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Buongiorno,

It's a new day, it's new dawn and that means the new handicap system is being phased in as of 1 October 2019.

Further to the recent correspondence on the changes to the Handicap Rules, effective from the 1st October, here are some of the "big" changes:

Please remember the following key issues:

1. If you are using the HNA phone App, please update it so that it is compatible with the new GolfRSA Handicap Rules, effective from 1st October 2019.

2. Please remember to make sure your round is Registered/Opened on the system by your club prior to play. If it has not been opened by the Club, you can Open/Register the round on the system using your phone App or the Club Terminal before you play.

3. You have to register/open a round on the system before you can enter a score. If you have already played the round and wish to enter a score, you still need to register/open the round first before entering the score.

4. There is a new 24-hour maximum time limit to enter a score, after which

you will incur a penalty. The 24 hours starts from 23h00 on the day of play to 23h00 the following day.

Handicap changes include:

1. Maximum Score - Net Double Bogey

- 2. Average of the best 8 Differentials of the last 20 Rounds.
- 3. Exceptional Score Changed
- 4.9-Hole Course Handicap and revised 9-Hole calculation
- 5. All Match Play scores must be entered into the Handicap System

The best "change" for me is NO More Placing – something that has been totally abused over the last decade or two in South Africa...

The stroke allocation will also be changing in the future as on the front 9 every three holes have to add up to 27 and on the back 9 every three holes must add up to 30.

HOLE	CURRENT	NEW	
	STROKES	STROKES	
1	3	5	
2	9	15	
3	7	7	
4	5	17	
5	11	1	
6	1	9	
7	17	13	
8	15	3	
9	13	11	
10	6	8	
11	10	18	
12	18	4	
13	16	16	
14	12	2	
15	8	12	
16	2	6	
17	14	14	
18	4	10	

So, the idea is to make all the par 5's on the course low strokes, as this is where the high handicap golfer needs them the most. At the end of the day if you are a 9-handicap golfer you are still going to stroke on 9 holes, it's just on 9 different holes! The hardest part is going to be the mind shift that needs to happen.

I would love to hear some suggestions from all of you. Maybe change /

swap some of the holes par's around – let your mind go and send me your suggestion on what you think by <u>clicking here</u>.

Rugby World Cup Time

The first game didn't quite go our way... But we had a great day nevertheless, sub 4-hour round of golf including halfway house. With a SHOTGUN start at 07h00 everyone could be back in the club to support the Bokke. We played better against our neighbours where we love to shoot a few "bokke" with Stellenbosch son Schalk Brits as captain of the victorious side. Friday we will be supporting the boys in their green and gold as they play Italy – don't miss out come and join as at the perfect venue for pizza, wine and rugby **#gobokke**.



Live from the field or in the clubhouse it's electrifying everywhere



Tiaan Swannepoel wins the Heineken draw after the rugby!

Cluver & Markotter Cartoons and Superhero Mixed Competition

What a "fun" day with the cartoon characters and superhero in our annual Three Clubs and a Putter Mixed competition proudly presented by **Cluver & Markotter**. We bid farewell to **Leonie** as she steps down as Ladies Captain, it was two very special years we all really enjoyed with her at the helm of the ladies section. For me the best part was the quiz we had after the round, it was great to see the teams working together, this time with their brains... After prizegiving the players enjoyed Springbok Burgers - what a great touch from chef Gerhard.

Richard announced that Cluver & Markotter will be back in 2020 supporting this wonderful event once again. Our Birdies for Balls campaign was also launched as we are a month away from the ABACUS Eikestad Classic. Please remember to buy your ticket in the Pro Shop – the prize: membership for a year!



All smiles from our superheroes



Loved Superman & Superwoman

Harcourts

This wonderful event has come to an end... and Dewald Cloete and Gerhard Beukes was crowned the champions after the 4th round. During the final day interview the question was posed how do you win something like this?

Gerhard answer, quite simple, just play all 4 rounds with and same partner and whoop you win. Special thanks to the team from Harcourts Winelands making this possible annually.

Harcourts Challenge 2019

4BB Bogey Stellenbosch Golf Club

POS	Players/Partners	Round 1 13/03	Round 2 19/06	Round 3 21/08	Round 4	-
1	D. Cloete & G. Beukes	12	9	9	9	39
2	J. Laubcher L. Destroo	14	6	7	5	32
3	F. van Wyk & J. Mouton	14	4	7	6	31

Neil and his team has done an amazing job preparing the golf course for the VOG event... As members you can be so proud, the compliments have been streaming in, most players saying this is the best conditioned course they have played in 2019. Neil, from all of us, thank you so much for the early mornings, the late evenings - you and your staff's passion can be seen in the wonderful product you present!





Stellenbosch GC showing off

Lightning does not have to strike twice

Hence, I think you should see this video as a reminder of taking such bad weather seriously:

The video is from the 2019 U.S. Womens Open, where play was suspended. As you can see the lightning struck a tree not far away from several players.

The Rules of Golf

The Rules of Golf (Rule 5.7a) states:

A player may stop play if he or she reasonably believes there is danger from lightning but must report to the Committee as soon as possible. Thus, you can stop play even though play has not (yet) been suspended.

Take it seriously!

Often people don't take bad weather too seriously, but instead continue playing despite thunder and lightning nearby, but my advice would definitely be to immediately stop play and go inside if you reasonably believe that lightning is in the area.

As you can see on the tree, when lightning strikes, serious damage can occur!





Weather stations during the VOG tournament

Please remember to come and support our local boys, JJ Senekal, Oliver Bekker, Erhard Lambrecht and Karl Ochse as they tee it up in the VOG Sunshine Tour event currently taking place. Jean Hugo is also back in town and looking good having twice been crowned the champion in major competitions... The club had a fantastic start with our General Manager, Chris van der Merwe, winning the two-day PRO/AM partner Trevor Fischer JNR. Well done Chris – flying the Stellenbosch GC high as always!

See you all for the rugby tomorrow, **Louis**



In gesprek met Deon le Roux

Een van die klublede wat deur die jare baie konstante golf speel, is Deon le Roux en hy het dan ook vir etlike jare met groot sukses liga vir die klub gespeel. In hierdie artikel gee Deon sy mening oor putjies op die baan wat hy as groot uitdagings bekou en hy vertel ook wat sy "geheim" is om konstante gholf te speel. Hierso volg my volledige onderhoud met hom.

VRAAC: Waar was jy op skool en aan watter sportsoorte het jy op skool deelgeneem?

LE ROUX: Ek was eers op laerskool op Laingsburg en daarna by De Kuilen en HTS Bellville. Op skool het ek rugby en tennis gespeel.

Lees verder <u>hier</u>.

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