



JUNE 2023

NOMADS

LOWVELD
Established 1996

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300



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**JULY Monthly Game -
Sunday 23 July @
Kambaku GC**

**AUGUST Monthly Game -
Sunday 13 August @
White River CC**



Lowveld scenery...



Father-and-Son combo's...

Left - Jason and Dad, Brian Hogg

Right - Arthur and Daddy, Rob Douglass

Captain's Corner

Fellow Nomads, Sponsors and friends

Malelane. Must be one of the toughest courses in the Lowveld and judging from the scores on the day, the course again proved difficult.

I must congratulate the management and staff of Malelane Golf Club on the excellent condition of the course. The pin placements on the greens, after the Malelane open on the Saturday, were not easy but certain members did not even notice it. The refreshments in the morning and the food at the Clubhouse Restaurant were excellent and the service of the staff matched it.

Thanks to my fourball of the day. Jan Combrink, the President of Malelane Club, Rob Douglass and Arthur Douglass. What an honour to be able to play with Rob in his 300th game. You are really an example of a committed Nomad.

Rob is only the second Lowveld founder member achieving this milestone. The golf was not great and after the 16th hole we were really worried, however, the difficult conditions course saved our bacon, and a much lower score received the bunny ears!



Roger Braithwaite introduced Clive Cotterell, our most recent prospective Nomad to the club. I am looking forward to welcoming you as official Nomad soon.

We have 1 Anniversary coming up. Natal Nomads will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on the 29th and 30th September, at Selbourne Country Club. The closing date for entries is 31 July 2023 and is approaching fast.

Please submit your entry to secure your spot and avoid disappointment!

The Glenbrynth challenge will be held at Highland Gate Golf Club on the 19th and 20th of August. The hosts this year are Eswatini Nomads. We only have 10 entries so far, but need to play a team of twenty. I urge you to please send your entries to Alec Blair so we can fill our complement.

We have an additional Sunshine Tour event in the Lowveld this year, the Gary & Vivienne Player Challenge. It will take place at **White River Country Club** from Wednesday 30th Aug to Friday 1st September. We need several volunteers, which is 11 on the 1st two days, and 22 on the day 3rd day, a Friday. Please submit your names to Golforama coordinator, Rudi Nel.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Kambaku Golf Club on 23 July 2023

Nomads greetings to you all

Lowveld Captain, Johan Janse van Rensburg

Congratulations, Rob



Captain's Corner

Honorary Lowveld Nomad, and 300 games later...



In 2012, as Captain of Lowveld, Rob Douglass inducted his son, Arthur Douglass. It's a privilege not all have, to pin a 300-game badge on a true legend.

Rob is a Founder Member of Lowveld and was inducted on 16 November 1996. At the June 2023 game, Rob played his 300th Nomads monthly game, and only the second Lowveld founder member to achieve this. He played 300 out of a total of 315 games, which is a 95.2% attendance record.

He is still serving on the committee, currently as the Samson and Archive coordinator.

Rob served as Captain of Lowveld in 2012 and has extensively served on Andrew Mentis, Anniversary and the 2017 National Tournament committees, as well as performed many Golorama duties, and has received the calling code as "Rover Rob".

"Long-socks" played a leading role with getting the Nomads national scoring system, Samson, operational with the National Executive Committee. He attended 14 National Tournaments, and 2 International Tournaments, and was the captain when Lowveld launched Swaziland Nomads Club.

Rob is always around to greet you with a sincere look and a firm handshake and was awarded Honorary Member status on 5th December 2021.

Congratulations, Rob!

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)

Our very own Professional Photographer

As committee, we received very positive feedback from our National Public Relations officer (PRO), Alten Hulme, which we would like to share with everyone!

Dear Nico

A short email to congratulate you on absolutely outstanding social media posts for Lowveld Nomads!

I personally - and my wife - can't wait to see your next posts. The quality of photographs and choice of posts are truly great and you set a wonderful example for all of us around the country.

