



The Goose Valley Golf Club

Newsletter March 2020

Hi there from the Goose Valley Team

“Golf is about how well you accept, respond to, and score with your misses much more so than it is a game of your perfect shots.” -Dr Bob Rotella

With season coming to an end, we can see the numbers slowly starting to get back to normal. We would like to thank all of you for your patience throughout the busy days with over 200 golfers every day, as well as those of you who helped our course by fixing the many pitch marks that are left behind. We have only had great comments on the conditioning of the course, the staff in the shop and the restaurant's food and beverage offerings.

*March brings our most prestigious event of the year, our 2020 Club Championships. We urge all of you who are still in residence to put your names down and play in your Club Champs – it doesn't matter what division you are in – A, B or C division, you are still crowned as the best golfer in the club **IN YOUR HANDICAP DIVISION** – A title worth holding on to 28th & 29th March*

NOTE: Each division winner (MEN and LADIES A B C division) will earn the right to represent Goose Valley in the Regional Champion of Champions event sponsored by Aon and Golf RSA. Get through that and compete at National level - All expenses paid.

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 March the first tee time is 6:00 am

PROSHOP OPERATING HOURS

The current Pro Shop opening hours:
6.00 am to 18.00 pm

LOCAL RULE – PREFERRED LIES

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

5 FebFORMAT: Betterball Stableford (2 on par 3's)

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Piet Boer

Nearest the Pin: 11th – Martin Brassey

1 st :	Scott Atherstone & Cobus Havenga	51 pts
2 nd :	Kenny McEwan & Dave Richardson	48 pts
3 rd :	Allan Farquar & Don Searle	48 pts
4 th :	Bill Alexander & Louis Heyns	48 pts

19 FebFORMAT: Betterball Stableford

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Robert Ryan

Nearest the Pin: 13th – Louis Heyns

1 st :	Bill Collins & Kenny McEwan	45 pts
2 nd :	Anthony Hopkins & Russ Parkinson	45 pts
3 rd :	Ian Bloom & Richard Burnstein	44 pts
4 th :	Peter Baxter & Mike Cooper	44 pts

12 FebFORMAT: Betterball Stableford

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Andy Mynhardt

11th – Louis Heyns

Nearest the Pin for 2 on 18th : Alan Farquar

1 st :	Bobby Rogers & Cobus Havenga	47 pts
2 nd :	Aiden Clarke & Vincent Windvogel	43 pts
3 rd :	Leon Nortje & Dave Bertram	43 pts
4 th :	Wesley Pain & Cobus Havenga(PVT)	41 pts

26 FebFORMAT: 4 Ball Alliance (waltz 1 2 3 to count)

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Louis Heyns

11th – Piet Ferreira

Nearest the Pin for 2 on 18th : Wesley Pain

1 st :	Fred Gannet, Fernando Borges, Louis Heyns Don Searle	80 pts
2 nd :	Martyn Hains, Gerry Reimer, Tim McMillan Cobus Havenga (PVT)	80 pts
3 rd :	Ruan Smit, Scott Atherstone, Cobus Havenga Wesley Pain	79 pts



A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TWO SPONSORS:

6 Feb – FORMAT: 4 Ball Alliance 2 to count

Nearest the Pin 5th: Ruth Barclay
11th: Bev Rintoul

1st : Ruth Barclay, Heidi Hertz, Linda Victor, Terri Bloom
92 pts

2nd : Zoe Botha, Jane Bradley, Debbie Brown, Ruth
Barclay (PVT) 88 pts

13 Feb – FORMAT: Betterball Alliance

Nearest the pin: 5th – Norma Taylor
11th – Karen Palmer

1st: Angie Pease & Zoe Botha 47 pts
2nd: Terri Bloom & Ruth Barclay 45 pts
3rd: Anne Reimer & Bev Rintoul 41 pts

20 Feb – FORMAT: 4 Ball Alliance (waltz 1 2 3 to count)

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Carol Hubert
13th – Chris King

1st : Norma Taylor, Heather Bianchi, Marie Botha
Ruth Barclay 87 pts

2nd : Ann Hyde, Christine Walker, Jan McMillan
Bobby Hutchinson 85 pts

**27 Feb – FORMAT: Betterball Mystery Holes
(10 holes)**

1st :Melissa Glennie & Marianne Storl 25 pts
2nd : Shoni Booysen & GHOST PLAYER 25 pts
3rd : Pat Milliner & Laurel Padbury 22 pts

