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#### .....NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Sunel Roos and her team, eagerly assisted by Rita Herholdt, are taking charge of making our Club a better experience for all. Some of the staff have gone for training on how to make the perfect cup of coffee. Our brand new coffee machine will be arriving soon so make sure you bring a few friends for a nice meal, a cup of your favourite coffee and a dose of friendliness on the side.

# **WORK ON PREMISES – PROGRESS REPORT**



#### Phase 1 completed

Parking area. We started using the completed section last weekend. Looking at the first phase fills one with eager anticipation for the finished product. The contractors have started with the next phase, which will at some stage be divided in two sections. This will be done to minimize the impact on the parking space. We will however make parking space available on busy days and weekends.

Offices to let. . We are awaiting applications to rent the 4 offices. Interested parties must send a mail (stating the nature of their intended business) to <a href="mailto:louw@mosselbaygolfclub.co.za">louw@mosselbaygolfclub.co.za</a> expressing their interest to rent. The area is 30m<sup>2</sup> and will be rented out at R3000-00 + Vat. Sport related businesses is preferred at this stage.

# **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Members.

#### 11th & 13th Greenside Bunkers

As you may know the two pot bunkers were filled in last week and the area reshaped to the surrounding grades. The reaction to the changes has been mixed. Some members felt strongly enough to put pen to paper to question why the changes were made. Also that the Membership was not informed about the changes ahead if time nor asked to comment.

In hindsight the changes should have been communicated to the Members prior to the changes being made. For this I am at fault and wholeheartedly apologize. The changes to bunkers have been under discussion in the last three Board meetings and contained in the Course Report.

The reason for the two bunkers at 11 & 13 being closed was because of them not being playable due to the depth and small size. It was decided that they be closed and the grass slope act as a run-off. Balls in the area should run away from the greens and down towards the drains. I have been made aware that the two bunkers were introduced about 5 years ago in an effort to toughen up the course along with some other changes. Armed with this information I fully understand why their removal is now being queried.

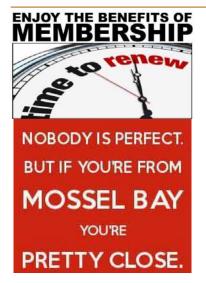
I had a meeting with Steven Roos and Derek van Heerden (Board member Course & Terrain) as well as General Manager, Louw Strydom, who has been fielding letters and complaints about the changes. We have agreed to revisit the changes and will ask the members to vote to keep the changes or to put new bunkers in. If we do put in new bunkers they will be better suited, not as small and not have such deep and steep sides. Sketches will be prepared true to the same motives of 5 years ago and members asked to vote on the changes at the AGM at the end of September.

The Greens Sub-Committee have agreed that regular course updates communicated to the Members will be helpful and useful. A communication about course related news and conditions will be produced by them. This will be included in the newsflash and placed in a prominent place in the club house. Please look out for their report, it will be available within a week.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members for taking the time and effort to communicate their opinions about the course and our club. Please feel free to continue to make suggestions, they will be properly considered and answered.

Regards,

Paul Brits President



Soos u weet is die nuwe finansiële jaar reeds op 'n stywe draf aan die gang. Die Klub is baie dankbaar vir diegene wat reeds getrou hulle subskripsies hernu het. U word ook vriendelik genooi om met die admin personeel te gesêls ten einde die korrekte pakket vir u behoeftes te kry.

Verder wil ons lede wat die Onbeperkte Gholf lidmaatskap oorweeg graag gerusstel. Indien daar 'n mediese voorval plaasvind wat hulle buite aksie plaas vir gholf sal die Raad die meriete en bewyse oorweeg en die lid se verliese terugbetaal teen die koers van R90/rondte waarteen dit aangekoop is. Hierdie oorweging sal slegs in mediese gevalle van toepassing wees.

# **GREENS REPORT (Part 1)**

#### **Current Challenges (D van Heerden)**

The fact that our greens are not built to USGA spec, with inadequate drainage and different sand types being used on different greens has a major influence on our maintenance. The lack of proper drainage or no drainage in some cases create conditions conducive to diseases. With no drainage it is also difficult to leach salts from the growing medium and, if not managed, the build-up of the salts can lead to grass loss and even greens to be closed.

The above together with an inconsistent depth of growing medium across the greens make it difficult to manage the greens as the water table and managing thereof is impossible. This will lead to over or under watering on different areas of the greens with both sides of the scale causing difficulties followed by inconsistent growth.

The biggest down side for not having proper drainage and growing medium is the fact that the greens compact more than normal and leads to anaerobic conditions and grass not growing. This together with the amount of rounds we do is our biggest challenge.

With all of the above factored in we struggle to maintain greens with a consistent speed and cutting height with the same effectiveness as surrounding newer courses with proper built and newer grass variety greens. We will maintain our green speed at between 8,5 and 9,5 and will cut them slightly higher. They will also be cut using walk-behind mowers the majority of times which will result in a smoother putting surface whilst giving them a bit of a roll at the same time.

Part 2 to follow in next issue.





# **Results / Uitslae**

	SAKEMANNE GHOLFI	AG				
	AANTAL SPELERS: 155	2000	VOORGEE			
	AFDELING A:0-24					
1	FANUS MINNAAR / JOHN BLYTHE-WOOD	47	23			
	AFDELING B: 25+					
1	ANDRE ZEELIE / LOUW DU TOIT	47	34			
3	ARRIE VAN DER LINDE / J J JOUBERT	46	24			
4	ANTON IZAAKSE (SNR) / JOHAN VAN RENSBURG	46	22			
5	DIETER VAN DEN BERG / RAOUL OVERBEEKE	46	43			
6	JOHAN LABUSCHAGNE / JOHANN BARKHUIZEN	46	34			
7	WYNAND STANDER / HEINRICH MATTHEE	46	29			
8	DANIE PRETORIUS / EDWARD PRETORIUS	46	25			
	NAASTE AAN DIE PEN					
4	ARRIE VAN DER LINDE					
8	DEREK VAN HEERDEN					
12	SAKKIE MORRISON					
15	WIEKUS PRETORIUS					
	MOST GOLF		(N 57			
	OOSIE OOSTHUIZEN / NICO PIENAAR	31				

SPELE	ERS: 105 IND S	TABLEFORD	SATERDAG 2		AG 2 JULIE 2016
		A AFDELING	0-13		
1	CLIVE KAP	PTEIN	43	5	
		B AFDELING 1	4-22		
1	CHARL DE V	ILLIERS	45	20	
		C AFDELING:	23+		
1	GEORGE SAI	OOWSKI	41	24	
4	TERTIA MITCHELL		41	25	
5	DAVID WANDRAG		41	11	
6	KOSIE OTTO		40	14	
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	AFDELING A: 0-13 CLIVE KAPTEIN (43)				(43)
	AFDELING B: 14-22	CHARL DE	VILLIE	RS	(45)
	AFDELING C: 23+	GEORGE SA	ADOW	/SKI	(41)
		NAASTE AA	N PEN	١	
4	CLIVE KAPTEIN				
12	KOSIE OTTO				

Enjoy your golf this week.

Louw & Team



# Pro Shop Talk

