



## **2016 PRESIDENTS REPORT**

I have finally solved the puzzle as to why time is passing faster and faster. It is linked to the Internet. As technology speeds up internet capabilities, it also speeds up time!! I cannot believe how fast this year has flown by.

On behalf of the SCGU, I sincerely welcome all present and thank you all for taking an interest and attending our AGM. “Al die verigtinge hier is rakend aan al ons klubs, en dus is julle verteenwoordigheid baie belangrik. Dankie aan almal wat hier is.”

Nobody likes to listen to a long tiresome Presidents report, so I will be as brief as possible.

Last year I reported that SAGA as well as our Union had many changes in the pipeline. SAGA has come a long way with all these transformations. Our Union has complied, and I am glad to say all the changes and tasks have been achieved, barring the new course rating system. We still need to do a few of the nine hole courses and 2 x 18 hole courses. This will take place early in the new year. I must remind the clubs to please notify the Union if any changes are brought about on their courses.

We have 26 clubs with 6975 members, unfortunately 178 down on last year. All the clubs should be receiving newsletters from HNA and we have circulated statistics for each club regarding the rounds played, membership fluctuations, etc.

I am exceedingly proud and pleased to report that we did exceedingly well in all our national team events (barring one) but I will leave the full details to the various portfolios in their reports, including our financial status. I must mention that we can be very proud of our players, as we continue to get rave reviews as to their behaviour, sportsmanship friendliness and skills.

All this would not have been possible without our fantastic team of officials, i.e. Billy, Lindy, Sheila, Johan, Deon, and assistants Neil and Erica, and especially the hard work and dedication of our Vice-President, Stephen Murray. Thank you all so very much! Thank you to our Executive for all your valuable support and assistance. Billy, you have been a rock, and I am very proud of you. “Dankie ou seun”!

Our gratitude also to all our sponsors, too many to name. Without your support our success would not have been where it is. Our Director of Golf will enumerate most of them in his report.

And most importantly, to all our clubs who assist and cooperate so wonderfully with our Union. We are envied by most of the larger Unions and they question us as to how we manage to accomplish all that we have achieved. We really are a Union with clubs that we are exceedingly proud to represent. This warrants another great “thank

you". Congratulations to all the new Captains. I can assure you all of our wholehearted support and assistance for the future.

Congratulations to Jenny du Preez, the new Women's Golf President, we assure you of our full cooperation and assistance in future.

Also thank you to Laetitia Higgs especially for doing a tough task of negotiating the full amalgamation with our Union. You had the best interests of Women's Golf at heart. Thank you, Laetitia!

Congratulations to Maurice van Merch being elected the new Chairman of Southern Cape Senior Golf.

Finally, to all our clubs for the honour and privilege of entrusting me as your President, and I wish you and your families a very happy festive season and a happy and healthy 2017, and a good golfing year.

Kind regards,

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