

Reading Country Club

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<u>Results</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 5th May 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>4 BBBS</i>
1 st	N Edmunds / D Gomes	46 pts
2 nd	G Wentzel / E Ferguson	43 pts
3 rd	F Bauscher / H McAuliffe	43 pts
4 th		
5 th		
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 7th May 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
	<i>Meat Competition</i>	<i>Ind Stableford.</i>
1 st	G Nicholas	19 pts
2 nd	S Cappelletto	17 pts
3 rd	J Van Der Merwe	16 pts
4 th	G Nothnagel	16 pts
5 th	B Bothma	15 pts
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 8th May 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind Medal</i>
<u>A.M. FIELD</u>		
1 st	G Myburgh / G Myburgh (Jnr)	45 pts
2 nd	G Myburgh / L Scott	42 pts
3 rd	P Madhav / A Dolan	37 pts
<u>P.M. FIELD</u>		<u>Competition</u>
		<i>4 B B B S</i>
1 st	A Pedro / J Howie	45 pts
2 nd	A Pedro / B Bothma	44 pts
3 rd	F Bezuidenhout / B Yssel	44 pts
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Date :- 9th May 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind. Bonus Bogey</i>
1 st	G Cobden / B Wood	60 pts
2 nd	J Demetriou / G Field	52 pts
3 rd	T Smyth / G Field	49 pts

As Per Government Legislation - Please Note :-

“No Smoking throughout the Clubhouse”

Please abide by this new ruling

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No. 195

S Groenewald

Unclaimed

Next Week

R3750.00

WHISKY DRAW

Dirk Grobler

Ian Brown

Les Ashkettle

From :- Larry Macartney
(Club Manager)

The up-coming World Cup has created a huge demand for TV's, especially the flat screen type. We suffered our 2nd break-in within a month and our brand new TV's have once again disappeared, under the noses of our Security Company. The alarm is loud enough to wake the neighbourhood, but when I questioned the Security Guards on what they did when the alarm sounded, I was told “we did nothing because we were scared they might have guns !!” - needless to say we are in the process of interviewing for a new Security Company.

The other disaster to befall us, has been the massive sewerage spill which has polluted our streams and especially the dam on the 5th. This was caused by the people working on highway, when they cut through a major sewer pipe, just outside the perimeter of the course. It is going to take some time to clear the waterways, so please bear with us for the time being, but also be aware that the dam has been contaminated so be careful when trying to retrieve any wayward golf balls.

Golfers will be happy to know that we are making arrangements to cut the trees back on the 1st so that there will be a clearer gap from tee to fairway. This process has to be completed every few years, and is obviously a difficult job to get up as high as the overhanging branches. We are also in the process of reducing the distance from tee to fairway on many of the holes, so that some old toppies, like me, can reach the fairway with our drivers. All to make the golfing experience more enjoyable for the average hacker.

Dates to diarize :-

<i>Friday</i>	<i>14th May 2010</i>	<i>Poker Evening</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>28th May 2010</i>	<i>Pub Night</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>2nd June 2010</i>	<i>Super Wednesday Golf</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>6th June 2010</i>	<i>Bowls A.G.M.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9th June 2010</i>	<i>Club A.G.M.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>16th June 2010</i>	<i>Committee Fund Raiser Golf Day</i>

From the Pro Shop
Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

Now the game of golf is supposed to be fair. That's why there are handicaps for players. The rules are partly there to assist with this so-called 'fairness.'

However, on Saturday, I was playing with a Member, who only escapes being labeled a midget, by a mere 3 inches. Now you may be wondering what this has to do with fairness.

Let's first look at the rule of 'dropping the ball.'

Rule 20-2a - states that the player must stand erect, hold the ball shoulder height and arms length and drop it. Failure to do so is a One Stroke Penalty.

Now this is where the Royal and Ancient really cocked up. What about our little 'Dwarf' Member who has distinct advantages over us normal, length players.

Watching 'Dwarfie' drop the ball I noticed that even at his shoulder height the ball was still only 3 feet above the ground. Now if I had to hold the ball 3 feet about the ground and drop it I would be penalized one stroke.

How often have you noticed players dropping the ball from waist height or bending sideways like a contortionist, in order to ensure it does not plug?

Now if our short little friend did the same he would actually be placing the ball or dropping from only 2 inches or so.

So I think the rule should be changed and these players should hold the ball as high as possible, before dropping it or a minimum height should be stated in the rules? What do you think?

On a more serious note I would like to address scorecards. On Thursday last week we had the Alberton Lewen Sentrum Golf Day where 143 players participated. The great news was that only 4 scorecards were incorrectly filled in and the other 68 cards were all filled in perfectly. Date, competition, scores, signatures were all filled out and each team handed in their own scorecard. The sad news is we only receive about 4 scorecards correctly filled in for every competition. Right that's my uitk@k for this week!!!

Happy Slicers

A woman was trying hard to get the tomato sauce to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

From the Lady Captain: Lorraine Cross

Important Information :-

Changes to the SAGA Handicap System

The attached communiqué from the SAGA regarding the discontinuation of the Handicap Allowance will be of much interest to all of us and most welcome.

The SAGA Handicapping and Course Rating Committee has decided that as from 1 April 2010 the SAGA will discontinue with the Handicap Allowance. Therefore for those competition formats that previously required 75% of the handicap to be used (being the allowance), will now be played using the handicap only. The basic handicap computation is 100% of the average of the best ten of the last twenty rounds.

It is envisaged that the SAGA Handicap Server will be in place and operational by 1 May 2010 (hereafter referred to as "operational date").

From the operational date, the basis handicap computation will introduce a "Bonus for Excellence" factor, as used by the USGA, of 96% (down 4%). The rules governing two- and three-overs for handicap purposes will remain in place, meaning that a player may only take two overs on holes where they stroke and three overs where they double stroke.

On going Research

The SAGA is committed to finding the best possible handicapping solution for golfers in South Africa.

To this end the SAGA will conduct further research with the objective being to find a solution that provides golfers with one handicap that works within the confines of the South African context, one in which we play more Better Ball than Medal, unlike European countries - for example.

We are confident that the research project will carefully consider its findings along with a review of other handicapping solutions used elsewhere in the world. These will be presented to the SAGA in September 2010.

In this way the SAGA hopes to meet the needs and requirements of the South African golfing public.

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Senior Golf

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