



**SOUTHERN CAPE
GOLF UNION**

Womens Golf Division

2017 Presidents Report

TOURNAMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The Southern Cape Mixed was held at the end of January at Kingswood golf club. We had a total of 64 players with most of our local clubs represented. The bronze division was won by Spider and Wilma Loubser and winners of the gross silver division were Nicholas Mitchell and Desiree Geldenhuys by one shot over Henk Geldenhuys and Sandra Winter.

The Sanlam SA Strokeplay was held at Wanderers Golf Club and Southern Cape was represented by three players.

In May Sandra Winter - Captain, Ethel Ruthenburg and Laila Hrindova represented Southern Cape at Polokwane for the 72 Hole Teams Championship. The team came 6th out of 12 teams in the A Division. Thank you Christe Mari for making yourself available as manager, you did a great job.

The Southern Cape Mid-Amateur and Senior Championship was postponed from April to June and was played at Kingswood Golf Estate. 44 players from 18 clubs entered. The Silver division, handicaps 18 and under was won by Sandra Winter and the Senior Silver division was won by Michelle Witts-Hewinson.

Christe Mari Meyer was our Chaperone for the Nomads SA Girls Championship in Orkney. The girls selected to play were Michelle Muller – Captain, Kira Kapeller, Sylken-Lee November, Petrone Rudolph and Lize Marie Prinsloo. Kira Kapeller finished tie 4th in the B division and Lize Mari Prinsloo 7th in the C division. Thank you Christe Mari for looking after the girls so well, I am sure they appreciated the hot chocolate and other goodies you brought for them.

Southern Cape Amateur Open and Closed Championship was held at Mossel Bay Golf Club in September, with a field of 76 players. Wu Joo Son was the winner of the Open Junior as well as Open gross divisions. The Closed gross division was won by Sandra Winter. The B division Open Gross was one by Alisa Rich and Kira Kapeller was runner up. Kira was also the Open and Closed Junior division gross winner. In the C division Laetitia Higgs was winner of both Open and Closed. Chloe Malgas-Kelpin was the winner of the Junior C division.

Southern Cape was proud to host the SA Womens Inter Provincial Tournament at Mossel Bay Golf Club in September. I would like to thank my IPT committee, Aletta Greyling,

Rita Herholdt and Christe Mari Meyer, without them the tournament would not be the success it was. Thanks also need to be given to Dawn Wessels and Ina Swart for being there every day to ensure things ran smoothly and last but not least to Magda Kaltenbrunn and her committee for the beautiful decorations for the final dinner. I am very proud to report that the Southern Cape Team: Sandra Winter – Captain, Azelia Meichtry, Desiree Geldenhuys, Sonja Bland, Ethel Ruthenburg and Jodie Duminy, managed to secure a top four finish in the seeding round which in turn secured their place in the A Division. Well done team. Thank you once again to Christe Mari for being a great manager, I am sure you have it down to a fine art by now. And most importantly thanks to Val Holland for her great coaching skills and for her support and commitment to Southern Cape Womens Golf, you are truly indispensable.

For the Sanlam Cancer Challenge I was privileged to accompany our regional winners for the first time. They were Joyce Hughes from Fancourt, Lize Mari Prinsloo and Tracy Venter from Mossel Bay. Congratulations to Lize Mari who came 3rd in the B Division and to Joyce who was the overall winner of the Women's A Division.

Sadly the Southern Cape Teams of Two was cancelled due to lack of entries.

The National Mid-Amateur Championships were held at Kimberly Golf Course and Southern Cape definitely came out tops. Congratulations go to Sonja Bland who won the Senior division and Rita Herholdt who came second in the C division. Once again Sandra Winter did us proud by winning her 4th National Mid Am Championship in the A division. Thank you to all the Southern Cape players for making the effort to support this great tournament.

Sonja Bland travelled to Austria in May and successfully defended her title at the Austrian international Senior Ladies Championship. She then went on to play the Hungarian International Senior Ladies Championship and secured a 2nd place by only three shots. Well done Sonja, what great golf against tough competition.

SOUTHERN CAPE COLOURS

Sandra Winter, Azelia Meichtry, Desiree Geldenhuys, Sonja Bland and Ethel Ruthenburg were re awarded colours for 72 hole and IPT respectively.

Jodie Duminy was awarded full colours for IPT.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

We decided to host a Girls Love Golf tournament at the beginning of the year to encourage young girls to take up golf. The tournament was a great success and much fun was had by all. Many thanks to Adele van Wyk for organising the whole tournament as well as to Val Holland, Adam Mckinley, Roelof Roelofze for their involvement. We definitely have had girls joining the GLG programme because of this fun day and will be hosting another one next year.

I am happy to say that we have the likes of Chloe Malgas-Kelpin and Jasmine Furstenberg who are now starting to play junior tournaments. We also have over 20 young girls in the GLG programme which is a positive start. For Girls in the SAGDB chapters it is a challenge for them to practice out of their lessons and we are looking at ways to overcome this however, they should be on the course and playing a few holes by next year.

Kira Kapeller, who is also a junior was the most improved player, from a 13 handicap to a 7. Well done Kira.

LEAGUE

Both the Silver and Bronze League were won by Plettenburg Bay. The Matchplay league was jointly won by Knysna and Plettenburg Bay.

COMMITTEE

Sadly Ilze Nel had to step down from the committee due to other commitments and Deon Botes-Schoeman resigned to take a career opportunity that he could not refuse. He has however, been helping out with tournaments part time which was a great help to me.

I am happy to announce that Monica Steyn from Pinnacle Point will be joining the Women's Golf Division committee in the New Year and I look forward to working with her.

In closing, I would like to thank my committee for their support and time given throughout the year. It has been quite a learning curve for me and I appreciate your patience! I would also like to thank Billy and the rest of the Southern Cape team for all their support, it is a pleasure to work with such a passionate and committed team.

Jenny Du Preez

PRESIDENT

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