You not only involve many of your members in posts, but even posted some great nature pics taken at your recent game. I strongly urge the committee to get as many Lowveld members as possible to join / like your Lowveld Nomads Facebook page and to share those posts.

Doen so voort my liewe maat!

ALTEN HULME, National PRO, Nomads Golf Club of South Africa

Nico came on board as a monthly sponsor, and was soon so in touch with the comradery and spirit of the Nomads, that he wanted to become a Member. Inducted on 29th June 2019 as a non-playing member, he has not missed an opportunity to travel far and wide, to join our monthly games to photograph the players, the scenery and prizegiving functions.

Nico is easy to talk to, so please give him a call, chat to him when you see him, and ask him what more he can do at Earth Digital Productions.

Thanks Nico for your commitment, and what you do for our Club.



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THE CHANGE-ROOM

chatterbox
what've you got to say?

Greetings and salutations to all,

At the halfway mark of the annual competitions, and still there are no clear favourites in any of the divisions, which in my opinion shows just how fair the Nomads handicap system is, Yes, we are never going to please everybody but overall I think it has stood the test of time. At this stage I think it is only Randall that is querying its accuracy, but that is a story for another day...

The course at Malelane was in great nick, but it is certainly not a course that you can overpower and I think that reflected in the scores. With an average score of just over 27, it certainly proved to be a test. Once again the hosting was great and I think that Malelane as a club are always pleased to have us come and play there, and long may that continue.

It is also great to see so many younger members joining and having a great time as they are the future of our club. If any of the youngsters are reading this, I urge you to get involved. It is very rewarding and as Brian Hogg would say "it's the right thing to do".

As you read this the Open is either on or recently completed. This is my favourite Major of the year, with traditions and everything that goes with it, which makes it the "stand out" major. The camerawork and the coverage certainly beats all the others, hands down. That picture of the Magnolias and that horrible church music that they have been playing at the Masters for the last 30 years is enough to make a grown man cry. The field is certainly wide open and making a prediction is going to be almost impossible. My money is on Taylor Gooch though, as he has been brilliant over the last couple of months.

Kambaku is our next game, with holes one, two and three always feeling like greenkeepers revenge, they are a real challenge. I have not played there recently, but I believe there are one or two new holes as well, which should be very interesting. The trip down is certainly worth it, great course, great views and with food that's always top notch... looking forward to that one!

See you on the fairway, or in my case, semi rough or rough, but at least on the same golf course.



*Lowveld Captain,
Johan "Ogies" Janse van Rensburg, with the
President of Malelane GC, Jan Combrink
showing the woes...
Sorry chaps, maybe next time!*

What does that mean, Chris?



CHANGEROOM CHATTERBOX

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Status	Jan-2020	Jan-2021	Jan-2022	Jan-2023	June-2023
HONORARY LIFE	0	0	0	0	0
HONORARY	2	1	4	4	5
FULL PLAYING	73	72	69	66	65
ASSOCIATE	0	0	0	0	0
NON-PLAYING	9	9	10	10	9
NON-ACTIVE	0	1	1	1	1
SUSPENSIVE	0	0	0	0	0
SPONSOR LOCAL	1	1	1	1	1
SPONSOR NATIONAL	0	0	0	0	0
TRANSFEREE	0	0	0	0	0
Total	85	84	85	82	81
Prospective members	1	3	0	2	5

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If any of your personal information OR circumstances change, (Home club, Marital status, e-mail address, phone number, etc.) or you are unable to play a monthly game due to an injury, surgery or even personal reasons.

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SICK PARADE

MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE...

Neville Blum is still immobile following his hip-replacement surgery. Wheelchair bound, Neville needs to undergo further femoral and hip prosthesis surgery.

Nic de Beer has suffered a severe stroke, but is taken care of by Physio's. He is slowly gaining his strength back, but still a long road ahead.

