

From :- Larry Macartney (Club Manager)

This week I have been going through the list of Members who have still not paid their 2011 Subscriptions, and was absolutely amazed at some of the names that appear on the list. Folks - that use the Club on a regular basis, but have still not made any effort to meet their commitment towards their Club.

Well, folks, you have two weeks left in which to pay your subscriptions !! On the 1st April 2011, all "Defaulters" will have playing privileges withdrawn, and in fact will not be allowed to utilize any of the Club facilities. In addition, there will be interest charged on all "Overdue Accounts" - and will shortly be handed over for collection.

You may feel that these actions are heavy handed, but we have over R800,000 still outstanding on 2011 Subscriptions, which makes it very difficult to run the Club. Fortunately, we have enjoyed two good months, during which time we have recorded some 7000 Rounds, as against last year's figure of 5200, but we simply need these subscriptions to be collected. Shortly, we will be going into winter, when revenues obviously drop off, so one can see how we rely on our Members to meet their commitments.

This week, I received an e-mail from the oldest Beach Bum in Mauritius, namely Ben "Grumblebum" Fourie, and he sends his regards to all his mates at "Reading". He extends an invitation to all Club Members to enjoy a round of Golf with him if you are ever in Mauritius - that is if you have a spare R600.00 or so for the round !! Ben's e-mail address is :- bpjfourie@gmail.com - and I am sure he would love to hear from any of his mates.

On a sadder note, I must report that Eugene Gouws is in Intensive Care, in an induced coma, as he battles to overcome Double Pneumonia. He was critical for a while, but now seems to be getting stronger, so our prayers are working.

Also, one of our "Old Toppies" - Bob Brett, thought he was a glazier and tried to install a new glass window. Well, the inevitable happened, the pane of glass shattered and Bob has suffered a severe laceration to his calf. This will put him out of action for some months, but we take this opportunity of wishing both Eugene and Bob speedy recoveries and look forward to seeing them back at the Bar - very soon.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the "Boma Evening" - due to lack of response, but we will not give up, and plan to have another night out later in the year. It seems that a Thursday night was not popular, so we will revert back to a Friday or Saturday - next time around

Dates to Remember

Club Championships Weekend - 16/ 17th April 2011

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No 205 J C Johnson

Unclaimed - not in the Bar

Next Week R1400.00

Whisky Draw

Val Jarvis X 2

Mark Peterson

Les Ashkettle

From the Pro Shop

Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

Wednesday was our “Race to DuBoma”, sponsored by Nico from The Boma. Armed with Pirelli Torque Twisters, was Barry ‘Rubber’ Lazenby and Ron ‘Smoking Joe’ Williams, who screamed around the course in record time, scoring 48 points to take the checkered flag. Close behind, on 47 points, was Pierre Taljaard and Hein Bezuidenhout in second place followed by Jan vd Merwe and Willie Jacobs on 46 points.

Leading the “Race to DuBoma” with €805 800.00 is Mark ‘Hoho’ Peterson followed by Brian ‘Carver’ Johnson with €785 400.00. Third place is Barry Lazenby with €75200.00 followed by Mike Payne with €748 000.00 and Willie Jacobs with €66400.00

Friday’s Meat Competition was well attended and claiming the title ‘Nyama King’ was Hannes ‘Meatball’ Snyman, who beat two other players in a count out on 19 points. Second place went to Magda ‘Fillet’ Van Zyl followed by Nick ‘No Keys’ Van Der Westhuizen, still on 19 points. Fourth place also went by way of count out and our winner here was Graham ‘Pie’ London followed by M Maroon.

Saturday Morning was a Better Ball Stableford Compo and making full use of the perfect weather conditions was M de Wet and H Aucamp who came first on 46 points. Second place went to M Kassen & C Jacobs on 43 points followed by S Vanmali & M Kassen also on 43 points

In the afternoon competition, welcome rains cooled down muggy, hot conditions. Taking top podium place was Brian 'Smoothie' Hendry & Garth 'Ice Cool' Barnard on 44 points. Second place was contested between five teams all on 42 points. Winning this count out was Pierre 'Whisperer' Van Rensburg and Mike 'Bokkie' Bradshaw followed by M Matthews and C Swindell.

Happy slicers

During their silver anniversary, a wife reminded her husband: Do you remember when you proposed to me, I was so overwhelmed that I didn't talk for an hour?" The hubby replied: "Yes, honey, that was the happiest hour of my life."