FRIDAY MEAT COMPETITION RESULTS

7 FEBRUARY

**FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
FRONT 9**

Nearest the Pin: 5th Peter Baxter

1 st : Marius Ackerman	20 pts
2 nd : Riaan Smit	20 pts
3 rd : Anthony Hopkins	19 pts
4 th : James Faber	19 pts

14 FEBRUARY

**FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
BACK 9**

Nearest the Pin: 2nd – Tim McMillan

1 st : Scoth Atherstone	22 pts
2 nd : Russ Parkinson	21 pts
3 rd : Simon Mottershead	17 pts
4 th : Enquin Le Roux	20 pts
5 th : David Hyde	19 pts

FRIDAY MEAT COMPS

WILL NOW BE

**ATTENDANCE PRIZES –
please stay for prize giving**

22 FEBRUARY

**FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
FRONT 9**

1 st : Simon Mottershead	21 pts
2 nd : James Kelly	19 pts
3 rd : Jono Ackerman	19 pts
4 th : Ron Kidwell	20 pts

28 FEBRUARY

**FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
FRONT 9**

Nearest the Pin: 5th – Ruan Smit

1 st : Piet Ferreira	23 pts
2 nd : Jean Hubert	21 pts
3 rd : Carol Hubert	21 pts
4 th : Hennie Smit	22 pts
5 th : Desmond Leonard	20 pts

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.

OUR 3RD ANNUAL CANCER FUNDRAISER

1 st place:	Barry & Sandra Schofield	46 pts
2 nd place:	Stefan Lowe & Anders Christensen	45 pts
3 rd place:	Ann and David Hyde	45 pts

NEAREST TO THE PINS:

2nd – Daniel Reese
5th – George Jaap
11th – George Jaap
13th – Greg Bertram

LONGEST DRIVES:

Men – Richard Emslie
Ladies – Valerie Hornsby

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Winners - Barry and Sandra Schofield

Thank you to all players who generously participated in the golf day, thanks to all your donations, hole wager contributions and auction – we managed to beat last year's total and raised R46 005 for **PLETT CANSA CARE**

SOME MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR CANSA FUNDRAISER:



THE CHALLENGE WAS SET:

After the two Captain VS Vice Captain days were held, the challenge was on...
Heather Bianchi and Chris King **VS** Bobby Rogers and Cobus Havenga.



THE LADIES VS THE MEN

After 18 holes of matchplay the
match ended up in a very fair

DRAW



IMPORTANT HANDICAP NEWS

Opening/Registering a round before playing:

Golfers are obliged to make sure that a round is opened on the HNA system, either via the Club on the Club System, the Handicap Terminal at the club, on the [HNA website](#) or the free HNA phone app, before playing their round. Rounds that have been opened after the round has been completed will be flagged on the system and reported to the club's Handicap Committee for further investigation.

Entering a score on the HNA System:

Once the round has been completed, golfers are requested to enter their scores before 9pm on the day of play.

Not entering a score when playing again the following day:

If golfers are planning on playing two days in a row, they must enter their first day's score before 9pm so that they will be playing off the correct Handicap Index and Course Handicap the following day.

Failure to do so would mean that the player was playing their second round off the incorrect Course Handicap – and they could be excluded from competition prizes.

For those of you who didn't want to download or read [the full WHS Rules](#), below is a short summary of the main WHS Rules:

- All 9- and 18-hole Adjusted Gross scores, including match play, must be entered on the handicap system.
- Using your Course Handicap, the maximum score on a hole is Net Double Bogey or Net Two Over Par.
- Your Handicap Index is based on the average of the best 8 of the last 20 scores.
- The Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) is calculated overnight and may adjust the Course Rating of the Tee by -1 to +3 strokes, depending on adverse weather conditions or course setup.
- Your Low Handicap Index is recorded for the previous rolling 12 months.
- Soft Cap: Your Handicap Index is restricted from moving up by 50% of the increase over 3 strokes.
- Hard Cap: Your Handicap Index is capped at no more than 5 strokes higher than your Low Index over the last 12 months.
- Exceptional Score: If your score differential is between 7 shots and 9.9 shots lower than your Handicap Index, then your Handicap Index will be reduced by 1 shot.
- If your score differential is 10 shots or more below your Handicap Index, then your Handicap Index will be reduced by 2 shots.

