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**Our outgoing Captain for
2022/23, Rudi Nel**

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◇ **MAY Game -**
 - ◇ **Sunday 28 May @ Skukuza GC**
- ◇ **JUNE Game -**
 - ◇ **Sunday 25 June @ Malelane GC**

THE NOMADS CREED

***“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.”

from the Meditations of John Donne (1573-1631)

Captain's Corner

Fellow Nomads, Sponsors and friends

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to Barberton Golf Club for their exceptional hospitality during our visit in March. Thank you to Wynand Klaver, Barberton Club Captain, and your staff for attending to our every need.

One could see that the boys were smashing the golf course and my prediction was that a 25-pointer would be in danger of getting the Matchbox, but then Mike saved us all with his 19 pointer. If one believes the 'stoep' talk, then apparently the second worst score by a Nomad was 27 points.



Thank you to the rest of my fourball Wynand Klawer, Johan Ferreira and John Stephen. It was a great day with the three of you.

Thank you to the ladies for your assistance in the morning before tee-off, and after the game. We really appreciate what you do for us and we will be lost without you.

So, this will be my last writing as Captain of our GREAT club and we should all strive to keep our club great. To me, things that makes a club great are:

- ⇒ Try to play 12 out of 12 games a year... Don't be someone that just plays 6 games a year to keep his Nomads membership;
- ⇒ If you play on the day, attend prize giving to show respect to our sponsors;
- ⇒ Fill in your scorecards properly and hand them in immediately after the game;
- ⇒ Dress appropriately in terms of our dress code. We are going into winter now so make sure you have the correct warm clothing.
- ⇒ Respond to communications that need your attention, so that the organisers can know what is going on.
- ⇒ Assist your club when assistance is requested. The only place which would require everyone's annual assistance, is at the Alfred Dunhill Championship at Leopard Creek. We are a club of around 80 members and we need 36 people to assist over the 4-day tournament, but each year we struggle to get at least 20 volunteers from our club.

If we can all get the above correct, then we will stay a great club. Long live Lowveld Nomads!.

If we all work together to achieve these objectives, we can maintain our club's greatness...

Captain's Corner

It has been an honour to serve as the Captain of Lowveld, and during my time, I have learnt a lot about the inner workings of this great organisation. It was a great year, with many memories...

Nomads is a unique group of golfers that help the less fortunate while having fun, and I'm proud to be part of it.

I would like to thank my awesome committee for your guidance and support throughout my tenure. The job will not be possible without you guys.

See you all at our next game and, keep it on the fairway.

Be good!

Outgoing Captain 2022/23, Rudi Nel



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Cheetah Nationals, Bloemfontein



EXPERIENCE AT FIRST NATIONALS

A Rookie's report...

This report is about our experience at Nationals as we were attending it for the first time. 20 Members of the Lowveld Nomads attended the Cheetah Nationals in Bloemfontein.

Out of this group, five members were attending for the first time - Adriaan Rabe, Greg Loock, Bennie Van Niekerk, Allan South and yours truly, Ben Nkambule. I was requested - or shall I say, nominated - by the other newcomers to write a report on the excitement and experience of my very first SA Nomads National Tournament.

Although the report is written by one person, it reflects the experience of all of us who attended Nationals for the first time. We, as members had a pleasant experience...

My roommate and I arrived in Bloemfontein at 17H45, on the Saturday just before the Flag Raising. One was therefore mentally not ready for the experience and not properly dressed for the occasion, and such a momentous one! I was nervous that I would not be allowed to attend, but Marcus assured me not to worry as there will be other people not properly dressed either. A Rookie error indeed...

The Flag raising ceremony is formal and held with dignity. After the official talks and the handing over of the Golf Course by the Bloemfontein Club Captain, the National flag was raised as a lonely bagpipe sounded our National Anthem... This was followed by the raising of flags from all the regions and countries in attendance, together with the National Nomads and Sponsor flags.

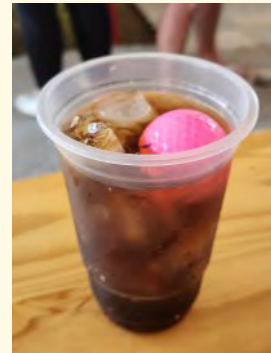
This is an amazing experience. The occasion was short with lasting memories, and it set the tone for the tournament... Everybody was ready to tee off...



Cheetah Nationals, Bloemfontein

A Rookie's report...

