
The Captain's Report – Duke's Divot

Fellow Nomads,

What a drama filled day! Firstly we had to get to Walmer Country Club without being caught up in the Iron Man Competition, the TV's in the club were showing the S.A. Sevens team winning in Adelaide, the Proteas had the Ozzies five down for only 19 runs, the F1 being washed out after 31 laps and some guy with five wives gets his charges against him dropped! Philip Leyland says any normal guy with five wives would probably want a stint behind bars! Orion and Maggie Meyer became grand parents for the first time, during the week! Thanks to an entertaining Fines Master, Ian Gooden, well done.

And the day was as hot as hell! Thank goodness for SAB who had the beer truck available again to cool us down with a cool Hansa.

A big thanks to Gerry Hoekstra and his staff for having everything ready for us on the day. The three Captains even have reserved parking for the day, what a pleasure. Once again Dave Worthington, Captain of Walmer C.C. was in the field and we thank him for his presence, as well as Dave Pittaway and Keith Forgan who made up my four ball. As can be seen, the drought is taking its toll on the course, but Walmer C.C. have done a great job in keeping it playable. We thought that this would have been our last game for some time due to construction on the course, however, the program has been moved out and there may still be an opportunity to have a game early in 2010.

Thank you to Roy and his starters, and as always Jeanne and Bev.

A few members played their Gary Player first round and well done to those who got through, especially Philip Leyland (40 points) and Sean McQuide (34) who blew away their opponents.

Another feat worth mentioning was my first ever hole-in-one on the 14th hole. It was a perfect fluke as we watched it all the way into the hole, it never looked like missing! Thanks to all of those who shared the occasion with me later on in the evening at the bar for a freebee. Its amazing that no one left early, and how quickly the tab rises when drinks are on the house! Fortunately my Broker, Dave MacKenzie was there to advise me that I was insured!

On a more serious note, it is becoming a concern that our dress code is not being adhered to at all times. Please contact Orion Meyer to check that you have the correct attire, especially the playing shorts and longs! And ensure that your guests have jackets and ties for prize giving!

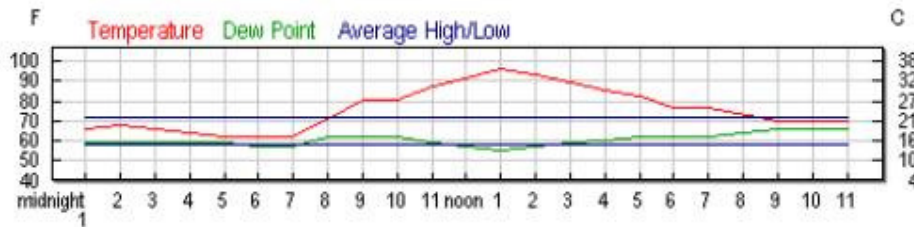
Yours in Nomads,

Duke Nel

The Vice Captain's Report – The Vice's Version

Fellow Nomads,

Our Walmer Country Club game in April was, to put it mildly, a hellish affair. I say a hellish affair because, on top of the normal Nomadic competitive clash, many of the field were engaged in the first round of the Gary Player Knock-out competition, and to top this off the ambient temperature rose to 36°C at 13:00. As the field got underway at 11:00 the temperature was 31°C with humidity of 38%, peaked at 36°C at 13:00 and was still 28°C at 17:00 when most of us finished. I thought we should record this hot day – see graphic below. Thank you to the management of Walmer CC for the hospitality and the way you look after Nomads.



It was a great tussle between Ian O'Connor (salesman of many different cars) and Jason Aitken (Hey, Mr. DJ), and Nick Koumpan (the Long-faced Fellow) and myself for the Gary Player spoils and, as always, a most enjoyable outing. In fact, it was so competitive that it pushed us into the Best Playing Fourball prize spot. What a RESULT!

Again, I think it is imperative to thank our National sponsors. The "Bells and Milk" represented by Ray Hitzerth of Brandhouse and supported by Caitlin Murphy, our Bells Lady, and SAB Miller through Ken Russell and Adam Mackenzie with their lovely, lovely Hansa Girls and the BIG Hansa Can – this was a terrific sight coming around the corner from the 9th hole after the round. I'm sure us seeing this Hansa Can was similar to the participants of the Iron Man competition seeing the medical tent at the end of the race, which took place on the same day. Thanks a million for your support! Why is "Scary" Bosch in both these pictures??



We got to speaking about the rule of sharing clubs on the course. I thought I may just highlight the following according to the R&A Rules: **4-4 Maximum of 14 Clubs**

a. **Selection and Addition of Clubs**

The player must not start a stipulated round with more than 14 clubs. He is limited to the clubs thus selected for that round, except that if he started with fewer than 14 clubs, he may add any number, provided his total number does not exceed 14. The addition of a club or clubs must not unduly delay play (Rule 6-7) and the player must not add or borrow any club selected for play by any other person playing on the course.

b. Partners May Share Clubs

Partners may share clubs, provided that the total number of clubs carried by the partners so sharing does not exceed 14. (Nomad's monthly games are individual completions and hence this "partnership" does not apply – this would, however, apply to a pairing if the Gary Player Knock-out round is played outside of a monthly Nomads game)

I am looking forward to the next game at Uitenhage on 24 May 2009 and remember that if you bring a guest to a Nomads game it is your responsibility to inform him of the dress code, for the game and for prize giving.

Yours in Nomads,

Greg Clack

Junior Vice Captain's Report – Eddie's Eagle

Fellow Nomads,

A Captains day at Walmer Country Club! Duke getting a hole-in-one, myself winning the A Division and Greg winning the B Division. Well done Gentlemen. In perfect weather conditions and playing on a golf course that was in good condition, made for some excellent golf and I'm sure that fun was had by all judging from the buzz around the practice green after the game. I would like to thank my partner Ian Macaulay and our opponents Roy Newman and Deon Maritz for a well contested match that went down to the wire. With Deon making par after par and Roy steady down every fairway it was nail biting stuff right up until the end.

It is not very often that we get the opportunity to play golf in perfect conditions like this in Port Elizabeth and I'm sure that's why I played much better golf than I normally do. Not having to contend with the wind, which is something that I've had to do since I moved down here and therefore had to adapt my game considerably, it was great just to get down and hit the ball knowing that the wind wasn't a factor .

Arrangements for our next away tour being the Frontier Trophy and the Rough Rider Cup to be held on the 11th & 12th of July 2009 at Fish River Sun and Port Alfred respectively are on track and entry forms will have been sent out by the time you read this. Please note that the field is limited and those of you who are keen to participate need get those entry forms in without delay. We understand that times are tough in this world economic climate but we encourage you to participate in this tour as affordable packages have been negotiated for these tournaments. Our aim this year is to win both trophies and therefore we would like to enter a full Eastern Cape contingent to ensure our success.

I leave you with the following quote and can't wait to see you all at our next game.

"It's a heck of a lot harder to stay on top than it is to get there."

Yours in Golf,

Eddie Kruger
