



NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 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.

06 December 2021

Dear Members,

Administration

Covid-19

The world continues to struggle with the different strains of Covid. The latest ‘Omicron’ variant is disturbing with many countries closing their borders with SA, even when our scientists alerted the world of this new strain. Vaccination of their people is the priority of most leaders of countries worldwide. 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 remains in 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.

The country remains at ‘Adjusted Alert Level 1’, and we await further instructions from our government once more is known about the new virus strain. 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.**

Management

In the past three months the directors and the Players' Committee (PAC) have had interface meetings with the purpose of aligning certain company strategies with proper understanding. We needed to clarify our organisational structures and goals with specific job descriptions based on our strategic plan moving into the next three years of business.



It was always the Board's intention in 2021 to amend our rules and regulations and to modernise our Memorandum of Incorporation. These projects and processors are in motion and will be brought to the members at the AGM in the new year. Our current R&R are similar to those of the Sunshine Tour and need to be amended, especially around the sections covering Pro-Ams. All our events other than the Q-School are Pro-Am related with amateur participation. We do not envisage this model and format of events changing in 2022. The MOI has been reformatted and modernised to cater for the elements stipulated in the latest Company's Act. Once our new website is up and running members will be allowed access to these company documents through a username and password.

For the past 11 years we have been trying to secure a naming sponsor for our Tour. This remains our top priority to secure funding that will enable expense to appoint staff to fulfil administration duties and to further prospect for funds from the public and private sectors.

We will continue to partner the Sunshine Tour by service and license agreements. It is in our interests to be associated under the Sunshine Tour logo that brings much creditability to the Senior Tour. We have agreements with other partners, and we trust these will be renewed going forward into 2022.

There has been some comment from our better players that we consider changing the name "Senior Tour" to some other name as the organisations in USA and Europe have done. We cannot use the words, Masters, Champions or Legends. Any suggestions will be gladly put to the Board.

Covid has played a nasty role in our daily lives and in our organisation. We have adapted well considering the circumstances of lockdowns in the last two years. We almost met our three- year goal of providing prize funds totalling two million rands in one calendar year, missing by R100k. A new 3-year plan is in place and if the economic activity of our country improves from 2022, we will be able to increase our tournament and prize fund offerings to members.

We have had difficulty publicising an event schedule over the past two years. Obviously, this is through the Covid pandemic, where sponsors either suspended or cancelled funding during the year due to economic situations caused by Covid. We expect to have a preliminary schedule out by 31 January 2022.

2022 Calendar

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It was very pleasing to note that five players won in excess of R100k in prize money in 2021 and there might have been at least another four had the players not had injuries and or other time constraints. Chris Williams led the OOM 2021 with R173 685. A new tournament Exemption and Ranking List will be available after the Q-School 2022 in January next year.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Results

Playing opportunities have been given to members to participate in 10 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 Pro-Am	Rodger Wessels	143	Fidelity Kingswood Classic
Silver Lakes	Chris Williams	209	The Solar Classic
Wild Coast Sun	Doug McGuigan	198	The WCS Pro-Am



The Order of Merit after ten 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.



The Wild Coast Sun (WCS) Pro-Am took place from 18-20 November 2021, with Doug McGuigan winning on an exceptional total score of 12 under par, 198. Doug won by 10 shots from Chris Williams with details available on the website. The conditions for play on day one was horrendous with play having to be abandoned after several holes played due to extremely high winds in the region of 70km per hour. The event committee made a decision to play 36 holes on

day 2 to enable the tournament to still be a 54 -hole event. The course was wet and played longer on the last day. We thank Sun International and Heineken for their well accepted contributions to the event. We hope to make this a better and bigger tournament in the future.

The 2022 Tour School is scheduled for 20-21 January 2022 at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club (East course). Details are available on the website.

MEMBERSHIP

We have analysed member scores from events, recorded and compiled a report. Some are found to have been carrying injuries or medical conditions. Management have reviewed the current scenario and believe the culprits will have less opportunities to do so next year.

WEBSITE REVIEW AND RECONSTRUCTION

The website reconstruction is taking longer than expected to complete, and we hope for a 'cut over' sometime this month. **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. May we take this opportunity to wish all members and members of the Board a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

SAST Management.



Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!

