

# Reading Country Club

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<b>Results</b>		
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Date :- 26th October 2011</u></b>	<b><u>Competition</u></b>
	<b><i>Race to Da Boma</i></b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brian Hendry / Ron Williams	47 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Wade / George Dracatos	47 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andries Lombard / Coenie De Beer	47 pts
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Date :- 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011</u></b>	<b><u>Competition</u></b>
		<b><i>Ind. Stab.</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Karen Bester	21 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abe Mzizi	20 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Martie Snyman	20 pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Van Aswegan	18 pts
5 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Bothma	18 pts
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Date :- 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011</u></b>	<b><u>Competition</u></b>
		<b><i>4 Ball Alliance</i></b>
<b><u>A.M. Field</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	A Palm / I Wilkie / J Demetriou / M Van Til	51 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	R Booysen / P Blom / S Laubscher / A Janse V Rensburg	48 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	H Herman / B Donnelly / G Ellwood / P Kurten	48 pts
4 <sup>th</sup>		
<b><u>P.M. Field</u></b>		<b><i>4 Ball Alliance</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	P C de Bruin / A Du Toit / N Rosella / M V Schalkwyk	50 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	P V Rensburg / M Bradshaw / M Sly / S Krige	50 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C Erasmus / P Mostert / D Roos / D Breet	49 pts
4 <sup>th</sup>		
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Date :- 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011</u></b>	<b><u>Ind. Bonus Bogey</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	A Carrim	+ 3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	N Chhiba	+ 3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	A Lala	- 3
4 <sup>th</sup>	M Ley	- 4

## Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No 130

*Mrs C de Villiers*

*Not Claimed*

Next Week

*R2700.00*

## Whisky Draw

*Mike Ashkettle*

*Marge Ware*

From :- Larry Macartney

## Club Manager

*Last week Barry and I attended an “Indaba” that was held by the Central Gauteng Golf Union at Rand Park, and amongst the various topics of discussion was a very interesting debate on the Handicap System. To a Club, the feeling was that the current system was totally inadequate, and open to manipulation, as it relies on player honesty and integrity in entering scores. This probably works for ninety percent of golfers, but the other ten percent (or is that more likely thirty percent ??), have a perfect way of manipulating their handicap. Where else in the world can you enter scores from the comfort of your home, or internet, with no card to verify the score, or even if you actually played on the date entered ??*

*In this regard, I am happy to say that we will soon be able to open a round as soon as a Member or Visitor swipes his/her Club Card. Jonas and HNA have finally reached agreement on the interface necessary between the two systems, so this essential piece of the puzzle will be in place within the next few weeks.*

*However, the consensus of opinion is that each Club should have a small Handicapping Committee consisting of the Club Captain, Vice Captain, Manager and Golf Director, who will undertake the following actions :-*

- 1. Publish a clear policy on how the Handicap Rules will be administered and applied in the Club.*
- 2. Conduct spot checks on all winning scores to ensure that the correct scores are entered timeously.*
- 3. Intervene manually where necessary on handicaps.*
- 4. Freeze handicaps where necessary*
- 5. Advise other Club's of exceptional scores by any of their Member's*
- 6. Increase handicaps in terms of disability e.g. after operations or illness.*
- 7. Monitor consistent Prize Winners and amend handicaps in terms of the manual intervention, if necessary.*

*Your Golf Committee will be discussing these issues at their next meeting and will be issuing a policy on how "Reading" will be handling this problem, which is widespread amongst all Clubs in the Union.*

*Unfortunately, I have to sadly announce the death of "John" our long serving Change Room Attendant, who passed away this week. John had been ill for some time and finally gave up the battle on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> November.*

*Last Friday's "Halloween Party" was a huge disappointment from an attendance perspective. Kim had gone to great lengths to decorate the Bar, plan spooky type drinks and prizes for the Best Dressed - but the event was very poorly supported. However, for those that did attend, it was a great evening as can be seen from the attached photos, but it really does pose the question - "Is it worth the effort, if Members are not going to support the effort ??".*

*Congratulations to Audie Palm and Ian Wilkie for winning the Better Ball Knock-Out on the 37<sup>th</sup> Hole against unlucky losers Jamie Demetriou and Mike Van Til. Well done Chaps, it must have been a great final.*

*"Poker Evening" this Friday.*

*Please include this somewhere prominent - Thanks*

**Santa Claus is coming...**



to Reading Country Club on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011



**Jumping Castle**



**Entertainment**



**Clowns and Magic**



He would love to see your children, grandchildren and all their friends and spend the afternoon with them handing out gifts and having fun (13:30 for 14:00). A scrumptious tea will be provided for the adults at a cost of R40.00 per head and each child will receive a tuck box filled with goodies - at a cost of R30.00 per child. Please provide a wrapped gift to a maximum value of R100.00 carefully marked with your child's name on it to ensure that they receive YOUR gift from Santa. Please return the tear-off slip, duly completed, together with your payment, as soon as possible, to enable us to make this a special afternoon for everyone.

