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The Editor's note



A golf club is a living entity.

It evolves and grows, not without its trials and tribulations it must be said (who promised that evolution would be a smooth upward curve!?) and it is for many a repository of history and happy memories... and in terms of the latter and when it comes to 'Royal' mine are splendid.

They range from my first game there in 1970 when my late Father said to me that we were going to play Royal Johannesburg

and his response to my question "why" was, "because I want you to see a real golf course". From this auspicious beginning, I can recall nipping down the road in the early 1980's from Huddle Park where, as a young PGA member, I used to run a weekly golf clinic, to play Royal, to playing my first SA Open on the Highveld and then on to hosting a fourball at Hutchie's 'special' birthday Pro-Am – happy memories indeed!

Now many years later and as a Founder and Life member of the PGA of South Africa and having written for many publications, newspapers and magazines I am still not the least bit cynical about our wonderful game. I do still miss unwrapping a new golf ball from its cellophane and hearing the sound of metal spikes clattering along the path to the first tee, but the essentials such as the dewfresh tang of an early morning tee off, the smell of freshly cut grass, or seeing the first buds on the trees in spring will never change.

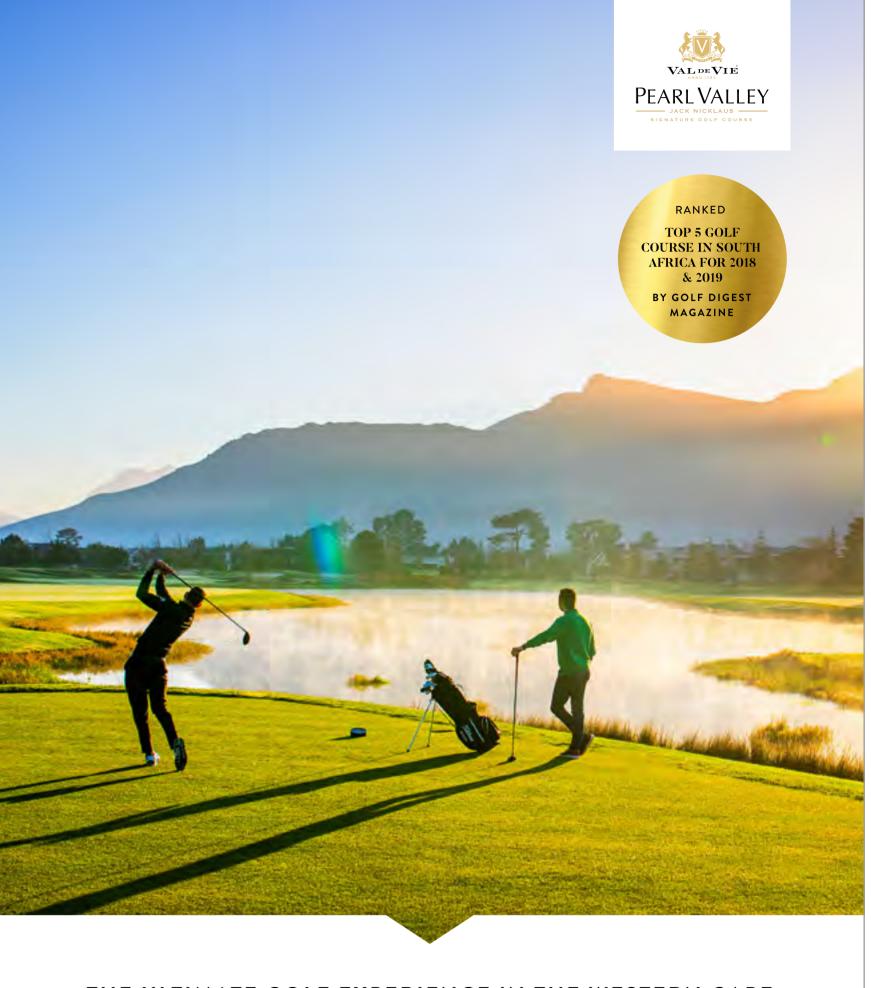
Times are tough for the business of golf as I see every day in my work as a consultant in the industry and as a golf columnist, but I see from the reports in this publication that, in its current board and management personnel, Royal Johannesburg & Kensington has a team dedicated to keeping the club on an upward trajectory, while preserving the values that have made the club an iconic and living part of South Africa's rich golf history.

I can only hope that those golfing members who will read this publication realise how priviledged they are and are as honoured, as I am in being invited to help with this Royal Review, to be part of the club's present and this phase in its developing history.

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THE CHAIRMAN'S Report



The year under review was a mix of both the exciting and the extremely challenging for the Board and the club's management team.

During the year the club won three prestigious international awards. In the World Golf Awards' annual awards, the club took away 2 titles by winning 'Best Golf Course' in South Africa and Africa with both awards being for the East Course. The World Golf Award's voting is open to the public and during this year's qualifying period the ballot process attracted over 1.4 million public votes. The East Course then notched up another first through its winning the Course of the Year from the Luxury Travel Guide.

Luxury Travel Guide showcases the very best lifestyle brands globally and its awards are presented to those facilities which reflect the best that the affluent traveller can hope to find when on vacation. The LTG team partnered with a panel of selected industry experts and special guest judges to evaluate the credentials of each company and individual featured in the winner's guide.

The awards were not limited to the club's facilities as I am happy to report that two of our staff members won awards in their personal capacity.

Our head professional Greg Jacobs, who provides an exceptional retail service throughout the year to the members, was named as the Gauteng Region's PGA Club Professional of the Year, while our CEO, Chris Bentley, being named Gauteng Region's PGA Club Manager of the Year and National PGA Club Manager of the year for 2019.

While the prevailing economic uncertainties continued to weigh heavily on the golf industry as a whole, it is a testament to the efforts of the management team, the entire staff and the board, that we achieved our budget.

That said and while golf is not a team game and personal success and awards are both very gratifying and well-earned, our club's continued growth and success is forged in no small part through the dedication, commitment and the teamwork of our entire staff

Leading this team from the front and driving the smooth operations of our wonderful Club is the CEO, Christopher Bentley. Chris is an excellent leader and his passion for both for his role and Royal Johannesburg & Kensington, his unbounded energy and understanding of the team ethos, sets and maintains the high standards we as members have come to expect and I would like to thank him on behalf of all the members.

Underpinning the foundations of the club are undoubtedly our two superb golf courses which are nurtured and maintained by Shaun Brits and his team. Their total commitment ensures that the members and visitors are able to play on two world class award winning courses throughout the year. They are so much part of the everyday workings of a club that it is easy to overlook that the operations team are the heartbeat of any golf club.

In the tough trading environment locally and the challenges facing golf globally, our club is faced with a very public and visible 'enemy'. It is management's job to help the club to rise above these twin challenges through putting our management and operational processes under even closer scrutiny than usual.

Their efforts frame the golfers' experience at any golf facility and so our thanks to Jayde Rademeyer, and his golf department team, for their dedication and unfailing willingness to 'go the extra mile' during the year.







Charlotte de Jong and her finance team have most demanding operational area, but has excelled during the year under review, with delivered according to plan. their efforts enabling the Club to obtain the long-awaited rebates from the City of Erik Brakhoven and his team continue Johannesburg. to excel and raise the bar in terms of the

Membership acquisition and retention are a perennial challenge for any golf club and so the marketing and membership department under Candice Humphrey is perhaps the



F&B experience at Royal, while Hennie Bredenhann, our infastructure manager and head of security along with his team, are an enormous asset and the club would be at a loss without them.

The project team is led by Gordon Odgers and thanks are extended to Gordon and his team for the sterling job that they continue to do.

To my fellow Board members, my most sincere thanks for your efforts and support during the year.

Chris Bobbert has resigned from the Board and I thank him for his service to the Club, while the remaining members of the Board have put their names forward for re-election at the AGM.

Finally to all the members of this wonderful Golf Club, it has been a privilege and honour to serve as your Chairman, in which role your support and friendship is much appreciated and greatly valued.

As a Board we appreciate the importance of task with which we have been entrusted and we shall keep striving to ensure that Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club remains the number one member owned Golf Club in the country.

Alan Field Chairman





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FROM THE CEO'S DESK



It is both a privilege and a pleasure, as the Chief Executive Officer of Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club, to present my sixth annual report.

"With our wonderful golf courses and iconic clubhouse, it is a lasting memorial to the work and foresight of a long succession of members devoted to the service of the club".

The above tribute was written by the late Dr L S Williams as a preface to a brief history of the Club and the start of golf in Johannesburg when its' diamond jubilee was commemorated.

Over the past six months, I have been on a personal mission to learn more about the detail of our club's history, and to frame the more notable events that you will have seen going up on the walls of the clubhouse.

Charles Coetzee the first appointed Managing Secretary of the Club once said, *"there are two things money can't buy, history and grand trees"*. Coetzee's tenure proved to be of great advantage to the club, principally by his forming policy, documenting history and improving conditions of play with the most impact being made by the removal of rocks and the planting of trees. It is this approach to managing a facility that set the pace for golf in South Africa and which continues to be a primary driver today.

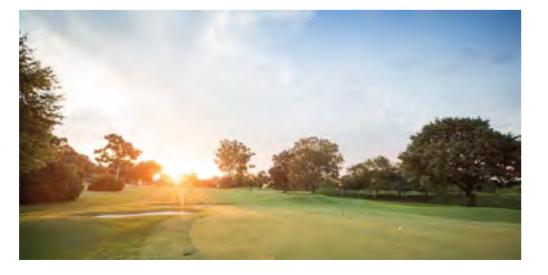
Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club is 128 years old. I believe that its forefathers would be proud of the Club today and the vision that has been established for the future. This is testament to the members who have upheld the club's history and traditions, resulting in the Club reaching the highest of standards, clearly visible in the clubhouse and on the golf courses. Royal Johannesburg & Kensington continues to offer one of the most prestigious golf memberships on the Continent.

