



## LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

*“Our slogan for the coming year is “Let’s make a difference, to you our members ....”*

25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Hi Ladies

Greetings from a green and sunny Port Alfred. The course is in spectacular condition or be it rather challenging at the moment!

It is with great sadness to report that, since my last newsletter, we have lost one of our golfing stalwarts, Lizzie Lambrechts. She played so many significant roles over the years being Ladies Captain, President, representing EP to name a few and mentored numerous golfers. Lizzie, we are sure going to miss you.

The Ladies Section has had a very active period. Trish Barwick organised a chipping lesson with Andre van Zyl. He was ably assisted by Chante’, his daughter, who is currently home from America where she is on a golf scholarship in Texas. The money generated has been put towards Junior Girls Golf. The idea being that Andre will be able to purchase a selection of seven irons, identified as the club needed for him to specifically coach the junior girls. We aim to offer our lady members more lessons throughout the year and slowly build up a fund for the junior girls. In keeping with “Let’s make a difference, to you our members...”, these lessons will be free to our lady members.

We have only played for one trophy on Tuesday afternoon since my last newsletter. Congrats to Shirley Heny who won the Lady Graham Cup.

We held our President’s Prize – a Better-ball two ball alliance, the prizes of which were very generously sponsored by Wendy, our President, for which we are very grateful. Congratulations to Chante’ van Zyl and Verene Burger, first on 46 points; Wendy Counihan and Sonia Reynolds second on 44 points, followed by Yvonne Hill and Sheena Warren on 43 points.

The format of the Better-ball 2 ball alliance was a trial run for our Open which was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. We were so lucky to have a warm windless day after having had to postpone the day due to rain in March. We had a very successful day with 52 ladies taking part from eight different Clubs in the Eastern Cape and Border. BUCO was extremely generous as our main sponsor, but we were also most fortunate to attract sponsorship from twenty-five other companies and individuals. Our sincere thanks to Corrie for all his assistance. We were able to present 12 prizes on top of the nearest to the pins, longest drives, two clubs and the longest walk. Sheila Howell (EL) and Louise Van Niekerk (Dordrecht) came first on first on 54

points; Carol Lee and Chante' van Zyl second on 53 points; Glynnis Rennecke and Pogs Smith third on 50 points. They counted out Jenny Adair and Verene Burger also on 50 points; Daphne Bowker (The Belmont) and Jill Lake had 47 points in 5<sup>th</sup> place. They counted out Hermien Jones (EL) and Debbie Lacey (EL) also on 47 points.

On Thursday 18 July we held our Mandela Challenge, an initiative started three years ago by Wendy Counihan. We had 21 ladies participate and completed the course in 33 minutes and 25 seconds! We broke last year's time of 41 minute and 25 seconds. In doing so, we raised R2000. This year we bought wool which was donated to the Damant Lodge Knitting Circle. They in turn donate blankets, scarves and beanies that they make to local charities so it's a win win all round! I would like to thank Corrie for the kind gesture of giving us a cup of tea and a cup cake after the dash. We were exhausted and the refreshments certainly pepped us up! It is the pity that we could not get the men to challenge us but hopefully we will try again next year. We also intend challenging the East London Golf Club who completed 36 holes in just under 56 minutes!

The weather for the BMW Day was absolutely atrocious! The conditions were very challenging as confirmed by the low individual stableford scores! Congratulations to Josie Hillar who came first on 28 points; Ingrid Griffiths second on 27 points who counted out Pogs Smith, also on 27 points. Josie goes through to the Regional Finals to be held at St Francis Links on the 17<sup>th</sup> October and hope that she is successful in which case she will go through to the BMW Golf Cup International Final.

Our fourth Mixed Competition for the year will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August. With the 9<sup>th</sup> of August being Women's Day, there will be a "Pink" theme! Trish Barwick and Prue Peacock will be running the day as Mo Marsay is in the UK. The next Mixed will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, so please diarise the date and come and join us for a fun round of golf. The theme is still to be decided.

The Champion of Champions will be held at our Club on the 25<sup>th</sup> August. Trish Barwick, winner of our B Division and Margie Reid, winner of the C Division will compete with other Club Champions in the Bronze and Copper Divisions respectively – good luck!

We would love you to join us for golf on the following dates in August 2019:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August: Mixed Competition: 4 Ball Alliance  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August: Pick n Pay WGSA Medal and Putting  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August: Bonus Bogey – Atherstone Cup  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August: EP&B Stroke Play Championships  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August: EP&B Foursomes  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August: Heny Trophy – Betterball Stableford  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Champion of Champions  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August: Ocean Basket 4 Ball Betterball  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Ladies Betterball – Morning Competition

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing the Royals all the best for the coming weekend. May the golf be competitive amongst many hours of fellowship and camaraderie. Looks like the weather will be kind – long may that last!

Happy golfing

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