**See you on the Christmas Tree!**

Responsible Person .....

Child's Name	_____	Age	_____	Boy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Girl	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child's Name	_____	Age	_____	Boy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Girl	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child's Name	_____	Age	_____	Boy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Girl	<input type="checkbox"/>
No. of Adults	<input type="text"/>	Amount enclosed	R <input type="text"/>				

*“Congratulations to our Bowling Team”*

*On Sunday - 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011 - at Springstown Bowling Club, “Reading Country Club” won the Eastern Gauteng Bowls Mixed Fours Tournament. The team of Allan Petch, Wim Van Gils, Santie Balios and Ursula Van Gils beat a strong team from Delville/Germiston - that was skipped by Brian Dixon*

*Well done on this wonderful achievement*

From :- The Club Captain - Kevin Gough

Captain's Chronicle

*We begin this week with the sad news of the passing of one of our employees John, golfers will know him as one of the men in the locker room. Our condolences to his family who I am sure will miss him and his cheerful nature as much as the members of "Reading" will. This was a man who was always willing to help us without complaint and his honesty and personality will be difficult to replace. Hamba Kahle John.*

*On a more cheerful note Transvaal Rains and TRANSVAAL REIGNS, we had our first decent rain over the weekend, not a day too soon as the 17<sup>th</sup> Fairway was becoming the 17<sup>th</sup> desert. Sean has also discovered that there has been no irrigation on this hole in recent history, this is now rectified so hopefully the 17<sup>th</sup> being the worst fairway will be a bad memory.*

*On the subject of TRANSVAAL REIGNING. Congratulations to the Rooibande on sending them Sharks back to the last outpost to think again. Our friend Mr Joe Reis (Joe the Knife) to his friends is under the knife this weekend to replace a faulty valve in his heart, we all wish him a speedy recovery especially my accountant who wants to know where I can get an additional source of income at short notice.*

*The Stock Markets crashed on Tuesday night partly because of the Greek PM's decision to go to the country but mainly because the entire top echelon of Reunert were believed to be insane when they were found playing hide and go seek in the car park of their office building, insider trading leaves me to believe that our Immediate Past Captain upset at having his pet rabbits banned from "Reading" decided to give them a day out at the office which got out of control. Maybe the dog collar that Jamie got from Eddie Van Aswegen can be modified to keep them "Pesky Wabbits" under control. Graham is becoming "Reading's" own Elmer J Fudd.*

*The Reunion Day has been converted to a normal - Tee Off Time start - as opposed to "Shot Gun Start" - due to certain logistical problems, everyone will be contacted please bear with us.*

*Please contact Larry, Barry or myself if you feel we should revert back to 2 Scores to Count in Month End Alliance from this month.*

**DATES to DIARISE**

*12th November - Reunion Day*

**KEEP SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB**

*Kevin Gough*

*083 601 7064*

**From the Pro Shop**

**Barry Bothma - PGA Professional**

*Wednesday was the “Race to da Boma” sponsored by Nico v Rensburg. Three Teams tied for first place on 47 points. Winning the count out was Brian ‘The Knife’ Hendry and Ron ‘Die Mes’ Williams followed by Sheikhs Peter ‘Zayeed’ Wade and George ‘Khalifa’ Dracatos still on 47 points. Third and final placing went to Andries ‘Roll Over’ Lombard and Coenie ‘Mahash’ de Beer.*

*Top 5 players in the “Race to da Boma” are as follows :-*

- 1 Willie Jacobs €2,152000*
- 2 Brian Josselsohn €2,091 000*
- 3 Johan Tait €1,941 000*
- 4 Noel Westoby €1,856 000*
- 5 Alfie Pedro €1,825 000*

*Friday’s Meat Compo was well supported with over 50 contestants competing to become ‘Nyama King’ of the day. Playing with flair and confidence was Karen ‘Lady Fillet’ Bester who scored 21 points to take first place. Two players tied for second place on 20 points and our winner here was Abe ‘Mince Ball’ Mzizi followed by Martie ‘Silver Side’ Snyman. Fourth place also went by way of count out on 18 points and here it was Eddie ‘Topside’ v Aswegen that ousted Barry ‘Boerewors’ Bothma.*

