



# STRAND LADIES GOLF NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2020

Welcome to all our loyal members,

Hope we will have a blessed 2020 ahead and that good golf will be played and a good spirit will prevail.

We started this year with a bang! I was so looking forward to start where we ended last year. Instead, I soon realised that there is a lot of uncertainty amongst members for the way forward.

Ladies, as a Captain I did not want to bombard you with the admin process. In all honesty I, myself, was and am still not assured how this transformation process will play out. Golf RSA have a 5 year transformation charter given to us, along with Women's golf SA (January 2019 – December 2023) and WP Golf transformation charter started all ready in March 2018 – July 2022.

Bottom line is we, as lady members, make use of the club facilities. There are no longer Ladies Tees, we participate in their competition days (and our ladies are winning it). We can't expect with these current economic times to be excluded in the transformation process. There might be a lady section here or there that might still continue for a year or two (maybe longer in the country side) but if we want to grow we need the help of our club.

Ladies, the Strand Club, I can assure you have our interest at heart. Our main goal is to play golf on the best golf course possible at the best rates and bring unity amongst fellow golf members (men and women). I promise you as Captain together with Susan van Biljon, our Secretary, that we are looking after the wellbeing of our members to the best of our abilities. You entrusted us in this position and we ask you to give us a chance. Change is not always good for some but I still believe the majority will find it welcoming.

The league players can vouch that we already gained from this. Our league outfits were sponsored by the main club for the first time. Thank you to Werner van Rooyen and Susan van Biljon for all your work behind the scene. We received so many compliments during our first league game (silver and bronze). The only challenge is to start playing the way we look.

**Tuesday Competitions** - As decided at the Committee Meeting we can't withhold men from playing in our competitions if they so wish. On trophy days they can't win our trophies but they can still participate and we will give them an additional prize in case they might be the winner on the day. Hope you will see this in a positive way and that new friendships will be formed. We are still keeping record of Room Cup /Fox Cup, etc. points and we will still have a prize giving at end of year function.

**14 January** - We started with our season launch, the Jackie Lester Trophy. This day was supposed to start the year with a positive note, I was ashamed the way some of the members felt toward the few men who played on this day. Ken Lester (Jackie's husband and our main sponsor for the day) applauded us in our thinking and vowed to keep sponsoring as long as it is possible. Surely our own feelings could have been put aside for a day and rather enjoy the day in the spirit it was presented. Nevertheless thank you to the rest of the 62 players who enjoyed this day.

**Our 4 Closest to the Pins were all Ladies:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gail Barnard
- 8<sup>th</sup> Brita Flech
- 14<sup>th</sup> Lynette Brink
- 17<sup>th</sup> Denise Fourie

Well-done Ladies!!!

**Our Jackie Lester Trophy 4 BBB Winners:**

Susan van Biljon (played an astonishing 70 Nett) with partner Werner van Rooyen with 47 points c/i.



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Johnson & Lex de Vries 47 pts (c/o)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mercia Ruegg & Petro Louw 46 pts.  
4<sup>th</sup> Cynthia White & Maureen Sheron 44 pts (c/i)  
5<sup>th</sup> Andrew Small & Willie Truter 44 pts (c/o)  
6<sup>th</sup> Jana Acker & Jo-Anne Bloemetje 43 pts

**21 January - 36 Ladies played in our WPGSA Medal & Putting Round One.** With extremely windy conditions and gusty winds of up to 60kmph our winners were:

**Copper: Runner up** - Sue Smith 82 Nett  
**Copper Winner** - Yu Meng Plathen 73 Nett

**Bronze: Runner up** - Petro Louw 70 Nett  
**Bronze Winner** – Susan van Biljon 64 Nett!

**Silver: Runner up** – Mai Musseleck 82 Nett  
**Silver Winner** – Cynthia White 79 Nett

**Putting: Runner up** - Susan van Biljon also 29 c/o  
**Putting: Winner** - Marie Smit 29 putts

\*(Counting out –we work on Stroke 1 /2 /3 etc.)

**28 January – A perfect day for golf. Strand Ladies 3 Ball Alliance:**



**Runner up:** 77 points: Cynthia White, Maureen Sheron and Marion Howells  
**Winners** on 81 points: Heliane Sternthal, Elizabeth Swanepoel and Marie Kola  
**Closest to pin on 17<sup>th</sup>:** Yu Meng Plathen

### **League - 28 January:**

Silver played at Erinvale against Steenberg and lost  
Bronze 1 played at Parow against Durbanville 1 and halved.  
Bronze 2 played at Parow against Erinvale and won.

Thank you to all the players for taking time out of their schedules to participate in the League, Well done to those who succeeded and hard lines to those not getting the results they hoped for. Everyone was hoping to start the season on a high but remember this is only the start.

### **Fixtures:**

I apologise for any inconvenience caused in this matter. We will only have booklets available end of February. Remember our season starts a month before the Main Club. The year end for the club is end of February so our expenses must also be part of their budget. In the meantime I asked Melanie to print a normal A4 sheet with fixtures on for those who want it in advance. The fixtures are also on the notice board in the ladies locker room. It will also be displayed on the inside of doors in the toilets. The monthly fixtures will also be shared in the newsletter.

### **February:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Medal Roome Cup2 (Draw)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Individual Stableford with Secret Partner  
(Combined Score – Timesheet)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Captain's Delight 6/6/6 (Timesheet)
- 25<sup>th</sup> 4 BBB Stableford (Sealed hole – plus – Timesheet)  
Ladies League

10<sup>th</sup> February - those wanting to participate in the WP Copper/, Bronze and Silver Tournament (to be played at Bellville) put your name on the list in the Locker Room or contact Susan van Biljon to enter you (due date 31 January).

We nominated a few players to present us in Town vs. Country, to be held 24<sup>th</sup> February. We are holding thumbs for selection as it is always a honour to play in this event.

### **Nominations:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Div: Tanja Jakobson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Div: Jo-Anne Bloemetje & Gail Barnard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Div: Susan Oosthuizen & Susan van Biljon

## **Strand Ladies Open: 19 March**

This year we are going with a “lighter theme” (Mexican) but still full out. Ladies, please we need all the help we can get. We can't upkeep this event if we all do not work together. This is our flagship event and also the biggest event as fundraiser for the Ladies. There are members who expect us to pay for their tournaments and for numerous events to help bring us together. I would love to start, if possible, to upgrade our bathroom décor this year.

We need cash donations, prizes and help from our members. We also need assistance at the registration table. Please contact myself/Susan van Biljon/Jo-Anne Bloemetje/Denise Fourie/Estelle de Klerk/Gail Barnard/Susan Oosthuizen or Lynette Brink for anything that you can help us with to make this a successful day. We tried to make this event less stressful on players with the 4 Ball Alliance and in the process our work increased for getting 4 of the same prizes. Hope the weather will be playing along this year. I know I can count on you to make this a show stopper.

**Please Note:** The due date for payment for the Ladies Open is 29 February at R395-00 after that it is R425-00.

### **Birthdays for February:**

- 5 Elizabeth Swanepoel
- 7 Marie Smit
- 21 Liza v/d Westhuizen  
Lorraine Joubert
- 22 Erika Kruger
- 24- Lynette Brink
- 26 Yu Meng Plathen



Ladies, all of the best for the year ahead, hope your golf scores will always be less than your age.

Lots of love.

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Great minds have purpose, others have wishes.  
“Washington Irving”