

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2016

Following the change in the organisation's financial year end to December, this report covers the first 12-month period from 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016. It is a pleasure to present this report on behalf of the National Executive Committee.

The start of 2016 saw the resignation of the incumbent president, Mr Gerhard Conradie. His resignation was too close to the biannual meetings held at George Golf Club March 2016 to hold a special general meeting to formally elect a new president. To avoid the inordinate cost of holding a special general meeting at a later date it was agreed that I would take on the role of acting president and Naadir Agherdien would take on the role of acting senior vice-president until the next annual general meeting which will be held in February 2017. At the biannual meetings held at George Golf Club in March 2016, Mr Martin Saaiman was duly elected to fill the resulting vacancy of second vice-president, also in an acting capacity.

Affiliated Membership

The SAGA finally has real meaningful data regarding the membership of affiliated players and all the clubs in the country supplied by the HNA handicapping system. It is a major concern that membership numbers have been contracting for the past few years and 2016 has proven to be no different. This is the primary issue in South African amateur golf. Everything that the SAGA does must be tethered to the strategy to promote and grow amateur golf across the country, both in membership numbers and in participation of the game.

Golf RSA

The registration of Golf RSA suffered delays in the first half of 2016 but the company was finally incorporated in June 2016. Golf RSA is a not-for-profit company formed by its shareholders, South African Golf Association and Womens Golf South Africa, to promote and grow amateur golf in the country. Golf RSA is mandated by the SAGA and WGSA to carry out all the operational aspects of the amateur game and to commercialise the properties of the shareholders in a way that promotes and grows amateur golf.

The setting up and operationalising of Golf RSA has consumed an enormous amount of time and effort in the second half of 2016 but significant strides have been made and the company shall be operational from 01 January 2017. All the SAGA and WGSA staff will be employed by Golf RSA from 01 January 2017.

The first full board of directors was confirmed in November 2016 and the board is comprised of the following directors:

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| • Mr Johann Rupert | Independent, non-executive director | Chairman |
| • Mrs Cynthia Rayner | Independent, non-executive director | |
| • Mr Dale Hayes | Independent, non-executive director | |
| • Mr Jabulane Mabuza | Independent, non-executive director | |
| • Mr Ken Walker | Independent, non-executive director | |
| • Mr Zanos Kunene | Independent, non-executive director | |
| • Mrs Karen Olivant | Founding member director (President – WGSA) | |

- Mr Naadir Agherdien Founding member director (Senior Vice-President – SAGA)
- Mr Geoff Taylor Founding member director (President – SAGA)

All the above positions of voluntary and directors are not remunerated for their services.

Golf Development and Transformation

Golf development and transformation remains a priority for the SAGA and the strategic partnership with the South African Golf Development Board (SAGDB) is strengthening and delivering results. And all 14 golf unions utilise the operations of the SAGDB for their development and transformation programmes. The SAGA transformation charter and balance scorecard has been deployed at union level and is accessible via the SAGA website

National Squad

A national squad was formed following an injection of R10m, via the SAGDB, for a three year programme. This national squad has been formed under a structured programme with the goals of improving our depth and level of amateur golfers and keeping them in the amateur game for longer.

The top group of golfers from the national squad visited the United Kingdom in July 2016 and participated in a number of tournaments with mixed success. There are lessons that have been learned from this first foray that will be applied in 2017 and 2018.

International Relations

International relations were bolstered by an invitation from the Indian Golf Union for a four-man team of Mid-Amateur golfers and a four-man team of Senior Amateur golfers to participate in two test matches at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club in Kolkata, India in December 2016. It is intended that South Africa and India will host the event every second year respectively. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with India.

Our relations with the Scottish Golf Union remains strong and they continue to send a squad to South Africa each year to compete in our top-flight tournaments.

Eden Thompson managed the teams that participated in the All Africa Junior Golf Championship, the Toyota Junior World Team Championship and the World Amateur Team Championship (Eisenhower trophy) and represented the SAGA at the meetings held by the organising committees and the International Golf Federation, further strengthening our relationship with these international bodies.

National Relations

Our relations with the amateur and professional golf bodies in South Africa have strengthened. The formation of Golf RSA and the approach adopted by its CEO Mr Grant Hepburn, has contributed enormously to the cementing of these relations.

South African Government Relations

Our relationships with both SASCOC and the Department of Sports and Recreation remain sound. The 2016 Summer Olympics was the first time for golf to be played at the Olympics since the 1904 Summer Olympics. While the two players to represent South Africa were professional golfers the

government looked to the SAGA to manage the South African campaign. Grant Hepburn did a marvellous job under difficult circumstances and worked well with SASCOG.

International Competition

The juniors once again excelled at the All Africa Junior Golf Championship held in Tunisia, and claimed joint fourth spot at the Toyota Junior World Team Championship held in Japan. The team that challenged for the Eisenhower Trophy at the World Amateur Team Championship unfortunately only managed 31st position.

The inaugural test matches against India for the Mid-Amateur and Senior Amateur teams afforded our players the first opportunity to be capped and receive national Protea colours. South Africa won the first test and India the second test, resulting in this inaugural test series being shared.

Handicapping and Course Rating

The SAGA handicapping system continues to operate with virtually no problems or issues. The SAGA, together with Handicaps Network Africa (HNA), continues to participate in the global movement headed by the R&A and USGA to create a unified global handicapping system.

The re-rating of all golf courses in South Africa using the USGA slope rating system is a vital aspect to not only properly rate South African golf courses but to use a unified system that will facilitate our participation in the world handicapping system being developed. Course rating is the domain of the individual golf unions but because of the complexity of the USGA rating system the provincial resources require special training. To this end a resource has been provided by HNA to lead this project is to re-rate all golf courses. The efforts of Eric Lefson and his interaction with the various unions have resulted in 170 courses being re-rated so far. It is intended that all courses will be re-rated by June 2018.

Business Plan

The SAGA plan to unify amateur golf in South Africa in order to promote and grow the game is currently being actioned with the spearhead being through formation of Golf RSA. SAGA's strategic objectives will be manifested in and actioned through Golf RSA. Some delays were incurred in 2016 with the formation of this new company but is now on track to deliver.

Sponsors and Benefactors

SAGA is grateful and thankful to the sponsors and benefactors who continue to assist the promotion, growth and development of amateur golf in this country. On behalf of the national executive committee I wish to extend my gratitude and thanks to all our sponsors and benefactors including, Titleist, Sanlam, Tempest Car Hire, Indwe Risk Services and particularly to the Nomads organisation and personally to Mr Mike McGrath of HNA and to Mr Johann Rupert who have the interests of amateur golf at heart.

Amateur golf in South Africa lost a key member when Mellette Hendrikse, the Gauteng North Golf Union representative to the National Executive Committee of the SAGA passed away suddenly a week before he was due to represent South Africa for the first time, as a selected member of the

Senior Amateur team for the test series against India. Our condolences are extended to Mellette's family.

In closing I wish to thank all members of the Executive Committee for their support, and for their commitment and work ethic. The ongoing support and guidance provided by the two office-bearers is highly valued.

Last but not least, sincere thanks to the staff of the SAGA, Bruce, Neil, Hilary, David and Eden for their hard work and efforts.

Geoff Taylor