*Thanks to “Darting” aka Mike Sly, for sponsoring the 20/20 Cricket League. In the first match a revived England took on the mighty South Africa and proceeded to whip them by 11 runs. Star batsman Barry ‘Bopara’ Bothma was man of the match whilst*

*spin bowler Martie 'Peterson' Snyman was the best performer for the Boks taking 4 wickets for 19 runs.*

*In the second match Pakistan faced another defeat as Australia proved too good on the day, winning by 7 runs. Jason 'Hussey' Kinnear notched up 72 runs in just 52 balls to be named man of the match.*

*In the third match Canada escaped with a 'Poxy' win to beat Ireland in a nail biting finish. Bobby 'Mooney' Bower set the pace with a blistering 56 runs off just 30 balls to set Ireland up for victory. However pace bowler Karen 'Sandher' Bester stunted their flow of runs by taking 5 wickets for just 21 runs to take "Chick of the Match" and ensure a win for Canada.*

#### *Dartingo Log Standings:*

- 1 Australia 227*
- 2 Ireland 218*
- 3 Canada 202*
- 4 England 198*
- 5 Pakistan 186*
- 6 South Africa 172*

*Saturday Morning was a 4 Ball Alliance with one score to count. Setting the pace was Audy Palm, Ian Wilkie, Jamie Demetriou & Mike v Til who scored 51 points to take top podium finish. Second on 48 points was Ryan Booysen, P Blom, S Laubscher and A Janse v Rensburg followed by Henry Herman, Billy Donnelly, Greg Ellwood and Peter Kurten who lost by ay of count out*

*The afternoon field was the same format as well as the Final Round for the Committee Cup. Taking first place on 50 points was PC 'Protein' de Bruin, Andre 'Bosreus' du Toit, Nick 'Scalpel' Rosella & and Malcolm 'Destroyer' v Schalkwyk. Second place, losing the count out, went to Pierre 'Muzzle' v Rensburg, Mike 'Leaky' Bradshaw, Sam 'Bam Bam' Krige & Mike 'Slippery' followed by Chris Erasmus, Piet Mostert, Dirk Roos & Dan Breet on 49 points.*

*Congratulations to Ian Wilkie & Audy Palm on winning the Better Ball Knock-Out against Jamie Demetriou and Mike v Til*

*The Committee Cup 2011 was won by 'Golfers Friend' on 177, beating 'Scott' in a count out. The Golfers Friend Team consisted of Hennie Breed, Alfie Pedro, Neil Edmunds and Dave Morris.*

*Sunday Morning was an Individual Bonus Bogey Comp. Winning on +3, by way of count out, was A Karrim followed by N Chibba. Third place went to A Lalla on -3 followed by M Ley on -4.*

*From the Lady Captain :- Marietjie Tame*

*New Committee to be elected*

*Saturday not only sees the Annual Challenge between the Ladies Captain and Vice-Captains Teams, but also the election of the New Ladies Committee for 2012. I have indicated that I cannot be available for re-election due to heavy workload, therefore a New Lady Captain will be elected. This in essence means that this newsletter is also my last contribution and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Lady Members for their wonderful participation in "Reading Ladies Golf" this last year. I will deliver a full Captain's Report during Saturday's AGM and hope to see you all there.*

*In terms of the newsletter it was always nice to try and keep you updated with all the going ons' - on and off the course. Some of the highlights for me were definitely the Ladies Charity Day and the fact that we could give back to, not only just the Club, but also to a worthwhile charity.*

*We also managed to buy the much-needed benches on Holes 1, 5 and 15 and trust you've all had the pleasure of using them.*

*We had some great moments and I wish our New Committee and the New "Editor" of the weekly newsletter all the very best.*

*See you on course.*

*Marietjie*

## *Please include the latest "Bowls Newsletter - October 2011"*

### **Bowls Section - Newsletter - October 2011**

Dear Fellow Bowlers,

Summer is here in full force. We had 1 good down fall of rain on 26<sup>th</sup> September and that was that. We hope that soon we will have our regular afternoon rain like in the good old days.

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

June Cronje's youngest daughter, Sonja got married at "Reading CC" on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Mother and bride looked divine.

Sheila Parsons will be tying the knot on 11.11.2011 at 11h00. We all wish you the best with this big step that you and Justus are taking.

