

NEWSLETTER #8

August 2017

Dearest Member,

Finally the winter has said its final goodbyes. We did have a bit of a cold scare in the final week of August but the grass is not hibernating anymore and spring treatments is starting

1. IMPORTANT DATES

We also wish to remind members of the following important dates:

September 2 nd	Club par 3 challenge. 5 clubs allowed plus putter
September 9 th	Tusk Challenge Our first longest drive competition sponsored by Köhler Auto
September 16 th	Elmir Cup opening matches
September 23 rd	VLU golf day
September 25 th	Founders' Members day
September 30 th	Monthly Medal Elmir Cup 2 nd Round

2. LEAGUE NEWS

All the leagues have finished for the year except for the Gross League starting on the 2nd of October. Good luck to Dirk and his team. We have entered 2 teams again this year and would like to congratulate Christo Snyman who will be captain of the 2nd team.

Please contact the club or me (Christo) if you would like to join these two teams.

3. GARDENING ON THE COURSE

It is the time of the year that residents and gardeners prepare for spring. Very often plantable cuttings and excess plants are thrown away.

We call on all Bankenveld residents and club members to donate whatever excess perennials they have to the club to be planted on the course. Please contact Christo at the Pro-Shop to collect it.

4. CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Duncan Cullen for winning his Sanlam Cancer Regional play-off recently in Ermelo.

Two of our female members have been selected to represent our province at the interprovincial tournament in Mosselbaai. Congratulations Thandeka and Zanè.

5. EDWIN'S TIP OF THE MONTH:

Correct Rotation

In the Back Swing

I see many Ammies struggle with making the correct shoulder rotation in their back swing - This often results in a faulty down swing causing inconsistent ball-striking. One of the biggest mistakes is when the player drops his/her left shoulder down, twisting the spine (Picture A) in stead of rotating around the spine (Picture B).

This will make your weight move toward the front foot and will likely cause a too steep plane at the top of the back swing.



The Drill:

Grip Goes Sideways - Not Down

Place a golf club on your shoulders with the grip on your left side and slightly tilted up as seen in Picture C below.



Rotate with your shoulders so that the grip goes sideways in stead of down - This will cause your weight to shift to your back foot and also get the club on a less steeper plane at the top of your back swing.

You will feel your right pocket turning around your body with your back facing the target when you do the movement correctly.



6. SUMMER IS HERE

The 1st of September is officially the start of spring. The Pro-Shop will be opening at 7:30 in the mornings and closing at 18:00. Nine and Wine prize giving's will take place from 18:00 on Fridays.

7. NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome Members Neil von Levetzow, Henno Badenhorst, Sihle Ndlovu and Tiaan Greyvenstein as new members to the Club and wish them an enjoyable golfing experience and social interaction here.

8. COURSE MATTERS

During the winter months the course has undergone some changes. Bunkers have been changed to grass bunkers; we are waiting for the grass to grow. We also have lifted the floor of the bunkers on holes number 2 and 8 and that will hopefully increase the playability of the course.

In a recent article in the Golf Digest Bankenveld was rated the 10th most difficult course in Mpumalanga and also rated the 10th most difficult 9 holes course in South Africa.

9. READY GOLF

The R&A has introduced the concept of “Ready Golf” to speed up play. The etiquette of the person laying the furthest from the hole playing his shot first is hereby sacrificed.

The idea is that whenever a player is ready to, without compromising the safety of his co-players, he/she should play his/her shot. This seems to have a very positive effect to the speed of play.

This was tested on August 26th during the Club’s Monthly Medal. The duration of play was reduced to ±4h30min.

We wish to encourage our members to make use of this new rule whenever they play at Bankenveld.

10. SPONSORS NEWS

- Big thank you to Max from Köhler Auto for sponsoring us the use of an Isuzu bakkie for the next 6 months.
- Another big thank you to Riaan from Chas Everitt for sponsoring us 20 small cooler boxes. Now the drinks can be chilled in the back of the golf carts.
- Also a big thank you to Barloworld Toyota for sponsoring our Mid-Amateur team.

