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**83<sup>rd</sup> National Tournament | 6 - 9 May 2024**

Hosted by KwaZulu-Natal Senior Golf Society



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“ *The primary quality shared by seniors is the ability to enjoy the game of golf and socialise with colleagues who share common values and appreciate the finer things of life.* ” **Talbot Cox**

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**SGUSA PRESIDENT**

# John Terry-Lloyd



**On behalf of Pat Cronin's Management Committee of SGUSA, I extend a very warm welcome to all the participants from our nine Societies at this the 83rd playing of our National Tournament.**

I firstly wish to thank the Kwazulu-Natal Society, led by the Past President Paddy Goss and President Frank Agg, for securing the use of two superb courses which hold significant importance in the history of South African golf. Both Royal Durban Golf Club, the home club of the KZN Society, and Durban Country Club have existed for more than a century and have hosted 20 South African Open Championships, 15 SA Amateur Championships for men as well as dozens of national and provincial tournaments of importance. Both will challenge the best of you! Furthermore, I wish to record my appreciation to the KZN Organizing Committee, who have met regularly and tirelessly over the past year to ensure the success and enjoyment of the Tournament. Thanks guys!

The past year has not been without its challenges for each of our nine Societies. Fixtures, patronage and the dress code after golf, in particular, have been debated by our respective committees. Sponsorship, so much part of our prize-giving ceremonies, is challenging to secure. Regular member support at Societies fixtures has dwindled somewhat due to travel constraints and the comfortability of playing at home rather than away. And despite SGUSA insisting on the strict maintenance of prescribed on and off-the-course standards of behaviour, our Societies continue to prosper with encouraging success. Be grateful and proud to call yourself a Senior.

In closing, I wish to thank the Boards and members of Royal Durban Golf Club and Durban Country Club for granting us permission to use their excellent facilities. The weather may have a part to play, hopefully without any rain and too much wind. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and to enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie which our National Tournaments always offer. Bring on the 83rd!

**SGUSA President** (2023 -2024)



**KWA-ZULU NATAL PRESIDENT**

# Frank Agg



**On behalf of the KZN Senior Society I have great pleasure in welcoming all Seniors and their partners to Durban for our 2024 Nationals Tournament.**

We have been very fortunate in securing two very fine championship courses, namely Royal Durban Golf Club and Durban Country Club. We extend our grateful thanks to the members of both clubs for granting us this opportunity.

The Royal Durban Golf Club's course is, for the most part, flat with a few subtle undulations and looks benign. The key, however, is to keep the ball on the fairway as the rough can be a real challenge. You also need to avoid the burns which run through the course. If there is no wind, then there are no excuses for poor scores.

The Durban Country Club's course is currently undergoing major renovations, and everyone is waiting with much anticipation for the opportunity to play the course. All the greens have been reshaped and replanted. As if the course was not difficult enough, there will also now be burns running across the front of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> greens and all along the right-hand side of the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway and in front of the green. The course has always been one of the most prestigious courses in the country and the improvements will ensure its excellent status.

Durban has many interesting places to visit, and we hope that the ladies that attend will enjoy the program that we have put together.

The Cocktail Party and Gala Dinner events will be held in the Sea Cottage room at the Greyville racecourse, which is ideally situated next to Royal Durban Golf Club offering secure parking and easy access.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their generous contributions and urge all members to support them whenever possible.

I am also most appreciative of the work done by our tournament committee to ensure what I believe, will be a most enjoyable week.

We are really looking forward to having you with us and wish you all a truly memorable stay.

**KZN President** (2024 -2025)



# Programme

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

### **The Mixed Alliance Competition**

A Senior Golfers and Ladies Partners event will take place at the Royal Durban Golf Club. The format will be a Four Ball Alliance (2 scores to count), with tee-off times starting from 10h30.

### **Registration**

You may register at Royal Durban Golf Club between 11h00 to 16h30 or on the SGUSA website ([www.sgusa.co.za](http://www.sgusa.co.za)).

### **Practice Rounds**

Practice rounds tee times are open from 07h00 onwards. To book tee times, please contact Royal Durban Golf Club at 031 309 1373.

Don't forget to mention that you're a senior golfer.

### **Cocktail Party**

18h30 to 20h00 at the Sea Cottage Room at Greyville race course. The dress code is a blazer, dark trousers, and a Seniors tie or bow tie.

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Late registration at Royal Durban Golf Club from 08h00 to 09h00

**Alliance Stableford: This event features 2 scores to count at both courses.**

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

### **Inter-Society Pinehurst**

Both players tee off, exchange drives and select the best second stroke after which alternative shots are played.

