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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)*

**Welcome to the Lowveld...**

**Karl Hoelher transferred in from Natal**

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◇ **Cheetah Nationals, Bloemfontein**  
⇒ **05—11 March 2023**
- ◇ **MARCH Game - Sunday 26 March @ Barberton**



# Captain's Corner

## Fellow Nomads, Sponsors and friends

And, here we go with a new Nomadic year, where we started our journey at the little gem, Sabie Country Club. I really enjoy to play at Sabie, because we are always treated like Kings. To the Sabie Country Club Captain Rual Mostert, their members and the staff, thank you for the use of your course and well done on another very successful and enjoyable day.

Thank you to my fourball, Rual Mostert, Piet Roux and our newly transferred member Karl Hoehler. Karl, welcome to the Lowveld and I am sure you will enjoy your Nomadic journey with us.

You will notice that our "fines masters" of the past few months are hammering on dress code violations. If you are one of the people being fined, please sort out your wardrobe to avoid them from taking your cash.

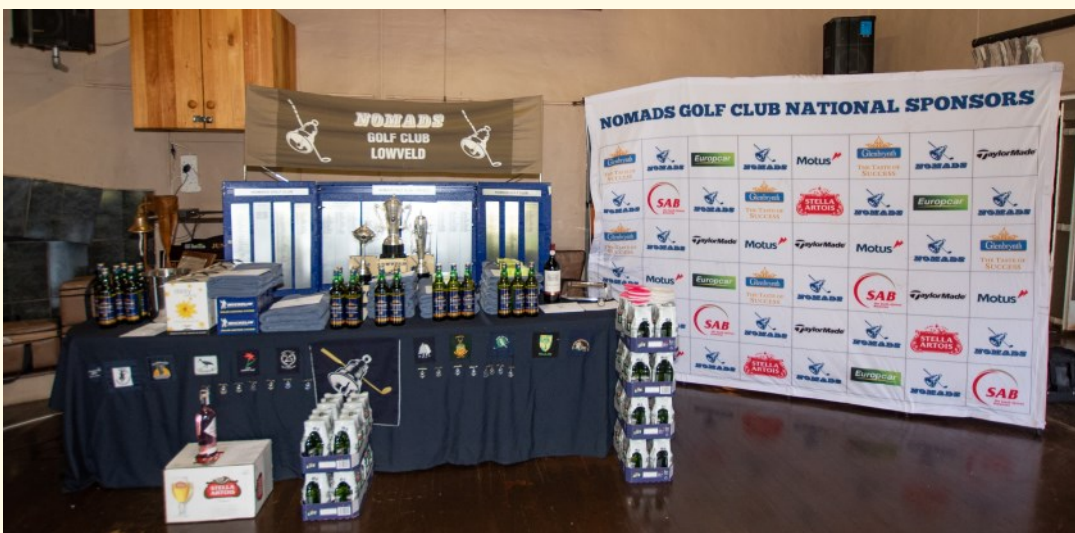
We gain one member, but we also lose one member. Keith Kirton decided to trade the good South African weather for the 'fantastic' golf weather of the United Kingdom. He already joined the UK Nomads and promised that we will see him again at a South African National Tournament in the future. We wish you all the best and you will be missed.

We have had a lot of rain and flooding all across the Lowveld. It's very wet and White River golf course was not spared. With more rain predicted during the weekend of our next game, the Committee has decided to swop White River for Mbombela Golf Club on Sunday, 19th February. We will therefore swop our April fixture and play that game at White River with a possible date change, however we will inform everyone accordingly.

See you all on Sunday! **Captain, Rudi Nel**



Representing Sabie Country Club, Club Captain, Rual Mostert receiving a token of our appreciation from Lowveld Captain, Rudi Nel.



Our magnificent prize-table at the Sabie game !

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# THE CHANGE-ROOM

chatterbox  
what've you got to say?

Greetings and salutations to all,

And so, the cycle starts again! High hopes and unrealistic expectations until you finish your round and realize its going to be same old, same old.

Sabie Country Club, as usual, went out of their way to accommodate us and make us welcome, which is always a wonderful way to start the new year. It has always been a club that looks as if they really appreciate us playing there. The course is very tight, to say the least, and it's quite hazardous walking down "bomb alley" waiting for the anguished cry of "FORE!", followed by the rattling of branches close to your head.



Rumour has it that the birds no longer sing in the trees - they sit in little groups on the fence and keep quiet so as not to attract the attention of the golfers. Some good scores, but I expected the Mayor of Sabie to do better on his home course in perfect conditions. Bit of a slip James, but I am sure you will bounce back...

It is interesting to see the prize money that Scotty Scheffler won on the PGA tour the other day... \$3,600,000! As much as the players on the PGA tour look down on the LIV players and their organization, they certainly have them to thank for their new bonanza paydays. Its funny how the PGA as a "so called" non profit organization suddenly found \$150,000,000 lying around to pay these purses. Perhaps they have been taking a leaf out of the book of our intrepid leader and hiding it in the commissioners couch. Either way, it looks a bit dodgy to me.