Results		
Wednesday	Date :- 9 th March 2011	Competition
		4 BBBS
1 st	B Lazenby / R Williams	48 pts
2 nd	P Taljaard / H Bezuidenhout	47 pts
3 rd	J V/D Merwe / W Jacobs	46 pts
4 th		
Friday	Date :- 11 th March 2011	Competition
		Meat Comp. Ind. Stab.
1 st	H Snyman	19 pts
2 nd	M Van Zyl	19 pts
3 rd	N V D Westhuizen	19 pts
4 th	G London	18 pts
5 th	M Maroun	18 pts
Saturday	Date :- 12 th March 2011	Competition
		4BBBS
A.M. Field		
1 st	M De Wet / H Aucamp	46 pts
2 nd	M Kassen / C Jacobs	43 pts
3 rd	M Kassen / S Vanmali	43 pts
4 th		
P.M. Field		4 BBBS
1 st	B Hendry / G Barnard	44 pts
2 nd	P V Rensburg / M Bradshaw	42 pts
3 rd	M Matthews / C Swindell	42 pts
Sunday a.m.	Date :- 13 th March 2011	Competition

		Ind. Stableford
1 st	C Tucker	40 pts
2 nd	I Wilkie	34 pts
3 rd	S Mistry	33 pts
4 th	K Herd	32 pts
5 th	N Chhiba	30 pts

From the Lady Captain :- Marietjie Tame

Sunday League

Our Sunday League Team played their second game on Sunday against Killarney at Killarney and unfortunately walked away with a devastating loss. The score 0-6. But then again, its still early in the season and many things can happen. Its never over until the final ball drops in the hole. Good luck to our team, we are still right behind you!

Studs vs Ama-Squeeze Trophy

This competition was originally planned to take place this coming weekend, but will have to be moved to a later date. Date still to be confirmed, we'll keep you informed.

Club Champs

A reminder to all ladies to start preparing for the Club Champs, this year taking place on the weekend 16 and 17 April 2011. Very interesting is the number of contenders in the Silver Division, last year we only had one player, looks like we'll have 5/6 players competing for the title this year. Lists will soon go up in the locker room where you can append your name if interested in participating.

Mixed Open

This month's Mixed Open is set to take place on Sunday March 27. We invite all to join, a great way of spending a Sunday with your other half. Please phone the Pro-Shop 011 907 3666 to book a T-Off time.

Ruth Newman – Sun City

The famous Ruth Newman Tournament at Sun City this year takes place on 23 and 24 August 2011. Various accommodation packages are available and in the price is included, two rounds of golf (Lost City and Gary Player) Halfway House, Cart at Lost City, dinner and gift. The format is a Four Ball Alliance with a maximum handicap of 30. Copies of the entry form will be left with Roz in the office.

That's a wrap for this week. Enjoy your long weekend and travel safely.

Picture Caption:

Living up to its promise of “All welcome at Reading.”

Senior Golf

Dear Seniors - please could you note the attached

“Guidelines for Tuesday’s/Thursday’s as from 1st February 2011”

Senior’s Committee :- Sid du Toit Roy McGregor
Dave Ford Robert Barker

Roy is our representative on the Reading Golf Committee

Tuesday’s

Summer times have been booked from 07h15 - 08h00 for both tee’s.
Winter times will probably be from 07h55 - 08h30

Times for drawing balls

First draw - at 07h10, maximum 4 groups either 3 or 4 Balls. Two groups each from 1st and 10th tees to tee off immediately after draw. At least 6 Balls to remain in pipe.

Second draw - at 07h20 for the balance of the group. If golfers arrive after the draw has been completed, they may be accommodated if a group is short of players.

These times will be revised during winter i.e. 07h40 and 07h50

Carts

If carts are shared, one ball should be put into the pipe. If drawn he must tell the Starter so that the correct number of golfers can be drawn for their group. The same applies to a single player in a cart.

If a player is drawn with a group which includes a cart, and does not want to walk with carts, his ball may be held over for inclusion in the next group.

Thursday’s (Same times are booked)

The same provisions apply where applicable

Exception :- Every 2nd and 4th Thursday players may arrange their own 3 or 4 Balls.

These will usually be Individual Competitions. The starter on duty will arrange a balls-in-the-pipe draw for those players arriving without arranged groups. Also one ball in the pipe per arranged group to determine tee-off order.

General

Except for the two Thursday's per month Members are not encouraged to arrange playing partners. (Visitors excepted).

Starters : Sid duToit assisted by Roy McGregor, Dave Ford and Robert Barker

Stan Ingram and Wim Smalle are on the reserve list.

The Starter on Duty will decide on the format of the competition.

Should you have enquiries regarding the "Seniors Golf Section"

- please contact one of the following Members :-

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