



From :- Larry Macartney
(Club Manager)

The letter that we published last week, from one of our concerned members regarding “Playmore Golf” and the effect that they are having on traditional Golf Clubs, elicited a healthy response, from our Members. We thank you for your comments and suggestions - which we will certainly consider when taking the issue further.

In fact, quite by coincidence, there is a very similar article written by Stuart McLean in the latest edition of Golf Digest, in which he highlights the fact that over the past two years the SA Golf Association has confirmed that the number of registered golfers has dropped by 8500. He poses the question - “how many of these Club Members have been lost to Playmore and other Virtual Clubs?”.

This week, I attended a feedback meeting from the Central Gauteng Golf Union, and inevitably the question of “Playmore Golf” once again raised its ugly head. After healthy debate, it was agreed that the CGGU would convene a meeting of Golf Clubs early next year to further investigate the position of “Playmore Golf” and other worthwhile ideas to add value to the traditional Club Member who is facing ever increasing economic and financial difficulties. The bottom line is that if the Clubs do not stand together on the issue of Virtual Clubs, then in future we will be maintaining our courses simply for them to play on, as we will have too few members to run a viable business.

So, the long term prognosis is not that great, but in the short term, our next big event is the HOBBO DAY on Saturday - 13th November 2010, and we are desperately appealing to you all for assistance with sponsorship of a hole, or prizes. This is an event not to be missed - 8 Ball Alliance, Two to Count, Shotgun Start, Dinner & Live Band - all for the paltry sum of R200.00. Where can you get so much for so little ???

The new Handicap Cards have finally arrived and can be collected in the Pro Shop.

Please Note :- these cards are for Handicap purposes only and cannot be used in the Bar, so ensure that you hold on to your existing Srixon Card to enjoy the discounts that apply on your Club Account.

As you can see from the accompanying photo's the Halloween Party was a huge success. Sincere thanks to Barbara, Helena and Kim for making the evening possible through their hard work.

DATES TO DIARISE

Saturday	5 th November 2010	Ladies A.G.M.
Saturday	13 th November 2010	HOBO DAY
Saturday	27 th November 2010	Captain vs Vice-Captain's Day
Saturday	5 th December 2010	Kiddies Christmas Tree

From the Pro Shop Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

On Wednesday was our Race to duBoma Competition" which was a Betterball Stableford. With Srixon, the Boma and SAB sponsoring this competition we had over R5000.00 in prizes. Be sure not to miss the finals on the 24th November 2010.

Showing the boys how it's done was the combination of Lyn Sequeira and Marietjie Tame on 48 pts. Winning the count-out for 2nd place was Jerry Joseph and Helge Prahl-Anpressen, followed by Aubrey Vorster and Helmut Probst all on 47pts. In 4th spot were Ron Williams and Donovan Main on 46pts, followed by Brian Josselsohn and Ian Josselsohn on 44pts. A big thank you to all our sponsors on the day that helped make it so successful.

Friday was our 9 Hole Meat Comp. and players were entering with the hopes of filling the freezers for the weekend's Currie Cup Final. Winning a 3 way count-out for 1st place was Willie Jacobs, followed by G Notnagel and Rick Trevelyan all on 21 pts. Fourth place went to our Local Pro, Barry Bothma on 20 pts and settling for 5th was J Hainsworth on 18 pts.

Saturday was our Month-End Alliance sponsored by Hannes from Buzz Around. "Buzz Around" sponsored the 1st prize, Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive prizes. Winning 1st place and a trip to the Million Dollar Tournament was the experienced four ball of Noel Westoby, Johan Tait, Barry Lazenby and Ron Williams on 92 pts. Second place went to Alec Polydorou, Dan Nitzen, Danie de Villiers and Adrian v Vuuren on a solid 91pts. Slipping into 3rd place was non other than Brian Johnston, Mark Peterson, Tim Smyth and Jamie Demetriou on 90pts. Once again thank you to "Buzz Around" for their generous sponsorship!

Sunday's Competition was a Ind. Bonus Bogey, winning 1st place was D Makken on a very good +6 score. Settling for 2nd spot was Y Chunilal on +2 and in 3rd was A Lalla on a +1.

