

The Captain's Footprint

Fellow Nomads

Playing The Humewood Links in fine conditions is always a bonus and our monthly game was no exception. The weather certainly played along and the 119 players in the field certainly had a most enjoyable day. The scores were good and congratulations to Roger Smith on scoring 41 points in the C Division.

I had the pleasure of hosting club captain Dabs Dalton, who have just recovered from a hip replacement, and despite a bit of discomfort he managed to score an acceptable 26 points. Well done to all the staff at Humewood for looking after us and ensuring that everything went off smoothly on the day.

For me as captain it was an absolute privilege to present Tony Huggett with his 300 game-badge and Leon Coetzee with his 200 game badge. These achievements shows huge commitment and is surely an example to follow. For the record, Leon has only missed two games out of two hundred and this in itself shows how committed he is. Congratulations also to Brian Cunningham and Robbie de Scande on receiving their 10 year ties.

Prize giving went very smoothly and thanks to our Fines Master, Muis van der Westhuizen, for providing us with some humour during his fines session. Gentleman, please be advised that if you are not going to attend prize giving and you have not nominated someone to collect your prize, this will unfortunately be forfeited and go towards the AMT fund. Please ensure that you advise our match secretary, Jean Newman, beforehand whom will be collecting your prize. I hope I have made myself clear regarding this matter.

Natal Nationals will take place at Royal Durban CC from the 18th to the 24th of April 2009 and due to our poor attendance at Bloem Nationals our allocation has unfortunately been reduced. There will be a main tournament with 384 players and a players tournament with 52 players and we have been allocated 22 spots in the main and 4 spots in the players tournament. The players tournament will be played at three different courses with its own prize giving and you will still be eligible for your Nationals accreditation. Entry forms will be available within the next month or so and I will keep you posted.

The next game will be played at St Francis on Sunday, 14th September, so get your entries in on time and lets have a bumper field.

Yours in Nomads

Marlon Foot

Vice Captain's Report – Duke's Divot

Fellow Nomads, for those of you who like to travel and play golf with the Nomads, it is nearly all over for 2008. However, before we pull down the final curtain, The VOLVO Masters will take place on the 4th and 5th September at Zebula Country Club in Limpopo. I will report back on that event in the September magazine. We also have the OLD MUTUAL PAIRS regional finals being played on the 10th August, here's hoping that our pair (Ken Walker and Dave MacKenzie) did well. The Seaboard Trophy has also come and gone. There now only remains the Easterns Nomads 30th Anniversary in Nov., and a special game at Hankey Golf Club, watch out for the entry forms for those who wish to make these trips.

We will by now also have concluded our Andrew Mentis Endowment Fund campaign for 2008, and a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction has been had by all performing these tasks. I

will be able to report back on the details of the disbursement of these funds next month. I would like to encourage our new members who have not had the opportunity to serve on this committee, to come forward, as it gives a different prospective to Nomads, other than just playing golf. Your Vice Capt. for 2009 will be looking for at least 6-8 members to join him in 2009 on this committee.

This year with the assistance of VOLVO, and our members' support, we managed to increase our contributions to Junior Golf and donate funds to other golfing bodies to meet our Furtherance of Golf commitments in the Eastern Cape. We will be looking to exceed our contributions next year in these areas. It is obvious to see that during the year a lot of funds are raised, it makes for a busy year, but with the support of our National sponsors, local supporters and member participation, our targets can be met and we are able to bring relief to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Yours in Nomads,

Duke Nel

Junior Vice Captain's Report – Greg's Gazette

Fellow Nomads,

Well, this Nomadic experience of mine is turning out to be a series of many "firsts". Last month I claimed the Teddy Bear for the first time, as the chopper of the day. This month at Humewood, under great playing conditions, I was drawn with the big guns; my playing partner Mike Lourens (Magazine/PRO), Dennis Jones (Golforama) and Dave Pearson (Immediate Past Captain). Mike and I claimed the worst playing pair, another first, and obviously paid over the ante, almost in its entirety to Dave and Dennis. It worth a mention, that payback was sweet to have them help us as long-faced altar-bunnies after prize-giving; Worst Playing Fourball - also a first!

By the time you read this we would have played the Seaboard Trophy at Goose Valley; the last leg of the Sampson's Away Tours Trophy. Standings can be viewed on our website: <http://www.easterncapenomads.co.za/notices/>. Eastern Cape had 24 players enter this competition this year – thank you to all of you and I urge all Nomads to make an effort next year to travel on our away tours and to Nationals in Durban. I have a theory that our ability to travel well is on the up!

Our Junior Golf Foundation day is scheduled for Sunday, 21 September 2008 at Walmer Country Club, and is only a chip and a put away. On this day, two Nomads get paired with two Junior Foundation golfers, and it is a two-way learning experience. The Juniors learn a little about what Nomads Golf is all about, and us, as Nomads, learn all about fearless and uninhibited golf – the philosophy of *grip it and rip it!* I appeal to all of you to try and make yourself available for this afternoon. I shall send out entry forms soon, which will also be available on our website at the link in the previous paragraph. Please speak to Rob Barth, who is our Junior Golf Foundation representative, or me should you wish to know anything further about this day.

There is no movement in the golf swing so difficult that it cannot be made even more difficult by careful study and diligent practice – Thomas Mulligan. I will not practice for our next game at St Francis Bay Golf Club on 14 September 2008, and report back if it helps me get out of "Teddy Bear Territory"!

Yours in Nomads

Greg Clack