



Club News

Rock Bottom *Specials*

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T-Bone Steak and Chips

Firstly , on behalf of the Board of ICC , I would like to wish all of our members a very prosperous new year. May you all have a great 2019 and we hope that all your wishes come true and that all you new years resolutions last for longer than a month :)

-During the past few weeks we have received some much needed rain. A total of 153mm fell during the period from the 28th of December and this has transformed most of our sporting facilities in a very short timeframe. All the facilities are in very good condition and we thank the course maintenance staff for their efforts during this period.

-Naturally the rain has also brought on some challenges all the paper and plastic from upstream has been dumped along the river course again. We are periodically cleaning the most visible areas to try and keep the course presentable but this is a challenging and very frustrating process. None the less we will keep doing our best to keep the river course as clean as possible.

- Our auditors , BDO , will be here from the 28th of January to start our yearly audit and we are looking forward to our 6th consecutive unqualified audit. The process will take about a week and we hope to schedule our AGM during the month of March but will notify the membership of the AGM. Thank you to Wessel du Plessis and the FINCOM for all the hard work in the financial area.

-The Course will be closed from the 4th of February—8th of February for the hollowtining period. If the course is able to open prior to that we will notify the members accordingly. The hollowtining is very dependent on the weather conditions and if all goes well there is a possibility of it opening sooner. During that period we will arrange reciprocity with other Clubs in the area.

-We are also very excited about hosting a Canon Sunshine Tour Ladies event here at Irene Country Club. We appreciate the support of the Sunshine Tour and I'm sure that professional ladies will love our course. They will be playing from the 29th of January until the 1st of February. So please if you are in the area , visit the Club and come and see how the professionals do it.

- In the last Board meeting of 2018 a Board decision was taken to look at some ideas into how the Club are able to look after the staff whom assist the members on a daily basis. We were unfortunately not been able to pay bonuses to the staff in 2018 but the Board would like to look at ways during the course of the year to raise some funds for the staff in a pro active manner. One of the ideas is to create a fund by way of our Pick the Joker initiative whereby we can subsidise some sort of payment at the end of the year to the staff for their continuous efforts in looking after the members and for keeping the course and all other facilities in great shape. The admin, front of house, kitchen, course, golf ops and cleaning staff is an integral part of the Irene Country Club and to ensure we have a happy and confident staff compliment we would like to dedicate this year to them. We are starting with the PICK THE JOKER again and this Saturday ,12 January, will be the starting period. The pick the joker is open to everyone and we would like you all to participate.



The pick the joker works as follows:

The Pick the Joker draws will be done on the following days

-Wednesdays evenings along with the Meat Competition prizegiving

-Saturdays after the evening prizegiving

-Sunday afternoons with the Sunday prizegiving

-On our Sundowners evenings once a month

A raffle sheet will be put in the pro shop. Tickets are available @ R20 per ticket and R50 for 3. Your name will be written on the sheet along with your telephone number and the draw will occur at the prizegiving. Tickets will also be sold before prizegiving. The winner of the draw does not need to be present but a nominated person for that winner will then draw the card on behalf of that person.

The takings will be split as follows:

20% of the days takings will be paid over to the daily winner.

40% will be allocated to the winner of the pick the joker

40% will be allocated to a staff fund.

The fund status will be updated on a weekly basis and we are confident that this will build a decent sized fund for the winners to be able to enjoy their winnings.

- The membership invoicing has been sent out and thank you to the members that has already paid your yearly subs. We appreciate your support of the Irene Country Club community. For those of you that are unsure about what packages to join , please note that we will have a membership desk at the Club on Saturdays from 6:30—13:00 to assist the members in which ever way and to answer questions about the membership options. The desk will be available until 26th of January. If you have not yet received your invoice please notify Michelle by way of email.—michelle@irenecc.co.za

We are looking forward to serving you again this year and your support of the Club is much appreciated.

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