



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021

THE SENIOR TOUR MANAGEMENT:

YOUR MANAGEMENT CONTINUES TO STRIVE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SENIOR TOUR, WHILE ALWAYS TRYING TO SECURE AND DELIVER TO MOST OF THE EXPECTATIONS FROM MEMBERS.

19 August 2021

Dear Members,

Administration

Covid-19

Much has happened again since our last Newsletter. The government has moved the risk and mitigation protocols and terms and conditions for citizens and visitors back to Level 3. The government gazette document as well as GolfRSA details on how we should behave in Level 4 of the pandemic was posted on our website and the appropriate websites of the country and GolfRSA. The infection rate in Gauteng has diminished remarkably while it has increased elsewhere, especially in the Western Cape. We urge members to continue to act and behave cautiously when going about your daily business and adhere to the Covid protocols as published by government.



We have complied with government regulations, and as previously stated instituted a company compliance officer namely, Fiona Burger, who will dovetail this duty with her financial and operating duties at events. She will be ably assisted by Gerda, Henry Roodt's partner when necessary. This is to advise that we have also been in contact with the compliance officer for professional golf in southern Africa and we have ironed out our shortfalls in the running of tournaments relating to Covid conditions. A Covid compliance sheet with access codes are produced at each event which stipulates and confirms how each participant must be compliant with regulations of HealthDocs or Testing, as well as in competition. The compliance officer will be of higher authority than the Tournament Director when non conformance of Covid regulations is encountered. i.e., At registration if a player cannot prove health details in line with HealthDocs or a test certificate, he/she will not be able to participate.

We urge members to continually check on our website for Covid level adjustment levels and for details of play that will change from time to time.

We encourage our members and members guests in Pro-Ams all to go on to **HealthDocs** daily to input their status as previously communicated. You must have consecutive 10 days captured on your App to secure your participation in an organized SAST tournament. Failing this, you will have to produce a certificate of your Covid status by way of an antigen test at your cost. Please be advised that the Senior Tour does not compile but follow the Covid rules and restrictions from higher authorities. We request members to be respectful to staff administering events.

The Senior Tour was very disturbed to hear of Sam Hackner's passing recently due to Covid. We share the sorrow and pass our deepest condolences to his family and friends, and we remain mindful of his contribution to business and golf.

We must also now at time of delivering this newsletter advise of the passing of Vivienne Player, wife of Gary, a wonderful person, loved by all and a terrific golfer in her own right. They were together for 71 years and it is incredibly sad indeed that she succumbed after a lengthy illness of pancreatic cancer. RIP.

POIA Act

From 1 July 2021 the government have introduced the POPIA Act to ensure privacy of personal information for all. Please see our website for details on a recent posting. The Senior Tour will continue to use your contact details on file unless you send a written note to admin@senirtour.co.za requesting the removal of your details from our database.

Where the Senior Tour management has distributed member contact information to the current or past Players' Advisory Committees and current or past directors, this will only and solely used for member/PAC business purposes individually without infringing on the rights of members in any way and always observing the POIA act contents.

The website contains photographs and content of current and past members. By way of this newsletter, we also advise that members send in written notice if they wish their details to be withdrawn from the website (under construction) by sending a note to admin@seniortour.co.za.

At some previous events and on membership application forms members have signed an 'image' rights declaration that the Senior Tour may use player/member photographs and editorial for media purposes. A new declaration document for members to sign will be available at the next and subsequent events to fit with the POIA Act relating to Senior Tour business.

Management

The Directors of the Senior Tour are busy currently, and have been for a few months, with amendments to the company policy documents. We are currently in discussion with our attorneys in this regard and we already

have much to digest on their advice. We also have the latest copies of the Sunshine Tour MOI and R&R's, and we will adapt our business model closely to theirs where possible. After the completion of this project and approval from the directors, we will take the changes to the members for resolution and adoption at a general meeting.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Results

Opportunities have been given to members to participate in five events this year.

Venue	Winner	Score	Event Name
Centurion	Chris Williams	66	Senior Tour Pro-Am
Plettenberg Bay	James Kingston	275	SASO
Humewood	Chris Williams	213	NMBC
Copperleaf	Doug McGuigan	137	Fidelity
Kyalami	Keith Horne	138	Fidelity



The order of merit after five events has been posted on the website for members and non-members.



We congratulate Keith Horne on winning his first tournament at Kyalami in only two starts. The course was in good condition for time of year and only 25 professionals participated in this Fidelity sponsored event. This was mainly due to the sudden political unrest that occurred in KZN and Gauteng. We thank Fidelity for their sponsorship and partnership with the Senior Tour. In the interim of the country moving back to Level 4 restrictions and now returning to Level 3, Fidelity have suspended sponsorship until further notice.

