

Minutes of the Golf Annual General Meeting of the Irene Country Club held on 11th of April 2018

Item	Subject	For Action
	<p><u>Attendance:</u> Denzil Atkins, Peter Candiotes, Peter Carey jnr, Bruce Edwards, Louis Gersbach, Wayne Grace, Kelso Hannay, Karen Ireland, Jan Jenkins, Neil Jolly, Kevin Lawless, Eben Martincich, Raymond Paola, Steve Peddie, Cesco Quattroccere, Richard Reynolds, Peter Sanderson, Piet Scholtz, Priscilla Seaton, Dave Smith, Dave Williams, Owen Baker, Taryn Davel, Paul Davel, Viwe Gqwetha, Jorge rebelo, Michael Ward,</p>	
1	<p><u>Welcome:</u> RP welcomed the chairman, Wayne Grace, the committee and all the members to the meeting and opened the meeting by reading the Notice of the AGM to be held. PD introduced the 2017 Golf Committee PD thanked the committee for their involvement and their input for this year.</p>	
2	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Allison Loxton, Alet Crous, Gerrie Fourie, Len von Graevenitz</p>	
3	<p><u>Confirmation of previous minutes</u> Previous minutes was accepted Proposer : Paul Davel Seconder: Janis Jenkins</p>	
4	<p><u>Moment of silence:</u> RP asked all in attendance to stand and pay respects to Members who have passed on and left their families and friends for a better place.</p>	
5	<p><u>FINANCIALS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RP said that the finances to be held over to the Club AGM - KL asked about having a separate financial report for just the golfing section. RP said that he would ask for that and see if this is possible. - RP also mentioned and touched on some issues regarding the current economics in SA and the tough environment 	
6	<p><u>Golf Captain's Report 2017/2018</u></p> <p>RP went through some highlights and items of the 2017 period and mentioned that all the items will be available on the captains report which has been circulated.</p> <p>In the captains report it touches on the bridges. RP asked DU to give a brief overview of the status of the bridges. DU briefed the floor with the current status and mentioned that if it is to go ahead the membership needs to find funds to be able to proceed with the project. The bridge fund that has been collected is available but there is still a shortfall.</p> <p><u>FULL CAPTAINS REPORT ATTACHED</u></p>	
7	<p><u>Election of the golf committee</u> Uncontested nominations for the Club Captain position : Raymond Paola Voting proceeded for the 4 positions available and the available Vice Captain position The following members where voted onto the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dave Smith - Bruce Edwards - Louis Gersbach - Kevin Lawless - Craig Collins - Ladies Captain: Priscilla Seaton automatically onto the committee as the ladies captain. 	
8	<p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan Jenkins raised the point that she is currently looking after the caddies and the management of their finances. She raised whom will be taking over from her. Ray 	

	<p>Paola mentioned that this point will be discussed in the first committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Piet Scholtz asked why the bridge fund can not be raised to R20/R30 to achieve the goal in a shorter period. MW mentioned that the challenge was the price basket in greenfees needed to be taken into account and if this is done It will elevate the greenfees to a price higher than the norm in the area and surrounding clubs. - David Williams mentioned that the tree on the right of the 18th bridge is at the point of collapsing and is a risk. He mentioned that he did chat to Carel and was given a reasonable answer as to the reasons. - Dave Williams also mentioned about the newly formed Irene Old Oaks which is a senior members group playing every Thursday morning and everyone is welcome. - Jorge Rebello aske about the railway steel on the left of 7 and why it cant be sold of for scrap metal. - PC jnr mentioned that in past it was raised but it was mentioned that you can not sell that metal as scrap metal. - KL asked about the vacant Vic Captains Position on the committee - RP said that this will be filled 	
9	<p>Thanks: Members, Committee, Staff, Board</p>	

IRENE COUNTRY CLUB GOLF CAPTAINS REPORT 2017/2018

Dear Golfers

I will start off with a quote by Charles Dickens from a Tale of Two Cities:

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom ,it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.....”