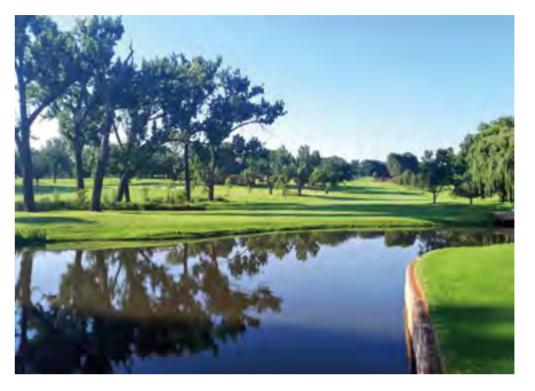
We continue to live in 'interesting' and diverse political times with unstable macro effects on business and with questionable solutions being proposed to address the current economic state of the country. It goes without saying that in the absence of any fundamental change in Government policy or personnel, the challenges, clearly manifested in terms of the SOE's and the local council issues we all experience, will persist and deepen. The golf industry has remained unstable over the past twelve months and continues to be a challenging environment.

Membership acquisition and retention and increasing the numbers of rounds played are a competitive battleground that is fought over by the majority of clubs, particularly by those of Gauteng club's that only offer golf. In broad terms these issues are underpinned by the fact that the golf business remains in a state of serious oversupply. With decreasing demand and standard golf courses choosing to heavily reduce or discount green fees and or impose levies, this combination of factors would support the decision, taken by the members to approve the '5 year' plan, to have been the 'right one'.

Despite the ongoing administrative challenges with the City of Johannesburg, we have at last achieved some success with the assistance of industry professionals. After a long struggle, the Club has finally received its electricity credit on the 'ghost meter' to the value of R1.8m. Our rates & taxes have also been corrected and we have managed to reverse these provisions with the correct and appropriate property tariffs. Members have been kept well informed of the progress in our '5-year plan'. The council have now fully approved the services establishment for the residential sales for phase one. This approval ensures that the long-term plan will be delivered to the members.

The first phase of property developments are ready to go, and members will have first right to purchase at a launch evening to be held in November 2019. The developers are looking to break ground in early 2020, a presentation on which will be made at the Annual General Meeting by past Chairman and Project Leader, Mr. Gordon Odgers.





Despite some background challenges, it has been another remarkable year for the Club. The annual member survey results have continued to improve and deliver beyond the benchmarks set. When we first started with the member survey in 2014, a satisfaction target of 75% was set. The current target is 80%, with 83% of surveys being completed by golfing category members, which shows the data being received is from those using the Club the most.

This year our survey delivered a record high of 85% satisfaction and we thank members for comments received and those suggesting areas of improvement. These are a vital part of the overall process and are analysed and where possible, in the overall strategy, implemented.

In this regard, your management team also continues to improve and uphold compliance and training standards, namely in audit requirements, training, first aid and occupational health and safety.

We have again achieved a 5-star rating in health and safety for the second consecutive year. The past year has certainly been one of further accomplishments.

Following the successful East Course renovation in 2017, the course has received significant praise and claimed three international awards and it was this platform that allowed the club to bid for a Presidents Cup event and in our qualifying as one final bidders for 2023.

s The PGA Tour acknowledged that "we have it all" and while Royal Johannesburg & Kensington and South Africa would be an ideal venue, the economic state of our country has stopped progress as a host venue in the immediate future. However, due to our strong proposal for 2023, the club will be included as a final bidder to host the Presidents Cup for 2027.

During its 128 years of existence, Royal has always played an important role in the development of golf, setting a benchmark in its facilities, hosting services, golf courses, membership options and as an industry leader.

To continue this legacy we therefore actively pursued the most prestigious amateur events our country has to offer, not only in the role as the host venue, but also to create a new and commercialised tournament structure. The result is the South African Amateur Championship undergoing a ground-breaking revamp that will see the men's and women's championships being played simultaneously in the middle of February 2020.

This will mark the first time in the event's history, which dates back to 1892 that both the men's and women's SA Amateur Championships will be played at the same time, at the same venue. Women's Golf South Africa, President Sally Greasley applauded the announcement: *"We welcome the decision to combine the men's and women's SA Amateur Championships at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington for three years, starting in 2020."*

Past SA Amateur Championships and winners at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club: 1946 – J Boyd (SA Amateur), 1957 – M Masters (SA Amateur), 1959 – A Walker (SA Amateur), 1965 – M Palliser (SA Amateur), 1967 – D Kemp (SA Amateur), 1972 – J Nellmapius (SA Amateur), 1980 – E Groenewald (SA Amateur), 1981 – ML de Lorenzi (SA Women's Amateur), 1987 – C Louw (SA Women's Amateur), 1991 – D Botes (SA Amateur), 1991 – G Tebbutt (SA Women's Amateur), 2008 – B Loucks WAL (SA Women's Amateur).

The launch of Travel & Activity has been another pace setter for the club and the first of its kind in South Africa, offering members significant subscription value. A In-house travel solution, from business and leisure to signature sport events throughout the world. Whether you need accommodation or flights for leisure or business, we have it all. 'Our Signature Trips' offer a once in a lifetime experience, from the Tour de France to Augusta National's Magnolia Lane. Additionally we partnered with the largest tour operator in the country, Tourvest, to use their travel software and include even more packages. The online system gives you access to over 7000 different options around the world.

Activities are built to create unique experiences, packages and utilisation of our

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facility beyond golf and functions. We have launched several ongoing experiences when the courses and function rooms aren't in use. including adventure night runs, on course yoga, pilates, art classes and much more...

The Club's auditors continue to show satisfaction with our practices, governance and standard operating procedures throughout all of our operational areas. While an operating loss is not ideal, management have again delivered better results for the 2018/19 period.

It will be important to remember that part of our long-term plan was for the operating losses be subsidised when required, and members to be advised of the necessity, to better balance the utilisation of the club and the requirements necessary to upgrade its offering. Members were insistent for management to maintain the current high standards and a quality offering without passing the burden on into subscriptions and then at a later stage allow the annuity income balance the books

It is therefore encouraging to report that operating losses have been decreased year on year over the past five years, with capital replacements being kept up to date.

I am pleased to confirm, that throughout the year your Board and management have fully complied in terms of the requirements of the constitution, human resources, health and safety, first aid and the liquor trading laws.

Good governance along with all our other legal requirements and policies, remain fully compliant and above the required standards.

A stable staff team is essential and it is very good to report that staff turnover has also remained low, with the senior management team unchanged for five years.

The various teams remain committed to providing attention to detail, improved service and a hospitality experience that's enjoyed by every member and guest. We fully appreciate the expectations of our members and we constantly fine-tune without compromise in order to deliver a best of breed service in keeping with the club's traditions of excellence and as a market leader.

While the improvements continue to enhance our brand, collectively we need to keep encouraging more rounds of golf, signing up new members and promoting a positive, friendly atmosphere at the club. This cannot be done by the Board and management in isolation and requires a collective effort if we wish to keep improving the club and its offering. In this effort, all of the Club's members are requested to 'live the Royal brand', endorse the plans and participate at every level within what is our great "family culture".

In closing, we cannot escape the environment in which we operate, including a weak economy, volatile Rand exchange rate

and flat markets. It is envisaged that local conditions and the golf industry will remain challenging at least in the near term (twelve months), but despite these conditions, we shall continue to focus on developing our annuity income.

This endeavour will continue to be the major focus for the Club going forward in terms of its goals of creating long-term sustainability and a services and membership offering that continues to develop and improve.

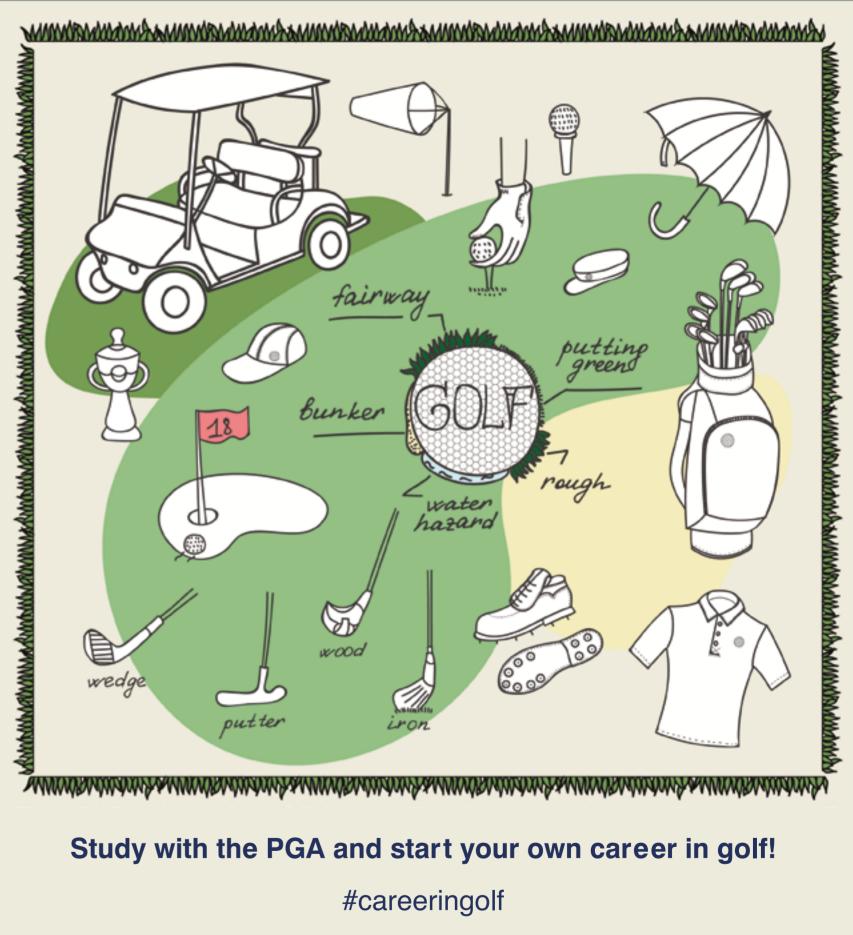
This story of the effort involved and the achievements is but a summary and it would be impossible to name everyone who has contributed time or money, loyalty and cooperation to pursue the goal of enhancing the prestige of this wonderful club. Present members and those of the future have a rich heritage indeed.

