

Silwerstrand Pro Shop

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ROBERTSON GOLF CLUB - NEWSLETTER



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

I hope you all had a very Festive Season and that the year ahead is a very promising one indeed.

RGC had a good season, with a large increase in the visiting players to our course. We received many compliments about the overall experience that visitors had on- and off the course.

The course is in good nick, with only a few irrigation and water issues, which is unfortunately testing our Course staff to the limit. We however remain positive and will overcome these adversities ASAP. The arrival of Romano Leicher, our Course Superintendent, has been a breath of fresh air, and along with his staff, have really altered the course's 'attention to detail', as well as altering the overall impression of the course dramatically.

Ludwig has thankfully sourced many extra sponsored and other golf days, along with many tour groups for this coming year. We are doing our utmost to increase the "traffic", and thus the revenue back to our club. Lets hope that this boom will continue in leaps and bounds, and so too the escalation in the amount of new members to our club.

I know that with thanks to all the members' cooperation and dedication, we can only look forward to a great year ahead.

On a lighter note:

A chap was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome.

They were even after the first few holes. The second chap said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for a pound a hole?" The first man said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the terms.

The second chap won the remaining sixteen holes with ease.

As they were walking off number eighteen, the second chap was busy counting his £16.00. He confessed that he was the pro at a neighbouring course and liked to pick on suckers. The first fellow revealed that he was the Parish Priest.

The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money. The Priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings."

The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation. And, if you want to bring your mother and father along, I'll marry them."

Happy golfing!
 Anton

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COURSE REPORT

Course Condition:

Greens:

The greens received 2 foliar feed fertilizer applications, 2 growth regulators, 1 fungicide and 1 pesticide application in December. In addition, a Poa treatment program of Nominee (Bastrybic-acid) was started and applied to the putting green, front-9 greens and no. 11 and 17 greens. We have opted for the application of a few light rates instead of one heavy application so as to only affect the Poa and not damage the Bent. Gradually eradicating the Poa in this way will also ensure that no holes are left on the greens, as this would cause an uneven putting surface.

The product is only effective if applied in summer and the program will therefore only continue for the next 2 months.

Greens are being verticut twice weekly in order to maintain a consistent speed and to ensure that thatch is kept to a minimum. This will improve water infiltration and air circulation, resulting in the overall good health of the greens.

Lastly, the greens received a second treatment for moss in December and a dramatic improvement can already be seen. A 3rd application will however be necessary in the next month or so.



16th Green after foliar feed fertilizer application



Example of Poa dying off on 6th green

Fairways:

A foliar feed fertilizer was applied in December. This, in conjunction with continuous mowing with sharp mowers on a relatively low height, has dramatically increased lateral growth of the turf. Fairways are therefore denser with fewer bare areas and now provide a better playing surface.

It is imperative that the two-pronged approach of mowing and a fertilizer application be repeated on a monthly basis throughout the year, in order to maintain the density of the turf. Any bare or worn areas will allow weeds such as clover and winter grass to germinate. Poor fertility and previously bare areas caused clover to take hold on the course, and this will be spot-sprayed in January.



No.10 Fairway after foliar feed fertilizer application



No.1 fairway after foliar fertilizer application

Tees, approaches and surrounds:

As with fairways, these areas also received a foliar feed application, and will need constant mowing and monthly fertilizer treatments to improve and maintain density of the turf.

Bunkers:

Staff have been trained to rake bunkers from the middle upwards to ensure that they are even and level, as well as to ensure uniformity of all bunkers on the course. There are however a number of bunkers which are in need of sand.

Machinery:

The spray-rig is currently not in operation due to a broken gearbox. This is one of the most important machines on the course but is very unreliable as it is constantly overheating, breaking down and leaking. The existing machine also does not have any foam markers; these are imperative for the accurate spraying of any product and the lack thereof makes any application guesswork. The spray-rig is needing repairs more and more often which is affecting the day-to-day operation on the course.

All other machines are currently in a good condition due to regular maintenance.

Irrigation:

December was a difficult month in terms of irrigation. We were only working with 2 pumps as the 3rd pump has been in for repairs since November. This meant that only the fairways could be irrigated at night and all other areas irrigated the next day. The 3rd pump was recently returned and has made a dramatic difference as all areas can now be irrigated at night and the rough irrigated during the day.

All three foot-valves in the dam have been repaired and placed in a cage so as to ensure that they do not suck in sand, as this is what caused damage to the pump that was sent in for repairs.

