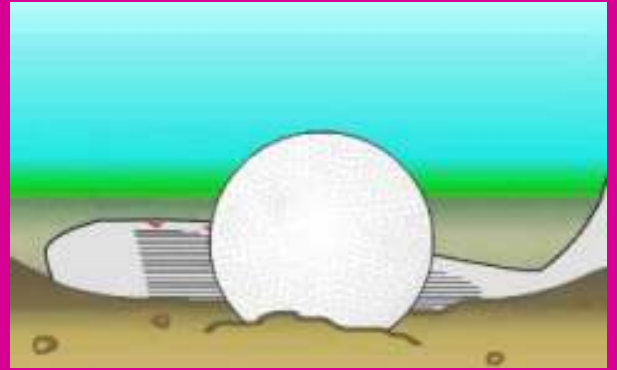




May Newsletter 2015

OUT THE BUNKER...



NEWS

This year's Margate Challenge was a resounding success with 96 players competing in the golf competition and 48 bowlers competing for the three days with the Bridge Section competing on the Friday. The Committee received many compliments on the format, quality of the course, the food served and the live music which ended the event on the Saturday night. It is a very positive sign that the Challenge was a success as Halfway Toyota have already committed their sponsorship for next year's event. The Executive Committee is very proud to announce that a profit of R93378.00 was achieved this year for the Margate Challenge.

Sincere thanks for Rob and Meryl Ellis who were the organizers and spent many hours obtaining sponsorship for all 18 holes as well as wonderful prizes. A huge thank you to all the players who participated, the staff who ensured that the event ran smoothly as well as the course staff who ensured that the course was in excellent condition.

On the 15th May 2010 I walked into Margate Country Club as the new manager and I am leaving on 30th April 2015 to pursue a career in the property market and will be based in Berea, Durban.

This will be my last newsletter as club manager and I have enjoyed working with the various Committees and Chairman over the last 5 years which have included John Ford, Maureen Ogilvie and John Webster. I have gained valuable knowledge and insight from all of them. The staff is very upset that I am leaving and over the years I have maintained a wonderful working relationship with them and I know that they will continue to serve the members and new management well. I have met many wonderful members over the years, enjoyed a round of golf with some of them or just had a drink, meal or a chat and will cherish those times. I have seen many administration staff come and go and I leave knowing that both Kathy and Bernadette will continue with their good work in the office. I have also seen this course go through some very bad and good times but right now I know that with Brian Joliffe and Johan in charge the course will continue to improve. I could list all the highlights that I have experienced over the years but being here to see Ivan Curlewis celebrate his 34th time as Club Champion and 50 years at one Club is truly remarkable and not forgetting Maureen celebrating her 40 years as a member is not something you see often at a club. I leave with wonderful memories and sincerely wish the Club every success for the future and I thank you that I was able to serve the Club for so many years.

- Congratulations are also extended to our Chairman, John Webster who was not only elected as captain of the Southern KZN Nomads but also Nomad of the year.
- The Bowls Section will also be hosting players for the Margate Bowls Week which takes place from 4th to 8th May.
- Congratulations to Euella Greer who won R100.00, Barbara Jackson R150.00 and Norma R350.00 at the Bingo evening held on Tuesday 17th April.

The Executive Committee has taken the decision to purchase two John Deere Greens Mowers to replace the existing machinery which are now beyond repair. The machines are second hand and will cost the club the amount of R222 199.68 and will be paid over an 18 month period.

The Executive Committee has agreed that at this point in time they will not appoint a replacement for my position but will use the current staff and committee members and request assistance from club members to manage the club.

GOLF MATTERS



Removal of time limit on scores for a handicap calculation

The South African Golf Association has decided to follow the international trend and remove any time restrictions on scores available for a handicap calculation. Previously your handicap was only calculated on scores recorded in the past 60 months, and if you had not recorded at least 5 scores in that time frame you were not eligible for a handicap.

The change now means that golfers will retain their handicap as last calculated regardless of when the scores were made.

The global thinking on this is that if golfers haven't played for many years it is unlikely they will have improved, so it is not necessary to have any cut off period for the handicap calculation.

Possible change to when handicaps are calculated

The SAGA has asked us to survey your views on the idea of having your handicap recalculated (and adjusted where necessary) every time you enter a score.

With the global move towards electronic handicap calculations there is no reason to wait until the end of the month to recalculate handicaps; the more often it is calculated the more accurately it will reflect your current form.

Annual Statistics - Below are some statistics from the last year taken from the handicap system.

Number of rounds played:

February 2013 till February 2014 – 3 602 140

February 2014 till February 2015 – 3 546 088

Average handicap

February 2014 – Male: 16.47, Female – 25.29

February 2015 – Male: 16.51, Female – 25.22



JOKE OF THE MONTH

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Nancy Pelosi happened to appear. Ms Pelosi took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease.

'Would you mind telling me, Doctor,' she asked, 'how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?'

'Nothing is easier,' he replied. 'You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track.'

'What sort of question?' asked Pelosi.

Well, you might ask, 'Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?'

Pelosi thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, 'You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history.'

HAPPENINGS:



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| Wednesday 6th: | Quiz Evening |
| Saturday 9th: | Putting Competition Final |
| Sunday 10th: | Mother's Day Lunch |
| Tuesday 19th: | Bingo Evening. |
| Sunday 24th: | Ladies League |
| Saturday 30th: | Club Champs |
| Sunday 31st: | Club Champs |



Announcements

R2000.00 MUST BE WON

Congratulations to Mrs. EP Lloyd who won the R2000.00 must be won held on Friday 17th April. The bar and meals was well supported and it was good to see so many people supporting this event. Jane Davies, who celebrated her birthday that day, won the R2000.00 draw on the same night.

QUIZ EVENING: WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY at 6pm

Test your knowledge against the quiz master and win the prize. Entrance fee is R25.00 and a meal will be on sale.

MARGATE PUTTER OF THE YEAR: FINAL - SATURDAY 2ND MAY

The date for the Final being Saturday 8th of May 2015. Qualification to be obtained during the normal Putting Competition on Thursdays and Saturdays.

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH: SUNDAY 10TH MAY

Invite your friends and family and don't forget your mother or mother in law to join us and enjoy a 3 course luncheon for only R80.00 which consists of Seafood cocktail. Roast Pork and Oxtail served with rice, roast potatoes, cauliflower au gratin and French green beans.
Baked Pear Tart and custard, Ice cream with Chocolate sauce.

BINGO EVENING: TUESDAY 19TH May

We invite you to a night of fun at our *Bingo evening* which starts from 6pm. A meal is served or you can order from the menu. It is a fun filled evening and if you have a winning card you may win one of the prizes.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: SATURDAY 6TH AND SUNDAY 7TH June

Watch the notice board for more details which include the entry forms and entrance fee for the Club Championships.



Dereck Hirson

CLUB MANAGER



All the best Dereck & Cheers from
all of us!

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Friday 7: Business Day: Friday Draw

Sunday 9. Open Mixed 4 Ball Alliance

Saturday 15: St Patrick's Day
competition. **Wear green.**

Friday 28: 100 Club Draw and Quiz
night.

Sunday 30: Sunday Lunch