

SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF THE FREE STATE SENIORS GHOLFSPELERSVERENIGING VAN DIE VRYSTAAT



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Compliments for 2018.

We wish you well in this new year where the winds of change are blowing. May you experience good health, prosperity, peace and many good golfing days.

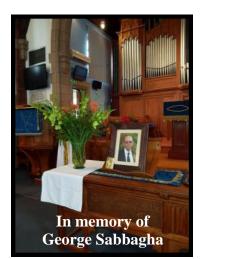
In Memoriam

The passing of three dear friends, George Sabbagha, Peter Harrington and Willem Naude came as shock to us all.

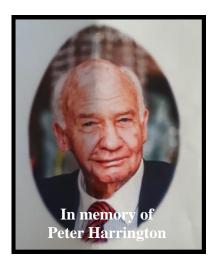
Peter Harrington, a legend in estate circles was an Old Andrean of absolute integrity and a true gentleman in both work and play. He believed that you were the master of your own destiny and he lived by that. Peter would have turned 82 in September this year. He served as president of this august society with distinction. He leaves his wife, Jeanette, two daughters, his son's in law, seven grand children and a great grand child. We grant Peter his rest and celebrate his memories.

George Sabbagha, an educator by calling, was an Old Grey gentleman who taught at his alma mater and lectured English at the Bloemfontein Teachers College. George served the senior golfers as secretary with loyalty and dedication for nine years. George leaves behind Magriet, a son, daughter, their spouses and three grand children. We will miss his friendship and humour in this "funny old game".

Willem Naude, an Old Grey, was a well loved and respected farmer in the Ladybrand district. Willem leaves his wife Marlene, four children, six grand children and 4 great grand children. Willem was a people's person whose gentle mannerism and impeccable approach to people made him "a man for all seasons". Willem would have turned 82 in August. We will miss those piercing blue eyes and his gentle nature. RIP gentle giant.











Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members as we celebrate their birthdays:

January

- 7 Callie Grobler (61)
- 9 Johan Grobbelaar (72)
- 21 Norman Dixie (67)

February

- 6 Kassie van Kasterop (59)
- 22 Chris Beukman (74)

March

- 4 Schalk van der Merwe (60)
- 10 Arthur Oertel (71)
- 11 Herman Braam (77)
- 12 Wynand van den Berg (80)
- 19 Des Donald (64)
- 19 Roger Hughes (64) "Terrible twins"
- 25 Piet Bothma (63)
- 26 Harry Prinsloo (63)
- 29 Roger Pietrucci (60)
- 30 Bill Shaer (76)

"If you don't like who you are, ... move. You are not a tree."

Monthly Competitions

January: Bloemfontein Golf Club BBS

Winners on 50 points: Dick Osborne and Ian Newman.



February: Bloemfontein Golf Club BBS

Winners on 48 point: Sepp Shrock and Pieter Pienaar. Second place went to Schalk van der Merwe and Rolf Trichard. Third place went to Reg Krohn and Piet Streicher.



The Caledon Cup was played at Dewetsdorp Golf Club on 11 March 2018. Although this was rained out, a good time was had by all. Dewetsdorp are to be complemented of their course and their hospitality was Crème de la crème.



"If you can't open the door, it is not your door!"

March: Bloemfontein Golf Club Pinehurst - Plum Warner Trophy

First prize went to Pierre Grobler and Johan Schuster.

Second prize went to Sepp Schrock and Ken Kahts.

Third prize went to Piet Swanepoel and Johan Grobbelaar.







"There is no Royal road to success. The path is not an easy one,-Which is one of the chief reasons Why golf has such an Enduring lure."

New Committee

We congratulate our incoming committee with Loekie Bardenhorst at the helm. We thank Peter Newton for his sterling service to the society.



You can see we are hard at work.

Nationals

Good wishes are extended to our 20 man team for nationals and we trust they will do us proud.

Humour by Poison Pen



Last words of a golfer standing in the woods? "I can see the gap."

Four seniors went into the Pro Shop after playing 18 holes of golf. The pro asked, "Did you guys have a good game today?" The first golfer said, "Yes, I had three riders today." The second senior said, "I had the most riders ever, I had five." The third golfer said, 'I had seven riders, the same as last time." The last senior said, "I beat my old record, I had 12 riders today."

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the seniors talking, went to the pro and said, "I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"

The pro said," A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to actually get into the golf cart and ride to it."

Change of Guard

Sepp Shrock outgoing president receives a ceremonial cup from Loekie Bardenhorst, our incoming president. We thank Sepp for his huge contribution to the society.



Launch of "Magazine"

Loekie Bardenhorst launched and circulated the Senior Golf Society of the Free State "Magazine" depicting memories and newsletters for the last five years. We congratulate Loekie who penned this wonderful compendium.

"The Ink Pot has certainly kept us well informed!"





Welcome back Aubrey!!!!

"You cant start a new chapter if you keep reading the last""

COMMENTS OVERHEARD BY POISON PEN:

"Dead man walking".

"A tortoise on a hot plate".

"When coconut fall from tree, He can't fasten back."

"Phone my wife for my tog bag."

"Tug of war."

"Golf is a test of temper, a trial of honour, a revealer of character."





Tíll we meet agaín. Poíson Pen "What OTHER PEOPLE may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a GOOD DRIVE– the white ball sailing up into the BLUE SKY, growing smaller and smaller, then suddenly reaching its apex, curving, falling and finally DROPPING to the turf to roll some more, just the way I PLANNED IT."