

SCSAGA AGM - 2104

Senior President's Report for the period 7 December 2013 to 6 December 2014

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs within the Southern Cape area for their continued support towards Senior Amateur Golf and for letting us use their facilities. Also special thanks to our loyal members for supporting Southern Cape Senior Amateur Golf.

At present we have a total membership of 153, with 35 new members joining our Senior ranks during 2014 (20 memberships were terminated). 104 members have paid their 2014 annual subs.

I would like to thank Terry Otto from K 1 Quarry for sponsoring our Monthly competitions over the past year. Also thanks to Brand House liquor store, The Pro Shop and Golfers Club for their continued support. I am proud to announce that Terry Otto, one of our loyal members over the past years announced that he would sponsor our monthly competitions for another year.

During April we have sent our senior "A Team" – Lionel Davids, Fanus Pauw, Johan Marais, Neil Abrahamse, Andy Mynhardt, Deon Kruger, Anton Nel and John Mitchell to the National IPT tournament held at Erinvale Country Club in Somerset West. Our players found this course testing but managed to outplay the other Provinces to win the 2014 B-division inter-provincial tournament. Southern Cape will participate in the A-division next year. We have introduced a more robust OOM which is in line with the other divisions over the past year which will ensure that we continue our approach in selecting the IPT team on a pure merit basis. To eliminate the rumour of committee members being biased, I support the suggestion that "any committee member that is in line to qualify for the IPT team will not participate in the selection committee's final meeting to decide who will be selected". (The selection committee for 2015 will be Koos Sieberhagen, Maurice van Merch and Chairperson Billy Valentyn – Director of SCGU. The teams will be announced in February 2015)

WP and GN invitational IPT teams challenged SC on 30 May 2014 at George GC. Our invitational team were selected on the basis of the top 8 OOM players at that time and they managed to give both teams a hiding. Congratulations to our invitational team, you show a lot of promise for the future. The next IPT will be played from 12 -17 April 2015 at Ebotse GV in Benoni.

We also sent 16 player's to the Quintangular Tournament held at Middelburg Golf Club. The members that participated confirmed that it was an enjoyable tournament and the team ended in 3rd position.

We once again hosted a full field at our Southern Cape Senior Open held on 31 May & 1 June 2014 at George CG. Players from around the country participated in a very successful tournament organised for the first time by the SCGU. Ramon Rahme from Ekurhuleni won the tournament on a gross score of 141 over two rounds and Deon Maralack of Kingswood GC won the B-division for a second year with 71 stableford points.

The Southern Cape Closed tournament was played at Kingswood GE in July. Congratulations to "A" Division winner Fanus Pauw with a score of 153 over two rounds and "B" Division winner Andre du Plessis with 67 Stableford points.

Johan Marais and Lionel Davids were the only 2 players who represented the SC at this year's National Stroke Championship held at Peacanwood Golf Estate in October. Congratulations to Johan Marais who was the leader on 5 under par after the first round. Johan eventually came 4th and Lionel 52nd. Johan also finished the year in 18th position on the national oom. Next year's tournament will be hosted by EP and played at the St. Francis links for the A-division and the old course at St Francis Bay for the B-division.

The Dolphin Trophy was again held in October at Goose Valley GE and Plettenberg Bay GC with Eastern Province winning the trophy.

SCGU recently had their annual general meeting and I would like to share the following with you:

1. SASCOC announced in 2013 that SC should change their name to EDEN District region with the following colors navy blue, white and dark green (SCGU have 2 years to incorporate the new name). We have not received any further notification and should decide about continuation of our blue shirts for SCSAGA.
2. SCSAGA is now fully integrated into the SCGU and for all purposes we are now the SCS division of SCGU. Our treasurers function has diminished to the collection and depositing of cash our monthly social tournaments. All transactions are documented on the SCGU financial statements and audited yearly in October by Mazars Auditors. SCGU will be responsible for organizing the Senior Open tournament and assist where possible with other tournaments and functions when requested. From February 2015 SCGU will run our OOM on the same basis as all other divisions under the guidelines provided by the Senior Golf committee. You will be able to track your oom position on the SCGU website. This will mean that the SCSG committee's functions will also be reduced and they will apply a holistic approach in terms of directing and controlling the responsibilities as stipulated in our constitution. The committee will continue to organize the monthly social games, the closed tournament, the qiantangular tournament and the Dolphin Cup. However, our aim is to hand over all tournaments to SCGU.
3. From next year - Senior IPT, only 6 teams will play in the A - division and 7/8 teams will play in the B - division.
4. Drug testing to be implemented in all tournaments.
5. IPT teams traveling to wear their provincial outfit.
6. The president of SCSG will sit on the national SGC and the SCGU committee and will provide regular feedback at meetings of SCSG status.
7. SCGU introduced a new inter club league for 2015 which will allow for 2 divisions – Super league for handicaps of 5 and lower and a handicap league from 6 handicap

and above. Please contact your club for more information. I urge the IPT players to participate in the Super League – this is where you will get exposure to the IPT format on a local basis.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to your hard working committee, with a special thanks to Koos our Match Secretary – you are doing a superb job under tremendous pressure from members and Golf Clubs! Also Maurice thank you for handling our finances at our monthly competitions. Your committee is meeting regularly and discusses all relevant issues. Minutes are kept and it is available to any member who wishes to study them. I also would like to thank Tannah Harris President SCGU, Billy and Sheila from the SCGU office for their continued support towards Senior Amateur Golf in this region and we are looking forward to a long and strong relationship in future. Senior Golf in SC is growing and a lot of younger 50 year old golfers are joining!

To all our members, thank you for inviting more players to join our association, please keep it going.

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