

# **NOMADS BOTSWANA**



## **Captains Report**

### **September 2016**

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Dear Fellow Nomads

Please note that the next game is on **Tomorrow Thursday 1 September at Phakalane Golf Estate**

**The Matsubutsubu Nationals** are now a week away and everything is in place. We are looking forward to a great event. A special thanks to Steve Smith and his organising committee for all the hard work and long hours spent ensuring that nothing is left to chance. The attention to detail has been meticulous. Please could all Botswana Nomads register in Linyanti 3 on Wednesday 7 September between 4 and 8pm.

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 South African 52 National tournament are open. We only have a few spots so please send Barry Malan your completed entry form with the payment.

#### **News from the Previous Monthly Game**

The game was played at Gaborone Golf Club on 4<sup>th</sup> August and was sponsored by R GJ Poultry, thank you to James Graham

Thanks to Stanbic Bank for sponsoring the dinner.

A special note must be made of Mike Smith who very skilfully scored a hole-in-one on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. This is a remarkable achievement considering the length of the hole, the pin placement and the wind on the day. Mike very generously donated P2000.00 to the vice captains charity fund in lieu of purchasing a round of drinks. Congratulations and thank you Mike.

The major winners were:

Best Guest	Winner	Gareth Fletcher	28 off 5
C Division	Winner	Sean Irish	34 off 18
	Runner-up	Neil Withey	34 off 17 counted out
B Division	Winner	Theuns Wessels	32 off 15
	Runner-up	Dave Neill	31 off 11

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A Division	Winner	Tumelo Selikane	33 off 7
	Runner-up	Jason Smith	32 off 1

Most Golf	Winner	Michael Cookson	18 off 10
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Nomads Average: 26.1

### **Captains Comments**

Yet again we must apologise for the delay in prize giving. This time it was due to inclusion of a ghost which bombed the system. On an encouraging note we have installed the new Samson System and will be running this system in parallel with our existing system from the October game ready to go fully live from our first game in December. Thanks to Simon Lee from the South African Nomads National Executive for his time and assistance in this regard.

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.

Please support all our sponsors, without their contribution we would really struggle to have as much fun as we do. If you need more information regarding who our sponsors are and what they do please speak to one of the committee members.

Recently I was copied in an email from one of our members suggesting that your Nomads Committee is a closed shop and unapproachable, if you are experiencing an issue of some kind. I seriously find this hard to accept as I have personally responded to every email I have received and in some cases this has lead to face to face meetings. Every member has the right to approach myself or any committee member regarding any issue or frustration they might be experiencing. If after this approach has been made and no resolution achieved then there is a valid reason to complain. Saying that, I do believe this was an isolated issue and is in the process of being resolved.

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

Attached please find the standings after 9 games.

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#### **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**

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.

Registration is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8pm

Flag Raising is in Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm with the welcome braai commencing thereafter.

Guys, please have as much fun as possible but remember that we are representing our club in the eyes of visiting players, sponsors and guests. Look after your friends, if you see someone struggling help them, get them a taxi and get them home safely.

#### **Conclusion**

The course tomorrow has been set up in a similar condition to that which we will be playing the Nationals. Enjoy the challenge and enjoy the day.