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INTRODUCTION

2021 was the year when GolfRSA started to raise its head above the waters following the difficulties brought on by Covid-19. Following a curtailed calendar in 2020, we were able to host a full calendar of events in 2021, even though some of the events had to change dates for later in the year.

All tournaments followed strict, but necessary, risk mitigation protocols to limit the risk of Covid transmission and this brought about a welcome return of our popular Inter-Provincial events.

Unfortunately, due to the changing nature of travel restrictions, we were unable to commit to international events, including the National Squad's annual UK trip.

Last year saw a 3% increase in the number of affiliated golfers to 127 582, while the number of registered rounds was recorded at a record high of almost 4.5 million (a 2% increase). We have reason to believe that there was also a far greater increase in the number of unaffiliated golfer rounds.

There were some sombre moments in 2021, too. Sadly, we lost fellow board member Jabu Mabuza, who has been such a valuable part of GolfRSA for several years. He will be sorely missed for his engaging personality and his wisdom.

We also said farewell to SAGA president Martin Saaiman during the year. His unexpected passing was a sad day for South African golf as Martin had long been one of the great servants of golf administration in the country.

FINANCIALS

For the GolfRSA financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2021, GolfRSA achieved a surplus of R 3 million, compared to a deficit budget of R 1,3 million.

This is largely attributed to increased revenue received from HNA, in the form of a management fee and tournament sponsorship.

Expenses were also well controlled and were 2% under budget, thereby also contributing to the 2021 surplus.

NOMADS EVENTS

We recognise Nomads for their continued investment in junior golf in South Africa. Despite tightening budgets, Nomads sponsored 10 boys and 2 girls tournaments in 2021.

In the Nomads Order of Merit events, we saw maiden wins by Jack Cubitt, and Stefan Jacobs, while Christiaan Maas successfully defended his Inland NOOM title.

The national age group events are always very popular and highly rated tournaments. Juan Coetzee led his Ekurhuleni team to victory in the U13 event, while Zimbabwe's Keegan Shutt was crowned the U15 champion.

GolfRSA National Squad member Dan Bennett broke through for his first national title in the U17 Championship and in the Nomads SA U19 it was Christiaan Maas who won the Stroke Play, with Hannes Strooh defeating Bennett in the final to win the Match Play.

Roelof Craig won the Nomads U15 Gowrie Challenge.

Isabella van Rooyen claimed the Nomads SA Girls Rose Bowl Championship with a two-shot win at Durbanville Golf Club, while Bobbi Brown won the Nomads SA Girls Championship at Magaliespark, prevailing by eight shots.

SUNSHINE TOUR JUNIOR SERIES

We were privileged to run five events in partnership with the Sunshine Tour, with Squad members Yurav Premlall and Dan Bennett winning the Nedbank Junior Challenge and the Dimension Data Junior respectively. Craig Jacobs (Cape Town Junior Open), Jack Cubitt (Tshwane Junior Open) and Bryan Newman (Joburg Junior U15 Open) were the other champions.

GOLFRSA SA SWING and SA Open

Travel restrictions resulted fewer international participants, but we once again held a very successful SA Swing of events. At Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club,

Megan Streicher won the SA Women's Stroke Play Championship and Caitlyn Macnab won the SA Amateur for the second year running, beating Streicher 11&9 in the 36-hole final.

On the men's side, Martin Vorster claimed the SA Stroke Play Championship at Randpark, Casey Jarvis won the African Amateur at Leopard Creek and Christiaan Maas won the SA Amateur at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC, beating England's Jack Dyer 3&2 in the final.

Our amateurs also performed well in various professional events. Nine amateurs qualified for the SA Open, with four of them making the cut. Yurav Premlall took home the Freddie Tait Cup as the leading amateur.

GoIfRSA NATIONAL SQUAD

In the sixth year of the National Squad, our squad golfers dominated men's and women's provincial events throughout 2021.

