

Zwartkop Country Club 2019
Annual General Meeting 19 November 2019
Chairman's Report

1. The Board.

It gives me great pleasure and privilege on behalf of Zwartkop County Club and the Board to present my report for the year 2019.

At the outset I wish to thank the Advisory Board Members. Chris Delpont, our Club Captain, Francois Anderson, our Vice Captain, Neil Goosen and last but not least Joey Hayes.

Thank you for your time, enthusiasm, commitment and support during the year.

To our Owner Dale Hayes, our Golf Director Ian Hayes and our Golf Pro Joe Phiri thank you for your support and co-operation.

2. The Club.

2019 was a difficult year for golf. This continues to be a worldwide phenomenon. Notwithstanding these circumstances the Club to limit their losses in the last financial year..

This was due to the containment of costs and general, financial discipline by our owners and management team and the positive trading from our bar and catering division.

We have enjoyed an exceptional year on a number of fronts and continued to promote and foster recreation and social activities amongst the members and visitors.

Renovations were done and completed. The Clubhouse was painted, the Men's Change Rooms, Bar and lounge were refurbished and upgraded.

3. Membership.

Membership of the Club is just over 2,200 members of which half are golf members and half social members. Homeowners and gym members.

The Social Membership category allows members a full 10% discount on all purchases at the Club, including the Hair Salon.

The arrangement of playing at Waterkloof and Wingate courses remains in place and the same conditions apply.

4. Events.

Once again the Club had a number of well supported Company Golf days during the year.

A few of the highlights of the Golfing calendar was the Otway Hayes Seniors tournament (players from all over the Country competed) and of course our Club Champs across all divisions.

Special thank you to our Club Captain Chris Delpont for hosting these events and Chris certainly did us proud.

The numbers of rounds played increased against the previous year and we manage to achieve over 46,000 rounds for the last financial year.

The Ladies rose Bowl had nearly 80 entries and was a very successful Ladies event. We had great support from all the Clubs in the region.

Special Thank you to Joey Hayes and Sharon Bruyns for hosting this very successful tournament.

5. Golf Course.

The Golf course was in excellent condition last summer. The winter has come and gone and the rain has this year arrived just in time. We survived the extreme water restrictions but the course took a beating during the drought, but luckily for us it poured down just in time last week and recovered in a short time.

The first rain of the summer flooded the course but I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of Ian Hayes, Brian Hayes, Jannie Venter our greens superintendent and team who made it playable within a few days and also their significant contribution to our Club and Course during the year.

6. Handicap System.

The new handicap system and slope rating introduced by Golf RSA was introduced successfully. Special thank you to Platjie Klaasen who assisted with the changes and the implementation. The new Strokes and Scorecards are in place and we are now up to speed with the rest of the world as required by the R&A.

7. Innovations.

The Jokers Wild competition on Friday evenings is a HUGE Success.

The current jackpot for some lucky winner is now over a R100, 000. (Must be a record)

Needless to say the support on Friday evenings are huge and generates great additional income for our Club.

Adams' Boma is another great success story.

Members and visitors can now arrange for their own Braai and entertainment in this fantastic African style Boma.

Half price Pizza on Tuesday is still an absolute winner and well supported by the members.

8. Catering.

Compliments and thank you to Linda, Adam ,Ina and staff. The quality, variety and service is excellent. Added to that are the music and wine evenings ,new ideas and innovations.

Your contribution to the success of our club is highly appreciated.

9. Administration.

Sharon Bruyns and office staff, a huge thank you from all of us for the good work and taking care of the members requirements, handicaps, corporate golf days, events and time sheet.

Allison Hayes a special Thank you for marketing the club so well and producing an outstanding news letter communicating to our members.

10. Pro Shop.

Last but not least a special thank you to the Pro Shop team. Ian Hayes our Golf Director, Joe Phiri our Head Pro , Vusi and Johan .

Thank you for your patience and hard work to streamline our golf days and prize giving on a daily basis.

You are a fantastic team and so well respected by all our members.

Conclusion.

The old saying of a " Club is as good as its Management Board and team " is very true for Zwartkop Country Club.

As always there are challenges and things to be done and improvements to be made, however I believe that the Club is in good shape to manage and deal with the challenges ahead.

We are in a sound position in all areas and have a members spirit and atmosphere of a very happy and successful Golf Club.

So all in all a good golfing year and many success stories.

From all of us at the Board we wish you Happy Golfing and may we get just enough rain to keep the course in immaculate condition.

Together we will make Zwartkop Country Club flourish and be successful for years to come.