“The Best of Times”

Perhaps this is a bit dramatic but it does show the positives as well as the frustrations that have surrounded golf operations. At the beginning of the year we were fortunate enough to host the panelists of the golf rankings to come and do their business on our course. After a great day and some waiting the results were published in all the golf magazines. Irene has broken into the top 50 in South Africa. What a remarkable feature given the tough financial constraints we are under. Well done to Diets and Carel and their teams. This is truly a great achievement for the Club.

The following tournaments were successfully hosted by the Club in 2017:

APRIL 2017	MENS CLUB CHAMPION	FRANCOIS PRETORIUS
APRIL 2017	LADIES CLUB CHAMPION	BONGI SHABALALA
MAY 2017	MATCHPLAY CHAMPION	JAQUO JACOBS
Saturday 13 May 2017	Irene Cup	NOLS STEYNBERG MANIE GENIS
Saturday 27 May 2017	Sanlam Cancer Challenge	A Div: WAYNE GRACE B Div: SANDOR BOTTYAN C Div: JURIE GOUWS SNR
Saturday 10 June 2017	Winter Trophy	RUAN DU PREEZ
Saturday 22 July 2017	Van Der Byl Trophy	OVERALL MENS WINNER: THYS STEYN OVERALL LADIES WINNER: BARBARA MATTHEE
Saturday 16 September 2017	World Cup of Golf	JOE MOLETSANE KENNY MDHLULI JAKES BOSHOFF CHRISTI VAN ZYL
Sunday 22 October 2017	Parent and Child/ Husband & Wife Golf Day	PARENT AND CHILD WINNERS: SEAN & KEVIN LAWLESS HUSBAND & WIFE WINNERS: ANTHONY & CHANTELE USMAR
Friday , Saturday & Sunday 17 & 18 & 19 November	John Peddie Festival of Golf	PETA GORDON
Sunday 26 November 2017	Lost Legends Golf Day	MARIO DE MELO ARTHUR DU TOIT JOHN TADMAN RIAAN HENDRICKS
	Waverly Cup Winners	DAVE SMITH LOUIS GERSBACH
	Law Cup Winner	HERBERT UREN

A big thank you to the sponsors for helping to make these events successful. A special word of thanks to Pierre Bleeker for his assistance in the Club Championships and for the sponsorship involved.

There is a proposal that the future Club Championships be hosted over one weekend with all the sections playing together. Please forward any comments in this regard to Dietrich

Sundowners

The Club has introduced a social once a month event to promote interaction between members and also the various other sports sections. This has been introduced with a social 9 hole fun format event with a spit-braai, live music and also kids entertainment afterwards. The event has grown but with more interaction from the membership this could be a great revenue generator for the Club.

League golf

The following teams were entered for the year, senior men, ladies and mid-amateur. The teams finished as follows

Men's Hcp League B – Won by Irene CC

Women's Individual League – Won by Irene CC

Mixed League B – Won by Irene CC

Scratch League A – Won by Centurion CC. Irene came 4th

Mid Am League A – Won By Wingate Park CC. Irene came 2nd

Senior Hcp League B – Won by Pretoria CC. Irene came last

Women's Thursday League – Won by Woodhill CC, Irene came 5th

Women's Saturday League A – Won by Zwartkop CC, Irene came 4th

Women's Saturday League B – Won by Woodhill CC, Irene came 2nd

Thanks to all the participants and well done to the teams that won their respective league.