*Two golfers were sitting in the bar after a round and the one guy had a bit too much to drink and started arguing with his opponent. Eventually, the drunk guy took a swing at his mate, missed and fell off his bar stool and landed on the ground. He got up, dusted himself off and noticed that his mate had left while he was down.*

*"Not much of a fighter was he..." said the drunk guy to the barman.*

*"Not much of a driver either! He has just driven over your golf clubs as well"*

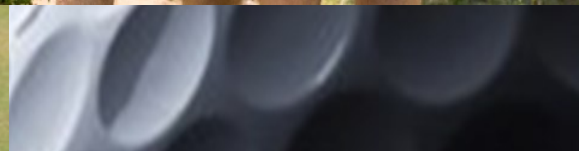


I was flicking through the dictionary, as one does, the other day and I looked up the word "fairway" (fare-wei). Defined as a short mowed stretch of grass between a tee and a green, next to which either left or right your golf ball can be found.

Remember head down and force, see you "near" the fairways —  
**CHANGEROOM CHATTERBOX**



# *SABIE fun in the sun...*





# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### Leave of absence

**Danny Schmullian** requested to take 1-year Leave of Absence to travel the Country!

Danny, enjoy your time off and site seeing

### New Members

**Johan Ferreira** has completed his waitlisting process and was inducted on Sunday, 4th December.

**Karl Hoelher** transferred in from Natal on 30th November, and was introduced to our Members at Sabie.

**Kobus Badenhorst** has been accepted as a Prospective Member and will be introduced to our Members soon.

## 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.

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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 in hospital following complications after surgery and **Pieter Viljoen** is progressing well with his chemo-therapy.

Our Lady Nomads have not been spared...

**Hannatjie Douglass** has started a 12-week chemo-therapy treatment, while **Karen Bullen** was discharged from Hospital following a heart ailment...

Please keep them in your thoughts during this trying period.

Get well soon, Ladies & Gentleman!

See you in the next few months.

# MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY

1st MARK ROTTCHER  
2nd MAURICE MEYER  
8th JOHAN JANSE VAN RENSBURG  
17th KEVIN CRUSE  
18th ROB MCLAGAN  
22nd GREG RATTRAY  
23rd THOMAS HATTINGH  
26th RUDI NEL  
28th NEIL SHORT  
28th BRIAN SPRINGORUM  
29th JAMES SHEARD

## MARCH

PIETER VILJOEN 1st  
ALAN SOUTH 2nd  
CINDY PUTTER 9th  
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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	WHITE RIVER (Venue change)	JOHN HANDLEY
May	28	SKUKUZA	
Jun	25	MALELANE	
Jul	23	KAMBAKU	
Aug	20	MBOMBELA	JOHN HANDLEY
Sep	17	KRUGER PARK LODGE	
Oct	15	WHITE RIVER	JOHN HANDLEY
Nov	5	MBOMBELA	ANDREW MENTIS
Dec	3	WHITE RIVER	GOLD CUP



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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.

You can send it directly to the Newsletter Editor:  
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The Editing Team will review the content and if appropriate, publish it accordingly... We care about our Members and want to share in your celebrations!



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# AWARDS: *SABIE*, 22 JANUARY 2023



Captain, Rudi Nel handed out a Silver Salver to Jason Hogg for his great 45-pointer at the Gold Cup at Mbombela, in December



The Fines Master of the day was Derrick Short



Glenbrynth Whisky Draw winners (from left to right)

- 1 x Glenbrynth Blended Scotch, Ronald Ncube
- 2 x Glenbrynth Blended Scotch, Stephen Collins
- 2 x Glenbrynth Blended Scotch, Marcus Mdhuli



Ian Kirby won the liquor hamper raffle in aid of the Andrew Mentis fund



Winners of the Steak raffle in aid of Andrew Mentis

- 2kg - John Robson (right)
- 1kg - Hylton Halfpenny (left)



