

CAPTAINS REPORT – AGM 19 NOVEMBER 2019

It was once again a privilege to serve as Captain of Zwartkop CC for the past 2 years.

Over the past year Zwartkop CC enjoyed many successes as far as golf is concerned:

- The following players represented Gauteng North Golf Union in the various categories:
 - o William Skinner (Senior captain)
 - o Corne Basson (Seniors)
 - o Heidi Leigh vd Bergh (Women's)
 - o Marco Anderson (Juniors)
- William Skinner were also selected to represent the SA over 55 national team in October.
- The following players received recognition at the recent GNGU Awards ceremony:
 - o Heidi Leigh vd Bergh (mid-am ladies' player of the year)
 - o William Skinner (men's senior player of the year)
 - o William Skinner, Robin Ashby, Leon Scheepers Sr and Chris Delport (winners of the A Division of the senior scratch league)
 - o Wandre Snyman, Markus Kruger, Matthew Bennett, Abdul Malik, Ruan Oosthuizen, Johan Graaff, Penyo Sebata and Lea vd Merwe (winners of the B Division Junior league)
 - o Neil Goosen (GNGU Closed senior champion)
 - o Albano de Santos: disabled golfer of the year
- We entered 11 teams in the 2019 league:
 - o Scratch league
 - o Mid Am A (2nd in B Division) and B (3rd in C Division)
 - o Senior scratch A (won the league for the 5th time in 7 years) and B (6th in B Division)
 - o Handicap A (7th) and B (9^h)
 - o Senior handicap (8th)
 - o Juniors A (5th) and B (1st)
 - o Mixed league (3d)
- Despite mixed results in the leagues, we adopted a strategy to only use loyal members that support the club for the league teams. This is not to say winning is not important, but not the overriding factor.
- We added a lady's team in the 2020 league season, and only entered one junior handicap team and one junior scratch league team. A huge thanks to Dale and the club for giving the members an opportunity to represent the club and to play competitive golf.
- We again held a very successful club championship earlier in the year, with the following champions crowned:
 - o Men's A Division: Leon Scheepers Jr
 - o Men's B Division: Sallie Herbst
 - o Men's C Division: Leon Fowler
 - o Men's senior: Corne Basson
 - o Ladies A Division: Heidi Leigh vd Bergh
- These players also represented the club in the Champion of Champions tournament.
- Following the club championships, we held the match play championships in the various Divisions, giving players of all calibre exposure to match play, a format not often used.
- A new initiative we started this year is to hold a ZCC League championships, where all league teams played against one another to be crowned the Zwartkop league champions for 019. Against all odds the juniors beat both the scratch league and mid am scratch league teams to make the final and play against the senior scratch league team. The seniors eventually beat the juniors 3.5/2.5 in a closely contested final.

- The league MVP's were recognised at the prize giving, with the following players receiving trophies:
 - o Scratch league: Tian vd Berg
 - o Mid Am scratch league: Robin Ashby
 - o Seniors: Chris Delport (A Division), Corne Basson (B Division)
 - o Handicap league: Ben Zeelie
 - o Senior handicap league: Donal Dykman
 - o Juniors: Ruan Oosthuizen
- The Match, a bi-annual event between the scratch league team of ZCC, 2 Academy teams and a team of professionals was held earlier in the year, with the ZCC league team walking away with the honours. The next edition of this takes place on 28 November.
- Over the past weekend we again hosted a very successful Otway Hayes Senior Classic, which was won by Brian Naidoo of Ermelo, beating the defending Champion Gerhard Strydom in a play-off. Given the responses we had following the event, all members of ZCC can be proud of this event, and our course.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2020.

Chris Delport

Club Captain