



## LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

*“Our slogan for the coming year is “let’s make a difference, both on and off the course....”*

6th November 2018

Hi Ladies

As I start my term as Ladies Captain, I look forward to working with all our members in promoting golf and camaraderie at our wonderful club.

This year’s Ladies Committee consists of ten enthusiastic ladies who are eager to make a difference both on and off the course. We are very fortunate to be in a position where we had members volunteering to serve on the Committee. Wendy Counihan, our new President, has agreed to play a more active role on the Committee than has been expected of this position in the past. Her portfolio will also include Rules. She will be going through a few rules after prize givings to get the players up to speed with the new rules which come into effect in January 2019. Mo Marsay, who currently runs the Mixed, will be my Vice-Captain and in charge of Handicaps. Yvonne Hill remains Treasurer and responsible for the quarterly Eclectic; Jane Bladen remains Secretary; Shirley Heny remains League Captain and Trophies; Maureen McGarvie - Social Responsibilities (Members and Sponsors); Trish Barwick - Bunnies and Social Responsibilities (Special Projects); Sonia Reynolds and Prue Peacock - Social Events and Catering; Prue Peacock - Locker Room and Additional Golfing Events. Please feel free to contact any them should you need any assistance or have any queries. We are here to serve.

Trish Barwick, one of our new Committee members, has embraced promoting the “Bunnies”. Together with Colin Mavuso, who offers coaching, four ladies have already started with a further five from Kenton joining in January 2019. This time, we intend getting the regular ladies to “adopt a Bunny” after the series of lessons to get their handicap so we can have a greater success rate in retaining them as new lady members. Please liaise with Trish should you be willing to take a “Bunny” under your wing or if you know of any new potential “Bunnies”. We would also like to encourage the “Bunnies” and new golfers to join the ladies on a Tuesday for a drink and fellowship even if they had not been able to play that afternoon.

At our recent AGM, the ladies supported the idea mooted by Corrie, our Manager, that we hold our Championships at the same time as the men, over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019. We would then have a joint prize giving and social event on the Sunday. We think this is a great idea in building camaraderie. With this change, we are also likely to get greater participation from those folk who work and who can now play, so please diarise this weekend.

The EPWG Ladies League finished on Monday 22 October. Our squad comprised of Shirley Heny, Captain, Wendy Counihan, Mo Marsay, Sonia Reynolds, Kim Gardner, Margie Siegers, Helen Lockyear, Yvonne Hill and myself, 6 of whom played over each of the 4 games. I am pleased to report that we finished joint 3rd out of the 9 teams who participated. Well done ladies.

We would love you to join us for golf on the following dates:

Tuesday 13th November: Pick n Pay Medal, Medal Finals and Helyer Bowl

Tuesday 20th November: Gardner Trophy - 4 ball betterball. This match was postponed due to dreadful weather.

Sunday 25th November: Mixed (American theme) - 4 ball alliance. This promises to be a bumper day with Sue and Steve Kennedy planning a proper Thanksgiving event. The Mixed, started by Wendy Counihan this year, has been a great success and we plan to continue with the same format in 2019.

Tuesday 27th November: Picture Match against The Belmont, Grahamstown, in Port Alfred. This match had to be postponed due to dreadful weather.

Tuesday 4th December: Chicken Skins and Christmas Party

Tuesday 11th December: Viv Jordan Sponsored Individual Stableford

The 11<sup>th</sup> December is when formal Ladies golf competitions end for the year and they will resume on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 with Pick n Pay WGSA Medal and Putting. However, a few tee-off times will be reserved for the Ladies on a Tuesday throughout the Christmas season, so please feel free to organise and book your own games.

The 2019 Fixture List can be found on our website and I will also be e-mailing each member a copy so you can diarise the events.

In keeping with our "let's make a difference" theme, Mo is coordinating our "Caddie Goodie Bag" for Christmas. We appeal to members, where possible, to donate five items - 1kg sugar, a tin pilchards, tea, coffee and a box of biscuits - for collection at the Club over the next five weeks. As a Committee, we have agreed to concentrate on supporting our registered caddies as a special project.

Our Chicken Skins Day and Christmas Party will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018. For

those of you not familiar with the Chicken Skins Day, each time the Ladies play on a Tuesday, R5 goes to the chicken draw. As we are most fortunate to have the chicken sponsored by Pick n Pay, the R5 then goes towards the Chicken Skins Day where each skin is worth R15 and each 4 ball gets R270 to use to compete against one another in a skins format. The Christmas evening function will cost R50 for those who have played regularly and R100 for those who have played less than 12 games during the past year. Please give Sonia Reynolds or Prue Peacock your money at the time of booking or as soon as possible thereafter. The booking sheet will be in the Ladies locker room. All Lady members are most welcome to join in and participate in a fun day of golf and camaraderie. We normally do a collection for the staff who have served us so well over the year and for a chosen charity. This year we will be collecting for the registered caddies being our special project. We aim to use the funds collected to pay the R7.50 they are required to pay when they play once a week and provide a meal where possible.

We have the following members in our thoughts as they recover from ill health: Bettine Hattingh, Lizzie Lambrechts and Janette Brotherton. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking our sponsors who so generously continue to support Ladies golf week after week and I will be sending a personal letter of thanks to each sponsor.

All that remains is for my Committee and I to wish you a wonderful Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you on the golf course during the Festive Season and in the New Year.

Happy golfing

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