



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

White River CC

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Changing of the guard...

Captain, Rob Valentyn handing over the Club to
incoming Captain, Rudi Nel

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◇ **NEXT GAME, 26 JUNE @ MALELANE**
- ◇ **GLENBRYNTH CHALLENGE @ HIGHLAND GATE**
⇒ **20 & 21 AUGUST 2022**

THE NOMADS CREED

*"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;
Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind;
And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee."*

Captain's Corner

Fellow Nomads, Sponsors and friends

I must commend the green keeping and management staff of White River Country Club. We praised them in previous games we played there, but it seems the course is getting better and better every time we play our monthly game there. Well done Barry Broadbent and your staff... keep up the good work.

It was also the last day of Rob Valentyn's captaincy and I salute you for a job well done for the better part of two years. Well done and enjoy the less stressful immediate past captain portfolio.

Thank you to my committee for promising your time and guidance for the next year. I know we are thirteen gentlemen strong, but more hands make less work. Let's have an excellent year with less hiccups caused by bugs we cannot see.

I want to thank all of you for entrusting me with the Captaincy of the best Nomads club in the country. I have very big shoes to fill, not only Rob's but also all our other past captains of our club. I will really give my all to live up to the members' expectations. It is wonderful to take over a club in a healthy state and to see the amount of prospective members we have.

Please be safe, be good, see you at our next game ...

Rudi Nel



Special guests of outgoing Captain... f.l.t.r
Alan "DJ" South, Mike "Bookie" Field, Captain Rob Valentyn and Gary "The Greek" Angelos

Newsletter content & interests

In keeping up with activities outside our normal Nomadic calendar and monthly meetings, and to add some spice into our monthly Newsletter, kindly assist with information gathering contributions for publication in our monthly Newsletter, Social Media platforms and Website.

Your contributions can be things such as births of children, milestone birthdays, special events or achievements, weddings or retirements, or any other valuable content to showcase in the newsletter.

You can send it directly to the Newsletter Editor: Arthur Douglass (arthur.douglass@silulumanzi.com) or Club Secretary, Derrick Short (derrickshort@mweb.co.za)

The Editing Team will review the content and if appropriate, publish it accordingly... We care about our Members and want to share in your celebrations!

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WHITE RIVER MEMORIES...



The ROOKIE report...

Zulu Nationals, Mount Edgecombe, Umhlanga

I was fortunate enough to be able to be part of a 20 man team, representing Lowveld Nomads at this year's South African National Tournament. The tournament was nothing short of fantastic, from the opening day flag raising ceremony, to the closing day flag lowering ceremony and everything in between.

The Woods course at Mount Edgecombe was in unbelievable condition and played extremely well (if you could keep it on the short stuff) although many still found it to hold plenty of challenges. At least there was always the Beach Bar to reminisce over the day's play, whether good or bad.

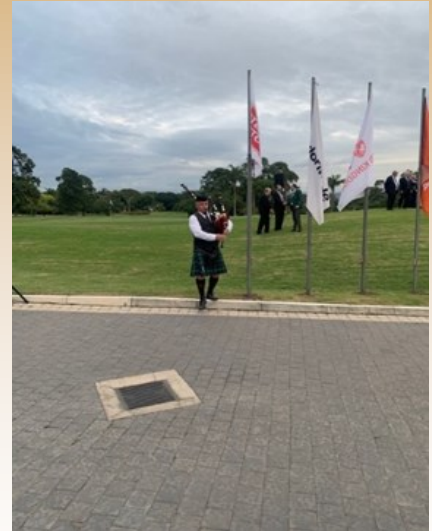
What really made this tournament special, was hearing the extensive levels to which Nomads are involved and to know that all our efforts are extremely valued. We are indeed a very unique organization rich in tradition that keeps us strong.

I cannot find the correct way or words to express how amazing this tournament was for me. Not only did I get to meet lots & lots of new people (so I'll be looking for shirt names when greeting them in the future), but more importantly, I got to spend time getting to know more about my fellow Lowveld members.

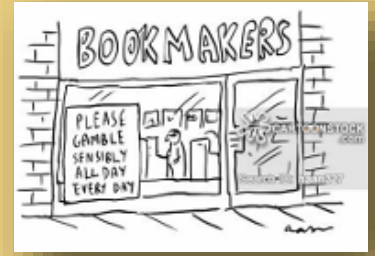
To my fellow touring team mates, thank you for the amazing tournament. It may have been my first, but I'm sure it definitely will not be my last. To the rest of my fellow Nomads, I hope to get to tour with you soon!!

Live, Love, Laugh

***Gus van Niekerk,
Rookie no more!***



AMEF BOOKIE REPORT



THE BOOKIE UNDER ESTIMATES ODDS !!

The Bookie had a fantastic start to 2022 with Profits of R1050, R1770 and R1180 for January, February and March.. No winning bets were placed in the February or March games!



This run came to an abrupt end in April when several winning bets were placed on the Best Fourball and the Match Box winner. Although the takings on the day were very high at R1,890 the payouts amounted to R2,420 - an overall loss of R530 for the April game.

