

# THE CLARENS GOLF CLUB

15 February 2025



13 Visiting  
Nomads, 1  
Prospective and  
10 guests for our  
February game

Another great day thanks to our national sponsors:














**DIAGEO**

JOHNNIE WALKER.

And our national partners:



## FREE STATE NOMADS COMMITTEE – 2024/25

NAME & PORTFOLIO		TEL	E-MAIL	FUNCTION
<b>Charles van den Blink</b> (Captain)		083 300 2888	charles@vdblinkandsons.co.za	Responsible for the wellbeing of the Free State Nomads Golf Club.
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<b>Tony Halgreen</b> (Honorary)		082 458 6118	tony.halgreen@gmail.com	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	9
Full	56	69	68	69
Honorary	3	3	4	4
Honorary Life	0	0	0	0
Non-Active	0	0	0	0
Non-Playing	4	3	3	3
Sponsor ( Local)	1	0	0	0
Sponsor( National)	1	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>

### **PROSPECTIVES**

**Leon Els**  
**Lean Uys**

### **BIRTHDAYS FOR February & March 2025**

<p><b>7 Feb: Laurie Badenhorst</b> <b>8 Feb: Daniel Venter</b> <b>10 Feb: Johan Terblanche</b> <b>17 Feb: Gerber Rossouw</b> <b>18 Feb: Basie Crause</b> <b>25 Feb: Caren Bester</b> <b>26 Feb: Etienne Blignaut</b></p>		<p><b>1 Mar: Marius Swart</b> <b>11 Mar: Herman Braam</b> <b>17 Mar: Jono van Rensburg</b> <b>21 Mar: Andre Rheeder</b> <b>25 Mar: Gerdie Karstens</b></p>
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## FROM THE CAPTAIN'S PEN



What a perfect setting for a Valentine's weekend getaway with the chaps, their partners, guests and all the camaraderie.

Clarens Golf and Leisure Estate hosted us this past weekend and the course was in immaculate condition. Thank You chaps.

Thank you to LEDVANCE for the monthly sponsor as well as Christiaan Nel for the snacks. Also, thanks to all our **National** and **Local** Sponsors for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

I had the privilege of playing with the Captain of Northerns, Brent Holmes and vice-Captain Glen Wienand (thanks for doing the creed) and Stevie Milton also known as Double Drop. As most of you will know, Northerns Nomads joined us for the yearly "John Frayne Bells" trophy. Unfortunately for us, Brent brought their A team along and managed to snatch the trophy away from us. With an average of 30,0 it was truly a great win. Well-done Northerns!

Congratulations to Altus on the ten-year tie and of course doing a brilliant job as fines master and to Christiaan Nel receiving his 5-year tie. Also, congrats to Wessel Smit, JC van den Berg and Alrico Bester on becoming a part of the Nomads-family.

And what a beautiful moment with Johann and Nicky's engagement! Wishing them all the best, and a light-hearted reminder for Johann to keep it together! 😊

Last but not least. We hope Uncle Garth Leech is recovering very soon. A huge thank you to Caren who has done the draw from her hospital bed in Johannesburg and almost permanently on the phone assisting Mellaney with capturing the scores and updating SAMSON. Hope the new skin will be the solution she's been waiting for.

Our next game will be held at **Bloemfontein Golf Course on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Please remember it's the AGM and this will be held directly after the game.

Nomad Greetings

**Charles van den Blink**

## OUR SILVER DREAM MACHINE

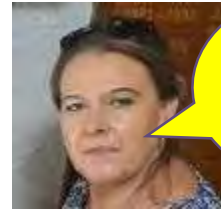
**Mellaney Hanton**

Sjoe. What a day.



**Caren Bester**

Please buy Mellaney another Castle Lite



On the phone from her hospital bed.

Thank you so much Caren

PLAYER STATISTICS	
Description	Count
Nomads	37
Visiting Nomads	13
Guests	10
Prospectives	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>

NOMADS SCORING STATISTICS			
Cut	No Change	Gained	Ave Score
9	14	14	29,3

## WHISKY & MILK TABLE



## Main Sponsors of the day: LEDVANCE



### **Sponsor of Prize giving snacks: Christaan Nel & Ledvance (Charles van den Blink)**



<b>Guests</b>	<b>Prospective members</b>	<b>Visitors</b>
Van Zyl Brink	Lean Uys	Brent Holmes (Northerns) Capt.
Andre Bronkhorst		Dennis Cooke (Northerns)
Andre Bester		Platjie Klaasen (Northerns)
Boy Becker		Eric Smal (Northerns)
Piet van den Berg		Billy Bekker (Northerns)
Marnus van den Berg		Francois Aylward (Northerns)
Werner Vermaak		Michael Drummond (Northerns)
Michael MacDonald		Glen Wienand (Northerns)
Thabang Khabu		Clayton Wright (Northerns)
Hendri Olivier		Denton Hobson (Northerns)
		Ivan Bekker (Northerns)
		Christo Smit
		Christiaan Smit

