



# The Goose Valley Golf Club

Newsletter February 2019

Hi there from the Goose Valley Team

"The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the impossible"  
- Arthur C. Clarke

Wow - what another great month here at Goose with all of our Swallows returning from their winter wonderlands to the warm summers of Plettenberg Bay and most importantly of all, back to Goose Valley Golf Club! Both our Men's Wednesday and Women's Thursday comps are kicking into full swing as well as the summer singles knockouts with some great matches and already some interesting results... We hosted our first fastest hole of the season, with a great turn out and high expectations of breaking the current record of 51,10 seconds. Alas, this was not the case and the best time of the evening was a 1m.16sec as set by the team of Enquin le Roux, John Prins and Frans Coetzee - nice try guys & gals!

With February upon us we have some great competitions with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cancer Fundraiser which is a very popular event along with the amazing raffle which is up for grabs - be sure to pop down to the Proshop to purchase a ticket for only R20. There will be 3 separate draws with each of the prizes in excess of R10 000!

**WE ASK ALL GOLFERS TO PLEASE:**

- \* keep up with the players ahead of you to ensure a pleasant round for all;
- \* tend to your pitch marks on the greens and to all divots - a little bit of help goes a long way to ensure that we have a golf course that we can be truly proud of;
- \* be watchful for snakes, with the Summer approaching they will become more active;
- \* not to consume the recycled effluent water that is used to irrigate the golf course.





## **CANCER FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKETS**



**Wonderful prizes to be won, sponsored by:**

**Mungo, The Old Rectory Hotel,  
Kay & Monty, Porcupine,  
Bobby Hutchinson Interiors,  
Je Ne Sais Quoi, Pret a Pot, Ruby Soul and  
the Red Shed Nursery  
Four-ball Golf Vouchers from:  
Pezula, George, Kingswood, Wedgewood  
and Goose Valley.**

**Tickets only R20 each  
Draw is on 23 February 2019**

# **PLEASE NOTE:**

## **FIRST ROUNDS OF THE DAY**

NO one is permitted to start play before checking in at the Pro Shop.  
As from 7 January & until further notice, the first tee time of the day is at:  
**6:30 am**

## **PROSHOP OPERATING HOURS**

The current Pro Shop opening hours:  
**6.00am to 17.30 pm**

## **HNA – NEW CARDS**

HNA have issued all handicapped members with a brand new red-colored card which is available for collection from the Pro shop and must be signed for.

## **PLAYER'S EDITION – RULES OF GOLF 2019**

Now available at the Proshop so pop in to collect your FREE copy.  
\*\*\* while stocks last \*\*\*

## **LOCAL RULE – PREFERRED LIES**

From 1 April 2019, and until further notice, there will be no more placing on fairways.

## **CLUB CHAMPS & SANLAM CANCER CHALLENGE**

Don't forget to book you spot for the end of March...

# MEN'S WEDNESDAY COMPETITION RESULTS, JAN '19

## 9<sup>th</sup> January

- FORMAT: Betterball Stableford

Nearest the Pin : (2<sup>th</sup>) : Peter Baxter  
(13<sup>th</sup>) : Johan Nortjie

1 <sup>st</sup> : Peter Baxter & Ian Bloom	56 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Taylor & Johan Nortjie	53 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Wesley Pain & Richard Lee	52 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> : Antony McGuinness & Gavin Veale	52 pts

## 16<sup>th</sup> January

- FORMAT: Betterball Combined on the Par 3's

Nearest the Pin : (5<sup>th</sup>) : Richard Bursztyn (13<sup>th</sup>) : James Adams  
Nearest Pin for 2 on : (9<sup>th</sup>) John Rintoul

1 <sup>st</sup> : Richard Bursztyn & John Clifton	45 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Martin Brassey & Don Searle	43 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Otta Pletzer & Andrew Pletzer	43 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> : Allan Farquhar & Lawrence Boer	41 pts
5 <sup>th</sup> : Peter Baxter & Ian Bloom	39 pts

## 23<sup>rd</sup> January

- Betterball Stableford

Nearest the Pin : (2<sup>nd</sup>) : Howard Allenburg  
(13<sup>th</sup>) : Martin Brassey

1 <sup>st</sup> : Scott Atherstone & Jack Fox	45 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Prins & Frans Coetzee	44 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Enquin le Roux & Pivot	44 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> : Billy Grainger & Albert Boni	43 pts
5 <sup>th</sup> : Richard Bursztyn & James Adams	43 pts

