



**SOUTHERN CAPE  
GOLF UNION**

## **Director of Golf Report 2018**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Affiliated Clubs within the Southern Cape for their continued support towards Amateur Golf in the region. Also, thank you to our loyal players for supporting the Southern Cape Tournaments, and for representing our Teams with pride.

Special thanks must also go to our Union Partners and Sponsors: Pam Golding Properties, The Pro Shop George, Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Srixon, Cleveland, Sanlam, Golf In Heaven, E-Z-GO, Harvey World Travel, Imperial Auto, Nomads, Jaguar/ Land Rover, Oubaai Hotel and the National Golf Festival.

Congratulations to the respective Order of Merit winners: Ivan Williams won the 2017/18 Overall Order of Merit with a point's total of 2429.75. Nicholas Mitchell won the Mid-Amateur Order of Merit with a point's total of 1555.00, and Carlo Heunis won the Country Districts Order of Merit with 1184.50 points.

Our Southern Cape Teams again competed very well throughout the year at the following Team Events: The Mid-Amateur Inter Provincial Team competed in the A-Division of the SA Mid-Amateur Inter Provincial at Kimberley Golf Club for the first time and maintained their position in the A-Division for 2019. The Women's Golf Inter Provincial Team qualified for the A-Division of the SA Womens Inter Provincial Tournament played at Devonvale Golf Club. They will retain their A-Division status for 2019. The Men's Premier Inter Provincial Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 58<sup>th</sup> SA Premier Inter Provincial Tournament played at Oubaai Golf Club. Our results over the past few years prove that we are now a force to be reckoned with (3<sup>rd</sup> place in 2013, 2014, 2015 and victory in 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2018). The Senior & Super Senior IPT was held at St Francis Links in 2018 where our Super Seniors won their division. Southern Cape Super Seniors ended the week on a high note after beating Gauteng North 4 – 2 and handing Ekurhuleni a 5 – 1 drubbing in the final round.

In 2019 we will be introducing new league structures across various divisions and it will help to further strengthen our players to be "Match Play Ready" for next year's team events.

We also had some outstanding achievements during this year.

- (1) George Golf Club won the following League's:
  - o Jaguar /Land Rover Handicaps League
  - o Super League
  - o Women's Silver Division League
- (2) Fancourt won the Senior Super League.
- (3) Plettenberg Bay Country Club won the Women's Bronze League.

- (4) Southern Super Seniors won the 2018 Super Senior IPT.
- (5) Martin Vorster won the 2018 Junior British Open.
- (6) Jovan Rebula won the 2018 British Amateur.
- (7) Christo Lamprecht Jnr won the 2018 East of Ireland Amateur.
- (8) Christo Lamprecht, Martin Vorster & Jovan Rebula represented South Africa on the annual UK Tour, competing in the British Amateur.
- (9) Ben van Wyk, Bradley de Beer and Martin Vorster represented the SA Junior Team at the Challenge IPT.
- (10) Martin Vorster represented South Africa in the Junior World Cup.
- (11) The Mid-Amateur IPT side was nominated as a finalist for Team of the Year at the Eden Sport Awards.
- (12) Jovan Rebula was named the EDEN Sportsman of the Year.
- (13) Christo Lamprecht Jnr was named the EDEN High School Sportsman of the Year.

We hosted numerous National Events during 2018:

(January) SA Boys u/15 at Kingswood GE, (February) SANLAM Cape Province Open at Kingswood GE & George GC, (May) SA Mid-Amateur Stroke Play at Plettenberg Bay CC, (June) Dimension Data Junior at Fancourt GE & Kingswood GE, (September) SA Premier Inter-Provincial at Oubaai GC.

The 2018/19 Overall Men's Order of Merit Year will now have 24 Tournaments, namely the Fancourt Open, Southern Cape Open, Southern Cape Foursomes, Southern Cape Par 3 Championship, Mossel Bay Open, Kingswood Open, Riversdale Open, George Open, Knysna Open, Oubaai Open, Heidelberg Open, Plettenberg Bay Open, Stilbaai Open, Pinnacle Point Open, SANLAM Cape Province Open, Goose Valley Open, Beaufort West Open, Southern Cape Mid-Amateur Open, Pezula Open, Oudtshoorn Open, Simola Open, Southern Cape Closed, Eden District Open & Central Karoo District Open.

