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NATAL NOMADS – MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Captains Report – September 2025

Hello Natal Nomads

95 Eager Natal Nomads, visiting Nomads, Pros and guests pegged it up at Zimbali Country Club on Thursday 25th of September. It had been a while since we were hosted by Zimbali, and save for 1 hole being closed for play, it did not disappoint. Course and greens were in wonderful condition, and it was plain to see why Zimbali is one of KZN's premier golfing destinations. Now that Zimbali has reopened to the public, hopefully we will walk her fairways more regularly.

Another Gary Player game, another W! Second year in a row that Butchie and myself, have put an end Geoff Chandler and Wes Struwig's charge for glory. Sorry boys, good luck for next year!

A highlight of the day was welcoming Joshua Redfern into the Nomads fold. Joshua joins his dad, Craig and his brother Keegan, as a proud Natal Nomad. Welcome Joshua, what a privilege to be inducted into this incredible golfing establishment at such a young age. Enjoy the journey Josh.

As mentioned in previous reports, our monthly games have been enthusiastically supported. Zimbali was no exception, and a field of 95 golfers took up the challenge. Included in that number, were players from our cuzzies Southern Natal. We have enjoyed having a few "Southies" join our monthly games on a regular basis this year. It is always a pleasure to host members from other Nomads clubs. We have had a good number of guests taking part in our monthly games this year, a crucial element in discovering prospective Nomads. We encourage our members to invite their friends and colleagues to come and experience a game with Natal Nomads.

The table below highlights the steady progress Natal is making in getting our game numbers up. Remember, it's our game numbers that determine the number of National spots we get and how much Diageo stock the club gets allocated. Thank-you to Mike Jordon for putting this together.

DATE	VENUE	NATAL			GUESTS	TOTAL	NOMADS by DIVISIONS			GUESTS by DIVISIONS		
		Nomads	Pros	Visiting			A	B	C	A	B	C
23.1.2024	KLOOF	56	3	0	1	60	22	20	15	1	1	1
22.2.2024	UMHLALI	65	2	0	4	71	26	21	18	4	2	0
28.3.2024	ATHLONE	58	1	0	5	64	18	21	19	5	1	0
25.4.2024	ROYAL DURBAN	71	1	0	5	77	29	20	22	1	2	3
23.5.2024	AMANZIMTOTI	59	2	0	3	64	27	15	17	3	1	1
20.6.2024	MECC "The Lakes"	72	4	1	4	81	34	21	17	3	5	1
25.7.2024	COTSWOLD LC	69	1	0	5	75	33	19	17	1	3	2
20.8.2024	DURBAN CC	81	1	6	12	100	27	27	27	12	4	3
68.9.2024	ATHLONE	60	3	0	5	68	20	20	20	4	1	3
24.10.2024	ROYAL DURBAN	71	0	0	8	79	23	25	23	6	0	2
21.11.2024	VICTORIA	68	2	1	7	78	26	19	23	5	2	3
06.12.2024	KLOOF CC	69	4	0	3	76	25	25	19	4	2	1
23.01.2025	UMHLALI	70	3	0	7	80	27	27	16	5	4	1
06.03.2025	VICTORIA	58	5	0	5	68	16	20	22	5	4	1
Captain - SEAN PHILLIPS		927	32	8	74	1041	353	300	275	59	32	22

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		Nomads	Pros	Visiting			A	B	C	A	B	C
27.03.2025	COTSWOLD	63	4	0	5	72	15	26	22	5	1	3
24.04.2025	KLOOF	78	5	0	2	85	17	35	26	3	2	2
22.05.2025	ATHLONE	79	1	2	2	84	20	36	23	0	2	3
19.06.2025	BLUFF NATIONAL	67	1	0	5	73	19	27	21	2	2	2
24.07.2025	COTSWOLD	75	2	4	11	92	22	29	24	7	6	4
21.08.2025	VICTORIA	61	2	0	6	69	16	26	19	3	4	1
25.09.2025	ZIMBALI	76	4	5	11	96	22	27	27	8	8	4
23.10.2025	UMKOMAAS					0						
20.11.2025	AMANZIMTOTI					0						
05.12.2025	KLOOF					0						
22.01.2026	UMHLALI					0						
19.02.2026	MECC "The Woods"					0						
26.03.2026	MARITZBURG					0						
23.04.2026	ROYAL DURBAN					0						
Captain - GARTH HANGER		499	19	11	42	571	131	206	162	28	25	19