## 30<sup>th</sup> January

- FORMAT: Betterball Stableford (Combined on the Par 3's)

Nearest the Pin : (2<sup>nd</sup>) : Paul Burke  
(11<sup>th</sup>) : Fred Gannet

1 <sup>st</sup> : Robert Wiggett & Louis Heyns	50 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> : David Pierson & Paul Burke	50 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Dale Hobbs & Richard Lee	49 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> : Lawrence Boer & Martin Brassey	48 pts
5 <sup>th</sup> : William Collins & Richard Bursztyn	48 pts



# LADIES' THURSDAY COMPETITION RESULTS, JAN '19



## 17<sup>th</sup> January – Waltz

Nearest the Pin : (5<sup>th</sup>) : Christine Walker  
Nearest the Pin : (11<sup>th</sup>) : Mellissa Glennie

1<sup>st</sup> : Wendy P , Marie Botha ,  
Christine Walker & Maureen Gray 83 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> : Debbie Gillespie , Pat Milliner ,  
Marti Jelliman & Debra Brown 81 pts

## 10<sup>th</sup> January – Betterball Stableford (2 to count on Par 3's)

Nearest the Pin : (5<sup>th</sup>) : Mare Gibson  
Nearest the Pin : (13<sup>th</sup>) : Ruth Barclay

1<sup>st</sup> : Ruth Barclay & Debbie Gillespie 53 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> : Norma Taylor & Pivot 50 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> : Marti Jelliman & Christine Walker 48 pts

## 24<sup>th</sup> January – Scrambled Drive

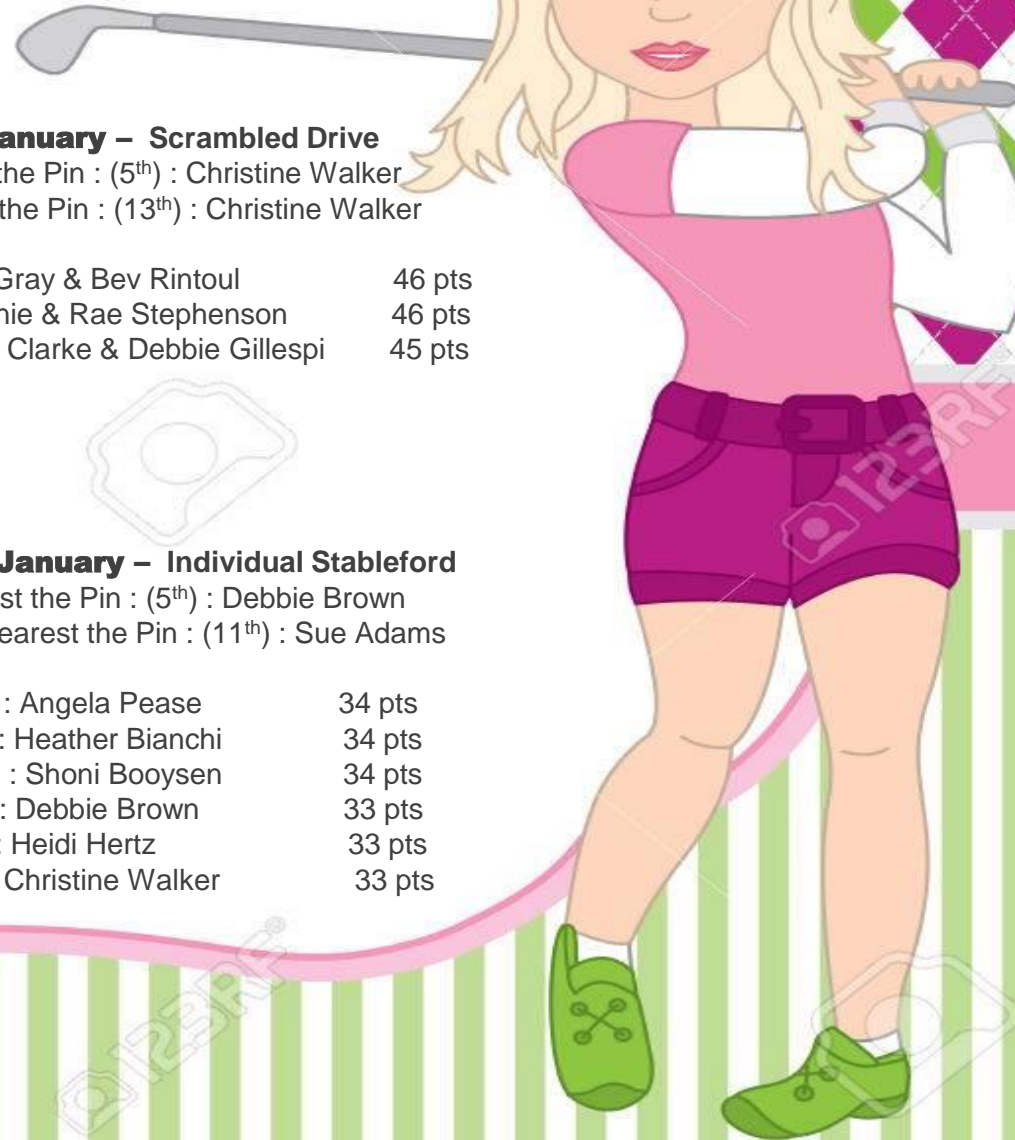
Nearest the Pin : (5<sup>th</sup>) : Christine Walker  
Nearest the Pin : (13<sup>th</sup>) : Christine Walker