## **INDUCTIONS & MILESTONES/ACHIEVEMENTS:**

### **INDUCTIONS:**

**Wessel Smit**



**JC vd Bergh**



**Alrico Bester**



### **TIES:**

**5 Year Tie  
Christiaan Nel**



**10 Year Tie  
Altus Beaston**





## **PRIZE SHEET: 15 February 2025**

<b>Matchbox</b>		9	18	Johann Erasmus			
<b>Over 55 Winner</b>		7	37	Christo Smit			
<b>Playing 4-ball Winners</b>		40	133	Boy Becker	Mok Lazaro	Michael MacDonald	Thabang Khabo
<b>Drawn 4-ball Winners</b>		54	133	Marius Kingsley	Wessel Smit	Glenn Wienand	Christiaan Nel
<b>Worst Playing 4-ball</b>		72	104	Ralph Olivier	Hendri Olivier	Piet vd Berg	Marnus vd Berg
<b>Playing Pair Winners</b>		21	68	Boy Becker		Mok Lazaro	
<b>Divisional Winner</b>	<b>A</b>	7	37	Werner Vermaak			
<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>A</b>	7	37	Christo Smit			
<b>Divisional Winner</b>	<b>B</b>	15	37	Wessel Smit			
<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>B</b>	11	35	Marius Kingsley			
<b>Divisional Winner</b>	<b>C</b>	16	37	Brent Holmes			
<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>C</b>	19	34	Riaan Bester			

### **Champion of the Day: (Sponsor: Ledvance) Werner Vermaak**



## **Prize Giving: 15 February 2025**

**THE CAPTAIN:** Charles van den Blink

Do you really want a photo of me? So sweet.



**THE CREED:** Glenn Wienand  
In proper English

Thanks. Let me show you how to do it.



**THE JUDGE:** Altus Beaston

Kan almal my 10 jaar das sien?



**I've waited 10 years for this opportunity**

**PRIZE GIVING:** Wesley Mostert (VC)

Hoop nie ek het die pienk hoed gewen nie



**Die sadste Mielie in die Vrystaat???**



**MOST GOLF: Johann Erasmus**  
(18 points off a 9 handicap)



**WORST PLAYING 4-BALL: Altar bunnies**  
Piet vd Berg, Hendri Olivier, Ralph Olivier,  
Marnus vd Berg (bathroom break)



**DRAWN 4-BALL WINNERS**

Marius Kingsley, Glenn Wienand, Wessel Smit,  
Christiaan Nel



**PLAYING 4-BALL WINNERS**

Mok Lazaro, Michael MacDonald, Thabang  
Khabo, Boy Becker



**DIVISION WINNERS**

**C-Division:** Brent Holmes (37)  
**A-Division:** Werner Vermaak (37)  
**B-Division:** Wessel Smit (37)



**DIVISIONS RUNNER-UP**

**A-Division:** Christo Smit (37)  
**C-Division:** Riaan Bester (34)  
**B-Division:** Marius Kingsley (35)

Old Toppies,  
 go and  
 practice.



**WINNER OVER 55**  
 Christo Smit



**HERMAN BRAAM TROPHY**  
 (Lincon Construction Challenge:  
 Old Toppies 27,55) vs Young Guns 29,82)  
**Winner: Young Guns**



**LONGEST PUTT – 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 Eric Smal

Boy, can I please swop you for the white golf cap, otherwise the golfers can't see me in the rough.



Nice to win some of my sponsor back



Always nice to have talent

**BEST PLAYING PAIR: (70)**

Mok Lazaro (The Black Swim Cap)  
Boy Becker

**NEAREST TO THE PINS:**

(Sponsor: Tax Lab)  
Laurie Badenhorst (17<sup>th</sup>)  
Michael MacDonald (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Wessel Smit (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Boy Becker (14<sup>th</sup>)

Ek is sterker as wat ek lyk



**LONGEST DRIVES (12<sup>th</sup>):**

B-Division – Gerdie (Gorilla) Karstens  
A-Division – Mike Drummond  
C-Division – Ivan Bekker

## LUCKY DRAWS

SHORT HOLE AGGREGATE (4<sup>th</sup>)

WHISKY, VODKA & CAPTAIN'S DRAW



(Sponsor: Auto Tech)  
James Moore (Apology)

Vrystaat jou  
lekker ding



Captain's draw: Francois (Doodsboot) Retief  
Whisky & Vodkas draw: Eric Smal, Henk van Niekerk, Glenn Wienand

**JOKER DRAW- WON!!!!!! R7966**

**CONGRATULATIONS ANDRE BRONKHORST**

Beginner,s luck.  
Andre, kry jou  
aansluitingsvorm  
by Hennie.