From the Lady Captain: Lorraine Cross

Here are the results of the Reading Mixed Open held on Sunday 31st October 2010

1st place (98pts)

**M Vermeulen S Daymond
K Morkel A V Aardt**

2nd Place (88pts)

**Q Cross A Zurwick
L Cross M Cross**

3rd Place (86pts)

**R Broodryk F Broodryk
S Whitehead A D'Ewes**

Please Note :- The Ladies Section A.G.M. will be held on the 6th November 2010 at 14h00, immediately after the Captain / Vice Captain Challenge.

We have had a number of queries regarding player's handicaps dropping by more than one stroke immediately they have entered their scores.

The principle is that if your net score is three or more, less than the Par of the course being played, then the handicap is immediately recomputed accordingly.

Other than the monthly calculation at the beginning of each month, certain handicap triggers force immediate recalculations.

Please log onto www.handicaps.co.za for all the information regarding the handicap system.

Reading Up Coming Events:

**Ladies Section A.G.M. (After Captain / Vice)
Hobo Day**

**06 November 2010
13 November 2010**

Senior Golf

Entries for the Championship are now open so book your place soonest with Bob Barker at R100 - which includes lunch. Guests will pay R60 a plate. Dates to remember are Thursday - November 11th and Tuesday the 16th. Queries to Bob on Cell. 083 349 5336

*Should you have enquiries regarding the “Seniors Golf Section”
- please contact one of the following Members :-*

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<i>Mr Roy McGregor</i>	<i>082 871 7013</i>
<i>Mr Dave Ford</i>	<i>083 257 8336</i>

<u>Results</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 27th October 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>4 BBBS</i>
1 st	L Sequeira / M Tame	48 pts
2 nd	T Joseph / H Prah-Anpressen	47 pts
3 rd	A Vorster / H Probst	47 pts
4 th	D Main / R Williams	46 pts
5 th	B Josselsohn / I Josselsohn	44 pts
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 29th October 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Meat Competition Ind. Stableford</i>
1 st	W Jacobs	21 pts
2 nd	G Nothnagel	21 pts
3 rd	R Trevelyan	21 pts
4 th	B Bothma	20 pts
5 th	J Hainsworth	18 pts
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 30th October 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>All. 2 to Count</i>
<u>A.M. FIELD</u>		
1 st	H Aucamp / F Visser / D Jackson / G Sequeira	85 pts
2 nd	H Herman / B Donnelly / P Kurten / G Ellwood	85 pts
3 rd	D Potgieter / W Vos / G Morris / A Hindshaw	83 pts

4 th		
5 th		
<u>P.M.</u> <u>FIELD</u>		<u>Competition</u>
		<i>All. 2 to Count</i>
1 st	N Westoby / B Lazenby / R Williams / J Tait	92 pts
2 nd	D Nitzan / A Polydorou / D De Villiers / A V Vuuren	91 pts
3 rd	B Johnston / M Peterson / T Smyth / J Demetriou	90 pts
4 th		
5 th		
<u>Sunday</u> <u>a.m.</u>	<u>Date :- 31st October 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>B Ball Stableford</i>
1 st	D Makken	+ 6
2 nd	Y Chunilal	+ 2
3 rd	A Lalla	+ 1

Senior Results

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Date :- October 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Date :- October 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No 175

R Ross

Unclaimed

Next Week

R800.00

Whisky Draw

***Johan Kloppers
Brian Gordon***

***Harold Cass
Brian Johnston***

100 Club

<i>1st</i>	<i>Dylan Peterson</i>	<i>R600.00</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>Tim Smyth</i>	<i>R400.00</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>M Smyth</i>	<i>R200.00</i>

**Bowls Section Newsletter
October / November 2010**

Dear Fellow Bowlers,

We are happy to say summer is here. We hope all of you are ready for a new season of bowls.

PAST EVENTS

The last few months were jam packed with all that was going on.

Reading Trophy 24-26 September 2010

We had 16 teams participating. Thank you all our Members that took the time to play in our biggest competition of the year. Val and Veronica were at their best with the raffles and 50/50. Thanks gals for all your hard work. Thanks to Sandra for her input by organising everything. Thank you to all the Members who organized prizes and made sure that there was something for everyone. The winners of the trophy were the Suburb Sports team. The Grocery Hamper was won by Santie Balios and the Liquor Hamper by Eddie Smyth - well done, to both of you

Prize-Giving 9 October 2010

It was a good event all though not well attended. Thanks to all that made it a success. Thanks to Chris and his staff for the lovely supper. Congratulations to all our bowlers that received trophies, we are proud of you. Keep up the good bowling.