1<sup>st</sup> : Maureen Gray & Bev Rintoul 46 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> : Mel Glennie & Rae Stephenson 46 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> : Margrate Clarke & Debbie Gillespi 45 pts

## 31<sup>st</sup> January – Individual Stableford

Nearest the Pin : (5<sup>th</sup>) : Debbie Brown  
Nearest the Pin : (11<sup>th</sup>) : Sue Adams

1<sup>st</sup> : Angela Pease 34 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> : Heather Bianchi 34 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> : Shoni Booysen 34 pts  
4<sup>th</sup> : Debbie Brown 33 pts  
5<sup>th</sup> : Heidi Hertz 33 pts  
6<sup>th</sup> : Christine Walker 33 pts





**4<sup>th</sup> January**

– Format: Individual Stableford / **Front 9**

Nearest the Pin : (2<sup>nd</sup>) – Peter Baxter

1<sup>st</sup> : Terry Botha 21 pts      2<sup>nd</sup> : Peter Baxter 20 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> : John Craig 20 pts      4<sup>th</sup> : John Prins 19 pts  
5<sup>th</sup> : Jelli Jelliman 19 pts

**11<sup>th</sup> January**

– Format: Individual Stableford / **Back 9**

Nearest the Pin : (11<sup>th</sup>) : Gavin Veale

1<sup>st</sup> : Ulf Broighagen 24 pts      2<sup>nd</sup> : Ian Bloom 22 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> : Charles Lord 21 pts      4<sup>th</sup> : Alec Broighagen 20 pts  
5<sup>th</sup> : Matthew Bester 20 pts

**18<sup>th</sup> January**

– Format: Individual Stableford / **Front 9**

Nearest the Pin : (5<sup>th</sup>) – Janet Cooper

1<sup>st</sup> : Tony McGuinness 22 pts      2<sup>nd</sup> : Pat Milliener 21 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> : Peter Baxter 21 pts      4<sup>th</sup> : Enquin le Roux 21 pts

**25<sup>th</sup> January**

– Format: Individual Stableford / **Back 9**

Nearest the Pin : (11<sup>th</sup>) : Scott Atherstone

1<sup>st</sup> : Enquin le Roux 20 pts      2<sup>nd</sup> : Richard Bursztyn 19 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> : John Prins 18 pts      4<sup>th</sup> : Tony McGuinness 17 pts  
5<sup>th</sup> : Tim Mcmillan 17 pts

# FRIDAY MEAT COMPETITION RESULTS JANUARY '19

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***

**ALL** players participating in this 9-hole competition are required to enter their scores immediately after completing their round, and are **ONLY** to record the score for the 9-holes pertaining to the day's competition. Failure to do so or anyone entering an 18-hole score, will result in disqualification from the competition/s.



## A note from our Green Keeper

### RAINFALL STATS:

January 2018:	56mm
January 2019:	31mm

### GOLF COURSE:

We are way too busy at this time of the year to undertake any new projects so we focus primarily on our usual daily housekeeping tasks and the general manicuring of the course.

Pitch marks on greens are again a huge problem and always seem to be predominant during February/March... – **PLEASE** attend to these before completing your putt!!

