

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: (COVID-PENDING)

- ◇ 25 JULY - **NEXT GAME @ WHITE RIVER**
- ◇ 21 & 21 AUGUST - **GLENBRYNTH CHALLENGE**
- ◇ **25TH ANNIVERSARY POSTPONED**

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*"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;
Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind;
And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee."*

Captain's Corner

Fellow Nomads, Sponsors and friends

We have become complacent with visits to our two regular 18-hole courses. White River, however, surpassed all expectations. That the course was in the best condition, ever, was echoed throughout the field. Congratulations to all concerned at White River, a club who were experiencing difficulties only a year ago. Our compliments were passed on the management via our match secretary.

With only one visiting Nomad, we were privileged to have no fewer than twelve visitors. I trust that they enjoyed the day with us and look forward to seeing their names as a prospective, in time to come.

Thank you to those members who chose to attend prizegiving. With two inductions, it is always a pleasure to have many members in attendance. The quality of our recent inductees since January this year is exceptional. These gentlemen will, I am sure, make good Nomads and serve the Lowveld club with distinction. Welcome gentlemen.

Sad to bid farewell to Dave Croxon. Although not an active member, Dave was well known in golfing circles throughout the Lowveld, prior to becoming a Nomad. Once a member he served the club well and will always be remembered for his broad smile and gentlemanly behaviour on and off the course. Rest in peace Dave. Due to COVID restrictions, the family decided not to hold a formal memorial service.

At our recent committee meeting, it was decided to refrain from holding an official prize giving at our next game. Pitch, play and leave will be the order of the day. Due to COVID restrictions, roadworks, political unrest in the region, a decision was made to move our next game to White River. I apologise to all those members who have been inconvenienced by the decision.



We are aware of at least four Nomads who have contracted the dreaded disease, our thoughts go out to these members and their families.

My thanks to Thea Janse van Rensburg, who has volunteered to handle our clothing stock. Control these items is always difficult but have no doubt Thea will handle it well.

With Nationals, The Glenbryth Challenge, and our Anniversary game on the horizon, I can assure you that the safety of our members will receive first preference. Cut off dates have been set and will be strictly adhered to. The Anniversary committee have decided to postpone the celebrations to a later date, due to uncertain COVID protocols.

Please stay safe, see you at White River.

- Rob Valentyn

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THE 2021 ANDREW MENTIS BENEFICIARIES

Vice-Captain, Rudi Nel, officially launched his 2021 Andrew Mentis Nomads Foundation fundraising initiative.

Please contact Rudi, or any of his Committee, for any further information or donations.



Nelspruit Hospice is a non-profit organisation that provides quality home-based care to people with life threatening illnesses. They have identified several items of medical equipment needed to provide much-needed care to the community.

Paediatric Care Africa is a non-profit organisation that provides medical care to children. They need medical equipment as they respond and attend to medical outreaches in far-flung informal settlements where no medical facilities exist.



Warriors of Wheels is a non-profit organization that raise funds to obtain wheelchairs, standing frames and walkers to less privileged special needs children. We would like to assist them by donating wheelchairs.





THE BOOKIE WALKING AWAY WITH SPOILS

A chilly morning at White River did not stop the punters from betting and bets placed totalled R1,940 - three successive months of around R2,000 in bets placed which is what used to be bet in 2019, so hopefully it is a sign that things are getting back to normal.

There was only 1 winning bet which was placed by Arthur Douglass on the Bunny Ears winners - he specifically mentioned that Neville Blum would be in the worst playing 4-ball - something about "Hero-to-Zero". Nobody picked Danny Schmulian (one of the Bookie's favorites) as the overall winner and nobody took the generous odds of 12 to 1 for "The Chief" to win the Matchbox. Surprisingly Hoggie did not bet on his fourball to win best playing fourball - was this because Gavin (a regular Matchbox winner) was in the fourball? - sorry Gav.



As a result of this the Bookie made an excellent profit of R1640 which has been transferred to the Andrew Mentis Fund bringing the total for AMF in Rudi's fundraising year to R6505.

Thank you for your support!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE AS IT IS A FUN WAY OF RAISING MONEY FOR THE ANDREW MENTIS FUND, AND YOU CAN ALSO WALK AWAY WITH A NICE SUM OF MONEY IF AND WHEN YOU GET LUCKY!!!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

JULY

04th BRANDON STAINTHORPE
13th HENNIE VENTER
23rd CAREL TRIEGAARDT
23rd BARRY SHUM
23rd PAUL WOOD
29th PIETER ROUX
29th BRUCE NORRIS

AUGUST

01st ALBERT HATTINGH
09th JOHN STEPHEN
09th MICHAEL FERRI
14th SALLY KIRKPATRICK
23rd KEEGAN PHELAN



THE CHANGE-ROOM

chatterbox
what've you got to say?

