

## **The Captain's Footprint**

We could not have asked for a more glorious day at St Francis Bay Golf Club and judging by the high scores, four forty pointers, the course played pretty easy. A huge compliment to the green keeping staff for getting the course back to great shape after the devastating floods they endured last December, and I was told that the R15 000 donation we gave them came in very handy.

I had the pleasure of playing with club captain Geoff Ellis and a club member Norman Pretorius and fellow Nomad, Mike Fowler made up the balance of the fourball. Norman scored a whopping 44 points despite being cut from a 16 to a 12 handicap and this resulted in us winning the playing fourball with a tally of 148 points.

It was nice to see such a big field, 114 in total, for a game played so far away from home and I thank you guys for making the effort to travel, that shows good Nomadic spirit. Good to also see back in the field after medical layoffs was Past National Chairman, Alan Orchid and Vaughn Watson-Smith-welcome back guys. I also had the privilege of presenting Sean McQuade with a 20 year tie. Well done to Roger Smith on receiving a silver salve for the 41 pointer scored at Humewood in the C division.

By now everyone would have received their accounts with the new subs to be paid. Please ensure that these subs are paid on time as we cannot allow anyone to play in our Gold Cup at Walmer if there are still any amounts outstanding. Also for those of you interested in advertising in our monthly magazine or wanting to sponsor a prize at our monthly game, now is the time to get in touch with me to book your space for next year (2009).

Congratulations to the pairings of Dennis Jones/Stuart Mciver and Orion Meyer/Pops Govender who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> out of 7200 entries at the Old Mutual International Pairs. Gentleman, this is a great achievement and Nomads Eastern Cape salutes you. Also to Duke Nel who represented us at the finals of the Volvo competition.

Our next game is played at Walmer Country Club on the 12<sup>th</sup> October and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours in Nomads

**Marlon Foot**

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## **Vice Captain's Report – Duke's Divot**

Firstly, my sincere appreciation to those members who gave up their time to serve on the Andrew Mentis committee in 2008. From Race Day to the AM Golf day, a lot of effort was spent to make it the success that it was. Also to all the members and visitors who made the effort to play on the day. A special thanks to our sponsors who so generously donated money and prizes. To those Nomads who donated in their personal capacity, also a big thank you. We are currently in the process of utilizing those funds donated to our beneficiaries. To those of you who would like to serve on this committee, please contact me.

On Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September I had the privilege of travelling up to Bela Bela ( Warmbaths) to compete in the Volvo Masters Final. On arrival at Zebula Game Reserve and Spa, a practice round was permitted in the afternoon. This is a typical bushveld course with lots of game roaming around. After a meal and early night 33 players teed off for the first round Thursday morning. Leading scores on day one were 35 pints, Stableford. After another evening meal and early night round two was played on Friday morning and the winner of Div B won on a total of 64 points and Div B on 70 points. I unfortunately finished a little lower down. The winners are off to Spain, however, it was a tremendous visit for the rest of us, and many friends were made, fierce competition but a lot of fun. We all departed on Friday afternoon to go home. This is one of the choice competitions to win at club level in order to make this trip, please look out for this day next year.

First up on the travel calendar for next year will be our Eastern Challenge played this year in Bloemfontein, February 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be a two night stop over and we will looking to take at least 20 players this year. Please book your spot early as we need to make bookings shortly.

Regards,

**Duke Nel**

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### **Junior Vice Captain's Report – Greg's Gazette**

Fellow Nomads,

In my last month's report quoted Thomas Mulligan who stated; "There is no movement in the golf swing so difficult that it cannot be made even more difficult by careful study and diligent practice". I went on to suggest that I would not practice before the St Francis game, and report back if it helps me get out of "Teddy Bear Territory"! I did not practice once and I moved way out of Teddy Bear Territory – for now! Both the weather and the course were great, as were my playing partner Eddie Kruger and opponents Shaun van Eyk and recently inducted Adam Mackenzie.

Our Junior Golf Foundation day has been re-scheduled for Sunday, 23 November 2008 at Walmer Country Club. Please diarise this and I urge you to partake in this day.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Duke on his dedication, planning, preparation and execution of the AMEF golf day that was held at Humewood on 28 August 2008. This together with the success of the Race day in July, enabled Nomads Eastern Cape to donate R120,000 to Greenwood Primary for the upgrade of specialised teaching equipment for children with hearing disabilities at Greenwood Primary School and supply Quest School with a washing machine, oven and fridge, as well as upgrade their netball facilities and new tools for their woodwork room. Duke and the AMT Committee, well done and to all Nomads that contributed – thank you!

As there is not much else to report on I thought I might share some weird facts relating to golf:

- Golf was invented in Scotland over 500 years ago, but the Chinese claim a similar game as far back as 943 AD
- In a three-day span on a course in Wales, a mother, father and son each made a hole-in one; the odds of this feat are at least 10,000,000 to one
- The Toonik Tyme Festival in Nunavut features a nine-hole golf tournament on sea ice with fluorescent balls and parka-clad golfers at temperatures of -50°C
- Lee Trevino, one of golf's most successful and popular players, was hit by lightning twice
- Four-time long-drive champion Jason Zuback once drove a golf ball over 700 yards on an airport runway
- Nobby Owens travelled on the Concorde to play 18 holes of golf in London, New York and Los Angeles—all in the same day
- Eight of the world's oldest golf clubs owned by the Royal Troon Golf Club in Scotland are worth at least \$5 million.<sup>1</sup>

Yours in Nomads

Greg Clack

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<sup>1</sup> Weird Facts About Golf - Strange, Wacky & Hilarious Stories by Stephen Drake