



SOUTHERN CAPE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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To begin I would like to thank the 1 414 affiliated members of SCWGA for entrusting the administration of the association in my hands with the SCWGA executive of 2015. The 2015 executive committee members, Sonja Bland, Leoni van Greunen, Brenda Smith, Salome van Wyk, Wendy du Toit and Marie Smith have been my backbone for the past year and without their support and input we would not have achieved the goals we had done in 2015.

Thank you also to the captains for their support and co-operation during 2015, Annette Pretorius - Mossel Bay, Liz Hughes - George, Maggie Anderson - Oubaa, Annalie van der Westhuizen - Oudtshoorn, KJ Nicolson - Knysna, Sarah Parvin - Plettenberg Bay, Liz Keller - Pezula, Anne Riemer - Goose Valley and Monica Steyn - Pinnacle Point.

Highlights of the calendar year.

January

Mossel Bay GC hosted the Nomads and SC Mixed Championship. We had a record entry list of 116 players and also were privileged to receive the Nomads sponsorship again as well as additional sponsorship from Mega Plastics. Desiree Geldenhuys and Nicolas Mitchell were the 2015 champions.

Away from the golf, the DCAS tri-laterals took place where the SCWGA had to present an account of how the funding received for the 2014/2015 period was utilised. It was an express 15 minute power point presentation but this ultimately rewarded us with the application submitted by Rita Herholdt to DCAS funding of R105 000 for the 2015/2016 year.

April

In April I attended the executive and AGM meetings of WGSA that was held before SA Stroke Play hosted by Glendower GC and officially became part of the green jackets team. It was long hours but nevertheless another learning curve in the administration of golf.

May

May took me and the SC Squad, consisting of Sonja Bland, Desiree Geldenhuys and Anzelle Zeelie to East London for the 72 Hole Team Championship with Gill Norgarb as the team manager. The SC team retained their position in the A Division.

June

The SC Midam and Seniors Championship took place at Goose Valley with an entry list of 78 players representing 22 different clubs. The players enjoyed sublime winter weather conditions and the SCWGA received positive feedback after the tournament with promises of players coming back in 2016. The MidAm A division champion was Lynne Behagg of Boland, Seniors A Division, our own Liz Keller of Pezula/Knysna. The MidAm B division was Sandra Lennox of George and Seniors B division was won by Janet McClarty and the Seniors C division, Mossel Bays Shirley Greig.

At end of June I chaperoned 6 junior girls to Orkney. They were Charnay Williams - captain, Anye Verster, Hijke Pretorius, Michelle Muller, Hijke Steinhobel and Petrone Rudolph. Anye Verster won the best nett prize on day 1. Unfortunately overall none of them had great golf and the results were unremarkable.

July

Saw the inaugural Teams of Two event at Oubaai which was most probably the coldest day in the winter. We had an entry list of 56 players to play 18 holes of Betterball in the morning and 18 holes of Foursomes in the afternoon. Sonja Bland and Margie Pienaar won the silver gross division and Kathie Joubert and Jenny Tipping the Bronze division. The club trophy was won by George GC.

August

August month is traditionally the SC Amateur Open and Closed Championship. We had a record entry list of 86 players, 5 of the top 10 Senior WGSA rankings players entered. 17 of the 32 juniors that entered were in the top 40 junior WGSA rankings.

The A division winner Kaleigh Telfer of Bryanston Golf Club was on fire and won with -13, ten shots ahead of the rest of the field.

Sonja Bland won the A Division closed trophy. Valda Ford, Ruimsig GC won the B Open Division and Darrel Phillips, Plett the closed B Division. Denise Danks was the overall C Division winner. Two of our juniors fared well with Sylken Leigh November winning the closed B Division nett prize and Anke Steyn from Ladismith 2nd in the C Division and she also won the junior Stableford division.

September

September month was SA Inter Provincial Championships at Centurion GC and the SC was presented by Sonja Bland, Desiree Geldenhuys, Margie Pienaar and Anzelle Zeelie. The SC team successfully defended their B2 Division.

October

In October I was privileged to accompany the regional lady winners, Gill Hutton - George, Verona Cronje - Fancourt and Anke Steyn Ladismith to the Sanlam Cansa Challenge at Sun City. I really enjoyed the little time I spent with the SC ladies and also the wonderful treatment at the event.

Recognition

I would also like to thank all our sponsors, DCAS, Nomads and Mega Plastics for their contributions for 2015 but most of all a big thank you to the Southern Cape players who supported our tournaments during the year.

Conclusion

An overall view from me for the year is that it has been a very busy and fulfilling year, I have grown as a person and my increased knowledge of golf administration has made me realise how much I love golf but most of all it gave me the opportunity to meet so many new wonderful people. It has been special and I look forward to my second year in the office.