

NOMADS BOTSWANA



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Fellow Nomads

Time is of the essence and before we realise it 2017 would have come to an end. We have now played four monthly games. Our April game this Thursday will be our fifth game. Despite your busy schedules you always find time to support our club. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you are finding it too pressing to fulfil the minimum games because of the midweek games we play, continue reading about what happens when one plays an away game/games.

Please note that our next game this Thursday 6th April will be played at Gaborone Golf Club in line with our calendar. Our May game will be at Phakalane Golf Club..

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Zimbabwe Nationals will be held from the 28th of April to the 1st of May 2017 at Elephant Hills Golf Club, Victoria Falls. Flag raising will be on Friday 28th April. We will be represented by 14 of our guys. In the just ended SA Nationals we came last with our very own Paul Chitate scooping the overall worst player of the tournament while Guy Zondagh claimed the overall Botswana Champion award.

TIES: 10 YEARS

Marshall Huntingford
Venu Desaraju.
Keagakwa Kerileng

15: YEARS

Brian Jacques
Steve Williams

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS

Adam St Quinton 30 years
Louis Fourie 40 years

INDUCTIONS

Meempat Narayan
Zane Gouveia

100 Club Winners

December 2016	Winner	Sandy Kelly
January 2017	Winner	Gummy Garcin
February 2017	Winner	Venu Desaraju
March 2017	Winner	To be advised

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THE MAJOR WINNERS WERE:

MARCH: 2017

Best Guest	Winner	Paul Kilner	26 of -4
C Division	Winner	Martin De Clerk	35 of 15
	Runner Up	Anton Dahlmann	34 of 22
B Division	Winner	Marvelous Shangare	31 of 12
	Runner Up	SY JO	31 of 13
A Division	Winner	Modiri Phuthego	33 of 07
	Runner Up	Robert Mpabanga	30 of 06
Best Pair	Winner	Anton Dahlmann Marvelous Shangare	65 of 34
Best Gross	Winner	Paul Kilner	30 of -4
Captains Score	Winner	Jay Ramesh	31 points
Most Golf	Winner	De Vrye Van Dyk	16 of 14

Attendance: 63 players. Visitors: 5 (Total Field 68)

Collected Competition Fees:

P 1360.00(68 players @ P20.00 each)

Non Attendance Fine:

P810 (P10 extra+ P50 for dress code violation) was collected from 15 players who did not attend prize giving, sadly this speaks volumes. Instead of paying such a fine the idea is that we must all attend prize giving, cheer our winning friends, listen to announcements, share the dinner together and enjoy the camaraderie over a drink or two.

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In an effort to turn things around and accommodate our busy schedules which include family time, we shall start our prize giving on the dot at 6.30pm. As already mentioned, we shall shorten our announcement time in addition minimise our prize giving time also. As you co-operate and get ready by the appointed time no-one will be disappointed.

Should one decide not to attend prize giving; one **MUST** pay P50 to the scoring ladies. We have a few amongst us who unfortunately fail to pay this amount of money whether deliberately or not. This has been observed and am only putting the point across to ensure this does not happen again. Thank you.

Fines Master was Raam:

Thank you Raam, yours is to make sure you don't become a habitual receiver of the dreaded tie. Splendid fines collection. The amount raised was: P 1060.00

Low Score from each group:

Amount collected was P340.00

Total Amount Collected: P 3360.00 (+400 scoring+50 Monty)

Captains Comments

Thank you Gladys and Sabrina for assisting with scoring. Thank you ever so much Venu for coordinating and calling names for the game, doing the draw and posting it on our website while you were in India. The use of the emails for game calling and the draw on the website is the way to go. If you are still not receiving any communication from the Match Secretary, please get hold of Guy Zondagh and provide him with correct email and cellular numbers. Even then, good job and welldone Venu. Thank you Taff for making sure the score cards were timeously presented for scoring on the day of the match.