Along with Darrell and Mthoko, I attended the Nomads 130 National Management Meeting held in conjunction with Western Province's 60th Anniversary. WP were gracious hosts, and we were treated to a fabulous weekend of fellowship and golf. Thank-you and congratulations to Tony Amaro and Western Province Nomads on their Anniversary.

A key result of the NMM was the amendment of the disciplinary code to allow for closer consultation with Natex in the event of a serious discipline breach.

A highlight of the meeting was the announcement that BAT (British American Tobacco) would be onboarding as a national sponsor. On the Monday following the NMM we received great news that Captain Morgan Rum will be replacing Smirnoff Spicy Tamarind on our prize table. Bad news for Natal is that we will only see a bottle of Captain in September 2026 when we clear out our Spicy Tamarind stock.

Some game Zimbali stats;

Average scoring for the day was 28.8

Nomads	75
Visiting Nomads	5
Guests	11
Prospective Nomads	4
TOTAL	95

The days champions were,

A Div - Justin De Neef (8) 35 Pts

B Div - Fabien Durocher-Yvon (12) 38 Pts

C Div - Ross Alleson (20) 33 pts

- well played gents

In an unprecedented turn of events, Hendri Van Schalkwyk, a previous silver salvo winner, for the 2 month in a row put up a 20-point performance, good enough only to win the notorious pink cap with the word "CHOP" emblazoned on it. Does this mean he has doubled his chances of winning the 'best of the worst' trophy come Gold Cup?

The worthy recipients of the Johnnie Walker Blonde appreciation award went to Janus Horn for his Golforama heroics and to a Natal stalwart who is always available to assist with anything, Greg Graham. Thank-you for your service, Gentlemen, we appreciate you.

With Jordy, Garth Enslin and Ian Brewer not available, a mighty thank-you to these good men who chipped in and got the job done;

Registration = Antony Kerdachi, Greg Graham, Darrell de Jager, Mthoko Mtshali

Scorer = Jody Martin

Prize table = Steve McClelland

Photo's = Craig Davidson

Newsletter = Arnie Neveling

We blooded another new fines-master at Zimbali. Well done and thank-you Fabien Durocher-Yvon, great show and sterling job.

The coastal hideaway of Umkomaas plays venue to our upcoming October outing. With the anticipated September winds, blowing a gale in October, I am sure it will provide a suitable challenge. See you all there.

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.

NATAL NOMADS PRIZE SHEET**Venue****ZIMBALI COUNTRY CLUB****Date****Thursday 25 SEPTEMBER 2025****WELCOME.****Honorary Life Members & Past National Executive****MICK SUGDEN JOHN COLE****JAY van RENSBURG GARTH ENSLIN****TODAY'S HOST****Apologies from EARL SAUNDERS - ZIMBALI CAPTAIN****NATIONAL SPONSORS****SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES TAYLOR MADE The PRO SHOP****ROWLIN NATIONAL BROKERS DIAGEO HOLLYWOOD BETS****LOCAL SPONSORS.****HERITAGE MOTORS - Richard & Shaun Barker****GAVIN BROWN & ASSOC - Gavin Brown****HUME HOUSING (Thunder Bolt) Tony Bolt****BRANDFIN - Brand van Niekerk****GRAVEL JUNCTION - John Hooper****THE BOYTJIE BRAND - Tyrone Rudolph****KERDACHI & ASSOCIATES - Antony Kerdachi****SICA's GUEST HOUSE - Janus Horn****MOOI ONE STOP BUTCHERY - Pieter Neethling****S A FASTENERS - Trishen Naidoo****VETTIES AUTO - Lourens van der Walt****GAS & SOLAR to GO - AJ Smith****TINKER BEAM CREATIONS - Karen van der Walt****Pre - Match WHISKY - Budgie Shearer****FLAMMA GRILL, CONCHILLA, CONCHA CAFÉ - Fabien Durocher - Yvon****OUR THANK YOU's for the DAY****REGISTRATION****MARK DAVEL & GREG GRAHAM COLLECTIONS ANTONY KERDACHI & DARRELL DE JAGER****STARTERS****1st GAVIN BISSICT 10th ARYN GEEKIE****SCORERS****JODY MARTIN GREG GRAHAM****PRIZE TABLE STEVE McCLELLAND****PHOTOGRAPHER CRAIG DAVIDSON****1. Thank you to our 12 VISITORS who joined us & we hope you enjoyed your day.****The BEST SCORE by a VISITOR TODAY****On a handicap of 5 scoring 36 pts****LUKE REDMAN****2. DRAWN 4 BALL WINNERS On a Combined Handicap of 31 scoring 126 pts****ERIC MHLONGO ANTONY KERDACHI JUSTIN DE NEEF GHOST****3. PLAYING 4 BALL RUNNERS UP On a Combined Handicap of 46 scoring 125 pts****LWAZI DHLOMO CAMERON DELPORT DALAN HALL BRYCE GOSS****4. PLAYING 4 BALL WINNERS On a Combined Handicap of 41 scoring 143 pts****JANUS HORN LUKE REDMAN FABIEN DUROCHER - YVON LOYISO TOYI**