Greeting and salutations to all,

As we celebrate yet another Nomads game, it is still difficult for me to grasp the situation. We play the game, practice social distancing. Unintentionally in most cases for my part because I hit it so far from my playing partners. I'm now convinced Covid lives in the rough and not on the fairway. But we then have a prize giving that is voluntary because of the situation and some people stay, others don't feel comfortable and so they leave. Then you hear of Nomads who have tested positive and thankfully not here, but you hear about Nomads from other clubs who have passed away. The whole situation is so surreal and very disturbing. The one positive that has come out of it for me is that our numbers have basically stayed the same whereby all accounts a lot of other club's numbers have dropped quite a lot. I think this says a lot about the Lowveld Nomads and without being too dramatic, the bond and brotherhood that exists among our members is for me unique compared to the other clubs.

And so, we tackled White River in June and I for one have never seen the course in better shape. The greens were definitely an eye opener, they were quick and true which has not been the norm there. So, hats off to them - the course is looking great. I am going to skip over the fact that I once again managed to dodge the dreaded matchbox and just mention that Puso - who did the fines - was great, without being mean I wish he would win it more often, he is very entertaining.

Is it not great to see how many of our Saffers playing overseas have done so well? Garrick Higgo, in particular, won twice on the European tour and then capped it off with a great win in America against a very strong field. Then Wilco Nienaber, who nobody had ever heard of in the States, walks onto the tee and smashes it past their longest hitter who has employed a team of scientists and nutritionists and psychologists and conditioning coaches and probably more and he gets upstaged by a tall but skinny boertjie from SA, who doesn't even look as if he is trying to smash it compared to Bryson who nearly swings himself off his feet to achieve as it turns out, less distance.

Lastly on the South African front, one must feel so sorry for Louis Oosthuizen. Yet another T-10 finish in a major but at least not runner-up as I stand corrected, but I think he has done it seven times in the last decade, since his sole Major title, The Open. It must be soul destroying. He has obviously made his money so for those guys it's all about titles, and it once again eluded him. If nothing else Phil has proved that he still has time to win another Major, although his dismal performance at The Open didn't look like that at all. Better luck on the Senior Tour, Phil!



Keep it on the fairway, see you on Sunday.

GREETINGS — CHANGEROOM CHATTERBOX

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2021 PLAYING CALENDAR

Month	Date	Special Event	Venue
July	25	(VENUE CHANGE)	WHITE RIVER
August	15	John Handley qualifier	MALELANE
August	21 - 22	Glenbrynth Challenge	HIGHLAND GATE
October	17		KRUGER PARK LODGE
October	09 - 14	Sunbird Nationals	CHAMPAIGN
November	14	Andrew Mentis Game	MBOMBELA
December	05	GOLD CUP	WHITE RIVER
December	T.B.A	Dunhill Tournament	Leopard Creek

SICK PARADE

DOWN AND OUT...

We wish the following Members well and a speedy recovery...

We continue to send happy thoughts out to the **Bullen-family**, with **Gerald** slowly recovering with new meds, and **Andrew** mending his right arm. Now also **Gavin Bullen**. You may know he had tongue cancer, and the radiation has caused bone death on the one side and he now faces a jaw replacement!

Our prayers are with the **Bullen's**... we are ALL thinking of you and GET WELL SOON.

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**Posing for that perfect shot...
Good "social distancing" skills!**



Playing it as it lies... Trick shot, Ben?

Cell phone etiquette... Important call, John?



