

JANUARY 2026

NATAL NOMADS – MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Captain's Report

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Captain's Report – January 2026

Dear Natal Nomads

2026 Lets Goooo!

Umhlali Country Club was the host of our first game of the year. It is always such a pleasure to play at the very hospitable Umhlali Country Club, but don't be fooled by the friendly atmosphere on arrival. Umhlali is a course that teaches us a lesson time and time again. One only needs to look at the average score: 26.6, for the day, to realise what challenge it is. I teamed up with Club Captain Keith Ferreira, and we received a golf lesson from Deon and Bryce Myburgh. Apparently, the course wasn't that tough after all. We had a lovely field of 95 players and more importantly 81 Nomads. Great start to the year!

Stats for the day

Nomads	81
Visiting Nomads	3
Guests	9
Prospective Nomads	2
TOTAL	95

Scoring average was 26.6

Well played to the Champions on the day,

A Div	- Butch Armitage (10)	34 Pts
B Div	- Gary Smith (13)	37 Pts
C Div	- Derek Browne (22)	39 pts

Nice one Gents – great start to your Nomadic year.

Then...scoring just 21 measly points, after starting with 12, our esteemed Club Secretary Chad Walters had a day he would sooner forget. Not all bad news Chad, you have secured your place in this year's Gold Cup event.

Very encouraging to have 9 guests join us for the day. We trust they enjoyed the experience. Tell your friends!

One of the perks of being Club Captain is recognising members who have achieved phenomenal milestones. Keith Gillespie was inducted into Natal Nomads on the 1st of January 1981 and has played 489 games. Keith is one of Natal's true characters and it was my honour to hand him his 45-year tie. Congratulations Keith, 50-year tie loading!

The other recipient of a bottle of Johnnie Walker Blonde was Umhlali Captain, Keith Ferreria. It was wonderful to hear Keith speak so highly of Natal Nomads and the difference they make to local golf.

The year is already in full swing. Whales Nationals is around the corner and planning is already under way for Andrew Mentis and the Langham Edward events. We also have our first Golforama event happening towards the end of February.

Undoubtedly, the highlight on our February calendar is the visit of our National Chairman John Kayula. John will be playing in our February game at Cotswold Downs. Looking forward to hosting you John, bring your cash!

Thank-you to our registration and scoring table.

Registration and Joker = Antony Kerdachi, Mthoko Mtshali and Garth Enslin

Scorer = Mike Jordan and Ian Brewer

Prize table = Steve McClelland

Photos = Craig Davidson

Newsletter = Arnie Neveling & Mike Clark

In closing, I encourage all Natal Nomads to get involved in Nomads. No organisation is more suited to the old saying “you get out what you put in”. There are so many facets of the Nomads organisation within which to engage. I make you a promise, you will be rewarded for your efforts.

Yours in Nomads

Garth Hanger

Captain, Nomads Golf Club Natal 2025/2026

Natal Nomads – Vision

To inspire a community of golfers bound by friendship, integrity, and passion for the game, while leaving a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need.

We envision a Nomads family where sport, camaraderie, and charity come together to create lasting memories, empower communities, and uphold a legacy of generosity and excellence.

GOLFORAMA – What is it?

Golforama is a patented scoring system purchased by CNA in 1963 for the exclusive use of Nomads. It was ingeniously developed by Nomads to facilitate real-time scoring at professional and other golf events in Southern Africa sanctioned by the South African Golf Association, the Sunshine Tour, and the European Tour.

The system operates through volunteers from Nomads who generously give their time to assist at tournaments. These volunteers use electronic equipment supplied by the Sunshine Tour organisers to record players' scores at each of the 18 holes. The scores are transmitted electronically to a central control point operated by Nomads and are then disseminated to the main scoreboard, as well as multiple on-course scoreboards, providing live updates for spectators.

