

Reading Country Club

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Results		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 23rd November 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind. Stableford</i>
1 st	Marius Rademeyer	42 pts
2 nd	Sesto Cappelletto	39 pts
3 rd	Mike Bradshaw	39 pts
4 th	Emille Kilian	34 pts
5 th	Abe Mzizi	34 pts
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 25th November 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>I.P.S.</i>
1 st	N Grobler	21 pts
2 nd	J Coetzee	18 pts
3 rd	R Loenfellner	18 pts
4 th	E Kilian	18 pts
5 th	K Bothma	18 pts
6 th	B Bothma	18 pts
7 th	J Van Der Merwe	18 pts
8 th	K Bothma	18 pts
9 th	B Bothma	18 pts
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 26th November 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Alliance - 2 to Count</i>
<u>A.M. Field</u>		
1 st	F Visser / G Sequeira / M De Wet / A M J Jackson	88 pts
2 nd	T Hone / N Papenfus / R Papenfus / Craig	86 pts
3 rd	K Hunt / R Garner / W Vos / P Ackerman	86 pts
4 th		
<u>P.M. Field</u>		<i>Alliance - 2 to Count</i>
1 st	G Cobden / G Lee / P Pienaar / B Wood	90 pts
2 nd	R Hards / A Wood / J Hague / T David	87 pts
3 rd	B Germishuizen / G Field / B Gordon / A Brinkman	87 pts
4 th		

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Date :- 27th November 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<u>Ind. Bogey</u>
1 st	D Sundram	+ 5
2 nd	P Carter	+ 3
3 rd	M Payne	+ 3

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No 196

C B James

Not Claimed

Next Week

R3500.00

Whisky Draw

*Tim Smyth - Paul Carter
Larry Macartney*

From :- Larry Macartney

Club Manager

Thanks to the generous donations received from many of our Members, we are able to purchase our first 80 new indigenous trees, which will be planted shortly. I know of some Christmas pledges which will be forthcoming from our "Senior's" and the Friday Braai Group, but we are still looking for further donations to reach our target of 300 tree's, so please consider giving your Club a Christmas present of a tree.

At this time of the year we begin to get resignations from the Club, and whilst we follow up on everyone to find out reasons, often the problem is financial. There is no shame in this, hence the Committee's efforts to assist by not increasing subscriptions for 2012 and also giving a reduction in Green Fee's for Members. However, if you are considering resigning because of financial constraints, please give me a call to see if there might be an alternative to resignation. Often, by changing your playing pattern we can adjust your category of membership to be more affordable, or we now have various payment plans over twelve months - which helps to ease the

up-front payment. We simply do not want to lose Members, so let's see if we can make a plan !!

During the month of December 2011, we have agreed a reciprocity deal with Modderfontein, where our Members can play at their Member Rates. Also we have an on-going agreement with Glenvista, and a newly signed reciprocity agreement with Parys Golf Club. Our good friend Dudley Nielsen - who runs the Golf Operations at Sabie River, has extended an invitation to any "Reading" Member to play at Sabie River at their regular rate of R140.00, so if you happen to be in that part of the world anytime soon, why not enjoy this great facility, which has recently undergone a revamp of greens. Dudley would love to have a beer with any of his "Reading" mates.

Please Note :- that the course will be closed this coming Monday - 5th December 2011 - so as to enable Sean to carry out verti-draining and dusting of all the greens. He needs to be able to complete this process without interruptions, so we have decided to give him freedom of the course for this one day.

From :- The Club Captain - Kevin Gough

Not too much to report this week, the rain is here but has not really set in, the course is improving as you will see. Sean has asked for a little patience with getting the green speeds to optimum, I think it's like adopting 18 children and it takes time to learn their temperament. Last year we purposely left the greens long and watered them heavily because we were scared of our annual burn programme, this year we are treating them like normal greens and we will get them right soon.

A big thank you to Logan Lofstedt who has come to the party via his company Trident Steel and has donated some tubing for hazard markers and will donate enough trees to cover one area, probably on the left of one because he can hit a cut of the tee and he reckons Basil and the boys cannot leaving him one up after one. Come on people we challenge you to sponsor some trees as we are all aware "Reading" is wide open and needs some more obstructions.

From one top golfer to another it was nice to see Jamie the Ferret's protégé Hennie Otto win the SA Open. Just a comment to Jamie, I see that a bit of prayer has helped calm Hennie down, have you thought about trying it. Most of my deep thoughts are directed to not getting Jamie as a partner.

Dudley Nielsen (the Pro and everything else) at Sabie River Bungalows had the pleasure of a round at "Reading" with me. He seemed extremely impressed with my general play and was in awe to see the Gough Flop performed twice in a round. Funnily my wife thought the Gough Flop only happens on a Saturday night in the bedroom, anyway TMI. If you are in Hazyview anytime get hold of Dudley and he will organize you a game (don't mention my name.)

Dudley also says that we should vote Paul Carter's swing as one of the seven wonders of the natural world and forget Table Mountain, there are many flat top mountains on Earth but only one swing like Carter's.

