# CENTURION COUNTRY CLUB AUGUST NEWSLETTER





# FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

Gavin Woodroffe

#### Dear Members and Residents,

The month of July has been a busy one with the projects we have conducted namely, lowering the 4th tee box, reshaping and desilting the 1st fairway, fountains, gabions, and the kitchen project. We are very pleased with the progress we have made over the past month. All these projects are scheduled to be completed within August, and with the Club expected to get busier it is perfect timing for the upcoming summer.

Over the past two months, we have concluded the respective Annual General Meetings namely Golf and the Club, and we thank you, everyone, for your continued support. Please find the minutes from these meetings.

# GOLF AGM

SSC AGM

#### WIFI

We have recently upgraded the Wi-Fi in the Clubhouse and have created a member connection with increased strength. Please enquire with the team to get the updated code for your convenience and enjoyment.

#### Fun Night Run / Walk 5 & 10km

With spring around the corner, we will be starting with our monthly Fun Night Runs. These monthly runs will be on the 1st Wednesday of the month starting on the 6th of September 2023. There will be both 5km and 10km courses and we encourage all families to come out and enjoy the inaugural fun run/walk.

The details will be communicated within the coming weeks leading up to the event, but it will start and end at the clubhouse.

#### **Entrance Fees**

The Golf and Management Committee has been reviewing the memberships in terms of accessibility to time sheets and a decision has been taken to introduce an Entrance Fee effective 1 September 2023. This entrance fee is for new principal non-resident members. The entrance fee is non-refundable, and the value will be R7500.

In addition to the entrance fee, the stand-alone category of Student and Junior will be closed effective 1st September 2023. We will allow students and juniors if they are linked to a principal member.

#### **Saturday Bookings**

The Golf Committee have reviewed the Saturday bookings due to members not being able to get tee times, late cancellations which have left open spaces on the time sheets.

The following will be implemented effective 07 August 2023.

- The timesheet will be open 2 weeks in advance as is currently in place.
- Cancellations are allowed up until 12h00 on the Wednesday before the Saturday of play.

In terms of the cancellation policy the following has been updated. Cancellations after Wednesday are modified to the following:

- 1st offence written warning
- 2nd offence a penalty of R1000
- 3rd offence a penalty of R1500 and a month's suspension from playing on a Saturday.

We appeal to all members to please take note of the change and we thank you for your support to create an opportunity for all members to play on Saturday.

# FROM OUR HEAD PROFESSIONAL

Jannes Sik

#### Hydrade Energy Drink launches with a bang!

On Saturday 1 July, Hydrade, the new energy drink, sponsored the month's Monthly Medal. During this day, Hydrade took the opportunity to introduce the new range of energy drinks that is available in the halfway house. They did not disappoint as all the players had the opportunity to try out the new drink. In addition each division winner took home a Hydrade hamper with their Monthly Medal prizes. Thanks to Albert from Hydrade for making this day special to all.



# PSG Better Ball Challenge – Presented by Morne Oosthuizen

Saturday 8 July, we hosted the second leg of the Monthly PSG PTA-East Better Ball Challenge. The freezing weather did not halt our members from coming out in full force, with more than 170 members taking part in the Better Ball Challenge. Congratulations to Pat Mulligan and Ken Roux making 48 points on the day and in doing so qualified for the finals.



### **Hole-in-One Alert**

On Thursday 13 July, Wilma de Wet managed to hit the perfect tee shot on the Par 3, 17th, whilst playing with the Ladies Early Birds. Congratulations on this fabulous achievement.



#### **Veteran and Junior Club Championships**

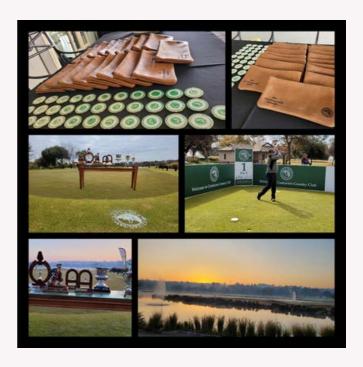
The weekend of the 15th & 16th of July we hosted our Annual Veteran and Junior Club Championships. The golf on display was absolutely world-class. Our Current Club Champion Keagan Crosbie came from four strokes behind on the final day shooting a final round 65 to win the Junior Championships by two strokes and in doing so becoming the first player to hold both the Main and Junior Championship titles.

Gary Lauryssen continued his strong hold on the Veterans Championship by winning it for the sixth consecutive year. Gary had to work hard for this year's title as he defeated Jacques Wickens on the second playoff hole. What an exciting finish to this year's Championship it was.