The Nest 10 – 15 October 2010

20 of our Members went to The Nest. They had a wonderful time in the clean air of the Drakensberg. We had very good results with Don Els and Lynette van der Vyfer winning the free week with Don's sister and brother-in law, Denise and Johnny Westerveld. Sheila Snodin, June Cronje, Erna Momberg and Hazel Botha came third. Well done all of you, you are doing us pride.

Mixed Fours 23/24 October 2010 and onwards

We had 6 teams that entered with mixed results. Sadly there were no "Reading Teams" left by Sunday Afternoon. Thanks to everybody who participated.

MEMBER MATTERS

- June Cronje's daughter, Louise, together with her stepson, was the only woman in the group that climbed the Kilimanjaro's most difficult route and reached the top. Well done Louise!
- Sue Upton became Grandma of a beautiful little grandson, Harry Claude. Congrats! Don and Dot also became grandparents of a little boy.
- Richard and Fiona had a quickie to Oz because the twins 1st birthday
- Dave King was not well, but is definitely better and will be coming to watch us playing bowls on Sundays.
- Christine Chapman is still undergoing treatment. Chrissie you are such an inspiration to us with your positive attitude. God Bless!
- Dot Els is still not well. We are thinking of you, take care.
- Esmè Sutherland will be leaving for Oz soon to visit her kids for a few months. Enjoy!
- George and June are preparing to move to Meyersdal. Good Luck!
- Elaine Hague's Mom past away a few weeks ago. Dear Elaine we are thinking of you in these sad times.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

Saturday League for Men and Ladies will be starting on 6 November 2010.

There will be two teams each.

Men (Divisions 2 & 3) Ladies (Premier & Division 2)

Watch the notice board for your names. Good Bowling for the new season!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new Members Carol Cameron, James Whitethread, Tom Anderson, Johan Huddleson, Dave Dyason and Steve van der Walt. We hope you will have a wonderful time at Reading with bowls that will go from strength to strength.

Please a special request. We know you all mean well, but do not coach the Novices while they are playing a game. They are so concentrating on doing the right thing and while you are telling them to do this and that and the other, it confuses them. After the game you are more than welcome to give your input.

DIARIES Diaries will be available next month for those who ordered.

THANKS

We would like to thank Larry for organizing the painting and replacing of the locks in the Ladies Room. And a special thanks to Rob, our Greenkeeper. Our greens are looking super and we cannot wait to play on them. Roz thank you for doing our newsletter and putting it on email.

AFFILIATIONS FEES

Affiliation Fees will be payable at the end of the month. Please help us in this regard. BSA and EGB must have these moneys as soon as possible. It amounts to R300. Thanks!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please enter as soon as possible, as entries close on 1 November 2010. Entry Forms can be placed in the box in the Tabs Room with your entry fee in the money bag provided. This will make it so much easier for Veronica and Harold. The draws will be done very soon. Open Singles will be played first before the Seniors. Novices please enter as well!

LEAVE ROSTER

Please fill in so that the Competitions Secretaries can card the games. If players do not turn up they will be scratched. So watch the Notice Board.. it is your duty to look at the dates.

ETIQUETTE

3rd ETIQUETTE

- It is not etiquette to argue about what is the Shot Bowl.
- Don't walk around the head looking at it from different angles.
- Get down right away and measure, thus saving time and unnecessary chatter.
- If an opponent, when measuring, happens to ignore a shot, which may be in his favor, suggest that he measure that shot. This is a sporting interpretation of etiquette and one much appreciated.

SKIP ETIQUETTE

The custodians for Etiquette on the green are the Skips who are there for qualities of leadership as well as for their playing ability.

In a game of bowls it is very thoughtless of Skips to allow themselves to become so engrossed in conversation with their opposite number as to neglect their chief duty of giving their whole attention to the game.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Life can give you 100 reasons to cry - But you can give life a 1000 reasons to smile

Good Bowling

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