

Reading Country Club

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<u>Results</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 14th April 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Better Ball Stab.</i>
1 st	Awie V/D Merwe / Ben V/D Merwe	44 pts
2 nd	Freek De Jonge / N V/D Westhuizen	41 pts
3 rd	Jan V/D Merwe / B V/D Merwe	41 pts
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 16th April 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
	Meat Competition	<i>I.P.S.</i>
1 st	Miguel Conclaves	21 pts
2 nd	Sesto Cappelletto	20 pts
3 rd	Barry Bothma	20 pts
4 th	Dan Lezar	20 pts
5 th	Jan Terblanche	20 pts
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 17th April 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind. Stableford</i>
<u>A.M. FIELD</u>		
1 st	Gavin Morris	41 pts
2 nd	Conrad Blake	40 pts
3 rd	Sherlock Holmes	39 pts
<u>P.M. FIELD</u>		<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind. Stableford</i>
1 st	Jamie Demetriou	46 pts
2 nd	Frans Bezuidenhout	42 pts
3 rd	Logan Lofstedt	40 pts
4 th	Jaco V/D Berg	39 pts
5 th	Darren Wade	38 pts
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Date :- 18th April 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Better Ball Stableford</i>
1 st	G Field / J Reis	62 pts
2 nd	P Carter / H Neeson	64 pts
3 rd	C V Aardt / P Rossi	64 pts

As Per Government Legislation - Please Note :-

“No Smoking throughout the Clubhouse”

Please abide by this new ruling

From :- Larry Macartney
(Club Manager)

Larry is away on leave, therefore no news from him, but please diarise the following up-coming events :-

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>27th April 2010</i>	<i>Bowlers Golf Day</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>30th April 2010</i>	<i>Pub Night</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5th May 2010</i>	<i>Super Wednesday Golf Day</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>16th May 2010</i>	<i>Annual Fund Raiser Golf Day</i>

Most of these events are going to be regular events with Poker, Pub Nights and Super Wednesday Golf being held every month, so we need your support.

From the Pro Shop
Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

I would like to share my recent Pro-Am experience, at Sun City, with you, as one day you will also participate and perhaps fall foul to the Zookeeper. My team consisted of Barry ‘Beaver’ Lazenby, Alfie ‘Frog’ Pedro and Lourens ‘Tortoise’ Gouws and naturally myself. For those that do not know Lourens is Alfie’s son- in-law.

I must inform you that the rough at Sun City was as murderous, the greens slick and the company acceptable, when not inebriated. Day one dawned upon us with perfect weather conditions, coupled with a few well-rehearsed practice swings. My team had been warned that a shoddy performance on day one meant that the Zookeeper would be out on the following day. After approximately 30 minutes of play I knew that my friendly Zookeeper was only a few hours away as the team battled to score half decent numbers. Lourens decided that as his game was below average he would try and play left handed like Phil Mickelson, hoping to attract some form of stability. Sadly this turned out to be a huge disaster as his first attempt was a fresh air.

We started day 2 in 18th position, with a bag full of animals rearing to punish poor shots from my dream team. Six holes later all 8 animals were hanging with gay abandon from various members' belts, spelling another round of disaster. Alfie initially refused to wear the animals from his belt as they kept knocking him on his ankles. Barry 'Beaver' was eager to accept any animal, which told me that he is either a confirmed 'Shooterholic' or the tobacco in the pipe was slightly tainted. My dreams of coming home victorious were fading fast and baboons, kites, raccoons and guinea fowl scattered in every direction, in an attempt to evade white dimpled missiles.

With bleary, swollen eyes my nightmare team shuffled onto the 1st tee for the final round, mumbling that today was the day....yeah right! This time a record four holes was played before the friendly Zookeeper was out, promising yet another day of inebriation. Nothing changed as our score spiraled further downhill, finally finishing in 25th place. The only applause we received was from the wildlife, that could eventually resume a normal life again without fear of being attacked by o' dimpled one.

In the pic's you will understand why we failed to produce a winning score and why 'Babbelas' was the real winner!

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

The “Reading” Senior’s Competitions are in full swing, with the Alliance Team Matches starting to reach the mid mark. Leading the pack is Team “Wankers” followed by Team “Boeremag” and Team “Scramblers” in third spot.

The Tuesday and Thursday Morning Fields have been building up strongly with 35 to 45 players and “Reading” now has the biggest Senior’s field in the region. But do not under estimate the quality of play among these Golden Oldies - with handicaps as low as five.

At this stage, the Senior’s would like to express their thanks to new boy on the block Greenkeeper Rob “The Stroller” Stewardson for the work he is doing on getting the condition of “Reading” back to a golf destination of choice. Thanks Rob it is appreciated !! But do not forget “looong” carries !!

Watch this space for further Seniors’ News and Competitions.

**Should you have enquiries regarding the “Seniors Golf Section”
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