



NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 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.

08 November 2021

Dear Members,

Administration

Covid-19

The world continues to struggle with the different strains of Covid and vaccination has been the priority of most countries to have their people vaccinated. Then there is the dilemma of those who chose to be vaccinated and those who do not take the jab(s). The number of spectators allowed at an event by special processes is 2000 and tickets will be issued for distribution at the host clubs only to fully vaccinated persons. Please bear in mind that family members and wives etc. are required to be fully vaccinated if walking with a player on course or attending after golf functions.

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.

The HealthDocs requirements were revised 18 October 2021, when the HealthDocs team released an upgrade to the Easy Access App. A Vaccination User Guide is available on the website for all players in our events to download, use and ensure they are compliant with the tournament regulations. 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. 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 provide certification of tests by means of the normal processes as suggested before. 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 request members to be respectful to staff administering these Covid compliances at 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. Playing golf tournaments at golf resorts or golf estates may require the player/member to furnish his/her personal details for entry into the facilities. Please be aware of this and the Senior Tour cannot take responsibility for the details submitted on behalf of the player/member should irregularities arise.

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 POPI 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 POPI Act relating to Senior Tour business.

Management

A decision was taken to abort the Dainfern Simon Hobday Classic in November due to the inability of securing the desired sponsorship. We trust we will be able to pick up this event in 2022.

The Silver Lakes event was not without controversy with specific moaning, mostly from our senior players, covering the draw design over the first two days. This event has always had an early draw and a late draw designed to allow the more prominent players on the OOM list to play in the Pro-Am section. This year we had a poor entry from our professional membership and the desired sponsors of the past, catering for our amateur entries, declined support for assorted reasons. This together with several requests for early or select times by members resulted in some of our more competent players having early draw times. The COO and the TD try to comply with requests in the best feasible way when compiling the draw, and certainly are no weather experts. When players play poorly there seems always to be some fault with the operating function of events and most are hind-sighted complaints. In future your event management team will not take extraordinary suggestions or requests directly from players/members. Please refer all your future communication to the PAC. Your entries should always be through email on entries@seniortour.co.za, where you will be given a reference confirming your entry, by close of entries. In some cases of a limited starting field event, you will need a final acceptance of entry especially when prequalification is necessary. We envisage Pro-Am events in the future to be cut to specific entry numbers, with the aspect of professionals playing together separately, and others playing in a Pro-Am with amateurs, in the same event, a thing of the past. Members will always be given opportunity to pre-qualify if this resolution is approved by the directors.

Eventually, we will move away from the current model of incorporating scores in Pro-Am events within the prize fund results and OOM. We hope to have separate Pro-Am days (non- OOM) before the main event, and then draws where the professionals will play together for the trophy and money within a specific prize fund. Our time frame here is by 31 December 2022, depending on corporate investment.

This is an opportune time to congratulate James Kingston on his fabulous win in Italy on the European Legends Tour last week. Together with Chris Williams, who won an event on the Legends Tour as well, we are delighted to have these two players as members of our Senior Tour, thereby displaying the quality of our membership. They have also collectively won four of our nine events on offer this year.

We have had difficulty publicising an event schedule over the past two years obviously through the Covid pandemic. This year we have seen investors come back slowly in support of our tournament offerings and from negotiations we expect 2022 to be better than this year by some distance, given Covid is contained, and our economy continues to revive. Your management is very aware of over promising and under delivering but we expect to have a schedule out in mid-January 2022.

Members must abide by the pre- event conditions on the Players Information Sheet. Typically, the top 5 in the tournament must attend the professional prize giving and all professionals who play in the Pro-Am must attend the Pro-Am prize giving. We need to grow the tournament schedule and prize funds and your attendance at these functions are paramount to the success and growth of the Tour. Fines will be introduced in the new year.

Speed of play timing sheets will be available on the back of pin-sheets in future. It is exceedingly difficult to set time limits for Pro-Am rounds, but an indication will be given to the team professional to request the team members to keep up with play ahead. When the professionals play together in future, strict timing rules will apply in accordance with the 'hard card.' Players must not voice their opinions on the course to other players covering alleged slow play and leave the function to the TD and his staff to sort out.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Results

Playing opportunities have been given to members to participate in nine 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	Rodger Wessels	143	Fidelity Kingswood Pro-Am
Silver Lakes	Chris Williams	209	The Solar Classic



The Order of Merit after nine events has been posted on the website including members only. The required number of events for a member to be included in the 2021 order of merit is three (3).

Chris Williams, a former PGA of SA champion, winner on the European Legends Tour this year, and a winner of three local tournaments this year has won the Solar Classic. The event was played at Silver Lakes in some indifferent windy weather conditions. His score of 209 over the testing course layout of fast smooth greens and running fairways was seven shots clear of the runner up, Andre Cruse. We thank Solar Mining for their

financial support in what turned out to be a successful tournament. Only 42 professionals entered, and the Pro-Am section had 20 teams playing on the last day of the two-day Pro-Am. The tournament was also the last to be instituted by the Ackerman family who have supported professional golf in South Africa for 43 years through the late Jannie Ackerman. On behalf of the Senior Tour, we thank the Ackerman's for their contribution, especially in kind and welfare and for the eighth running of the SA Senior Masters events, renamed the Solar Classic this year.

The Wild Coast Sun (WCS) Pro-Am will take place from 18-20 November 2021, with details available on the website. The conditions and details as delivered at the AGM have changed because of the funding necessary to deliver the event have not been forthcoming. 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 has been established after 9 events played this year incorporating the top 30 on the order of merit for 2021. These players will have preferences to enter the WCS event from other members with amateur partners, but a condition of entry will remain as stated in the Players' Information Sheet, where the professional must enter with three amateur partners, whose entry fee is R3k each. The money earned at WSC will be included in the final OOM list for 2021. Sun International will also be providing amateur VIPs for some of our professionals and at this stage we cannot confirm a prize fund offering beyond R100k.

The 2022 Tour School is scheduled for 20-21 January 2022 at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club. Details to follow in early December.

MEMBERSHIP

We have analysed member scores from events, recorded and compiled a report. Some are found to have been carrying injuries or medical conditions. Nevertheless, management will review the current scenario and make decisions to be announced in the December Newsletter.

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.