Pieter Viljoen may need to undergo surgery soon following his Chemotherapy treatment. Although he frequents the golf course, he is hopeful for a full recovery.

Hannatjie Douglass has started with her daily radiation therapy in Umhlanga, and is counting the days... Rob and Hannatjie are living with her daughter and family, and is enjoying the coast very much.

Please keep all of them in your thoughts during this trying period.
Get well soon, Lady & Gentlemen!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JULY

04th BRANDON STAINTHORPE
13th HENNIE VENTER
23rd CAREL TRIEGAARDT
23rd PAUL WOOD
29th PIETER ROUX
29th BRUCE NORRIS

AUGUST

01st ALBERT HATTINGH
09th JOHN STEPHEN
19th ADRIAAN RABE
23rd KEEGAN PHELAN

SEPTEMBER

16th JOHAN FERREIRA
22nd KARL HOEHLER
23rd MARCUS MDHLULI
25th EUGENE DU PREEZ
26th NEVILLE BLUM



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HOLE-IN-ONE
Sponsor: Knittex

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GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW
Sponsor: Kruger Park Lodge

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Sponsor: Glenbrynth Scotch Whisky

ANDREW MENTIS LOTTO DRAW

ANDREW MENTIS RAFFLE

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NEAREST TO THE PIN'S
Sponsor: Anonymous Biltong Hamper

RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING PAIR
Sponsors: La Mer Petroleum, Hi-Q Nelspruit, Elmadre Butchery, Jock Pub & Grill

BEST PLAYING PAIR
Sponsors: Makhushu Transport, Hi-Q Nelspruit, Elmadre Butchery, Jock Pub & Grill

RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING 4-BALL
Sponsors: SAB, Mep's & Plastic Man, Glenbrynth

BEST PLAYING 4-BALL
Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, Salsa Mexican Grill, MOTUL

RUNNER-UP C-DIVISION
Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Standard Bank, SA Moroccan Barber

RUNNER-UP B-DIVISION
Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Standard Bank, SA Moroccan Barber

RUNNER-UP A-DIVISION
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WINNER C-DIVISION
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WINNER A-DIVISION
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WINNER PAST & PRESENT CAPTAINS
Sponsor: B&H Irrigation

BEST DRAWN 4-BALL
Sponsor: Misty Mountain Lodge

WORST PLAYING 4-BALL
Sponsor: SA Breweries

LONGEST DAY & MATCHBOX
Sponsor: White River Garden Pavilion, SA Moroccan Barber

TRIFECTA
Sponsor: Lowveld Nomads

KPL Accommodation Voucher

1 x 3 years Glenbrynth Whisky
1 x Single Malt Glenbrynth Whisky
1 x 12 years Glenbrynth Whisky

R1,000 cash prize

6-bottle WINE HAMPER

1kg Rump Steak
2kg Rump Steak

Hole # 02
Hole # 08
Hole # 11
Hole # 17

62 points (C/O),
combined handicap of 23

62 points (C/I),
combined handicap of 20

116 points,
combined handicap of 56

121 points,
combined handicap of 72

35 points, handicap 17

32 points, handicap 12

33 points, handicap 5

38 points, handicap 20

34 points, handicap 14

34 points, handicap 8

34 points, handicap 8

123 points, combined handicap of 65

91 points, combined handicap of 59

20 points (c/o), handicap 18

NOT WON

BRANDON STAINTHORPE

ROB VALENTYN
GUS VAN NIEKERK
BRIAN HOGG

NOT WON

ROB MCLAGEN

JASON HOGG
DERRICK NKAMBULE (P)

RUDI NEL
BENNIE VAN NIEKERK
JOHN STEPHEN
JAMES SHEARD

LUIGI COLMANET
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PIET ROUX
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MIKE FIELD

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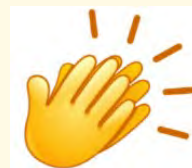
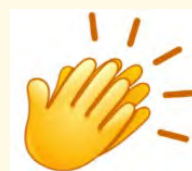
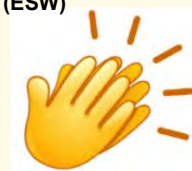
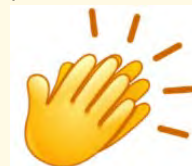
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RANDALL PILLAY
GUS VAN NIEKERK

HENNIE VENTER



Congratulations to our winners

AWARDS: MALELANE, 25 JUNE 2023



Founder Lowveld and Honorary Member, Rob Douglass, receiving his 300th game badge. Congratulations, Rob, a great achievement!



