

SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF GAUTENG COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the following report for the above year, and for the financial year ending 31 December 2015.

Obituaries

We regret to advise the following members passed away during the year

Frank	Eksteen
Brian	O'Donnell
John	Mackay
Clive	Rice
John	Roos
Bob	Charlton
Don	Brierley
Jonathan	Edwards
Jake	Crompton
Ed	Lenferna
Brian	Burke
Des	Fraser

Committee

The members of committee for the year under review were:

John Brownrigg – President

John Ludwig – Captain

John Kershaw – Past President

Alan Field, John Hare, Derick Finlayson, Rob Wassenaar.

Brett Jones tendered his resignation during the year.

Secretariat

Frank Rosslee joined during the year

Jetske Kingma tendered her resignation during the year

Membership

Membership of the Society as at 31 December 2015

	ACTIVE	NON-PLAYING	TOTAL
Honorary Life Members	12	5	17
Veteran Seniors	10	45	55
Ordinary Members	183	64	247
TOTAL	205	114	319

During the year 9 new members were admitted.

Life Membership

At the last AGM Tony Buchan was elected to this category of membership and it is proposed that this year this honour be extended to Past President Brett Jones

International Tours

The UK Seniors toured in March 2015. A group of 16 seniors and their spouses visited our Society. Three games were played at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington,

Bryanston and Riverclub. Thanks to all the Gauteng Seniors who assisted and participated in hosting this very successful tour.

A team, captained by Stuart Morris, participated in the King Leopold Challenge in Belgium. The team achieved excellent results in all sections of the tournament.

The South African Seniors also toured Chile in November 2015 under the captaincy of Richard Jelley. Once again a very successful trip was had by all.

National Championships – Bloemfontein April 2015

The Seniors Nationals were hosted by Free State in April 2015 and a full team from Gauteng enjoyed the Free State hospitality. The next tournament will be hosted in Port Elizabeth from the 18th to the 22nd of April 2016. We wish all participants good luck.

Matches

The annual match against the Senior Ladies was held in October. The match was won by the Senior Ladies by 396 to 388.

The Triangular played at Harrismith Golf Club was well attended and won by KZN, but the triangular at Welkom was cancelled due to lack of a suitable course. Your Committee is currently looking at other venues.

Competitions

We had the pleasure of being hosted during the year by the following clubs, and we again thank them for their hospitality.

The Country Club Johannesburg, Parkview Golf Club, Krugersdorp Golf Club, Bryanston Country Club, Killarney Golf Club, Irene Country Club and Pretoria Country Club (these together with the Gauteng North Society), and Wanderers Golf Club.

Results of major competitions were as follows

Gauteng Championship	Winner	Terry Knight - 148 oco
	Runner-up	Richard Bruyns - 148
	Veteran's Cup	Lindsay Morrison - 71
	Best 36 Holes	Adrian Ball – 78
Anniversary Cup	Winner	Steve Sherwood – 43
	Runner-up	Alan Field – 42
Kearthland Trophy	Winners	Kevin Sullivan & Derick Finlayson – 44
	Runners-up	Pat Cronin & David Walker – 43
Satchwell Trophy	Winner	Jimmy Young – 42
	Runner-up	Bill Urmson - 41
Pinehurst Knockout	Winners	Alan Field & Richard Jelley
	Runners-up	Richard Spencer & Conrad Botha

Sponsorship

Our sincere appreciation goes to our National Sponsors for their generous support of our Society. Please support them whenever possible

SGUSA Strategic Session.

During the year your Society participated in the Strategic planning session of our Union. The main objectives were to review the current position of Senior Golfing in RSA and plan a way forward to ensure that the aims and the objectives of our Societies are met. The main item affecting all Societies was the reduction in overall National Quota which had the effect of reducing the Gauteng Active Member Quota from 229 to 200. This reduction will be implemented over a two year period.

Members Rounds

At the beginning of the year we embarked on a program of firstly informing all members of their playing responsibilities and commitments to Senior Golf. We posted schedules to all members showing their performance for the previous year. We have had a great response over the year and numbers attending the pitch and plays and the timesheet events has improved significantly.

Caddie Tournament

SGUSA advised that the 2014 Annual Caddie Tournament was the last, but would fund suitable PDI initiatives that are supported by their local golf Union.

The Gauteng Committee had agreed to sponsor a local event in conjunction with the Central Gauteng Golf Union. This was held at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington in 2015.

Home Course

We again record our sincere appreciation to the Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club for the privileges extended to our Society and members during the year.

The Club has extended these privileges to our Society for the upcoming year for which we are highly appreciative.

Finance

Our thanks to Messrs Ernst & Young for their continuing support of our Society by providing the required annual audit of our accounts. They have very kindly agreed to continue this service for the next financial year.

We confirm that the financial statements present a satisfactory state of affairs and have been unqualified by the auditors.

Surplus Investments

The Committee has agreed to invest a portion of the surplus funds that we currently have invested in a call account in quality equities with SA Stock Brokers.

SGUSA – Management Committee

Haydn Thomson has agreed to accept his nomination as our next National President. His term of office will commence in 2020.

Committee for 2015/16

In the terms of the constitution, subject to confirmation at the AGM on the 17th of March 2016, the committee for the ensuing year will be:

President	John Ludwig
Captain	Alan Field
Past President	John Brownrigg
Committee	Derick Finlayson, John Hare, Rob Wassenaar. John Kershaw, John Balderson and John Marshall

In conclusion I wish to thank every member of the committee for their support and attention to the affairs of our Society. It has been an honour to have worked with you. A special thank you to Jetske and Frank their able and professional support during the year.

I wish the incoming committee, in the face of a changing environment, the strength and wisdom to protect the ethos and principles of our great Society.

JOHN BROWNRIGG
PRESIDENT