

We trust you had a blessed time with friends and family over the festive season and that the best of 2015 will be the worst of 2016. We have seen the 2015/16 'silly season' come and go, and we are happy to report that the Club received excellent reports from the visitors. The following statistics for December may be worth a mention:

- 2411 x 18 hole rounds played by members a healthy shift from 9 holes to 18 holes
- 3040 x 18 hole rounds played by visitors split between 9 and 18 holes stayed exactly the same.
- Greenfees (5451 rounds) showed a 10 % increase on December 2014.
- > Bar turnover increased by 11 % on December 2014.
- A total of 1105 Club golf carts were rented out this shows a 17% increase in numbers and a 25% increase in revenue. The record number of carts rented out in one day was smashed and now stands on 72 carts (we only have 35).
- 54mm of rain just as the season ended with another follow-up of 15mm a couple of days later was just what the doctor ordered. The course showed its tough nature and transformed into the lush green vistas we are blessed with on a daily basis.



A positive sign was the participation of visitors in our weekly competitions as well as our Classic golf days. It was a season remembered for its extremely hot and humid days and very little rain. This will be a good time to extend our sincere gratitude to the staff of MBGC and the Global personnel in the pro shop for the numerous 15hr days, 3 weeks without a day off and the professional manner in which they dealt with the needs of our patrons. Your commitment is one of the strongest assets of our Club!! The Human Resources Sub-committee already started with a 'post mortem' on the season in order to improve on service delivery the following season.

THE YOUNG GUNS DO IT AGAIN

This is worth another mention....



Jordan Duminy



Martin Vorster

Congratulations to Jordan Duminy(12) and Martin Vorster(13) who were selected for the Golf RSA National Squad of 34 players for 2016. Martin also recently represented our Union at the under 19 inter-provincial tournament at the young age of 13. Southern Cape won that tournament! Well done to both of you boys, MBGC is very proud of you!

OP DIE BAAN

Selfs die ekstreme hitte en hoë humiditeit (wat 'n broeiplek is vir swamme) kon nie ons baan verhinder om sy mooiste en beste voet voor te sit vir die duisende besoekers en lede wat op ons baan kom speel het nie. As mens die toestande in ag neem sowel as die feit dat daar meer as 6000 rondtes gholf gespeel is in die laaste 5 weke (met 1700 in die 6 dae tussen Kersfees en Nuwejaar) dan kan jy nie anders as om met bewondering en lof van ons baan te praat nie. Ons is opreg dankbaar vir die heerlike reën wat geval het, alles op die perfekte oomblik.



Dankie weereens aan diegene wat moeite maak om hulle skade(en selfs die van ander) aan die baan te herstel terwyl hulle speel. Mense wat omgee vir ons baan is die rede hoekom ons bly groei.

Die 4rde setperk het probleme met dreinasie asook die gehalte sand wat in die boonste 70mm van die profiel is. Baie klip is gevind en die tekens dui daarop dat daar nie tydens vorige veranderinge die regte tipe sand gebruik is nie en ook dat die dreinasie onvoldoende is. Die saak geniet aandag en lede sal binnekort ingelig word oor die beplande maatreëls om die saak permanent op te los.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

The 2016 Club Championships for Ladies, Juniors, Men and Senior Men will take place on the following dates:

- 6 & 13 Feb Senior & Veteran Men
- 14 Feb Juniors
- 18 20 Feb Southern Cape Open (Course closed)
- 25/26 Feb Ladies
- 27/28 Feb Mens Championships



A warm welcome to all our old and new swallow family members from all over the world. It is always heart-warming to hear the joy in your voices upon arrival – almost like you are coming home! We trust that your stay with us will be blessed with excellent weather, great friendships and lots of first putts falling.



HOLE IN ONE NEWS

No less than 3 players recorded the 'perfect fluke' in the past 4 weeks on our course!! Congratulations to Elmar vd Berg winning a Passat worth a cool half million, Koos Snyman scoring his first ace as well as a visitor Sarel Kotze rounding off the trio. Well done!!



Elmar vd Berg

Koos Snyman





Results / Uitslae

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	GROSS B DIV 14	4-22				
1	ROELOF ENGELBRECHT	81	15			
	GROSS C DIV 2	23+				
1	DEAN BOUWER	96	23			
	NETT OVERAL	L				
4	CHRISTO JONCK	66	12			
5	PAT GOOD	66	13			
6	ALWO DERCKSEN	67	9			
7	WYNAND STANDER	67	11			
8	HENDRE GERICKE	68	11			
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4	JOHANN STRAUSS					
8	HENNIE KLOPPER					
12	WIEKUS PRETO					
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	B-AFDELING 25	+				

1 C.BRITS & D.WANDRAG 72 25 3 FRITZ WULF & SABINE SCHULZ 72 59 4 OOSIE OOSTHUIZEN & NICO PIENAAR 71 40 5 GAVIN REYNOLDS & JOHN MASIE 70 21 6 PAT GOOD & NIC WEIDEMAN 70 40 NEAREST THE PIN **4 SAKKIE VENTER** 8 JACQUES BORCHARDT 12 SAKKIE MORRISON 15 FERDIE JONCK

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