

GCC

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Members

It's hard to believe April is almost here! We're pleased to share another newsletter, keeping all our members updated on recent activities and club developments.

After extensive searching and numerous phone calls, we're delighted to announce that we've successfully acquired a fully re-conditioned fairway mower. Some of you may have spotted the mower during the recent Greenkeeper's Revenge tournament, though unfortunately, we missed a perfect opportunity to officially showcase our new addition. Nevertheless, Johan and the entire team are thrilled with the purchase, and we're looking forward to noticeably improved fairways.

Our next goal is securing a similar mower for the rough—especially important considering the recent heavy rains that have made managing the rough quite challenging.



Johan on our fairway mower

Golf Director

We're also delighted to announce the appointment of our new Golf Director, Matthew Sutherland. Matthew joins us from KZN and has relocated for this exciting new role. Please join us in giving Matthew a warm welcome and support as he settles in. He is fully committed to making a success of this position, and we're confident he'll enjoy being part of our club and help us achieve great things. Welcome aboard, Matthew!

Club Championships

We certainly gave Matthew and Johan a challenging start by scheduling them to manage a demanding club championship weekend. Unfortunately, due to a fully booked calendar ahead, rescheduling wasn't an option. Despite this, the event ran smoothly with only a minor half-hour rain delay on Sunday morning. While it was undoubtedly a tough introduction for our new golf director and greenkeeper, we believe the tournament was a remarkable success. A big thank you to Martin and his dedicated team—it's clear we've raised the bar, especially with catering and our attention to member satisfaction.

Congratulations to our Club Champs

- **A Division Champion:** T Pillay
- **A Division Runner up:** W Alberts
- **B Division Winner:** S Hadebe
- **B Division Runner up:** S. Pillay
- **C Division Winner:** S. Bester
- **C Division Runner:** R. Singh
- **Senior Winner:** R Thompson
- **Senior Runner up:** E. Ferguson
- **Ladies Winner:** S. Visser
- **Junior Winner:** C. Botha



Tashk Pillay



Sihle Hadebe



Sarel Bester



Ronnie Thompson



Sunee Visser



Cameron Botha

We're currently gathering photos from our club championships to create a dedicated page on our website highlighting the fantastic weekend we had. We'll share the link with everyone as soon as the content is ready —stay tuned!

The Course

On the course, we continue to face challenges with the bunkers. Due to the significant rainfall, the sand has become increasingly compacted, making play exceptionally difficult. This isn't an easy issue to solve, but please rest assured that the committee and staff are actively exploring affordable solutions. Given how labour-intensive bunker maintenance can be, we're considering additional machinery and staff to tackle this ongoing issue effectively. We fully acknowledge that this remains one of our course's main challenges.

On a positive note, we successfully completed our hollow-tining program in February, with outstanding results. Those who played in the Championships will likely agree—the greens were in fantastic condition. However, financially, February was a challenging month. Due to hollow-tining disruptions and heavy rainfall, the number of rounds played was significantly lower than usual. Nevertheless, we remain determined to push forward and overcome these obstacles. As always, we greatly value and appreciate our members' continued support and involvement—your contribution makes a real difference.

Upcoming Events

- **The Masters:** 18-Hole competition on Saturday 12 April (and we have it on good advice that Graham Addinall is practicing!) 😂
- **Quiz Night** We will be starting a quiz evening commencing 27 March, please try support and bring friends or your own teams.
- **Darts Evening:** Darts will be back on Friday 28 March, join us for a fun evening.
- **PGA Championship:** 18-hole competition Saturday 17 May.

We have many more exciting events lined up and will share details with you closer to each date. Martin and his team are working hard to bring fresh and enjoyable activities to our club, and we'd greatly appreciate your continued support!

Memberships

Welcome to all our new members we hope you enjoy your membership and the camaraderie of Glenvista Country Club. As mentioned in our previous newsletter If you want to get involved in league please discuss with Martin or the following people.

- Scratch League – Gareth Tait
- Mid-Amateur League – Ettienne Voster
- Betterball League – Vince Kavanagh or Adilson Correia (AC)
- Women's League – Sunee Visser
- Seniors League – Arthur Caroline
- Junior League – Matthew Sutherland

Just a reminder to those whom it may concern, if you have not made arrangements with the office to pay off your subs please do so as soon as possible as we have no option but to restrict your access.

We've noticed that some members have been playing their rounds without paying their dues beforehand. Please be aware that our Clubmaster system helps identify these situations—which we'll refer to as "oversights"—and automatically brings them to our attention. While we'd prefer to avoid this, moving forward, we will have no choice but to implement penalties for these instances. We truly dislike having to enforce this measure, but it's important to ensure fairness so that all members are treated equally.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Committee

Just a friendly reminder: our committee is made up of volunteers who dedicate their personal time and effort to improve club activities and decisions. We fully understand the importance of addressing all member feedback, including concerns, complaints, and suggestions. Please be assured that every issue brought to our attention is taken seriously and discussed in detail during our meetings. We aim to keep you updated about any outcomes.

Additionally, please keep in mind that positive feedback can have an even greater impact, creating a more encouraging and enjoyable environment for everyone. Your compliments not only motivate us but also provide valuable insights into what our members truly appreciate and enjoy.

So, let's continue to foster kindness and positivity within our club. Remember, "Be nice!"

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the club. Together, we are making Glenvista Country Club a premier destination for golf enthusiasts.

Warm regards

The Club Committee