Congratulations to all the Winners of this year's Championship:

- Veterans Champion Gary Lauryssen
- Veterans B-Division winner Gerhard Lessing
- Veterans C Division winner Johan vd Merwe
- Super Senior Champion Boet van Staden
- Best Nett of Tournament Jacques Wickens
- Junior Champion Keagan Crosbie
- B-Division & U/13 Champion Jacques Olivier





#### Centurion members flying our flag high!

Sunday 16 July, Lourenda Steyn managed to win the Ladies Division of the 2023 GNGU all amateur series. The runner-up for this division was another Centurion CC member Phenyo Sebata.



#### 2023 Premier GNGU IPT Team

It gives us great pleasure to announce that two of our members, Matthew Rossouw and Keagan Crosbie have been selected to represent Gauteng North at the upcoming Premier Inter Provincial to be played at East London Golf Club from 18-22 September.



#### GNGU Womens Inter Provincial Team

It is with much excitement that we can announce that we have three of our ladies members, Zane Kleynans, Lea van der Merwe and Ame van der Merwe selected to represent Gauteng North at the GolfRSA 2023 Womens IPT scheduled to take place at Umhlali Country Club in October. This team will also be managed by another Centurion CC Member, Pat Roets.

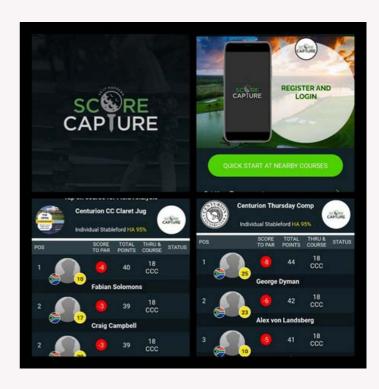


#### Scorecapture - New Competition Scoring System

As times are changing, so is the way the world starts moving towards an online scoring system. We are introducing called an online scoring system Scorecapture. This is an App that you can use to record your 4 ball's scores during any competition and the result for every hole will then be displayed on a live leaderboard. The Scorecapture system allows for online and live scoring of any format of the game and players can view the leaderboards while on the golf course and after golf. To learn more about the system, please download the Scorecapture App on your mobile phones via your App or Play Store.

We have registered all members onto the system to make sure all information is correct from the start. You can use the OTP option to log in but please DON'T register a new profile. This will create duplicates. If you need your login details, please contact the Pro Shop and we can assist with your login process.

We will print the competition 'Round Pin' numbers on the pin sheet of the days competition for members to join the competition through their phones to use the system.



# Centurion CC's Epic Claret Jug showdown. The Open Championship

We hosted our very first Centurion CC Claret Jug on Saturday, 22 July. The golf team went all out with it being the final major of the year, even the weather played its part on the day. After the round each fourball was treated with an English-themed snack platter. Congratulation to Fabian Solomons for winning the day with a great score of 40pts.



# Hole-in-one alert An ace for Michael Dalton

On Friday, 21 July, Michael Dalton managed to hit the perfect tee shot on the Par4, 9th hole using his 3-wood. This is truly a magnificent achievement as it is also an extremely rare albatross on a Par 4.



# FROM OUR F&B MANAGER

#### Allen Pfister

I hope you are all keeping warm with the current winter temperatures dropping below the zero mark.

We are looking forward to the completion of our kitchen refurbishment project. The chefs are chomping at the bit to get back into the new and improved kitchen. The F&B team are getting ready introduce a new menu on 1 September. If there are any suggestions / requests for consideration, please contact myself on allen@centurioncountryclub.co.za

Our deck area is also due to be upgraded with a brand-new look and feel and furniture to make the space more inviting for all our members and residents. Be on the lookout for new and exciting Tapas and snack inspired menu items and cocktails to enjoy the sunsets.

Our Halfway House menu is also long overdue for a revamp and this will also happen on 1 September. Look out for our new fruit smoothie options in Halfway for a healthy kick to the second nine.

With the kitchen project set to finish in the next week we are happy to announce we will be hosting another wine dinner on 30 August. Rijk Melck, managing director of Muratie Wine Estate will be joining us to showcase some of Muratie's exceptional wines paired with meals prepared in our improved cooking space.

Our weekday specials are set to continue until the end of August. These include; Monday Burger BOGO by any burger and receive a second identical burger free (available on all our burgers), Tuesday pizza specials (Buy 2 pizzas and get the cheapest one free, this applicable to the entire range of pizzas), Thursday curry buffet for R165 per person and includes snacks and 4 different curries with accompaniments.

Remember that if load shedding has you down, we have hot coffee and free Wi-Fi to help you get on with your day.

Keep the winter woollies close and we hope to see you soon.