I hope that my report this year does not only pay tribute to those who have delivered the recent achievements of the Club, but also acknowledges all those who have come before. It is this collective effort, both in the present day and over the years that has so effectively helped to establish the great camaraderie, good sportsmanship and sense of family that has become the hallmark of Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club.

On behalf of the management team, I would like to thank each and every member for your continued loyalty and support. We look forward to consistently improving and delivering the Royal experience to you and your guests, executing the remainder of our long-term plan in parallel with high-end hospitality standards. None of this would be possible without our incredible teams of staff members and service providers who work tirelessly to meet and deliver the very best on a daily basis.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Chairman and Board members for dedicating their time and knowledge and for assisting and supporting management with the overall delivery, vision, strategy and good governance of our club.

Christopher Bentley Chief Executive Officer



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Notice of the 128^{TH} ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

N otice is hereby given that the Hundred & Twenty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the members of Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club will be held in the clubhouse on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 18h00 to transact the following business:

In terms of the Constitution of the Club, the Agenda for the meeting will be:

- 1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
- 2. To confirm that a quorum is in place (20 members eligible to vote).
- 3. To receive and record apologies. (Members are requested to submit apologies in writing to membership@ royaljk.co.za)
- 4. To pay respect to those members who have passed away during the previous year.
- 5. To award members who qualify for Life or Honorary Membership.
- 6. To approve the minutes of the 127th Annual General Meeting (The minutes of the 127th AGM are available on the Club's website www.royaljk.co.za).
- 7. To receive the following annual reports/ presentations:
 - The CEO Mr. Christopher Bentley
 - The Treasurer Mr. Francois Schindehutte
 - The Capital Fund -Mr. Greg Sansom
 - The Project Team Leader Mr. Gordon Odgers
 - The Chairman Mr. Alan Field
- 8. To consider and adopt the audited Annual Financial Statements for the period ending 30 June 2019.

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- 9. To appoint the auditors for the new financial year (HLB).
- 10. To elect the Board for the ensuing year. (should any member wish to nominate a member to any position on the Board, such nomination, in writing, properly seconded, should be lodged with the CEO no less than 10 days prior to the meeting).
- 11. To appoint the Capital Fund Committee for the ensuing year.
 - (should any member wish to nominate a member to a position on the Capital Fund *Committee, such nomination, in writing,* properly seconded, should be lodged with the CEO no less than 10 days prior to the meeting).
- 12. Special Resolution No. 1 Annexure A To approve/ratify the refund of operating losses for the 2018/19 financial year.
- 13. To consider any other business concerning the affairs of the club, with the approval of the Chairman.

This notice is issued in terms of the constitution of the Club, adopted in October 2015. This notice, as well as other key member information, has also been sent electronically and is available on the Club's website and notice boards. Should you wish to receive information electronically, please ensure the Club has your current and/or correct e-mail address.

We request all members to please arrive and register for the meeting by no later than 17h45. We urge all members of the Club to please attend the meeting and should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

By order of the Board,



Christopher J Bentley Chief Executive Officer



Categories of Members entitled to vote

Platinum Members

- Life Members
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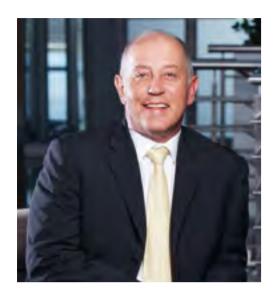


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THE TREASURER'S REPORT



The recent update on the five-year plan circulated to members made for exiting and encouraging reading and in particular the prospects of restoring the club to a sustainable financial platform.

The management team of the club however deserves credit for delivering a sound financial result for the year ended 30 June 2019. This has to be considered in an environment where the economic climate and political uncertainty delivers treacherous conditions for any business or sporting club to prosper.

Total golf income for the year increased by 7.4% and was primarily driven by increased membership and a substantial increase in other income of which income from cart hire made the largest growth contribution. Income from rounds played are impacted by various factors and whilst the increase in rounds are encouraging, it was largely assisted by the fact the prior year had a period of 204 days during which the East course was closed for the upgrade.

The table below further analyses the revenue dynamics for the year under review.

Rounds played increased by 13.2% whilst the average playing fee per round declined by 2.1% on a like for like basis. This is due to playing fees being significantly influenced by the mix of rounds sold to members on playing tickets versus pay as you go member rounds, visitor rounds and corporate rounds.

Subscription fees increased by 2.6% and was driven by an inflation adjustment, an overall increase in membership measured at the respective financial year-ends, as well as the mix of the membership profile. There is no doubt that the very challenging economic times makes it difficult to grow membership. At the risk of being repetitive, the delivery of the five-year plan will be the best form of attack to reverse the trend of reducing memberships being experienced by all golf clubs.

Expenses were well contained and increased by 4.8% and 1.1% respectively over the last two reporting periods.

	Actual 12 months Jun-19	Actual 18 months Jun-18	% change	Actual 12 months Jun-17	% change	Actual 12 months Jun-16
Revenue from playing fee	S					
Number of rounds	65,212	57,611		69,390		101,114
Monthly average number of rounds	5,434	4,801	13.2%	5,783	-17.0%	5,617
Playing fees in Rand	11,841,915	10,684,455	10.8%	11,618,053	-8.0%	16,750,444
Average fees per round	181.59	185.46	-2.1%	167.43	10.8%	165.66
Subscription revenue						
Subscription fees in Rand	9,438,665	9,200,617		8,324,055		13,262,014
Subcription fees in Rand monthly average	786,555	766,718	2.6%	693,671	10.5%	736,779

Note - The actual playing fees for 2018 was reduced by the contribution received in respect of the closure costs for purposes of this analysis

All of the above resulted in a net operating loss before depreciation and tax (also referred to a "loss from golfing operations") being limited to R609.121 and reflects an improvement from the prior year loss of R900,000 or 34%. It is however important to highlight to the members that the results for the year under review was supported by onceoff type credits that were legitimately due to the club but will obviously not be repetitive. These were primarily related to disputes with the City of Johannesburg around the accuracy of utility charges as well the appropriate rates tariff for the land.

Abnormal expenses mainly stemming from delaying the West course upgrade but within the overall five-year plan budget has been reflected separate from the results of golfing operations.

The value of the Liberty Collective Investment scheme portfolio stood at R29.5 million as at 30 June 2019 compared to R29.1 million as the same date last year. This increase represents growth of 1.3%.

Cash balances at year end were R3.2 million and is lower than the prior year as the balances in the prior year included the receipt of a R9 million deposit from the developer.

Long term liabilities include the Standard Bank medium term loan facility which had a balance of R21.1 million as at 30 June 2019 compared to R21.4 million (including the short-term portion) at 30 June 2018.

In summary, the financial position of the club remains stable and is in line with the fivevear plan.

Finally, the continued support from the members is greatly appreciated and we look forward to many successful years as members of the wonderful Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club.

Francois Schindehutte Treasurer

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	12 Months Ending 30 June 2019 Audited	12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 Audited
	R'm	R'm
ASSETS		
Leasehold improvements	15,6	16,5
Investments	29,5	29,1
Non-current assets	45,1	45,6
Trade and other receivables	2,5	3,9
Cash and cash equivalents	3,2	9,5
Current assets	5,7	13,4
Total assets	50,8	59,0
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
CFC Reserve	21,0	20,5
Accumulated deficit	(12,3)	(9,2)
	8,7	11,3
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Loan from related party	0,7	0,7
Long term liabilities	21,1	20,8
	21,8	21,5
Current liabilities		
Current portion of LTL	-	0,6
South African Revenue Services	1,3	1,7
Trade and other payables	19,0	23,9
	20,3	26,2
Total Liabilities	42,1	47,7
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	50,8	59,0

Playing Fees Subscription Income Other Income Total Golf Income Total Golf Expenditure Total Food and Beverag Hospitality Net Incom Net Operating Loss b Interest Received

Finance charges Net Operating Loss fr Operating Loss Subsid Capital Equipment Sub Capital Expenditure 5 Year Project Expendi Leasehold depreciation **Capital Account Surj** Net Deficit Rounds

	12 Months Ending 30 June 2019 Audited	12 Months Ending 30 June 2018 ^{Audited}
	R'm	R'm
	11,9	12,2
	9,4	9,2
	5,7	3,8
	27,0	25,2
re	(29,5)	(28,2)
rage and ne	2,1	1,9
before Interest	(0,4)	(1,1)
	1,9	1,7
	(2,1)	(1,5)
from Golf	(0,6)	(0,9)
idy	-	1,4
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	(0,5)	(2,6)
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on	(0,8)	(0,4)
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	(3,0)	(0,9)
	65 212	57 611

ABRIDGED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AT 30 JUNE 2019

Royal Review 2018/19



Our Long Term Plan



I am pleased to present the project team's annual report for the 5 year plan and long-term success of our wonderful Club. I encourage members to visit the project teams' updates provided throughout the year which can be found on the Clubs' website.

