

## OUR HOST: SCHOEMANPARK GOLFCLUB



### **NEW MEMBERS**

Marius Swart  
Johan Botha

### **GUESTS**

Niekie Potgieter  
Patrick Van Schalkwyk  
Charles Maree  
Andre Brink

### **PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

Andy Mafata  
Anton Coetzee



## Membership Summary:

Category	Jan. 2018	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2020	Current
Associate	11	11	7	9
Full	66	59	65	58
Honorary	3	3	3	3
Honorary Life	0	0	0	0
Non-Active	0	0	0	4
Non-Playing	4	3	3	3
Sponsor ( Local)	0	0	0	0
Sponsor( National)	1	2	1	1
Suspensive	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>

## BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY 2020:

- 08 October 2020 : Louis Lange**
- 10 October 2020 : Mok Lazaro**
- 15 October 2020 : Johnny Moore**
- 16 October 2020 : Leon Jordaan**
- 23 October 2020 : Jean Khouri**
- 28 October 2020 : John Blair**
- 31 October 2020 : Garth Leech**





## **Our Captain Johan Terblanche:**

We would like to thank our host, Schoemanpark, for hosting our monthly game. The greens are in a superb condition and all they now need is for some summer rains to get their fairways on the standard that they want it. I had the privilege of playing with the club manager, Andre Brink and a good conversation was had during the day. It is absolutely astounding that they have been able to keep the club open after the lock-down period as their losses were substantial. This can be said for all the clubs in South Africa and we as Nomads must do our bit to help these clubs in every way that we can. The rest of the fourball consisted of Ex-captain Gert Venter and Marius Swart, and fortunately they were contributors to my retirement fund, although in a small way.

Our main starter for the day was Benny Lindeque with Christiaan Nel and Emiel Jonker on the tee-boxes. A small delay was had with Neels Bezuidenhout, but this was sorted out by our fines master.

The day was ended with a proper prizegiving and we were able to conclude three prizegiving's and the official handover to the new committee in an acceptable time. Thank you to Ralph Olivier, our equipment officer for always being there and making the prizegiving's being hick-up free. The prizes were sponsored by GWK Properties/Patches Muller. This sponsorship should have taken place in March, but the game was rained out and carried over. Thank you for your support.

Welcome to our prospective members Anton Coetzee, Andy Mafata and Charles Maree. I hope you enjoyed our day. Welcome back to Tony Halgreen, former Freestater, that transferred from Easterns.

Caren Bester and Mellaney Hanton were manning the tables and from the onset everything went smoothly. Thank you to the Purple Team.

Past Captain, Pierre Goosen offered to make their debit order system available to us. This will further help us to move towards a total cashless system. We will be making the forms available as soon as possible to all the members, and then this payment option will be loaded onto our electronic entry form.

Be safe and see you at the next game.



## **IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS** **TO FREE STATE NOMADS**

It was indeed an absolute honor and privilege to have served as Nomads National Chairman in the 60th year since Nomads was founded in 1960. It was even more special to have been the first coming out of the ranks of Free State Nomads.

Please allow me to give a bit of a background of my Nomads career. I must be the only National Chairman who was never been invited to become a Nomad. A number of Nomads promised they were going to invite me, but never did. I couldn't wait any longer until one day, with the monthly competition in January 2004 in Ladybrand, I've decided to get in my car and just pitch up at the game. At the registration table, Margaret Braam asked me who invited me and I told her nobody, but a number of them promised but never did and I'm not going all the way back to Bloemfontein. She immediately shuffled the draw and put me in the 4 ball of Herman Braam. Even before I teed off with all the bantering at registration and on the T-box, having a whiskey and milk for the first time in my life, I knew, these are my kind of people, which I want to be associated with. And then came Herman Braam. When he bites, he never let go. He was on my case for 18 holes. If you've passed that test, you know you've made it.



Not long after I was inducted, I was invited to be Officer for Junior Golf, a portfolio not existing anymore. For many a year I had the privilege to take a team of juniors from the Free State to participate in the Junior Jock Tournament in Nelspruit. Not long after that, I was also asked to manage the Golforama portfolio, which lead to organizing the scoring team at many Sunshine tour events, 5 consecutive Q-Schools and the absolute privilege to assist with scoring at the Nedbank Challenge Tournament. After Mike Eksteen resigned as Nomad, I've accepted the Membership portfolio and not long thereafter the Handicapping Officer. Then came our Free State Nationals Tournament in 2008 where I've served on the Nationals committee and also being elected as JVC. In my year as Free State Captain in 2010, I have lost some of my committee members due to other commitments and since nobody wanted to put up their hands at that stage, I then took over the PRO portfolio and the Newsletter

Portfolio for a while. In 2011 with my Immediate Past Captain's year, the Treasury Portfolio was vacant and again since nobody put up their hand at that stage, I've filled that slot up to 2018. Free State Nomads is not a large club and has limited members, which are committee material and circumstances of some Nomads are as such that it is not possible to serve on the committee and one can understand and respect that. It is sometimes necessary for committee members to fill more than one portfolio.



My actual reason for filling you in on my background, is not to blow my own horn but to illustrate what is possible you are absolutely dedicated to Nomads and what they stand for. The show has to go and Nomads is much larger as the individual. We cannot fail those less fortunate than us. I have tried to play all my games since I was afraid I might miss out on the fun and usually last to leave after a monthly game amongst other. It never crossed my mind to ever stand for National Chairman. Many captains said they want to see me in the Chair and I laughed it off. Being involved with Free State Nomads was my passion, not expecting anything back other than seeing a full field, full prize givings and enough quality prizes every monthly game. Winning prizes and trophies are very nice, but it was never for me to see what I can gain out of Nomads, but rather what I can contribute towards Nomads and to grow the camaraderie, raising funds for Furtherance of Golf and to support all efforts by the respective Vice Captains to raise funds for charities. That is after all what Nomads is about and the message I've tried remind Nomads at all the other clubs I've visited, to get more involved because there is lots of people in the world who needs us.