**Annual Meeting of members and Prize giving for the Alliance and Pinehurst competitions to be held at 18h00 in the main dining hall at Royal Durban Golf Club.**

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Championship of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa and Individual Stableford Competition**

### **First Round**

The championship is open to players with a maximum handicap of 7 and is played as a medal stroke play event over two rounds. The field competes for Class Competitions on a Stableford basis.

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

**Championship of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa and Individual Stableford Competition**

### **Second Round**

The leading players in the championship will be seeded for the second round. Changes to the draw will be communicated to those affected.

### **Gala Dinner and Prize Giving**

Join us at 18h30 for 19h00 in the Sea Cottage Room at Greyville race course. The dress code is a blazer, dark trousers, and a Seniors tie or bow tie.





# Operational Information

**The 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Tournament hosted by Durban Country Club and Royal Durban Golf Club. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Members, Captains, Office Bearers, and Management of these esteemed clubs for graciously providing their courses and facilities.**

## **REGISTRATION**

**Registration will be held at the Royal Durban Golf Club on the following dates:**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 11h00 to 16h30  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 08h00 to 09h00

**During registration, please provide the following information:**

- Your mobile phone number – if different to that recorded on the SGUSA database.
- Your tee times will be in your welcome letter along with your cart and caddie requests.
- Please indicate your meal preference for the Gala dinner: meat or vegetarian, for both you and your partner.

## **Online Registration**

A new facility has been added to the SGUSA website whereby players may register online rather than registering at Royal Durban Golf Club. Details of this facility will be emailed to all players prior to the commencement of the tournament.

**Presentation packs may be collected from the registration desk at Royal Durban Golf Club.**

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

The Annual Meeting of Members of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa and all Associated Societies will be held in the main dining hall at Royal Durban Golf Club on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 18h00. Refer to page 24 of this brochure for the Meeting Notice.

## **THE WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY**

**Venue:** The Sea Cottage Room at Greyville race course

**Date:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Time:** 18h30 to 20h00

**Dress:** The dress code is a blazer, dark trousers, and a Seniors tie or bow tie.

## **THE GALA DINNER AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

**Venue:** The Sea Cottage Room at Greyville race course

**Date:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Time:** 18h30 to 22h00

**Dress:** The dress code is a blazer, dark trousers, and a Seniors tie or bow tie.



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# Operational information

## CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

Competitors with a handicap of 7 or less will compete for the Championship on a Stroke Play basis (Gross only) on Wednesday and Thursday. They will also participate in the Stableford competitions alongside other players.

## HANDICAP RATINGS

Just prior to the commencement of our tournament all player handicap indices are extracted from the handicaps database. Your handicap index is fixed for the duration of the tournament. Depending on the course, the tee positions and the competition being played your handicap index is converted into your daily handicap. This daily handicap will be shown on your score card which you will receive on your starting tee.

## THE DRAW

In making the draw preference has been given to ensuring players have two rounds on each course, do not play with players from their own society except during the Pinehurst, and do not play with the same player more than once. In addition where possible, tee times have been arranged to try and assist players with similar travel arrangements and a variety of other requests. If all requests cannot be fulfilled, the Tournament Director apologizes to anyone who may be inconvenienced.

## ONE SET OF TEES

The tournament will be played from a single set of tees. Please report to the Starter on the tee at least 10 minutes before your tee-off time.

## CLASS COMPETITIONS

Class groupings have been established to ensure fair competition among players of similar age. Winners and runners-up of Class E will receive the Methuselah cup and trophy, reserved for members older than 75 at the registration date. For other players, an algorithm will distribute them into 4 classes (A to D) based on age. Class allocations will be communicated in your welcome letter.

## SCORE CARDS

Score cards and local rules will be provided by the Starters at the tee of the course you are playing. Complete and submit your scorecard immediately upon completing your round. Your daily score card will include your competition handicap that is derived from your handicap index extracted from the handicaps database just prior to the tournament.

## SLOW PLAY

To maintain a reasonable pace of play, please:

- Speed up your own play and that of your partners.
- Pick up if you cannot score or improve your partner's score.
- Ensure you keep up with the group ahead.
- Respect the requests of Course Marshals. Offenders may be penalized under Rule 5.6a.
- No practising is allowed on the course during play.

## TWO CLUBS

The entry fee for the two clubs has already been prepaid. You may claim your two clubs when submitting your scorecards to the official scorers for checking. Please note that no two clubs will be awarded for the Pinehurst competition.

## PRIZES

Players may receive only one prize for individual events on any given day (excluding team events). In the event of a tie, the older or more senior players will be declared the winners.

Winners of the Monday and Tuesday competitions will receive their prizes at the end of the Annual Members Meeting on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at Royal Durban golf club in the main dining hall.

Presentation of prizes for the Championship and related events will be held during the Gala Dinner on the Thursday evening in the Sea Cottage Room at Greyville race course.

## DRESS CODE AFTER PLAY

Smart casual attire is recommended. Kindly wear your name badges after golf and at all social functions.

## **GOLF CARTS**

Golf carts are available for players who requested them during entry submission. Golf Cart and caddie allocations are shown in your welcome letter.

Cart fees are R350 at RDGC and R500 at DCC.

Players requiring golf carts on Sunday for the mixed competition should make arrangements with Royal Durban Golf Club 031 309 1373.

## **CADDIES**

Caddie fees are R350 at both RDGC and DCC.

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Both Courses have practice facilities. Driving ranges will be open from 07h30.

## **CATERING**

Breakfast and light refreshments are available from 07h00 at both Courses.

## **HALFWAY HOUSE**

To speed up play, each round will include a voucher for a grab-and-go snack and a cold drink.

## **BANKING**

Both clubs accept credit cards. Please note that there are no ATM facilities available at the clubs.

## **PLAYING FEES**

**No playing fees are required during the tournament, including the Sunday mixed competition. Special rates are offered for practice rounds on Sunday; contact Royal Durban Golf Club for bookings.**

## **SECURITY**

Please be advised that the clubs cannot be held responsible for the loss of any valuables. Do not leave personal items of value in locker rooms or golf bags.

## **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

For emergency medical assistance, please contact:

Netcare 911: 0860 638 2273

St Augustine's Hospital: 031 268 5000

Berea Umhlanga Hospital: 031 560 5500

Westville Hospital: 031 251 6911

### **General Practitioner**

Dr John Blanckenberg: 031 266 9258 (Westville)

Dr Mike Nelson: 031 563 5088 (Durban North)

### **Dentist:**

Dr Roy Agar: 031 764 3305

## **HELP AND ASSISTANCE**

If you require assistance, please contact the respective clubs:

### **Royal Durban Golf Club:**

031 3091530 Ask for Gabby

### **Durban Country Club:**

031 3131777 Ask for Cameron

### **General info**

Frank Agg: 082 804 6402

### **Ladies program and events**

Frans Kemper: 082 454 6902

### **Ladies golf**

#### **Kloof Country Club:**

Jill Agg: 083 603 2406

#### **Mount Edgecombe Country Club:**

Min Reid 082 558 3318

## **REFUND POLICY**

For cancellations reported to the Tournament Director before April 19<sup>th</sup>, a full refund will be provided. Please note that if the host Society has paid a deposit for tours or functions, no refunds will be issued.

## **THE MIXED ALLIANCE COMPETITION - SUNDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> MAY**

A Senior Golfers and Lady Partners event will take place at the Royal Durban Golf Club. The format will be a Four Ball Alliance (2 scores to count), with tee-off times starting from 10h30.



# Durban Country Club

**Durban Country Club, located in Durban, South Africa, has a rich history dating back to the end of World War I when the idea of establishing a Country Club in Durban first emerged. At the time, country clubs were gaining popularity in other parts of South Africa, and with Durban's reputation as a leading seaside resort, the need for such an amenity became evident for both residents and visitors.**

One of the driving forces behind the club's creation was the need for a second golf course in Durban due to the persistent flooding problems faced by the Durban Golf Club (now Royal Durban). The existing golf club, located on a low-lying swamp at Greyville, frequently suffered from flooding, causing golf events to be cancelled. In 1920, the floods made the course virtually unplayable for the South African Golf Championships, raising concerns that Durban might not be asked to host the event again in 1924.

George Waterman, with assistance from fellow professional golfer Laurie Waters, took on the challenge of building the Durban Country Club's golf course. Their work was labour-intensive, involving manual earth-moving, flattening giant sand dunes, clearing dense vegetation, and removing trees.

Durban Country Club officially opened on December 9, 1922, with George Waterman having the honour of hitting the first ball on what would become one of the world's most famous golf courses. The members were so impressed with Waterman's design that they commissioned the Waterman Cup, a golf trophy in his honour, which was first contested in 1924.

Throughout its history, Durban Country Club has played a significant role in South African golf. Legendary players like Sam Snead, Jack Nicklaus, Sally Little, Ernie Els, Sid Brews, Bobby Locke, Papwa Sewgolum, and Gary Player have achieved some of their greatest golfing moments here. The club has hosted 17 South African Opens, more than any other club in South Africa, and was the proud host of the Centenary SA Open in 2010.