We live in times of great change, and our Club is not standing still. The difficult decisions taken by the members in 2016 is proving to be a good approval. The hard work and commitment from our members and teams is evident in the progress made against our long-term plan. Amid the economic uncertainty, poor markets and the political climate but we continue with the plans to deliver the agreed vision for the Club's long term sustainability.

The rollout of our plan and vision remains on track, as approved by the members in 2016, for completion in 2021/22. Our Club is once again leading the way by modernising and delivering a more innovative business model around golf, which will not only be of great financial value, but will also deliver greater relevance to the modern and future customer. Despite serious Council inefficiencies, frustrations and delays, the West Course will be refurbished next year. These refurbishments were delayed with member support to align the cash flow more pragmatically. The development to date.

They will invest a further R20m in services for phase one over the next year, plus R15m on the family and fitness elements and other building upgrades, which includes the building of the retirement and residential developments. Our developers have paid the Club the upfront deposits of R10m and have obtained the necessary Council approvals to rezone the phase one property tranches for development (Sandringham & Sydenham). The Sandringham tranche (6/7/12 East) has been approved and residential/apartment units will be built. The alien trees in the area, that should have been cleared years ago in terms of the law, have been successfully removed and the building levels are being established. This together with the necessary services invested. The development will be built and sold in 2020 as originally planned.

The Sydenham tranche (behind the 12th west green) has similarly been approved and will be developed into a fully-fledged retirement complex on the same timelines as the Sandringham development. The staff houses will be demolished in early 2020 and all environmental, health and safety requirements will be met.

The Linksfield development (6th West), has experienced numerous delays due to an unknown servitude, an unknown bond, unknown lease and flood line issues. The servitude, lease and bond matters have been overcome and the flood line and water usage issues will, we believe, be resolved shortly. The services and building will then take place in 2021, as originally envisaged.

The critical annuity income from the residents and tenants of R4m pa escalating from 2021 will substantially fund the capital expenditure replacements in future as a key for the longterm sustainability of the Club.

The establishment of the kids club, family and fitness centre, the wrap-around deck of the Clubhouse including the new halfway house, will be completed in phases early next year.

The West course will be refurbished next year starting 1 July and will take six months as with the successful East course renovation. This will include the new 6th hole which requires redesigns of the 2nd and 3rd holes. The concept of the West being member





friendly will be retained to complement the Championship East course.

In terms of the funding for the West course, contracts are in place with the contractors and should be executed within the budget as was achieved with the East course. The funding will be provided by the capital fund which will mature in June 2020 as planned. The West course clearly requires refurbishment with a design upgrade, new bunkers and new greens - which has been on display to the membership for the past 2 years. We will then have 2 superb courses with the latest designs, new bunkers and greens and for the next decade will align with the premium image of our Club that we are all so proud of.

The current PGA office complex, the cart barn and the caddy facility will also be refurbished in 2020 dependent on the costings of the preceding activities. The developers will fund these developments once agreed. It is envisaged that our St Andrews Boardroom will become the developers sales office for the next couple of years. The developers, the project team and the Board are very cognizant of the poor state of the economy, the lack of investment confidence, the political uncertainty and the poor international perceptions of our country. We still believe however, that the 5-year plan for the sustainability is non-negotiable, irreversible and achievable.

We are firmly of the view that Royal has to complement the offering with family and fitness facilities and generate, non-golf, annuity income to co-fund the Club into the future. Furthermore, we are confident that the developments will be in high demand and will be well priced for the market to be successfully sold and occupied. Our developers are confidently working on the marketing plans and rollout for the members presentation. The plan is to hold a member evening later in the year to afford the members a pre-launch on the Sandringham residential development and the Sydenham retirement complex.



Royal Review 2018/19 19



In closing, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the membership for your continued support and trust on our road to sustainability and enhancement. Special thanks to my fellow project team members, Craig Millar, Mavela Dlamini and Dino de Abru, for their time, knowledge, expertise and good governance and to our CEO. Chris Bentley and our Chairman, Alan Field, my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support.

Gordon Odgers







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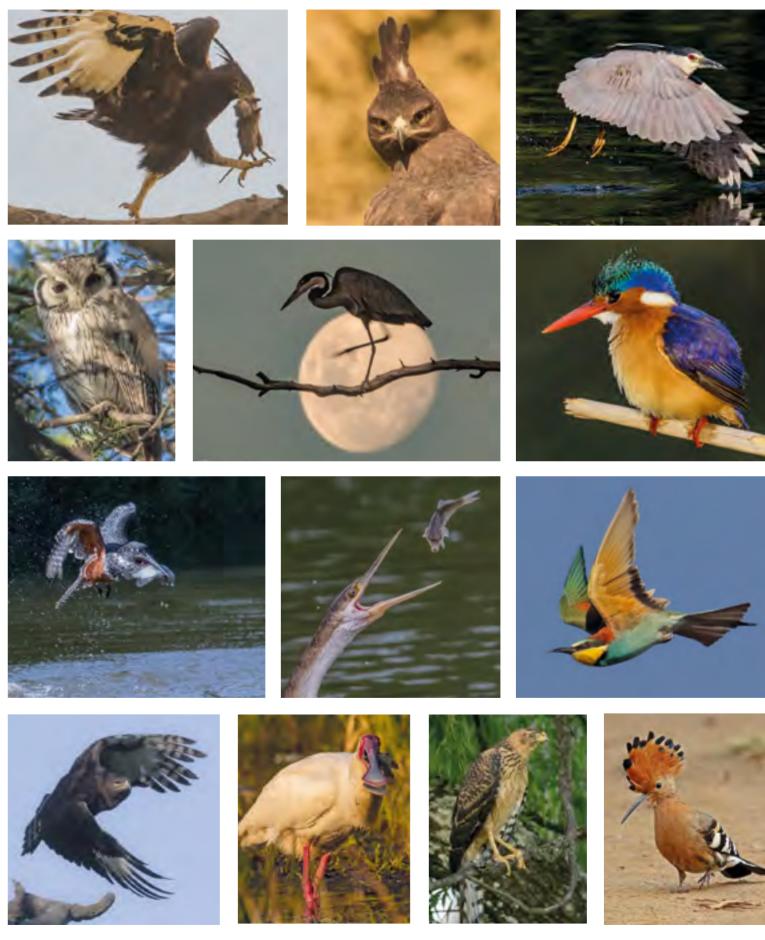




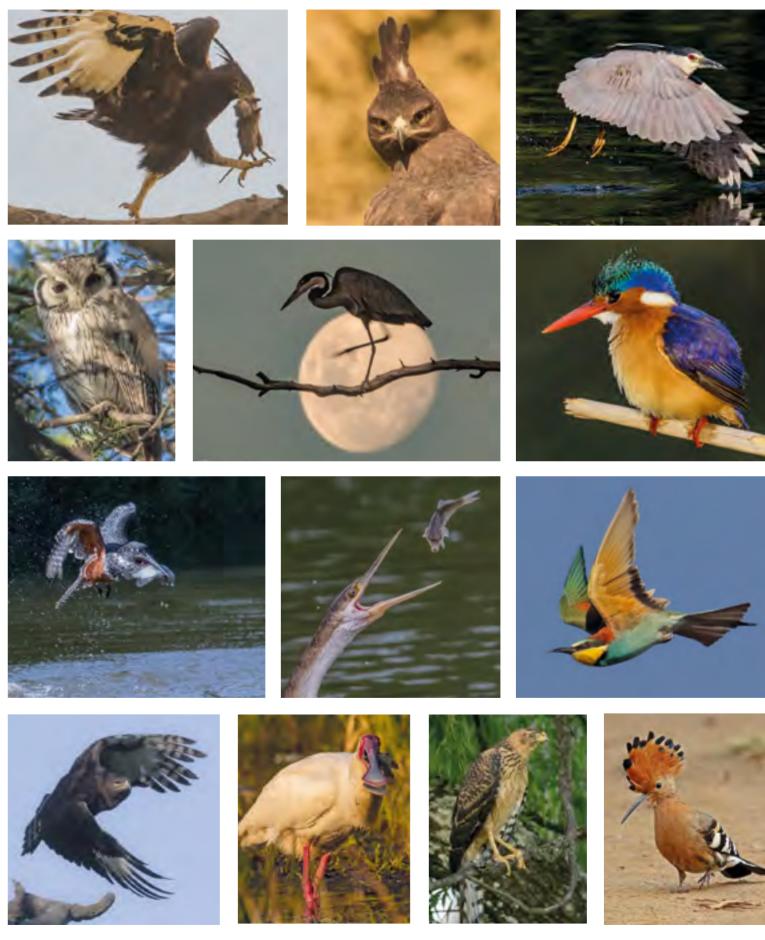














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FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN



The 2018 / 2019 year has been an eye opener for RJK in a positive way. As a club, we have united very well to push through a tough economic time and have achieved our goal of being the best Club in the country with, in Royal East, our also having been recognised at the World Golf Awards as having the best golf course in Africa!