Thank you to all our sponsors on the course:

- a. Talisman
- b. Transvaal training
- c. Richie crane hire
- d. Volkswagen
- e. Land rover n4
- f. The ridge casino
- g. Chas Everitt
- h. Ningi services

We still have some sponsorship opportunities available at the club. Please contact Christo de Beer on 060 966 0207 if you have any ideas.

11. ELMIR CUP 2017

The third Elmir Cup League will be played from the weekend of September 16nd & 17th and the following five pool matches will be played on the weekends of:

- September 30th & October 1st,
- October 14th & 15th,
- October 28th & 29th; and
- November 11th & 12th.

This **Better-Ball, Match Play** League tournament shall be played:

- Over 18 holes;
- On Saturdays or Sundays, only; and
- One weekend has been allotted for each set of matches to be played.

BETTER-BALL TEAMS

- Eligibility:**
1. A team consists of an anchor player and his/her guest, with at least one (1) player of the team to play in a match. Club members are encouraged to invite a non-member as his/her guest.
 2. During the League Phase, anchor players may only be substituted by another player at a maximum of one (1) match, and guest players may only be substituted at a maximum of two (2) matches. No substitutions will be allowed during the semi-final and final matches.
 3. All players, namely, anchor players, guests and substitutes may only play for one team during the course of the competition. No swapping of players between teams is allowed.

Alternative Dates:

1. The two anchor players may mutually agree to play their match on another weekend, not later than the date of the next round.

2. Any other date is subject to prior approval by the Club Captains'. The fixture list is subject to changes approved by the Captains' Committee.

ENTRIES & FEES

1. The number of entries is limited to 12 Better-Ball teams (24 players in total) and the entries close on Monday, September 11th, 2017.
2. Entry fee for the duration of the League & Championship Day is R300-00 per Better-Ball Team, payable prior to the first match.
3. Green fees are payable as normal. If matches are played during the week, then the weekend green fees are payable.
4. The following prizes will be awarded:
 - 4.1. Champion: 60% of entry fees received
 - 4.2. Runner Up: 40% of entry fees received

12. BIRDIE CLUB

Bankenveld has launched an initiative to see who can BIRDIE all 18 holes. The first person who birdies all 18 holes will win the total money paid into the birdie club. At this stage we sit with 22 entries.

You can still enter for R200.

Top 5 standings at the moment are:

1. Gerhard Stenzel on 7
2. Ryan Stenzel on 7
3. Eugene Geldenhuys on 7
4. Darren Neyt on 6

5. Carl Manser, Christo de Beer, Jarred Elliott on 5.

13. CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

The Monthly Medal held on Saturday, August 26th. The results were as follows:

Gross Winner		Ryan Stenzel	76
Nett Winner		Thandeka Hlatswayo	Nett 73
Division A	Winner	Theo Uys	80
	Runner Up	Tiaan Greyvenstein	85
	Third	Cameron Mackenzie	86
Division B	Winner	Christo de Beer	73
	Runner Up	Gerhard Stenzel	74
	Third Place	Carl Manser	74
Division C	Winner	Duncan Cullen	29
	Runner Up	Bokkie Nel	28
	Third	Marie Venter	28
Nearest to pin	Hole 5 & 14	Duncan Cullen (nearly a hole-in-one)	
	Hole 8 & 17	Eddie Hall	

The lucky draw took place during the prize-giving. Senorah Thokwane was our lucky draw winner, but she was unfortunately not present. The lucky draw for September will take place at prize-giving on September 30th, and the amount to be won will be R2000.

Regards,

Christo de Beer

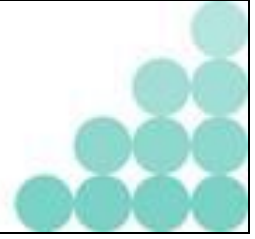
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