The fairways had \pm 30 sprayers which were not turning, these were replaced in December; these were still from the original installation. There are still however approximately \pm 40 green surround sprayers which are no longer turning that will need to be replaced in the near future.

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IMPORTANT - HANDICAP SYSTEM CHANGE

There seems to be confusion as to the interpretation of the handicap changes announced by HNA to take effect as of 1st February, the rule regarding Maximum Score and Adjusted Gross is:

+6 – 18 Handicap Players may take a 2 over on any hole

19 – 36 Handicap Players may take a 3 over on any hole.

eg:

A 12 handicapped player may, if they are having a nightmare round, take 18 x 2 overs on her card.
Likewise a 19 handicap player may take 18 x 3 overs on the card.

There is now no limit on the doubles and triples a player may take.

Although this might seem extreme the likelihood of such a score being included in the best 10 of 20 scores is very rare.

PRO SHOP - RESULTS

Date:	31 DEC 2011	
Competition Format:	INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD	
2 Clubs:	M SHARKEY D VAN DEVENTER	
JACKPOT	H EKSTEEN	10PTS
	W FAUL	10PTS
Results:	1	A HAYMAN 37PTS(COUNT OUT)
	2	H EKSTEEN 37PTS
	3	M SHARKEY 36PTS(COUNT OUT)
	4	J DU PLESSIS 36PTS
	5	W FAUL 36PTS

Date:	7.1.2012	
Competition Format:	4BBB Stableford	
Jackpot:	C. Du Toit - 12pts	
Results:	1	B. Bosch & F. Gericke - 47pts
	2	C. Du Toit & W. Nel - 46pts
	3	A. Joubert & P. Winterbach - 46pts
	4	J. Geldenhuys & J. Geldenhuys Jr. - 46pts
2 clubs	J. Steyn J. Coetzee C. Du Toit R. Gooderson J. Geldenhuys Jnr x2	

Date:	14.01.2012	
Competition Format:	INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD	
NEAREST TO PIN 7	R. GOODERSON	
NEAREST TO PIN 11	A. SMUTS	
2 Clubs:	J DU PLESSIS (14TH) H. EKSTEEN (3RD)	

JACKPOT		N. SMIT - 12 PTS
Results:	1	W. FAUL - 41PTS
	2	N. SMIT - 40PTS
	3	A. SMUTS - 38PTS
	4	C. PATON - 38PTS c/o
	5	J. GELDENHUYS - 38PTS c/o
	6	B. JONKER - 38PTS c/o
	7	O RABIE JNR - 37PTS
	8	J. MULLER - 37PTS c/o
Date:		21-Jan-12
Competition Format:		4 BBB Bogey Plus
Nearest pin 7		C du Toit
Nearest pin 14		M Viljoen
2 Clubs:		C du Toit + J Swart
JACKPOT		M Viljoen + M Swart + 5
Results:	1	M Viljoen + M Swart + 14
	2	J Mostert + J du Plessis + 12
	3	E Bruwer + P du Toit + 9
	3	N Retief + P Roux + 9
	4	H Schwartz + J Doms + 8
	5	W Nel + A Smuts + 8
	6	L Verduiel + E Deysel + 7
	7	R de Jong + J Muller + 7
	8	W Retief + P Winterbch + 7
	9	D v Zyl + V de Wet + 6
	10	B Jonker + N Baard + 6

DRIVING RANGE



OPENING - 1ST OF DECEMBER

OPERATING HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

07:00 to 10:00

15:00 to 19:00

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

08:00 to 12:00

PRICES

R15 - R25 25 BALLS - 50 BALLS

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PRO SHOP - FIXTURES

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Individual Stableford</i>	5	6 <i>Sundowner</i>	7 <i>Individual Bogey Plus</i>
8	9	10	11 <i>Individual Bogey Plus</i>	12	13 <i>Sundowner</i>	14 <i>Club Day - 4 BBB Stableford</i>
15	16	17	18 <i>Individual Stableford</i>	19	20 <i>Sundowner</i>	21 <i>Club Day - 4 BBB Bogey Plus</i>
22 <i>Golf Ass. of Pinelands 20 pax</i>	23	24	25 <i>Individual Bogey Plus</i>	26	27 <i>Sundowner</i>	28 <i>Club Day - Monthly Medal</i>
29	30	31				

FUTURE EVENTS

Don't miss out!

RLCS Golf Day	17 & 18 February 2012
WONDERFONTEIN Golf Day	25 February 2012
WOLHUTERS LADIES OPEN	3 March 2012
STELLENBERG GIRLS CHOIR Golf Day	9 March 2012
LIONS DAY	10 March 2012

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