

COVID – 19 NEWSLETTER MAY 2020



Foreword:

This newsletter serves to give a little bit of feedback to the Free State Nomads of what has been happening behind the scenes for the past 2 months.

We are all living in very challenging times and the Covid – 19 epidemic came very sudden and as a huge shock to each and everyone. The announcement by our President of South Africa that the whole country will be in lockdown from 27 March 2020 came very unpredictable. We as members of Free State Nomads all have a certain type of personality and I believe that we are all outgoing and social people. We love playing sport and cherish great fellowship with our fellow members. To isolate yourself and discipline yourself to no exercise of your favourite sport, GOLF, was not easy.



Hopefully we can realise that there is a “method behind the madness” and keeping safe and healthy is very important. Hopefully we would look back at this experience and realise that it was all worth it at the end of the day.

Hope you enjoy this newsletter and that it will take your thoughts to different place; even if it’s just for a few minutes, a place where whisky and milk is served for breakfast, a place with lush fairways and perfect greens, a place with likeminded people playing golf and having great fellowship afterwards, a place called Free State Nomads.

Emiel Jonker

BIRTHDAYS MISSED OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS:

- 17 March 2020 – Brent Holmes
- 18 March 2020 – Piet BritzKenny Williams
- 02 April 2020 – Gert Venter
- 13 April 2020 – ML Vosloo
- 27 April 2020 – Benny Lindeque
- 11 May 2020 - Riaan Neethling





INCOMING CAPTAIN JOHAN TERBLANCHE:

Fellow Nomads,

My last game of golf was during the Buffalo Nationals in East London. I remember that whilst driving back from the tournament some of our fellow Nomads was trying to organise games at their respective clubs, that were severely impacted by rain during this period. To some those would have been their last games because from 26 March we were hit by a very restrictive lock-down because of the Covet 19 virus.

During the Buffalo Nationals I was in conversation with NEC secretary, Les Floyd, on what we must do as our 1 March game was abandoned because of rain. He came back to me the next day stating that Rule 20.1 must guide us – finish & klaar. After some deliberation, as I do not carry the Nomads Rules of Play with me everywhere, he said that a club shall hold a competition at least 12 times a year. How everything changed since then.

We have been informed that all games are suspended until we have been informed by the NEC when we can commence organising games. I am aware that Golf RSA did a presentation to the Minister of Sport on reopening golf courses for play only, under strict rules, and we await the response from the Ministry. These proposals do not include the opening of the full club facilities, but I am sure that we will make use of this opportunity to get a round in and meet some of those WhatsApp contributors who are due for a fine!

The club captains have received proposals from Stuart McIver, our National Chairman, on the way forward and the different clubs have until the 15th of May to give feedback, and we keep you abreast on the decisions taken. The following decisions have already been considered due to the limited number of games being played;

- Gary Player competition for 2020 is cancelled.
- Postponement of the Gold Cup to December 2021, with all games played since January 2020 being taken into consideration for the next round.
- All 2020 away tours are cancelled.
- Andrew Mentis Golf Days for 2020 are postponed until 2021.

We in the Free State are one of only three clubs that have already held our AGM. The clubs that must still finalise their AGM's must now find ways to get their members to vote for new office bearers and approve financials. As previously mentioned, we were not able to play our game on the 1st of March, but our members pitched, and we were able to conclude our AGM. Thanks, Free State Nomads.

I want to thank all the Nomads that made contributions towards the initiatives driven by Brent, Emiel, Deon and Jono. Part of being a Nomad is reaching out to others less fortunate than ourselves, and our members showed their commitment to these causes. We must only remember that this problem is far from over and these gentlemen can be contacted for continues contributions.

Your incoming JVC asked everybody if they could dress up in their No1's and have a whisky & milk for our April game, and the response was excellent. Kudu's for Ralph for even putting up the altar for his photo!

We will keep you abreast of all the developments and until we see each other again, stay safe.

Yours in Nomads
Johan Terblanche

Annual General Meeting 2020

Free State Nomads held their AGM at Schoemanpark Golf Club on 01 March 2020. Our monthly game got rained out and as a result we had a very productive meeting that was well attended!

The new committee for 2020/2021 were elected at the AGM :

Incoming Captain	: Johan Terblanche
Incoming Vice- Captain	: Louis Lange
Incoming Junior Vice- Captain	: Benny Lindeque
Secretary	: Mellaney Hanton
Treasurer	: Vaughn Healy
Away Games/ Golforama	: Joe De Beer
Equipment	: Ralph Olivier
Match Secretary	: Caren Bester
PRO	: Brent Holmes
Immediate Past Chairman	: Pierre Goosen
Membership	: Hennie Labuschagne
Web and Social Media	: Emiel Jonker

Congratulations to each and every one elected and good luck for your year ahead!

Buffalo Nationals: East London

The 55'th Nomads National Tournament was hosted by the East London Golf Club. The Buffalo Nationals was held from 08-13 March 2020. Free State Nomads was represented by 15 players:

1. Neels Bezuidenhout
2. Gary Lindeque
3. Moeketsi Machogo
4. Gert Venter
5. Hennie Labuschagne
6. Henry Johnson
7. Vernon York



- 8. Johan Terblanche
- 9. Riaan Ahrens
- 10. Mok Lazaro
- 11. Pierre Goosen
- 12. Laurie Badenhorst
- 13. Joe De beer
- 14. Louis Lange
- 15. Brent Holmes



The players report that they had a fantastic week with mixed results. Nonetheless they enjoyed themselves thoroughly and the Cowboy Bar was well represented during the tournament.

Congratulations to Hennie Labuschagne for winning the trophy: Best Player Free State 2020!



Covit – 19 Monthly Game

Free State Nomads Monthly game for April 2020 was suppose to be held at the Bloemfontein Golf Club on 19 April. Because of the lockdown, this could for obvious reasons not take place.

Our incoming JVC, Benny Lindeque, had the great initiative of having everyone dressed up in their NO 1's and have a whisky and milk on NOMADS. Our equipment officer, Ralph Olivier even put up the prizegiving altar.

Thanks for everyone's participation on the day!



Covid-19 Charity Events

During the lockdown a couple of charity events were initiated by Free State Nomads. Clothing and linen were collected from the members and delivered to Anchor of Hope to be distributed among the poor:



Jono and Deon also ran a project where food parcels were delivered to people in the Tweespruit area:



A Big thank you to everyone who contributed to these projects!

What have the Nomads been busy with during the lockdown?

Beard growing competitions:



Allot of braaing:

Gary Lindeque



Allot of Glenbrinth drinking:

David Wesso



Desperate times calls for desperate measures:



