



JULY 2022

NOMADS NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◇ **NEXT GAME, 18 SEPTEMBER @ WHITE RIVER**
- ◇ **Eastern Cape Nomads' 50th Anniversary**
8th & 9th OCTOBER, Port Elizabeth Golf Club



Lowveld Captain, Rudi Nel with the host Captain of Kambaku Golf Club, Danny Cato

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."*

from the Meditations of John Donne (1573-1631)

Captain's Corner

Fellow Nomads, Sponsors and friends

It was great to be back at Kambaku after a few years' absence. The course is always in great condition and always proves to be a challenge. Points do not come easy when you play Medal Stapleford, and add slick greens to that and you have a very difficult day ahead of you. The game was an uphill battle for me, but nevertheless, it was a great experience.



Kambaku is busy building three new holes to add to the ten they already have. Club Captain, Danny Cato showed me how they will play and I must say, the course will become tougher.



It was great to have many visiting Eswatini Nomads that joined us for the game. The Eswatini Okes say that they come to visit us for the camaraderie, but I think they come to win some of our fabulous prizes. This time they managed to win Bunny Ears - well done Jose Neves - and also the coveted Matchbox - well done Theo Mason!

Many "Swazi's" also brought their better-halves to join. Welcome, Ladies!

August was a very busy month, with the Glenbrynth Challenge the 20th and 21st August and our first Golorama event the 25th to 27th August, both at Highland Gate, and our monthly game that same weekend, 28 August at Mbombela Golf Club.

A big THANK YOU, to those of you prepared to travel to Highland Gate for one, or both weekends, away from your families. It is commitment like that, that build great Nomads!

Travel safe and be good.

Rudi Nel

Beautiful scenes from Kambaku Golf Club, overlooking the mighty Crocodile River and the Kruger National Park on the opposite side



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THE CHANGE-ROOM

chatterbox
what've you got to say?

Greetings and salutations to all,

As we reach the halfway stage of the year it is now time for those who can, to start making their move up the annual competition leader boards. I see all the competitions are very tight this year, so it is all to play for.

We had our game at Kambaku last month and as usual the course was in great nick. It was a great test of golf and the hospitality was top notch.

In-between then and our August game at Mbombela GC, a team of 20 from the Lowveld made our way to Highland Gate to play for the 2-day Glenbrynth challenge, while also competing in the LES and Quadrangular trophies against our fellow clubs from Northerns, Easterns, Gauteng and Eswatini. Northerns did a superb job in hosting it this year and while introducing a new scorecard, it simply raised the bar!

If you thought that Kambaku was a challenge "you aint seen nothing yet" as they say.



We knew that a bit of wind was forecast for the Saturday and a bit of cold weather was predicted for the Sunday, but little did we know that on Saturday the wind would blow at 55 km an hour! I have - and by all accounts very few others - have ever played in winds like that. The Sunshine tour officials were there preparing for the Vodacom Origins tournament that followed ours and they said that in those conditions they would have suspended play. So, we are better and more hardy than the pros if that is any consolation. Sunday was very chilly early on, but the sun eventually came out and it was a wonderful experience. Results did not go our way this year, but with some planning, strategizing and some group therapy, we will hopefully do better next year.

There were two old guys who played golf four times a week together, but Sam in his eighties, finally was ready to answer the sunset call and his mate Dave was at his bedside. Dave was very upset, but he made Sam promise that somehow he must let him know if there are golf courses in heaven. Sam promised to do so and he passed away the next day. About a week later Dave was sleeping when he heard a voice and it was Sam... "Dave, I have good news and bad news for you. There are about 40 magnificent golf courses in heaven! Its wonderful and I have never seen anything like it. The bad news is you are in my fourball on Saturday"