Dollar Spot is yet another nasty visitor to our greens during these very dry, humid months and can be seen in a few places on some greens. This is an ongoing, annual snag that we treat with a mixture of various chemicals and fertilizers and fortunately is quick to recover.

### SURVEY / QUESTIONNAIRE:

We will shortly be conducting a quick, (and voluntary!) survey to gauge general opinions – please keep an eye open for this in the proshop, there will be prizes involved!



# FROM THE LOCKER ROOM

: THE RULES DESK :

## LEAVING THE FLAGSTICK IN:

As some of you may be aware, one of the rule changes introduced for 2019 is that you can putt with the flag stick still in the hole. There may be some sceptics out there as to whether this is an advantage or not – recent studies have however been undertaken, the results of which being that the flag in the hole is better...

**New Rule: Under Rule 13.2a(2):**

There is no longer a penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits a flagstick left in the hole. Players are not required to putt with the flagstick in the hole; rather, they continue to have the choice to have it removed (which includes having someone attend the flagstick and remove it after the ball is played).



## THE NEW OUT OF BOUNDS RULE:

Now there has been a lot said about this rule and I wish to clarify it for all.

**Balls Lost or Out of Bounds:** Alternative to Stroke and Distance: **A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019**, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty.

Goose Valley **is not currently adopting** this rule, (same goes for all the courses along the Southern Cape), - you must continue to play the current rule where, should you hit the ball out of bounds, you replay the shot from its original position.

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR ANY FUTURE CHANGES...**



# ARE YOU PLAYING THE CORRECT GOLF BALL?

In this piece we will be reviewing the most common golf balls used at Goose Valley Golf Club – read this to determine whether you’re playing with the correct ball!



## CALLAWAY CHROME SOFT

**Construction :** 3 piece golf ball

**Compression :** Mid

**On the Club face:** It's softer than the tour balls such as the Titleist ProV and firmer than your mid range Wilson Staff golf ball

**Off the Tee:** It may be a "soft ball" compared to tour balls, but yet has kept up with them in distance. Even with a slower swing speed, it matched and in some cases out-performed the Srixon Soft Feel.

**Around the Greens:** With its DuraSpin cover, the ball is very responsive and 'grabby' with great effectiveness.



## SRIXON SOFT FEEL

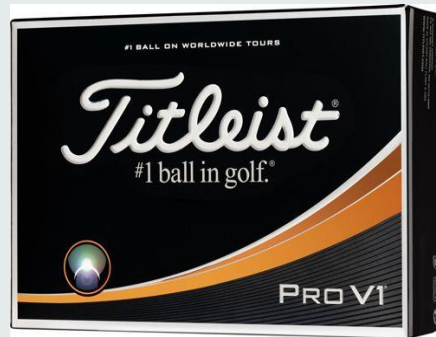
**Construction :** 2 piece golf ball

**Compression :** Mid

**On the Club face:** It lives up to its name with what can sometimes be called a 'mushy feeling' off the face.

**Off the Tee:** Slow Swingers will benefit immensely from the ball with its higher launch capabilities coupled with its longer carry

**Around the Greens:** The ball is not as responsive as the Callaway Chrome Soft due to the construction of the ball and maximizing effect of distance on the ball.



## TITLEIST PRO V1

**Construction :** 3 piece golf ball

**Compression :** Pro

**On the Club face:** Lower spin rates lead to distance gains that have been reported at an average of up to 5-10 meters on drives and a handful of yards with irons when using the new ProV.

**Around the Greens:** Titleist somehow added 5-10 meters to this ball without sacrificing too much spin. You won't have as much zip on it as the Pro V1x, but you will have plenty of control around the greens.





Here are a few photos of the Proshop, Marshal & Admin 'Bollywood-style' staff party that was hosted at Bobby's house, complete with elephant pināta, Henna tattoo artist & fire dancer...





# Upcoming Dates

## February 2019

- Wednesday Comp 6,13,20,27
- Ladies Comp 7,14,21,28
- Meat Comp 8,15,22
- Saturday Comp 9,16
- Fastest Hole – 18<sup>th</sup> Hole 22
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cancer Fundraiser 23

## March 2019

- Wednesday Comp 6,13,20,27
- Ladies Comp 7,14,21,28
- Meat Comp 8,15,22
- Saturday Comp 9,30
- Goose Valley Club Championships 23,24