

## **SENIOR GOLFERS SOCIETY OF GAUTENG COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016**

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the following report for the above year, and for the financial year ending 31 December 2016

### **Obituaries**

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

Bob Bertram

Chunky Young

Jim Tugman

John Thorogood

Barry King

Derrick Gleeson

### **Committee**

The members of committee for the year under review were:

John Ludwig – President

Alan Field – Captain

John Brownrigg – Past President

John Marshall, John Balderson, Derick Finlayson, Rob Wassenaar.

John Kershaw tendered his resignation during the year and John Hare tendered his resignation in January 2017.

### **Secretariat**

Frank Rosslee

### **Membership**

Membership of the Society as at 31 December 2016

	ACTIVE	NON-PLAYING	TOTAL
Honorary Life Members	12	4	16
Veteran Seniors	7	43	50
Ordinary Members	176	63	239
TOTAL	195	110	305

During the year 8 new members were admitted.

### **Life Membership**

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

### **International Tours**

A team, captained by Stuart Morris, won the King Leopold Challenge in Belgium and a team captained by Dave Horak won the 60<sup>th</sup> International Tournament in Deauville, France.

### **National Championships – Port Elizabeth April 2015**

The Seniors Nationals were hosted by Eastern Province in April 2016 and a team of 63 players from Gauteng enjoyed the local hospitality. The next tournament will be hosted in Cape Town from the 2nd to the 7th of April 2017. 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 Men by 439 to 436.

The match held in June at Royal against Gauteng North was narrowly won by ourselves, but the corresponding match held in Pretoria in November was won by Gauteng North

The Triangular played at Harrismith Golf Club was well attended and won by KZN, A quadrangular Tournament was held in Parys in August with OFS, N. Cape and Gauteng North and this was won by ourselves, with Gauteng North runners up.

### **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, The River Club, Parkview Golf Club, Krugersdorp Golf Club, Bryanston Country Club, Killarney Golf Club, Leeuwkop Golf Club, Modderfontein 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	Kevin Sullivan - 150
	Runner-up	Richard Spencer - 158
	Veteran's Cup	Rob Wrighton - 77
	Best 36 Holes	Ponky Firer 77
Anniversary Cup	Winner	Colin Gauld – 45
	Runner-up	Alan Field – 42
Keartland Trophy	Winners	Graham & Andrew Smith 43
	Runners-up	Gordon Huddy & Mike van der Riet – 42
Satchwell Trophy	Winner	John Hare – 45 oco
	Runner-up	Dave Holt - 45
Pinehurst Knockout	Winners	Richard Spencer & John Spencer
	Runners-up	Bobby Clark & Pat Cronin

### **Sponsorship**

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

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### **Members Rounds**

The Society has met the requirements of The South African Senior Golfers Union to reduce active membership to no more than 200 players.

<b><u>The playing statistics for the year were:</u></b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Number of fixtures	50	53
Number of rounds	2968	3138
Average no of members	198	218
Average no of rounds per member	15	14
No of members failing to meet playing commitments	70	97

### **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, in quality equities with SA Stock Brokers.

#### National Tournament 2018

This event will be held in Johannesburg at the Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Course and a tournament committee has been set up and comprises:

Chairman: John Marshall

General Purpose Officer: Chris Huddy

Golf programme: Kevin Sullivan

Finance; Derick Finlayson

Sponsorships: John Balderson

Ladies Programme: John Ludwig and Wendy Huddy

Committee for 2017/18

In the terms of the constitution, subject to confirmation at the AGM on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, the committee for the ensuing year will be:

President	Alan Field
Captain	Rob Wassenaar
Past President	John Ludwig
Committee	Derick Finlayson, John Brownrigg, 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 Frank for his 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 LUDWIG**  
**PRESIDENT**