



The Goose Valley Golf Club

Newsletter January 2020

“I don’t let birdies and pars get in the way of having a good time”, *Angelo Spanolo*



The Goose team would like to take this opportunity to send our best wishes for 2020 to all of you!

As we continue through our busy season, we are looking forward to a great year ahead filled with copious amounts of golf, fun, laughter and spending time together at the club.

We once again appeal to members to understand the possible slow play issues that may arise over the next few weeks. It's a given fact that members will always play faster than visitors, however we can assure you that we will be out there monitoring and marshalling any slow play.

WE REMIND ALL GOLFERS TO PLEASE:

Keep up with the players ahead of you; Tend to your pitch marks on the greens and to repair all divots;
Be watchful for snakes; Not to consume the recycled effluent water that is used on the course



FIRST ROUNDS OF THE DAY

NO one is permitted to start play before checking in at the Pro Shop.
As from 1 January the first tee time is 6:00 am

PROSHOP OPERATING HOURS

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

LOCAL RULE – PREFERRED LIES

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

Our **RECIPROCITY RATES** with
all our local golf clubs will start
again on 6 January.

4 Dec

FORMAT: Betterball Stableford

Nearest the Pin: 2nd – Peter Allan

Nearest the Pin: 11th – Don Searle

Nearest the Pin for 2 on 18th : Andy Mynhardt

1 st :	Martin Brasey & Dave Hodgson	48 pts
2 nd :	John Rintoul & Peter Allan	45 pts
3 rd :	Peter Bailey & Andreas Fritsche	44 pts
4 th :	Otto Pletzer & Don Searle	42 pts

18 Dec

FORMAT: Individual Stableford

Nearest the Pin: 5nd – Hennie Smit

1 st :	Fernando Borges	37pts
2 nd :	Gavin Veale	34pts

11 Dec

FORMAT: Individual Stableford

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Clive Brown

11th – John Wilschut

Nearest the Pin for 2 on 18th : Peter Bailey

1 st :	Ian Bloom	41 pts
2 nd :	Robert Ryan	38 pts
3 rd :	Andre Smit	38 pts
4 th :	Peter Baxter	37 pts
5 th :	John Wilschut	36 pts

25 Dec – No comp



A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TWO SPONSORS:





5 Dec – FORMAT: Alliance 2 to count

Nearest the Pin :

- 5th : Marti Jelliman
- 11th: Angie Pease

1st :

- Marti Jelliman
- Jenny Richardson
- Ruth Barclay
- Marie Botha

95pts

2nd :

- Anne Hyde
- Anita Muller
- Margaret Haines
- Zoe Botha

92pts



12 Dec – FORMAT: 3 ball waltzing alliance

Nearest the Pin:

- 5th – Anita Muller
- 11th – Yvette Negrine

1st :

- Anita Muller
- Zoe Botha
- Marti Jelliman

76pts

2nd :

- Lynette Stais,
- Wendy Pretorius
- Bev Rintoul

74pts

3rd :

- Paula Campbell

37 pts

FRIDAY MEAT COMPETITION RESULTS

6 Dec

FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
FRONT 9

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Candy McGuiness

1 st : Andre Smit	19 pts
2 nd : Margaret Hains	19 pts
3 rd : Ian Norgarb	18 pts
4 th : Anne Hyde	18 pts

13 Dec

FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
FRONT 9

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Dave Bertram

1 st : Leon Nortje	24 pts
2 nd : Hente Berger	21 pts
3 rd : Frans Coetzee	19 pts
4 th : Gavin Veale	19 pts
5 th : Bobby Rogers	19 pts

20 Dec

FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
FRONT 9

Nearest the Pin: 2nd – Randal Bower

1 st : Jono Ackerman	19 pts
2 nd : Greg Whittaker	19 pts
3 rd : Carol Hubert	19 pts
4 th : Jean Hubert	18 pts

27 Dec

FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
FRONT 9

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Mathew Hallas

1 st : John Craig Jnr	24 pts
2 nd : Leon Nortje	23 pts
3 rd : Frans Coetzee	19 pts
4 th : Enquin Le Roux	19 pts

NB:

**Friday Meat comps
will now be
attendance prizes
– please stay for
prize giving in order to
receive your prize**

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.