The golf course offers stunning views overlooking the Blue Lagoon estuary and the Indian Ocean. It has witnessed remarkable moments in golf history, including Gary Player's first South African Open victory in 1956 and Ernie Els' third South African Open win in 1998.

The club's classic Cape Dutch style Clubhouse, designed by architects Wallace Paton and WG (Billy) Moffat, overlooks the course. In the backdrop, the iconic Moses Mabhida Stadium adds to the scenic beauty of the surroundings.

Durban Country Club continues to be a cherished icon both nationally and internationally, preserving a rich legacy of golfing excellence that spans over a century.

Starting from December 1st, Durban Country Club will proudly unveil its newly revamped golf course. This eagerly awaited renovation follows the unfortunate flooding that severely impacted the course in 2022. The floods, which caused extensive damage, left the course in a state of disarray, putting a temporary halt to the club's golfing activities.

World-renowned golfer Gary Player, who has a special connection to the club, had remarked that he had never seen the course looking so good shortly before the floods hit. His endorsement of the course's quality added to the anticipation surrounding the venue. However, just two months later, the devastating floods disrupted the course, highlighting the challenges of maintaining a golf course in a region susceptible to such natural events.

Despite the setbacks, Durban Country Club's commitment to providing a world-class golfing experience remains unwavering. The forthcoming reopening of the revamped golf course signifies the club's determination to restore its historic and prestigious course to its former glory, ready to welcome golf enthusiasts from around the world once again.





# Royal Durban

**Royal Durban Golf Club was first established in 1892 as the Durban Golf Club after a local bank manager approached the town council about creating a Golf Club in Durban and was duly granted permission to lay out a links designed course on the grounds within the Greyville Racecourse.**

The first course was a far cry from the professionally landscaped grounds of today. There were no actual greens - only scuffed ground on hard clay surfaces, and the fairways were not planted, the grass was merely cut by a reaper drawn by oxen.

In 1932, the Durban Golf Club was rebuilt with a brand new clubhouse replacing the original wood and iron shanty and a new layout was designed by Bob Grimsdell, a qualified architect from Colt & Allison of London, Paris and New York.

The course became known for its punishing rough, which was the only defense it had, apart from the prevailing winds. Large and bulky trees and bushes were not allowed in the design of the course for the simple reason that they would obscure the view of the racetrack. With the advent of television the restriction changed with trees and bushes now adorning many parts of the course.

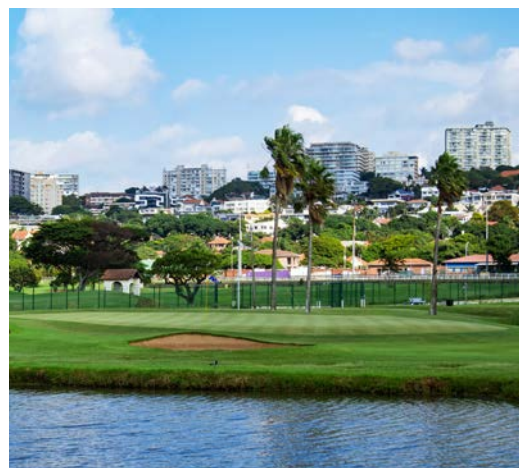
One of the proudest moments in the history of the Club was on April 1932 when, following a visit from the Prince of Wales in 1925, Durban Golf Club was granted permission to use the prefix "Royal" by King George V, making it one of only four clubs in South Africa to obtain this honour.

Royal Durban Golf Club is one of very few golf courses to be situated in the middle of a horse racing track and has hosted some renowned golfing tournaments over its 130 year history including the Commonwealth Tournament in 1975 (which saw Nick Faldo playing at the tender age of eighteen), the S.A. Open, The Players Championship, the S.A. Amateur Championships and The Nelson Mandela Trophy.

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**Review by: Theresa Mjenge**

*A very well manicured golf course. I am not a golfer but was managing a golf fundraiser. Good service in the bar and dining room. Ample safe parking space with security, two service areas and a large bar. There is also a large patio with awesome views of the course.*



