



Dear Member

Please find below a brief update regarding our current course condition, and the status of the various projects that will take place from 3 April till 11 April 2018, as well as our current water situation.

Golf Course:

One must begin by commending the course maintenance team on their efforts to produce the best possible playing surfaces throughout what has been an extremely “testing” season. Our greens have been in a great condition throughout the season and we were, for the first time in a long time, without any areas with serious loss of coverage due to severe disease outbreaks.

It became apparent early on that we would be extremely limited with our water supply and the focus then became to ensure that the major areas of play remained in the best possible condition.

Given the limits on our water resources, one must commend our Greens Committee & Golf Data team on the practices that were put in place to ensure our irrigation was applied as efficiently as possible.

Much focus was given to improving the overall health of the turf around the course through consistent fertilisation and increased mowing frequencies.

Golf Course Projects:

In a similar scenario to April 2017, an extended closure period has been allocated for the undertaking of various projects to improve the course condition as well as the infrastructure – Please click [here](#) to view the schedule.

We will be conducting an intensive cultural practice program throughout the course, with the Greens being Hollowtyned, top-dressed and seeded. Tees will be dethatched, hollowtyned and top-dressed with an improved growing medium. The same will take place on all approaches and green surrounds.

We are particularly excited about the aggressive dethatching program on the fairways which has been lacking over the past few years.

The benefits of this are multiple but constitute mainly of improved playing surfaces through lower mowing heights and firmer lies, improved overall plant health (disease resistance) and increased irrigation infiltration.

Water:

Golf Course Irrigation

As aforementioned, we became aware early in the season that our water allocation from our primary source at Wynland water was to be severely reduced due to another winter of poor rainfall.

A monthly usage projection was compiled and agreed to and has been stringently followed for the duration of the summer. Thank you to the HOA for their support during this testing season!

Having reached what may be considered the end of the high-pressure period intact, we hope we can look forward to normal Cape winter weather patterns being restored.

Potable Water

Through multiple means, we were able to save considerably on our normal allocation as required by the municipality.

We would like to thank you, the members, for your support and understanding of our decision to close the showers for the remainder of the season.

Golf Course, Clubhouse, and Practice Facilities:

The golf course will be closed for the entire period of (3 April till 11 April) and will re-open on Thursday, 12 April.

The clubhouse/restaurant will trade as normal during the closure period except for Thursday, 5 April whereby we planned to take our staff offsite for a fun team building session.

ALL practice facilities will be closed from Tuesday, 3 April till Friday, 6 April. Members are welcome to use the mats on the driving range for the duration of the closure, bar Thursday the 5th when the club will be entirely closed. Please note that both the putting and chipping greens will be closed for the entirety of the course closure to allow for best possible results.

Pierre van Vuuren arranged reciprocal rates with the following Clubs. Members are welcome to book directly with these Clubs and are reminded to provide their membership cards when registering.

- Pearl Valley GC
- Erinvale GC
- Somerset West GC
- Stellenbosch GC
- Steenberg GC

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter weekend, and safe travelling to those of you who are on the roads.

Kind Regards,

Alfie Payne