley Clark○ Paul van Noppen○ Cindy Zoutendyk○ Alan Rankin○ Phillip, Nicholas & Luke Plotz○ Kevin Kitley○ Michael Williamson○ Adrian White○ Alan Corrans○ Terence & Athalie van Beuge○ James Bowie○ Samuel Duncan
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A great welcome to you all, you are going to love it here like we all do.

○ **Nature News**

As many of us know we had a surprise visit from an African Craik a few weeks after Lockdown. It was way further south than it is normally seen, and sadly it is believed that the cold got to that little guy.

You chose a great place to settle down little guy.

Our baboon population is on the up and we urge you to help us not develop habit. Make use of our new bins please? And take note of the eats in your golf cart.

Especially the Vervet Monkeys - they seem to be as sneaky as a 3 put.

Some months back some of our twitchers were treated to a Narina trogon, gave some of us quite a display. Found around right of 12th, to left of 15/16- distinct call and truly a beautiful specimen.

The Brown Hooded Kingfisher is around 16th tee, and along the river of 16. Some members have had the privilege of seeing the pair together.

We will be posting pictures of our "other residents and visitors on the "GALLERY of our Website" - we keep you posted on that.

• **The Lighter side**

Thought we would leave you with a few quotes:

May you not follow Lee Trevino in saying:

"I spend so much time in the bush I am starting to know the edible ones"

And in our present times who better to entertain than Sir Winston Churchill:

"Continuous effort, not strength or intelligence, is the key to unlocking potential"

See you out there!