To Stanbic, thank you also for providing manpower to handle our registration process and to cap it all, the provision of dinner. We had a slight delay with prize giving due to a technical problem with the PA system. We will make sure this will be rectified prior to this month's prize giving and its occurrence is minimised to ensure that we have smooth proceedings. For this I would like to apologise on behalf of the Committee.

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To all of you who were present and patiently waiting for the commencement of the prize giving, thank you. From now onwards you will not be disappointed. Let me assure you all, that, indeed we shall stick to the time, on the dot.

Thank you also to all who assisted with making our prize giving earlier than normal, your efforts are commendable.

AWAY GAMES

I am certain that the matter of add-on games has not been clearly defined. It is quite obvious that any away monthly game played helps to fulfil the minimum 6 games for the ensuing year and also counts towards your games badge. Correspondences have been out explaining the rule on the 4 months prior and 2 months after the anticipated game to be missed.

Please take note that over and above this phenomenon, any game that one plays in full Nomad kit is an official game. Therefore, away games that we play against Easterns and Northerns will count towards our make-up games. Two games played on Saturday and Sunday provided we play in our Nomad Kit, will be added to the minimum required games of 6. However, these games will not count towards your normal monthly games for the purpose of the number of games awarded for the game badge. Unfortunately only games that we play at home shall suffice for this award and includes the monthly away game played.

The idea behind all this, nonetheless, is to make sure that we support our club at home more often towards fulfilling our mandate of being a charitable entity. On this note should we decide to put on our Nomads kit during our Charity golf day, it is acceptable and the game will count towards the 6 games. In fact we can play in our Nomads kit while our visitors can also play in their own attire. This is, alright, correct and acceptable and will definitely distinguish us from the pack and our purpose well defined.

Any previous misgivings and uncertainties must be put to rest and we must move on in this direction fully knowing that it's procedurally correct and not for any other purpose. For all of us Nomads, "Golf is a compromise between what your ego wants you to do, what experience tells to do, and is a game of respect and sportsmanship, so keep your sense of humour; there is enough stress in the rest of our lives, in the end we only regret the chances we didn't take."

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NOMADS NASHUA 4 BALL ALLIANCE

Despite the fact that it has taken longer than expected as a result of the migration to the Samson System, we are now on track as shown below. The standings are authentic and may you be encouraged to play good golf to improve your position. Encourage one another to always participate and remember the benefit to the winners is priceless. Only one group at a time will be proclaimed the winner and the sponsors, Nashua are willing to go an extra mile to put a smile on the winners.

NASHUA FOURBALL ALLIANCE STANDINGS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017

Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4	Points	16/12	17/01	17/02	17/03
JOSEPH MACHOKOTO	CHARLES JANSEN VAN VUUREN	Garry Whittaker	Jimmy Wilson	349	88	97	84	80
OOMA REDDY	Tim Calvert	Marvelous Shangare	RAY MORGAN	345	87	87	85	86
DAVE ROSE	TAWANDA MAKAYA	Carlo Zucca	Charles Brownlee	322	83	97	59	83
ROBERT LANG	BEN LIU	Guy Zondag	Chris Engelbrecht	317	77	83	80	77
ISHMAEL MPOFU	ARNIE OOSTHUIZEN	Killian Wessels	Neil Bushell	299	81	84	82	52
Avinash Bijoor	MODIRI PHUTEGO	Martin De Klerk	Theuns Wessels	295	78	80	47	90
Venkit Iyer	TUMELO SELIKANE	Sean Irish	NEWMAN MOTSEPE	290	84	82	74	50
DAVE NEILL	Paul SCHLEBUSCH	Moses Goto	Ian West	290	86	72	81	51
Rodney Butau	Anton Dahlmann	Richard Armstrong	CLIFFORD NSOMPA	286	80	89	57	60
PRAVIN MISTRY	SY JO	ROB WOODS	Jock Hampton	280	55	58	85	82
Mukesh Dullabhai	ANDREW FIELD	Taff Williams	Rick Dunlop-Jones	276	87	78	83	28
ROD PHILLIPS	Louis Fourie	ROBERT MPABANGA	Paul Chitate	266	68	76	45	77
Graeme Cloete	Richard Hope	GARY JOHNS	Chippy Denyer	263	81	99	29	54
CS KIM	Adam St. Quintin	JAY RAMESH	Robert Evans	244	50	59	52	83
Louis Van Ravesteyn	Martin Colley	KEAGAKWA KERILENG	WAYNE JORDAAN	243	51	98	69	25
Schalk Coetzee	RAAM JAYARAM	SEAN McCORMICK	Tom Egner	243	73	29	70	71
Bob Cunningham	Neil Withey	De Vrye VAN DYK	Steve Smith [PRO]	235	54	88	56	37
JJ Wolmarans	Barry Malan	Brian Jacques	BHASKAR NALAMALAPU	229	81	51	68	29
Vinder Walia	Oliver Chapeyama	Trevor Burnett	JASON CRAVEN SMITH	217	78	63	57	19
ELIJAH JONES	BERGSMAN SENTLE	Charl Van Zyl	Marcus John Smith	212	27	51	79	55
Venu Desaraju	SANDY KELLY	RAJESH NARASIMHAN	SOLOMON MUWORI	203	42	82	29	50
BARRY OCONNELL	Laxman JAYARAM	James Graham	Marais Franken	201	71	80	29	21
Ben-Nico Van Rooyen	Marshall Huntingford	BRENT ROUSE	PVR REDDY	190	81	61	23	25
PRAMOD PATEL	MICHAEL COOKSON	HUGH ROSS		160	49	0	82	29
JAY SALKIN	MUSA SIWELA	ABE BOTES		151	52	27	72	0
David Denbury	Eric Van Pul	Jonz Chansiku		150	76	23	26	25

Three Ball

The three, 3ball teams will be filled once we have inducted new members into Nomads or better still we need three Nomads to fill the three slots on groups 24, 25 and 26, last groups. Should there be a withdrawal on any 4ball the points earned by the withdrawer will fall away also. The points for the replacer will count from the 1st game after joining.

ATTENDANCES

Thank you guys for participating at this month's game at Gaborone Golf Club. Let us enjoy our game, be merry and embrace our relations with the old time nomadic spirit.

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Honestly we do appreciate it and look forward to more participants and recruitment to increase our numbers albeit with young and vibrant applicants. "Our old guards" will always pass on the wisdom, thank you for your commitment to this great club.

PRIZE GIVING

We are going to remain resolute and true to the cause. Our time of 6.30pm will be our standard starting procedure. I shall without ceasing solicit for your support and co-operation in this regard. Let us all shower timeously and get ready to get on with it. Let bye-gones be bye-gones.

GPKO

As a courteous reminder, all GPKO games must be played outside of our monthly games. Only the finals of both the GPKO and Plate will be played in the Gold Cup finals.

CONCLUSION:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all Nomads who played in our March game at Gaborone. "Dineo" is no more and am positive there won't be worsening of the rough and the short rough. We all expect our golf courses to be tendered to and enjoyable to play on. I look forward to all of us enjoying our game of golf but remember to play it as it lies when you are in the rough, that's sportsmanship.

It has come to my attention as Captain that we have some of our members who want to play at Gaborone or Phakalane only. My question to you guys is why? One famous writer once wrote; "if all men were one what a great man would that be and if all players were one what a great player would that be." There are circumstances beyond our control as golfers and members of each golf club, associated with each golf course and these should not be used as scape goats. Come on guys we are Nomads lets enjoy the golf and each other's company at both courses.

Finally once the Samson System is totally functional, I shall include the Membership list in this publication which will show; number of years one has been a Nomad, number of Nomad games played to date and so forth in our next month's newsletter. As previously explained we expect to be fully functional at the end of April.

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