For those of you who thought PVR was a fancy satellite decoder it is not PVR is the initials of our Hole-in-One king - Pierre Van Rensburg who achieved it once again at Eagle Canyon last Thursday. Rumour has it that even Anton Rupert would balk at the Eagle Canyon's drink prices so if you think he should by a round at "Reading's" ridiculously low prices please remind me at prize giving.

The Committee Cup started up on Saturday - 4 Ball Alliance - 2 to Count, won by Brian Wood and his "Captainless Crew." Well done I will be back in December to make sure you play a bit quicker as I believe that you and Barry "Leadboots" Bothma's 4 Ball got a bit behind the field. I also believe Mr Pienaar and Mr Bothma got a little tetchy when politely asked to "move their ass" come on guys let's move it up and take it on the chin when you are chirped.

December's Alliance on the 10th will be the "Herman Rosen Trophy" and is the last major of the year please remember that you have to be a full member to win the trophy - but not to win a prize.

KEEP SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB

Kevin Gough

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From the Pro Shop
Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

Wednesday we had an Ind. Stableford Competition at “Reading”, with perfect summer conditions it was too easy for the players as they ripped through the course with great scores. In first place was M Rademeyer with a great score of 42 pts. S Cappelletto managed to win the count out on 39 pts to take second place, beating Mike Bradshaw who had to settle for third. Winning the count out for fourth place was E Kilian with 34 pts, followed by A Mzizi in fifth.

Friday was the 9 Hole Meat Competition which saw a massive field of players all competing for some “Braai-vleis”. Doing enough to secure first place was N Grobler with a very good 21 pts. Winning the count out for second place was Charles O’Brian with 19 pts, followed by N vd Westhuizen in third. The count out on 19pts was as follows :- E Kilian, J Coetzee, R LoenFellner, J vd Merwe, K Bothma and B Bothma.

Saturday was the Month-End Alliance with 2 Scores counting. The team of the day was non-other than G Cobden, G Lee, P Pienaar and B Wood with a great score of 90 pts. Winning the count out for second place was the combination of R Hards, A Wood, J Hague and T David on a solid 87 pts, followed by B Germishuizen, G Field, B Gordon and A Brinkman in third.

Sunday was a Ind. Bogey Competition and showing the boys how it’s done was D Sundram with a great score of +5. Winning the count out for second was P Carter with +3, followed by M Payne in third.

We will be running some specials during the Christmas period, if you buy a set of Cleveland CG 16 Irons we will give you a Cleveland Bag worth R1000 free + a free fitment. Please check with the Proshop for all up-coming specials. Deal of the month:- buy IQ Sunscreen for R150.00 and get a Maxfli Cap worth R100 free.

*Wednesday - 7th December 2011 will be the “Final” of the “Race to Du Boma”
Format :- Better Ball Stableford*

From the Lady Captain :- Blandyna Babski

Mixed Open

The last Mixed Open of the year has come & gone, it was won on 138 points by Noel Whitehead, Des Rabe, Manny Dos Santos, Sophia Whitehead – Well done guys

The next Mixed Open will be held on 29th January 2012 – Book at the Pro Shop 011 907 3666

Mixed Knock-Out Winners

Well done to Martie & Hannes Snyman for winning the Mixed Knock-Out this year, quite an achievement

Entry forms for next year's Knock-Out Comps are up in the Locker Room, please put your names down & you can pay anyone of the Committee Members

<i>Singles</i>	<i>R40</i>
<i>Doubles</i>	<i>R40 per player = R80</i>
<i>Mixed</i>	<i>R40 per player = R80</i>

Ringer Book

The New Ringer Book is from December to May, please put your names in the Ringer Book & also pay anyone of the Committee Members – R20

Calendars

Please order you Calendars for 2012 at the Christmas Comp. or from Blandyna Babski (0823758782) – R150

Lockers

Lockers are available in the Ladies Locker Room - costs R100 (large) R80 (Medium) - for the year 2012. Please contact Roz, or any Committee Member (contact details in the Locker Room) to get allocated a locker / receive the keys.

It's a good idea to get one of these to lock your valuables away in, just this year car keys were taken out of the Men's Locker Room from bags that were not locked away – there cars were stolen, fortunately recovered.

Think about it...

Christmas Competition - 10th December 2011

Tee Off Times still available - phone Blandyna on 082 375 8782 if you would like to play.

Suggestion Box

Please, I urge all our Lady Members to use this as a form of input from your side, we would love to get your ideas on anything & everything, e.g. ideas on Formats for Mixed Open Comps., ways of raising money for the Ladies Section, etc. Even complaints are welcome (at your own risk!!)

I would like to take this opportunity now to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New year, please travel safe & enjoy your holidays - remember the only drinking & driving should be on the Golf Course

Shelley Daymond

Lady Vice Captain

“Your worst day on the course is better than any day in the office”

Senior Golf

Dear Seniors - please could you note the attached

“Guidelines for Tuesday’s/Thursday’s as from 1st February 2011”

Senior’s Committee

:-

Sid du Toit

Dave Ford

Roy McGregor

Robert Barker

Roy McGregor is our representative on the Reading Golf Committee

Tuesday’s

Summer times have been booked from 07h15 - 08h00 for both tee’s.

Winter times will probably be from 07h55 - 08h30

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 :-

Mr. Sid du Toit
Mr. Roy McGregor
Mr. Dave Ford

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