

SCHOEMAN PARK GOLF CLUB

13 April 2025



4 Guests and 1
visiting Nomad
for our April
game

Another great day thanks to our national sponsors:








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FREE STATE NOMADS INCOMING COMMITTEE – 2025/26

NAME & PORTFOLIO		TEL	FUNCTION
Johan Terblanche (Captain)		082 924 8455	Responsible for the wellbeing of the Free State Nomads Golf Club.
Emiel Jonker (Vice-Captain)		082 339 9071	Responsible for prize givings and the raising of funds for the charities of his choice
Laurie Badenhorst (Junior Vice-Captain / Furtherance of Golf Nomads Foundation)		082 926 8304	Responsible for the starting at monthly games and the raising of funds for junior golf, ladies golf, disabled golf and support to golf clubs where we play our monthly games to improve the game of golf
Charles van den Blink (Immediate Past Captain)		083 300 2888	Assisting the Captain
Caren Bester (Match Secretary / Handicapper)		083 289 2483	Organizing monthly games and maintain the SAMSON system
Mellaney Hanton (Secretary)		072 132 9631	All club admin and correspondence
Hennie Labuschagne (Membership)		061 234 8765	All member matters including new applications, resignations, monitoring games played, changing of members' details, member milestones, inductions, ties, badges
Riaan Bester (Junior / Ladies Ambassador)		082 554 3093	Recruiting new Nomads. Communication channel regarding Junior and Ladies matters
Vaughn Healy (Treasurer)		084 890 8912	See to the well-being of the financials of the club
Joe de Beer (Golforama)		083 661 6544	Organizing support for scoring at Sunshine tour tournaments
Neels Bezuidenhout (Honorary, Away Tours)		083 440 0131	Managing entries, payments and accommodation for all Nationals, anniversaries and challenges on behalf of Free State Nomads
Neels Bezuidenhout (Honorary, Newsletter, Website)		083 440 0131	Compile the month newsletter and maintain and update the website

Daniel Venter (Equipment)		076 668 1407	Managing the and control the stock levels of the sponsored beverages, equipment, trophies, prizes, etc. See to setting up and removal of the altar for prize givings and safe storage of equipment. Updating nameplates on the altar. Collecting beverages of respective sponsors
Henk van Niekerk (Clothing)		082 563 0837	See to the ordering and supplying of Nomads branded clothing, excluding ties and badges.
Riaan Neethling (PRO / Sponsorship)		082 784 1020	Secure sponsors for every monthly game and collect prizes
Tony Halgreen (Honorary)		082 458 6118	Monitoring the activities of Free State Nomads to operate within and honoring the Constitution and Rules of Play

It would be much appreciated if you contact the appropriate committee member for the relevant enquiry/query.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Category	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2024	Jan. 2025	Current
Associate	9	9	10	10
Full	56	69	68	68
Honorary	3	3	4	4
Non-Active	0	0	0	0
Non-Playing	4	3	3	3
Sponsor (Local)	1	0	0	0
Sponsor(National)	1	1	0	0
Total	74	85	85	85

PROSPECTIVES

Lean Uys
Enrique van Wyk

BIRTHDAYS FOR April & May 2025

2 Apr: Gert Venter 8 Apr: Hennie Labuschagne 14 Apr: Patrick v Schalkwyk 15 Apr: Kalfie van den Hever 16 Apr: Riaan Bester 18 Apr: Darryn Horak 27 Apr: Benny Lindeque		6 May: Ruben Becker 6 May: Stef Young 12 May: Coenie Beukes 14 May: Ralph Olivier 23 May: Joe de Beer 24 May: Margaret Braam
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FROM OUR OUTGOING CAPTAIN'S PEN



Good Day Free State Nomads

Before we get started, I need to address something important.

I was not impressed with the few Nomads who arrived late for their tee-off time. This is simply not acceptable. Using “I overslept” as an excuse won’t cut it — and it won’t be tolerated. To those gentlemen: please make sure this does not happen again.

This was our final early tee-off until spring returns, and it was held at Schoeman Park. I think most of us are quite happy about that — those chilly morning starts are getting tougher!

I came into this game with mixed emotions. On one hand, I was happy — it marked my final round as Captain. But on the other hand, after all that’s happened over the year, I was also looking forward to returning to being a regular Nomad.

I’d like to extend a sincere thank you to my committee. Your support and hard work made a big difference throughout the year. A special thank you as well to the Ladies — your efforts to get the scores in on time never go unnoticed.

Lastly, congratulations to Johan Terblanche on being appointed the new Captain. I know you’ll do a great job!

See you all in Dewetsdorp on Saturday, 3rd May.