Brandon Stainthorpe won the Kruger Park Lodge accommodation voucher

Steak raffle in aid of the Andrew Mentis fund

# PRIZES: SABIE, 22 JANUARY 2023

<b>HOLE-IN-ONE</b> <i>Sponsor: Knittex</i>	<b>NOT WON</b>	<b>TRIFECTA</b> <i>Sponsor: Lowveld Nomads</i>	<b>NOT WON</b>
<b>GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW</b> <i>Sponsor: Kruger Park Lodge</i>		KPL Accommodation Voucher	<b>BRANDON STAINTHORPE</b>
<b>GAME ATTENDANCE DRAW</b> <i>Sponsor: Glenbrynth Scotch Whisky</i>		1 x 3yo Glenbrynth Whisky 2 x 3yo Glenbrynth Whisky 2 x 3yo Glenbrynth Whisky	<b>RONALD NCUBE</b> <b>STEPHEN COLLINS</b> <b>MARCUS MDLULI</b>
<b>PLAYERS LIQUOR RAFFLE</b>		Liquor Hamper	<b>IAN KIRBY</b>
<b>ANDREW MENTIS LOTTO DRAW</b>		R1,000 cash prize	<b>RUDI NEL</b>
<b>ANDREW MENTIS RAFFLE</b> <i>Sponsor: Bonanza Equipment</i>		Alva Pizza Oven/ Monthly Ice Bucket	<b>JOHAN JANSE VAN RENSBURG</b>
<b>ANDREW MENTIS RAFFLE</b>		1kg Rump Steak 2kg Rump Steak	<b>HYLTON HALFPENNY</b> <b>JOHN ROBSON</b>
<b>NEAREST TO THE PIN'S</b> <i>Sponsor: Rovino Wines</i>		Hole # 03 Hole # 05 Hole # 08 Hole # 12 Hole # 14 Hole # 17	<b>ALEC BLAIR</b> <b>JASON DAVIS</b> <b>JOHN STEPHEN</b> <b>JOHN ROBSON</b> <b>SHANE DAVIES</b> <b>ALEC BLAIR</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING PAIR</b> <i>Sponsors: La Mer Petroleum, Eloff Furniture, Arkansas Spur</i>		67 points (C/O), combined handicap of 37	<b>JASON DAVIS</b> <b>MARCUS MDLULI</b>
<b>BEST PLAYING PAIR</b> <i>Sponsors: Makhushu Transport, Eloff Furniture Jock Pub &amp; Grill</i>		67 points (C/I), combined handicap of 35	<b>JOHN STEPHEN</b> <b>XOLANI ZWANE</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP BEST PLAYING 4-BALL</b> <i>Sponsors: SAB, Sparkel Dent, Mep's &amp; Plastic Man</i>		128 points (C/O), combined handicap of 59	<b>JOHN STEPHEN</b> <b>XOLANI ZWANE</b> <b>DERRICK SHORT</b> <b>DON PEARCE</b>
<b>BEST PLAYING 4-BALL</b> <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Standard Bank, Salsa Mexican Grill</i>		128 points (C/I), combined handicap of 24	<b>JOHN ROBSON</b> <b>LUIGI COLMANET</b> <b>ADRIAAN RABE</b> <b>DAWIE SMUTS (V)</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP C-DIVISION</b> <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		37 points, handicap 17	<b>JOHN STEPHEN</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP B-DIVISION</b> <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		34 points, handicap 9	<b>RUAL MOSTERT (V)</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP A-DIVISION</b> <i>Sponsors: Glenbrynth, Upperdeck, SA Moroccan Barber</i>		33 points, handicap 1	<b>JAMES SHEARD</b>
<b>WINNER C-DIVISION</b> <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		38 points, handicap 17	<b>GREG LOOCK</b>
<b>WINNER B-DIVISION</b> <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		36 points, handicap 8	<b>PIET ROUX</b>
<b>WINNER A-DIVISION</b> <i>Sponsors: Seal Security, Glenbrynth, The Pro Shop</i>		36 points, handicap 4	<b>JOHN ROBSON</b>
<b>WINNER PAST &amp; PRESENT CAPTAINS</b> <i>Sponsor: B&amp;H Irrigation</i>		32 points, handicap 13	<b>DERRICK SHORT</b>
<b>BEST DRAWN 4-BALL</b> <i>Sponsor: Misty Mountain Lodge</i>		136 points, combined handicap of 41	<b>JOHN ROBSON</b> <b>JOHN STEPHEN</b> <b>KEVIN CRUSE</b> <b>PUSO MALOKA</b>
<b>WORST PLAYING 4-BALL</b> <i>Sponsor: SA Breweries</i>		101 points, combined handicap of 52	<b>NICK ELLIOT</b> <b>GAVIN SPIES</b> <b>KEITH ERASMUS</b> <b>WARREN SLABBERT</b>
<b>LONGEST DAY &amp; MATCHBOX</b> <i>Sponsor: Eagle's View Driving Range, White River Garden Pavilion</i>		22 points, handicap 16	<b>RANDAL PILLAY</b>



# PRIZES: *SABIE*, 22 JANUARY 2023



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

Greg Look (C-division) 38pts, 17 h/c

Piet Roux (B-division) 36pts, 8 h/c

John Robson (A-division) 36pts, 4 h/c



The Best Playing Pair were Xolani Zwane (left) and John Stephen 67 points, combined handicap of 35



Past & Present Captain's winner: Derrick Short with 32pts, 13 h/c

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

Adriaan Rabe, John Robson, Luigi Colmanet and Dawie Smuts (V)  
128 pts, handicap 24





# PRIZES: *SABIE*, 22 JANUARY 2023



The Worst Playing 4-ball and winning BUNNY EARS (f.l.t.r.):

101 pts, combined 52 h/cap - Nick Elliot, Warren Slabbert, Keith Erasmus and Gavin Spies



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game:

Randal Pillay, only  
scoring 22 points of a 16  
handicap



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

Hole # 14:

- Shane Davies

Hole # 12:

- John Robson

Hole # 05:

- Jason Davis

Hole # 08:

- John Stephen

Holes # 3 & 17

- Alec Blair



## *Congratulations to our winners*



# *Why so serious, Gents?*





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