Then Joe de Beer came by nominating me as Honorary Member, which swept me off my feet, never expecting such an honor. That made me very humble. Then Joe de Beer came again later in his year as captain and wanted to nominate me as National Junior Vice Chairman.

Obviously I've resisted with everything I had and it took Joe, past National Chairman, Robbie Frank and National Chairman at the time, Vic Hall a whole weekend to convince me since I didn't feel that I deserved it and also didn't feel that I was ready for it. As the weekend went along, the thought started gaining momentum and eventually over an ice cream in a restaurant in 2nd Avenue, my resistance crumbled. From that moment on, one's mind started shifting towards the National picture and responsibilities. During the 3,5 years at National Executive level, I had bad memories overshadowed by lots of good memories, met some awesome Nomads and played at courses which I never would have otherwise. As

National Chairman, I had the absolute privilege to play in 4 International National tournaments viz Zimbabwe, Botswana, Swaziland and Australia apart from the SA Nomads

National tournament, I've also played in the "curtain raiser" of Zambia's National Tournament which was due this year, and was invited to the Highveld-, the Seaboard- and the South Easter Challenges. It was not possible for me to visit the clubs in the UK and New Zealand though. I have also attended the only anniversary on the 2019 calendar, which was the 35th of Southern Natal Nomads. I have visited all 12 SA Nomads clubs and it was such an honor for me that a number of Free State Nomads joined me at the Easterns Nomads monthly game and the Botswana and Swaziland National tournaments. Also a special thank you to Louis Lange who joined me on my trip to Australia. What an experience.

I had to take 84 days of leave from work and was in total 101 days from home and I couldn't have done it without the support of my wife. Very lucky for me and for Border Nomads that the Lockdown came after I have handed over the reins to the new National Chairman, Stuart McIver on the final day of the SA National tournament in East London. My term as Immediate Past National Chairman will come to an end in 2022 at the Natal Nomads Nationals and in the meantime I have started with my planning for the 2023 Free State Nationals and would need the support of all Free State Nomads to make it the best Nationals ever to prove a point. My plea is for each Free State Nomad to play all your monthly games and to encourage everybody to do so as well from now on so that we can have the numbers at our Nationals and try and win the Bert Hunt Trophy for the second time.

Once again a big, humble thank you to Free State Nomads for your support as a club as well as individuals that supported me. It is much appreciated and I hope I can return the favour one day. You've made me a proud Free State Nomad.

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## PRIZESHEET: 11 OCTOBER 2020

Matchbox		<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	Tony Hallgreen			
Over 55 Winner		<b>36</b>	<b>15</b>	Pierre Goosen			
Best Playing Pair		<b>71</b>	<b>35</b>	Piet Britz	Emiel Jonker		
Best Playing four		<b>139</b>	<b>60</b>	Piet Britz	Emiel Jonker	Jean Khouri	Andrew Murray
Worst Playing four		<b>103</b>	<b>47</b>	Hennie Labuschagne	Laurie Badenhorst	Niekie Potgieter	
Best Drawn four		<b>130</b>	<b>30</b>	Wessel Mostert	ML Vosloo	Gary Lindeque	Marius Swart
Divisional Winners	A	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	Moeketsi Machogo			
	A	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	Rudi Botha			
	A	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	MC Pienaar			
Divisional Winners	B	<b>39</b>	<b>14</b>	Jean Khouri			
	B	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	Emiel Jonker			
	B	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	Andre Brink			
Divisional Winners	C	<b>36</b>	<b>15</b>	Pierre Goosen			
	C	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	Piet Britz			
	C	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	Marius Swart			





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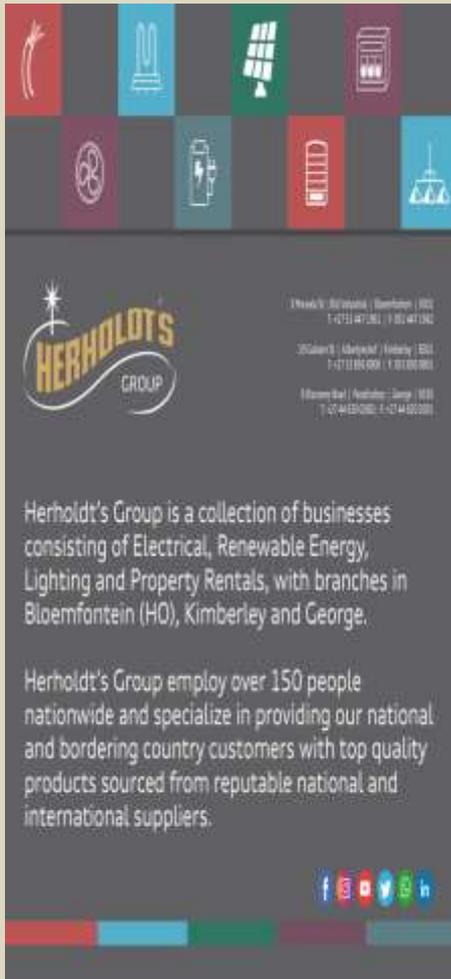


*5 Year Jie:*  
 Laurie Badenhorst  
*10 Year Jie:*  
 Ralph Olivier, Hennie Labuschagne, Bennie Lindeque

*20 Year Jie:*  
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