PRIZE WINNERS @ WHITE RIVER 13 JUNE 2021

HOLE-IN-ONE <i>Sponsor: Knittex</i>	NOT WON	TRIFECTA Sponsor: Members	NOT WON
GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW <i>Sponsor: Glenbrynth Scotch Whisky</i>		Single Malt Whisky 12-Year-Old Whisky Glyva, Whisky Liqueur	CLIVE WORTHINGTON IAN KIRBY JASON DAVIS
PLAYERS RAFFLE <i>Sponsor: Liquor City</i>		Liquor Hamper	DANNY SCHMULIAN
ATTENDANCE DRAW <i>Sponsor: Kruger Park Lodge</i>		Accommodation Voucher	BEN NKAMBULE
ANDREW MENTIS WHISKY RAFFLE <i>Sponsor: The Lice Lady</i>		Tamnavulin Scotch Whisky	BARRY SHUM
ANDREW MENTIS LOTTO DRAW RAFFLE		R1,000 cash prize	BRANDON STAINTHORPE
ANDREW MENTIS MEAT RAFFLE		2kg Rump Steak 1kg Rump Steak	KEEGAN PHELAN MAURICE MEYER
NEAREST TO THE PIN'S <i>Sponsor: Elmadre Butchery</i>		Hole # 03 Hole # 05 Hole # 09 Hole # 12 Hole # 17	DANNY SCHMULIAN GAVIN SPIES RUDI NEL RUDI NEL KEITH KIRTON
RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING PAIR <i>Sponsors: La Mer Petroleum, Glenbrynth</i>		68 points, combined handicap of 21	ALLAN BEECHING CLIVE WORTHINGTON
BEST PLAYING PAIR <i>Sponsors: Hi-Q, Makhushu Transport, Glenbrynth</i>		69 points, combined handicap of 20	RUDI NEL WARREN GOOSEN
RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsors: Elmadre Butchery, Meps & Plastic Man, SAB, Paul Wood Motoring</i>		128 points, combined handicap of 45	MICHAEL GILL ARTHUR DOUGLASS GREG LOOCK (V) GREG CRUSE
BEST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsors: Eloff Furniture, Salsa Restaurant, Jock Pub & Grill, Glenbrynth, SA Moroccan Barber, Standard Bank</i>		136 points, combined handicap of 44	GAVIN SPIES RUDI NEL BRIAN HOGG WARREN GOOSEN
RUNNER-UP C-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck</i>		36 points, handicap 16	MIKE FIELD
RUNNER-UP B-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck</i>		37 points, handicap 14	CLIVE WORTHINGTON
RUNNER-UP A-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck</i>		36 points, handicap 7	RUDI NEL
WINNER C-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Interwaste, The Pro Shop, Glenbrynth</i>		37 points, handicap 16	GAVIN SPIES
WINNER B-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Interwaste, The Pro Shop, Glenbrynth</i>		38 points, handicap 10	DANNY SCHMULIAN
WINNER A-DIVISION <i>Sponsors: Interwaste, The Pro Shop, Glenbrynth</i>		37 points, handicap 3	BRIAN SPRINGORUM
BEST DRAWN 4-BALL <i>Sponsor: Misty Mountain</i>		138 points on combined handicap of 37	DANNY SCHMULIAN BRIAN SPRINGORUM DON PEARCE ALLAN BEECHING
WINNER PAST & PRESENT CAPTAIN <i>Sponsor: B&H Irrigation</i>		37 points, handicap 3	BRIAN SPRINGORUM
WORST PLAYING 4-BALL <i>Sponsor: SA Breweries</i>		105 points on combined handicap of 34	JOHAN FERREIRA (V) ED BORCHER (V) NEVILLE BLUM PIETER VILJOEN
LONGEST DAY & MATCHBOX <i>Sponsor: Dalton Viviers, Eagle's View Driving Range, WR Garden Pavilion</i>		23 points, handicap 18	MARCUS MDLULI

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AWARDS @ WHITE RIVER, 13 JUNE 2021

PLEASE NOTE: All Covid-19 protocols were observed and masks were removed for the photographs only.



From Captain-to-Captain.

White River Golf Club Captain, Chris Bethwaite receiving a token of our appreciation from our Nomad Captain, Rob Valentyn.

Captain Rob Valentyn inducting Neil Whyte (left) and Thomas Hattingh (right) as full playing Nomads into the Lowveld Club.

Congratulations, gentlemen - may your Nomadic career be superb.

Warren Goosen received his 5-year tie from Captain, Rob Valentyn



We had no less than three birthdays on this day, and as tradition dictates you receive a bottle of our "finest" on condition that you attend prizegiving!
Congratulations, Bryan Longbottom on your Birthday!



PRIZES @ WHITE RIVER, 13 JUNE 2021

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Captain Rob Valentyn handing out
the Glenbrynth Whisky Draw to:
(from left to right)

Single Malt Whisky:
Clive Worthington

Glyva, Whisky Liqueur:
Jason Davis

12-Year-Old Whisky:
Ian Kirby



Danny Schmulian won the Liquor City wine
hamper, proudly displayed in the new wooden
crate, supplied by our Sponsor.



[Below left]

Barry Shum won the Tamnavulin Scotch Whisky Raffle in
aid of Andrew Mentis Foundation

[Below right]

Ben Nkambule won the "Attendance Draw", Kruger Park
Lodge Accommodation Voucher





The Nearest-to-Pin winners were (f.l.t.r.):

Hole #9 & #12
Rudi Nel

Hole #5
Gavin Spies

Hole #17
Keith Kirton

Hole #3
Danny Schmulian



The Runners-up Playing Pair were Clive Worthington (left) and Allan Beeching (right)
68 points, combined handicap of 21

The Best Playing Pair were Rudi Nel (left) and Warren Goosen (right)
69 points, combined handicap of 20



The Runners-up Best Playing 4-ball were (f.l.t.r.):

Arthur Douglass,
Michael Gill,
& Greg Cruse

Absent (Visitor) Greg Look.

128 points, combined
handicap of 45





The Winning 4-ball were
(f.l.t.r.):

Rudi Nel,
Gavin Spies, and
Warren Goosen.

