



**SOUTHERN CAPE
GOLF UNION**

PRESIDENTS REPORT - WOMENS GOLF DIVISION

TOURNAMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The Southern Cape Mixed was held on the 11th of February at Oubaai. We had a total of 72 players and most of our local clubs were represented. This year we had 3 divisions. The winners of the C Division were Chris Wood and Elsie Grobler, the B Division was won by Willie and Rejeanne Smit and the A Division champions were Ian Norgarb and Esme Orr. Thank you to all who played and congratulations to the winners.

The Sanlam SA Strokeplay was held at Port Elizabeth Golf Club in March and the Southern Cape was represented by six players. Azelia Meichtry was tied 5th and Sandra Winter finished 18th out of a field of 84.

In May Sandra Winter (Captain), Ethel Ruthenberg and Zane Naude represented Southern Cape at Waterkloof Golf Club for the 72 Hole Teams Championship. The team finished a respectable 6th in the A Division.

The Southern Cape Mid-Amateur and Senior Championship were held at Goose Valley in June. Forty Four players from 23 clubs entered. This year there were three divisions and the winners were: Melinda McCay in the C division, Esme Orr in the B Division and the Mid-Amateur champion was Sandra Winter.

Sheila Fraser was our Chaperone for the Nomads SA Girls Championship in Orkney. The girls selected to play were Zane Naude – Captain, Kira Kapeller, Sylken-Lee November, Chloe Malgas and Lize Marie Prinsloo. Well done to Zane Naude who finished tied 11 in the A division. Thank you Sheila for looking after the girls, and thank you to the girls for being such good ambassadors for the Southern Cape.

The Southern Cape Amateur Open and Junior Championship were held at Knysna Golf Club in September, sadly with a field of only 29 players. 16 of which were from the Southern Cape. The winner of the C division was Bev Pienaar from Knysna; Ineke Brynard was the winner of the open and junior B division. It was an exciting finish in the A division with a play off between Kaiyuree Moodley and Kaylah Williams, with Kaiyuree winning the junior and open division on the 20th hole.

This year the SA Women's Inter Provincial was held at Devonvale Golf and Wine Estate in Stellenbosch. The Southern Cape team consisted of Sandra Winter (Captain), Zane Naude, Ethel Ruthenberg, Kim de Klerk, Carey Dodds and Sylken Leigh November, who were our two rookies. The first day of play was the stroke play seeding round and the team once again managed to retain a top four finish which ensured our retention in the A division. I must say that I was extremely proud of the team's performance, considering the freezing cold and gale force wind conditions. Congratulations to Sandra who came third in the individual gross. Once again, I have to say a very big thank you Christe Mari Meyer who was team manager

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again. She really is so organised and does an excellent job in keeping the team fed, watered and motivated. I would also especially like to thank

Val Holland, our amazing coach who has given her time freely to the Southern Cape over the last 16 years. Apart from being an excellent coach, she is always available for advice, suggestions and support. I think the team would agree that games improve after a session with her.

Congratulations to the Sanlam Cancer Challenge finalists who were Yvette du Plessis from Stillbaai in the A division, Jennifer Tipping from Plettenberg Bay in the B and Marianda de Villiers from Mossel Bay in the C. I would like to thank Sheila Fraser, for being our Southern Cape Representative for putting in all the hard work of coordinating this event throughout the year.

The National Mid-Amateur Championships was held in Krugersdorp this year. Congratulations to Rita Herholdt for coming 4th in the C division, Sonja Bland for 2nd place in the Senior Gross and Sandra Winter for 2nd place in the Open Gross.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

We have three young ladies from Plettenberg Bay who are now handicapped and competing in the junior tournaments and I am excited to monitor their progress. Val Holland had two golf days for her young golfers and both were enjoyed by the players. Our union is constantly striving to improve our development programs and are at present looking at effective ways to get more girls playing golf.

DISABLED GOLF

Our disabled Golf programme has moved to Leolan in Mossel Bay and Nichole Loesche is the coach. In her report she wrote: there are some kids who are very talented and have amazing ball skills. It is such a pleasure to work with them and sometimes they even challenge me to do more advanced games so that they can challenge themselves. It is heart warming and inspiring to see.

The students who have more difficulty with their motor skills have shown great improvement and seem to enjoy every lesson more and more. Communication has also improved in the sense that they are more responsive to instruction and reaction. I am looking forward to what we can achieve through to the end of the year.

LEAGUE

Congratulations to Plettenberg Bay for winning the Bronze League and to George for winning the Silver League.

I would like to thank my Committee for their support and time given throughout the year. They have been a huge support and their suggestions were invaluable. Sadly, I will be saying goodbye to Christe Mari and Monica, thank you so much for your dedication, have a good rest and I will see you on the golf course. To Billy, Heinrich, Lindy and Sheila, thank you for all your advice, hard work and support throughout the year I really appreciate it. And finally, I would like to thank all our affiliated members for your ongoing support of the Southern Cape Golf Union and wish you happy golfing for the year to come.

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AWARDS HANDED OUT

Provincial Colours:

Sandra Winter, Zane Naude and Ethel Ruthenberg for 72 Hole and IPT

Kim de Klerk, Carey Dodds and Sylken Leigh November for IPT

Most Valuable League Players:

Bronze Division:

George 1: Janine Lammers

George 2: Kay Wooler

Plettenberg Bay: Carol Ross and Kathy Joubert

Fancourt: Lynda Lawson, Merle Dawkshas and Val Miller

Knysna: Barbara Ribeiro

Mossel Bay: Dawn Wessels

Silver Division:

George: Yolandi van der Westhuizen

Plettenberg: Darell Phillips

Fancourt: Desiree Geldenhuys

Knysna: Dalene Weir

Mossel Bay: Linchen Wessels

Oubaai: Nadine Meyer

WGSA medal winners:

Knysna: Tanya Lightley in the Silver division and Trish Leach in the Bronze

Mossel Bay: Gloria Greyvenstein in Silver and Shirley Greig in Bronze

George: Annamie van Rensburg in Silver and Helen Hills in Bronze

Plettenberg Bay: Wendy Becker in Silver and Bronze is shared by Kathie Becker and Dot Wilson

Fancourt: Mariki van der Merwe in Silver and Pam Southey in Bronze

Most Improved Player of the Year:

Carey Dodds

JENNY DU PREEZ

President - Women's Golf Division

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