FOR ANY QUERIES, PLEASE REFER TO THE FULL WHS RULES, WHICH CAN BE VIEWED [here](#)

We ARE THRILLED TO INTRODUCE OUR PREMIER RENTAL PROPERTY:

*S*pacious & luxurious home with magnificent North views overlooking the 16th fairway and the Tsitsikamma Mountains, situated in Fairway Close Private Estate, Goose Valley, Plettenberg Bay.

With 4 full en-suite bedrooms, this is the perfect holiday house for a touring 4-ball or simply for family and friends to get together.

The open-plan living area is spacious with a large smart TV, Wi-Fi, outside braai (BBQ) and plenty of space both in and outside to relax and enjoy the views, no matter the weather.

The kitchen is well equipped to cater for any meal.

Within walking distance of the club house, guests can enjoy the restaurant, swimming pool and both the tennis & squash courts on this secure golf estate.

Contact Claire on 060 526 5740 for any enquiries or bookings





A note from our Green Keeper:

Wesley Paine

Head Golf Course Superintendent

Rainfall:

Feb 2019: 14.5 mm
Feb 2020: 36.5 mm
Jan - Feb 2019: 45.5 mm
Jan - date 2020: 101.5 mm



Not every golf course hosts a big tournament like the SA open or sunshine tour event. However, almost every golf course has some type of important golf tournament. In about 3 weeks' time we will host this year's club champs. This is 2 days where we can really make the course stand out. Here are some things we will do to prepare for this year's champs.

Within the next 3 weeks we are going to firm up the greens and try to get the green speeds between 10 and 11 feet on the stimp, (depending on the weather). We will water only the dry spots by hand to avoid overwatering the greens.

The challenge for us is to provide faster green speeds without threatening the health of the turf. We will also do a light verticut and dusting with sand to get the greens as smooth as possible. Just before and during the club champs, we will double cut the greens to keep the green speeds consistent and get a better quality cut. We are currently on a Primo program. This is a chemical that we spray on the greens every 2 weeks to slow down the growth of the turf. This will ensure that the green speeds also remain fast and true during the day.

For the rest of the course we will focus on the detail work such as fertilizing, brush cutting and spending time repainting hazard stakes and markers. We will also check bunker sand levels to ensure that each bunker is consistent with an optimum amount of sand. We will be hard at work for the next 3 weeks to ensure the course is at its best.

We wish all participants in the Championships the *best* of *luck* with their rounds and may the *best* man win!

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)

Group clinics will start from April in the quiet times.

Daniel Gouws
Class A PGA Professional



TOUCHING LIVES
THROUGH THE
GAME OF GOLF

MONTHLY TIP – Club selection

I SEE SO MANY PLAYERS COMING UP SHORT. MOST OF THE BUNKERS ARE SITUATED SHORT OF THE GREENS, SO EITHER THE PLAYER THINKS THEY HIT IT FURTHER THAN THEY DO OR THEY TOOK THE WRONG CLUB. TAKE ONE MORE AND SEE HOW YOU END UP.

March is club champs month – MEDAL. At most clubs, when the comp says medal, the field is half the size.... In most people's minds, the word MEDAL = FEAR. So when you're playing medal out there, the best angle of approach is course management. Take each shot as it comes and try to evaluate how to approach the shot in order to avoid a "big number". Instead of hitting the driver for the green, take a comfortable club and try to hit the fairway (keeping the ball in play).

A bit more concentration on course management, club selection, avoiding bunkers etc. and you should be in the running to win your division!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PLAYING IN YOUR CLUB'S PREMIER EVENT.

THINKING ABOUT NEW EQUIPMENT?

If you are thinking about new clubs or anything equipment related, I encourage you to come and have a chat to me. With many years of club fitting experience, I will gladly offer advice and remember that our Pro Shop can get you anything you want as far as golf equipment goes.....At members prices!!