Throughout the Nationals, I learnt for the first time that the culture of discipline is universal and is ingrained within all members of Nomads. The organisation and preparation was second to none. Games started on time and players were all there on time, no matter how late some of them ended the night before... There is no doubt that the preparation team devoted days and hours in ensuring that the occasion was a success. All prizegiving ceremonies were well-organised and the food was super.



Our captain's dinner was the climax of our visit. I did not know that Allan is a guitarist and a good singer. I was not sure what to expect when he took the mic, but he surprised me as he appears totally unassuming - what a wonderful talent he has.



We were there in Bloemfontein as a team, and caring for one another. Our Captain Rudi was a good shepherd giving support and making sure that we were all happy. There was general respect and comradery spirit throughout the trip.

In the same manner of Flag Raising, the lowering of the Flags is another dignified ceremony. The experience we gained through this Cheetah Nationals will remain in our minds for a long time. Lastly, and most important, the occasion gave me an opportunity of getting to know the team members much better...

See you all next year, at Koro Creek, Limpopo...

Bra Ben



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Status	Jan-2020	Jan-2021	Jan-2022	Jan-2023	Mar-2023
HONORARY LIFE	0	0	0	0	0
HONORARY	2	1	4	4	5
FULL PLAYING	73	72	69	66	66
ASSOCIATE	0	0	0	0	0
NON-PLAYING	9	9	10	10	9
NON-ACTIVE	0	1	1	1	1
SUSPENSIVE	0	0	0	0	0
SPONSOR LOCAL	1	1	1	1	1
SPONSOR NATIONAL	0	0	0	0	0
TRANSFEREE	0	0	0	0	0
Total	85	84	85	82	82
Prospective members	1	3	0	2	3

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Transferred Members

Dave More O'Farrell was removed as a Member as he has now joined UK Nomads.

Resignations

Don Pearce RESIGNED as a Nomad for personal reasons. We wish Don well in his future endeavours.

Prospective Members

Arnold Le Roux and **Dawie Smuts Jnr** have been accepted as Prospective Members and will be introduced to our Members in April. A Member Introduction will be included in the Newsletter for each.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If any of your personal information OR circumstances change, (Home club, Marital status, e-mail address, phone number, etc.) or you are unable to play a monthly game due to an injury, surgery or even personal reasons, please contact our Membership Officer, Mike Field. Email mfield@telkomsa.net, or call 083 415 1435

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MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE...

We request your thoughts and prayers for our Members who are unavailable to play due to various medical conditions...

Neville Blum is still recovering following complications after hip-replacement surgery, and since then several other ops. Neville awaits the next phase of femoral and hip prosthesis surgery.

Hannatjie Douglass and **Pieter Viljoen** are progressing well with their respective chemotherapy treatments, but still have a long way to go...

Please keep them in your thoughts during this trying period.
Get well soon, Lady & Gentleman!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MAY

02nd HYLTON HALFPENNY
08th DERRICK SHORT
10th KIMREN PATHER
16th PUSO MALOKA
22nd RYAN MATHESON
24th NEIL WHYTE

JUNE

01st BRIAN HOGG
03rd **ROB DOUGLASS - 80th**
03rd **NICK ELLIOT - 60th**
04th GREG CRUSE
06th CLIVE WORTHINGTON
08th ANDREW BULLEN
09th KAREN BULLEN
09th KEITH ERASMUS
13th BERNIE OLBRICH
13th SHANE DAVIES
19th LETITIA HALFPENNY
23rd KARL LANGDON



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2023 PLAYING CALENDAR

Month	Date	Venue	Special Event
January	22	SABIE	
February	19	MBOMBELA (Venue change)	JOHN HANDLEY
March	26	BARBERTON	
April	23	MBOMBELA	JOHN HANDLEY
May	28	SKUKUZA	
Jun	25	MALELANE	
Jul	23	KAMBAKU	
Aug	20	WHITE RIVER	JOHN HANDLEY
Sep	17	KRUGER PARK LODGE	
Oct	15	WHITE RIVER	JOHN HANDLEY
Nov	5	MBOMBELA	ANDREW MENTIS
Dec	3	WHITE RIVER	GOLD CUP

Newsletter content & interests

In keeping up with activities outside our normal Nomadic calendar and monthly meetings, and to add some spice into our monthly Newsletter, kindly assist with information gathering contributions for publication in our monthly Newsletter, Social Media platforms and Website.

Your contributions can be things such as births of children, milestone birthdays, special events or achievements, weddings or retirements, or any other valuable content to showcase in the newsletter.

