

BLOEMFONTEIN GOLF CLUB

2 March 2025



1 Prospective and
4 guests for our
March game

Another great day thanks to our national sponsors:













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FREE STATE NOMADS COMMITTEE – 2024/25

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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
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
Total	74	85	85	85

PROSPECTIVES

Leon Els
Lean Uys
Enrique van Wyk

BIRTHDAYS FOR March & April 2025

1 Mar: Marius Swart 11 Mar: Herman Braam 17 Mar: Jono van Rensburg 21 Mar: Andre Rheeder 25 Mar: Gerdie Karstens		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
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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S PEN



As we used to say in the Army “Min Days”. Yes, my term of Captaincy is almost at its end, only April game left.

If you were at the game early, you’ve likely noticed that the mornings are getting chillier. And while that might be a sign of cooler weather, it’s also a reminder that winter is just around the corner. Not my favourite time of year, but it’s inevitable!

A big thank you to Bloemfontein Golf Club for hosting us. I’ll be honest – the course was no easy feat this time. With all the rain we’ve had lately, the course played very tough, and those greens? Slow.

But what really gave me a challenge was the rough around the greens. Once you found yourself in that thick grass, it was a disaster trying to get out!

I’d like to extend a huge thank you to our monthly sponsor, A&E Ceilings & Interiors, and of course to Riaan Neethling for his continued support. You know the drill, guys – if you need anything done, Riaan’s the go-to man. Reach out!

We were thrilled to see Caren back with us! We’re hoping that this will be her last operation. We’ve missed having her around and are so glad she’s back on the course with us.

Our AGM was a fantastic success, and I’d like to thank everyone who took the time to attend. A big warm welcome to our new leadership team: Johan Terblanche as the incoming Captain, Emiel Jonker as the incoming Vice Captain, and Laurie Badenhorst, our newest addition as Junior Vice Captain. Laurie, you’ve got some big shoes to fill – Emiel did an outstanding job as JVC and FoGNF ambassador. Congratulations with the huge success with your first of a kind junior day, yesterday.

A special shout-out to my fourball – Stephen Jacobs (Damduiker), Theunis Barnard, and Danie Liebenberg. It was an absolute blast, as always. I’m looking forward to the next round and to having some help unloading the trailer after the game. And no, we didn’t score as well as I’d hoped, but hey, at least we weren’t four ghosts! 😊

Congratulations to Johan Terblanche (Oupa, Terror) from Namaqua, winning the over 55’s in his 100th game as Nomad. Also, to Bernu doing a sterling job as long-awaited fines master. The tequila-shot came as a big surprise.

Finally, to all the chaps traveling to Hermanus for the Nomads SA 60th Nationals, the Jubilee Nationals. Safe travels, and let’s bring back the Bert Hunt Trophy this year! It’s time for us to make our mark and set the records straight.

Our next game will be held at **Schoeman Park Golf Club on the 13th April 2025**, when the change of guard will take place and your new committee of 2025/26 will be introduced.

Remember to enter for the Gary Player Knockout on 13 April.

Nomad Greetings

Charles van den Blink

OUR SILVER DREAM MACHINE

Caren Bester Mellaney Hanton



PLAYER STATISTICS	
Description	Count
Nomads	47
Visiting Nomads	
Guests	4
Prospectives	1
TOTAL	52

NOMADS SCORING STATISTICS			
Cut	No Change	Gained	Ave Score
8	26	13	28,8

WHISKY & MILK TABLE



Main Sponsors of the day:

A & E Ceilings and Interiors



Riaan Neethling



Guests	Prospective members	Visitors
Charl Stevens Johan Viviers Albert Weigelt Ignus van Rooyen		Enrique van Wyk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Captain: Charles van den Blink presenting his report to FS Nomads



Treasurer: Vaughn Healy presenting the financial statements of FS Nomads



Both reports were approved by the members of FS Nomads

INCOMING CAPTAINS ELECTED FOR 2025/26

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR PUTTING YOUR HANDS UP!!!!!!