A huge individual 'thank you' must be given to every member for their part in helping to ensure this journey of success at Royal continues to move forward and we all see the club grow from year to year.

The year has also seen us venture into areas that no other club has been to before. This is an example of how we continuously do our best to break boundaries and be different to every other club, both nationally and internationally. The implementation of our new software system and personalised member travel service is more evidence as to our intent on keeping both up with and ahead of the times in this fast moving, turbulent and economically challenging world!

As always, I must make special mention of the RJK management team and staff.

At RJK, we are a team focusing hard on achieving only the best and providing our members and their visitors with - 'The Royal Experience'.

Our aim is for every member and guest to receive this special treatment from the moment they arrive and are saluted by the security officer at the front gate, to the welcoming staff at bag drop, the smiling staff at reception, the professional starter and course marshals and finally to the clubhouse's waiters, bar tenders and kitchen staff.

A huge thank you must also be extended to those largely unseen 'behind the scenes' staff, who are the backbone of and so integral to RJK's operation! Sincere thanks must also be given to our amazing CEO Chris Bentley and his wonderful management team. The members truly do appreciate everything that you do Chris to help keep RJK the best club in the country.

Another important aspect of the success of RJK lies in the hands of our Pro Shop professional, Greg Jacobs, the head professional and course manager. We are extremely blessed to have such incredible perfectionists who are so passionate about what they do. A big thank you thank you to Greg Jacobs and his staff, Shaun Brits and his incredible team from us, as the members, and both the golf courses!

What's to come this year? Most importantly we look forward to summer golf, the renovations to the West Course, the continuation of the very best in member service and the opportunity to play on world class award winning championship golf courses every time we come to our club.

We are blessed at RJK and may it continue through 2019 and 2020.

League results

Better Ball League: Better Ball East : Finished Tied 5th (stay in Premier Division) Better Ball West : Finished 9th

Mid Am League: A Side : Finished 4th (stay in Premier Division) B Side : Finished 5th

Scratch League:

1st side: Won the Premier League (1st time In 10 years) 2nd Side : Finished 3rd Place

Senior Better Ball League: A side : Finished 4th B Side : Won the League

Junior League: A Side : Finished tied 9th

General Comps:

Master Par 3 Challenge : John (Chopper) Fell

Summer Club Champs:

A Division - Kian Rose B Division – Alan Field C Division – John Crawley D Division – Kavasha Naidoo

The Open night Quiz: Kyle Peyper, Teran Peyper

2018 Singles Knockout Champion: Charlie Teixeira

2018: Greensomes Knockout Champions: Neil Urmson & Michael Wardle

2018 Better Ball Knockout Champions: Mtunzi Gwama & Xolisa Mvinjelwa

2018 Presidents Cup Champion: Rvan Lane (78 points)

The 5 Royals Champions: Royal JHB & Kensington Golf Club

The Golden Putter Champions: Royal JHB & Kensington Golf Club

The Royal Ryder Cup: Europe (The Golf Department)

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Marc Kourie **Club** Captain





LADIES GOLF



To be a member of such a prestigious golf club is a privilege, but to be the Lady Captain of such an extraordinary golf club is an honour. Serving Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club as the 2018/2019 Lady Captain has been a memorable one for me, for all the right reasons.

We have a very active ladies section at Royal with organised golf being played on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. I arrange and oversee all the Tuesday ladies activities and on average, between thirty to forty ladies play their golf on a Tuesday morning. Once a month we have a ladies open day when we host visitors from other clubs for golf and a light lunch and our fields on such a day average between seventy to eighty players.

Joan Neville is in charge of our enthusiastic 'Thursday Girls' and their numbers range from six to twelve players each Thursday morning - this group of ladies thoroughly enjoy their social round of golf every week and are a joy to play with.

Liza van Wyk oversees the BG's who are all full members of the club and play their golf on a Saturday morning. The number of ladies playing in the BG's 'school' on a Saturday averages between sixteen to twenty four players – these ladies participate in the club's competition and are regular winners, which is always encouraging to see from a female perspective!

I should like to thank both Joan and Liza for all that they do for their respective 'schools' and the enthusiasm and great organisational skills that they present – it truly has been a great pleasure to work with you both over the past year.

Although none of the three league teams reached the play offs in the 2018 season, our club was host to both the semi-finals and the finals of the Silver and Bronze weekday handicap league matches. Royal pulled out all the stops and the LGG went on to say that the play off facilities that Royal produced, were the best that they had ever had. Just another proud moment of being a member of such a great club!

League players, past and future, enjoyed a wonderful pre-season breakfast at the RJK early in the year and as the new handicapping system and several new rules had been introduced on 1st January, it was an ideal time for Jayde Rademeyer to address the ladies and answer any questions that they had. A most enjoyable and informative morning was had by those in attendance.



The 2019 season has to date, been a successful one and this year we were delighted to be able to enter two silver weekday handicap teams, one bronze weekday handicap team and one Sunday handicap team in the LGG league.

All the teams have produced wonderful results and at the time of writing this report, the Silver 1 team and the Bronze team both have a realistic chance of winning their respective divisions this year.

Sandra van den Bergh (Sunday team), Ina Sanders (Silver 1 team), Sheree Lloyd (Silver 2 team) and Audrey Shaw (Bronze team), have proved to be the most dedicated and efficient league captains a golf club could ever hope to have and I thank them for their leadership this year – it has been inspiring.

I should also like to take the opportunity to thank every lady who has played league for our Royal over the past year. Thank you for your commitment and the way in which you have represented our club with pride and enthusiasm. Opposing teams love to play their matches at Royal, and after every one of our home games we are complemented for the hospitality and generosity that we afford our visitors. The ladies section would also like to offer a big 'thank you' to our operations and hospitality departments who always ensure that we and our guests receive a five star experience.

The Tuesday ladies and the BG's play for various trophies throughout the year – a full list of the trophies and the winners can be found in this booklet. It is so encouraging to see the good turnout on trophy days with several of our trophies dating back to the 1920's!!

The 2019 Club Championships played in March, was a resounding success. I was delighted that our field had doubled in size from the 2018 Club Championships and I do believe that our Bronze players playing 36 holes of individual stableford points, makes it more attractive for the higher handicapped players. Thank you to every one of you who



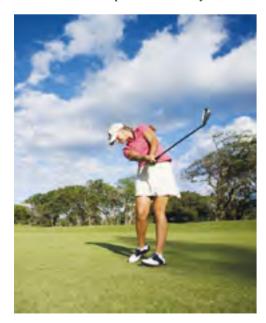
participated for your enthusiasm over both days, and sincere congratulations to our 2019 Ladies Club Champion, Eleonora Galletti, who won the title for the fifth time!!! Eleonora continues to fly the flag high for Royal as she was selected to represent Gauteng B in the 72 holes team championships held in April.

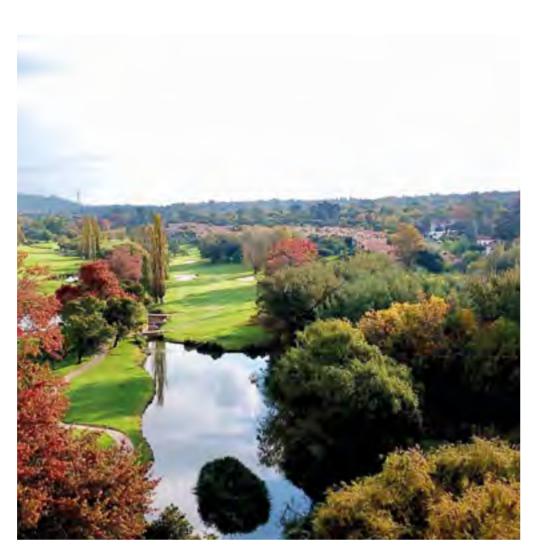
Although most of our ladies are reluctant to play in the LGG fixtures through the year, for various reasons, our Club is always well represented in the various ladies open days held at other golf clubs.

A large number of our lady members travel down to Southbroom in May for the annual Southbroom Ladies Classic. The competition is 54 holes of better ball stableford points and although Royal did not produce the winners this year, several of our ladies were in the prizes over the three days.

The Ryder Cup and CCJ Putter matches that are played against CCJ each year are very well supported by our mixed couples, and great camaraderie and enjoyment is had by all the participants. The 'CCJ Putter' was held at CCJ in September 2018 and sadly, Royal was beaten in this better-ball aggregate teams' competition.

However, there was sweet revenge when our Ryder Cup team took on the CCJ players in February 2019, again at CCJ, and the Royal team were victorious. Royal will be hosting the '2019 CCJ Putter' competition on the 15th September, so we sincerely hope that we will be able to pull off a victory on home





ground! Thank you to all our mixed couples who play in these days, year in and year out - your support is highly valued.

Our membership numbers remain stable and I am pleased to report that all our resignations have been replaced with new members over the past year. This year it has been interesting to note that 96% of the resignations of the lady members were due to either immigration or relocation. Although we are always sad to lose members, these ladies have assured us that they will be back to visit whenever they are in Johannesburg. We have been very lucky to attract several new members to the Club and most are already very active in the Club's activities. We hope that their years of membership at Royal will be happy and memorable ones.