Keep it on the fairway... greetings — **CHANGEROOM CHATTERBOX**

PRIZES: *KAMBAKU*, 24 JULY 2022

HOLE-IN-ONE <i>Sponsor: Knittex</i>	NOT WON	TRIFECTA <i>Sponsor: Lowveld Nomads</i>	NOT WON
GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW <i>Sponsor: Kruger Park Lodge</i>		KPL Accommodation Voucher	GREG CRUSE
GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW <i>Sponsor: Glenbrynth Scotch Whisky</i>		Single Malt Whisky 12-Year-Old Whisky Glenbrynth Whisky	THOMAS HATTINGH RONALD NCUBE NEIL SHORT
PLAYERS RAFFLE <i>Sponsor: Liquor City</i>		Liquor Hamper	JASON DAVIS
ANDREW MENTIS LOTTO DRAW		R1,000 cash prize	ALAN SOUTH
ANDREW MENTIS RAFFLE <i>Sponsor: Bonanza Equipment</i>		Alva Pizza Oven/ Monthly Ice Bucket	KIMREN PATHER (P)
NEAREST TO THE PIN'S <i>Sponsor: Rovino Wines</i>		Hole # 07 Hole # 09 Hole # 14 Hole # 18	VUYILE RESHA NICK ELLIOT THOMAS HATTINGH CLIVE WORTHINGTON
RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING PAIR <i>Sponsors: La Mer Petroleum, Eloff Furniture, Arkansas Spur</i>		63 points (C/O), combined handicap of 30	IAN KIRBY GAVIN SPIES
BEST PLAYING PAIR <i>Sponsors: Makhushu Transport, Eloff Furniture Jock Pub & Grill</i>		67 points (C/I), combined handicap of 34	VUYILE RESHA MARCUS MDHLULI
RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsors: SAB, Sparkel Dent, Mep's & Plastic Man</i>		122 points, combined handicap of 48	IAN KIRBY GAVIN SPIES BRIAN SPRINGORUM GHOST
BEST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Standard Bank, Salsa Mexican Grill</i>		127 points, combined handicap of 54	VUYILE RESHA MARCUS MDHLULI STEPHEN COLLINS BRANDON STAINTHORPE
RUNNER-UP C-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		35 (C/O) points, handicap 21	MARCUS MDHLULI
RUNNER-UP B-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		34 (C/O) points, handicap 15	GAVIN SPIES
RUNNER-UP A-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		34 points, handicap 3	DANNY CATO (V)
WINNER C-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		35 points, handicap 18	ALAN SOUTH
WINNER B-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		34 points, handicap 13	MXOLISI ZWANE
WINNER A-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		35 points, handicap 10	ROB MCLAGAN
WINNER PAST & PRESENT CAPTAINS <i>Sponsor: B&H Irrigation</i>		35 points, handicap 10	ROB MCLAGAN
BEST DRAWN 4-BALL <i>Sponsor: Misty Mountain Lodge</i>		115 points, combined handicap of 58	ALAN SOUTH KEITH ERASMUS DAVE DE VILLIERS (ESWATINI) GHOST
WORST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsor: SA Breweries</i>		99 points, combined handicap of 65	RALPH KIRSTEN PIET ROUX JOSE NEVES (ESWATINI) GUS VAN NIEKERK
LONGEST DAY & MATCHBOX <i>Sponsor: Eagle's View Driving Range, White River Garden Pavilion</i>		21 points, handicap 21	THEO MASON (ESWATINI)

Congratulations to our winners

AWARDS: KAMBAKU, 24 JULY 2022



Representing Kambaku Golf Club, Komatipoort, was Club Captain, Danny Cato



An excellent fines session was held for the first time by John Robson



Captain Rudi Nel inducting Bennie van Niekerk as full playing Member.