In addition to control room personnel, scoreboard operators, and greenside recorders, Nomads also provides roving reporters. These reporters follow the leading ten groups, capturing scores and statistics for television broadcast, thereby enhancing viewer engagement and promoting golf as a spectator sport.

Although Nomads members volunteer their time to ensure the successful operation of Golforama, Nomads South Africa is compensated for the service. The proceeds are applied toward projects aimed at the further development and promotion of golf.

Janus Horn who has been managing it for the last few years has decided to step down. He will be assisting the new elected person. In the meantime, we are still looking for volunteers despite having a number of members that have already committed.



2025-2026 SUNSHINE TOUR - TOURNAMENT INFORMATION								
Month		Tournament	Venue	SST Tech Assist	SST Coor	Nomads Coor	Nomands Contact No.	Days
2026	20 - 22 Jan	Betway BET 10	Ebotse GC	Karin	Tiaan	Anton	0834490371	3
	22 - 25 Jan	Cell C Challenge	Killarney CC	Carlo	Dornay	Matthew	0609754526	4
	27 - 29 Jan	Betway BET Play-off	Modderfontein CC	Anton	Tiaan	Anton	0834490371	3
	29 Jan - 1 Feb	SDC Open	Zebula GE	Tumelo	Priscilla	Jurie	0724032794	4
	04 - 07 Feb	Africa Amateur Championship	Royal Joburg East	R&A	Gillian (R&A)	Matthew	0609754526	4
	05 - 08 Feb	CIRCA Cape Town Open	Royal Cape GC	Carlo	Dirk	James	0848246832	4
	12 - 15 Feb	NNT Data Pro-Am	Fancourt	Carlo/team	Tshepo	Ronnie	0834526682	4
	19 - 22 Feb	Jonnson Workwear Open	Durban CC	John	Dornay	John	0824559535	4
	26 Feb - 1 Mar	Investec SA Open	Stellenbosch CC	Carlo/Tumelo	Tiaan	Richard	0828200440	4
	05 - 07 Mar	Standard Bank Ladies Open	Durbanville GC	Karin	Emelia	James	0848246832	3
	05 - 08 Mar	Joburg Open	Houghton GC	Carlo/Tumelo	Priscilla	Matthew	0609754526	4
	12 - 15 Mar	Courier Guy Play-offs	Serengeti	Carlo	Dornay	Michael	0769400804	4
	16 - 19 Mar	Betway BET Finals	TBA	Anton	Tiaan	Anton	0834490371	4
	18 - 20 Mar	Platinum Ladies Open	Blair Atholl	Tumelo	Emelia	Anton	0834490371	3
	26 - 28 Mar	ABSA Ladies Invitational	Royal Joburg	Tumelo	Emelia	Matthew	0609754526	3
	25 - 28 Mar	QS Final Stage	Vaal de Grace	Karin	Reinard	Michael	0769400804	4
25 - 29 Mar	QS Final Stage	Parys CC	Anton	Reinard	Joe	0836616544	5	
26 - 29 Mar	DNI Tour Champs	De Zalze GC	Carlo	Priscilla	Richard	0828200440	4	
16 - 19 Apr	Joburg Ladies Open	Randpark GC	Carlo	Emelia	Matthew	0609754526	4	
23 - 26 Apr	Investec SA Womans Open	Royal Cape CC	Carlo	Emelia	James	0848246832	4	
14 - 17 May	Kit Kat Pro-Am	Irene CC	Carlo	Dornay	Jurie	0724032794	4	
04 - 07 Jun	Waterfall ToC	Royal Joburg East	Carlo	Anna	Matthew	0609754526	4	

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – EVENT OPERATIONS

To ensure the smooth and safe running of the event, we require the following personnel each day:

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

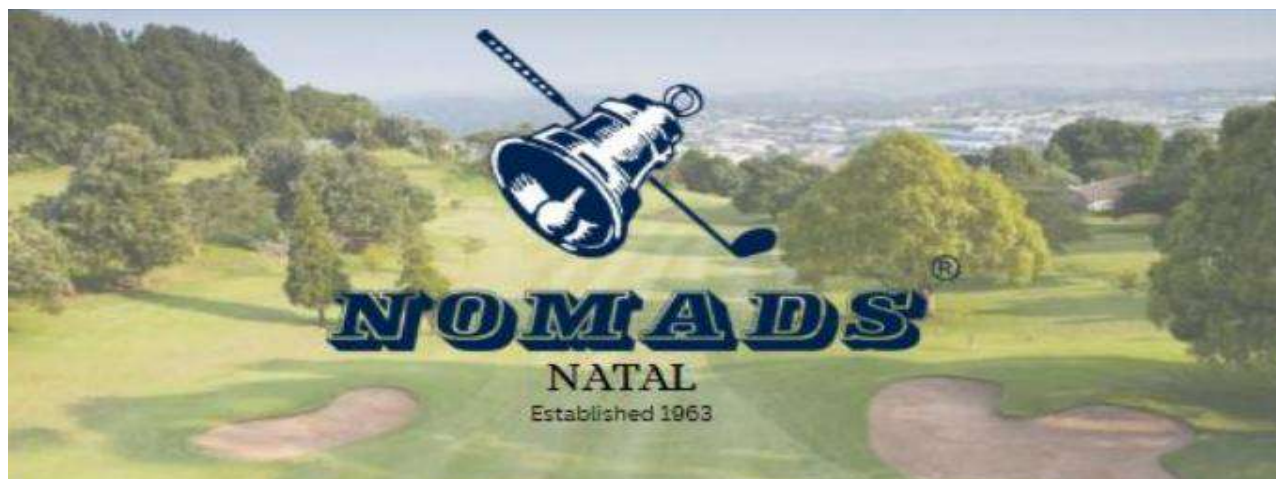
- 1 x Coordinator
- 2 x Starters
- 2 x Rovers
- 6 x Hole Scorers

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

- 1 x Coordinator
- 1 x Starters
- 2 x Rovers
- 18 x Hole Scorers
- 8 x Television Spotters

We encourage more NOMADS to step forward and assist.

Please contact John Elliott if you can help.



NATAL NOMADS PRIZE SHEET

Venue	UMHLALI COUNTRY CLUB	Date	Thursday 22 JANUARY 2026
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WELCOME.

Honorary Life Members & Past National Executive	JOHN COLE JAY van RENSBURG	GARTH ENSLIN MICK SUGDEN
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TODAY'S HOST	KEITH FERREIRA - UMHLALI COUNTRY CLUB CAPTAIN
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LOCAL SPONSORS.	
HERITAGE MOTORS - Richard & Shaun Barker	GAVIN BROWN & ASSOC - Gavin Brown
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FLAMMA GRILL, CONCHILLA, CONCHA CAFÉ - Fabien Durocher - Yvon	

OUR THANK YOU's for the DAY

REGISTRATION	GARTH ENSLIN
COLLECTIONS	MTHOKO MTSHALI ANTONY KERDACHI
STARTERS	BRENDAN TOOHEY 1st ARNIE NEVELING 10th
SCORERS	IAN BREWER MIKE JORDAN
PRIZE TABLE	STEVE McCLELLAND PHOTOGRAPHER CRAIG DAVIDSON

1. **VISITING NOMADS TODAY.** GRAHAM BISHOP (Gauteng) ROB HARRISON & PAUL CROSS (S/N)

The BEST SCORE by a VISITING NOMAD TODAY

On a handicap of 16 scoring 32 pts	ROB HARRISON
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2. Welcome to **2 PROSPECTIVE & 8 VISITORS** who joined us & we hope you enjoyed your day. The Best score by one of these players

On a handicap of 1 scoring 40 pts	BRYCE MYBURGH
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3. **DRAWN 4 BALL WINNERS** On a Combined Handicap of 47 scoring 128 pts