5. PLAYING PAIR RUNNERS UP.

Handicap	24	Points	69	JANUS HORN	LOYISO TOYI
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6. PLAYING PAIR WINNERS.

Handicap	17	Points	74	FABIEN DUROCHER - YVON	LUKE REDMAN
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7. OUR DIVISIONAL RUNNERS UP

RUNNERS UP	A DIVISION	B DIVISION	C DIVISION
	Handicap 5 Points 34	Handicap 12 Points 38	Handicap 20 Points 33
	NICK FORDE	FABIEN DUROCHER - YVON	ROSS ALLESON

8. OUR DIVISIONAL WINNERS

WINNERS	A DIVISION	B DIVISION	C DIVISION
	Handicap 8 Points 35	Handicap 10 Points 39	Handicap 19 Points 33
	JUSTIN DE NEEF	JANUS HORN	MIKE CLARK

9. WUNUNDER sponsored by NATAL NOMADS (sharing a pool of 6 golf balls)**NO WINNER****10. THUNDER BOLT Hole No 9 sponsored by TONY BOLT (sharing a pool of 18 golf balls)****NO WINNER****11. NEAREST the PINS**

No 5	MARNUS STEENKAMP	No 9	TOM BARFF
No 11	LUKE REDMAN	No 14	LOYISO TOYI

12. NEAREST the PIN for 2

No 2	ANTONY KERDACHI
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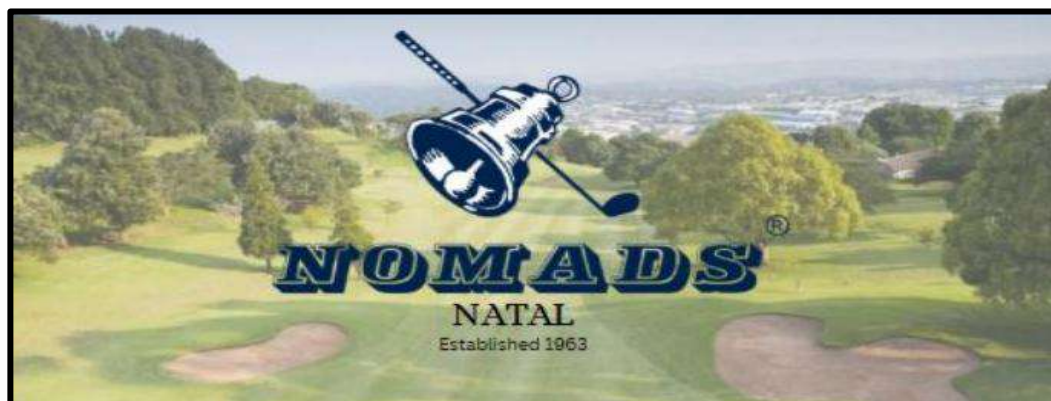
13. HOLE in ONE (R 20,800.00 excl September)**NO WINNER****14. TWO CLUBS - (4)****MAURICE CHELIN JUSTIN DE NEEF STEVE McNABB (X2)****15. MOST GOLF sponsored by Antony Kerdachi of Kerdachi & Associates****receives the PINK "CHOP of the MONTH" CAP to be worn at the next game.**

