



NEWSLETTER – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

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.

13 February 2023

Dear Members,

Administration

The new year is upon us with its challenges. Securing partnerships with funding to enable tournaments for our members is still proving tough. Corporates are hesitant to sign contracts in advance and therefore making it considerably difficult for a proper event schedule to be established. Nevertheless, while we lost investments for our SA Senior Open and SA Senior Masters last year, we are confident that these events will be continued in 2023 together with a new event, the PGA of SA Championship.

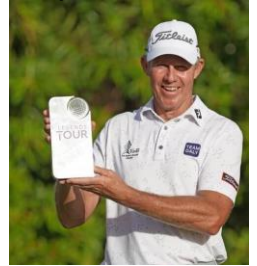
The Qualifying School 2023 took place at the Royal Johannesburg West Course facility on 26-27 January. Forty-Five hopefuls teed up over the two days with Greg Upton coming out tops with a good score of 143 over the two days. Ten players secured playing privileges and regular membership in all standard starting field tournaments, except only for the limited field events, but in line with the Ranking and Exemption list for 2023. All entrants to the Q-School were offered Affiliate Membership at an added annual subscription, subject to the Players' Committee (PC) approval taking into consideration the 'player's' playing ability and competence.

The executive administration and the board of directors met on 7 February 2023 and many resolutions were adopted and some considerations will be taken to the AGM for member approval. We 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 next month, where it will be revealed that we need to seek cross border funding on our continent and further abroad. A new or additional name/word to enhance the brand of our tour offering will also be on the agenda for the AGM.

We are still busy with the website, including the Players' sign-in and statistics. We trust that these elements will be completed by the AGM, assisted by budget approval from the directors.

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. A letter from the COO is necessary to approach corporates on an on-going basis.

It is delightful to re-iterate that **James Kingston** 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'. He can now 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 2023

Firstly, congratulations to Keith Horne on winning the Qualifying School for the Legends Tour held in Turkey last month. He was one of five players who received exemption to the Legends Tour tournaments in 2023. Tough luck to our other members who tried to qualify without success, especially Doug McGuigan who won the first stage.



James Kingston and **Chris Williams**, who both won twice in 2022 and made time to play in our tournaments in between participating on the Legends Tour. We thank you for your willingness to support our local Tour and may you both together with Adilson and Keith have a great 2023.

We welcomed **Ryan Dreyer** to our membership, and he also won twice last year. Also worth mentioning were the first wins for **Paul Marks** and **Grant Muller** after many top 10's.

Please see as posted on the website the 2023 Events Schedule. The 2023 Ranking and Exemption List was presented from the previous edited version and the 2022 Order of Merit. Please click [here](#) for the completed Order of Merit 2022 and 2023 Q-School results.

.We must thank all our sponsors in 2022 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 like *Piet Pretorius*, *Zambesi Gold*, *Hennie Huyser*, *Nelson Mwale*, *Mangais Resort*, *Angola*, *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 again advise members that to retain regular membership for 2024 that you will have to finish in the top 40 of the 2023 Order of Merit list as of 31 December 2023 and having played in a minimum of three (3) OoM events.

This is again an instruction that you enter events through the TD, Pat Lowth, via SMS response or by telephone or WhatsApp or to email entries to entries@seniortour.co.za, where you will receive a response reference. A commitment form to enter an array of events is available upon request from the TD.

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.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2023 will be:

- R1 900.00 for Regular Membership.
- R10 000 for Affiliate Membership.
- Please see the Q-School terms and Conditions on the website for other Affiliate Membership offerings.

SAST Management.