Absent: Brian Hogg

136 points, combined
handicap of 44

The Runners-up in each
division (f.l.t.r.):

Rudi Nel (A-division)

Clive Worthington (B-division)

& Mike Field (C-division)



The Division Winners of the
day were (f.l.t.r.):

Danny Schmulian
(B-division)

Gavin Spies
(C-division)

Brian Springorum
(A-division)





The Best Drawn 4-ball
(f.l.t.r.):

Danny Schmulian,
Allan Beeching,
Don Pearce, and
Brian Springorum

138 points, combined
handicap of 37



The Winner of the Past and Present Captain's
challenge was Brian Springorum with 37 points.



The Worst Player and Matchbox Winner Marcus
Mdhluli, with 23 points and a handicap of 18.

The Worst Playing 4-ball, wearing
the Bunny-Ears and winning a
Case of Castle Lite each (f.l.t.r.):

Neville Blum, and
(visitor) Ed Borchers

Absent:
Pieter Viljoen, and
(visitor) Johan Ferreira



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NOMADS CONSTITUTION EXPLAINED

HOW TO DEAL WITH MAKE-UP GAMES

REPEATED

There has been some discussion recently amongst Nomads from several Nomads clubs, regarding the playing of “**MAKE-UP GAMES**” to compensate for the monthly meeting games at their home clubs, that were cancelled due to the Covid lock-down during 2020.

For clarification, the following is an extract from our Nomads constitution:

” 7.3.3 A Full Member shall play in a minimum of 6 (Six) monthly meetings of his Member Club during the Club's playing year. In the event of a Full Member failing to meet this obligation and at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Member Club, he may be offered Associate Membership or his membership may be terminated provided that:

7.3.3.1 The Executive Committee of any Member Club may waive the requirements set out in 7.3.3 in the event of his Member Club being unable to accommodate him in the monthly meeting of his Club.

7.3.3.2 Should a player fail to play in a monthly meeting of his Member Club but plays in any of the two preceding months, or in either of the four following months, in the monthly meeting of another Nomad Club, (whether locally or at any international Club), his obligation for that particular month shall be deemed to have been met. Such scores shall not count towards any of his Member Club's annual competitions but shall be used for handicapping. Any Nomad playing a make-up game shall be able to win as a Nomad of the day, but shall not qualify for that Club's Gold Cup Competition.

7.3.3.3 Unless otherwise agreed to by the Executive Committee of the Member Club, each Full Member shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) make-up games per annum.”

Your Lowveld Executive ruled that as we only played seven games in 2020, the minimum of six games could not be applied. It was also ruled that due to the danger of Covid, especially, to our older members, this would be a mitigating factor for members that do not comply with the minimum commitment of six games in the playing year.

As the April, May and June 2020 scheduled games were cancelled last year due to Covid, no game may be played to make-up for these three cancelled games as you cannot make-up a game that was never played.

If, however you missed a scheduled Lowveld game, for any reason whatever, you may play a make-up game at any other Nomads club as per the Constitution. This game then comes through on the SAMSON (Scoring and membership system of Nomads) and you will be credited a maximum of two make-up games in any one playing year.

If Nomadic duties, such as Golorama, or other exceptional circumstances caused you to miss more than two games, you may approach your committee to allow more make-up games, within the time frame allowed.

Bottom line is:

YOU MAY ONLY PLAY MAKE-UP GAMES FOR SCHEDULED GAMES MISSED AT YOUR HOME CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - JUNE 2021

Membership Status	Jan-2015	Jan-2016	Jan-2017	Jan-2018	Jan-2019	Jan-2020	Jan-2021	JUNE 2021
HONORARY LIFE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HONORARY	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
FULL	74	73	71	72	74	73	72	75
ASSOCIATE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON-PLAYING	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	10
NON-ACTIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SUSPENSIVE	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
SPONSOR LOCAL	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
SPONSOR NATIONAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRANSFEREE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	87	84	84	83	84	85	84	88
Prospective members	4	3	5	1	7	1	3	1

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If any of your personal information OR circumstances have changed, e.g: Home club, Marital status, e-mail address, phone number, etc.

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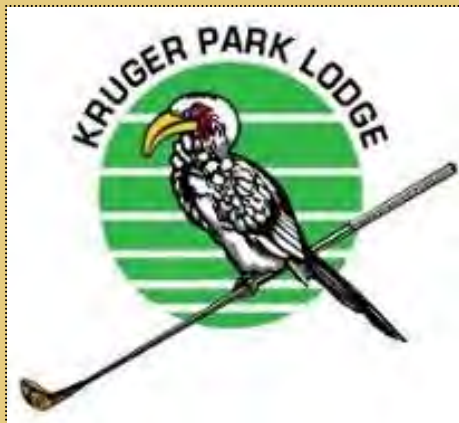
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