Handicap of 9 scoring 20 pts	HENDRI van SCHALKWYK
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16. FINALLY, "THE HARD HAT BRIGADE" WINNERS**Assisting with the collection of FINES & PACKING UP of the PRIZE TABLE.****With a Combined Handicap of 65 scoring 106 points****CRAIG SMYTHE TERRY YOUNG JOHN COLE****17. FINES MASTER for TODAY is: FABIEN DUROCHER - YVON**

NON - SKILLS DEPARTMENT**18. JOHNNY BLONDE WHISKY DRAW.****Winner TONY GRAHAM (21)****19. CASH DRAW receiving R 350.00****Winner LOURENS van der WALT (81)****20. TRIPLE DRAW POOL Today is: R 2,404.00****Today's Scores were: A Division 34 B Division 39 C Division 33****The Winner is:****NO WINNER****21. LOTTO DRAW. Winning Number****5****WESLEY STRUWIG****22. OVER 60's Attendance Prize (Must be present to receive)****In Order****GAVIN BISSICT (4)****23. UNDER 60's Attendance Prize (Must be present to receive)****In Order****JUSTIN DE NEEF (24)****24. SAB BEER DRAW - 2 Winners receive a case of CASTLE LITE****GARY SMITH (75)****CHAD WALTERS (31)****25. HOST CLUB GOLF VOUCHERS x 4.****SHAUN BARKER (6)****JOHN COLE (12)****ROSS ALLESON (2)****WARREN GEERS Guest 94)****26. JOHNNY WALKER 2025 - Standings after 9 rounds.****1 ANTONY KERDACHI****252****2 BRIAN VENTER****249****3 GARTH ENSLIN****245****4 LOURENS van der WALT****243****5 SHAUN BARKER****242****6 CRAIG DAVIDSON****242****7 BRENDON TOOHEY****241****8 KEEGAN REDFERN****241****9 TOM BARFF****240****10 DALAN HALL****240****27. CAPTAINS CHOICE:****1 JANUS HORN - Sunshine Tour Operator****2 GREG GRAHAM PRO Ambassador****28. TAYLOR MADE Super 10 Draw for SEPTEMBER is****BLAKE SHEPHERD****29. JOKER JACKPOT DRAW TONIGHT is for R 30 755-00****1 MIKE CLARK****C 3****2 TREVOR LARKAN****G 1****30. VICE CAPTAINS JOKER DRAW for R 5 300-00****1 SHAUN BARKER****C 3****2 A J SMITH****G 1****Next Game is UMKOMAAS - Thurs 23rd OCTOBER 2025 & last day for GARY PLAYER Round 4****Next Committee Meeting - Monday 6th OCTOBER 2025 at KLOOF COUNTRY CLUB****Hope you have all had a Great Day & travel home safely.**

Divisional Statistics for the Day					Player Statistics for the Day			
Divisions	Nomads	Guests	Aggregate	Average	Nomads	75		
A	22	8	867	28.9	Visiting Nomads	5		
B	26	8	978	28.8	Prospectives	4		
C	27	4	902	29.1	Guests	11		
					TOTAL	95		
Hole in One's	64			R 1280.00	Nomad Scoring Statistics			
Triple Draw	72		35 - 39 - 33	No Winner	Cut	No Change	Gained	Aver Score
PTG Early Leavers	12		R 50.00		8	38	29	28.8
Lowest Score	31		R 20.00					
Fines Master		Fabien Durocher-Yvon		R 4090.00				



PICs of the Day



Butch Armitage



Visitor – Luke Redman



Captain's Choice -Greg & Janus



PLAYING PAIR RUNNERS UP

Points 69

LOYISO TOYI

JANUS HORN



Captain Garth congratulating Lourens, Justin, and Antony on their Achievements!!