Remember, the Gary Player knockout kicks off in Dewetsdorp.

Warm regards,

Charles van den Blink

OUR SILVER DREAM MACHINE

Mellaney Hanton

Caren Bester

You look very happy
Caren. Wanna share
the joke?



PLAYER STATISTICS	
Description	Count
Nomads	56
Visiting Nomads	1
Guests	4
Prospectives	0
TOTAL	61

NOMADS SCORING STATISTICS			
Cut	No Change	Gained	Ave Score
2	22	32	26,3

WHISKY & MILK TABLE



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Guests	Prospective members	Visitors
Werner Britz Brandon Lotter Byron Wegger Ben Mohau Manyarela	None	Mpho Tohlang (Border)



Laurie Badenhorst (JVC, Emiel Jonker (VC), Johan Terblanche (Captain)

Prize Giving: 13 April 2025



INDUCTIONS & MILESTONES/ACHIEVEMENTS:

Gary Player 2024 winners - Certificates



PRIZE SHEET: 13 April 2025

Matchbox		13	6	Teboho Chaka (Apology)			
Over 55 Winner		32	11	Henry Johnson (Apology)			
Playing 4-ball Winners		116	45	Ralph Olivier	Brandon Lotter (Guest)	Riaan Bester	Brenden York
Drawn 4-ball Winners		113	21	Shaun Visagie	Riaan Neethling	Laurie Badenhorst	Mpho Tohlang (Border)
Worst Playing 4-ball		94	41	Teboho Chaka (Apology)	Moeketsi Machogo	Andy Mafata (Apology)	Ghost
Playing Pair Winners		68	36	Ralph Olivier		Riaan Bester	
Divisional Winner	A	32	-2	Shaun Visagie			
Runner-up	A	32	5	Gary Lindeque			
Divisional Winner	B	32	11	Henry Johnson (Apology)			
Runner-up	B	31	10	MC Pienaar			
Divisional Winner	C	34	16	Ralph Olivier			
Runner-up	C	34	20	Riaan Bester			

Champion of the Day: Ralph Olivier **(Sponsor: Bloem Marble & Granite)**



THE CAPTAIN: Charles van den Blink



THE CREED: Emiel Jonker



THE JUDGE: Charles van den Blik **PRIZE GIVING:** Big Wessel Mostert (VC)





Hey. I think I must duck. The fines are going to be substantial

Can't I have the toilet paper of the others as well? The ghost doesn't use his anyway.



When I look at you with both eyes, I see 3 players. When I close 1 eye, I see only 1. Must be the JW Blonde.

MOST GOLF: Teboho Chaka

WORST PLAYING 4-BALL: Moeketsi Machogo, Teboho Chaka (apology), Andy Mafata (apology), Ghost (apology??)

DRAWN 4-BALL WINNERS

Sorry. No photo. Camera jammed.

Shaun Visagie, Riaan Neethling, Laurie Badenhorst, Mpho Tohlang (Border)

PLAYING 4-BALL WINNERS



Riaan Bester, Ralph Olivier, Brenden York, Brandon Lotter (Guest)

That's rare. Slakkie
and Oupa in the
same photo



DIVISION WINNERS

C-Division: Ralph Olivier (34)
B-Division: Henry Johnson (32) (Apology)
A-Division: Shaun Visagie (32)



DIVISIONS RUNNER-UP

C-Division: Riaan Bester (34)
B-Division: MC Pienaar (31)
A-Division: Gary Lindeque (32)

Would that be your
ROBOCOP face,
Ike?



HERMAN BRAAM TROPHY

Lincon Construction Challenge:
Old Toppies (27,35) vs Young Guns (26,0)
Winner: Old Toppies

Gone like a
scone

WINNER OVER 55
Henry Johnson (Apology)

Enetjie vir jou
Wilmattjie



LONGEST PUTT – 13th
Ike Heyns



BEST PLAYING PAIR:
Ralph Olivier, Riaan Bester (68)

LUCKY DRAWS

**SHORT HOLE
AGGREGATE (4th)**

WHISKY, VODKA & CAPTAIN'S DRAW

Finger
licking good

Waar braai
ons Rudi?

Gone
Fishing???



(Sponsor, Auto Tech)
Teboho Chaka
(Apology)

Whisky & Vodkas & Captain's draw:

JOKER DRAW - Not won - Carry over R2000



OTHER RESULTS

Nearest to the pins: Shaun Visagie (6th)
(SPONSOR: TAX LAB) Cronje Ferreira (8th)
Anton van Ee (14th)
Etienne Blignaut (17th)

Longest drives (15th): Gary Lindeque (A-Div)
Gerdie Karstens (B-Div)
Armand Nel (C-Div)

Pick 3: A: 32, B: 32, C: 34 – Not Won – Carry Over R1006

Two Clubs: Shaun Visagie (6th), Vaughn Healy (6th), Etienne Blignaut (17th), Cronje Ferreira (6th).