The 'Charities of Choice' for Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club are Logwood Village, Cupcakes of Hope and Els for Autism. On a smaller scale, this past year has seen the Royal ladies supporting the Baby Box Project, the Door of Hope, the Edenhaven home for the aged and the child victims of the Mozambique cyclone. The Royal ladies always dig deep in their pockets when asked to do so and I thank them all for making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Most of our ladies are glued to the TV screen on weekends, watching Ashleigh Simon play magnificent golf. I don't believe that Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club could have a better ambassador for the sport than we do in Ashleigh – what an inspiration and fine role model she is to our young female golfers. Ashleigh's fifth place finish in the 2019 Ladies British Open was so exciting and we are now even more convinced that a win on the LPGA circuit, is just around the corner. The members of Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club, and in particular the ladies, are so proud of Ashleigh's achievements!

We look forward to the start of the revamp of the West Course and the renovations that will begin in July 2020. On completion, we will be proud members of a Club that boasts having not one but two exceptional world class golf courses and state of the art facilities for all the members.

One doesn't stumble upon success and greatness and there are so many individuals that should be acknowledged for the vision and leadership that has made Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club arguably the best Club in the country. On behalf of all the lady members, I would like to thank the following for making our Club the unique place that it is:

- Chris Bentley
- Alan Field and fellow Board members
- Javde Rademever
- Wikus Botes
- The golf operations gents
- Candice Humphrey
- Shaun Brits, Jerry Steyn and the course management team
- Charlotte de Jong and the financial team
 - Hennie Bredenhann and the maintenance team
 - The housekeeping team who always ensure our locker rooms are spotless
 - Erik Brakhoven and the waiters and waitresses
 - Chef John and his kitchen team at halfway house and in the clubhouse
 - Jenene Bernhardt and the hospitality team
 - Chervon Werth
- Greg Jacobs and his team in the Pro Shop
 - Martin Briede, Gavan Levenson and the teaching staff at the Range
 - Casper Mpofu
 - Cindy Ungerer
 - Marcelle Fourie

In closing, I thank you, the members, for affording me the privilege of serving as your Lady Captain for the 2018/2019 year. I also thank you for your support, your friendship and your encouragement – it has indeed been a great honour.

With best wishes

Wendy Huddy

Lady Captain and Ladies Golf Manager



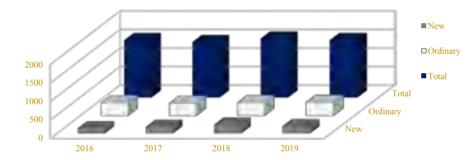


STATISTICS

ANNUAL MEMBER SURVE													
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	95	%					
SURVEY'S COMPLETED	140	120	300	321	260	236		-					
Performance of the CEO	74,9	77,5	76	91,2	86,8	90,6	1						
Service & Performance of Management	75,0	76,1	78,5	89,4	87,2	89,1	1 90	%					
Communication of the Club	77,7	75,9	77	82,8	87,2	87,6	1						
Conditions & Presentation of the Course's	79,0	83	78,5	82,4	90,4	90,7	1						
Greg Jacobs Golf Shop	76,0	78,6	82	81,6	85,8	85,6	85	%					/
Performance of the Board	67,9	70,1	71,2	83,2	82,4	86,6	1						
Transparency of the Club	70,5	70,3	70,6	80	81,2	84,9	1						
Overall Value for money	54,9	68,5	70	75	76	81,4	1 80	%					
Overall Golf and Hospitality Experience	77,0	77,3	78,4	81,6	85,8	87,6	1						
Food & Beverage	56,4	56,3	61,6	68,2	68	72,2	1						
Rate the Function facilitites			70,2	77,8	78,8	82,4	1 75	%					
Rate the Driving range			74,2	76,8	77	83,3	1						
Locker rooms				76,4	79,6	82,8	1						
							70	%					
TOTAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE YEAR ON YEAR													
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	65		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	70,93	73,36	74,02	80,49	80,79	84,98	1	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

Membership

Year	New	Ordinary	Total
2016	134	340	1550
2017	177	327	1501
2018	235	348	1595
2019	195	359	1550



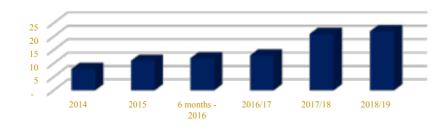
Rounds

	Visitor Rounds	Member Rounds	Total
6 months - 2016	21 020	21 720	42 740
2016/17	25 471	36 028	69 390
2017/8	25 199	32 412	57 611
2018/9	29 268	35 944	65 212

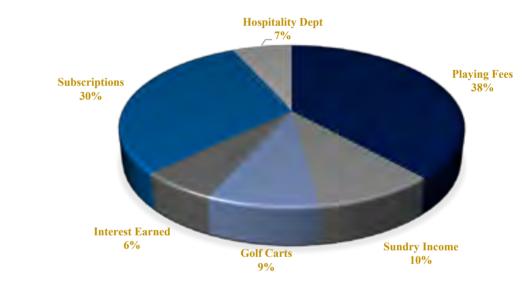
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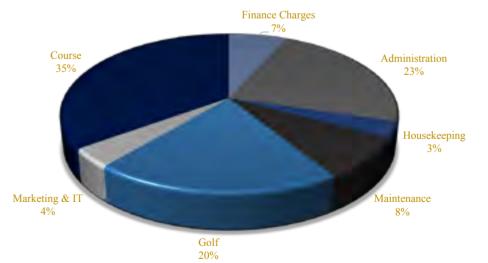
Year	As at 31 July
2014	8
2015	11
6 months - 2016	12
2016/7	13
2017/8	21
2018/9	22











OPERATIONAL INCOME: JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES: JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019



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EVENTS AND CHAMPIONS

2019 Masters Par 3 Challenge







Festival of Golf 2018









2019 Club Champion Kian Rose

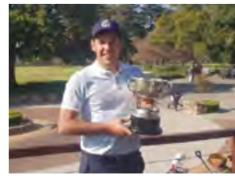
B Division Winner Alan Field



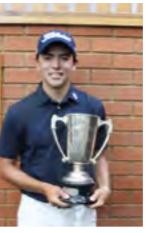
Winter Club Championships Winners



2018 Singles Knockout Champion Charles Teixeira



2019 Junior Club Champion Kian Rose



2019 Ladies Club Champion Eleanora Galletti



C Division Winner John Crawley -----



Winter Club Championships Winner 2018 Greensomes Knockout Winners Dylan Keylock



2019 Jean Eustice Trophy Winners Sharon McDade & Lynn Yammin





Neil Urmson & Michael Wardle



2019 Cupcakes of Hope Ladies Fundraiser



Ladies Bronze Division Winner **Carol Rivett**



D Division Winner Kevasha Naidoo



CLUB MANAGEMENT Senior & Junior



Christopher Bentley Chief Executive Officer



Jayde Rademeyer Club Operations Manager



Shaun Brits Course Manager



Candice Humphrey Marketing and Membership Manager



Charlotte de Jong Financial Manager



Hennie Bredenhann Infrastructure Director and Security Manager



Crystal Palframan Travel and Activity Manager





Finance Team



Erik Brakhoven Food and Beverage Director



John Bailey Executive Head Chef



Jenene Bernhardt Events Manager

Senior Management



Golf Operations Team



Front of House Operations



Course Management



Martin Briede Head Teaching Professional



Gavan Levenson Teaching Professional



Greg Jacobs Head Professional



Wikus Botes Director of Golf





Marcelle Fourie Guest Relations Assistant



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Jerry Steyn Assistant Course Manager



Wendy Huddy Ladies Golf Manager





Maintenance Team



Chevron Werth Function Co-ordinator







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Employee of the YEAR AWARDS

Each year the CEO of the Club monitors and views staff performance. The CEO selects his employee of the year per department, this person is a person who has consistently delivered and been noticed going far beyond the requirements of his or her role.



Senior Manager of the Year - Jenene Bernhardt

Junior Manager of the Year - Cindy Ungerer



Leadership Award - Erik Brakhoven



Employee of the Year - Shaun Brits



Course Employee of the Year - Jerry Steyn



Food & Beverage Employee of the Year -Clayton Dube



Golf Department Employee of the Year -Emmanuel Ngobeni



Atlas Makau

Long Service Award 15 years -



Long Service Award 15 years -Kenneth Mogoboya



Outsourced Employee of the Year -Koena April Seanoga



Maintenance Employee of the Year -Owen Dube



Rumbidzai Ndlovu



Long Service Award 10 years -Clucky Mathole



Long Service Award 10 years -Arone Baloyi



Long Service Award 10 years -Patrick Mbambo



Long Service Award 15 years -Doctor Mayo



Most Improved Employee -Solly Makhado



Clubhouse Customer Service Award -Sonia Mabaso



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- MAKE A QUICK EXIT Leave your clubs at the nearest exit point between the green and the next tee.
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PGA SA Awards 2019 **Christopher Bentley** Central Gauteng - Club Manager of the year Central Gauteng - Entrepeneur of the year South Africa - Club Manager of the year





OUR COURSE GOAL TIME:





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A WINNING YEAR

World Golf Awards 2018 South Africa and Africa's Best Golf Course 'The Championship East Course'

