
The Captain's Report – Duke's Divot

Fellow Nomads,

Our game at Uitenhage was a very sad occasion for all of us, having to say a Nomadic farewell to our most Senior Past Captain and Founder Member, Peter Fischer, may he rest in peace. Please note his achievements and service to this club, which was published in our April edition of our Newsletter. It is highly unlikely that his participation will ever be equalled in the Eastern Cape.

A big thanks to Uitenhage Golf Club for hosting us for the first time this year. The time and effort that goes into that club with the limited resources is amazing. Uitenhage Golf Club is about as good as it gets, and that says a lot for their devoted green keeper, Maurice Olivier. I had the pleasure of playing once again with our HLM, Neale Kunhardt, Danie Hugo and Maurice Olivier, who stood in for their Captain Brian Buchanan. The weather was fine with a light breeze coming up later in the afternoon, why the points were so low is a mystery, maybe it was a hangover from the Nationals, where we fared not so well. Congratulations to Steve Pritchard who scored the most points for our club at Nationals.

Our field was boosted by Proposed member Thashen Govender, Solly Hess and Clive Warmberg from Border Nomads and seven visitors. Many thanks to Roy Newman and his starters, as always the ladies and Steve Prichard for doing the fines. Well done to the winners of the day and thanks to Glen Blom who did the photos.

Neale Kunhardt inducted into our club: Michael Bezuidenhout, Mitch de Hooghe and Hannes Vlok. Welcome! Game badges went to: Tim Mason (200) and Alan Young (100). Ties were awarded to Ryan Webster (5 yr) and Martin Lea (10 yr). Silver Salver was presented to Phillip Leyland for his 40 pointer at Walmer Country Club in April.

Early leavers and dress code violations remain a concern in our club and I urge you all to please make an effort conform the clubs requirements.

Advertising space is still available in our newsletter; please contact either Mike Lourens or myself if interested in. There is a possibility that our playing fees may have to go up soon in order to help cover the cost of our newsletter.

Yours in Nomads,

Duke Nel

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

Fellow Nomads,

Although it got a little gusty at times, our monthly game at Uitenhage Golf Club in May was most enjoyable. We had a reasonable field of 103 players and I had the privilege of playing with a visitor, Albert Zeelie, past captain (2001) Jeremy Barton and Bill “Billy the Bunker” Anderson. Again gentlemen, thank you for a most enjoyable and entertaining afternoon.

Well, fundraising efforts are ramping up as we get to the middle of the year with our first event, the Nomads Race Day, taking place on 3 July 2009 at Arlington Race Course. Tables are going quickly and should you know of a corporate that would still like to get involved, please put them in contact with me. Furthermore, should wish to attend as a Nomad the cost is very reasonable – you may even wish to bring your wife, girlfriend, mistress, life partner, etc. The proceeds of this drive will supplement the funds raised at our AMT Golf Day in August, which will benefit our locally selected charity.

We are hosting the Volvo Masters Amateur at Port Elizabeth Golf Club on 23 July 2009. The entry fee is R350 and includes Green fees, cap and ball marker with clip, a clinic by Dale Hayes, meal and prize giving. The field is limited to 116 and should fill up relatively quickly. The winner on the day will be invited to the National Final which will take place at Zebula Country Club. (This date of the final has not yet been decided). The winner of the National Final shall be invited to the World Final which will take place in Spain in October/November. The proceeds of this day will benefit our local Junior Golf Foundation.

Finally, on 20 August 2009, PEGC will host our AMT Golf Day – this is our main fundraising event and we hope to fill the field, morning and afternoon. There are many ways that you, as a Nomad, can get involved in this day. Sponsor a tee or green, find a sponsor, or even fill a fourball with guests, will help achieve our charity goals. Please contact any of the AMT committee members should you be in a position to assist – contact details on our website at: <http://www.easterncapenomads.co.za/charityevents.htm>

Again, Nationals in Durban, the Grand Nationals, was a blast and I am still recovering from the extended “sprint”. Well done to the Eastern Cape touring contingent and look forward next year inching up the scoreboard. Southern Natal is hosting their 25th Anniversary weekend from 17 – 19 July 2009. The main game is at Southbroom, with optional games at Margate CC and Wild Coast. Please contact me should you wish to participate. All details are also on the website “Notice board”.

In general, we as golfers are playing more and more golf at estate courses which as prompted me to include this picture insert in this report – maybe a friendly “heads-up” – or maybe it should keep your “head down” and follow through! I look forward to seeing you all at the next game at the St Francis Links on 28 June 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 – remember we, as EC Nomads, don’t play in Chinos.



Yours in Nomads,

Greg Clack

Junior Vice Captain's Report – **Eddie's Eagle**

Fellow Nomads,

Our monthly game at Uitenhage Golf Course, held on the 24th of May 2009, was most enjoyable, and I would like to thank my partner, Bruce Martin and our opponents, Des Whyte and Alan Young, for making the game such a closely contested one! Although the weather conditions were not great, we still had a super game!

During April it was my pleasure to participate in the Nomads Grand Nationals held at Royal Durban Golf Course. The tournament started off with a bang, but as the week progressed, the golf became a lot less impressive! However, the tournament ended off well and it was an awesome experience for this first-time participant. Thank you to all the Eastern Cape Nomads who participated and for making it such a pleasant experience.

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 almost finalized and those of you who are participating would have submitted your entry forms by now. We look forward to seeing those of you who will be there and good luck!

Our third away tour being the Seaboard Trophy has been scheduled for the 8 -9 August 2009 at Goose Valley Golf Estate and Plettenberg Bay Golf Club respectively. Please get those entry forms in as soon as possible as this is also a limited field and we would like to send a full contingent of Eastern Cape Nomads to ensure our success in winning the trophy.

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

"Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle." ~Author Unknown

Yours in Golf,

Eddie Kruger