KEITH FERREIRA STEVE McCLELLAND GARY SMITH PAUL CROSS (S/N)

4. **PLAYING 4 BALL RUNNERS UP** On a Combined Handicap of 50 scoring 126 pts

GARY SMITH BRENDAN TOOHEY GARTH ENSLIN ANTONY KERDACHI

5. **PLAYING 4 BALL WINNERS** On a Combined Handicap of 42 scoring 126 pts

NICK FORDE**JAMIE FERGUSON****GRAHAM BLACKBURN****GHOST****6. PLAYING PAIR RUNNERS UP.**

<i>Handicap</i>	20	<i>Points</i>	66	ANTONY KERDACHI	GARY SMITH
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7. PLAYING PAIR WINNERS.

<i>Handicap</i>	4	<i>Points</i>	66	DEON MYBURGH	BRYCE MYBURGH
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8. OUR DIVISIONAL RUNNERS UP

RUNNERS UP	A DIVISION		B DIVISION		C DIVISION	
	<i>Handicap</i>	3 pts 34	<i>Handicap</i>	14 pts 34	<i>Handicap</i>	20 pts 35
	JAMIE FERGUSON		GARTH ENSLIN		ROSS ALLESON	

9. OUR DIVISIONAL WINNERS

WINNERS	A DIVISION		B DIVISION		C DIVISION	
	<i>Handicap</i>	10 pts 34	<i>Handicap</i>	13 pts 37	<i>Handicap</i>	22 pts 39
	BUTCH ARMITAGE		GARY SMITH		DEREK BROWNE	

10. TRIPLE DRAW**R 3,789.00 (Excl Jan)**

	A DIVISION		B DIVISION		C DIVISION	
		34		37		39
	NO WINNER					

11 The "BOYKIE" Best Performance on the Day.

<i>Handicap</i>	22	<i>Points</i>	39	DEREK BROWNE
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12. WUNUNDER sponsored by NATAL NOMADS (sharing a pool of 6 golf balls)

NO WINNER

13. THUNDER BOLT Hole No 6 sponsored by TONY BOLT (Wins a sleeve of golf balls)

JUSTIN DE NEEF	GAVIN BROWN	HENDRI van SCHALKWYK
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14. NEAREST the PINS

No 4	PIETER NEETHLING	No 6	HENDRI van SCHALKWYK
No 11	BUTCH ARMITAGE	No 18	DEREK BROWNE

15. NEAREST the PIN for 2

No 1	TREVOR LARKAN
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16. HOLE in ONE (R 540.00 excl January)

NO WINNER

7. TWO CLUBS - (10)

JUSTIN DE NEEF	HENDRI van SCHALKWYK	SEAN PHILLIPS	GAVIN BROWN	PAUL CROSS
BUTCH ARMITAGE	PIETER NEETHLING	DEREK BROWNE	GARY SMITH	BRYCE MYBURGH

18. **MOST GOLF** sponsored by Antony Kerdachi of Kerdachi & Associates
receives the PINK **"CHOP of the MONTH"** CAP to be worn at the next game.

Handicap of 12 scoring 21 pts	CHAD WALTERS
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19. FINALLY "THE HARD HAT BRIGADE" WINNERS

Assisting with the collection of FINES & PACKING UP of the ALTER & Prize Table

With a Combined Handicap of 37 scoring 75 points

BRENDAN DU RANDT	KYLE SMITH	WESLEY SMITH	WARREN GEERS
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20. FINES MASTER for TODAY is: KEITH GILLESPIE collects R

NON - SKILLS DEPARTMENT

21. JOHNNY BLONDE WHISKY DRAW.	Winner	ERIC MZILENI (60)
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22. CASH DRAW receiving R 350.00	Winner	WERNER PIETERSE (67)
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23. TRIPLE DRAW POOL Today is: R 3,789.00 (excl January)

Todays Scores were:	A Division 34	B Division 37	C Division 39
The Winner is:	NO WINNER		