CGGU Senior Better Ball League - Winners RJKGC B Side





PGA SA Awards 2019 Greg Jacobs Central Gauteng - Club Professional of the year







Past Presidents, Chairman & Board

	Royal Johannesburg Golf Club	Kensington Golf Club		
1985	Olaf Holtung	Ian Head		
1986	Martin Mealin	Graham Aldridge		
1987	Randolph Nourse	Graham Aldridge		
1988	David Mitchell	Gordon Odgers		
1989	William Urmson	Gordon Odgers		
1990	Barry Karg	Roly Humphrey		
1991	R Morris	Roly Humphrey		
1992	A Mackenzie	Brian Cook		
1993	Haydn Thomson	Brian Cook		
1994	Ian Hancock	Gordon Drummond		
1995	Desmond Arnold	Graham Aldridge		
1996	Lindsay Morrison	Graham Aldridge		
1997	Colin Sass	Graham Aldridge		
1998	Ross Grainger	Ian Head		
1999	Ross Grainger	Ian Head		
	Royal Johannesburg &	Kensington Golf Club		
2000	Ian He	ead		
2001	Oliver	Ransome		
2002	Oliver	Ransome		
2003	Russe	Bruton		
2004	John S	Saker		
2005	David	Stratton		
2006	David	Stratton		
2007	Vince	Ryan		
2008	Vince	5		
2009		m Twaddle		
2010	Graha	m Twaddle		
2011	Richa	rd Pollock		
2012		rd Pollock		
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THE COURSE MANAGER'S REPORT



During the latter part of 2018, the highly anticipated announcement of the championship East Course being voted not only as the #.1 Course in South Africa, but also the # 1 in Africa, was undoubtedly a wonderful accolade and the highlight of the past year for the club. A "crowning moment for the club" might probably the most fitting Royal, and deservedly so. The awards most certainly marked the culmination of years of planning, support, dedication and great teamwork by the Board, management and staff.

As course manager, I am extremely proud of my team for their tireless efforts, support,

hard work and commitment to producing the very best of courses, especially now that this recognition is on a global scale.

One of the most wonderful aspects about our maintenance team is that they are not the best because of an award, nor did they work towards it. Their effectiveness is due to their commitment to green-keeping through difficult times and good times, and by continuously striving to deliver the best courses they can on a daily basis, for the members and guests. Their vocational attitude to their work means that they continue to bring their A-game to Royal every day and it has been a pleasure to lead the best maintenance crew in the country. Working on golf courses such as those Royal almost "invites" everyone to perform at their very best and I cannot thank them enough for all their efforts.

As the saying goes; "It's easier to get an A than it is to keep it!" So – one of the future challenges we knew we would need to face would be how we were going to continue to maintain the facilities at the very highest of standards, now that the benchmark has been description I could find for a club such as set following the announcement of these awards.

> As can often be the case, especially with golf courses, once a significant investment has been made on a renovation project, the temptation is to perhaps spend a bit less, or maintain at a lower standard considering that the product is new.

This may well be a typical and understandable oversight and one we were very cognisant of not making during this past year. The maintenance and upkeep of our newly renovated course was, and still is, a priority for us in ensuring that we continue to keep the condition as perfect as possible, for as long as possible.

One of the greatest challenges we faced this past year was how to continuously deliver a product worthy of our #1 status in an economic environment that brings us unwanted daily challenges. The economy, like the elements, is becoming increasingly unpredictable and every day brings a confusing mix of news. Like any business, course maintenance, which is one of the most expensive operational areas at any golf club, has become tough to gauge given the current uncertainties. While the operational norms, such as mowing, irrigating, fertilising, etc. will always apply and always be a priority, the reality is that performing these minor duties alongside spring treatments and project related work has become increasingly expensive, especially when maintaining a premium golf facility such as ours.

We continue to tighten costs, collaboratively look for new ideas, challenge the accepted model of golf course maintenance, source enhanced technology, test the latest products and secure better pricing, all in the aim of creating better courses at the most affordable price in today's economy.





One of the key areas we managed to effect a meaningful change was in the previously outsourced landscaping department that has recently become an in-house function at the club. The decision taken is more aligned with our structure and vision going forward and the costs of performing this function in-house are greatly reduced on the overall budget.

This efficiency has been achieved without having to compromise on the quality in maintenance programme and we now have a greater number and flexibility of staff on the courses and gardens.

The past summer emphasised again how reliant we are on Mother Nature, given that we are predominantly an "outside based" industry. The spring and summer seasons, from September 2017 through to December 2018, were extremely hot and dry, with substantial rainfall only arriving just before the New Year, and then providing a wet end to our summer up until April/May 2019.

We certainly hope this spring brings with it some early rain as we prepare to perform the annual spring treatments and considering that we have seen weather patterns stabilise around the country this winter, there have been no negative or alarming reports indicating otherwise.

However following the effects of a brief but severe El Nino last spring, the Board and management approved the re-instatement of four critical boreholes on our facility, which we have been advised will allow us to source an extra 1 million litres every 3 days. This is a safety net which we have not had in the past 5 years and will most certainly assist in the upcoming dry season.

With this in mind, we are still not in the clear as our location, water availability and the effect of climate change continues to pose a threat to everyone. Taken as a whole South Africa is a dry region and rainfall patterns, water conservation and its use, the associated costs and other factors continue to be a driving factor towards the conditioning of modern golf courses. There is no silver bullet



for the industry, so we need to be vigilant and constantly exploring long term solutions for the club in this regard.

As we enter another spring season, our treatments' pattern for the courses will remain the same. We have already begun scarifying the courses and will be hollowtining the East early in September, with the West receiving the same treatment in October. Although our treatments are the same, this years' maintenance will be dialled up a notch in order to showcase our East course specifically for the SA Amateur that will be hosted at Royal in 2020.

This is the first time since the opening in 2018, that the championship East course will play host to a major tournament event and, although not a professional event, the history of the SA Amateur and its brand new format. combined with the hype and reputation of the "The East" promises to deliver a spectacular tournament.

There can be few more suitable venues for the best amateurs aiming to enter the professional circuit one day and they will be asked serious golfing questions in testing out their skills right here at Royal next February. Planning for the event is well under way on the course side and whenever I am questioned as to when we begin planning and preparing for a tournament, my answer remains the same, "As soon as we find out."

The privilege of having one championship course means we treat it and respect it like one and our approach, within our team, is to maintain it at 80-90% tournament standards, with the remaining 10-20% coming in to effect just before an event.

We begin months in advance with ideas, strategy meetings, planning out nutritional programmes, planning shaping, mowing regimes, projects, treatments and scheduling strict irrigation programmes alongside implementing any other elements that will be needed for the week, much like an athlete would do training for a race.

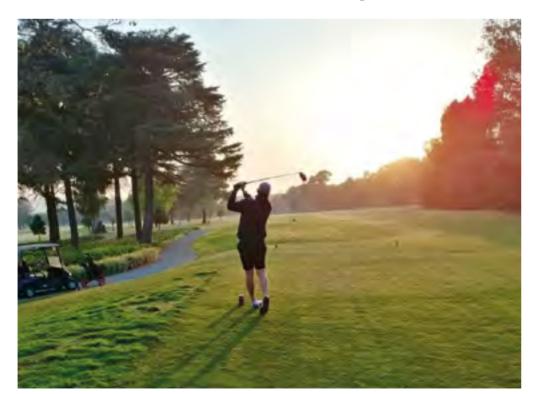
These preparations and maintenance practices are always performed at a higher intensity for these tournaments as they are only on for one week, and it is also not sustainable to maintain a course at such intensity for too long. The conditions the players are exposed to are also much tougher than that of the usual daily play.

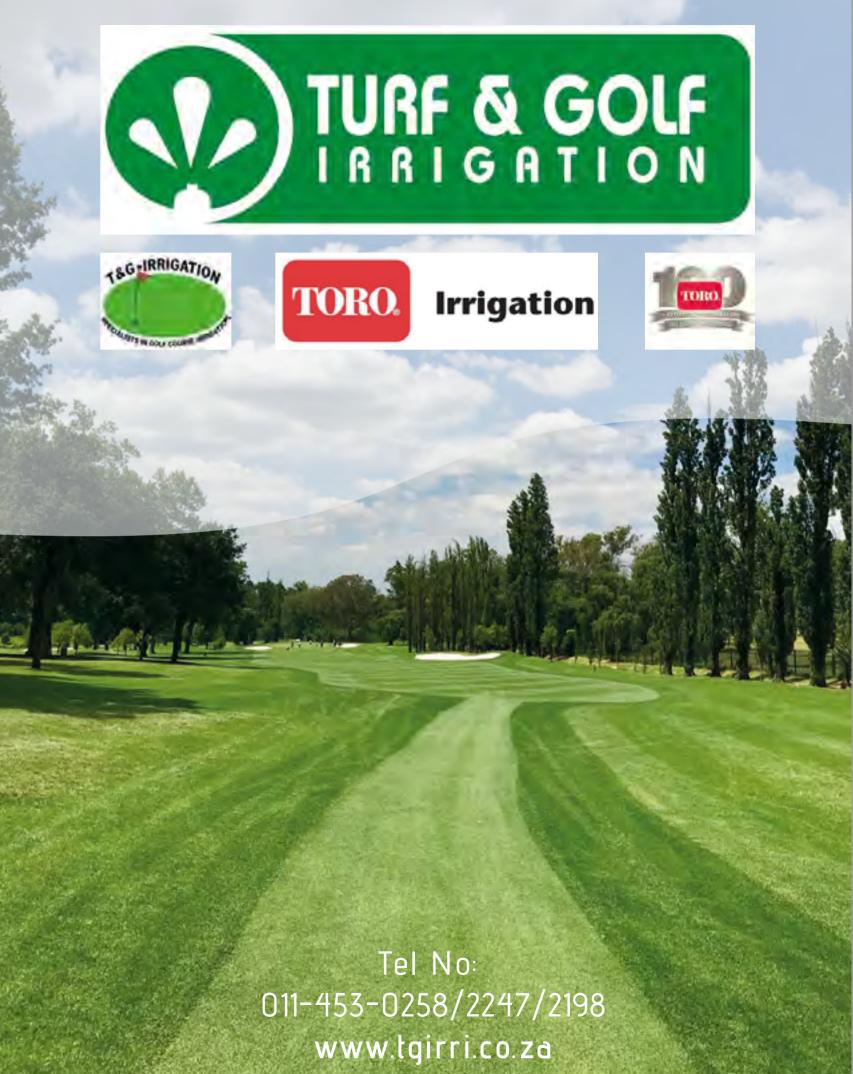
The new look SA Amateur will be the perfect opportunity to showcase our beautiful yet extremely challenging facility to the golfing public and I for one, along with my team, am itching to prepare our courses for a tournament once again.