## OTHER RESULTS

**Pick 3:** A: 37, B: 37, C: 37 – Not Won R313

**Two Clubs:** Andre Bronkhorst (7<sup>th</sup>), Marius Kingsley (7<sup>th</sup>), Charles vd Blink (14<sup>th</sup>), Steven Milton (14<sup>th</sup>), Laurie Badenhorst (17<sup>th</sup>), Billy Becker (7<sup>th</sup>), Michael MacDonald (7<sup>th</sup>)

**Eagles:** Marius Kingsley (8<sup>th</sup>), Daniel Venter (12<sup>th</sup>), Kevin Coertzen (8<sup>th</sup>)

**Hole-in-Ones:** None

**Average of the day:** 29,3

# JOHN FRAYNE BELLS CUP CHALLENGE

FREE STATE NOMADS vs NORTHERNS NOMADS

**WINNERS 2025 – NORTHERNS NOMADS!!!!!!**



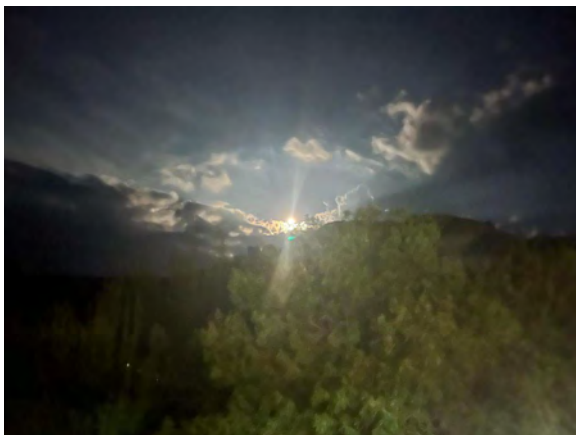
**CONGRATULATIONS NORTHERNS**



Let's bow our heads and pray that Free State win the cup next year

# BUILDING CAMERADERIE

## AT KIARA LODGE





## BREAKFAST AT PROTEA HOTEL



## BEFORE THE GAME

Ek sal my bag drop  
vir elkeen wat my  
R20 gee



Enetjie vir  
die na-dors



# ON THE COURSE

Ek sukkel om  
almal in te kry



1<sup>st</sup> Tee

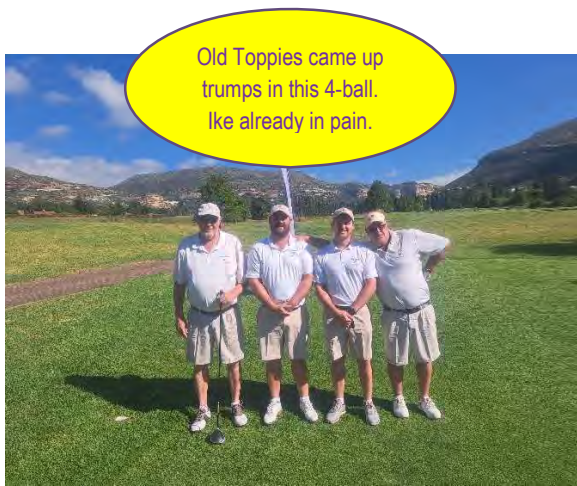


10<sup>th</sup> Tee



Captain's 4-ball





Old Toppies came up trumps in this 4-ball. Ike already in pain.



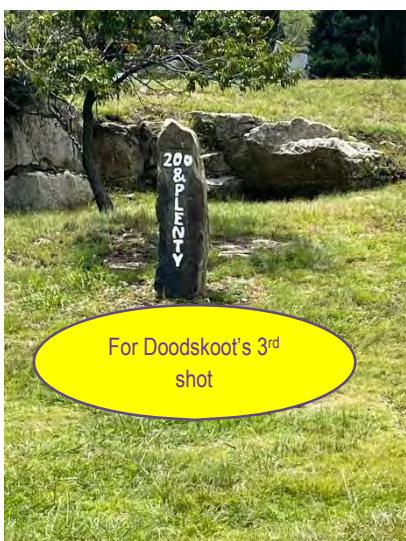
Did anybody see my ball?



Chicken parade



Par 3, empty green, Riaan?



