

Reading Country Club

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<u>Results</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Date :- 28th April 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind. Stab.</i>
1 st	Kobus Ferreira	+ 2
2 nd	Brain Josselsohn	+ 1
3 rd	Noel Westoby	- 1
4 th	Alfie Pedro	- 1
5 th	Abe Mzizi	- 2
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Date :- 30th April 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
	Meat Competition	<i>Ind Stableford.</i>
1 st	Clinton Kinnear	21
2 nd	Barry Bothma	21
3 rd	Abe Mzizi	20
4 th	G Nothnagel	20
5 th	Andries Lombard	20
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Date :- 1st May 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<i>Ind Medal</i>
<u>A.M. FIELD</u>		
1 st	C Blake	65 pts
2 nd	Craig Benjamin	66 pts
3 rd	Paresh Madhav	72 pts
<u>P.M. FIELD</u>		<u>Competition</u>
		<i>All. 2 to Count</i>
<u>“A” Division</u>		
1 st	Fernando Marques	71 pts
2 nd	Jonathan Pinnell	71 pts
3 rd	Steven Ferreira	72 pts
<u>“B” Division</u>		
1 st	Alec Polydorou	71 pts
2 nd	Brian Josselsohn	74 pts
3 rd	Dirk Roos	74pts

“C” Division		
1 st	Brian Gordon	66 pts
2 nd	Eddie Tartt	80 pts
3 rd	Allan Sherman	83 pts
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Date :- 2nd May 2010</u>	<u>Competition</u>
		<u>Ind. Bonus Bogey</u>
1 st	S Mistry	37 pts
2 nd	P Rossi	36 pts
3 rd	K Carrim	31 pts

As Per Government Legislation - Please Note :-

“No Smoking throughout the Clubhouse”

Please abide by this new ruling

Barrel of Fortune

Ticket No. 13

A Farrar

Unclaimed

Next Week

R3450.00

WHISKY DRAW

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From :- Larry Macartney
(Club Manager)

I have just returned from the Cape where we experienced the best weather imaginable, only to find that the unusually high rainfall in Gauteng had simply not let up and that the Course was waterlogged - in May you might ask ???

However, the first news I received was good news. Emily has now been released from hospital and, together with Ntabiseng, is on the road to recovery. They both face a long and difficult time ahead, but I know that they are still in your thoughts and prayers.

The other bit of good news is that Donovan is almost through with his final exams for full admittance to the P.G.A. He has achieved three distinctions, and an average of over 70% for all other subjects. This places him in the top five final year students throughout South Africa, so sincere congratulations are in order. Well done, Donovan, you have made all of us at "Reading" - very proud.

A quick up-date on "Reading's" progress in the various leagues show the following results :-

<u>Scratch League 1</u>	Won 1	Lost 2
<u>Scratch League 2</u>	Won 1	Lost 2
<u>Scratch League 3</u>	Won 3	Lost 0

Better Ball League are currently in 2nd Place having lost their unbeaten record to Glenvista by 4½ to 3½

<u>Ladies League</u>	Won 2	Lost 1
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<u>Junior League</u>	Won 0	Lost 1
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The "Reading" Caddies played their 1st Game in the C.C.G.U. League and came 6th out of 8 Teams.

Not bad for a first attempt, and I am sure they will improve as they get more experience.

Thank you, to all who played in our First Super Wednesday Golf Day. It was a great success with over 90 players participating, and the Top 10 Teams all receiving an excellent prize, so please make sure that the First Wednesday of every month is penciled into your Diary, for this popular event.

Dates to Diarise

Friday	14 th May 2010	Poker Night
Friday	28 th May 2010	Pub Night
Wednesday	9 th June 2010	Club A.G.M.
Wednesday	16 th June 2010	"Reading Fund Raiser - Golf Day"

From the Pro Shop
Barry Bothma - PGA Professional

Great news for all, as our specials in the Proshop will keep your wallet fat. Maxfli Golf Balls are back and should you purchase one dozen of any one of the 6 types available, you will receive two free tickets in a Maxfli Draw, for some great prizes.

The Revolution Ball is only R9.00 and their four piece Velocity Tour only R24.00 per ball.

Even in these wet conditions, any considerate player could use a golf cart, and cause an absolute minimum damage to the course. However we have a few cowboys, who feel that for some reason they own the course and can do as they please. We therefore ask that you help us in this regard and report these offenders so that we may ban them from using carts in the future.

Right now that I've finished my 'Uitkak Sessie' we can carry on.