It has been quite some time since our last Jo'burg Open event in 2017 and preparing tournament courses is something we strive for as greenkeepers. The event promises to be one to remember as amateurs take on a course worthy of professional standards and playing conditions.

In closing, and on behalf of my team, we thank the members, board and management for their unflagging support and look forward to another wonderful golfing year ahead.

Shaun Brits Course Manager







Environment

Royal has always taken pride in being a "pace setter" and proactive in regards to environmental matters. Some 7 years ago Royal Johannesburg & Kensington's approach to its impact on the environment, lead to its being recognized for adhering to the standards set out by Audubon and as a result receiving certification from this same society.

Due to economic considerations, continuing with Audubon's protocols became unfeasible, not only for Royal, but also for many other golf clubs. However, due to the ongoing need for continued improvement, certification and the responsibility that comes with ensuring the least possible environmental impact in maintaining golf courses, there was still a necessity to play a leading role in environmental responsibility and stewardship.

The key goals for RJ&K have been sustainability and environmental responsibility. Sustainable practices are those which will allow the courses to be maintained at consistent and affordable levels and are being, as noted in my East to West report, affected by the unpredictability of the economy. Environmental responsibility covers the need to dilute our impact on the environment in terms of water usage, fertiliser types, etc.

How far have we come with certification? Over a year ago, RJ&K revisited and continued the certification process through the GEO



Foundation, which is an international, nonprofit organization now dedicated to providing a credible and practical sustainability system for golf.

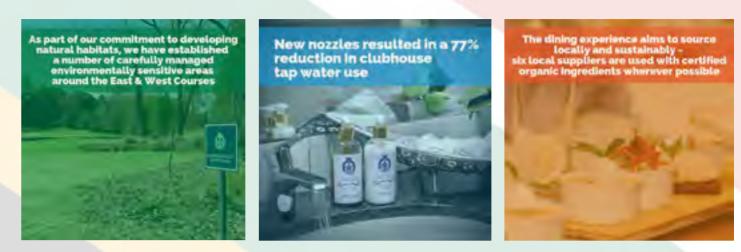
The Foundation's areas of activity have broadened from its original base, to embrace helping golf to become as sustainable a sport and business as possible, ranging from ecosystem services and conservation to the health and well-being for all ages, to jobs and economic value through local supply chains. What is very apparent from clubs worldwide is that they have different ideas as to what is sustainable, however despite the regional variances what was clearly common ground was the impact golf can and does have on the environment.

The GEO process has developed to go beyond the immediate and visible environmental elements such as the trees and the green spaces and is being geared to understand the total activities at any club.

As such it is involves a holistic approach a few examples of this would be: the effects of climate change and the impact



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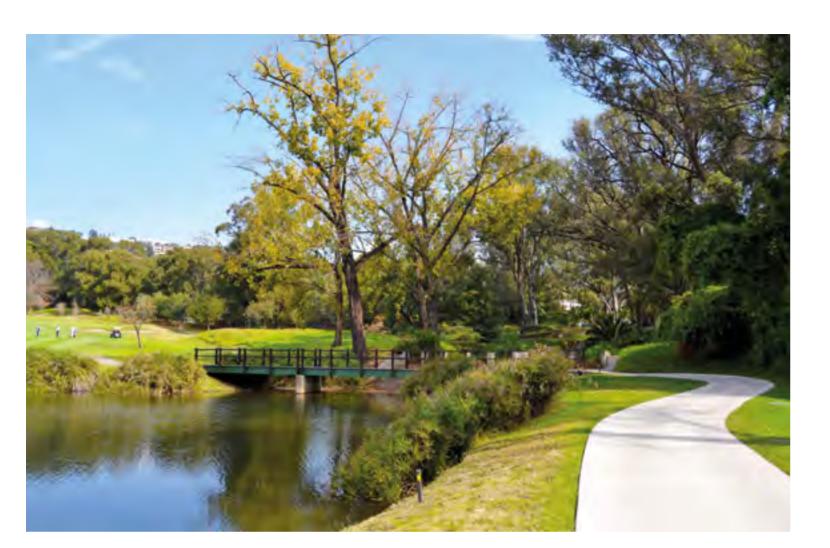




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on our courses, the benefits of responsible chemical use, product wastage, litter, saving on electricity consumption, the use and reduction of irrigation water and reducing irrigated areas, how do we save on water use at our clubhouse, the processing of wasted food material, the promotion of walking at our club, etc.

Sustainability measures differ from club to club and GEO take this into account when providing each club with its' own detailed analysis, report and scores.

How far have we come to achieving our goals?

- · We have successfully completed our first annual survey during the middle of this year.
- We have now received recognition from GEO.
- · While we await a representative from GEO to be sent out to inspect our facility and validate our information and findings, we are also due to receive an annual report from GEO based on their findings from the information given. We are currently waiting on feedback in this regard.

GEO's service is in part about certification and recognition, but more importantly it becomes a "way of working for us as it becomes our every-day part of life."

This fits with the RJ&K philosophy, as the key to us becoming more sustainable as a golf course, environmental facility and business will be an ever changing and organic process.

What are we doing at the club to be more sustainable?

A masterplan has been developed and continues to be enhanced as required to address issues such as water quality, habitat creation, tree planting schemes (which will be introduced early in September 2019), turf grass area reduction, irrigation area reduction and water savings both on and off course.

Apart from a history of sustainable initiatives and developing and maintaining areas such as wetlands and natural habitats, the use of storm-water for irrigation and other accepted practices, in addition RJ&K has successfully implemented the following:

- Water saving nozzles on all the taps in the hand-wash basins around the club
- The inclusion of more eco-friendly organic fertilisers, topdressing and organic nutritional products in our programmes used on the courses
- The use of only turf registered and approved pesticides and only when absolutely necessary
- The irrigation system is now only used on an 'as needed' basis
- In times of heavy rainfall periods we do not irrigate, saving on water and we irrigate during low peak electricity times where possible, saving on electricity
- The separation of food and waste material and we are also looking into composting and investigating our options in this regard
- The removal of alien vegetation such as blue gum trees and wattles
- The recent introduction of electric / battery powered equipment
- Sourcing of local products and suppliers • A plan and costing to reduce the irrigated areas on our courses and increase the veld grass pockets has been drafted.

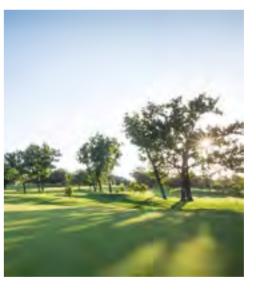
This will be an organic and evolving process so there will always items we will be able to improve on. As we move forward with GEO, we will most certainly do whatever is achievable and that which aligns with our product, is in the best interests of our club, our members and our guests.

What challenges have we encountered?

Potentially, there are other immediate areas for improvement that we have looked at:

- The veld grass pockets that we mow in winter - the cost of fuel to mow these areas is exorbitant.
- · We most certainly would gain more benefit from burning these veld grass areas to encourage the natural flowers and grasses that come from burning and which are crucial to developing a balanced eco system.
- This burning process is a work in progress and will bring its own parallel challenges in that we run the risk of burning our trees in windy periods or worse, and having people hurt in the process. We are investigating the potential of outsourcing of this practice, but do not have all the information to hand and are currently seeking advice and information regarding permits, etc.





Climate change has become a daily reality for us all and we have quickly learned from previous summers that we need to work with Mother nature even at the worst of times. The drought that affected us in 2015 once again reared its head in last year's summer, although it was not as harsh, but it did prove to have its effects on course.

Following this and very early in 2019, the country's trees were hit hard by a devastating epidemic in the form of the Shot hole Borer Beetle. We were fortunate in that we noticed this early on and were quick to react. Along with many other clubs, farms, golf estates and forests around SA, we have been facing this issue since February of this year and have communicated with the membership throughout and have acted responsibly and the best interests of the club and the broader community.

Although no permanent solution has yet been found, there are reports of potential solutions and we continue to actively seek the advice of industry professionals. In the interim we are taking every reasonable measure possible to combat this threat to our trees and hope some headway can be made soon

In an evolving environment, some challenges are unpredictable, and we continue to address these areas as they arise. The movement to become a more sustainable club, on a holistic level, is now more important than ever and most definitely both goal and a necessity for us at RJ&K.

Shaun Brits **Course Manager**



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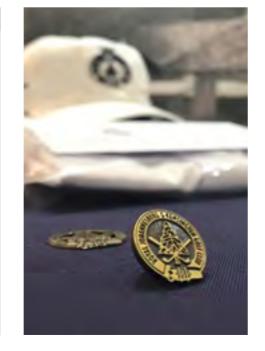
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