

June 2016

## ACC News Letter

Herewith our 4<sup>th</sup> newsletter, aimed at keeping our members in the loop.

Comments and constructive criticism welcome!

### Dates to remember

- Wednesdays - Comp day
- Fridays - Sundowners
- Wed 15th June—Rotary Day
- Thurs 16th June—IPS

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## SECURITY, CLUBHOUSE & BAR

Petrus and Michael, our new “in house” security guards, are performing well and we have achieved tangible savings with this exercise. We will not be manning the gate apart from bigger golf days and special requests.

There has been a reduction in the number of arbitrary trespassers walking through the course, and the authorized ball collectors with their bright coloured jackets are doing a fine job keeping them off the course.

We have had no complaints or reports of threatening behaviour on the course from any visitors and members to date hence it seems to be working well.

Brian Stewart, our acting club manager, is doing well and has been quick in finding his feet. We continue to ask that members support him in the task of overseeing the operations of the club in a very demanding environment. Brian is off to the UK for a 10 week holiday, leaving mid-June, and we wish him safe travels and happy holidays whilst spending time with his family overseas. The committee do have a contingency plan in place for the duration of Brian's absence.

## CHARITY DRIVE

Several members have started a Wednesday comp day “charity” drive where all winning 2 ball partners playing their opposition for whatever bet they have on the game donate it to charity. For the month of June the recipient is Jonah Vaughn, as we all know a very worthy cause. The jackpot game this month was Martin Tait versus Bobby Milne, and they pledged to donate their R1000.00 winnings. Martin lost the game by 4 IPS points; with his donation and all the other winners donating their earnings we collected R1750.00 this Wednesday.

Their aim for this month is R3000.00, and month's recipient will be Bobby Bear.



## GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

After successful fundraising efforts and generous donations received, we have appointed Nico and Johnny Vogel to manage the green keeping function. This will initially be on a trial basis, commencing this month. We will **not** be selling any of our green keeping equipment or assets, and the staff will remain unchanged. Johnny and Nico will work on a management only structure, and their remuneration excludes any upfront payments or deposits. They have proven their work ethics and we are confident their service standards will continue. Their performance will be under close scrutiny and appraisal by the current committee, as we have an option to renegotiate after the 6 month trial period; this is of course bearing in mind that our agreement with them is based on performance and proven cost cutting efforts.

Our new management strategy is aimed at improving the course to increase rounds and thus boost income, while there will be a simultaneous drive to implement savings on general repairs. The goal is to closely monitor staff productivity

and lower operational costs. We are of the opinion that an improved course will increase rounds in the months to follow, so our primary objective is to increase income and be able to inject surplus funds back into our club facilities to take ACC forward in these financially tough times.

There are still financial constraints and we are working on other means of increasing our income, more of that to follow. Our membership base and golf rounds from paying members alone do not generate enough income for us to survive financially. To counter this we need more visitors and more group bookings, which make a well maintained and well-presented golf course very important.

Added to this other South Coast golf clubs are reducing their prices, which puts pressure on ACC to keep our golf prices at an acceptable level, while ensuring that our members' rates are not negatively impacted.

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## PLAYMORE GOLF— PMG

Many golfers are very sceptical about PMG, but the committee has after much consideration decided to enter a contract, and believe this is in the best interests of our club. Attached to this newsletter is a more detailed report on what PMG can do for Toti Golf Club.



## FUNDRAISER

The club hosted a huge fundraising day on 14th May, it was a huge success and realised R 40 000.00 profit. Our grateful thanks go to Clive Hill for his donation of 1500.00 and to Bobby Milne of Coronatech for all the prizes and braai packs supplied on the day. The day was well attended and we thank each and every participant for their support.

Winners on the day were Gert Vosser, Johann Vosser, Wik van Wyk and Fasia van Niekerk with 96 points. One shot off the pace was the team of Frans Klopper, Wimpie Nel, Hannes Beneke and Steve Naude on 95. The teams coming third all had 93 points. Gordon Dunlop, Terry Cousins and Sue and Willie Boucher won the count out to come in third, followed by Les

Brown, Chad Holm and Johan and Robert Roux. Fifth place went to Bruce Whiting, Clive Hill, Mike Igesund and Ian Bender.

Closest to the pins were Tommy McNaughton on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Brian Steven on the 7<sup>th</sup>, CVO on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and Ken Stephen on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Gorilla prizes for longest drives went to Bester Swart for the men and Estelle Binnekade for the la-

**“We would like to thank Errol Woods for his voluntary work and support over the past 10 years**

## FRIDAY SUNDOWNERS

Mark White Nissan is sponsoring a lucky draw prize to the tune of R1000 on the last Friday of each month. To win it you have to play in the Sundowner competition, and be present when the draw takes place, otherwise the prize money carries over to the following month. Last Friday Neil

Oberholzer was the lucky recipient of R2000 in this draw.

