



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 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.

15 October 2021

Dear Members,

Administration

Covid-19

In the national address the government announced on 01 October 2021 that the country moved to Adjusted Alert Level 1. Several regulations including the numbers at gatherings have been relaxed. We can now have prize giving's again within the regulatory numbers allowed. Please refer to the risk and mitigation protocols and terms and conditions for citizens and visitors on the government website. GolfRSA details on how we should conduct ourselves while playing and meeting at golf facilities has been posted on our website. 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. A Covid compliance document, with access codes, is produced for each event by HealthDocs at our cost, which stipulates and confirms how each participant must comply with the App regulations or Testing, as well as in competition. The compliance officer will be of higher authority than the Tournament Director when non- conformance of the 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.

These HealthDocs requirements will remain in place until 18 October 2021, when the HealthDocs team release an upgrade to the Easy Access App, when a revised protocol will take effect. They will present a Vaccination User Guide that will be used to evaluate vaccination records captured. The system will check the type of

dose(s) captured per individual participant at an event and when a QR code is scanned the user will see the green bar and number of consecutive days, not that it will be crucial going forward. The vaccination status will reveal the % dosage received or no vaccine record, if the participant has not shared their record with the event Compliant Officer. Anti-vaxxers will have to do testing in the normal processes as used before. The balance of the Easy Access App features is still available should we have to continue with temperature screening etc. Please see our website for the details on the latest easy access app with HealthDocs.

We urge members to continually check on our website for Covid adjustment levels and the details of play that will change from time to time. Please also apply for your digital vaccine certificate at:

<https://vaccine.certificate.health.gov.za>

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 follows the Covid rules and restrictions from higher authorities. We request members to be respectful to staff administering events.

POPI Act

From 1 July 2021 the government have introduced the POPI 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 new website will contain 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. In this regard, we encourage members to submit a golf related profile of themselves to link to the photos (or supply an update version) to be installed on the new website. This will give our management a wider view of your successes to promote our offerings to potential sponsors.

At previous events and on membership application forms, members 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

Last month the Players' Advisory Committee meet with the Board to discuss and clarify certain elements of the SAST business. The Board believes the Q & A session was effectively concluded.

The company has a Strategic Plan in place and the new 3-year document will be announced at the AGM 2022 in March. At the same time, we will ask members to consider adopting a set of revised and modernised MOI and Rules and Regulations documents. Currently we have our first draft of the revised MOI back from our attorneys and it looks much better and easier to read. The Rules and Regulation documents will be revised with the Players' Advisory Committee and the process has started.

From the PAC/Board meeting it is evident that the lack of funding is the major weakness and stopping our company from moving ahead at a quicker pace to grow our offerings to members. We have been speaking about an umbrella investor for years and the Board continues to strive to secure a naming right type sponsor. Without this investment we will have to persevere to administer and manage the business with volunteers in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Communication is an ongoing problem as most members do not read newsletters on our website or are not motivated to do so because of the unfavourable design presently. We will only cut over to the new website, under present construction, until it is properly functional with corrected details. We are now looking at a 30 November as a deadline for the new website to be introduced. The future in comprehensive communication will be by cell phone or iPad and we will try to have our website constructed to accommodate these devices more effectively.

From the 27th of September 2021 PAC/Board meeting the Board passed some resolutions that will be downloaded to the PAC, as soon as they are approved by the directors. The Company Organogram and job descriptions of the directors were revised for smoother operational processes. We aim to grow the business by at least 50% next year by going into neighbouring countries in Africa to secure events. The operational duties have been revised to spread the workload to be as effective as possible when delivering tournaments.

We will still be associated with the Sunshine Tour as we see our agreement with their organisation paramount to the future success of our Tour. Our tournaments are currently secured using amateur participants in Pro-Ams, where the amateurs mostly fund the running costs and prize funds. We will eventually move to a one Pro-Am day and three -day professionals only events, when sponsors come on board, and we can accommodate television and R1m prize funds.

Our plans are to include more members of colour on our management team. We have approached many members and there seems to be reluctance to do so, but some still have concerns about our operation.

The financial position of the company is healthy, but we may have to support the Dainfern event.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Results

Playing opportunities have been given to members to participate in six 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
Sun City	Nic Henning	138	Lost City Pro-Am
Orkney	Neil Cheetham	139	Bornfree Civils Pro-Am
Kingswood Am	Rodger Wessels	145	Fidelity Kingswood Classic Pro- Am



The order of merit after eight events has been posted on the website including members and non- members. The required number of events for a member to be included in the 2021 order of merit is 3.

Rodger Wessels, a former PGA of SA champion and European Tour player won the recently played Fidelity Kingswood Classic played over 36 holes at the Kingswood Golf Club and Estate with a fine score of 145. Day one was played in glorious weather and the next in extremely windy, rainy, and cool conditions. The golf course was very well presented with the greens very smooth and fast. We thank Fidelity and George Tourism for their financial support as well as all the other contributors who played their part in the success of the event. 27 senior professionals participated, and four other local professionals helped to make up the numbers to enable a total field size of 124 players.

We congratulate Neil Cheetham on his tournament win at Orkney with a fine score of five under par for the 36- hole event. It was a very festive weekend and the members and guests at Orkney enjoyed themselves. The sponsors indicated that they wish to make the event bigger and better next year. The course was in good condition for the time of year



and only 33 professionals participated in this Bornfree Civils sponsored event.



Management is pleased to announce that entries are open for **The Solar Classic** played in conjunction with the Jannie Ackermann Memorial to be held at **Silver Lakes from 3-5 November 2021** over 54 holes. The SA Senior Masters has now been dropped from our schedule given that Augusta National in the USA have a world trade -mark registration and license over the names 'Masters' and Augusta'. We thank Solar Mining for their continued support to stage the tournament this year that will be renamed the "The Solar Classic. The event clashes with an Els for Autism event at Sun City but nevertheless we trust we will have a successful tournament. The Player's Information Sheet is available on the website.

Management is also trying to confirm an event at Dainfern (Simon Hobday Classic) from 10-12 November 2021. A decision will be taken to confirm this event over 54 holes on Monday, 18 October 2021.

The Wild Coast Sun (WCS) Pro-Am will take place from 18-20 November 2021, with details to follow. The onus is on the player/member to make sure his entry for events is received by the SA Senior Tour by the close of entries. The prize fund for WCS will be much less than envisaged previously as the main sponsor has withdrawn the investment due to a business decision. The Race to WCS final list will be made after the Dainfern event or dates, for the top 30 on the order of merit for 2021, at that time, to have preferences to enter. The money earned at WSC will be included in the final OoM list for 2021. Also, entries may also become conditional for players to bring 3 sponsors at R3k each to WCS, if Sun International cannot provide the necessary VIPs for our professionals or we cannot confirm the envisaged R150k prize fund.

MEMBERSHIP-SUBSCRIPTION, CARDS AND BADGES

It has been brought to the Boards notice that certain non-members are using their old/outdated membership cards to secure free or reduced rates at golf courses. It also may be that current members are lending their cards to others to do the same. This has to stop and we will send out letters to clubs soon to caution on this probability.

We have analysed member scores from events, recorded and compiled a report. Some are found to have been carrying injuries or medical conditions. This is also to reiterate to members, who continue to post high scores at tournaments, that they will be notified by the TD 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 30 November 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.

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

SAST Management.