Jan Combrink, President of Malelane Golf Club, receiving a token of our appreciation from Captain, Johan J.v. Rensburg.



Glenbrynth Whisky Attendance Draw (f.l.t.r)
12-Y/O Glenbrynth Whisky: Brian Hogg
3-Y/O Glenbrynth Whisky: Rob Valentyn
Single Malt Whisky: Gus van Niekerk



Rob McLagan winning the Andrew mentis wine raffle

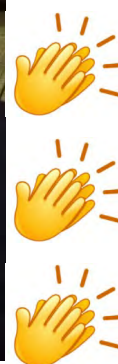
Brandon Stainthorpe winning the Accommodation Voucher



Standing in as Fines Master, Eugene Du Preez



The Nearest-to-Pin winners were (f.l.t.r):
Hole #11 - John Stephen, Hole #2 - Rudi Nel
Hole #9 - Bennie van Niekerk, Hole #17 - James Sheard



PRIZES: MALELANE, 25 JUNE 2023



(Left)
The Nomads division
winners (f.l.t.r.):

Joggie Badenhorst
(B-division) 35pts, 14 h/c

Brian Hogg
(A-division) 34pts, 8 h/c

Albert Hattingh
(C-division) 38pts, 20 h/c



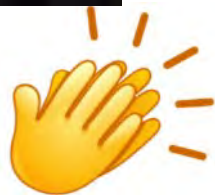
(Left)
Past & Present
Captain's
winner:

Brian Hogg

34pts, off 8 h/c



The Best Playing Pair were:
Sean Willis, S.Natal (left), and Rob Mclagan (right)
62 points, combined handicap of 20



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

Gavin Spies, Rudi Nel, Alan
South, and Arnold Le Roux (P)

121 pts, off a combined
handicap of 72



PRIZES: MALELANE, 25 JUNE 2023



(Left)
The lowest score was 20 points.
Winning the coveted Matchbox,
Hennie Venter (18 handicap)

(Below)

Best drawn fourball (f.l.t.r):
Eugene du Preez, Marcus Mdhuli, Chris Marais
and Albert Hattingh



(Right)
The Worst Playing 4-ball
(f.l.t.r.):
91 pts, 59 h/cap

Brandon Stainthorpe,
Randall Pillay (repeat),
Jason Davis and Gus van
Niekerk



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MOTUS CHALLENGE

After 6 games...

Marcus Mdluli - 190 points (R)
Alec Blair - 188 points (ML)
Ian Kirby - 185 points (MR)
John Robson - 180 points (L)

2023 PLAYING CALENDAR

Month	Date	Venue	Special Event
Jun	25	MALELANE	
Jul	23	KAMBAKU	
Aug	13	WHITE RIVER	JOHN HANDLEY
Sep	17	KRUGER PARK LODGE	
Oct	15	WHITE RIVER	JOHN HANDLEY
Nov	5	MBOMBELA	ANDREW MENTIS
Dec	3	WHITE RIVER	GOLD CUP

Please watch for emails, or contact our AWAY TOURS OFFICER,
Alec Blair, for information about the following events

Special Events		
Date	Venue	Special Event
20 - 21 August	HIGHLAND GATE	GLENBRYNTH CHALLENGE
29 - 30 Sept	SELBOURNE COUNTRY CLUB	NATAL 60 TH ANNIVERSARY

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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.

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Why the worried faces, gents??



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