# 2023



**Koos Vosloo** (Freestate)  
**2023 Tournament Champion**  
Carlton Levick Trophy - 158



# WINNERS

<b>Team Event</b>	Runner Up	WP B	197	Stuart MCLEAN Dave HANSEN Malcolm LAW Chris BOYES	WP
<b>Team Event</b>	Winner	Team 2	199	Wim FOURIE Piet BOTHA Paul VAN ROOYEN Graham ERASMUS	GN
<b>Society Trophy</b>	Winner	33 Players, Total 1869	28.32	GAUTENG NORTH	GN
<b>Best 18 Hole Score for Day 1</b>	PCC		32	Jan VAN DER MERWE	GN
<b>Best 18 Hole Score for Day 2</b>	PCC		33	Peter BRAUER	GN
<b>Best 18 Hole Score for Day 1</b>	WGC		35	David STRATTON	G
<b>Best 18 Hole Score for Day 2</b>	WGC		35	Dave HORAK	G
<b>Class A (64 and under)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Gross Stableford	54	Schalk BURGER	WP
<b>Class A (64 and under)</b>	Runner Up	36 Hole Nett Stableford	61	Freek KRUGER	GN
<b>Class A (64 and under)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Nett Stableford	63	Gilford MALENJI	ZAM
<b>Class B (65 to 68)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Gross Stableford	55	Lynton BECKETT	KZN
<b>Class B (65 to 68)</b>	Runner Up	36 Hole Nett Stableford	67	Wim FOURIE	GN
<b>Class B (65 to 68)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Nett Stableford	68	Chris BOYES	WP
<b>Class C (69 to 71)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Gross Stableford	50	Dirk SWANEVELDER	GN
<b>Class C (69 to 71)</b>	Runner Up	36 Hole Nett Stableford	65	Ray RAMANDH	KZN
<b>Class C (69 to 71)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Nett Stableford	65	Paul VAN ROOYEN	GN
<b>Class D (72 to 74)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Gross Stableford	53	Derek ACKERMANN	GN
<b>Class D (72 to 74)</b>	Runner Up	36 Hole Nett Stableford	65	Glenn GIBBONS	WP
<b>Class D (72 to 74)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Nett Stableford	67	Piet BOTHA	GN
<b>Class E (75 and over)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Gross Stableford	40	David RIGBY	G
<b>Methuselah Cup (75 and over)</b>	Runner Up	36 Hole Nett Stableford	61	Alan HOUGHTON	G
<b>Methuselah Trophy (75 and over)</b>	Winner	36 Hole Nett Stableford	61	John WARWICK	G
<b>Admiral Benson Putter (80 and over)</b>	Winner	Any 18 Hole Nett Stableford	35	Dave HORAK	G
<b>Stableford Championship</b>	Runner Up	36 Hole Nett Stableford	69	Corne KRUGER	GN
<b>Leslie Satchwell Trophy</b>	Winner	36 Hole Nett Stableford	70	Alistair FORBES	KZN
<b>Strokeplay Championship</b>	Runner Up	36 Hole Gross	159	Dean HARDING	G
<b>Carlton Levick Trophy</b>	Winner	36 Hole Gross	158	Koos VOSLOO	FS



# Management Committee Report

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased, on behalf of MANCOM, to submit this report of our Union for the year ended 31 December 2023. The year was a relatively quiet one without any outgoing or incoming tours but our National Tournament held for the first time in Pretoria and hosted by the Gauteng North Society was both enjoyable and successful. Generally, the Union remains on a sound footing with a secure financial base and an effective tournament computer system which is continually being updated and refined. This year we look forward to again enjoying the hospitality of the KZN Society as they host the National Tournament in Durban and, as in the past, we expect this venue to be popular amongst the members of our Societies. We are delighted to welcome to Durban the delegation from the Senior Golfers' Society of Zambia and trust that they will thoroughly enjoy the Tournament.

At the Union's AGM to be held during the course of the National Tournament it is proposed to amend the Union's Constitution to clarify the nature and determination of the quotas which apply to the Societies. In this regard we acknowledge the gestures of good fellowship of the Gauteng and KZN Societies in voluntarily giving up some quota numbers to allow their reallocation to various coastal societies which are experiencing a limitation to their growth on account of their existing quotas.

Notwithstanding the fact that certain coastal Societies are growing in number, which is, to some extent, due to relocations from up-country, several Societies are facing an aging and contracting membership, particularly active membership. Evidence of this is to be found in the falling number of entries over the past years for our Annual Tournament and the difficulty in filling the teams for our International Tours. While the challenges faced by certain of our Societies in this regard are fully appreciated it is hoped that those Societies will re-double their efforts going forward to secure suitable candidates for membership.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

We are pleased to report that your Union continues on a sound financial footing and a summary of the unaudited financial statements is attached for your information. Audited financial statements will be available to members of the Governing Body shortly.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial statements again reflect an acceptable situation for the Union showing a surplus for the year (before the revaluation of investments) of R91 619 versus the previous year's surplus of R18 049.

Congratulations are due to the Northern Gauteng Society for achieving a surplus of R30 399 in hosting their inaugural 2023 National Tournament.

