

NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 2010

INTRO:

It was an honour hosting the National Chairman, Simon Lee, on his official visit to the Southern Cape bringing along a vast amount of knowledge, experience and guidance which he enfolded at a meeting held on the Friday evening before supper with members of the Southern Cape Committee. On the same visit was a 34 strong Southern Natal pack of golfers to compete for the Southern Challenge trophy.

Committee Members:

Arthur Ambrose	Captain
Steve Twycross.....	Vice captain
Peter Heydra.....	JVC
Leslie Marais.....	Media liaison officer
Stephan Muller.....	Treasurer
Costas Polydorou.....	Equipment officer
Berti Harris	Match secretary
Terry Dimatellis	Sponsorship
Flats Huisamen.....	Membership & Protocol
Tannah Harris	Away games, Golorama & Nationals
Austin Graves.....	Secretary

Membership Stats:

Full	79
Associate	28
Honorary	07
Sponsor	16
Non Playing	07
Total Membership	137

This includes 11 Founder Members, 6 Full and 5 Associate

There are 10 Waitlisted members

This year there have been 14 inductions and 4 resignations and 2 transfers.

We sadly mourned the passing of 3 of our members namely Derrick Hattingh, Phillip Goets and Bennie Raubenheimer.

SOUTHERN CHALLENGE – PEZULA GOLF ESTATE

A great thank you to Pezula Golf Estate for hosting us on a most perfect day on the Sunday. The course was found to be in an immaculate condition and the green keeping staff can be congratulated. It really was a pleasant day playing there and a great thank you to the Club's Representative, Charles Erasmus, for joining in and I also wish to thank him and the Management of Pezula Golf Estate and all the staff for allowing us to feel welcome and for the privilege of enjoying their facilities.

To our local Sponsor of the day, Nic Galic, owner of the Spar in Plettenberg Bay and also a Nomad, a great big thank you for a table full of great prizes.

Lastly but not least our Pink Ladies, thank you once again for a job well done and having the prize sheets available within 10 minutes after the last 4 ball handed in their scorecards and that is quite an awesome achievement.

In our midst also was Wayne Jackson, the Bell's representative who enjoyed golfing with the SC Nomads for the day as well as Rudi Louw, the SA Breweries representative. Wayne, it was great hosting you and a very big thank you for the Bell's products issued throughout the day and for the beautiful Bell's banners which you donated to our club. Rudi, thank you once again also for the SAB products issued throughout the day.

Once again I must compliment both SN and SC Nomads for adhering to correct dress code and I think we set good examples to our visiting Nomads club members as well as visitors and future Nomads on the waitlists, our hosts and also our sponsors, thank you.

Then for the event of the week end, **The Southern Challenge**

Each club had to choose 34 players as their teams to compete for the sought after trophy which are to be won by the team with the highest percentage of points.

Final results:

Southern Natal	27.47059	
Southern Cape	27.9705882	THE WINNING TEAM !!!

The game was played in very good spirit and as can be seen, any team could have won but congratulations to my team. We got back the trophy which we had to leave behind in Margate last year. I have to mention that I did pay a fine of R50.00 for holding the wrong cup as the real cup was misplaced due to upgrading of display cabinets at the golf club. It has since been found and engraving will be done.

Southern Natal also played the Friday at Kingswood on a bit of a wet course because of rains we had the previous two days and then on Saturday at Pinnacle Point with a bit of an easterly breeze. Both games were played in attendance of only a few SC Nomads, which we apologise for but with good reason. Since the Wednesday to and including the Friday our members had done Golorama duties for the Origins of Golf tournament at the Oubaai Golf course mainly in rainy weather. Hopefully next time round we shall see to it that we plan our Southern Challenge without external interference, be better hosts and of course increase the winning gap. Great camaraderie unfolded this week end and this tournament must at all odds never come to an end.

Next month, 14 November 2010, we will be playing our monthly game at the Mossel Bay Golf Course. Again, please note that after the game we will be having our Annual General Meeting (AGM). I urge all members to play on that day and to also attend our AGM.

Arthur Ambrose

Local Knowledge

At a municipal golf course, a foursome approached the tee of the 430-yard, par-4 sixth hole. The long, straight fairway ran along a road that was fenced on the right. The green was slightly to the left of the straightaway with another road paralleling the green from which golfers often received the calls of hecklers.

The first golfer teed off with a long ball slice in the direction of the road. The ball went over the fence, bounced 150 yards down the road, where it hit the tire of a moving city bus and was knocked back on to the golf course stopping just 10 yards short of the green.

As they all stood in amazement, a fellow golfer asked, "How on earth did you do that?"



The response came without hesitation, "You have to know the bus schedule."



"You were really lucky your ball didn't go in the water!"