

Reading Country Club

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Results		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 16th March 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
1 st		
2 nd	No Competition	
3 rd		
4 th		
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 18th March 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<u>Meat Comp. - Ind. Stab.</u>
1 st	A Lombard	22 pts
2 nd	K Bothma	19 pts
3 rd	B Bothma	17 pts
4 th	S Daymond	15 pts
5 th		
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 19th March 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<u>Ind. Stab.</u>
<u>A.M. Field</u>		
1 st	A Palm	38 pts
2 nd	C Jacobs	34 pts
3 rd	J Pinnell	34 pts
4 th	M Kassen	33 pts
5 th	A Tsombanakis	31 pts
<u>P.M. Field</u>		<u>4 BBBS</u>
1 st	K Gough	33 pts
2 nd	Q Wentzel	31 pts
3 rd	B Mower	30 pts
4 th	M Bradshaw	30 pts
5 th	B Bothma	28 pts
6 th	E Phillips	27 pts
<u>Sunday a.m.</u>	<u>Date :- 20th March 2011</u>	<u>Competition</u>
1 st		
2 nd	No Score Cards	
3 rd		

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No 88

Brian Gordon

Unclaimed - not in the Bar

Next Week

R1550.00

Whisky Draw

Shelly Daymond - Bruce Milne

From :- Larry Macartney

This past week has been very quiet and uneventful, so I began to think about the latest Golf Digest Course Rankings - which appeared in the March issue of the magazine. Can "Reading Country Club" really be out of the Top 100 Courses for the first time since inception of the rankings???

I know that I may be biased, but I simply cannot believe that we are at least ten places below Crown Mines ?? OK - so it's sour grapes, but it makes one wonder about the relevance of such rankings, and whether one should even worry about being ranked at all. As our President stated "as long as our Members and Visitors are happy with the course, and we continue to record over 3000 Rounds a month, we should not pay any attention to the rankings".

It would be interesting to know how you feel about the system of ranking courses, and whether we should be concerned

For many years we have run the "Barrel of Fortune Draw" on a Friday Night, whereby we draw a luck Member's name from the Barrel, and if that Member is present, he/she will win the prize. The monetary prize jackpots by R150.00 per week and is currently standing at R1550.

The reason I raise this is because - up to now - it has only been open to Full Members, but from the 1st April 2011, we will now include all Members - be they Corporate or Senior, but excluding “Junior’s”. The only criteria for having your name in the draw, is that you have paid your subscriptions “in full”, and then to win you need to be in the Bar at around 6.30 p.m. on a Friday, when we do the draw. So, this is an invitation to come down for a drink, and a free snack on a Friday and have a chance of winning the jackpot.

Golfers, PLEASE NOTE that the 1st Round of the Individual Knock-Out takes place on Saturday - 2nd April 2011. All the games are pre-booked so please check the time sheet to establish your Tee-Off Time. The Better Ball Knock-Out begins on the following weekend, and these games will also be pre-booked, so once again, teams must check for their Tee-Off Times.

Also the closing date for Club Champs is fast approaching so please enter as a matter of urgency. As it stands, we have some 28 names entered for All Divisions, so unless this number improves dramatically, we may have to cancel Club Champs, for the first time in history.

It was good to see Stuart White back at the Club after his knee operation - not playing yet, but nothing wrong with his drinking arm !!

Dates to Remember

Club Championships Weekend - 16/ 17th April 2011

From the Pro Shop
Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

Wednesday was the second round of the Business League. The winning team of the day was Razel Finance on 83 pts, 2nd place went to The Eagles on 80 pts and 3rd Place was taken by Supa Loo’s on 79pts. The Longest Drive was won by Leonard Nel and the Nearest to the Pin on the 15th was taken by Troye Browne.

Friday's Meat Competition witnessed a smaller entry as players decided to spoil their wives by taking them away to exotic destinations like Watergat, Barrels or Pamona Spur. Showing form again was Andries 'Texan Rump' Lombaard who took first place on 22 points. Second place went to Karen 'Boston Butt' Bothma on 19 points followed by Barry 'Boerewors' Bothma on 17 points. Fourth and final placing went by way of count out and our winner here was none other than Shelly 'Rib Eye' Daymond.

Our Saturday Morning Results were as follows :- taking first place on a commendable 38 points was Audie Palm followed by C Jacobs on 34 points who beat J Pinnell on a count out. Fourth place went to M Kassen on 33 points followed by A Tsombanakis on 31 points.

Saturday Afternoon was an Ind. Stableford Competition. In first place was Kevin 'Green Fingers' Gough on 33 pts, followed by Quinten 'El Toro' Wentzel in second on 31pts. Winning the count out for third place on 31 points was Brad 'Poxy' Mower, followed by Mike 'Drainerator' Bradshaw. Fifth was scooped up by Barry 'Nunu' Bothma on 28 pts.

The new Adams F11 is now in stock at R2699.00. Good news is that the F10 Drivers are now only R1499.00 and the Fairway Woods R999.00... while our stocks last.

Happy Slicers

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto , they have weekly husband's marriage seminars. At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, 'Wella, I'va tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!'

The priest responded, "Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?"

Giuseppe proudly replied, " I gonna go pick her up."

