

# NOMADS BOTSWANA



## Captains Report

### August 2016

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Dear Fellow Nomads

Please note that the next game is on **Tomorrow Thursday 4 August at the Gaborone Golf Club**

Our National Tournament is now only a month away. There are a few slots remaining. If you are interested in playing please urgently contact Rick Dunlop-Jones with your details. We are looking for some prizes for the raffle, which is the main money earner of the weekend, if you are able to assist please contact me or Steve Smith.

Enclosed please find the invitation to the "Battle of the North" to be held on the 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> September. We are aware that Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday. Our suggestion is that you invite your wife along and spoil her and in return you get 2 rounds of golf at lost city. Please contact Schalk Coetzee if you would like to participate.

Sunday the 2 October will be Jimmy Swales 500<sup>th</sup> game for the Easterns Nomads Club and will be held at the Ebotse Golf Estate. Jimmy has been a loyal supporter of Botswana Nomads and was very instrumental in the setting up of our club. It would be a very fitting gesture for as many of our members as possible could travel to support him on this very auspicious occasion. They will be having morning and afternoon fields on the day in order to accommodate the expected turnout.

Entries for the Lowveld 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and also for the Swaziland nationals have closed.

#### News from the Previous Monthly Game

The game was played at Phakalane Golf Estate Club on 7<sup>th</sup> July and was sponsored by Equipment Sales, thank you to Mike Denbury

Thanks to Stanbic Bank for sponsoring the dinner.

The major winners were:

Best Guest	Winner	Batsi Chidzoza	36 off 15
C Division	Winner	Jay Ramesh	37 off 18
	Runner-up	Killian Wessels	36 off 20
	Counted Out	Guy Zondagh, Chris Engelbrecht, Anton Dahlman Musa Siwela	
B Division	Winner	Marvelous Shangare	39 off 12
	Runner-up	Mike Denbury	38 off 13

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A Division	Winner	Graeme Cloete	33 off 7
	Runner-up	Paul van Zyl	32 off 1
	Counted Out	Ben Liu, Gummy Garcin	
Most Golf	Winner	SK Singhal	21 off 18

Nomads Average: 30.4

#### Captains Comments

We must apologise for the delay in prize giving. This was due to the fact that we had 2 no-shows for the game and this affected the completion and calculation of the prize-sheets. It was necessary to have carrier pigeons flying backwards and forwards to Ed dos Santos in the UK to assist with the necessary changes.

I need to emphasise that it is extremely poor show for guys not to arrive at their allotted tee off time for a game of golf. In this case the two offending parties have been disciplined and suspended for 2 games. Please don't reoffend in future.

Our Website is up and running. Please check it out at [www.nomads.co.bw](http://www.nomads.co.bw) Please send comments or suggestions to myself or Adam St Quentin.

I have recently travelled to Johannesburg and met with the providers of the Samson System (Scoring and Membership System of Nomads). We have nearly completed the entering in of our membership details and will be in a position to run our October and November games on the new system in parallel with our existing system. This will truly assist in making our management of the club a whole lot easier.

We would like to thank Daniel Ip of Century Office Supplies for sponsoring a new computer to use with the new system.

Please support our sponsors, without their contribution we would really struggle to have as much fun as we do.

Just a reminder to all Nomads that they must be paid up members of a recognised golf club with an official handicap in order to be a Nomad member. **All** scores from games played **must** be entered for handicapping purposes. Once we are fully up and running on Samson all Nomad's and guest's handicaps are automatically checked upon registration and any discrepancies noted and in some cases disqualification may occur. Please ensure that your details are correct to ensure that no embarrassment may occur.

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We have completed 8 games so far this year, which should be a reminder to those that are struggling to complete their 6 games of the year that there are only 3 games left after tomorrow's game. Make up games are possible at any of the other nomads clubs in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia or Swaziland. Apply to enter one of their games, bring the completed score card and give it to our membership officer and you will be credited with the game as a contribution to your yearly requirements. All the other clubs playing calendars are available on their websites

#### **Nomads Nashua 4 ball Alliance**

Attached please find the standings after 8 games.

#### **Charity Day**

This is an advance notice that Marvelous will be hosting the club's annual charity day on Friday 18 November at the Gaborone Golf Club. If you are interested in sponsoring this event please contact Marvelous. Please also diarise this date to ensure your participation.

#### **Botswana Nomads Nationals**

"The Matsubutsubu Classic" takes place from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Phakalane.

The organisation of this event is well on the way now. Phakalane Estates have certainly come to the party and our Nationals are going to be an event to be remembered.

If you are injured or unable to play but would like to be included in the festivities, we need volunteers as starters and marshals. Please contact Steve Smith

We will be having senior tees on selected holes so as to make the course more user friendly for some of our more experienced players. Your handicap will be adjusted if you use these tees.

Please ensure that your playing kit and number ones are in sparkling condition. If you have any concerns please contact me with your requirements, attached please find a kit order form.

#### **Conclusion**

Have fun tomorrow. Please speed up play. Play ready golf. If you are ready at your ball and your playing partners are not ready, play out of turn.