



NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

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 December 2022

Dear Members,

Administration

This year has flown by extremely quickly. The post Covid period has proved challenging in securing partnerships with funding to enable tournaments for our members. Nevertheless, while we lost investments for our SA Senior Open and SA Senior Masters, we were still able to host 14 events including a Qualifying School in 2022.

We reiterate that the executive administration and the board of directors have a strategic plan in place for the company that includes its future growth. This growth strategy will be conveyed to members before the AGM in March next year, after the Board has reviewed and edited the document in February 2023. Comments from members will be welcome and noted for consideration by the Players' Committee and thereafter taken to the Board for the necessary decisions and actions.

We are busy again with the website, including the Players' sign-in and statistics. We trust that these elements will be completed by the AGM next year.

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. A booklet is available for members to hand out to potential sponsors if you want to prospect on behalf of SAST.

It is delightful to announce that **James Kingston** has won the John Jacobs Trophy for finishing 2022 as the leading player on the Legends Tour Order of Merit. This is a wonderful achievement for James given his 2021 emotional 'lows', and he now can look forward to many 'highs' with a 5-year exemption on the Legends Tour.





Adilson Da Silva won on the Legends Tour this year and finished as 'Rookie of the Year,' also a mean feat considering the quality of players on that tour.

Many congratulations to you both.

Events Schedule 2022

Please see the list of winners of events in 2022. Of special note were **James Kingston** and **Chris Williams**, who both won twice and made time to play in between participating on the Legends Tour.

We welcomed **Ryan Dreyer** to our membership, and he also won twice this year. Also worth mentioning was the first win of **Paul Marks** at the Rustenburg venue after many top 10's.

Andre Cruse won again after a time on the side lines with a superb performance at the tough Glendower layout. Some graduates from the Q-school like **Akil Yousuf**, **Teddy Mathebula** and **Davison Elijah** performed well this year to finish in the top 30 on the order of merit, as can be seen below. **Peter Wilson** only played in one event this year and won at Kyalami in tough conditions.

The 2022 Order of Merit available, please click [here](#) for the completed Order of Merit 2022.

Chris Williams won the last event of the year at Blue Valley, the Simon Hobday Classic with a good score of 140 for the 36 holes played in fine weather and good course conditions.



We congratulate **Keith Horne** on winning the SAST Order of Merit for 2022. It is nice to mention that 10 players earned R100 000 or more this year indicating the growth in the prize funds available and the necessity to play in the Angolan tournament.



The 'Rookie of the Year' is **Ryan Dreyer** who played in 5 events and resides in Malta.

We must thank all our sponsors this year that made it possible for us to participate in tournaments. *Fidelity* continues to support us, and we are incredibly grateful. *Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality* continue to support our Tour, as well as the new sponsors this year like *Piet Pretorius*, *Zambesi Gold*, *Hennie Huyser*, *Nelson Mwale*, *Mangais Resort*, *Angola*, *Phillip Degenaar*, *Leon Van Der Walt* and *Sun International*. We also thank all the clubs who hosted the events as well as all the amateur participants who supported our cause.



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.

We again advise members that to retain regular membership for 2023 that you had 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) OOM events.

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

This is again an instruction that you enter events through the TD, Pat Lowth, via SMS response or by telephone or WhatsApp or to entries@seniortour.co.za, where you will receive a response reference.

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. Pat will also be responsible for posting player information on the website.

There will also be a 'Blog' button where weekly articles of interest will be posted including some golfing tips from many different tutors.

Tournaments-2023

All financial matters and entry fees must be addressed to fd@seniortour.co.za for the attention of Fiona Burger. **Entries to events must be preferably made by email at entries@seniortour.co.za, where entrants will be given confirmation and a reference number.** 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. *Late entries will not be accepted in 2023, and late withdrawals within 7 days of the starting date of an event will still attract the entry fee.* The player who does not pay this penalty will not be allowed to play in further events. Only medical and family positions will be considered for withdrawals within this period.

The latest Exemption and Ranking List for 2023 will be available on 1 January 2023 as well as the provisional Event Schedule for 2023. Please check the website.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2023 will be:

- R1,900.00 for Regular Membership.
- R10,000.00 for Affiliate Membership.
- Please see the Q-School terms and Conditions on the website for other Affiliate Membership offerings.

Seasonal Greetings to all our members and may you have a prosperous and healthy 2023.

SAST Management.

