



WOMEN'S GOLF

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016

It is my pleasure and honour to present my president's report for 2016.

PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

At the end of January the 2016 the SC Mixed Championship was hosted by Pinnacle Point. 47 pairs, 94 players, entered the Championship. The 2016 champions were Robert Foley and Vera Ragouth, both were Kenako students at the time. Defending champions Desiree Geldenhuys and Nicolas Mitchell came 2nd.

The Eastern Province Championship held at Port Elizabeth GC in February produced some excellent results for SCWG. Azelia Meichtry, Kingswood carried the SCWG flag high by winning both the stroke play and match play championship. The B Division was won by Olivia McKinlay, Oubaai and the C Division Match Play was won by Elizabeth Lightley, Knysna.

The Border Championship held at the East London GC was also won by Azelia Meichtry and she set a new ladies course record of 66 in her final round. Elizabeth Lightley was runner up in the C Division.

The Pam Golding Properties Womens Golf Western Province Championship that was held at Rondebosch GC in March once again produced good results for Azelia Meichtry. Azelia was runner up in the match play championship. It took Zethu Myeki 20 holes to get the better of Azelia.

At the Nomads SA Girl's Rose Bowl Stroke Play that was also held in March at the Port Elizabeth GC Petroné Rudolph, Pinnacle Point came 3rd in the B Division.

In April the SCWG Teams of Two was held at Knysna GC. The silver division (combined handicap 36 and under) was won by Desiree Geldenhuys and Anzelle Zeelie. The bronze division (combined handicap 37 and over) was won by Darell Phillips and Terese Prigge.

The Sanlam South African Amateur Stroke Play Championship that was held at Westlake GC also produced good results for Azelia Meichtry as runner up and Petroné Rudolph in 3rd position in the B Division.

In May the SCWG 72 Hole Team, Desiree Geldenhuys – captain, Sonja Bland and Petroné Rudolph travelled to Middelburg, Mpumalanga for the 72 Hole Team Championship. The team retained their position in the A Division (Swiss Team Trophy).

In June the SCWG MidAm and Seniors Championship was held in Mossel Bay. The MidAm Silver Division, handicaps 18 and under was won by Sandra Winter, Kingswood. In the Seniors Silver Division, Esme Orr, George GC was runner up.

Desiree Geldenhuys chaperoned accompanied 5 girls to Nomads SA Girls Championship held at Orkney GC. The girl's results were very disappointing. Thank you Desiree for being a wonderful golf mommy, the girls respected and enjoyed your supervision.

The SC Amateur Open and Closed Championship was held at Oubaai in August. The Championship was won by Danielle du Toit from GNGU with Azelia Meichtry was runner up. Azelia won the Closed Championship. The B Division was won by Zane Naude, Mpumalanga and Esme Orr the runner up. Esme Orr won the Closed

B Division. The Closed B Division junior winner was Michelle Muller, Mossel Bay GC. The Open and Closed C Division (IPS) was won by the evergreen Dawn Wessels, Mossel Bay GC and Elizabeth Lightley was the C Division junior winner. SCWG had a record entry of 96 players.

Sandra Winter also won the Boland MidAm Championship held at Stellenbosch in August. In September Elizabeth Lightley competed in the Northern Cape Championships and won the C Division. Sonja Bland competed in the Austrian Senior Ladies Golf Championship and was crowned the winner.

In September the SCWG IPT team travelled to Umhlali to compete in the SA Women's Inter Provincial Championship. The team was Sandra Winter – captain, Azelia Meichtry, Sonja Bland and Ethel Ruthenberg. The team was well prepared due to a rigorous training programme before IPT. The team emerged as the B Division winners which resulted the SCWG team to be promoted to the A Division in 2017. I want to thank Val Holland as coach, Jenny du Preez as team manager and Sandra Winter the captain for their outstanding leadership before and during the team event. Winning the B Division was really the zenith of my two year term as women's president. I would like to congratulate the SCWG team of Sandra, Azelia, Sonja and Ethel on their admirable team spirit, their professional behaviour on and off the course and for never giving up, even when you were 7 down, you fought back and halved the match.

In October I was once again privileged to accompany the regional lady winners, Jenny du Preez - Kingswood, Helen Hills - George and Carey Dodds - Uniondale to the Sanlam Cansa Challenge at Sun City. This is such a special event to attend as union representative of the women. Thank you for the opportunity that was given to me.

The South African National MidAm was hosted by SCWG at George the beginning of November and Sandra Winter emerged as the 2016 champion. Sandra is the first player to win 3 SAMAC titles. Sonja Bland was runner up. In the B Division Sunet Venter, Knysna was runner up to Lenza de Jager, a country member at Oubaai.

I would like to use this opportunity to congratulate all the Southern Cape the players for competing in the various tournaments, either away of here at home the past year.

SOUTHERN CAPE WOMEN'S GOLF COLOURS

The following SC Squad players are awarded full colours. This was the first year that both team events were played after the amalgamation with SCGU.

Petrone Rudolph	72 Hole 2016
Azelia Meichtry	IPT 2016
Ethel Ruthenberg	IPT 2016
Desiree Geldenhuys	72 Hole 2016
Sonja Bland	72 Hole 2016 / IPT 2016
Sandra Winter	IPT 2016

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

This area of Women's Golf is still a big concern for me but saying this towards the end of the year we handicapped Jade Eloff from the Girls Love Golf programme and we found another promising new junior Lize Mari Prinsloo that is now with Val Holland's squad at Pinnacle Point. SCWG should be seeing new talent emerging from the SAGDB chapters hopefully within the next 2 years. SCGU is compiling a combined junior programme for the Southern Cape area which hopefully should be implemented in the following year.

LEAGUE

The Silver Division was won by Mossel Bay Golf Club and the Bronze Division was won by Plettenberg Bay Country Club, they also won the winter Bronze Foursomes league.

COMMITTEE

Thank you to Salome van Wyk, Maggie Anderson and Brenda Smith who steadied the SCWG ship the past year. Thank you for always being willing to help, listen and to comment when issues arose. To Jenny du Preez who came aboard in June to fill the position of Vice President, thank you for your positive thinking and encouragement in the past few months.

CLOSING

When I look back on my journey of the past 2 years as president only positive thoughts come to mind. I have grown so much in the past two years as a person and golf administrator. It has been enriching and certainly kept me on my toes. Thank you to every player that supported SCWG during the past two years and with that I must make special mention of the Mossel Bay ladies who have been exceptional in their support.

To Tannah Harris, you told me what I needed to hear and not what I wanted to hear, you were always available to listen and guide me in the good and the less good times. SCGU: As Henry Ford defined teamwork: Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success. Thank you.

I would also like to thank Rita Wienand who put me on this exciting road 4½ years ago. It has been a privilege but the time has come for me to hand over SCWG to Jenny du Preez and her committee. Jenny I wish your presidency term to be of the best times of your life and to the committee: The strength of the team is each individual member but the strength of each member is the team. Alone we can do so little but together we can do so much.

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