



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

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.

Administration



A Special General Meeting was called by the operating staff, in

conjunction with the Players' Committee, and proper notification was given to members for attendance at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club on 9th September 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to broadcast to members the existing operating procedures from the General Regulations of the company, and to hear any concerns and consider any changes necessary.

Further to the above, only 11 members attended the SGM, and a quorum was not in place to officially announce that the meeting was constitutionally viable. However, it was decided by those present to unofficially continue and hear what the operating staff strategy was going forward into the future. Minutes of this SGM were compiled and will be released once the directors have met and resolutions carried from the discussions and concerns raised by the few.

We reiterate that the executive administration or the board of directors

have a strategic plan in place for the company that includes its future growth. The

growth strategy will be conveyed to members and comment from members will be noted for consideration by the Players' Committee and thereafter taken to the Board for the necessary decisions and actions.

Another and further announcement are that the website retro build for the Players' sign-in has been placed on hold while we find an alternate website builder to complete the task.



Golf is a really great game that is enjoyed by millions of golfers worldwide

Marketing opportunities

We state again that we still strive to secure an overall or naming sponsor that will enable the company to employ permanent staff and thereby improve communications and efficiency of operations. Members are encouraged to seek potential sponsors for events and to communicate this with the COO. Commissions are available to the prospector upon a written agreement with SAST and the deal coming to fruition.



Website



If you did not read the February, March, April, May, June, July, and August newsletters, then the website still remains a work in progress and there are still many features to be added like a 'Players Sign In,' where members will sign in with their membership number and own password.

In this sector, the member will have a short profile and his scoring and earnings history will be displayed as far back as we can go on Senior Tour events only. Also, members will have access to the General Regulations in this private domain.

Members can make written comment to admin@seniortour.co.za with constructive comment if they think of areas where improvements can be made. The website retro build is temporary on hold to complete the project. Pat Lowth will also be responsible for posting player information on the website. Coming soon will also be a 'Blog' button where weekly articles of interest will be posted including some golfing tips from many different tutors.

Please bear in mind we have limited budgets and not all 'wish lists' can be accommodated. We also anticipate an on-line entries and payment feature in the future but in the meantime **please e-mail your entries to** entries@seniortour.co.za.

RESULTS & GENERAL

Events Schedule 2022

We have tried this year to have events in Krugersdorp, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Sishen, Orkney and Plettenberg Bay, as well as others in Gauteng without success, and mainly due to the present state of the economy in SA. Further disappointments are the cancelling of the SA Senior Open and PGA of SA Senior Championship, which then made it impossible to hold the scheduled Tour Championship in December.

We will have a PGA of SA Championship before the end of April next year because of the offering by the Legends Tour, that the winner be exempt into the PGA event run by the Legends Tour and PGA-UK. Negotiations to have a co-sanction event with the Legends Tour this year have not been fruitful, but we are persevering and strive to secure a sponsor for an event next year.



The good news is that we have just come off a busy period where we held five tournaments in six weeks. Fidelity sponsored the Kingswood event 13th-14th October and Nelson Mwale attended in his capacity as CEO of the Group, although he could not play because of a wrist injury. We also thank Hennie Huyser for his contribution to the event.

The winner was Ryan Dreyer who completed a 2nd hard fought success with a good score of 143 over the two rounds of inclement conditions. There was a ding-dong battle and on the last nine holes there were 10 players in contention to win. The last 4 holes at Kingswood were brutal in the wind and it was the putting prowess of Dreyer that prevailed. We thank Nelson Mwale and the staff of the Fidelity Group for their continued support of the Senior Tour.



EBOTSE

Nelson was also true to his word to sponsor an event at Ebotse from 27-28 September that turned out to be a resounding success. James Kingston was one of our many well-known players to participate and his skills were remarkably on display as he won the event with a score of 137, seven under for the 36 holes, including a second day 66 in very windy conditions.

Chris Davison made a return to form in coming second on 142. There was a R150k prize fund on offer and it attracted a full field at noticeably short notice, indicating the popularity of Ebotse and the good works done the Ebotse staff.