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AWARDS: *BARBERTON*, 26 MARCH 2023



Our magnificent prize-table for the Barberton game.
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Thank you to each and every one of them!



(Left) Wynand Klaver, Barberton Club Captain,
receiving a token of our appreciation from Captain,
Rudi Nel.



(Right)
Matchbox winner of the previous game, Piet
Roux, had a great fine-session...



(Left)
Winners of the Glenbrynth Whisky
GAME ATTENDANCE draw (f.l.t.r)

Single Malt Whisky:
Jason Hogg

3-yr Glenbrynth Whisky:
Mxolisi Zwane

12-Year-Old Glenbrynth Whisky:
Clive Worthington

PRIZES: *BARBERTON*, 26 MARCH 2023

HOLE-IN-ONE Sponsor: Knittex

NOT WON

GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW Sponsor: Kruger Park Lodge

GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW Sponsor: Glenbrynth Scotch Whisky

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ANDREW MENTIS RAFFLE

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BEST PLAYING 4-BALL Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, Salsa Mexican Grill

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WORST PLAYING 4-BALL Sponsor: SA Breweries

LONGEST DAY & MATCHBOX Sponsor: Eagle's View Driving Range, White River Garden Pavilion

TRIFECTA Sponsor: Lowveld Nomads

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1 x Single Malt Glenbrynth Whisky
1 x 12 year Glenbrynth Whisky

R1,000 cash prize

Alva Pizza Oven/ Monthly Ice Bucket

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2kg Rump Steak

Hole # 03
Hole # 09
Hole # 12
Hole # 18

73 points (C/O),
combined handicap of 22

73 points (C/I),
combined handicap of 11

131 points (C/O),
combined handicap of 64

146 points (C/I),
combined handicap of 33

36 points, handicap 19

37 points, handicap 11

36 points, handicap 4

37 points, handicap 20

38 points, handicap 11

37 points, handicap 7

37 points, handicap 11

135 points, combined handicap of 45

117 points, combined handicap of 72

19 points, handicap 12

NOT WON

JOHN ROBSON

MXOLISI ZWANE
JASON HOGG
CLIVE WORTHINGTON

NICK ELLIOT

PUSO MALOKA

MARK ROTTCHER
ROB VALENTYN

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MIKE FIELD



Congratulations to our winners

PRIZES: BARBERTON, 26 MARCH 2023

The Nomads who won their divisions were (f.l.t.r.):

Rob Douglass
(C-division) 37pts, 20 h/c

Puso Maloka
(B-division) 38pts, 11 h/c

Greg Cruse
(A-division) 37pts, 7 h/c



(Below) The Best Playing Pair were Greg Cruse (left) and Karl Langdon (right)
73 points, combined handicap of 11



Past & Present Captain's winner (again):
37pts and off 11 h/c, Brian Hogg



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

Derick Nkambule,
Greg Cruse,
Puso Maloka, and
Karl Langdon

Incredible 146 pts, off a combined handicap of 33

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Glenbrynth Whisky Draw (f.l.t.r)

Single Malt Whisky: Jason Hogg

3-Y/O Glenbrynth Whisky: Mxolisi Zwane

12-Y/O Glenbrynth Whisky: Clive Worthington



**The KRUGER PARK LODGE
ACCOMMODATION VOUCHER raffle
was won by John Robson**

**Winning the monthly Ice Bucket and eventual
finalist of the Alva Pizza Oven, in aid of Andrew
Mentis, JVC Puso Maloka**



Winners of the Steak raffle in aid of Andrew Mentis

1kg - Mark Rottcher (left)

2kg - Rob Valentyn (right)



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

Hole # 12 - Captain, Rudi Nel

Hole # 03 - John Stephen

Hole # 18 - John Robson

Hole # 09 - Marcus Mdhluli



PRIZES: *BARBERTON*, 26 MARCH 2023



(Above) The best DRAWN 4-ball were (f.l.t.r.):
Brian Hogg, Johan Ferreira, Captain Rudi Nel & Mxolisi Zwane
135 points, combined handicap of 45



The BIGGEST BUNNY ever seen in
the Lowveld... Kimren Pather!



(Left)
The Worst Playing 4-ball and
winning BUNNY EARS (f.l.t.r.):
117 pts, combined 72 h/cap
Kimren Pather, Derrick Short,
Ben Nkambule & Maurice Meyer

The coveted Matchbox and Fines Master winner... 19 points off a 12 handicap: Mike "Bookie" Field



Hoping...



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Winning!

Congratulations to our winners

Sites and Scenes... Barbarton



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