



## **PRESIDENTS REPORT SCGU FOR 2017**

Once again it gives me great pleasure to present my 2017 report to you all. Baie dankie, namens julle Suid Kaap Gholf Unie, dat julle julle Unie se 2017 A J V bywoon. We, as the executive, really appreciate that our clubs support us so well in attending our AGM.

I will leave the detailed reports to the various portfolio holders to give you the fantastic results and successes we have attained in the past year.

We have unfortunately lost one club, viz; Laingsburg, and there is also a strong possibility that we might lose the members of Willowmore (although they are affiliated to Eastern Province). As I have mentioned before, there is a definite decrease in affiliated members world wide, and this is of great concern to the powers that be. We now have 25 clubs in our Union with 1396 lady members and 5680 male members, giving us a total of 7076 affiliated members, slightly up from the previous year. As a matter of interest, Fish River has closed their course and Wild Coast Sun are also in the process of closing. – all very sad !

On the subject of membership, I wish to seriously request our clubs to please consider giving some free memberships to our young players from the SAGDB which is now NOT race based. I know George and Boggomsbaai have done this. Please bear in mind that the youth are the future of our existence.

My gratitude, firstly, to all our clubs for their tremendous contribution and cooperation in all our endeavors, I think that we are one of the luckiest Unions nationally to have this fantastic relationship with you all.

Secondly my sincere thanks to all our executive and officials, Billy, Steve, Lindy, and Sheila, without you all we would not be where we are today. I am so very, very proud when SAGA officials use us an example for others to try and emulate. I receive accolades wherever I go nationally. Well done to our excellent team!!

Lastly but not least, to all our sponsors and partners, without you all, we would be nowhere.

There have been some interesting developments with SAGA and Golf RSA. Without going into the nitty gritty details, many of the SAGA Executive was concerned with the direction developments were heading towards between the two bodies. After long discussions at our last SAGA meeting, in which I was heavily involved, some of the air was cleared and developments are ongoing. Golf RSA is planning to go on a national road-show, and I make an earnest appeal that you and your committee members please attend when they come to the S Cape. It will probably be over 2 or 3 days and will include a round of golf for all who attend, at the expense of Golf RSA of course!! We will keep you all informed.

I am also proud to inform you that one of our rules officials has been invited to accompany Neil Homan from SAGA to attend the R & A training course for the new set of rules that will be implemented as of the start of 2019. Rita Herholdt, well done, not sure who and how she bribed or whatever she did (I can vouch that she has not met the Gupta family – yet!!). Enjoy young lady, and remember I have to be your first pupil! That should be interesting!!?

The new course ratings are planned to be implemented at the start of 2019, although there is the possibility that it could be earlier. I must mention that we were one of the first unions to complete all our courses, thanks again to Rita.

My congratulations to all the new Captains and committees, and we wish you a successful year. Please bear in mind that your Union is here to assist, and advise at any time needed.

My congratulations go to all our teams that did so well. We are all very proud of you all.

Mag julle en al julle families n baie gelukkige, voorspoedige, en vernaamlik n baie gesonde 2018 beleef

I thank you for the honor and privilege you bestowed on me as your President, and I sincerely hope I did not disappoint.

TANNAH HARRIS

**PRESIDENT**