Squad camps were held throughout the year, including camps at the National Junior Development Centre (NJDC) in Malelane and at San Lameer in KwaZulu-Natal. The camps introduced players to experts on technical and fitness matters, advisors on management companies and guest speakers. Our partnership with the Sunshine Tour sees our top players receive invitations to play on the Big Easy Tour and in selected Sunshine Tour events. These are valuable platforms for our top amateurs to learn about the rigours of the professional game.

Since the inception of the National Squad in 2016 we have had the following significant results:

- **31 individual international victories**, including the GolfRSA SA Swing events (SA Stroke Play, SA Amateur, African Amateur, SA Women's Stroke Play and SA Women's Amateur)
- From 2017 – 2019 the squad recorded 10 wins on international soil (no international travel in 2020 | 2021)
- 9 out of the 24 Junior President Cup players selected over the last two Cups have been South African
- The above is excluding victories in the African national events.
- **Toyota Junior Golf World Cup:** Four squad members (Martin Vorster, Christo Lamprecht, Casey Jarvis & Sam Simpson) won the event with a new tournament record of 41-under-par. First win for South Africa since 1982

INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS

In our Inter-Provincial Tournaments, Western Province completed a remarkable and unprecedented clean sweep of all six IPT titles. The Union won the Men's Open, Senior, Super Senior, Mid-Amateur and Under-19 IPTs, as well as the Women's IPT. To cap it off, Western Province also won the Women's 72-Hole Teams Challenge as well.

In the SA Country Districts IPT, it was KwaZulu-Natal who retained their title with a win at East London Golf Club.

MID-AMATEUR AND SENIOR

Ryan Dreyer captured the SA Mid-Amateur Championship in April at the age of 49, becoming the first winner of both the SA Amateur and SA Mid-Amateur Championships, while Lyall McNeil won the SA Senior Amateur Championship by three shots at a windy Glendower Golf Club.

In the women's SA Mid-Amateur Championship, Vicki Traut completed a hat trick of titles with a win at Highland Gate.

The lack of international playing opportunities for our mid-amateur and senior players saw GolfRSA introducing a new event on the schedule – the Coastal-Inland Challenge. This Ryder Cup-style event saw the top mid-amateur and senior golfers from their respective teams battle it out at St Francis Links. The tournament was undoubtedly a roaring success, and we look forward to it becoming a fixture on our tournament schedule.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

Although international travel was severely restricted, the GolfRSA Squad was able to send Martin Vorster to play in the US Amateur at Oakmont in Pennsylvania, USA. Martin missed out on qualification for the match play stage, but he stayed on and performed admirably in the Korn Ferry Tour's Q-School.

Bypassing the travel restrictions, we were able to assemble a strong squad of US-based college players to take part in the Spirit International tournament. The Combined event winners were USA, with South Africa finishing in 8th position out of 20 competing teams.

The men (Christo Lamprecht and Kieron van Wyk) finished in tie-5th position, with Lamprecht the best placed at tie-4th in the Individual event.

The women (Caitlyn Macnab and Kaylah Williams) finished in a tie for 15th position.

GOLFRSA EVENTS

We were once again able to run the GolfRSA Club Champion of Champions event in 2021, having been forced to cancel the 2020 tournament due to COVID-19. The cream of club golfers, in three divisions, gathered for a successful National Final, at Kyalami Golf Club, where they competed for the title of the country's top club champion.

Further funding from DSAC, secured in 2021, has allowed us to add the Caddies Champion of Champions tournament to our Champion of Champions event in 2022.

We also saw the conclusion of our GolfRSA Race to 2021, where players who topped their Orders of Merit from their respective competing Unions received automatic qualification into the 2021 SA Amateur and GolfRSA contributed towards the cost of their travel and participation.

TRANSFORMATION

As part of the GolfRSA agreement with the Nomads Golf Club of South Africa, the SAGDB receives spots in the GolfRSA Junior National Order of Merit tournaments, including the Nomads SA Boys U-19 (5), Nomads SA Boys U-17 (5), Nomads SA U-15 (5) and Nomads SA U-13 (3) Championships, as well as the Nomads Gowrie Farm U-15 Challenge and the 4 Nomads National Order of Merit Inland and Coastal events.