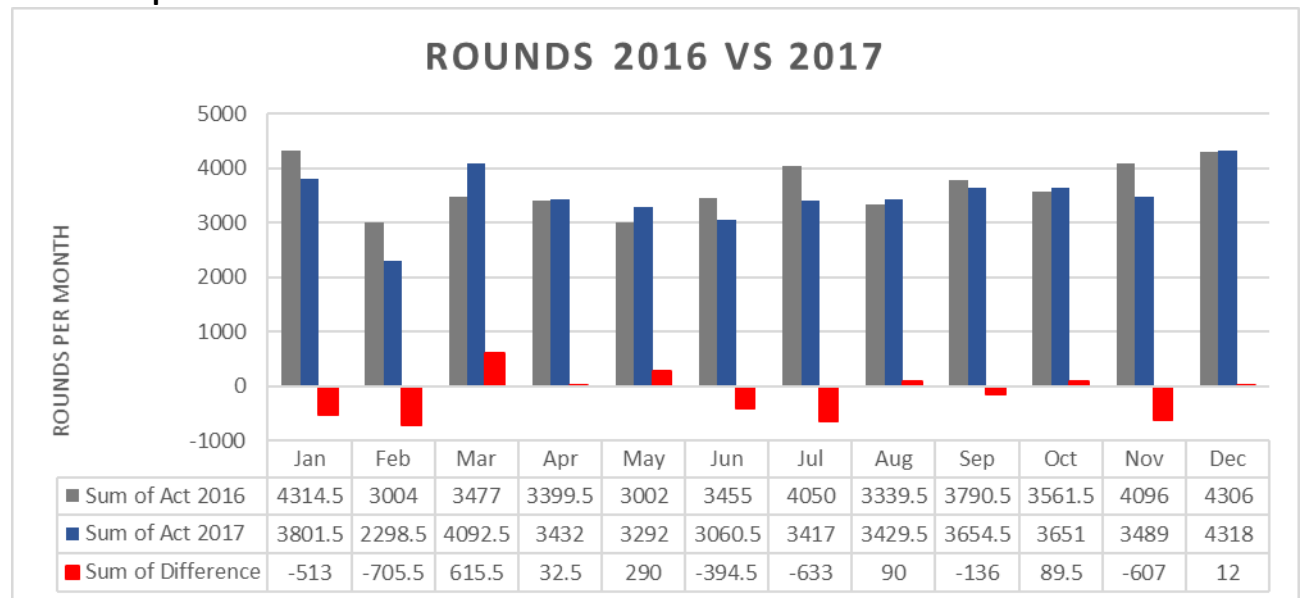
During the year we signed a contract with Owen Baker to assist the Club in growing not only junior golf but golf in general. Certain events are held throughout the year to enhance the game of golf and hopefully attract new members.

Members Deceased

Unfortunately we record with regret the death of the following Members for the year ended March 2018:

Eric Broekhuysen
 Avril Stevens
 Edward Usmar
 Craig Carlyon

Rounds Report 2017



Total 2016 : 43795
 Total 2017 : 41936
 Difference : (1859)

A special thanks to my committee Bruce Edwards (VC), Priscilla Seaton (Ladies Captain), Denzil Atkins, Karen Ireland, Jan Jenkins, Kelso Hannay and Alet Crous (resigned January 2018) for their support and understanding.

“The Worst of Times”

Golf remains fairly and squarely under pressure throughout the World. The fact that we are a top 50 Club in South Africa has not shielded us from the trend that every year there are fewer and fewer golfers with less disposable income. This year to date we have had the following resignations and defaulters from golf.

Golf Defaulters: 16
 Resigned Defaulters: 2
 Resigned Golf: 58
 Total: 76

In October last year we had a strategy session to look at ways we can turn the Clubs finances around. Various cost cutting exercises were considered and certain measures implemented. However the financial situation in the Club remains under

extreme pressure. We have entered into an exclusivity agreement with the Developer to consider a development at the club alongside the ninth hole, the aim being to create annuity income in perpetuity for the club to ensure its' longevity for the benefit of all members.

After 45 years in the service of the club it became time to bid farewell to one of the Irene legends none other than George Baloyi. A big thanks to all those that contributed to the successful golf day hosted by the club to boost his pension contribution, it was highly appreciated by him and his family.

Bridges

After nearly three years we have now received all the necessary approvals. The final assessment by the engineers with the expected costs have been provided to us.

These preliminary costs include the following:

1. Bridge at 18th tee with gabion complex
2. Bridge at 8th tee using current bridges on property
3. Collapsing gabion complex on the 9th bridge

It will cost approximately R 600 000 to complete the work. The priority at this stage is the bridge at hole 2 and 18. To date we have raised R 198 968. Leaving a shortfall of around R 400 000. After the rainy season we intend strategizing on the way forward.

In conclusion once again thanks to all the golfers and those that support the club. To all who contribute to this wonderful club experience. If I have left anyone out please forgive me. To a successful year ahead.

Raymond Paola
Golf Club Captain