PLAYING PAIR WINNERS - FABIEN DUROCHER – YVON & LUKE REDMAN



NEAREST the PIN for 2 - ANTONY KERDACHI



***PLAYING 4 BALL RUNNERS UP On a Combined Handicap of 46 scoring 125 pts
LWAZI DHLOMO CAMERON DELPORT DALAN HALL BRYCE GOSS***



PLAYING PAIR WINNERS - FABIEN DUROCHER – YVON & LUKE REDMAN



JOHNNY BLONDE WHISKY DRAW - Winner TONY GRAHAM



PLAYING 4 BALL WINNERS - JANUS HORN, LUKE REDMAN, FABIEN DUROCHER – YVON, LOYISO TOYI



OUR DIVISIONAL WINNERS A Div: Justin De Neff, B Div: Janus Horne, C Div: Mike Clark



"THE HARD HAT BRIGADE" WINNERS - CRAIG SMYTHE, TERRY YOUNG, JOHN COLE



TAYLOR MADE Super 10 Draw for SEPTEMBER is BLAKE SHEPHERD



NEAREST the PINS: 5 - MARNUS STEENKAMP, 9 - TOM BARFF, 11 - LUKE REDMAN, 14- LOYISO TOYI



OUR DIVISIONAL RUNNERS UP – A Div: Nick Forde B Div: Janus Horn C Div: Ross Alleson



JOHNNIE BLONDE WHISKY DRAW - Winner TONY GRAHAM



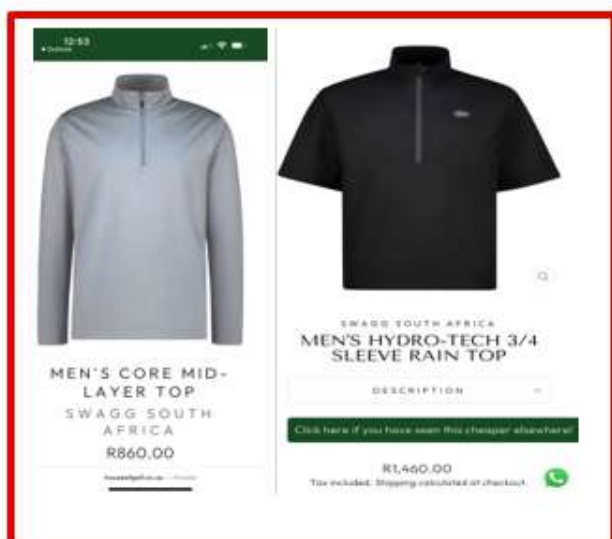
JANUS HORN - B DIVISION Handicap 10 Points 39 – the Boytjie of the day with the highest points



“Caught in the act: Fabien duRocher - Yvon, our Fines Master for the evening, expertly separating Nomads from their spare change — one chuckle and ‘technicality’ at a time.”



Justin de Neef receiving his meat hamper



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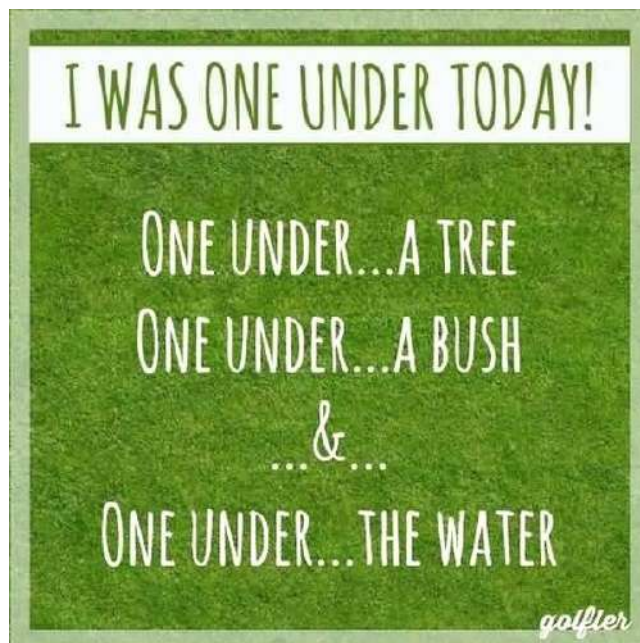
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SAB BEER DRAW - CHAD WALTERS & GARY SMITH



CHOP OF THE MONTH - HENDRI van SCHALKWYK



“Operation Aqua Ball”

Scene: Hole 7, somewhere between the fairway and Atlantis.

