



The Goose Valley Golf Club

Newsletter February 2021

Hi there from the Goose Valley Team

FEBRUARY 2021

And just like that, January is gone... Sadly, due to travel restrictions, so too are the tourists that would have been with us between now and March.

This does however give us the opportunity to create new events for our locals, starting with the Goose Foursomes event we held on 24 January. Another new event will be the Member and Guest Invitational, where you as a member get to invite a non-member to play in the day. We will also be starting the Member/Member Betterball Knockout event – so get your names onto the list in the golf shop ASAP. The first round is scheduled to start on 10 February.

View details of all upcoming events are further down on page 13.

The Southern Cape Union Men's handicap League is scheduled to start in April 2021 and we will be entering 2 teams of 6.

The new reciprocal greenfee rates have been agreed upon by the relevant courses, and will start on 1 Feb 2021:

Knysna/Plettenberg Bay rate R220

Southern Cape Reciprocity R270

Remember, although alcohol is now permitted, please continue to ensure the wearing of your mask at all times around the clubhouse and to stick to the same social distancing rules as before. Under level 3 regulations, prize givings are limited to 50 people, so we will bring back prize givings after the game. The "meat" will not be permitted, however we will continue with the Friday comp with vouchers as prizes.

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.
From 1 February the first tee time is 6:30 am

PROSHOP OPERATING HOURS

The current Pro Shop opening hours:
6:00 am to 17.00 pm

LOCAL RULE – PREFERRED LIES

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

NEW COURSE RATING

Please take note of the NEW handicap calculations as of 24 December 2020
The World Handicap Ratings have been changed for Goose Valley – Handicap Index has been changed accordingly

NEW STROKES

HOLE 4 IS NOW STROKE 5

HOLE 6 IS NOW STROKE 9

SCGU LEAGUE

Thank you to those who have put their names forward for league, we were over subscribed for the two teams of six. Preference will be given to the lowest handicaps on the list.

Team 1 captain – John Wilschut

Team 2 captain – Simon Mottershead

The teams will be announced within the next week.

NEW WEBSITE & COURSE LAYOUT

Please remember to visit our newly updated website for all of our latest news, results, upcoming competitions and even the weather!
Don't forget to check out our superb course layout via the eCaddy link which will also be helpful during your round:

<http://www.ecaddy.co.za/glc/courses/goosevalley/>



6 January 2021 - Betterball Stableford

4 th James Adams & Rob Ryan	47pts
3 rd : John Taylor & Hentie Burger	49pts
2 nd Peter Carr & Alan Farquar	49pts
1 st Hennie Smit & Andre Smit	54pts

Nearest the pins:

2 nd Alan Farquar	5 th Andy Mynhardt
11 th Hennie Smit	13 th Desmond Leonard

2 Clubs: H Smit, D Leonard, A Farquar, A Mynhardt

Alliance winners: H Smit, A Smit, Heyns, van As 89pts

13 January 2021 - 4 Ball Alliance

3 rd M Vermeulen, S O'Sullivan, C Gaggio, P Witburn	86pts
2 nd B Walters, J Ludwig, M Brassey, D Hodgeson	87pts
1 st P Ferreira, R Wigget, J Taylor, J Jelliman	88pts

2 Clubs: Wigget, L Nortje, Windvogel, M Vermeulen

NTP

2 nd Robert Ryan	5 th Sean O'Sullivan
11 th Robert Wigget	13 th Ian Bloom

Alliance: Brussouw, Nortje, Nortje, Burger 92pts

20 January 2021 - Betterball Stableford (add par 3's)

4 th Richard Squire & Jono Ackerman	44pts
3 rd Mark Vermeulen & Claudio Gaggio	44pts
2 nd Riaan & Ruan Smit	46pts
1 st Robert Wigget & John Taylor 4	9pts

Nearest the pins:

2 nd John Taylor	5 th Sean O'Sullivan
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27 January 2021 – Betterball Stableford