Prospective Nomad, Randal Pillay was introduced by his proposer, Rob Mclagan



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The Division Winners of the day were (f.l.t.r.):

Alan South (C-division)
35pts, 18 h/c

Mxolisi Zwane (B-division)
34pts, 13 h/c

Rob Mclagan (A-division)
35pts, 10 h/r



The Best Playing Pair were Vuyile Resha (left) and Marcus Mdhluli (right)
67 points, combined handicap of 34



Past & Present Captain's winner:
Rob Mclagan
35 points, 10 h/cap



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

Brandon Stainthorpe,
Vuyile Resha,
Marcus Mdhluli, and
Stephen Collins

127 pts, h'cap 54

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**The Worst Playing 4
-ball (f.l.t.r.):**

**99 pts, combined
65 h/cap**

**Jose Neves (Esw),
Gus van Niekerk,
Ralph Kirsten, and
Piet Roux**



**The well-received Matchbox Winner and
Fines Master at the next game, was
Eswatini Past Captain, Theo Mason.**



**The worst player, receiving the prizes
only, was Xalani Zwane, Son of Nomad MZ**



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

Hole # 07 - Vuyile Resha

Hole # 18 - Clive Worthington

Hole # 09 - Nic Elliot

Hole # 14 - Thomas Hattingh

Where friendships are formed...



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Status	Jan-2016	Jan-2017	Jan-2018	Jan-2019	Jan-2020	Jan-2021	Jan-2022	JULY-22
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	70
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	86
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...

We are delighted that almost all of our Members have returned following extended recovery periods...

Andrew Bullen is unfortunately still recovering from a back injury, although not serious. Recently he also underwent a small procedure on his knee...

Ageing is tough, Andrew! Get well soon!

It is important to note that since January this year, the minimum playing criteria has been re-established. If anyone cannot play a monthly game due to an injury, surgery or even personal reasons, please send an email to our Membership Officer, **Mike Field** to register the non-playing period as a "leave of absence". That way the minimum criteria does NOT apply.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER: **RANDAL PILLAY**



NICKNAME:

RANDAL

OCCUPATION:

REGIONAL SALES MANAGER

NAME OF BUSINESS:

VODACOM SA (PTY) LTD

POSITION HELD:

**REGIONAL SALES MANAGER
VODACOM BUSINESS MPUMALANGA**

SPOUSE OR PARTNER'S NAME:

MILLICENT PILLAY

HOW MANY CHILDREN (INCLUDING AGES)

2 = GIRL 19 BOY 14

SCHOOL ATTENDED:

VALENCIA HIGH

SPORTS PLAYED AND TEAMS:

**Soccer, Tennis, Cricket, Action Cricket
Volley Ball, Golf, Athletics**

SUPPORTER OF WHICH SPORTS TEAM:

**Liverpool, Barcelona, England, Bokke,
Proteas**

BORN AND BRED (Town/City):

Nelspruit, Mpumalanga

MEMBER GOLF CLUB:

Mbombela Golf Club

HOBBIES:

Any sport

OTHER COMMITTEES SERVED:

**Da Boys Sporting Club, St Michaels
Church Council and Exec Committee**

FAVOURITE FOOD:

Local is Lekker

DISLIKES:

Aussies

FAVOURITE DRINK:

Anything goes

HANDICAP INDEX:

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I am extremely delighted with all that I experienced and was offered by the Lowveld Nomads. The Vision, Drive, & ambience was exceptional. Having served with various other clubs as a committee member, I truly understand the vision and goals of the Nomads and I truly believe in them.

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Durbrovnik, Croatia

FAVOURITE GOLF COURSE PLAYED:

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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

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

23rd MARCUS MDHLULI

25th EUGENE DU PREEZ

26th NEVILLE BLUM



OCTOBER

03rd NIC ELLIOT

17th ROWAN DITCHAM

21st GUS VAN NIEKERK

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:
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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!



Excellent GARY PLAYER KNOCKOUT SPIRIT,
playing their 2nd round at White River...
Keith Kirton & Chris Marais



**According to
Neville Blum
(right), his game
performance
resembled the
actions of the
Impala**



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