# FROM OUR GREENKEEPER

Carel Buitendach

Interesting facts about Kikuyu grass.



Kikuyu is widely adaptable and performs well in most parts of Southern Africa. It originates from the East African Highlands and requires high light intensities to survive. It is an aggressive grass with a rhizomatous growth habit, therefore establishes easily. This also means that it can be an invasive grass and requires a lot of edge trimming to keep it in check.

Kikuyu is suitable for use on golf course fairway, tees, rough grass, other sports fields and for general landscaping. It is a warm season grass that goes brown (dormant) when exposed to frost.



It has a fairly high water and fertiliser requirement. It can be maintained at very low cutting heights, as is the case on fairways, tees which are often mown to 10 mm. This requires intensive management and mowing of at least three times a week (or whatever it takes to ensure that no more than 1/3 of the leaf length is removed at a time).



Here are a few advantages of using Kikuyu grass on sport fields.

- Exceptional self-repair
- Easy adaptable
- Hardy in countless conditions
- Looks really good at home lawns and sport surfaces when properly maintained.



# PHELAN GOLF ACADEMY

Kyle Phelan, Marna Coetzee & Donald Makhafola

In this month's topic, we focus on the last 2 basics. We will look at both Aim (clubface relative to target) and Alignment (body alignment relative to clubface and target).

Generally speaking, we want our clubface to aim at the target and our body (feet, knees, hips, shoulders and eyes) to be PARALLEL but slightly left of target for a right handed golfer and slightly right of target for a left handed golfer. If you align your body AT THE TARGET you have actually misaligned and will need to swing "over the top" to work the ball back to the target. For a right handed fader of the ball, you will want to aim your clubface slightly left of target and align your body parallel to that so that your shot starts left of the target and curves back towards the target. The opposite applies for a draw player.

Good golf essentially comes from knowing where your ball is going/shaping towards before you hit it. That allows you to accommodate for that by aiming and aligning accordingly. It is of no use to know that you generally fade the ball but you align square to the target as you will consistently miss your target to the right.

It is best to stick to the shot shape you know and are comfortable with rather than go for the high draw you saw Rory McIlroy hit 360 yards down the fairway. Even for Rory, it doesn't always work out as his "miss" is typically a high block that misses right but that is a story for another day. The last pointer to consider is that if you generally fade the ball, it will be beneficial to tee up your ball on the right hand side as this gives you more room to start the ball left of target and allow it to curve back towards the target.

Should you need to get your aiming and alignment sorted, find us at the Phelan Golf Academy or the various practice facilities found at the Centurion Country Club.







# WHAT'S HAPPENING AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

# August:

12: PSG PTA-East Monthly Betterball Challenge

13: Quarrelsome Cup

15: Par 3 Challenge

16: Corporate Challenge

19: Presidents Trophy

21: Course Closed

25: Spin & Win

26: Captains Challenge sponsored by Mondanette

27: The Ultimate Clash

30: Muratie Wine Dinner

# September:

03: Spring Fun Day

06: Fun Night Run / Walk

09: PSG PTA-East Monthly Betterball Challenge

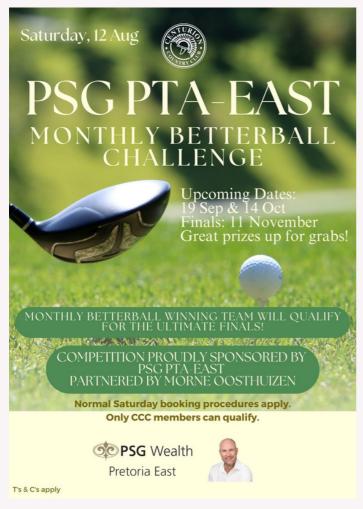
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18: Course Closed

25: Heritage and Founders Day Trophy

29: Spin & Win

30: Captains Challenge sponsored by Mondanette





# **SUNDOWNER** 9 HOLE PAR 3 COMPETITION



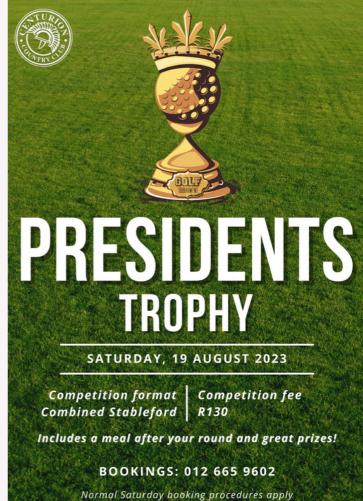


15 AUGUST

Tee times: 14h00 - 16h20

Format: Individual Stableford Includes: Green fee, golf cart, meal voucher and great prizes up for grabs!

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