

Reading Country Club

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Results		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 7th December 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Race to Du Boma</i>
1 st	B Johnson / T Smyth	46 pts
2 nd	J v/d Merwe / A v/d Merwe	43 pts
3 rd	D Prinsloo / G Frazer	43 pts
4 th		
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 9th December 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind. Stab.</i>
1 st	Jean Correira	17 pts
2 nd	Donovan Main	14 pts
3 rd	Leonard Nel	13 pts
4 th		
5 th		
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 10th December 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>All. 2 to Count</i>
<u>A.M. Field</u>		
1 st	L Steenkamp / G Morris / W Vos / P Ackerman	87 pts
2 nd	J Kruger / R Papenfus / T Hone / N Papenfus	86 pts
3 rd	Y Makda / A Dolan / C Jacobs / S Vanmali	86 pts
4 th		
<u>P.M. Field</u>		<i>All. 2 to Count</i>
1 st	A v/d Merwe / J v/d Merwe / W Jacobs / P Taljaard	85 pts
2 nd	N Westoby / J Tait / M Weiss / R Williams	85 pts
3 rd	A Pedro / H Breed / N Edmunds / D Morris	84 pts
	<u>Date :- 11th December 2011</u>	<u>Ind. Stableford</u>
1 st	I Wilkie	40 pts
2 nd	A Lalla	36 pts
3 rd	Y Makda	35 pts
4 th	P Madhav	34 pts
5 th	P Carter	33 pts

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No 247 Darren Mower

Not Claimed

Next Week R3800.00

Whisky Draw

Brian Gordon Tony Lovesay

From :- Larry Macartney

Club Manager

***Sorry nothing from Larry this week
Final information, for the year, new week
Thanks***

From :- The Club Captain - Kevin Gough

For those of you regular followers you will recall that I started off two weeks ago saying I had not much to say and then proceeded to write an article comparable to War and Peace, this week there is not much to say so here we go.

Handicaps, both Senior and Full Golf are a problem. Do you remember when Beryl Bowie took your cards and the handicaps were done manually? That was the good old days, along came the computer system and the clubs got a bit slack, then came this new system and theoretically all their fancy rules took the place of the Handicapping Committee. The only thing is they change their mind monthly causing confusion all round. "Reading" has compounded the issue by bringing in an accounting system that does not talk to the handicapping system. As of last week the two systems have now kissed and made up so when you sign in at "Reading" you will open a round so if you do not put a score in the system will do it for you after 72 hours (with the appropriate punishment.)

It is your duty to swipe your cards at away clubs and the same rule will apply. Do this and all the drudgery will be taken out of your life. Please put in the correct score as we see people accidentally/on purpose putting a differential of 1-8 shots naughty boys and girls. If you win a competition, have bad friends or get drawn randomly your score will be checked and rectified. Please don't shoot the messenger when informed of this. With regards to moving from Club to Senior Tees the original decision that a 3 shot cut will be incurred but please feel free to ask Barry to monitor your scores to ensure that you are not being unfairly penalized in the short term.

You should start seeing the new shaping of the course next time you play, we have decided to decrease the fringe around the green by 1/3rd with the second cut around the fairway circling the greens and bunkers. Sean is adjusting a fairway mower to give us a neat rough surrounding the greens and fairways. All in all we are quite excited and we have asked Barry and John Howie to shape the fairways giving us a course that will be a fair challenge for all.

Anyone interested in Handicap League should put their name on the board. We will be having official practices the first 3 Sundays of 2012, and will be looking for commitment to the team and loyalty to the Club from the players selected. If you are waiting for us to phone to ask if you are available you might be disappointed.

KEEP SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB

Kevin Gough
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From the Pro Shop

Wednesday was the final of the Race to Du Boma, a big thank you goes out to Nico v Rensburg from the Boma Alberton for his continued support and to all the players who played in all the races. Winning the Better Ball on the day was B Johnston and T Smyth on 46pts. Second place went to J vd Merwe and A vd Merwe winning the count out on 43pts. Settling for third was the combination of D Prinsloo and G Frazer on 43 pts. The winner of the Race to Du Boma was W Jacobs with € 2,478,600.00, second place went to B Josselsohn on € 2,159,000.00 and third was taken by J Tait on €2,012,800.00.

Friday was a tough day on the course with weather conditions testing all the player's skills. Out playing the field and winning the day was J Correira on 17 pts. Second place went to D Main on 14 pts and third was scooped up by L Nel on 13pts.

Saturday was the “Mid-Month” Alliance and the Herman Rosen Trophy. Making it happen and winning the count-out was the team of A vd Merwe, J vd Merwe, W Jacobs and P Taljaard on a solid score of 85pts. Having to settle to for second place was the team of N Westoby, J Tait, M Weis and R Williams on 85pts. Third place was picked up by the team of A Pedro, H Breed, N Edmunds and D Morris on 84 pts.

Sunday was a Ind. Stableford Competition and winning the day on 40pts was non-other than I Wilkie. Second place was won on a steady 36 pts was A Lalla, followed by Y Makda on 35 pts.

We are running a few specials for Christmas in the Pro Shop, please feel free to give us a call for all your golf equipment needs (011 907 3666).

Deal of the Week: Buy a Dozen Srixon AD333 for only R199, save R50.

From the Lady Captain :- Blandyna Babski

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.

Suggestion Book

In the Locker Room - If you have any suggestions, advice, complaints, ideas - please use the Suggestion Book.