A lot of money was placed on Neville, off a 6 handicap, for the Matchbox in White River, which hurt the books, however in contrast, at Barberton Neville was also the betting favourite only not to win it... This gave the Bookie a nice profit, so you win some, and lose some!

Profits for the current year are now R3,470 and R4,000 has been credited to the Andrew Mentis fund... leaving the Bookie short with only R150.

Skukuza is usually an unknown result, so thank you to those who place bets!

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HONORARY LIFE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HONORARY	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	4
FULL	73	71	72	74	73	72	69	69
ASSOCIATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON-PLAYING	7	8	8	8	9	9	10	10
NON-ACTIVE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
SUSPENSIVE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPONSOR LOCAL	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
SPONSOR NATIONAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRANSFeree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	84	84	83	84	85	84	85	85
Prospective members	3	5	1	7	1	3	0	3

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If any of your personal information OR circumstances have changed, e.g: Home club, Marital status, e-mail address, phone number, etc.

It is vitally important to let your Membership Officer, Mike Field know as soon as possible @ mfield@telkomsa.net, or 083 415 1435



SICK PARADE

MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE...

Our thoughts are with our Members not doing so well.

Paul Wood is still recovering from a shoulder injury and won't be back until July.

Bernie Olbrich has not yet fully recovered from a broken arm! We hope to see Bernie at the next game!

Maurice Meyer is the latest casualty with a fractured elbow and has been booked off golf for a few months.

We wish all our Members a speedy recovery and look forward to their return.

Our prayers are with the Nomads we are ALL thinking of you and **GET WELL SOON.**

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER: **BENNIE VAN NIEKERK**



NICKNAME:

BENNIE

OCCUPATION:

CAR DEALER

NAME OF BUSINESS:

ABD Invest.

POSITION HELD:

OWNER

SPOUSE OR PARTNER'S NAME:

DESIRE

HOW MANY CHILDREN (Including Ages)

ONE, aged 7

SCHOOL ATTENDED:

Nelspruit Hoërskool

SPORTS PLAYED AND TEAMS:

Golf, Cricket and Angling

SUPPORTER OF WHICH SPORTS TEAM:

Mighty Lions

BORN AND BRED (Town/City):

Nelspruit, since 1992

MEMBER GOLF CLUB:

Mbombela Golf Club

HOBBIES:

Sport, Travelling

OTHER COMMITTEES SERVED:

None, yet

FAVOURITE FOOD:

South African BRAAI

DISLIKES:

NONE

FAVOURITE DRINK:

Spiced Gold

HANDICAP INDEX:

7.3

WHAT ABOUT NOMADS INTERESTS YOU:

Raising funds while playing a game I love is a great way to help those who need it most. I enjoy giving something back to the Community.

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FAVOURITE GOLF COURSE PLAYED:

Highland Gate

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PRIZES: *WHITE RIVER*, 24 APRIL 2022

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HOLE-IN-ONE <i>Sponsor: Knittex</i>	NOT WON	TRIFECTA <i>Sponsor: Lowveld Nomads</i>	NICK ELLIOT
GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW <i>Sponsor: Kruger Park Lodge</i>		KPL Accommodation Voucher	BRIAN HOGG
GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW <i>Sponsor: Glenbrynth Scotch Whisky</i>		Single Malt Whisky 12-Year-Old Whisky Glenbrynth Whisky	JOHN STEPHEN GAVIN SPIES PEET RABIE
PLAYERS RAFFLE <i>Sponsor: Liquor City</i>		Liquor Hamper	MIKE WHYTE (V)
ANDREW MENTIS LOTTO DRAW		R1,000 cash prize	ANDREW BULLEN
ANDREW MENTIS WHISKY RAFFLE <i>Sponsor: The Lice Lady</i>		Tamnavulin Scotch Whisky	MICHAEL GILL
NEAREST TO THE PIN'S <i>Sponsor: Rovino Wines</i>		Hole # 03 Hole # 05 Hole # 09 Hole # 12 Hole # 17	WARREN SLABBERT DON PEARCE ROB MCLAGAN CLIVE WORTHINGTON JOHN ROBSON
RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING PAIR <i>Sponsors: La Mer Petroleum, Eloff Furniture, Arkansas Spur</i>		64 points (C/O), combined handicap of 32	MIKE FIELD ALAN SOUTH
BEST PLAYING PAIR <i>Sponsors: Makhushu Transport, Eloff Furniture Jock Pub & Grill</i>		69 points, combined handicap of 19	ANDREW BULLEN STEPHEN COLLINS
RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsors: SAB, Sparkel Dent, Mep's & Plastic Man</i>		121 points, combined handicap of 62	ROB VALENTYN GARY ANGELOS MIKE FIELD ALAN SOUTH
BEST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Standard Bank, Mep's & Plastic Man, Salsa Mexican Grill</i>		130 points, combined handicap of 30	DANNY SCHMULIAN WARREN SLABBERT ANDREW BULLEN STEPHEN COLLINS
RUNNER-UP C-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		34 points, handicap 16	GREG LOOCK
RUNNER-UP B-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		36 (C/O) points, handicap 13	STEPHEN COLLINS
RUNNER-UP A-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		33 points, handicap 2	JAMES SHEARD
WINNER C-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		35 points, handicap 14	MIKE FIELD
WINNER B-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		36 (C/O) points, handicap 12	JOHAN J VAN RENSBURG
WINNER A-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		33 (C/O) points, handicap 0	HYLTON HALFPENNY
WINNER PAST & PRESENT CAPTAINS <i>Sponsor: B&H Irrigation</i>		33 points, handicap 5	LUIGI COLMANET
BEST DRAWN 4-BALL <i>Sponsor: Misty Mountain Lodge</i>		124 points, combined handicap of 66	HENNIE VENTER STEPHEN COLLINS MARCUS MDLULI MIKE FIELD
WORST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsor: SA Breweries</i>		106 points, combined handicap of 60	ROB MCLAGAN NICK ELLIOT NEIL SHORT CHRIS MARAIS
LONGEST DAY & MATCHBOX <i>Sponsor: Eagle's View Driving Range, White River Garden Pavilion</i>		21 points, handicap 6	NEVILLE BLUM