The costs for the SAGDB learners are financed by GolfRSA.

In 2021, GolfRSA negotiated an agreement with Nedbank and Sun International to have a minimum of 18 SAGDB learners in the limited field of 78 players in the Nedbank Junior Challenge. Depending on the size of entries, the majority of the group (approximately 60%) is selected off the SAGDB Performance Ranking. The balance is selected based on promise shown and to give them an opportunity to gain experience at national level.

In 2021, the SAGDB had 20 representatives in the inaugural event, with a best performance by TJ Sandys from North West, who tied for 11th. In 2022, the SAGDB entered 19 learners and achieved three top 20 finishes, including Timothy Daniels from Boland (6th), Lyle Pedro from Northern Cape (8th) and Vuyisani Makama (T-16th)

In 2021, the SAGDB enjoyed a record representation in the Premier SA and SA U-19 Inter-Provincial tournaments.

A total of 10 learners competed in the SA IPT (3 in the A-Section and 7 in the B-Section), and 21 competed in the SA U-19 IPT (9 in the A-Section and 12 in the B-Section).

This year, the SA Country Districts Inter-Province made its return to the 2022 GolfRSA schedule and the SAGDB fielded 7 learners in the teams from Boland, Border, Eastern Province, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga. Hilmi Mallick from Western Province and Ekurhuleni's Sean Tsipa also competed in the 2022 Challenge Inter-Provincial.

Incidentally, three SAGDB coaches also competed in the SA Country Districts, namely Ben Jonas (Border), Andries Kori (Northern Cape) and Johnny Ludick (Eastern Province)

GolfRSA and the unions split the costs incurred by SAGDB learners selected for provincial teams.

Through an agreement negotiated by GolfRSA, the SAGDB uses the National Junior Development Centre in Malelane to conduct its national squad camps.

This is the same facility used by GolfRSA for its national squad camps. In 2022, Vuyisani Makama was inducted into the GolfRSA National Squad, becoming the 9th SAGDB learner to graduate to the national squad. The other graduates include Cole Stevens, Kieron van Wyk, Rory Nkosi, Keelan van Wyk, Franklin Manchest, Steven le Roux, Carl Mwale and Banele Mavuso.

GOLFRSA HELPFUND

As a direct result of the success of the Help Fund, where we raised over R5 million for caddies affected by the Lockdown in 2020, the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture (DSAC) contributed a further R33 million to the fund through The Sports Trust.

The pay out of this Job Retention Stimulus Packages was handled by GolfRSA's Hilary Butler and Caitlin Boeke, who successfully distributed the funds to caddies and casual workers over a period of four months between December 2021 and March 2022.

GOLFRSA CLUB STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMME

The GolfRSA Training Programme was launched in July. Also funded by DSAC, and in partnership with the Club Management Association of South Africa (CMASA), these learning programmes are aimed at upskilling golf industry members. CMASA conducted the first two courses – Reception and Marshall training – in 2021, with the sessions continuing in 2022.

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT

In 2021, GolfRSA undertook a dynamic process to ensure Protection of Personal Information Act (“POPIA”) compliance across amateur golf within South Africa.

Having performed an in-depth risk review and having vigorously tested the IT systems of HNA and its technology partner Azapi to ensure that the golf industry is in solid compliance position with the act, GolfRSA rolled out the necessary compliance processes for all unions and golf clubs to follow to meet the deadline of 1 July 2021, the date of full implementation of POPIA.

HANDICAP AND COURSE RATINGS

Status of Re-Rating Process in 2021

Courses re-rated in 2021: 74

Courses that implemented updated Course Ratings and Slope Ratings in 2021: 68

GolfRSA Lead Raters & Provincial Raters

Lead Raters (7)

Central Gauteng Golf Union – 3 (Also cover FSGU, NCGU & MGU)

Gauteng North Golf Union – 2 (Also cover LGU, EGU & NWGU)

KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union – 1

Southern Cape Golf Union – 1 (Also covers Western Cape which includes Boland & WPGU and Eastern Cape which includes Border & EPGU)

Raters (60)