Brendan du Randt squints into the murky depths, channelling every ounce of Nomadic resolve. The ball is in there. He knows it. The water knows it. Even the ducks know it.

With a wedge in hand and hope in his heart, he prepares for the most heroic splash shot since Moses parted the Red Sea.

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UPCOMING FIXTURES:

Please enter the following fixtures into your busy diaries.

1. Thursday 23 October 2025 - UMKOMAAS.
2. Friday 7 November 2025 - KLOOF - Andrew Mentis
3. Thursday 20 November 2025 - AMANZIMTOTI - Shot Gun Start at 10.30.
4. Friday 5 December 2025 - KLOOF - GOLD CUP.
5. Thursday 22 January 2026 - UMHLALI
6. Thursday 19 February 2026 - MECC 'The Woods'
7. Sunday 8th to Friday 13th March 2026 (playing days) - 61st "WHALE NATIONALS" at SELBORNE
8. Thursday 26 March 2026 - MARITZBURG
9. Thursday 23 April 2026 - ROYAL DURBAN - AGM 1st round of the 2026 Gary Player.

"The harder you practice, the luckier you get"



NEXT GAME – THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER



We're being hosted by **Umkomaas Golf Club** – a legendary South Coast gem! 🌴

There's always a bit of a drop-off in numbers whenever we play further away than Richie Anderson can hit his drive 😊 — but let's look at the facts:

📍 **Distances to Umkomaas:**

- 🚗 Hillcrest → 69 km
- 🚗 Westville → 49 km
- 🚗 Durban → 47 km
- 🚗 Ballito → 94 km

So really, it's only our **Ballito boys** who've got a proper trek — but hey, they had their cake last month at **Zimballi**! 🍰 🎉

To everyone playing — **drive safely and responsibly.** 🚗 ❤️

Let's keep **Thursday the 23rd** clear for **golf, laughs, and good times** on a cracking little track! 🏌️ 🍷 🌞

See you all there! 🙌

Function not to forget – Current allocation FULL!!!

ANDREW MENTIS

GOLF DAY

NATAL NOMADS will be holding their Andrew Mentis Golf Day on Friday 7 November 2025 at The Kloof Country Club.

PACKAGES:

🏌️ 4BALL – R3 200

🏌️ 4BALL & A TEE OR GREEN – R 4 250

🏌️ SPONSOR PUTTING GREEN – R3 000

🏌️ SPONSOR 1ST, 10TH, 13TH, 18TH TEE – R3 000

🏌️ SPONSOR A TEE OR GREEN ONLY – R1 500

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ANDREW MENTIS RACING DAY at Greyville Racecourse



Message from our Captain:

"There are not enough accolades to praise our Greyville Hollywood Bets Andrew Mentis Race Day organizers, Mr DJ Darrell de Jager and Mr Kerdach Antony Kerdachi.

What a fabulous day! The organization was professional, the day was slick, the food was delicious, the room looked amazing, lucky draws for days, and a quick auction! Congratulations Gents and thank-you to everyone who contributed to making this day such a success.

Lovely to see Mike Graham and Tony Bolt back in the fold!

Cherry on the top was Phil (Lafferty) Lewis and Sean (Bookie) Philip's Pick 6 romping home. This added an extra R30k to DJ's Andrew Mentis fund raising and R1700 went to all those who played! Brilliant!

Hopefully this event becomes a permanent fixture on our calendar and enjoys strong support from all Natal Nomads members.

Well done again DJ & Kerdach!"

