

Reading Country Club

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<u>Results</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 11th May 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<u>Ind Stab.</u>
1 st	S Cappelletto	38 pts
2 nd	T Harper	35 pts
3 rd	M De Wet	34 pts
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 13th May 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<u>Meat Comp. - Ind. Stab.</u>
1 st	M Sly	21 pts
2 nd	M Snyman	20 pts
3 rd	W Jacobs	19 pts
4 th	S Cappelletto	18 pts
5 th	C O'Brian	17 pts
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 14th May 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<u>Combined Stab.</u>
<u>A.M. Field</u>		
1 st	Y Makda / R Papenfus	70 pts
2 nd	M Kassen / S Vanmali	62 pts
3 rd	K Cloete / K Padayachee	62 pts
4 th		
<u>P.M. Field</u>		<u>Competition</u>
		<u>Combined Stab.</u>
1 st	P Carter / T Smyth	69 pts
2 nd	M Ashkettle / J V D Berg	66 pts
3 rd	A Palm / I Wilkie	66 pts
4 th		
	<u>Date :- 15th May 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
1 st		
2 nd	Course Closed - League Comp.	
3 rd		

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No 480

G R Morris

Unclaimed - not in the Bar

Next Week

R2600.00

Whisky Draw

Barry Bothma

Martie Snyman

Les Ashkettle

Kevin Gough

Larry Macartney

From :- Larry Macartney

After last week's wonderful results in the Scratch League, this week is a different story with our 1st Side not managing a win against Royal Jhb. "A" and CMR "A". However, the 2nd Side kept the "Reading" flag flying with a win against Germiston "A" and a half with Parkview "B", so they remain unbeaten after five matches and are able to continue with "bragging rights" as this result places them top of the log in 3rd Division.

Sadly we have also suffered two recent losses when the Betterball League Side were beaten by Houghton, and the Mid Amateur's lost to their old nemesis, Royal Jhb.

Whilst we are on the subject of League's, we will shortly be starting the "Senior Betterball League" and are in short supply of team members. The convenor of this League is Johan "Motor Mouth" Tait, and he is looking for Members who are over 50 years old, and would like to represent "Reading" against other Senior's on the odd Sunday Afternoon. If you are interested, please contact Johan on (011) 902-5470 at home, or 084 902 5470. The first game will be played towards the end of June 2011, so Johan needs your names as soon as possible.

Golfers, please note that next week we have an absolutely full programme of Corporate Golf Days booked, so on Friday - 20th May 2011 and Wednesday - 25th May 2011 we have to ask for your understanding. Reciprocity at Glenvista has been arranged for our Members. However, Barry tells me that on Friday the field might not be fully booked, so before deciding to head off Glenvista, perhaps it would be advisable to call the Pro Shop to see if any times are available.

We have been requested to re-introduce a Sunday Lunch, and it has been suggested that we start once a month on the last Sunday, so we are going to do so this month. A carvery with vegetables, salad and dessert with coffee will be available from 12:30 at the never-to-be-repeated price of R60.00 (less 10% if Members pay by card). So, let's see what happens - if successful we will continue on a regular basis.

We would, however, prefer to work on bookings, so please give Chris a call on (011) 907 8906 / 7 / 8 Ext 106 or Cell. 082-713-5082 and reserve your table, as this helps with planning of quantities.

Dates for the Diary

Friday - 27th May 2011

Sunday - 29th May 2011

Sunday - 5th June 2011

Wednesday - 22nd June 2011

Karaoke Evening

Sunday Lunch Carvery

Bowls AGM

Club AGM

From the Pro Shop
Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

Having played golf for 40 years one would think that I've seen it all. From shocking spastic swings to poetry in motion, from massive booming drives to finesse that has even eluded the Germans, from raw talent to total dedication and from youth to the aged. Now I've heard that Abe suffers a little on the Putting Green and is subject to missing a few short putts on the odd occasion. However playing golf for my first time with Abe 'One Putt' Brinkman, not only were my eyes opened but I witnessed golf strokes that would make a dyslexic, drunk, spastic happy.

Well whilst Abe was practicing his putting on the Practice Green, I kept a beady eye open in preparation for what was to come. However after observing for 5 minutes I decided that like most stories a lot of fat had been added and Abe was just one of the boys that would have an occasional bad day on the Putting Green.

Starting on the first hole, Abe's ball missed his left ankle by centimeters as that first, cold swing under pressure collapsed. Not reaching the green in time, Abe picked up and so never used his deadly putter.

The 2nd Hole witnessed Abe struggling in the greenside bunker, resulting in Abe not taking out his deadly putter again. Similar experiences were had on holes 3 and 4 and so after playing with Abe for over an hour I had yet to see any fault in Abe's putting action, as none had been performed.

On the 5th Abe struck his tee shot just short of the green, putted to one foot and sank the putt for a 4 pointer. Now I was certain that all the stories were mere exaggerations of an occasional suspect putting action. However at this stage I had realized that if Abe needed to chip over a bunker the chances of success was running at 2%. I was beginning to think that Abe must be a great dancer as he demonstrated some exquisite movements in mid swing, whilst attempting to coerce his ball over obstacles like bunkers.

As Abe started playing better, so was the necessity to use the deadly putter. After I witnessed Abe 4 putt the 16th, which included one 15ft putt missing the hole by 6ft and the return 7ft putt squirting at a 45 degree tangent and advancing only 2 feet forward, I realized that all the stories of Abe's putting action were definitely not exaggerated, but possibly toned down. For writing this article on Abe I hereby dedicate one free putting lesson in an attempt to help cure Abe's "yipps". For the record I suffered from the very same whilst on tour, however not to the degree of contamination that affects Abe.

Finally I must admit that to be Abe's age and still play golf is a feather in his cap and I salute you. Hopefully when I reach your age I may hit it as far as you do, albeit with exceptions to your short game actions.

However, should you feel that putting is your weak point, why not book a lesson where we will evaluate your putter, its length, grip size, type balance and weight. There's a good chance putting could become your strong point.

Happy slicers

My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.

Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe

Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.

Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.

To be continued...

From the Lady Captain :- Marietjie Tame

Club Champs

The Ladies Club Championships will take place this weekend 21 & 22 May 2011. Divisions are: Silver: 0-18 handicap, Bronze 19-30 handicap and Stableford, 31-36 handicap. Green Fees this year is R330 for both days. Ladies are asked to phone the Proshop 011 907 3666 in advance to book a caddie. Please note no carts unless you can provide a medical certificate, and good luck to all participants!

Nellie van der Merwe Memorial

The Nellie van der Merwe Memorial Day is scheduled to take place Saturday June 4. List is up in the locker room, please enter. We're looking forward to a full field of ladies and to make it as much fun as Nellie would have liked it to be.

Mixed Open

The next Mixed Open will be on Sunday May 29. All are invited to participate. Please phone the Proshop to book a T-Off time.

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 :-

<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>