24. LOTTO DRAW. Winning Number

20	MIKE CLARKE
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25. OVER 60's Attendance Prize (Must be present to receive)

In Order	KEITH GILLESPIE (21)	BRAND van NIEKERK (32)	
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26. UNDER 60's Attendance Prize (Must be present to receive)

In Order	JOHANN BOTHMA (8)	NICK FORDE (20)	BRENDAN DU RANDT (17)
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27. SAB BEER DRAW - 2 Winners

CRAIG REDFERN (29)	MANDLA NDUDANE (62)	MIKE CLARK (12)
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28. HOST CLUB GOLF VOUCHERS x 4.

SAM BOHATA (37)	CHRIS MEYIWA (56)	ED MNGOMA (57)
ROSS ALLESON (2)	HENDRI van SCHALKWYK (80)	CRAIG SMYTHE (31)

29. CAPTAINS CHOICE:

1	KEITH GILLESPIE	2	ANTONY KERDACHI
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30. TAYLOR MADE Super 10 Draw for JANUARY

IAN HAYES - HILL (54)

31. GOLD CUP JOKER JACKPOT DRAW TONIGHT is for R 40,530.00

1	FRANCIS LEGGETT	E 4	2 MAURICE CHELIN - WINNER	A 4
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32. VICE CAPTAINS JOKER DRAW for R 5,300.00

1	ARYN GEEKIE	E 4	2	CHAD WALTERS	A 4
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Next Game is COTSWOLD DOWNS LC - Thursday 26th FEBRUARY 2026.

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 02 FEBRUARY 2026 at Kloof Country Club

Hope you have all enjoyed your Day & travel home safely.

Divisional Statistics for the Day

Divisions	Nomads	Guests	Aggregate	Average
A	28	6	883	26
B	25	3	765	27,3
C	28	5	956	29

Player Statistics for the Day

Nomads	81	
Visiting Nomads	3	
Prospectives	2	
Guests	9	
TOTAL	95	

Nomad Scoring Statistics

Cut	No Change	Gained	Aver Score
7	31	43	26,6

SLOW PLAY

**It is the duty of every
golfer to keep up with
the game in front and
not just ahead of the
game behind.**

REMINDER

It is the responsibility of
the "Captain" in each 4
Ball to ensure that his
team of players are
keeping up with play.

Captains are also to ensure
that the cards are checked
and completed properly
before being handed in.

**Fines will be implemented
if incorrect.**

PICs of the Day



2026

We're excited for another year of great golf, great laughs, and the kind of fellowship only Nomads can produce. If tonight's turnout is anything to go by, 2026 is going to be a cracker.











CHOP OF THE MONTH

Ladies and gentlemen, Nomads of all handicaps and questionable decision-making...

Tonight, we honour a man who has achieved something truly remarkable.

A feat of stamina.

A test of character.

A journey so long it required snacks, emotional support, and possibly a search-and-rescue team.

Yes, we're talking about CHAD WALTERS — the proud recipient of the "Longest Day of Golf" award and our newly crowned CHOP OF THE MONTH.

