

GROWING THE GAME - BUILDING THE NATION

GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

Shortly we will be losing some of the older more established players and have therefore started with renewed focus on our Level 1 programs at the various schools throughout our different chapters. We trust that this will ensure that we are able to keep on producing players that will be able to play in the SC Junior Golf Tournaments and especially in the Junior Provincial teams.

We have identified a group of +/- 15 players between the ages of 8-12 years old and have been working with them to play more 9 and 18-hole rounds to get them up to speed ready to play competitions in 2018. It is our intention to assist some of them to become members at a Golf Club so that they can get an Official Handicap which will allow them to play in the Junior Tournaments.

The older players (14-16-year old's) in the Premier Squad that have been playing for a couple of years are also starting to play with more confidence and their results are improving. Overall, we are satisfied with the progress that the Premier Squad players are showing as well as our emerging squad. It is a long process from a beginner at golf to becoming a handicapped player and eventually to a progress to a provincial player. But we do believe that with the right coaching we can help each of them onto that pathway of success

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Our relationship with the Golf Clubs, Academies and the Union are exceptionally good. These relationships, along with the various stakeholders are the most valuable commodity for us, as we cannot achieve our goals if we do not have these entities as our partners.

Although most of our focus is on producing players to compete at the top level of competition in the Junior ranks we also believe that we need to instill such a love for this beautiful game with the players, that they will one day become Members at their local club and in that way, we will have helped the growth and sustainability of the clubs. Our current Club membership breakdown is as follows:

Riversdale GC: 4 Members George GC: 12 Members

Mossel Bay GC: 3 Members Pinnacle Point: 1 Member

PREMIER SQUAD

These are the players that take part in the monthly Junior Golf Tournaments as well as Club Open Tournaments in our area. Our Premier Squad breakdown per club is as follows:

Riversdale GC: 4 George GC: 6

Mossel Bay GC: 3 Pinnacle Point: 1

We are also assisting Sylken Lee November with Tournament fees at JOOM as well as other SC Women's Golf Tournaments.

Various players have made Provincial Teams throughout the year. These players are as follows:

Alrique Julies (Riversdale GC) – SC U 13 and SC U14 Invitational Cass Muller (Mossel Bay GC) – SC U 13 Wafeeq Philander (George GC) – SC U14 Invitational Byron Goliath (Riversdale GC) – SC Heptangular U19, SC Triangular U19, SC U19 IPT.

For the past 2 years we have been competing in the SAGDB Nomads Imperial Auto MFC Golf Challenge between all the SAGDB Provinces. Last year the tournament was held at Wanderers Golf Club and the SC SAGDB team came 3rd out of all the other SAGDB Provinces. First was Central Gauteng on 475 points, Second Boland on 463 Points and then SC on 431 points. We feel that this was an excellent result for us, as we beat bigger provinces like KZN and WP. We also had a very young team compared to the other provinces with 3 players out of the 6-man team still under 13 at the time. This year we selected the following players:

Byron Goliath and Nathan Julies (Riversdale GC), Jan Human (Pinnacle Point – Albertinia), Lee Roy Mohapi, Jowayne Peterse & Wafeeq Philander (George GC)

IN CONCULSION

As this year is drawing to a close we would like to thank everyone in the Southern Cape Golf fraternity for their continued support of the SC SAGDB program. Please know that we (coaches and especially the players) really appreciate your support and help. We wish everyone a Happy Festive Season with their families and loved ones along with a prosperous New Year.

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