

SCSAGA AGM - 2015

President's Report for the period 6 December 2014 to 5 December 2015

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 a special thank you to our loyal members for supporting SOUTHERN CAPE SENIOR AMATEUR GOLF.

We have ended the year with a total membership of 195 and on average 70% of members playing regularly in our tournaments.

I would like to thank Terry Otto from K 1 Quarry for sponsoring our Monthly competitions over the past year and for renewing his sponsorship for 2016. Also thanks to Brand House liquor store, The Pro Shop and Golfers Club for their continued support.

During April we have sent our senior “A Team” – Lionel Davids, Fanus Pauw, Johan Marais, Leon Schutz, Neil Abrahamse, Andy Mynhardt, Deon Kruger and Anton Nel to the National IPT tournament held at Ebotse Country Club in Benoni. Our players found this course testing but managed to outplay Mphumalanga, North-West and draw with Ekurhuleni to book their challenge in next year’s IPT A-division again. We also have entered a Super Senior side with John Mitchell, Hans Giesen, Colin Short and Peter Hodson. They have managed to outplay the other provinces and won the B-division inter-provincial tournament.

Southern Cape SS will participate in the A-division next year. The 2016 IPT will be played from 11 – 14 April at The Wanderes GC and Kilarney GC in JHB.

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.

We also have hosted the Quintangular Tournament this year which was played at Kingswood GE and George GC. The members that participated confirmed that it was an enjoyable tournament and they have managed to outplay the other provinces to win the tournament. Thank you Koos for organising the tournament.

We once again hosted a full field at our Southern Cape Senior Open held on 30 & 31 May 2015 at George GC. Players from around the country participated in a very successful tournament organised by the SCGU. David Konzani from EP won the tournament on a gross score of 142 over two rounds and Andre du Plessis from Mossel Bay GC won the B-division with 79 stableford points.

The Southern Cape Closed tournament was played in stormy and wet weather at Simola GE in July. Congratulations to “A” Division winner Leon Schutz with a gross score of 145 over two rounds and “B” Division winner Pieter Els with 80 stableford points.

The Dolphin Trophy was again held in October at Goose Valley GE and Plettenberg Bay GC with Southern Cape winning the trophy. Congratulations to all our champions and teams that participated in the past years events.

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

1. SCSAGA is now fully integrated into the SCGU as stipulated by SASCOG and for all purposes we are now the SCS division of SCGU.

Our treasurer’s function has diminished to the collection and depositing of cash at our monthly social tournaments. All transactions are documented on the SCGU financial statements and audited yearly in October by Mazars Auditors. SCGU will now be responsible for organizing all our tournaments in future. From February 2016, 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 only be responsible to complete

the score record sheet, collect cash from the hosting golf club and do the prize giving at our monthly social tournaments.

2. You will enter all tournaments through the SCGU office. They will do the draw and let the hosting golf club know about the final draw.
3. The SCGU will also liaise with the golf clubs to ensure we get the best rates possible.
4. The Chairperson/President of SCS will sit on the SCGU committee and will provide regular feedback at meetings of SCS status.
5. 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. The SGGU has requested to enter a Senior team for the super league 2016 season.
6. With the abovementioned total integration into the SCGU our constitution has become absolute and I would like to suggest we vote today in this regard. We will continue ” business as normal” under the constitution of the SCGU. However, the effect on us as members will be that the annual subs of R200 will fall away and all senior golfers of the SCGU will pay affiliation fees through their golf club. This will mean that any SC senior golfer 50 years and older with a SA-golfer id (2700) can enter any tournament organized by SAGA or member UNIONS of SAGA.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our hard working committee, with a special thanks to Koos our Match Secretary – you are doing a superb job under pressure from members and Golf Clubs! Also Maurice for handling our finances at our monthly competitions. Your committee is meeting regularly and discuss all relevant issues. Minutes are kept and it is available to any member who wish 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.

To all our members, thank you for loyal support over the past years, the fun, camaraderie and friendships that developed amongst us. I am sure that we will continue growing senior golf in the SC and I am looking forward building a strong relationship with Billy and his team.