The 2018/19 Men's Order of Merit which starts in July will see the introduction of a new order of merit system that will be done on Albatros and will be available within a few hours after play of each event. The top 32 in the OOM will qualify to play in the SC Closed, and this Championship will be played over two days (18 holes per day).

We should mention that we have the following players within the top 30 on the South African Order of Merit Rankings:

#### Open Amateurs:

- (1) Christo Lamprecht (6<sup>th</sup>),
- (2) Martin Vorster (14<sup>th</sup>)
- (3) Jordan Duminy (28<sup>th</sup>).

#### Juniors:

- (1) Christo Lamprecht (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- (2) Martin Vorster (4<sup>th</sup>)
- (3) Barend Botha (12<sup>th</sup>)
- (4) Jordan Duminy (15<sup>th</sup>)
- (5) Ben van Wyk (27<sup>th</sup>)

- (6) James Murray (28<sup>th</sup>)
- (7) Eben Spanenberg (30<sup>th</sup>).

Mid-Amateurs:

- (1) Ivan Williams (8<sup>th</sup>)

Seniors:

- (1) Johan Marais (14<sup>th</sup>)
- (2) Stanley de Beer (16<sup>th</sup>).

Women Open Amateurs:

- (1) Azelia Meichtry (18<sup>th</sup>)

Women's Mid-Amateurs:

- (1) Sandra Winter (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- (2) Sonja Bland (8<sup>th</sup>)
- (3) Esmé Orr (29<sup>th</sup>)

New goals for 2019 include the introduction of the Southern Cape Golf Union Discount Partners that will benefit all golfers affiliated to a club in the Southern Cape. The Discount Partners will be launched in March/April 2019. Numerous new sponsorships are currently being negotiated to further strengthen our image, and to help ease the cost of running Tournaments professionally.

Rita Herholdt successfully managed the rollover of the complex course rating system. We would like to thank Rita for all the hard work she has put in making the change over as easy and smooth as possible. Rita must also be commended for her efforts with the new Rules of Golf training that recently started, and will be assisting Golf RSA with further courses over the next few months.

The SCGU/SAGDB Golf Development Programme has shown some growth during the year mainly due to the efforts of Johan Erasmus (SCGU Development/Transformation Manager). Special thanks must go to Grant Hepburn (CEO of SAGDB & Golf RSA) for his respect towards our partnership and for his vision to grow the game of golf. Currently 220 children share in the benefits of the program in George and surrounding area, Mossel Bay, Riversdale, Stilbaai, Beaufort West and Heidelberg. We are now looking to introduce new program chapters in Oudtshoorn and Ladismith during 2019/2020.

Johan Erasmus must also be commended for successfully managing the Caddie League matches this year and for his efforts with the Caddie Logistics & Control during the recent SA Premier IPT. To handle 104 Caddies at an event is no mean task, but thanks mainly to the sound structures put in place for the Caddie League, we had the numbers and respect from the Caddies to successfully host national and Inter Provincial tournaments. Thanks also to Heinrich Lourens, Juan Nel, Terrence Wewers and Mtobeli Jacobs for also assisting with this Premier IPT Caddie process.

Special thanks must go to Jenny du Preez, Maurice van Merch & Stephen Murray for all the work they put in for Womens, Senior & Junior Golf respectively in the Southern Cape. Your hard work is much appreciated, and many thanks for a great working relationship during year.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the SCGU Committee for their efforts, with a special thanks to Tannah Harris, Stephen Murray and Sandra Lennox for all your assistance and direction this year.

Special thanks must also go to Heinrich Lourens, Neil Fraser and Deon Botes-Schoeman for assisting with scoring and Tournament duties at our events during this year. The Union now facilitate and run 99% of all Tournaments played in the Province.

Finally, I would like to thank the Union Secretary, Sheila Fraser our Golf Coordinator, Lindy Murray and Assistant - Director of Golf Heinrich Lourens for all their hard work, dedication, input and willingness to always assist. Thank you very much for being such a great team! Please enjoy your annual leave break, rest well and I look forward to the year 2019.

Kind Regards,

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