Given the uncertainty of the Covid third wave position prevailing now, we have been in contact with all our sponsors. The Sun City pro-am 2021 scheduled and previously announced to be held from 23-25 August, over 54-holes of the Lost City course, has been changed to a 36-hole Pro-Am, pending further Covid adjustment levels by government. The dates of the tournament are 23-24 August and accommodation packages are available from 22 August.

Entries closed 10 August and there were queries from members on the entry terms and conditions. This event is a limited starting field event and all members in good standing may enter with or without a team of three amateurs. The conditions of entry stipulate that the event will be played in the format of one professional and three amateurs. The Players Information Sheet requests that an entrant organise a team of four including three amateurs all paying a set entrance fee. Further, if the complaining players/members (2) would have read the May Newsletter as posted on the website, they would have received pre-warning and understanding of

the starting field make up. The onus is on the player/member to make sure his entry has been received by the SA Senior Tour by the close of entries.

We bring to the attention of members that our model of staging all our tournaments is with amateur participants, who largely fund the professional prize fund due to the lack of secured corporate sponsorship. Further all our events have different formats of delivery. The Sun City Pro-Am is unique in that we have an agreement with Sun International that benefits both parties in the partnership. SI provide 30 amateur players or 10 teams of MVG guests to be partnered with 10 Senior Tour Players. The Senior Tour have a ranking system/list that caters for playing opportunities for members especially in limited starting field events. The field size is limited to 25 teams of which the Senior Tour needs 15 x 3 amateurs paying a set fee to determine the prize fund. Sun International provide other benefits to us professionals like complimentary shared accommodation, breakfast and a host of other items enhancing the experience of the Pro-Am.

Professionals have the option to enter and create their own team of four or take a chance and wait if the ranking criteria will afford them another sponsor team of three amateurs. The Players Information Sheet clearly states that the format of the team's competition. It therefore means that professionals will not be allowed to play individually without amateurs in the tournament main event. So, it is advisable for professionals to secure amateurs rather than hope for a team allocation from the Senior Tour. Members who enter this event by creating their own team, trump the ranking list of an individual entry without a team. If there are too many team entries (greater than 12) from the Senior Tour, a prequalification is necessary as mentioned in the Players Information List.

We urge members to support the organisation by trying to secure amateur partners in Fidelity and other Pro-Ams and not rely on the Senior Tour to make the provision.

We thank Sun International, Heineken and Quatro for their investment contribution for the forthcoming Sun City Pro-Am and we trust all the 100 competitors will enjoy the Sun City hospitality.



The Groblersdal event scheduled for early September has been cancelled for 2021 due to covid and recent political unrest. The Orkney, Witbank, and Kingswood (George) events for October are still 'work in progress,' while we expect to have the SA Senior Masters at Silver Lakes (3-5 November) followed by events at Dainfern and Wild Coast Sun. The co-sanctioned event with the Legends Tour is unlikely to happen. This said, we are unable to publicise an event schedule at this time because of Covid and the hesitation of sponsors.

Very recently, members were contacted and invited to participate in an event at Riviera on Vaal that was purported to have a prize fund more than R50K. The Senior Tour only became aware of this when one of our invitee members informed management of the event. The contractor was made aware of our General Regulations and the section and clause therein that they need approval from the Senior Tour to stage the event when using five or more of our players and if the tournament has a PF of more than 50k. A clarification

meeting was set and subsequently cancelled by the contractor who later advised that he had given his opportunity to the IGT connections. We tried to be pragmatic and secure participation for our members to no avail. The contractor does however want a meeting in November to set up the possibility of an event next year. This matter will be brought to the Board at the next meeting. Members must make themselves aware of the General Regulations of the Senior Tour.

MEMBERSHIP-SUBSCRIPTION, CARDS AND BADGES

This is also to reiterate to members, who continue to post high scores at tournaments, that they will be notified and they may be suspended from events for a period of time or even have their membership revoked. This step is generally taken in line with the Senior Tour Rules and Regulations.

WEBSITE REVIEW AND RECONSTRUCTION

The website reconstruction is taking longer than expected to complete, and we hope for a 'cut over' to the fresh look by 20 August 2021. In the meantime, we again request players to forward their career results to info@seniortour.co.za, so that we can place the details on the Players' section that will require a password from the player to access. Ingress Technologies are busy with the enhanced design.

We are also talking to a media/digital marketing company interested in compiling performance clips and interviews at our tournaments for social media interaction.

Thank you to all our members for your continued & loyal support of the Senior Tour during 2021.

SAST Management.