The Captains Golf Day

Saturday 7 December

Format: 4 Ball Alliance with Ticket Scoring on the pin

Nearest the Pin: 2nd Bill Collins

5th Angela Collins

All the ladies...☺

11th Bev Rintoul

13th Mel Glennie



Captain Tony
McGuinness giving his
farewell speech



1st Karen Derbyshire, Ronald Derbyshire,
Bev Lowrie, Walter Lowrie – 92 pts



2nd Clive Brown, Debbie Brown,
Ian Bloom, Terri Bloom – 91 pts



3rd Martin Haines, Margaret Haines,
David Hyde, Anne Hyde – 89 pts



Turtle Creek vs Goose Valley

We wish to thank the two sponsors, PAM GOLDING & CHAS EVERITT
for a very well supported and entertaining day.
The original comp was changed to a betterball format
for all to enjoy
and a great turnout saw 84 members and tenants
competing in this annual competition.



1st place with 47 points
Marie Botha
&
Marti Jelliman



2nd place with 46 points
Don
&
Lyn Searle



3rd place with 46 points
Ruth Barclay
&
Peter Baxter

IMPORTANT

Scores need to be entered ON THE DAY in order to accurately work out the playing condition calculations as per....

9 HOLE HANDICAPS

Due to much confusion and errors on both scoring and handicap scores, we will be scrapping the 9-hole handicap.

As of 1 January, the local rule for our 9-hole comps will revert back to the old days and you now play off your normal full handicap and take your strokes where they come.

There have been way too many errors on scorecards resulting in either a DQ or altering scoring etc, hence the above decision to change the rule.

HANDICAP NEWS

The introduction of the Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC):

Course Ratings are based on normal playing conditions, yet the difficulty of a golf course can vary substantially from day to day, due to course conditions, weather conditions and course set-up.

The playing conditions calculation (PCC) determines whether playing conditions, or course set up, on the day, are easier or more difficult than normal – and whether an adjustment to the Course Rating is needed to compensate. The PCC adjustment to the Course Rating can be -1, 0, 1, 2 or 3.

The PCC will be calculated overnight on the HNA system and will automatically adjust your handicap differential for the round played and reflect on your scoring records.

It is important that players enter their scores on the system immediately after playing, so that as many scores as possible are taken into consideration by the PCC calculation, which will improve its accuracy.



A note from our Green Keeper:

Wesley Paine

Head Golf Course Superintendent



Rainfall:

Nov 2018 :	51 mm
Nov 2019 :	69 mm
Dec 2018 :	17 mm
Dec 2019 :	13 mm
Jan – Dec 2018 :	547 mm
Jan – Dec 2019 :	399 mm

Season has finally arrived, and we welcome all the golfers to Goose Valley. We have done all we can to prepare the course for the holiday season.

The course has held up very well despite the high volumes of traffic. We have noticed a lot of pitch marks on the greens that aren't being fixed. I would like to ask everyone to please assist with this and fix your pitch marks!

We have had a few dry spots in the beginning of December on fairways and tees. This was due to load shedding and pumps not running when the electricity was off. The electricity going on and off also puts a lot of strain on our pumps and system. Luckily we haven't had any power cuts over the Christmas period and the course could recover, despite the low amounts of rain. We are not sure what Eskom has installed for us in the future but we will do everything we can to keep the course in great condition.

We have slowed the greens speeds down slightly to help them endure the high traffic and heat stress. We do this by raising the mowing height. We will speed them up again when traffic is less and we get more rain.

From my side hope you all have a prosperous new year and all the best for 2020! Happy golfing!

A word from our PGA Pro.....

This page will be a form of communication from me to you, golf tips, lesson specials, new ideas, results of certain comps as well as general chats between members and their pro. Feel free to send me any questions or comments to

bookings@goosevalleygolfclub.com
(for my attention)

January Deal – 20-minute putting lesson
R180

Daniel Gouws
Class A PGA Professional



TOUCHING LIVES
THROUGH THE
GAME OF GOLF

MONTHLY TIP – The power of the mind

Our minds are trained to focus on the smallest possible detail, so if you aim for the “fairway” its easy to miss the fairway. But IF you aim at the branch of the tree in the distance, you may miss the branch, but you still hit the tree, IF you miss the tree you still hit the fairway....

Next time you are on the course, focus on the smallest possible target and only think of that target, without changing your swing you might just improve your accuracy.

Seeing that we’re starting a new year, I would like to get a few more golfers to take up the game in 2020. Once schools start again in January, I will be introducing a junior clinic to try to get the younger generation out hitting golf balls instead of playing Playstation...

I also want to get all of the ladies thinking about two possible options where learning in a group is more relaxed and stress free, instead of 1 on 1 :

- Starting a beginner “Bunnies Group” for ladies to come and hit some balls with basic instruction.
- Offering a group clinic for all ladies to join over 4 sessions: Irons, Driver, Putting and Short game. By signing up in a group over 4 sessions you will save over 50% off the normal lesson price.