Eagles: None

Hole-in-Ones: None

Average of the day: 26,3

CHANGE OF GUARD

CAPTAIN'S GIFT



HANDING OVER THE REINS



OUTGOING COMMITTEE 2024/25



INCOMING CAPTAIN – Johan Terblanche



INCOMING VC – Emiel Jonker



INCOMING JVC – Laurie Badenhorst



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

COMMITTEE MEETING



What's wrong with everybody lips



Riaan, we know what you're doing. Definitely not kissing.

Who's lips are who's?



TROPHIES DONATED TO FS NOMADS BY PIET BRITZ



ON THE COURSE

Borat Junior for good times sake Cappie. To who did you lose a bet or did somebody dared you?



Taking relief
Cappie?



Awk Ntate Jono. Ek hoop jy
tip goed. Ek , ek loop
sommer baie ver vandag



3rd Shot from next to the practice green.
Didn't reach the fairway after 5 shots



Somebody watched the Open



OFF THE COURSE





What are
you smelling
Jono?



Smile bietjie
Laurie. Jy bang
vir vrouens?



Soek jy 'n gummy my Oompie?



Why so sad Joe?
Het jou vrou gebel?



How do you like my
new glasses Francois?

Bunny hugger, Cronje?



Jy's seker nie ernstig
nie, Mielie



Bernu, sal jy my nuwe
Gary Player partner
wees?



Mokkie, did you hear
what Mielie asked me





60TH NOMADS JUBILEE NATIONALS

HERMANUS GOLF CLUB (16 – 20 March 2025)

CAPTAIN OF FREE STATE NOMADS

Blerrie Vrystaat het baie gesukkel



Fellow Nomads,

As always, the highlight of our golfing calendar was the Nationals — and this year, it took us to beautiful Hermanus. The tournament followed a 4-day, 3-game format (though there's talk it might return to the 6-day, 4-game structure next year). Some of us were fortunate enough to enjoy a rest day between games, while others had to grind through three consecutive rounds. That's the luck of the draw!

We went down with a strong team, and I genuinely believed we had a shot at taking the title — but it just wasn't meant to be this time. The fairways were lush and in excellent condition, with no placing allowed, which added a real challenge. It took real discipline not to instinctively mark, clean, and replace the ball — the natural reaction for many of us. The greens were just as impressive: fast, true, and running like the "Road Runner"!

The camaraderie throughout the week was second to none. On nights without prize-givings, we enjoyed laid-back braais, with Neels and Johann entertaining us on the guitars. A big thank you to the ladies who prepared the side dishes — and of course, no night was complete without a few shooters for fines!

We had 15 players in total, including 3 newbies, and some brought their wives along, which made the experience even more special. What really stood out was how these few days allowed us to connect on a deeper, more personal level — far beyond the quick greetings at our regular monthly games.

The accommodation was spot on — once again, hats off to Neels for organizing everything so perfectly!

A big congratulations to Henk for finishing as the top Free State player and securing an impressive 13th place overall — a fantastic achievement! And as for Cronje... better luck next year! 😊

I strongly encourage all Nomads — even if you've only been a member for a year — to put your name down for next year's Nationals, which will be held at the stunning Selborne Golf Club near Scottburgh. If you're unsure, send your completed entry form. You can always withdraw later, but once the cutoff date for entries has closed, you will not be allowed to enter.

Hope to see you guys down there!

Greetings

Charles van den Blink

HALFWAY STOP KLEIN KAROO GAME LODGE - OUDTSHOORN

Captain handing out Nationals Caps



Why so sad Joe. You will get yours



Ek watch jou Joe



Het julle hom vandag al gesien?



Wonder wie's die ergste, Joe of Jono?



Wat bedoel jy Joe?



Ek het dan net nou die dag die Minolta Challenge gewen



Ek se jou. Hierdie jaar wen ek die Nationals.



BACK ON THE ROAD TO HERMANUS

Wine tasting at BOPLAAS



Joe wins 1st prize for tasting



A quick stop at RSS to experience some of the talent and decorations



We've decided to rather have lunch somewhere else



ACCOMMODATION AT THE BEACH CLUB



"A" staan vir Aartappel, want jy is
my gunsteling, gunsteling....



Now he snores



Now he doesn't



The culprit who drank our
booze and used all our ice
while we are golfing



I just love this pink belt

FREE STATE HAS TALENT



Belinda, hoor hier. Hierdie is Mok se pienk belt en pienk bril.
Jy kan dit dra die dag as ek dit gewen het.