Income from investments comprising both interest and dividends amounted to R238 042 versus R195 210 in 2022.

There were no major variances from our operating budget during the year and the level of administration expenses was well contained

The market value of our equities portfolio appreciated during the year. The fair value increased by R215 429 from the prior year (2022 – decrease of R50 115).

The investment fair value reserve is currently stated at R863 911 (2022 – R648 482).

During the year, R202 290 ABSA preference shares were purchased from our cash reserves.

## Budget

A budget for the year ending 31 December 2024 is attached and reflects a proposed loss of R60 195 (2023 – Budgeted loss R56 814). Consistent with prior years, this budgeted loss is stated before making provision for any development grants to societies.

## **TOURS**

In 2023 there were no incoming or outgoing Senior Golfing tours for SGUSA.

Preparations for the 2024 March tour to Chile progressed well and we are sending a team of 11 members and their partners on a two week tour.

Once again, it was very difficult to attract enough participants for the tour, resulting in our team being one member short and having no reserves. This is becoming difficult for us participating in outgoing tours to the fullest extent that our hosts would expect. One could expect that the cost factor plays a big part in the tours to the UK and Australia but Chile by comparison is quite a cheap tour. Perhaps this needs more debate at the governing body meeting during this year's Nationals.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Following a resolution at the SGUSA 2023 AGM, a facility was constructed and implemented to enable direct communication via email from Mancom to Society members.

This function is reserved for a select group of system administrators ensuring that the volume of emails dispatched directly from Mancom to Society members remains judiciously controlled.

Recent instances of such correspondence includes emails concerning the SGUSA tour to Chile and the KZN national tournament.

Additionally, a facility was devised to streamline the tournament registration process. Instead of the traditional in-person registration at the tournament office on the eve of the tournament, participants will now have the convenience of self-registration via the SGUSA website during the 2 days preceding the tournament.

This facility will be accessible for the KZN tournament in 2024. Seniors who have been accepted for the tournament will receive instructions regarding the process prior to the event.

This streamlined approach aims to enhance efficiency and ensure a seamless experience for all players.

## **NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

The 2023 Nationals, hosted by Gauteng North at Pretoria Country Club and Waterkloof Golf Club, was a success. The organizing committee deserves special recognition for their meticulous planning and execution, which resulted in a highly challenging golf experience on both courses.

Despite some weather trouble on the first day, the rest of the tournament witnessed near-perfect golf weather. Thanks to the excellent course maintenance, the participants thoroughly enjoyed their games.

All the functions arranged during the tournament were well attended and received high praise from the visitors. The catering and entertainment arrangements were top-notch, catering to all the participants' diverse needs and preferences.

Looking ahead, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Nationals, hosted by KZN at Royal Durban and Durban Country Club, are expected to be a thrilling tournament with a senior-friendly setup. The Durban Country Club has recently been renovated, and everyone eagerly looks forward to playing on the newly upgraded course. Renowned as one of the best golf courses in South Africa, it will surely provide an unforgettable experience for all the players and visitors. The Welcome cocktail party and the Gala dinner will be held at the Greyville race course, conveniently situated next to Royal Durban; we expect nothing but the best.

## **CONCLUSION**

We warmly welcome back home our touring team to Chile, where by all accounts they acquitted themselves admirably and in addition had an interesting and enjoyable time and strengthened the already good relations of the past, I must thank the members of Mancom who freely give up much time and devote their considerable expertise to the carrying out the functions of Mancom for the benefit of members of the Union and the Societies.

**Pat Cronin**  
Chairman  
Management Committee



# Unaudited Financial Statements

## UNAUDITED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<b>Audited</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Affiliation fees	187 040	198 380
Sale of Regalia - net surplus	6 785	3 423
	193 825	201 803
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Administration expenses	(49 942)	(23 952)
Audit fees	(27 175)	(29 860)
Defensive name renewal	(3 106)	-
Entertainment	(3 709)	(2 386)
Gifts and gratuities for overseas tours	-	(47 747)
Salary	(192 395)	(176 292)
Software maintenance & computer expenses	(79 320)	(78 767)
Stratplan meeting expenses	-	(85 971)
Trade mark renewal	-	(13 826)
	(355 647)	(458 801)
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>		
<b>BEFORE INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS</b>	(161 822)	(256 998)
- Profit on sale of investments	-	5 659
- Interest	67 912	44 390
- Dividends (net)	170 130	150 820
	238 042	200 869
<b>Net surplus/(loss) for the year</b>	76 220	(56 129)
National tournament surplus	30 399	74 178
	106 619	18 049
<b>Development grants to societies</b>	(15 000)	-
	91 619	18 049
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
Increase/ (Decrease) in fair value of listed investments	215 429	(50 115)
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>307 048</b>	<b>(32 066)</b>

**UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Audited</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non -Current assets</b>		
IT system net of amortisation	-	-
Computer equipment (net)	-	-
Investments-equities at market value	3 396 783	2 979 064
	<b>3 396 783</b>	<b>2 979 064</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventory -clothing net	29 477	25 298
Account receivables	21 765	6 167
Cash & cash equivalents	736 767	861 601
	<b>788 009</b>	<b>893 066</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4 184 792</b>	<b>3 872 130</b>
<b>FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Funds and reserves</b>		
Accumulated funds	2 979 814	2 888 195
International tours reserve	152 253	202 253
Investment revaluation reserve	863 911	648 482
National tournament reserve	150 000	100 000
	<b>4 145 978</b>	<b>3 838 930</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accruals	38 814	33 200
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4 184 792</b>	<b>3 872 130</b>



**BUDGET 2024**

**REVENUE**

**EXPENDITURE**

- Administration
- Audit fees
- Depreciation
- Salary
- Software & computer expenses
- Tournament costs
- Tour costs

**OPERATING LOSS**

**BEFORE INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**

- Interest & dividends

**NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR**

- National tournament surplus\*

**OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

- Movement in fair value of listed investments\*

**TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEAR**

	<b>BUDGET 2024</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>
	173 909	186 510
	(56 320)	(48 662)
	(31 625)	(28 750)
	(3 333)	(2 000)
	(193 428)	(188 954)
	(86 136)	(81 320)
	(33 500)	(25 500)
	(44 000)	(10 000)
	(448 342)	(385 186)
	(274 433)	(198 676)
	214 238	141 862
	(60 195)	(56 814)
	-	-
	(60 195)	(56 814)
	-	-
	(60 195)	(56 814)

\* These items are not budgeted for in the SGUSA budget

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# Meeting Notice and Committees

**Notice is hereby given that the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of members of the Societies forming the Union will be held at the Royal Durban Golf Club 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 18h00.**

## **Agenda**

1. Obituaries.
2. To note the Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting held in Pretoria on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
3. To receive a report on matters of interest or concern to members, including the Financial Results and Statements for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
4. Feedback from the SGUSA annual general meeting.
5. To be advised of the dates and venue for the 2025 Tournament.
6. General.
7. Prize giving.

## **SGUSA Governing Body 2023/4**

**President of the Union:** John Terry-Lloyd  
**President Elect of the Union:** Denis Jones  
**Vice President of the Union:** Michael Vigne  
**Vice President Elect of the Union:** Arthur Gilbert  
**Immediate Past President of the Union:** Brian Mc Donald  
**Chairman: Management Committee:** Pat Cronin  
**Society Presidents:**  
**Border:** Clive Cooper  
**Eastern Cape:** Les Harty  
**Free State:** Pieter Bothma  
**KwaZulu Natal:** Frank Agg  
**Gauteng:** Patrick Cronin  
**Gauteng North:** Bill McKechnie  
**Northern Cape:** Deon Nel  
**Southern Cape:** Dermot Stobart  
**Western Province:** Derek Magnussen

## **2024 Tournament Protocol Advisory Panel:**

**Tournament Director:** Dean Harding  
**Chairman: Management Committee:** Pat Cronin  
**Seniors member of KZN:** Lynton Beckett



# Renovation Lifts Durban CC To new heights

By Stuart McLean

Members of the Senior Golfers' Society are fortunate to be playing the new-look, renovated Durban Country Club at our national tournament. DCC is now a private members club and this will be a rare week when a majority of visitors are allowed to take over the clubhouse and course.

Providence has dictated we are afforded the privilege of each having two rounds at a course which through a devastating force of nature has risen from the lowliest abyss to resume its place as one of the great layouts in world golf. The Senior Nationals would have been scheduled for Durban in May 2022 had it not been for Covid lockdowns postponing it for consecutive years in 2020-21. But that tournament would likely have been cancelled, because April 2022 saw unparalleled flooding in the city. We would otherwise not be at Durban CC this week.

Country Club has suffered regular flooding in its 101-year history, yet nothing on the scale of 2022. A 10-day deluge wreaked catastrophic damage. The Umgeni River end of the course resembled a muddy dam, with many holes underwater. It was to be almost three months before all 18 were open again, yet in awful shape.

A benefit of such destruction was the realisation that this was the perfect opportunity to rebuild and reshape the course for the 21st century. And the club had a benefactor in Nick Jonsson who could make it happen financially. His forefathers had been club members – his paternal grandfather won the Prince of Wales Cup in 1929 – and Jonsson was proud of the club's heritage and place in the history of the city. He had been dismayed by its decline in this century, and wanted to restore DCC to the lofty pinnacle it once enjoyed.

Golf Data, a company renowned for its excellent work in course design and construction, was entrusted with the renovation of all 18 holes starting in May 2023. Their vision proposal was to refine and enhance the course to a standard that would enable the club to maintain its status as one of the world's best, respecting and accentuating iconic features. To my mind they have succeeded beyond everyone's aspirations. The project overran, yet to achieve such a stunning transformation of DCC in 10 months is extraordinary.



Seniors who haven't visited DCC in recent years will be surprised by the open space around the front of the clubhouse. No thick vegetation between first and 18th fairways, just grassy dunes. And the tees for No 1 have been relocated to the side of the clubhouse, flanked by new short-game and putting greens.

In places the course is unrecognisable, particularly holes at the far end, Nos 6-7-10-11-13-14-15, given a creative and distinctive makeover that didn't exist before. A lengthy burn, quite wide too and spanned by beautiful flat bridges, meanders between and around most of them. The burn is there to avert future flooding and is filled by rising ground water.

The 18 new greens have bent grass surfaces for the first time at a coastal KZN course. Some occupy new sites, such as 6 and 14, while others have shifted slightly. No 17 is sensational, the green pushed left into a high dune. Prince of Wales (par-3 12<sup>th</sup>) has a Biarritz "dent" in the middle of its large tabletop green which will be a talking point.

The renovation has seen the disappearance of a "parkland" theme (along with unsightly areas), replaced by more natural wild grasses and bunkering which convey how DCC is assumed to have looked in early years. Its scenic splendour has been revealed more than ever before by removing tropical foliage (not all) and allowing an uninterrupted vista of views from hole to hole.



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# The courses for 2025



**Schoeman Park Golf Club**, located to the east of Bloemfontein, is a golf course with a rich history dating back to 1904. The club was established by a group of Scottish members of the Railway Institute who began playing on a nine-hole course on SAR property. Over time, the course has undergone significant changes, with the present-day 18-hole course being designed by course architect Bob Grimsdell and officially opened in 1952.

The course was initially situated in an ecologically fragile wetland, and much of it had to be drained. Additionally, bluegum trees were planted to keep the clay-based ground dry. Today, these trees define the course and add to its classic parkland charm. Recent years have seen successful greens committees committed to planting indigenous trees around the course. The course may be short at 6500 meters at full stretch and 1370 meters above sea level, but the bluegum trees can severely punish wayward shots.

The clubhouse offers modern bar, kitchen, and dressing-room facilities and a large hall for functions and receptions. Furthermore, the club has a pro shop and adequate practice tee/green facilities. The golf academy, which has produced several players active on the Sunshine Circuit in recent years, is also worth mentioning. Over the years, Schoeman Park has hosted many regional and national events, including professional tour events in the 1970s and 80s, where players such as Mark McNulty, John Bland, Cobie le Grange, Tony Johnstone, and a young Ernie Els participated. The golf course has also hosted South African Men's and Ladies' Amateur Championships and inter-provincial championships. Finally, it is worth mentioning that Schoeman Park is renowned for its tradition of offering excellent golfing facilities at an affordable cost.



**The Bloemfontein Golf Club** has a rich history dating back to 1894 when it was first established on the city's southern outskirts. The original 18-hole course was designed by the renowned architect Robert Grimsdell and was known as the "top course" in its heyday. The course was situated in what is now the Gen. De Wet suburb and boasted Kimberley blue greens.

In the 1950s, the club was relocated to the eastern side of the city, and the course was redesigned by Peter Matkovich in 1995. The changes included new greens, dynamic shaping of holes, new tee positions, and bunker placements. The result is a beautifully maintained course that is rated among the top 100 courses in the country.

The clubhouse has a sizeable bar, lounge area, kitchen, and adequate dressing room and shower facilities. There is also a well-stocked pro shop and a generously sized driving range that is open to the public.

Over the years, the Bloemfontein Golf Club has hosted several prestigious events, including the SA Open championships in 1958 and 1964. Most recently, in March 2023, the club hosted the Nomads Cheetah Nationals.

The club takes pride in hosting such events and ensures that all attendees leave with fond memories. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or a beginner, the Bloemfontein Golf Club offers a challenging course and a warm welcome to all visitors.

**It's a privilege to host the 2025 Senior National Tournament, and the club looks forward to all seniors walking away with fond memories.**



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