For Doodsboot's 3<sup>rd</sup> shot



What is Brent doing? Looking for his ball, preparing for a "plasia" or passing a wind? You decide.



## RELAXING AFTER THE GAME

Lerato, prize giving 5 minutes



Who's buying the first round?

Christiaan, jy gaan nou van die stoel af moer.



Wil een van julle dalk Solar opsit?



Dis nie my  
pappa en  
mamma nie



## PRIZE GIVING



Skuif nader  
mamma.



Nee. Ek wil op  
die tafel dans.

Ek wens iemand kan my help  
om 'n dasknoop te maak



Sorry. Kan nie  
help nie my Skat.



Love birds



Hey, pay  
attention Mok



Welcome back, Platjie





The longer you're married, the further you sit apart



Ons gaan boot ry

Ai, ek het darem baie na jou verlang.

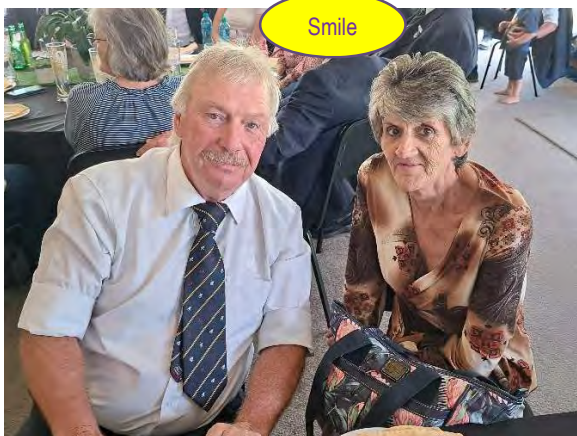


Jou baard kielie my.



Charles, are you asleep?









Thumbs up. Like farther, like son.



Ek betaal niks



Waar's dit lekker?



Lerato, what did you do this time?

# CONGRATULATIONS JOHANN & NICKY!!!!

**BEFORE**  
Engaged on Valetine's  
day



**RESULT**  
Match box winner



**AFTER**



## **FIXTURES FOR 2025**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>GOLF COURSE</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Monthly game/AGM	Bloemfontein Golf Club	02 Mar
Monthly game/Changing of Guard	Schoeman park Golf Club	13 Apr
Monthly game/Gary Player	Bloemfontein Golf Club	04 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	Kimberley Golf Club	16 Aug
Monthly game	Bloemfontein Golf Club	14 Sep
AMEF Golf Day	Schoeman Park Golf Club	24 Sep
Monthly game	Dewetsdorp Golf Club	18 Oct
Monthly game	Schoeman Park Golf Club	02 Nov
Monthly game/Gold Cup	Schoeman Park Golf Club	23 Nov

## EVENTS FOR 2025/26

EVENT	GOLF COURSE	DATES	STATUS
New Zealand Nationals (Queenstown Tour)	Queenstown, Millbrook Remarkables, Millbrook Coronet, Jacks Point	28 - 31 March 25	Entry forms available, Closing date for entries tbc
60th SA Nomads Nationals (Silver Jubilee)	Hermanus Golf Club	16 – 20 Mar 25	Entries closed
42 <sup>nd</sup> Zimbabwe Nationals (Trailblazer)	Bulawayo Golf Club	30 Apr–3 May	Entries closed 7 Feb
Southern Cape 40th	TBA	April/May	TBC
Border 50th	Olivewood & West Bank	14 – 15 Jun	TBC
2 <sup>nd</sup> UK Nationals (Kernou Nationals)	St Million Resort & Spa, Cornwall	11 – 12 Jul 25	Link for entries available
4 <sup>th</sup> Zambia Nationals (The Eagle Nationals)	Lusaka Golf Club	17 – 19 Jul 25	Entry forms available, Closing date for entries 15 May
23 <sup>rd</sup> Botswana Nationals	Phakalane	14 – 16 Sep 25	Awaiting details
Western Province 60 <sup>th</sup>	Durbanville	27 – 28 Sep	TBC
9 <sup>th</sup> Swazi Nationals	Royal Swazi	16 – 18 Oct 25	Awaiting details
15 <sup>th</sup> Australian Nomads Nationals	TBA	24 – 26 Oct 25	Awaiting details
61 <sup>st</sup> SA Nomads Nationals	Southern Natal	7 – 11 Mar	TBC

# **NEXT NOMADS GAME:**

**Bloemfontein Golf Club – Sunday 2 March 2025**

**Remember: It's AGM and voting for our incoming Captain, VC and JVC.  
We rely on you to attend. Quorum: Minimum 25 Nomads**



**A big thank you to our Local Sponsors:**



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