FLAG RAISING



COWBOY BAR – 9th T-Box



Why do so many Free Staters wear sunglasses?
The sun isn't even shining



Die lig is skerp. Kan ek asb jou sonbril leen, Cronje.



Dankie Cronje. Kan ons weer wed?



This was not a golf prize. Any particular reason why Lizzie bought you this?



OFF-DAY ENTERTAINMENT

If you dare go out for a smoke, you become a Pirate, a Captain and all of a sudden it's your birthday as well when you return.



And a birthday
present



Platter for 8!!!!



We've decided to braai
fresh fish caught by
Domoknees and Bernu
one night. We ended up
buying fish for the
obvious reason.



NATIONALS PRIZE GIVING

Hoeveel platters het jy al gewen Johan?



I've won a whale



Waiter!!!!

Eet mooi Hennie



Cheers!!!!



Prize winners



Henk van Niekerk
Winner C-Div – 3rd round



Daniel Venter - Nearest the pin
Henk van Niekerk – Best Free State Player
Joe de Beer – Runner-up B- Div – 3rd round

Best Free State Nomad at Nationals

(Trophy donated by Johan Terblanche)

Congratulations Henk



SA-NOMADS NATIONALS 2025 SCORES FOR FS-NOMADS

FREE STATE				
PLAYER	Round_1	Round_2	Round_3	TOTAL
BESTER Riaan	25	26	32	83
BEZUIDENHOUT Neels	28	25	30	83
DeBEER Joe	23	24	35	82
ERASMUS Johann	26	28	22	76
FERREIRA Cronje	25	22	21	68
LABUSCHAGNE Hennie	25	25	31	81
LAZARO Mok	29	19	29	77
MACHOGO Moeketsi	33	23	21	77
NEETHLING Riaan	23	30	39	92
TERBLANCHE Johan	24	26	27	77
Van Der MERWE Domonique	30	28	23	81
VandenBLINK Charles	29	23	26	78
VandenHEEVER Bernu	22	26	27	75
VanNIEKERK Henk	28	37	28	93
VENTER Daniel	28	29	35	92

FIXTURES FOR 2025/26

EVENT	GOLF COURSE	DATES
Monthly game/Gary Player	Dewetsdorp Golf Club	03 May
Monthly game	Bloemfontein Golf Club	08 Jun
FOG Golf Day	Schoeman Park Golf Club	16 Jun
Monthly game	Schoeman Park Golf Club	27 Jul
Monthly game	Schoeman Park Golf Club	10 Aug
Monthly game	Bloemfontein Golf Club	14 Sep
AMEF Golf Day	Schoeman Park Golf Club	24 Sep
Monthly game	Dewetsdorp Golf Club	18 Oct
Veldskoen Challenge	TBC	TBC
Monthly game	Schoeman Park Golf Club	02 Nov
Monthly game/Gold Cup	Schoeman Park Golf Club	23 Nov
Monthly game	Bloemfontein Golf Club	18 Jan
Monthly game/Bell Cup	The Clarens Golf Club	14 Feb
Monthly game	Schoeman Park Golf Club	02 Mar

EVENTS FOR 2025/26

EVENT	GOLF COURSE	DATES	STATUS
42 nd Zimbabwe Nationals (Trailblazer)	Bulawayo Golf Club	30 Apr–3 May	Entries closed 7 Feb
Border 50th	Olivewood & West Bank	14 – 15 Jun	Entries close 8 May
2 nd UK Nationals (Kernou Nationals)	St Million Resort & Spa, Cornwall	11 – 12 Jul 25	Link for entries available
4 th Zambia Nationals (The Eagle Nationals)	Lusaka Golf Club	17 – 19 Jul 25	Entry forms available, Entries close 15 May
Southern Cape 40th	Plettenberg Bay Golf Club	5 – 6 Sep 25	Awaiting details
23 rd Botswana Nationals	Phakalane	14 – 16 Sep 25	Awaiting details
Western Province 60 th	Durbanville	27 – 28 Sep	TBC
9 th Eswatini Nationals	Royal Swazi	16 – 18 Oct 25	Awaiting details
15 th Australian Nomads Nationals	Perth	24 – 26 Oct 25	On-line entry available
Gauteng 55th	TBC	5 th Dec	Awaiting details
61 st SA Nomads - Whale Nationals	Selborne Golf Club	7 – 11 Mar	Awaiting details

NEXT NOMADS GAME:

Dewetsdorp Golf Club – Saturday 3 May 2025

Remember: Gary Player Knockout kicks off at Dewetsdorp



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