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

Prize Giving: 2 March 2025



INDUCTIONS & MILESTONES/ACHIEVEMENTS:

Silver Salvors

Steven Milton



Domoknees van der Merwe



100 games

Oupa Johan Terblanche



PRIZE SHEET: 2 March 2025

Matchbox		13	20	Theunis Barnard			
Over 55 Winner		11	34	Johan Terblanche			
Playing 4-ball Winners		38	126	Basie Crause	Emiel Jonker	Wessel Mostert	Daniel Venter
Drawn 4-ball Winners		51	130	Steven Milton	Laurie Badenhorst	Daniel Venter	Ralph Olivier
Worst Playing 4-ball		53	98	Charles van den Blink	Danie Libenebrg (Apology)	Stephen Jacobs	Theunis Barnard (Apology)
Playing Pair Winners		26	66	Altus Beeston		Johan Viviers	
Divisional Winner	A	8	36	Steven Milton			
Runner-up	A	0	35	Shaun Visagie			
Divisional Winner	B	11	34	Johan Terblanche			
Runner-up	B	11	34	Johnny Moore			
Divisional Winner	C	22	32	Neels Bezuidenhout			
Runner-up	C	16	31	Ralph Olivier			

Champion of the Day: **(Sponsor: Bloem Marble & Granite)** **Steven (Swim-and Fall) Milton**



Snik, snik, My 2nd last time I'm standing here

THE PRIZE GIVING: Charles van den Blink



THE CREED: Mok Lazharo (Black swim cap)

No man ish an island entire of itshef....

Why do the guys want me to put a white cap on?



THE JUDGE: Bernu van den Heever (RSM)

Moenie so vir my loer nie. Jou beurt kom.



PRIZE GIVING: Alton Mole (MOC)



Emiel thanking all helpers and sponsors for his FoG-Juniors golf day



Fines master, Bernu van den Heever, sharing a Tequila with the committee.



Ek dink ek moet verkas. Ek sal die einde hiervan nie hoor nie



Dis omdat die damme leeg was. Ek kon nie duik nie.

Only us two at our age. Hope youre fitter than me.



MOST GOLF: Theunis Barnard (Apology)
(20 points off a 13 handicap)

WORST PLAYING 4-BALL: Altar bunnies
Stephen Damduiker Jacobs, Charles van den Blink, Theunis Barnard (Apology), Danie Liebenberg (Apology)

If you win, you win big

DRAWN 4-BALL WINNERS

And I'm on a liquid diet



Daniel Venter, Laurie Badenhorst, ,Ralph Olivier, Steven Milton

The smaller guys can carry the beer. They drink the most

Ek en Basie sal hierdie maar hou vir wanneer iemand kom kuier

PLAYING 4-BALL WINNERS



Daniel Venter, Emiel Jonker, Basie Crause, Wessel Mostert

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



DIVISION WINNERS

- C-Division:** Neels Bezuidenhout (32)
- B-Division:** Johan Terblanche (34)
- A-Division:** Steven Milton (36)

DIVISIONS RUNNER-UP

- A-Division:** Shaun Visagie (35)
- C-Division:** Ralph Olivier (31)
- B-Division:** Johnny Moore (34)

Eat your heart out, Tony



That Smile? You're not hunting now.



WINNER OVER 55
Oupa Johan Terblanche

HERMAN BRAAM TROPHY
(Lincon Construction Challenge:
Old Toppies 27,93) vs Young Guns 29,25)
Winner: Young Guns

LONGEST PUTT – 13th
Francois Tyres Lessingh



BEST PLAYING PAIR: (66)
Altus Beeston, Johan Viviers (guest)



NEAREST TO THE PINS:
(Sponsor: Tax Lab)
Cronje Ferreira (4th)
Domonique van der Merwe (8th)
Wessel Mostert (16th)
Lerato Mosia (11th) – Busy practising????



LONGEST DRIVES (18th):
B-Division – Domonique van der Merwe
A-Division – Basie Crause
C-Division – Ralph Olivier

LUCKY DRAWS

SHORT HOLE AGGREGATE (4th)

Steve, this is the most pictures being taken of you since you were a baby



(Sponsor: Auto Tech)
Steve Milton

Ek maak bymekaar vir Nationals

WHISKY, VODKA & CAPTAIN'S DRAW



Whisky & Vodkas draw: Cronje Ferreira,
Domonique van der Merwe William Shepherd
Captain's draw: Stephen (Damduiker) Jacobs

JOKER DRAW- Not won - Carry over R2000



Henk van Niekerk



James Moore

OTHER RESULTS

Pick 3: A: 36, B: 34, C: 32 – Not Won – Carry Over R626

Two Clubs: Emiel Jonker (8th), Wessel Mostert (16th), Ruben Becker (11th).

