



THE GRAND NATIONALS

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2009.

Well done and congratulations to all the Nomads who have been successful in entering the 44th Nomads National Tournament, aptly known as “The Grand Nationals of 2009”. The Natal Club is looking forward in hosting all the visiting Nomads and guests during a week of good golf, fun and camaraderie at the Royal Durban Golf Club.

A great deal of preparation has taken place, since the last Newsletter, to ensure that the 44th National Tournament is one of the highlights on the Nomadic calendar this year. In order to achieve this we require the support of every participant.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the clubhouse on Saturday from 09h00 to 16h30 and on Sunday from 09h00 to 11h00. Each player will be required to present himself at registration. No player will be permitted to register on behalf of another player and every player must register before playing his first round.

HANDICAPS

We strongly recommend that every player obtains his current official club handicap from his home club, before he leaves for Durban, which will be recorded at registration before the start of the first round of golf.

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FLAG RAISING

Flag raising is scheduled to commence at 17h00 on Saturday. Please be reminded that Nationals start with Flag raising and ends after prize giving on the Friday night. It is compulsory to attend both Flag raising and Flag lowering ceremonies.

BAG STORAGE

Bag storage will be available at the club from Saturday morning until Friday after lunch. This wonderful facility is again sponsored by AFROVAN.

PRACTICE ROUND

The course is open to all Nomads on Saturday for a practice round. Both morning and afternoon tee-off times are available on a first come first serve basis. Please book a time as soon as possible direct with the club on 031-309 1530. The club has very kindly offered Nomads the Members' Green Fees on the day at a rate of R125.00 per player.

This is also an ideal opportunity for those Nomads who are in the Players Tournament to have a game at Royal.

DRESS AND BADGES

The appropriate Nomads dress is absolutely not negotiable for all members, both on the course and at all the official functions. Please do not forget to take your National Tournament Badges to registration. A limited supply will be available for purchase at R90.00 each. Any Nomad who participates in his first Nationals will be issued with the badges at no charge.

MOTORISED GOLF CARTS

Carts are still available for the duration of the tournament including the practice round. Bookings can be made direct with the Club Pro, Garth Person on 031-309 2581. It is essential to book carts now as they may not be available when the tournament begins.

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DAILY CHECK-IN

Each player is required to check in at least half an hour before this official tee-off time, at the starter's desk, which is situated at the main entrance to the club. Players are also expected to report to the Starters on the respective tees at least ten minutes before tee-off time.

Anyone who arrives late will have to "walk" the holes he has missed with no score.

PRIZE GIVING AND PRIZE WINNERS

Prize givings are an important aspect of the Tournament and every player on the day is expected to attend, especially those who have played well enough to receive a prize. The prize givings will start promptly and on time each evening and we promise to make them entertaining and enjoyable.

TRANSPORT

Shuttle type transport will be operating between the club and the official hotels from Saturday through to Friday night after prize giving.

Anyone who requires transport to and from the airport, are required to make the necessary arrangements with their local co-ordinator, if not done so already.

DRAW

The draw has been done and every player should be aware of his tee-off times which will be confirmed at registration. No player will be permitted to swop any of his times with another player at any stage before or during the Tournament. Consideration may be given by the Committee only in extreme circumstances.

OFF-DAY GOLF

Arrangements for off-day golf have been made with Durban Country Club.

Nomads who wish to enjoy a round of golf on either The Beachwood and / or the Country Club course, may book a tee-off time direct with the club on 031-313 1777.

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The green fees are very reasonable at R150.00 per player.

We suggest that bookings are done in advance to avoid disappointment.

LADIES ENTERTAINMENT

An exciting programme of events has been arranged for the ladies who are accompanying Nomads to the Tournament. The programme with the entry form has been sent to all the local club co-ordinators, and we require all the replies back by the closing date of 15th March 2009.

CONCLUSION

Finally, we are looking forward to successful Nationals at which everyone can enjoy themselves and make it a memorable occasion.

Arrangements for this event started over two years ago and we certainly had no knowledge that the country's elections would take place in the middle of the tournament. When the election date was announced, it was obviously too late to change the dates of our Tournament. We have, however, established that all visiting Nomads who are eligible may vote for the National Elections only and not Provincial Elections. So please ensure that you bring your I.D. with you if you intend voting. Good luck to all the teams competing for the Burt Hunt Trophy. Rumour has it that the Natal Club has already taken the trophy to the engraver.

Yours in Nomads.

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National Co-Ordinator 2009.