NTPs : J Ackerman(2) A Farquar (5)

Barry Walters(11) Fred Gannet(13)

2 Clubs : I Bloom, S Tanner, L Bray, D Gouws

4 th : B Gibson & J Ludwig	49 pts co
3 rd : L Nortje & H Burger	49pts co
2 nd : I Bray & S Tanner	49pts ci

14 January 2021

4 BALL ALLIANCE – 2 TO COUNT

2nd Karen Derbyshire, Veronique Wykes, Zoe Botha

Sue vd Berg 84pts

1st Mell Glennie, Michelle Hutton, Alice Evans

Kayleigh Thomas 86pts

2 Clubs: Mel Glennie, Norma Taylor, Cathy Harvey

NTP 11th – Michelle Hutton

28 January 2021

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD (DOUBLE SCORE ON PAR 3'S)

3rd: Bev Lowrie 44pts

2nd: Colette Bavai 44pts

1st: Kerry Cronje 45pts

2 Clubs: Mare Gibson

NTP 5th – Michelle Hutton

21 January 2021

BETTERBALL STABLEFORD – BOTH COUNT ON PAR 5'S

3rd: Carol Hubert & Jilly Alexander 43pts

2nd: Cathy Harvey & Ruth Barclay 44pts

1st: Shoni Booysen & Pietro Bester 46pts

Nearest the pin 2nd: Carol Hubert

2 CLUBS

Carol Hubert

Friday Meat Comp

08 January 2021

: FORMAT IPS:

5th Place : Johan Ferreira 19pts

4th Place : Piet Ferreira 19pts

3rd Place : Bobby Rogers 20pts

2nd: Mathew Bester 20pts

1st Leno McCullum 21pts

15 January 2021

: FORMAT IPS:

5th: Don Searle 17pts (C In)

4th: Bobby Rogers 18pts

3rd: Jelli Jelliman 19pts

2nd: Johan Nortje 20pts

1st Leno McCullum 21pts

29 January 2021

: FORMAT IPS – Back 9

6th : Mike Reilley 19pts co

5th : Ruth Barclay 19pts co

4th : Ian Bloom 19pts ci

3rd Place : John Taylor 20pts co

2nd: Mark Vermeulen 20pts ci

1st Nick Woodhead 22pts

22 January 2021

Individual Stableford – Front 9

5th Cobus Havenga 20pts

4th Don Searle 20pts

3rd Martin Brassey 22pts

2nd Andre Smit 24pts

1st Jono Ackerman 24pts C-in

9 HOLE MEAT PRIZES
ARE SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE DUE TO
LOCKDOWN
RESTRICTIONS
(NO PRIZE GIVINGS)



Remember to
enter in the
golf shop OR
scan on the tee

R 20 to win R20 000
R 50 to win R 50 000
R 100 to win R 100 000



We Are Back Online
Hole 13 is now your lucky
number, remember to enter to
stand a change of winning the
money.



Handicaps News

January 2021

While there are some differences in the scores that different countries allow for Handicap score entry purposes, there are a few key issues in the system that make all the [WHS Handicap Indexes](#) comparable. These are:

1. Net Double Bogey (Net two over par)

All countries now use [Net Double Bogey](#) as the maximum score allowed on a hole when calculating the Adjusted Gross Score for a handicap score entry into the system.

This means that, when entering your score for Handicap purposes, the maximum score allowed, and what you have to record for a hole where you 'ring out', is a Net Double Bogey (Net Two Over Par or Zero Stableford Points). **If you stroke on a par 4, NETT DOUBLE BOGEY is a 7 OR 7 for zero points. (par 4 is a NETT 3, 5 is a NETT 4, 6 is a NETT 5 and 7 is a NETT double drop) The most simple way is to put down the number/score that you get 0 points.**

2. Handicap Differential

All countries use the same calculation for a Handicap Differential that is used to calculate your Handicap Index. A differential is calculated with the following formula: $(\text{Adjusted Gross Score} - \text{Course Rating}) \times 113 / \text{Slope Rating of the Tee you used}$. This is the number you see in your scoring record for each round.