Boland Golf Union – 7

Border Golf Union – 5

Central Gauteng Golf Union -7

Eastern Province Golf Union – 6

Ekurhuleni Golf Union – 1

Free State Golf Union – 1

Gauteng North Golf Union – 5

KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union – 8

Limpopo Golf Union – 0

Mpumalanga Golf Union – 7

North West Golf Union – 2

Northern Cape Golf Union – 0

Southern Cape Golf Union – 4

Western Province Golf Union – 7

G6P3 Project (Par 3/GolfSixes/Short Courses)

Par 3 Courses rated in 2021: 27

G6 Courses rated 2021: 0

Handicaps

Implementation of Rule 6.2a/Appendix C

To ensure that handicap competitions are fair to all those who participate, GolfRSA decided to implement Rule 6.2a/Appendix C as the final phase of the implementation of the World Handicap System Rules of Handicapping. The implementation of Rule 6.2a/Appendix C took place on the 1st of March 2021.

The World Handicap System Research Team (WHRT) investigated thousands of competition scores for different formats of play and came up with a statically determined recommended adjustment to Course Handicaps, which is designed to make competitions fair to all participants. Based on the

World Handicap System research GolfRSA put together a South Africanized version of Appendix C. It was decided that for competition formats not covered by the table below, the Competition Committee can decide on their own percentage or decide not to apply one.

(SEE APPENDIX C ATTACHED)

In summary, there was no change as to how players enter their scores for handicapping purposes. Therefore, a player still enters their scores for handicapping purposes based on their Course Handicap and scoring purely for competition purposes is based on a players Playing Handicap (PH). The necessary percentage adjustments are primarily for the purpose of Club Competitions. All the Competition Handicap Allowances are available on the HNA App, Club Terminals and Back of Office Systems which makes it very easy for the golfer to determine their Playing Handicap for the days play.

Handicap Management Exception Report (MER's)

The World Handicap System requires each and every National Association to generate Handicap Management Exception Reports. Handicap Management Exception Reports were made available on the 23rd of April, 2021 to all Unions and Golf Clubs that have access to a Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) administration login.

The Handicap Management Exception Reports include the following:

- Opening of Rounds (Registered Round Percentage)
- Average Score Differentials (Match Play vs Stroke Play)
- Average Score Differentials (Competition Rounds vs Social Rounds)
- Frequency of Score Submissions

For these reports to be generated the score entry screen on the HNA App was adjusted from automated defaults of (Social/Stroke Play/Individual). This now requires players to select one of the options from each of the categories below along with submitting their Adjusted Gross Scores:

- Social Round vs Competition Round
- Stroke Play vs Match Play
- Individual vs Team

CONCLUSION

We remain grateful to all of our partners and sponsors throughout the golf industry in South Africa. Positive working relationships with golfers, clubs, unions, academies, coaches and fellow golfing organisations help us to perform our role as the governing body for amateur golf in South Africa. We greatly appreciate the role that our GolfRSA Board plays, as well as the National Executive of the SAGA and WGSA, all of whom are volunteers. We thank all of you for your time and dedication to golf.

Yours Sincerely



Grant Hepburn
Chief Executive Officer



Appendix C: 2020 WHS Rules of Handicapping

South Africanized version

FORMAT OF PLAY	TYPE OF ROUND	HANDICAP ALLOWANCE
STROKE PLAY	Individual Medal	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Combined IPS	95%
	Betterball Par/Bogey	90%
	Betterball Medal	85%
	Betterball Stableford	85%
	Betterball Bonus/Bogey	85%
MATCH PLAY	Individual	No HA. Play off CH
	Betterball	90%
OTHER	Alliance - 1 score to count	75%
	Alliance - 2 scores to count	85%
	Alliance - 2 scores / 3 scores on Par 3 to count	85%
	Alliance - 3 scores to count	No HA. Play off CH
	Alliance - 4 scores to count	No HA. Play off CH
	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Scramble (4 players)	25%, 20%, 15%, 10% from lowest to highest CH
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low CH + 15% high CH
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	No HA. Play off CH

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