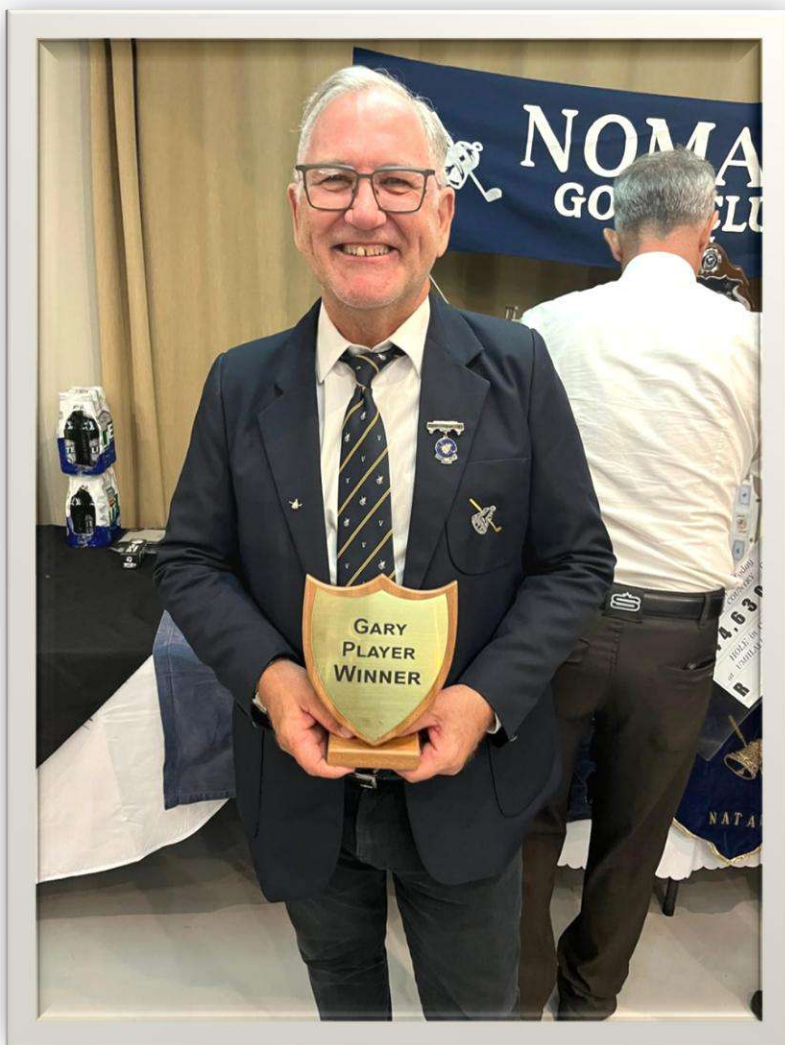
Chad managed to turn a standard round of golf into a full-day expedition.

For his dedication, perseverance, and ability to turn a four-hour round into a Netflix mini-series, we salute him.

Congratulations, Chad — wear that Chop of the Month Cap with pride.







ANDREI CORNELIUS

"In case anyone somehow forgot... ANDREI CORNELIUS would like to remind the entire club — once again — that he is the proud, undefeated, undisputed holder of the GARY PLAYER Award.

Yes, Andrei, we heard you the first twelve times... but don't worry, we'll clap again."

Well Done Buddy !!

JOKER DRAW



WE HAD A WINNER!!!!!!

