



Presidents Report SCGU 2014

Eerstens wil ek net my trots en dankbaarheid uitspreek teenoor al die Gholf Klubs in ons Unie, vir die eer en vertroue wat julle my getoon het met my aanstelling as jul President.vir 2014.

Every year it is with great pleasure that I present my report on the activities of our Union, but even more so for this past year. When I first got involved with the Union approximately 14 years ago, we were much smaller and run like a small entity. We have grown enormously with all the attendant responsibilities, tournaments etc.

I had the distinct impression that the relationship between the Union and our clubs was one of “them and us “,

although my personal relationship with the individual clubs was beyond excellent, I felt the clubs did not quite trust the Union. Members were nominated to so call “protect” the clubs and its members from the Union.

What a turnaround!! I proudly feel that we all consider ourselves to be part of a big family. We are now operating at a very high level of proficiency and functionality, my sincerest gratitude to our Executive and especially Steve, Billy, Sandra, Sheila and Lindy who unstintingly, with absolute dedication and commitment have made it all possible. I am proud to be a part of it all

I am glad to report that the number of Affiliated Clubs have once again increased in 2014. We now have 25 affiliated clubs with the addition of Beaufort West, Laingsburg and Prince Albert. We wish to heartily welcome them into our fold and wish to remind them that we are always available for assistance and any information that they may require. We now have thirteen 18 hole courses, of which 7 are Estate owned, and 12 are 9 hole courses. Our membership has decreased to 5543 affiliated players. This is cause for great concern in our golfing fraternity, but I think the economic situation is a strong factor causing this, and I feel our clubs should take note of this and come up with ways of reversing this trend, and especially targeting young golfers and encouraging them by making joining up easier and cheaper

I would prefer that the various portfolio holders be given the opportunity to report for themselves. I would, however, like to add that all have functioned extremely well this past year and our executive are very satisfied with their performances.

I wish to extend a very sincere and grateful acknowledgement to all our sponsors throughout the year. Their contribution and assistance makes it possible for us to continue holding worthy tournaments and attracting prestigious players to our area.

Ons Privinsiale spanne se doene en late sal deur die verskillende portofilios handel word. Maar ek moet meld dat ons baie trots op hulle is.

I attended 2 meetings held by SAGA during the year, including the AGM. Full particulars of these meetings have been passed on to our Executive. I am also pleased to announce that we now have 2 representatives on the SAGA Executive. Gavin Reynolds has been selected to be on the SAGA for a 4 year term. He was also honoured by being selected by SAGA to manage the National Presidents team, successfully I might add, as well as being selected to manage the team SAGA sent to China for the Youth Olympics. Well done Gavin, we are very proud of you.

Our relationship with the Dept of Sport (SASCOC) as well as the Eden Sports council is on a very good footing.

Two of our golfers were awarded top honours viz Jovan Rebula and Jordan Duminy. They have done us proud

The SAGDB activities in our area are doing well, and regular reports are received from them. Our relationship with them has much improved over the last few years, and we are playing an increasing role in overseeing and assisting their activities. We are considered one of the top performing Unions in this regard. Congratulations and thank you to Johan Erasmus.

We have successfully integrated or amalgamated with Junior Golf and Senior Golf and are well on our way with our Ladies Golf and school golf.

I am also very pleased to say that our finances are healthy, for which a full report will be given under that portfolio heading.

My thanks to our executive committee for the excellent cooperation, support and assistance given me in the past year. My thanks also to all our clubs, their committees, and all our affiliated golfers, for the wonderful spirit, support, assistance, cooperation and willingness, to stand by our Union and all its activities and tournaments. I could not wish for a better relationship. For this I thank you all sincerely, for without this vital component, we would not be able to fulfil our duties and functions.

My congratulations and good luck to all the newly elected Captains in our area, and assuring you of our Union's wholehearted support for 2014. Our doors are always open for advice and assistance, should you ever need it

It would be very remiss of me not to mention the fantastic financial support we received from Nomads Golf.

We were granted R 225,000 for the next 3 years to assist in running the new Junior Golf Heptangular to be played in the S Cape over this period of 3 years. Its first year turned out to be a huge success, and my great thanks and congratulations to Steve, Billy, Sheila and Lindy. We also received a grant of approx R 40,000 to purchase 6 I-Pads to enable Junior Golf to run live scoring, and all this was over and above the regular grant of R 24,000.also to Junior Golf. Ladies and gentleman, this amounts to R 140,000 for this past year alone. For those clubs that doubt the contribution that Nomads make in our golfing society, please take note, and please assist this wonderful charitable golfing organisation whenever they approach clubs for cooperation. A very big "thank you" to our Nomads

And then, my thanks to you all for the trust and honour you have placed in me, and I sincerely hope you were not disappointed.

I wish you all and your families a very festive season and a healthy and happy 2015.

Thanking you all,

Tannah Harris
SCGU President