I heard a shocking story that should be told. A certain Member of our Club, whom I will name 'John Wayne,' stood on the 16th Tee in a dilemma. At 2 down with 3 to go the question was whether to play safe or take the 'Mamba' driver and attack. Well being 'familia' of the Portuguese 'John' decided to go big. That was mistake number one. Hitting a draw instead of a fade was mistake number two. Hitting it well was mistake number three, as his ball sailed into the residential area bordering our 16th fairway. Having a little Portuguese blood 'John' decided to retrieve his ball, as it looked like he was going to pay after all. That was mistake number four...never retrieve your ball when the fence is live!!!.....that's why we employ caddies. Anyway I said it was a shocking story even if 'John Wayne' felt differently about the 'current' situation.

The Pro's Slice

A guy sticks his head in the barbershop and asks, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looks around the shop and says, "About two hours." The guy leaves. A few days later, the same guy sticks his head in the door and asks, "How long before I get a haircut?" The barber looks around the shop full of customers and says, "About two hours." The guy leaves. A week later, the same guy sticks his head in the shop and asks, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looks around the shop and says, "About an hour and half." The guy leaves. The barber looks over at a friend in the shop and says, "Hey Bill, follow that guy and see where he goes." In a little while, Bill comes back into the shop laughing hysterically. The barber asks, "Bill, where did he go when he left here?" Bill looked up and said, "To your house."

From the Bowls Section

FUNdraising Golf Day - organised by the Bowls Section

The Reading Country Club Bowlers would like to thank the Golfers of the club for supporting our “Golf Day” on 27th April 2010 . The weather was unkind to us in that no carts were allowed on the course, this resulted in at least 5 x 4 balls cancelling on the day. Apart from that we had a successful day, managing to complete the Golf for about 60 players. The team of Bowlers who helped on the day, did a sterling job selling Raffle Tickets and Boerewors Rolls as well as a promotion on Hole 11.

Hansa gave away beers on the 5th Hole and a case of beer for “Nearest the Pin”.

The Winners on 46 points were A.Mzizi and N.Lusted.. (pic. attached - receiving their prize from the Bowls Chairman - Bruce Milne).

“Reading” Staff were the big hitters as Barbara won the Longest Drive for women and Len from the Pro Shop won for the men.

Everybody won a prize , thanks to all our sponsors who donated them.

The Booze Hamper was won by Mark Peterson, and the Cadec Braai by Colin Els.

My thanks to all the Players, Reading Staff, the Bowlers Team, Barry and Bruce for presenting Prizes.

George Robertson

From the Lady Captain: Lorraine Cross

Important Information :-

Changes to the SAGA Handicap System

The attached communiqué from the SAGA regarding the discontinuation of the Handicap Allowance will be of much interest to all of us and most welcome.

The SAGA Handicapping and Course Rating Committee has decided that as from 1 April 2010 the SAGA will discontinue with the Handicap Allowance. Therefore for those competition formats that previously required 75% of the handicap to be used (being the allowance), will now be played using the handicap only. The basic handicap computation is 100% of the average of the best ten of the last twenty rounds.

It is envisaged that the SAGA Handicap Server will be in place and operational by 1 May 2010 (hereafter referred to as “operational date”).

From the operational date, the basis handicap computation will introduce a “Bonus for Excellence” factor, as used by the USGA, of 96% (down 4%). The rules governing two- and three-overs for handicap purposes will remain in place, meaning that a player may only take two overs on holes where they stroke and three overs where they double stroke.

On going Research

The SAGA is committed to finding the best possible handicapping solution for golfers in South Africa.

To this end the SAGA will conduct further research with the objective being to find a solution that provides golfers with one handicap that works within the confines of the South African context, one in which we play more Better Ball than Medal, unlike European countries - for example.

We are confident that the research project will carefully consider its findings along with a review of other handicapping solutions used elsewhere in the world. These will be presented to the SAGA in September 2010.

In this way the SAGA hopes to meet the needs and requirements of the South African golfing public.

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Senior Golf

Seasons come and seasons go ... but the last one ... EISH !!

The Seniors are now looking forward to dry winter conditions where they can get a bit of run on the ball instead of hitting a reasonable drive only to be plugged in rough just short of the fairway. How frustrating knowing you have one down the middle only to be penalized on the next shot.

Talk around the Club is that the Committee has heard the cries of the Seniors and a number of fairways - such as the 12th off the back tee - are being cut back. The sooner Greenkeeper “Stroller” Rob does this the better.

But no more bitching !! One of the next big events for Seniors will be the year ending “Championship” on a date still to be arranged in November 2010. A fair time away one would say ... but now is the time to bend a few arms for prizes. Hope our Pro Shop is tuned in !! This event - over two rounds - could see one of the biggest Senior’s field at “READING”. Help us achieve it.

**Should you have enquiries regarding the “Seniors Golf Section”
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