WORLD GOLF NEWS:

Its great to see a local guy who used to be a junior member at Goose Valley playing on the tour. Garrick Higo who has already won one event at Sun City, has finished the year off with a great comeback win at the season ending Tour Champs at Serengeti. Higo also wins the rookie of the year title for 2019/2020 Sunshine Tour.

WINNERS AROUND THE WORLD:



Ex-Plett local, and past Goose Valley Junior Champion, Garrick Higo won his second Sunshine Tour event and clinched the season ending Tour Champs event at Serengeti.

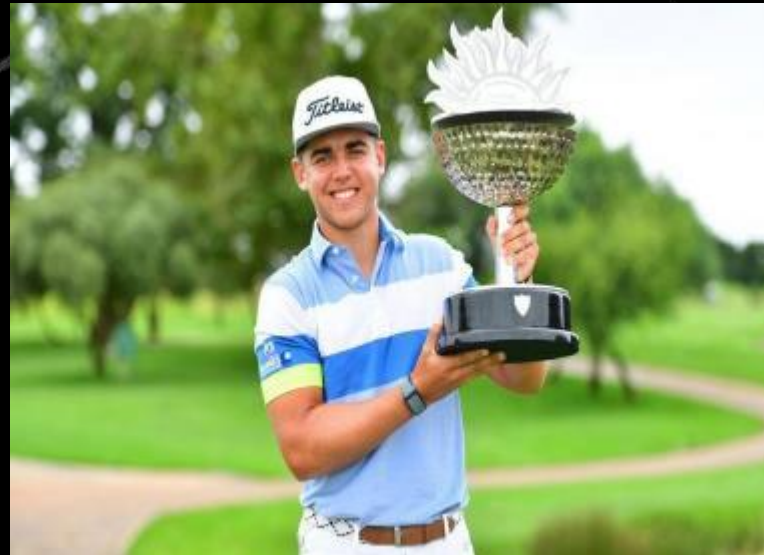


Honda Classic

Sungjae Im won his first event on the PGA Tour on a tough course (-6) nicknamed The Bear Claw....obviously for a reason.

European Tour

Sami Valimaki, 21 years old and already a winner on tour. He beat SA's Brandon Stone in a playoff



GOOSE VALLEY CLUB CHAMPS 2020

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 March



- Player auction on Saturday after the 1st round
- Lunch and prize giving on Sunday after golf

MEN

A Division(Gold Tees) +5.0 – 9.3

B Division(Gold Tees) 9.4 – 17.1

C Division(Blue Tees) 17.2+

LADIES (Red Tees)

A Division +1.0 – 17.3

B Division 17.4 – 24.5

C Division 24.6+

A & B Divisions
Medal

ENTRY FEE
R400

Includes greenfees for both days, comp
fee and lunch on Sunday after prize giving

C Division
Stableford



GolfRSA Club Champion of Champions 2020

The Tournament for *all* golfers of *all* abilities in *all* Divisions!

Club Champions from *all* Divisions can represent their golf club and compete to become a National Divisional Champion!!

National Champions 2019



Left – Right: B Division: Christo Hattingh (Free State) C Division: Monty Botha (KZN) A Division: Ryan Dreyer (Central Gauteng)
Francis de Jager (CCO – Aon) A Division: Kera Healey (Central Gauteng) B Division: Chestyn Jacobs (NW Province) C Division: Joanie Herselman (N. Cape)

Limpopo - Team Champions 2019



Left – Right: Grant Hepburn (CEO – GolfRSA) Andre Wlenikus; Pierre van Deventer; Luzaan Combrink; Bronwyn Doeg; Vivienne Doeg

Play in your Club Championships and it could be you in 2020!

Upcoming Dates:

March 2020

- **SPUR** Men's Wednesday Comp 4,11,18,25
- Ladies Thursday Comp 5,12,19,26
- **CLUB/THE GRAND** Friday Meat Comp 6,13,20,27
- **THE GRAND** Saturday Comp 7,14,21,28

2020 Club Championships
for men and woman
Saturday 28th
Sunday 29th





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Includes a 250ml carafe wine

The Verandah
@ Goose Valley Golf Club



200g Steak & Chips
Includes sauce & 250ml carafe wine
Friday - Sunday
R100

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