Eagles: None

Hole-in-Ones: None

Average of the day: 28,8

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

ON THE COURSE



OFF THE COURSE





Since my eye operation, I'm continuously looking for my glasses.

Uncle Tony, there are two glasses on the table in front of you. Yours perhaps?

Bernu, did you see? Uncle Tony has blew eyes. One blew this way and the other one, that way.



Rudi, will you be my guide dog?

Smile Tony. They want to take a picture of us

John, jou gulp is oop.



Cheers. Waar's dit lekker?

Don't look so sad James. The game is over





Francois, sal jy vir ons Vrydagaand braai?



Brandy Special jou lekker ding

Practicing my putting

Lerato, waar was jy met prize giving?

Smile vir die kamera



Have a Stella and smile



OUPA, TERROR TERBLANCHE CELEBRATING HIS CAPTAINCY



FURTHERANCE OF GOLF – 1 March 2025

Well done to Emiel Jonker, organizing the first of a kind golf day for juniors at Schoeman Park Golf Club, as part of one of the outputs of NOMADS viz. Furtherance the game of golf amongst juniors.



Emiel addressing the audience of 85 juniors and their parents



The initiative by Emiel Jonker was to promote the game of golf amongst juniors, whether they had an official handicap or not, market and promote the assistance by Nomads to furtherance of golf and hoping to grow Free State Nomads one day. This could be a start of even larger days in future.

As mentioned, 85 juniors from all over the Free State, which included Harrismith, Bethlehem and Qwa-Qwa amongst others, attended.

Our sponsors ensured that no entry fees were required from participants. The course was paid for and every participant received a goody bag, hallway house and a prize.

Thank you Mellaney Hanton amongst other for assisting with the registration and handing out the goody bags.



We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors:

- Main sponsor:** Free State Golf Union
Assistant sponsor: Free State Nomads
Hole sponsors: Bloem Tyres and Windscreens (1st Hole)
Eminent Wealth (6th Hole)
Pickfords Removals (10th Hole)
Goody bags: Altus Beeston
Domonique van der Merwe
Cronje Ferreira
Rudi Botha
Jean Khouri
Laurie Badenhorst
Gary Lindeque
James Moore
William Shepherd
Hollard

We would also like to acknowledge the helpers on the day:

- Organizer:** Emiel Jonker (Free State Nomads Junior Vice-Captain)
Registration: Mellaney Hanton
Johan Terblanche
Neels Bezuidenhout
Starters: Sandy Matsamela (1st)
Cronje Ferreira (10th)
Marshalls: Johan Terblanche
Louis Lange
Score cards: Neels Bezuidenhout
Johan Terblanche
Charles van der Blink
Prize giving: Charles van den Blink (Free State Nomads Captain)
Ralph Olivier

A-DIVISION WINNERS

1st



2nd



3rd



B-DIVISION WINNERS

1st



2nd



3rd



PRIZE TABLE



GOLFORAMA – 28 Feb - 2 March 2025

INVESTEC SA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB

**Dylan Naidoo, Investec Champion 2025, with Gary Lindeque,
Nomads SA Director of Furtherance of Golf**



Waterlogged Nomads spotters and scores at Durban Country Club.



FIXTURES FOR 2025

EVENT	GOLF COURSE	DATES
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 nd 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 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, Closing date for entries 15 May
23 rd Botswana Nationals	Phakalane	14 – 16 Sep 25	Awaiting details
Western Province 60 th	Durbanville	27 – 28 Sep	TBC
9 th Swazi Nationals	Royal Swazi	16 – 18 Oct 25	Awaiting details
15 th Australian Nomads Nationals	TBA	24 – 26 Oct 25	Awaiting details
61 st SA Nomads Nationals	Southern Natal	7 – 11 Mar	TBC

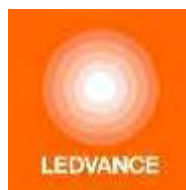
NEXT NOMADS GAME:

Schoeman Park Golf Club – Sunday 13 April 2025

Remember: Gary Player Knockout entries are due at our next game



A big thank you to our Local Sponsors:



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