

Reading Country Club

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<u>Results</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 24th March 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>I.P.S.</i>
1 st	R Taylor	35 pts
2 nd	M A Mzizi	35 pts
3 rd	B Josselsohn	34 pts
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 26th March 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
	Meat Competition	<i>I.P.S.</i>
1 st	N V D Westhuizen	18 pts
2 nd	E Gouws	17 pts
3 rd	L Lessing	17 pts
4 th	S Daymond	16 pts
5 th	B Bothma	16 pts
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 27th March 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>4 Ball Alliance</i>
<u>A.M. FIELD</u>		
1 st	R Reichel / A Kurten / S Kurten / M V Blerk	86 pts
2 nd	H Jordaan / N Papenfus / R Papenfus / J Kruger	83 pts
3 rd	C Blake / R Reid / H Jordaan / P Bekker	82 pts
<u>P.M. FIELD</u>		
		<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Month End Alliance</i>
1 st	K Gough / G Lee / P Pienaar / B Wood	83 pts
2 nd	J Ferreira / S Ferreira / Z Nunes / L Salgado	82 pts
3 rd	H Breed / E V Aswegan / D Morris / N Edmunds	82 pts
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Date :- 28th March 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind. Bogey</i>
1 st	M V Huyssteen	+ 4
2 nd	C V Aardt	+ 3
3 rd	A Polydorou	+ 2

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket 210

M Potgieter

Unclaimed - No Draw - Next Week

Following Week

R3000.00

WHISKY DRAW

P Mostert - Vic M - A Lombard

100 CLUB

1 st	Les Ashkettle	R600
2 nd	Eugene Gouws	R400
3 rd	Willie Jacobs	R200

As Per Government Legislation - Please Note :-

“No Smoking throughout the Clubhouse”

Please abide by this new ruling

From :- Larry Macartney
(Club Manager)

The old adage “time flies when you are having fun!!” must apply to me. It is now a year ago that I joined “Reading” - April Fool’s Day in 2009, and what a year it has been with some great highs and the inevitable lows that invariably follow.

The good news is that we have just come through a year of serious economic recession, yet we have held our own and are enthusiastic about the remaining three quarters of 2010. The changes we made to the Pro Shop and Management of the Golf Course have proved to be wise decisions and the word is definitely out that “Reading” is on the way back to where it should be.

However, we still have a long way to go, especially in increasing Rounds through the course and in the area of functions. To this end, we are introducing a "Super Golf First Wednesday Competition" which will have a first prize of a T.V. set for each of the Winning Team. We are also re-introducing our last Friday Pub Night - which proved so popular last year, only this time we must restrict attendance to "Over 18's only".

Then on Tuesday - 27th April 2010, our Bowls Section are organizing their Annual Golf Day to raise funds for the Club, so please support them in their efforts. Any sponsors will be gratefully acknowledged, and tee times can be booked in the Pro Shop.

This week we must congratulate both our Ladies and Gent's Better Ball League Sides, who won their respective matches against Royal Johannesburg and Randfontein. Both sides remain unbeaten, so well done and keep going.

Also, congratulations to Kyle Lucas who has been selected to represent the Central Gauteng Golf Union in the up-coming Under 23 IPT Tournament to be played at Euphoria in April 2010.

We are very proud of Kyle who keeps making us proud by flying the "Reading" Flag.

Whilst on the subject of accolades, I feel it would be appropriate to recognize the efforts of Bob Barker who has put in so much time and effort into growing the Seniors Group. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning this delightful group of "coffin dodgers" meet at sunrise to ply their trade, and it is largely due to Bob's efforts that this group is now the strongest and most popular of all the Senior Groups who play at the courses surrounding us. Thank you Bob - we all appreciate your enthusiasm.

This Easter, we are open on all four days of the weekend, so come and join us for a fun day with family and friends.

From the Pro Shop
Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

Having been invited to play at Euphoria Estate with the 'Larneys' I thought it appropriate to share this experience with you. Encountering the usual traffic blues on our maiden voyage, Larry, Roz (Larry's wife), Karen and myself arrived at Euphoria, excited and ready to start the day with an ice cold beer. We were greeted by our remaining team members, Brian, Kevin, Mike and Craig, who were in the process of draining the last dregs of beer from the draft machine. This explained their state of euphoria, silly grins and weak jokes that only the inebriated find hilarious.

Standing on the first tee it was nominated that we would all put 'Moola's' into the kitty and the winning better ball team would collect the spoils. Coupled to this was the 'Zookeeper' whereby shooters would be awarded to those poor unfortunates who would earn these allocated animals through poor golfing shots.

The zoo consisted of the following animals – snake, tortoise, beaver, frog, sand shark, lizard, marlin, flag-banger and pink bunny.

As stated in the marriage vows I would have to partner my wife Karen, whilst Larry claimed local boy, Ian Leach. Brian Gordon teamed up with Craig Voortman and Kevin Gough with Mike Bradshaw. Euphoria is a course where the holes are individually surrounded by bush, ensuring a kind of privacy on each hole. Sadly our solitude was often broken by loud expletives, whoops and guffaws from the other team ahead of us, that would put Pavarotti to shame.

At Halfway, vocal chords were cooled down with cleansing ales and cooler boxes loaded in an effort to enhance those flaying, unstable swings.

Staff at Euphoria were puzzled by this entourage of golfers, who were perhaps linked to some distant Indian tribal cult, as animals hung suspended from players belts like a collection of pelts.

At dinner it was time to issue fines/shooters to those players who had collected animals from the Zookeeper. Hot on the list was Larry 'the keeper' Macartney followed closely by Brian 'Frogless' Gordon and then Kevin 'Beaver' Gough. To ensure the penalties were fitting, Brian decided to add tequila to all the daiquiri's, which lead to the final conversion of humans to baying animals.

And so ended our trip to Euphoria where the golf was great, the beers awesome, the hospitality world class, the cable car ride breath taking, the accommodation perfect but the company a little dodgy..... and if you're interested, the winning better ball team on 36 points was Karen and yours truly.

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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