We have a request from Mark White Nissan – they would like to donate a wheelchair to a person who needs one. If you know of someone who would be glad to receive one please contact the club captain Nico Vogel on

083 262 6339 and give him their information.

Anthony Locker from ET Security is another generous sponsor of our Sundowner, and this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June they too have R2000 up for grabs; you must play and stay for the draw to win the prize.



Ladies Stroke Play Champions in their divisions

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

These took place in April, and Mark Cowie proved too good for all the other challengers in the A division, winning both the Strokeplay and Matchplay titles, and in doing so defended his 2015 Strokeplay title. Cecil Heydenrych won the Strokeplay B division, while Patrick Cruickshank picked up the win for the Matchplay. In the C division the two winners were Craig Anderson (Strokeplay) and Willie Boucher (Matchplay). Mention must be made of the appalling conditions on the day of the Matchplay finals; it is a wonder that the players were able to finish their games, with driving rain and very cold conditions the order of the day.



Our ladies champions for 2016 are Jacqui Porrill (Strokeplay) and Charmain Stone (Matchplay) for the silver division, while Gill Symons and Sue Boucher kept the friendship going by each taking a winner and runner up position for each of the two formats. The senior ladies championship title for 2016 was shared by Brenda Morgan, Sue Boucher and Sue Daniels.

For the record the men's prizes were awarded to those who proved to be the best over two days of strokeplay. Subsequently the winning results of both the best nett and best gross went to the top two competitors in the C division. In previous years the prizes were spread around over the different divisions, and the winner in each division was restricted to winning one prize only.



Several members did not agree with the allocation of prizes; the committee has taken cognisance of this and the members will get to vote next year on how to award prizes. In true politically correct form the majority vote will win.

The committee would like to record their thanks to Tommy McNaughton and Nico Vogel for doing the draw and updating the computer, and to Rob and Gill Symons for updating the results board.

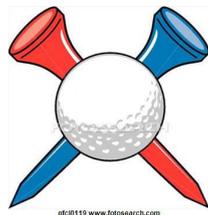


## MENS LEAGUE

The men's' A and B sides have had an abysmal year with both sides recording no wins for the entire season, and both sides finishing at the bottom of their respective logs . We lost three key A side players this year and this left a void in both sides. The B team have begun rebuilding with a very mixed bag including two 14 year old youngsters and a few elderly guys who put their hands up to assist in these times of need. This ensured that ACC could fulfil their league commitments and save the club the embarrassment of scratching games. Well done to all those players who had the proverbial "golf" balls to see it through.

In the last league outing the A side was once again pipped at the post and lost at home to Beachwood 6.5 to 5.5 , which means they go to the playoff relegation game; if they lose this they are relegated next year.

We need the whole club to get behind and support the team; they are confident they can pull it off, and have been a bit unlucky this year with a few games going the opposition's way at the death. With a bit of luck they could have won at least two of their matches this year and been saved from the relegation playoffs.



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The B side travelled to Victoria on Sunday 5 June and were soundly beaten 11 -1 with Robert Mott posting the only ACC points on the day. As said, it's a young team and they did their best. The season has been a good learning experience for these youngsters and the results are really not too important.

The Allerton side ended up second on their log with two wins, a half to Beachwood and a loss at Cotswold which brought a few experienced guys down to earth. And of course they also had the ever-present threat of being awarded the bright pink pig....oink-oink

## FIXTURES

Coming up soon is the "King of the Coast" International competition, which will be based on the various social groups pitting their skills against each other for two year bragging rights.

Another fixture to take note of is the Rotary Day scheduled for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, as this will preclude the playing of our regular midweek IPS due to course congestion.

Please note that the IPS will take place the very next day, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 11h00 onwards, and as this is also a public holiday it would be great to have a full field.

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## MATCHPLAY PAIR'S

The annual pair's stableford matchplay event draw is up on the notice board, and the games must be played by the due days noted on the draw sheet. For first round losers there is also the shield event, which means that for your initial R100 competition fee you get two chances to win prizes, either as winners or runners up in the two categories.

## LADIES LEAGUE

While our men's league teams are left licking their wounds after a season from hell, there is always a positive side to everything, and this comes in the form of the ladies league team who played their first fixture of the year at Port Edward and come away with a solid win against the Scottburgh team, this despite having to give many, many shots. One match down and four to go; here's wishing the ladies all the best for the rest of the season.

## PLEASE.....!

The club has gone to great expense to make up signs demarcating areas where chipping practice is permitted, and there are those who simply do not adhere to these rules. This is a very polite request to all members to please comply.

**In closing... please help keep our course clean....**