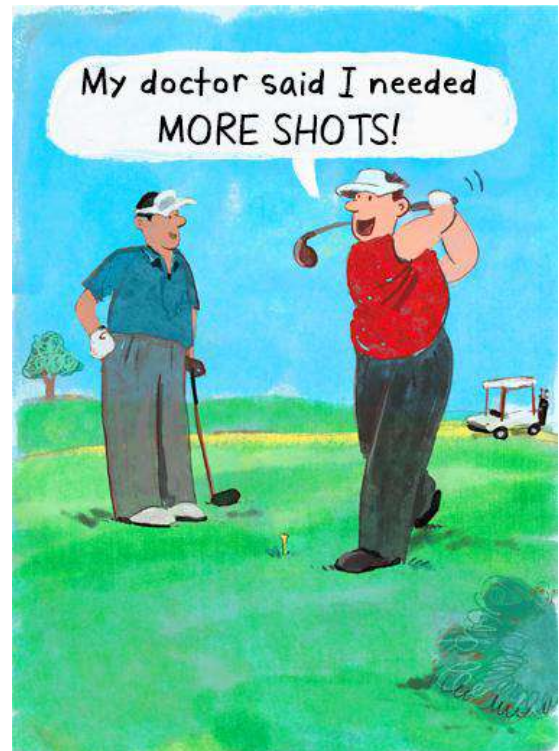
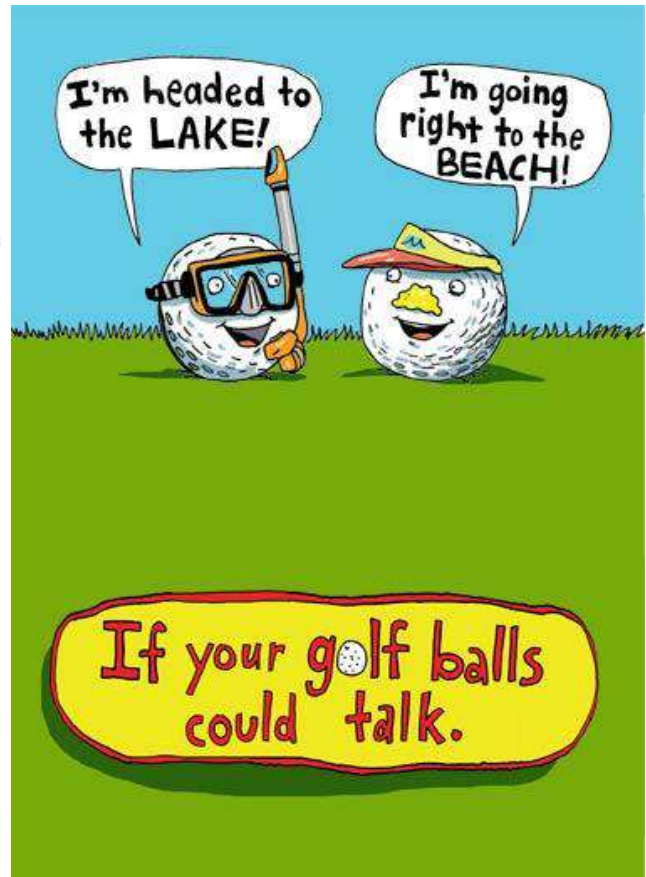
A bit of Natal History – Honorary Life Member

Mick Sugden is the only Natal Nomad ever to receive HLM status and only the 10th Nomad in our 65-year history to receive this huge honour - one that was presented to him 20 years ago.

The only surviving HLM's before him are Gary Player and Les Floyd. His name is currently amongst Past National Exec / Past National Chairmen and may be confusing for your average member who won't know of his very special achievement.



Monthly Humour- We can relate too!





NEXT GAME – THURSDAY 26th February 2026

Cotswold Downs Golf Estate

Cotswold Downs Golf Course (Hillcrest, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa) is an 18-hole championship parklands-style layout designed by renowned architect Peter Matkovich to USGA specifications.

The course is consistently impeccably maintained, featuring bent grass greens, undulating fairways, strategic bunkering, and impressive natural water features (ponds, dams and wetlands) that enhance both challenge and scenery.

Its rolling terrain and thoughtful elevation changes make it enjoyable and testing for golfers of varying ability, with long par-5s and hazards that reward good shot-making. The layout blends seamlessly with the indigenous surroundings and offers year-round lush playing conditions



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JUNIOR GOLF

GOLF DAY Saturday 18th April 2026



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FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY

**TEERING UP
CHRISTELLE'S
WORLD CHAMPS
DREAM**

Every swing helps get Christelle closer to the World Junior Championships to compete in Ireland in July. Come play, sponsor, or support – all contributions make a difference.

R350 per player
(Includes green fee & competition fee)

Handicap: 100%
Format: 4 ball better ball combined stableford 100%
Prizes for Handicapped and non handicapped teams. Cart hire available | Bral packs available

Saturday 18 April 2026 Tee off from **08:30**

Maritzburg Golf Club
122 New England Rd, Pietermaritzburg

Sponsorship opportunities:
Tee Boxes - R2 000
Putting Green/ Chipping Area - R5 000

Christo 083 799 2705 | 033 396 2356 or golf@maritzburggolf.co.za

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**LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE**

Christo 083 799 2705 | 033 396 2356 or golf@maritzburggolf.co.za

If you would like to get a 4 ball together and attend this event or would consider sponsoring a tee-box, please contact Christo 083 799 2705 / 033 396 2356.