We thank Nelson for his on-going contribution and interest in the Senior Tour.

WITBANK

Pieter Pretorius has long been a loyal friend of the Senior Tour, supporting us in tournaments and assisting some of our members financially.

The Senior Tour had negotiations with Pieter for over a year and he was the driver in providing a tournament and a professional prize fund of R200k at the Witbank Golf Club, the week before Kingswood.

James Kingston was again the player in form and the main drawcard of the fixture, showing his ability by winning the 36 -hole event with a great score of 135, being 9 under par with rounds of 68 and 67, respectively.

Chris Williams, who also campaigns with James Kingston in Europe was second at 4 under par, 140. The course was remarkably good for this time of the year with limited or no rain and to this we commend Charl and Sarel as well as the Witbank staff for their efforts to produce wonderful playing conditions and hospitality over the 2 days.

Thank you, Pieter, and Bertram, for your generous contributions as well as the many other sponsors that made the tournament successful.



PARYS

The Orkney Pro-am on our schedule was suddenly withdrawn due to the sponsor having economic problems. The Parys Pro-Am was quickly created and co-sponsored with Zambesi Gold and some Orkney members at short notice. James Kingston agreed to play and attracted the attention of the locals. However, James was to finish second to Ryan Dreyer in his maiden professional win with a score of 145 over the 36 holes. While the greens were good the first day, the wind dried them out the second day and made putting very tough indeed. This together with a bouncy and dry course, made scoring exceedingly difficult on the tight layout. Also, the professionals having to play in 4-balls on day two from the 10th tee, making for a 5-hour round and no pre round practice facilities or pre round food available before 7am, also contributed to mixed feeling amongst the players. Unfortunately, the club offering at the short notice period was teeing off the 10th tee. Nevertheless, the pro-am was phenomenally successful and we thank the club and Zambesi Gold for their assistance and Zambesi and other sponsors for their funding and prize donations. Please visit the Zambesi Gold website <https://www.zambesigold.co.za/> and support them and yourself by investing and making money.



RUSTENBURG

In early September we visited Rustenburg after a long time and wow, were we surprised. The golf course and the club facilities have been upgraded significantly. The golf course has improved beyond vision and is truly a fantastic test of golf. Paul Marks, who has been knocking on the door to win a tournament for some time now, eventually won the Blue Bird Manufacturing 54 Classic with a good score of 141 over the 36 holes beating Chris Williams by 1 shot.

We thank Phillip Degenaar for his kind and generous contribution to fund the professional purse. Also, to the facility owner, MH Tayob, we thank you for allowing us to utilize your facility and thank you and your staff for all their efforts to attain the success we achieved. The tournament looked like a proper event with all the activations on site, and we hope to make it bigger next year while trying to attract some of the bigger names to participate.



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MEMBERSHIP

We again advise members that in order to retain regular membership for 2023 you need to finish in the top 40 of the 2022 Order of Merit list as of 31 December 2022 and having played in a minimum of three (3) Order of Merit events.

2023 QUALIFYING SCHOOL

The Qualifying School for 2023 will again be played at Royal Johannesburg, but this time over the West Course from 26th – 27th January. Details will be available from 1 December 2022 on the Senior Tour website.

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

This is again an instruction that you enter events through the email address entries@seniortour.co.za

The TD, Pat Lowth, will take entries via SMS or by WhatsApp or to entries@seniortour.co.za, where you will receive a response reference.

Remember it is your responsibility to ensure that you have been entered into an event by the closing date.

Please do not enter events through Fiona, she manages our financial matters.

All tournament related queries must be addressed to the Tournament Director, Pat Lowth at td@seniortour.co.za.

FINANCE

All financial matters and entry fees must be addressed to fd@seniortour.co.za for the attention of Fiona Burger. At the closing date of entries final acceptances to the starting field will be made as well as the Pre-Q terms and conditions, if necessary.

Subscriptions for 2023 will be announced on 30 November 2022.

Until the next newsletter, stay well, stay healthy & practice, practice, practice.