Final news and Christmas Wishes will be reported in next week's newsletter

See you on the Course - Enjoy your golf.

Blandyna Babski

Lady Captain 2011 /2012

BOWLS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2011

Dear Fellow Bowlers,

Christmas lights are seen everywhere, and everyone is getting into the spirit of Christmas and the coming holidays.

MEMBER NEWS

What a bad month it was for dear **Don Els**. After several operations, starting with a back op on the 1st November, he just could not cope with the pain, distended abdomen, battling with the ventilator, tracheotomy, tube feeding etc. sadly he left us on Friday 2nd December 2011.

What can one say of Don Els. The man with the camera always taking a shot of all our events at the Club. Making word bubbles every now and then at the expense of the one facing the lens. He had such fun at the “Nest” capturing all the funnies with the “Reading Members”. When getting home he would assemble a collage so that everyone would remember that specific event. There was always space for Don’s photos on the display board.

A truer friend nobody could wish for. A man who loved his bowls but GOLF was his passion. He and his cronies would play every Tuesday and Thursday and could discuss a game in length afterwards.

He would always come up to one and ask, have you heard the one about He loved telling jokes with that special twinkle in his eyes.

He was a man who loved his three sons and their spouses with intensity. His grandchildren were so special to him. He was forever telling us about them.

But when the love of his life left him in March, Don was not the same. He still played his bowls and golf but not with the same passion.

Don you were so special to us all . We know that you are with dear Dottie looking at us and smiling. No more pain of the heart and body. We all miss you dearly.

Tommy’s nose op went well and he is taking care and playing bowls again.

Hazel Botha is doing well after an operation on her hand. The plaster has been removed, and a splint has been put on for a month. Hope to see you soon on the bowling green.

Penny is doing well and comes to visit us on a regular basis. Hope to see you back bowling very soon.

Sue Upton and Bram van der Harst have relocated to Vermont, near Hermanus. Hope you guys will have a wonderful time staying there. Sue will because her grandson stays in the Cape.

June Johnson has resigned after many years of bowling. We will miss your input on the bowling green. Please feel free to visit us as often as you like. You deserve the break.

Alex Cameron had his first tabs game and he is enjoying it very much. Beware Carol this man can bowl.

Scott Blyth did very well at school this year. Congratulations with your excellent achievements we are proud of you.

Rae's granddaughter, Ashley received a bursary to go to Tuks. Well done!

Val's granddaughter finished her degree with excellent results. Congrats to her.

ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

It was a huge success held on 30th October and well attended.

Congratulations to all our Winners and Runners-Up. We are very proud of your achievements. Chris gave us a scrumptious breakfast. Thanks to Bongi who is always there to assist us.

New entry forms were handed out for the new season's Club Competitions. Please check the notice board to see when you are carded. Please fill in the Leave Roster to make it easy for Veronica and John to do cardings.

Some of the competitions have already started.

DISTRICT MIXED FOURS/OTHER OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

We have champions!!! Congrats to Allan, Wim, Santie and Ursula. We are proud to have you as Members at our Club.

We had quite a few teams who entered the Mixed Pairs. We are so glad that you support our Club on the greens. Well done all of you!

PAST EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE KIDS

It was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who came with their grandkids to enjoy a lovely day at the Club on the 4th December

READING TROPHY

10-11th December. What a huge success. Many thanks to Bruce for his hard work calculating all the scores after each game in such an efficient way.

Fourteen teams entered, 5 teams were from outside clubs. We are fortunate to have them participating. Alberton's - Tienie Gerber and his team were the victors. Allan, Santie, Wim and Ursula came second and Joan, Corrie, Scott and Elsa third. All the teams received prizes making it a very pleasant weekend. The weather was kind and Chris, once again gave us a lovely spread.

Thanks to all the Sponsors and Members that donated towards our hampers. Thanks to Janet and Veronica for selling the Raffles and 50/50

Thanks to Corrie and Annie for supplying the roses out of their gardens for our tables such a pity that someone took the roses on Saturday night and a new plan had to be made for Sunday.

OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

Midweek League will start on 11th January.

Saturday League will continue on 14th January. Good luck to all participating.

The Nationals will start from 19- 27 May 2012 . Please enter your teams everything is on the board. It will be held in E.G.B District so the traveling will not be that far for our Ladies. Please support our District.

FORTH COMING EVENTS

16th December, Christmas theme and bring a friend. We will start at 9.30. R30 entrance, once again including a beef burger, chicken burger or boerewors roll

I would like to wish everybody a blessed Christmas. If you are traveling, go safe. If you stay home, come and have a good game of bowls with friends.

May you all have a wonderful time with those that you love and for whom you care.

Thought for the month

A friend is someone - Who thinks you're a good egg,
Even though you're - Slightly cracked

Keep well until next time

Regards,

Annie xx

Senior Golfers

The temporary experiment of Senior's making up their own four balls has met with mixed reception - mostly negative. Keep in mind that the original idea was for Senior's to mix socially, both on and off the course.

The original argument was that as some players regularly share carts with the same partners "walkers" should be granted the same privilege.

This "problem" will be addressed by the Senior's Committee early in the New Year - as well as another suggestion that only "Reading Members" be eligible to participate in the Senior's Club Championships. In both instances Senior Members will be asked for their idea's and/or suggestions. The Committee wishes all the "Senior's" a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.