

NOMADS NEWS

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GREETINGS FELLOW NOMADS

Firstly, apologies for not doing the April Newsletter, but with the option of travelling to RSA to represent our local club in the RSA Nomads Nationals which were held in JoBurg at the end of March, it was a bit of a no brainer. Not only were you saved from reading the same old, same old, but it also gave me the opportunity to extend my stay and catch up with family and friends. Once again the tournament was a raging success and the 6 of us who went along had a great time being well looked after by the host club, Gauteng. Anyway more about the tournament, and news about the planned Nomads Tri Nations tournament which is to be jointly hosted by ourselves and our Aussie counterparts in 2008, in next months newsletter.

Whilst we were away I received the sad news of Jos's passing on the 31st March. A number of Nomads have put in a lot of work during the club's short history ensuring its current status, however I doubt anyone has committed as many hours as Jos did for the club. Not only was he the club secretary from inception, he also looked after the handicaps, the web site, newsletters for a time, starting, charity day organisation, and, and, and. Jos was a stickler for attention to detail and I guess that was also partly why he took on so much, there never was a greyish area, it was either the right way or the wrong way. He quite simply was incredibly committed to the club and its ideals which essentially incorporate the furtherance of golf along with helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Doing the starting at each meeting meant that he more often or not filled in as a 3 ball at the back of the field, never did I hear him complain, I guess in a way that suited him as the slow pace allowed him time to soak in the course, something he seemed to analyse and discuss with his playing partners. I was fortunate enough to play with him a few times and thoroughly enjoyed discussing the game of golf, golf course and golfing personalities with him. He was a mine of information on the subject, and gave me herds of info and history on New Zealand golf in particular. I guess with his knowledge of the rules along with editing numerous golfing magazines he would have to have been a 'guru' of golf in this country. Of cause the other thing we also fondly remember about Jos is him walking down the fairway cursing age and battling to understand why he could no longer play to a single handicap figure even though he was barely playing once a week.

I believe over 20 Nomads attended his funeral on the 11th of April dressed in number ones to bid farewell, well done Nomads, I have been told that the family were most impressed. Thanks also to our President, Bill Hanning who read the eulogy. Jos, your contribution to our club was immense and we wish all the best of luck whilst you play those wonderful courses up there, whilst keeping a little eye on our club, the club you loved so much.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Norman Fairweather has taken over the handicapping and organising of the Bob Charles and Roy Best competitions. A reminder that the Club would prefer that you play the knock out games outside of our Nomads meetings, however if this is difficult they can as a last resort be played at our monthly meetings, just don't hold up play. The draw for the competitions is attached to this newsletter and on the web site, the 1st round needs to be completed by the end of June.

As a tribute to Jos the Committee has decided to rename the Bob Charles Knockout competition the John O'Sullivan Memorial Trophy.

Charlie Tapper has taken over the secretarial duties along with his treasury role, thanks Charlie. For his sins he now has the exalted title of Secretary/Treasurer

The committee has also agreed to fund a LOMAK keyboard for the disabled, in line with its policy of reducing our funds towards deserving organisations, the value of this is 2 k.

Results from Gulf Harbour played on the 27th April.

Player of the day Ian Braddock on 39 pts, both him and Tony Banks qualify for Gold Cup.

Playing 4: Bill Bell, Jeff Meltzer, Ian Braddock and Bill Sims on 142 pts.

NTP Terry Zouch and Norm Fairweather.

Best 4 ind. Prizes outside playing 4, Tony Banks 37, Charlie Tapper 37, Wim Jansen 35 and Mike McKenna 34.

Crying towel: Pete Langerac, Clearly, giving up his short retirement has not helped his golf!

42 players participated.

Butch Mawdsley has rejoined Nomads, welcome back Butch!! Also congratulations to Bill Bell who finished 4th in the Australian Senior Champs held a couple of weeks ago in Sydney, only a couple of shots off the pace, Bill in fact was at or near the front with 8 holes to play. Bill only qualified 7th in the NZ Seniors but was the top Kiwi finisher by some way in this prestigious event.

That's the news for this month, I look forward to catching up with you all at North Shore Golf course on the 17th of May, remember we tee off half an hour earlier than usual, as we are off one tee box, so get there by 11:15am.

Cheers

Mel.

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