3. Average of the best 8 out of the last 20 differentials.

All countries now use an average of the best 8 differentials out of the last 20 to calculate a Handicap Index.

4. WHS Course Rating System

All golf courses are now rated using the same course rating system, to give a [Course Rating and a Slope Rating](#). The Course Rating is the measure of the difficulty of each Tee at a golf course relative to par for a scratch golfer (0-Handicap Index), while the Slope Rating is the relative difficulty of a Tee for a 19-Handicap Index golfer when compared to a scratch golfer).

These four pillars of the World Handicap System ensure that your Handicap Index is valid and equitable at any course, anywhere in the world, that has implemented and is part of the World Handicap System.



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29 January 2021

Dear Presidents, Unions and Clubs,

Please be advised that it has been agreed by the SAGA and WGSA NEC's that Rule 6.2a (Handicap Allowance) of the Rules of Handicapping (RoH) be implemented in South Africa, effective from 1 March 2021, so as to give golfers of all abilities and handicap levels a fair and equitable chance of winning in competition play.

The implementation of Rule 6.2a, will ensure that South Africa is now aligned with the World Handicap System in the rest of the world.

As of 1 March 2021 the new handicap rule for any betterball comps will have both players playing off 85% of their course handicap (which ever tee they choose).

More details and official documentation will be advertised as soon as we receive it...

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)

Daniel Gouws
Class A PGA Professional



TOUCHING LIVES
THROUGH THE
GAME OF GOLF

I think that we all take the game way too seriously, so I am going to look into arranging a FUN TRICK SHOT session on the driving range.

This will include a competition type format where you will need to try and hit certain targets, score points for certain shots, score points for putting games etc.

This event will be held on a Saturday morning on the range in early March. Stay tuned for more details...

Everyone is welcome to test your skills and have a laugh.

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 remember our Pro Shop can get you anything you want as far as golf equipment goes.....At member prices!!

A note from our Green Keeper:

Wesley Paine

Head Golf Course Superintendent



Rainfall:

Jan 2020:	65 mm
Jan 2021:	13 mm

In this month's article I am going to talk about fertilizer. How do we decide what fertilizer to use and how much do we use. Well, first we need to look at what type of grass we are fertilizing. Our greens for example which are Bent Grass, will use different fertilizers to our tees and fairways which are Kikuyu.

We also take soil samples twice a year and send them in to the lab for analysis. This gets broken down and we can see what nutrients we need in the soil. We then work out a program for the year and the next time we do soil samples we can see the results and adjust accordingly.

Grass needs certain nutrients to grow. This can be broken up into two groups.

Macro nutrients: Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), and Potassium (K).

Micro nutrients: boron (B), chlorine (Cl), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), manganese (Mn), molybdenum (Mo), zinc (Zn) and nickel (Ni).

If there is a shortfall or excess of any of these nutrients, it could potentially be harmful to the turf and we could lose or see the greens becoming very unhealthy. This is why it is so important for turf grass managers to know what is going on underneath the soil and use the right fertilizer program to keep the greens and course healthy and in good condition.

Upcoming Events In February



Saturday 13 February

Annual Cancer Fundraiser has been postponed

Saturday 6 February

Saturday comp – IPS/Skins Betting
R50 comp fee

10 February

Start of the Member/Member Betterball Knockout

Friday 19 February – DERBY DAY

12:00 shotgun start

*Back by popular
demand*

Sunday 21 February

Goose Foursomes Event

2 Players, Alternate Shots, 18 Holes Stableford
(add both handicaps and divide by 2)
07:40 to 09:10 – all other golf on the back 9
Comp fee R75

New Event

Saturday 27 February

Goose Member/Guest Invitational Betterball Stableford
Guest Greenfee R270
Comp fee R50
8:30am to 10am

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