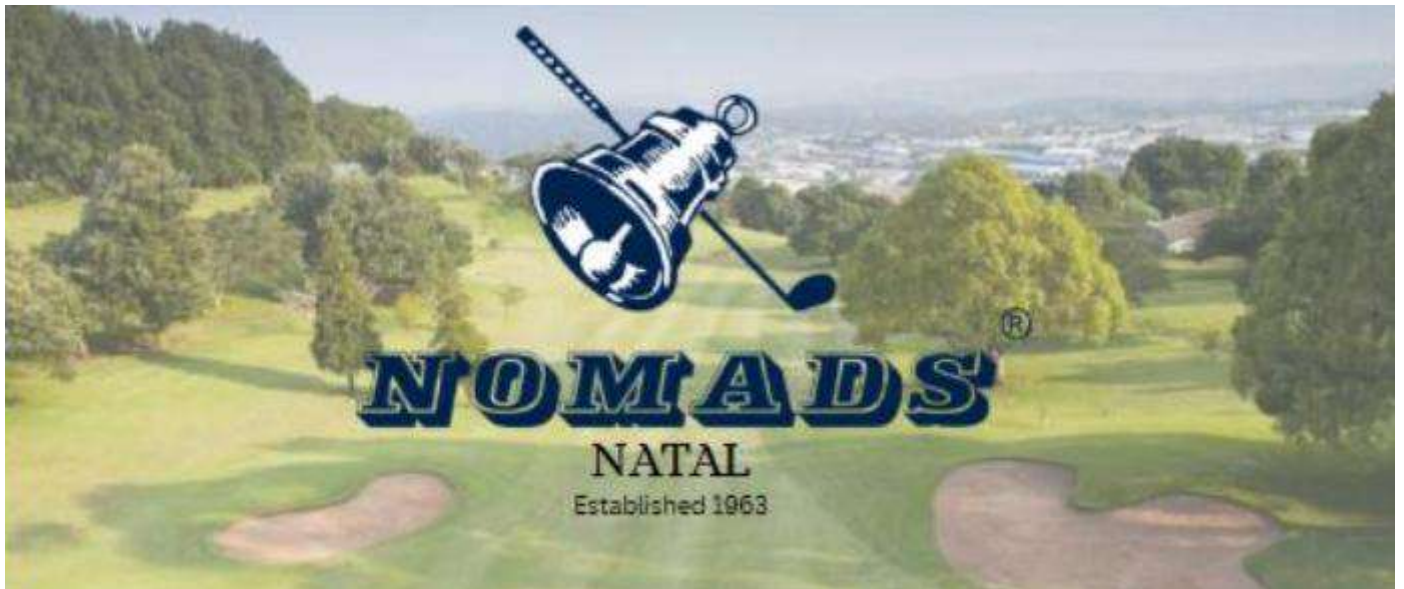
NATIONALS REMINDERS

Southern Natal Monthly game at Selbourne 3rd March

Great day for a "Practice round!"

Nationals Cap Ceremony at Seekers 4th March

For all players attending.



"If you worry about making bogeys, it makes the game that much more difficult. You put more pressure on yourself without even noticing it. It makes a difference to take it easy when things aren't going right." -**Sergio Garcia**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – JUNIOR VICE CAPTAIN (JVC)

Natal Nomads are seeking an enthusiastic and committed Junior Vice Captain (JVC) to join the committee.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a member who is passionate about the club, enjoys contributing to its growth, and is ready to take on a leadership role within the Nomads structure.

Nominations are now open.

For more details or to submit a nomination, please contact Garth Hanger.

We look forward to welcoming a dedicated Nomad into this important role.

