



## **2015 PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Firstly, on behalf of the SCGU and myself, I heartily welcome all present and thank you for attending our AGM. Baie dankie aan al diegene wat die moeite gedoen het om hier teenwoordig te wees

I don't know if it is an age thing or not, but this year has seemed to go faster than those before. Or maybe because of all the interesting developments that have taken place

Many important changes on a National level are in progress affecting all amateur golfers in the country, as well as many changes affecting the Southern Cape Golf Union.

Firstly SAGA has embarked on a new Business plan. We are in the process of forming a body named GOLF RSA, and they have started implementing this by appointing Mr Grant Hepburn as our CEO ( I am sure most of you have heard of him ). This body will comprise of SAGA, Womans Golf South Africa, and Disabled golf, and 2 or 3 appointed well known high profile business men to assist this new body to oversee correct corporate governance. This is just a brief overview I am communicating, as there are many facets to this development.

Changes in our SCGU are that we have already amalgamated with Senior Golf and Junior Golf, and this meeting will (I hope) approve the changes to our constitution to facilitate the complete amalgamation with the S Cape Ladies golf. All of this in order to comply with SASCOC directives. Another change of importance also instructed by SASCOC is that our boundaries need to change. Western Province is no longer recognised. One body will exist consisting of many federations comprising the greater Cape Town Metro pole area, Winelands, West coast, Overberg, Eden and Central Karoo. Boland, WP and Southern Cape as we know it will all now be known as Western Cape. This body will exist only on an administrative level and will enable us to qualify for Government funding. SAGA will still recognise us as the Southern Cape Golf Union with regards to all provincial tournaments etc. These directives apply to ALL sport and recreation federations. I know it sounds a bit complicated, but it only affects our administration side and budgeting, and places a heavier burden on our personnel. Our affiliated members will not notice any change that will affect them

The Southern Cape Golf Union now has 27 golf courses under its jurisdiction, 12 nine Hole courses, 6 municipal eighteen hole courses and 9 estate courses, with 5739 male members and 1414 lady members, bringing our total affiliated members to 7153.

As for our various activities and tournaments held this year I would prefer the relevant holders of these portfolios to report individually at this meeting. What I am very proud and pleased to add is that we have had a very successful year in all our undertakings i.e. on the course as well as on our administrative side and also financially. For this I need to thank our executive directors as well as our very capable officials. We have been operating like a well oiled engine and I wish to thank them all for the wonderful cooperation and assistance and spirit in which we have conducted our affairs this past year. I am proud to report that on a national level we have been complimented on our players, our development programme, our administration and our attitude and correctness of demeanour. Steve, Billy , Sheila, Lindy, Sandra, Johan and the rest of our executive, thank you sincerely for making all this possible. I am really proud and honoured to be associated with you all. Gavin, my compliments to you also for making such a good

impression on the SAGA level where you are highly thought of. You assisted greatly in the SCGU's high regard nationally.

My dank aan al ons borge deur die jaar vernaamlik Nomads wie ons groot finansiele ondersteuning verleen het, sovel as die Department of Sport, Pam Golding Properties, The Pro Shop, Sanlam, Bayview Butchery, Oakhurst Hotel & Srixon/Cleveland.

My gratitude must also go to all our clubs who have contributed so much to our union. Your cooperation and assistance have played a major role in making us the success that we are. You are our backbone, I thank you sincerely. My congratulations to all the new captains and we wish all our clubs a great successful golfing year, and please bear in mind that your union is there to assist whenever needed. I know we made promises with regards to the new course rating system, but the delay was caused by financial constraints which I am confident will be resolved with the assistance of SAGA this coming year.

Finally, my gratitude to all our clubs for the trust and honour you had placed in me and I sincerely hope I did not disappoint. I wish you all and your families a very festive season and a healthy and happy 2016.

Kind Regards,

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