Eddy's son, Eddy (Jnr) was diagnosed with a tumor on the brain. It was successfully removed last Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup>). He is recovering well. You are in our thoughts.

Tom Bradford, as I am writing this letter, will be going for surgery to remove a cancer on his nose. We are thinking of you Tom. You might be a different person after this.

Don Els was at the specialist again. He is not doing well at all and will be having his back op on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. You will be in our thoughts and prayers, Don

#### **PAST EVENTS**

##### *Heritage Day 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011*

30 bowlers attended our day. Thanks to everybody that came. The waitresses looked super in their traditional outfits. Thanks to all the guys who cooked the meat and Chris for providing the salads

##### *Edenvale Colts & Fillies*

It took place on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011. We had 4 teams participating. Veronica, Carol & Scott came joint second. Well done guys! The others all had a good day with lots of bowls.

### Van Der Bijl Park Pairs 24 – 25 September 2011

Ursula, Wendy (Shirley), Corrie & Annie came 10<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> respectively.

### The Nest Tournament 10 – 14 October 2011

We had 6 teams participating. All had a wonderful time. The weather was excellent and the bowls good. Wim and his Team came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bruce's Team 5<sup>th</sup>, Sheila's 7<sup>th</sup> and the rest of the teams had fun and made friends!!

### Mielieland in Potchefstroom 14-16 October 2011

Miranda, Wendy, Corrie & Annie were one of 46 ladies teams. They came 6<sup>th</sup> and are very happy with great bowls played on greens that were in good condition. The weather was soooo hot and the wind was like the Cape Doctor on Saturday.

### EGB CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Santie Balios, Joan Kissane & Rae Smith were our ladies representatives, and Wim van Gils, Tony Robeiro & John Blyth the men. Thanks for holding our Club's name high. We are proud of one and all.

### NEW MEMBERS

Elsa Dyason is a full member and has had her first tabs game. It seems as if we have another good bowler in the making - Alex Cameron is having coaching at the moment and will join us soon.

### DRESS CODE

We are very proud of our "Club Colours" and would like everybody to look neat and tidy. If you were unable to get a "Reading" shirt up to now, a white shirt with a collar, can be used. The pants for men whites or navy, and the ladies navy or whites. Shoes are white (clean), brown for men, and white shoes or sandals for our ladies. Navy sandals can also be worn. Takkies are not in!!

### CLUB COMPETITIONS

These are nearly complete. Thanks to everybody for helping to make it run smoothly. Prize Giving to be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 am - champagne breakfast - NO CHARGE!! We hope everybody will attend and support our winners. All outstanding trophies must please be returned for engraving.

Tabs will be played afterwards.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

20/20

Corrie and I would like to run a 20/20 on 28<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to join us again we would love to have you there. Please put your name on the list provided and enjoy a Friday afternoon with us.

**READING TROPHY 10-11 December 2011**

This is biggest event on our calendar. We would like our Members to enter their teams and come and enjoy a weekend of good bowls with great prizes to be won.

**BOWLS AWARENESS DAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012**

We would like to bring this event to your attention so that we can try and set a new world record.

**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH - 18 WAYS TO LOSE A GAME**

1. Allow your opponent to affect your game
2. Choose the hardest possible shot to play.
3. Arrive late and unprepared, needing a few ends to settle down.
4. Become upset when your team-mates do not perform successfully.
5. Don't consider the % chance of your chosen shot.
6. Wander all over the rink or bank between playing your shots.
7. Distract yourself with idle chatter between playing your bowls.
8. Allow your opponents to engage you in some form of distraction.
9. Allow bad feelings to enter the game.
10. Allow negative thoughts to enter the game.
11. Allow negative words or body language to enter the game.
12. Play too quickly and narrow when holding the shot.
13. Play too wide, short or heavy when not holding the shot.
14. Ignore your skip's call and play your own shot.
15. Consume alcohol before or during the game.
16. Blame everybody except yourself and look for excuses for your bad shots.
17. Blame the green or external factors for your bad shots
18. Allow someone in the team or opposition to irritate you, thereby affecting your game.

With acknowledgement to Kallie Haupt and the George Club's Notice Board.

**DISCIPLINE IS NOT A PUNISHMENT.... It's a way.**

**Good Bowling !!**

**Regards - Annie**



*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 :-*

<i>Mr. Sid du Toit</i>	<i>011 827 2035 (H)</i>
<i>Mr. Roy McGregor</i>	<i>082 871 7013</i>
<i>Mr. Dave Ford</i>	<i>083 257 8336</i>