From the Lady Captain :- Marietjie Tame

Club Champs 16 & 17 April 2011

Please note that the list is up in the locker room for ladies to enter the Club Championships. Divisions are: Silver: 0-18 handicap, Bronze 19-30 handicap and Stableford, 31-36 handicap. Green Fees this year is R330 for both days, but please note, due to the fact that the Prize-Giving is in conjunction the Men's Prize-Giving, no lunch will be served.

Studs vs Ama-Squeeze Trophy

The Manne versus the Ladies, this competition is due to take place on the 14th May. Contact the Pro-Shop for more info – 011 907-3666.

Mixed Open

This month's Mixed Open is set to take place this Sunday March 27. We invite all to join, a great way of spending a Sunday with your other half. Please phone the Pro-Shop 011 907 3666 to book a T-Off time.

Ruth Newman – Sun City

The famous Ruth Newman Tournament at Sun City this year takes place on 23 and 24 August 2011. Various accommodation packages are available and in the price is included, two rounds of golf (Lost City and Gary Player) Halfway House, Cart at Lost City, Dinner and gift. The format is a Four Ball Alliance with a maximum handicap of 30. Copies of the entry form will be left with Roz in the office.

Sanlam Women's Amateur Championship:

This annual tournament is due to take place 9 to 15 April 2011 at the Rustenburg Golf Club and is seen as the showcase of up-and-coming golf stars in women's golf. The Championship Division is for handicap 9 and under and the Silver Division for handicap 10-18. Entry form online www.wgsa.co.za

Have a great week and enjoy your golf!

Bowls Newsletter

Hi Fellow Bowlers,

What happened to January and February? The other day we were all planning for Christmas and New Year and now it's just a faint memory.

This past weekend must have been one of the blackest ones for Reading Bowls. One of our dearest bowlers, Dot Els passed away after being very ill. She will be remembered as the lady giving brooch angels to all her fellow friends. She always had a smile on her face never complaining when in a lot of pain. She had an open hand to everyone that needed it whether it was a car watcher, someone begging next to the road, the waitresses in our bar. She was prepared to give. She was always prepared to drive when playing at another venue. She was forever asking friends to have dinner with them at a restaurant. She was the middle of attraction. She was a wife that cared for Don, always ready to please his needs. She was a mother that cared for her children, and a grandmother that adored her grandkids. She was a friend that anybody would have been proud to have, someone to cherish deeply. Dottie you will be sadly missed by one and all at Reading. Rest in peace!

The past few months we really had a bad time with Members being in and out of hospital. Sue Clay had cataracts removed that had to be redone a few times. Roy her husband has also been in out of hospital. They are both remaining strong and positive at the moment. We are thinking of you in our prayers. Sue Upton had a shoulder operation. At first everything was fine but she developed inflammation in the shoulder which caused some problems. Remain strong Sue !!

George Robertson developed colon cancer, he has had a successful operation and is now home and doing well. We were glad to see you at our bowls events George, and hope you will be able to participate again soon. Christine Chapman had a cancer operation which has been very successful. She will start will radiation soon. Good luck with the treatment. Rae Smith developed a cancer on her tongue which has been successfully removed. Benito Cossuti had a cyst removed from below his eye - that was also cancerous. Everything went well and Ben is on the Bowling Green again. Last but not least our Club Manager, Larry Macartney had a fusion done on his ankle. It was a bit of an uphill battle, but he is back at work and everybody is glad he is back.

EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE

Wednesday and Saturday League started beginning of January. We had two ladies and two men's sides. Our Saturday Men's and Ladies Sides did well. Well done guys.

Twilight Bowls started on the 7th of January with a lot of entries. Pairs were drawn. The competition was over 4 weeks. It was a 2-4-2 Comp, it was great fun. Thanks to everybody participating. Our winners were Corrie de Villiers and Spencer Hall. Well done! Thanks to Val for organising it so well.

On the 22nd January we had a 'Bring a Buddy Day'. What a success. A very good turnout of 30 Buddies. Thanks to all our experienced bowlers who were such great sports in helping all our visitors to enjoy a game of bowls. We hope to gain some new bowlers from this successful event.

We also had a CANSA Drive selling "Bead Ribbons" making R1500 with the effort. Thank you Members for all your support. Thank you Janet for selling the ribbons.

EGB Competitions were also played. Singles as well as Pairs. Well done to everybody that participated. Veronica made the 3rd Round and Santie and Sandra the 4th. We are extremely proud of you! All three were invited by EGB to play in the Singles at the Nationals in Cape Town. Veronica and Sandra have accepted the invitation.

Our Club Competitions are running smoothly. Please check the notice board for cardings.

With an EGB Council Meeting, Corrie and Annie were presented with their coaching badges. We hope to have many newbies coming your way.

Miranda, Corrie and Annie played in the Rivonia Trips and came second. Well done !!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10th March 2011 will be the start of our “Bolf Competition” with the golfers. Please put your names down and join in the fun.

21st March 2011 is a holiday. We want to have a Chicken and Egg Day. We will be playing in the morning. Keep that Monday open for a lovely game of bowls.

Easter Tournament 23- 25th April. Flyers have been sent out to clubs. A notice is on the notice board. Please support us in this event to make it a big success.

BOOKS

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us in the collection of books. And thanks for the steady flow of books that are donated.

REMINDER

Fill in the leave roster well in advance.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

GOOD THINGS come to those who **WAIT**
BETTER THINGS come to those who **TRY**
BEST THINGS come to those who **BELIEVE**
DESIRED THINGS come to those who **PRAY**

Have a good month's 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 :-*

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