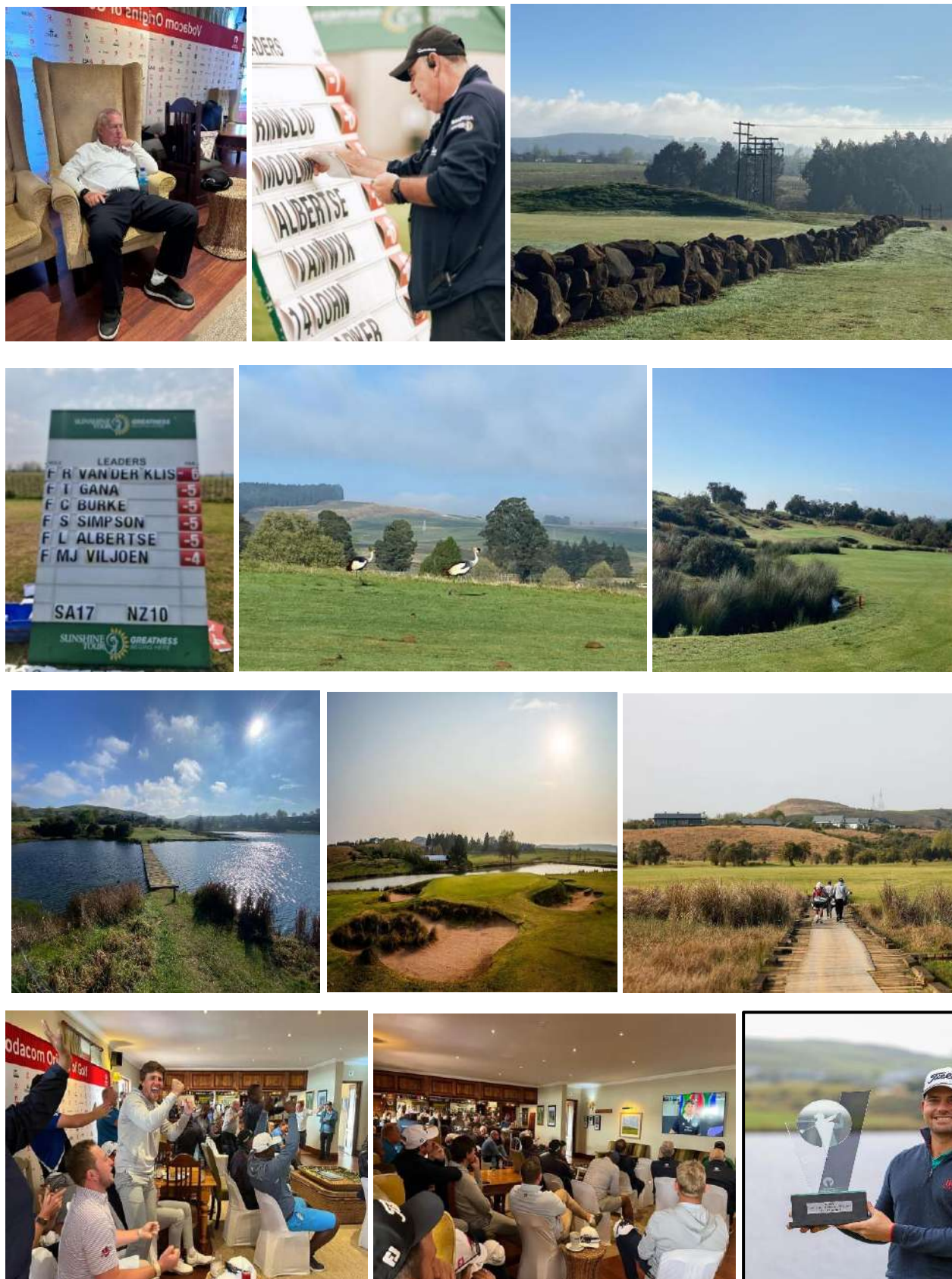




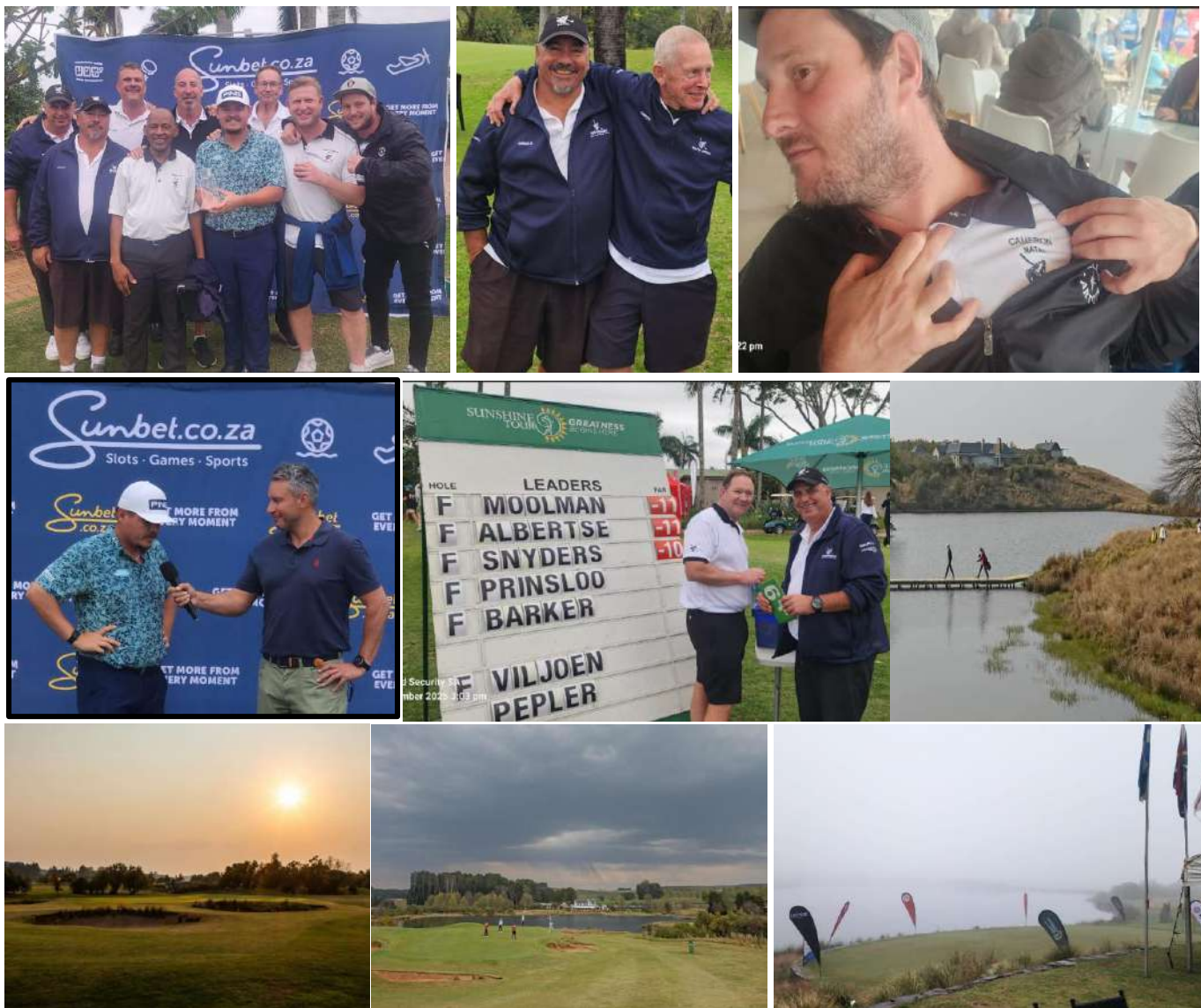
PICTURES FROM GOLFORAMA 2025

A BIG Thank you to all Nomads that participated

Gowrie & Umhlali Sunshine Golf Tour



That emphatic **Springboks triumph over the All Blacks in New Zealand**, was the thunderclap that lit up a soggy **Sunshine Golf weekend**. Rain may have dampened the fairways, but the Boks brought the fire and **HAYDN PORTEUS** the eventual Winner at Gowrie Golf Club at **7 under par**



Louis Albertse taking the victory @ Umhlali Golf Club in the second playoff against Pieter Moolman

🏌️ “Chase the Game”

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