

Nomads 47th National Tournament

Hibiscus Nationals 2012



Port Shepstone Country Club

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With only 49 days to go to the start of the tournament, your committee is busy putting the final touches together to ensure that the tournament goes off without a hitch and that all that have been chosen to represent their clubs enjoy a National tournament that will embrace all that the Nomads movement stands for.

Port Shepstone Country Club has never looked better and the management and staff have been primed to ensure that everything is in pristine condition come the 10th March 2012.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the clubhouse from 9.00 am to 17.00 pm on Saturday the 10th and from 6.00 am to 13.30 pm on Sunday the 11th. Every player must register before playing his first round, if, because of time restraints, you are unable to register, please get somebody to register on your behalf.

Please do not forget to bring the Nomad gong, flash and number from your last Nationals, replacements will be available at R 50.00 each. First time Nomads get their gong, flash and number free.

DAILY CHECK IN

All players are required to check in at least half an hour before his official tee off time at the main starters desk and 10 minutes before tee off with the starter on the tee. There will be no leeway to players arriving late on the tee, they will have to catch up with their 4 ball on completion of the hole they are playing.

HANDICAPS

Club coordinators are to supply us with the player's handicaps by the end of February which is the average of the last six months including the February game. Please remember to check your club handicap before you travel as this will be required at registration prior to your first round.

PRACTICE ROUND

Port Shepstone has made provision for the \pm 90 players that have indicated that they would like to play a practice round on Saturday 16th. All clubs have been e-mailed requesting the time of arrival of the players and they will be notified of their tee off times in due course.

PLAYERS TOURNAMENT

An unofficial player's tournament is being organised by Messrs Mick Sugden and Frans van Schaik of Natal. Correspondence has been distributed by Helen Parker and should you wish to play please contact Helen without delay.

DRAW

The draw has been done, and at going to print most of you should know your tee off times.

We would like at this stage, to thank all the coordinators for their untiring efforts and cooperation in going forward and helping to make the organising of the tournament that much easier.

TRANSPORT

Transport has been laid on from the airport at a cost of R 75.00 each way, this is regrettable but due to budget restraints it is inevitable.

An e-mail has been sent out to all the coordinators requesting arrival times at King Shaka International, once we have all the information we will be able to give a more precise assessment of departure times from the airport. At the moment the first combi's leave at 8.30 am and the second at 1.30 pm on Saturday the 10th only.

There is alternative transport in the form of the Southern Shuttle and Margate Mini Coach should it be necessary.

Please note that drinking and driving is taken very seriously on the coast and if possible it would be advantageous to make use of our shuttle to and from your accommodation.

For those who are driving to the course, the coordinates are : S30.43828 E30.27347.

LADIES ENTERTAINMENT AND GOLF

Our ladies have been hard at work putting together a program that will ensure a good time is had by all. The program is still the same as previously published, for more detail please go to the Southern Natal Nomads website.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Attached is a schedule of events showing times of most of the activities. Please make yourself familiar with the contents as this will ensure the smooth running of the week. The week starts with flag raising on Saturday the 10th at 6.00 pm and concludes with flag lowering on Friday the 16th. Number 1's is the dress code for all attendees.

PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving is an important part of the tournament and every player on the day is expected to attend. Prize giving will start promptly at 7.15 pm and we have an exciting line up of entertainers to keep you entertained.

BAG STORAGE

The Afrovan storage facility will be open from Saturday the 10th at 12.00 noon.

IN CONCLUSION

This will be our final newsletter, should there be anything of whatever nature that you feel requires answering please do not hesitate to contact either myself or any of the committee and we will be only too glad to help.

We, at Southern Natal, hosts of the 47th National tournament, wish you all a safe trip to the coast and assure you of a fun filled, memory making and great golfing national tournament.

Nomadically yours

Tony Fairbairn

National Coordinator 2012.