AWARDS: *WHITE RIVER*, 24 APRIL 2022

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Our magnificent prize-table for the White River game and Captaincy handover... This would not be possible without the loyal support of all our National and local Lowveld monthly sponsors. Thank you to each and every one of them!

Representing White River Country Club, Tim Walker, receiving a token of our appreciation from outgoing Captain, Rob Valentyn.



Receiving their 10-year Ties from Captain, Rob Valentyn:

(f.l.t.r.)
Arthur Douglass
Warren Slabbert
Brian Springorum



(BELOW)

Receiving the 2021 Gary Player (signed) Knockout certificates, Gary Angelos & Eugene du Preez (absent)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DON PEARCE



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The Fines Master and incoming Junior Vice - Captain, Puso Maloka doing a "fine" job...



The Division Winners of the day were (f.l.t.r.):
Johan J.v. Rensburg (B-division), 36pts, 12 h/c
Hylton Halfpenny (A-division), 33pts, 0 h/c
Mike Field (C-division), 35pts, 14 h/c



The Nearest-to-Pin winners were (f.l.t.r.):

Hole #17: John Robson
Hole #9: Rob Mclagan
Hole #12: Clive Worthington
Hole #3: Warren Slabbert
Hole #5: Don Pearce

Past & Present Captain's winner:
Luigi Colmanet
33 points, 5 h/cap



Winning 4-ball
were (f.l.t.r.):

Warren Slabbert,
Stephen Collins,
Danny Schmulian,
and Andrew Bullen
(absent).

130 pts, h'cap 30



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The Worst Playing 4-ball (f.l.t.r.):
106 pts, combined 60 handicap:

Chris Marais,
Neil Short,
Rob Mclagan, and
Nick Elliot



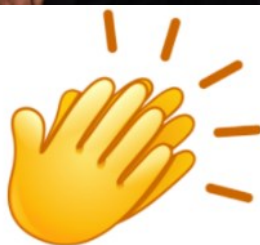
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TAMNAVULIN SINGLE MALT
WHISKY won by:

Michael Gill

(BELOW)
KRUGER PARK LODGE
ACCOMMODATION
VOUCHER raffle was won
by Brian Hogg

The Matchbox Winner and Fines Master at
the next game, was Neville Blum
21 points, off a 6 handicap



Glenbrynth Whisky Draw (f.l.t.r)

3-Y/O Whisky: Peet Rabie

12-Y/O Whisky: Gavin Spies

Single Malt Whisky: John Stephen

2022 PLAYING CALENDAR

Month	Date	Venue	Special Event
January	23	SABIE	
February	19	MBOMBELA	JOHN HANDLEY
February	19	MBOMBELA	25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
March	5-11	MOUNT EDGECOMBE	NOMADS NATIONALS
March	27	BARBERTON	1ST ROUND: GARY PLAYER K/O
April	21	MBOMBELA	LOWVELD NOMADS AGM
April	24	WHITE RIVER	JOHN HANDLEY
May	22	SKUKUZA	
Jun	26	MALELANE	
Jul	24	KAMBAKU	
Aug	28	MBOMBELA	JOHN HANDLEY
Sep	18	WHITE RIVER	JOHN HANDLEY
Oct	16	KPL	
Nov	13	WHITE RIVER	ANDREW MENTIS / JOHN HANDLEY
Dec	4	MBOMBELA	GOLD CUP / JOHN HANDLEY

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MAY

02nd HYLTON HALFPENNY
 08th DERRICK SHORT
 10th KIMREN PATHER (P)
 16th PUSO MALOKA
 21st JOHN LUDGROVE
 24th NEIL WHYTE



JUNE

01st BRIAN HOGG
 03rd ROB DOUGLASS
 04th GREG CRUSE
 06th CLIVE WORTHINGTON
 08th ANDREW BULLEN
 09th KAREN BULLEN
 13th BERNIE OLBRICH
 13th SHANE DAVIES
 13th BRYAN LONGBOTTOM
 23rd KARL LANGDON

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