Thinking about new equipment?

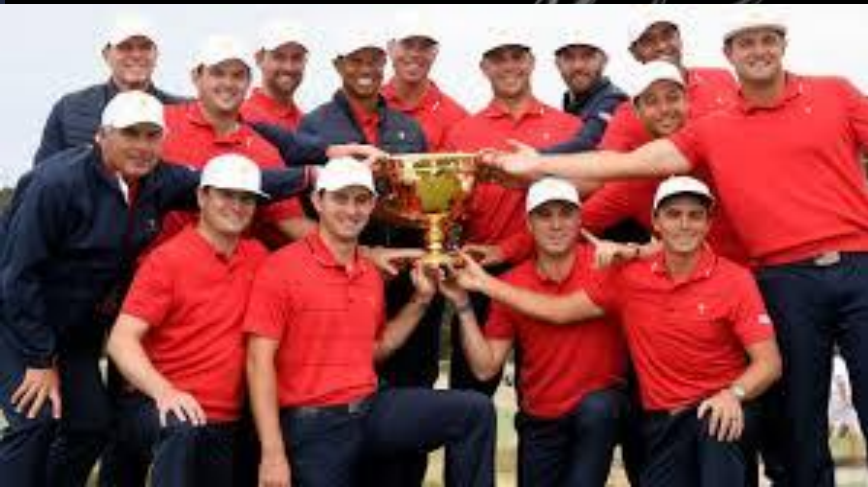
If you are thinking about new clubs or anything equipment-related, I encourage you to come have a chat to me. With many years of club fitting experience, I will gladly offer advice and don’t forget that our Pro Shop can get you anything you want as far as golf equipment goes.....At member prices and usually within 48hrs!!

WORLD GOLF NEWS:

Not much action as far as golfing events at this time of the year, most players are on holiday taking a break from as much as 45 weeks of tournament golf in 2019. The hype is still around the Americans pulling a win out of what looked like a given win for Ernie and the boys. The USA team just proved that world ranking numbers are not just there for show. Fourballs and Foursomes allow for the player on the day to have a blinder and win, but individual rankings stood out with USA far outranking the International team which proved to be too strong in the singles.

The International team only managed 2 singles wins and with 4 matches TIED, the final outcome of USA 16 & INTL 14 could have been decided on the 18th hole.

LOCAL NEWS: Erik van Rooyen's form over the last few months has secured him an invite to the 2020 Masters



RULES....RULES....RULES....RULES

We have taken the OUT OF BOUNDS away on the 14th hole left and right from the 150m mark as well as right of the 18th fairway from the tee to the second bunker. We will also be looking at other holes and removing where necessary.

How many of you saw the Patrick Reed incident where he “took a backswing, TWICE” and moved sand behind his ball in a waste bunker?

Many golfers don’t understand the rule of ‘improving your lie’ – if you’re in the trees or bush and you back up to take a stance and any twigs or branches break, you have broken the rules. In a practice swing, if you knock a few leaves off the tree, you have broken the rules. Any object “moved” from its natural position is deemed to have improved your lie and you incur a penalty.

RULE 8,1

Player’s Actions That Improve Conditions Affecting the Stroke

To support the principle of “play the **course** as you find it,” this Rule restricts what a player may do to **improve** any of these protected “**conditions affecting the stroke**” (anywhere on or off the **course**) for the next **stroke** the player will make:

- The **lie** of the player’s ball at rest,
- The area of the player’s intended **stance**,
- The area of the player’s intended swing,
- The player’s **line of play**, and
- The **relief area** where the player will **drop** or place a ball.

Except in the limited ways allowed in **Rules 8.1b, c and d**, a player must not take any of these actions if they **improve** the **conditions affecting the stroke**:

(1) Move, bend or break any:

- Growing or attached natural object,
- Immovable obstruction**, **integral object** or **boundary object**, or
- Tee-marker for the **teeing area** when playing a ball from that **teeing area**.

Our course staff enjoying their well-earned Xmas braai



Upcoming Dates:

January 2019

Season tee times are booking up fast, so please contact us to book your future games!!

- **SPUR** Men's Wednesday Comp 1,8,15,22,29
- Ladies Thursday Comp 2,9,16,23,30
- **CLUB/THE GRAND** Friday Meat Comp 3,10,17,24,31
- **THE GRAND** Saturday Comp 4,11,18,25





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Includes sauce & 250ml carafe wine
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