



Birdie Buzz

Celebrating 15 years!

May 2025

Hi everyone,

At the end of this month we have our annual **ladies' and senior men's club champs**. Notices have been sent out by WhatsApp but if you would like to know more or put your name down, please go to <https://forms.office.com/r/vTpdNkZK9U> or contact our Proshop.

And on Tuesday 3rd June the **bridge and canasta players** will have a chance to test their skills, win great prizes and enjoy a sumptuous tea. Information has been sent out by WhatsApp but if you want to book a table, contact Kate Jackson at kate.jackson@global.co.za or phone 083 449 9711. Jan is looking for lots of prizes and offers of savouries and cakes for tea. You can contact her by email at ladiesgolf@ccj.co.za.

Having said farewell to Dean le Vieux who was our golf director for 5 years, we now congratulate **Mike Pretorius** and **Matthew Phala** on being appointed joint golf directors. We know them both well and wish them all the best in their new roles.



Dates for your diary

May

Sunday 4th
Friday 9th
Wednesday 14th

Wednesday 21st
Sat/Sun 31/1

Mixed Invitation
Ladies Invitation
Medal & Putting (3 ball)
Ladies Invitation
Ladies' and Senior Men's club champs

June

Friday 6th
Sunday 8th
Wednesday 11th

Wednesday 18th

Ladies Invitation
Mixed Invitation
May Brinton Trophy (3 ball – medal)
Ladies Invitation

APRIL WINNERS

Wednesday 2nd April (RL) – Nellmapius Trophy – 3 scores

Yuko Sargent
Anika Fischer
Isobel Fyfe 96 pts

Friday 4th April (WM) – Ladies Invitation

Cancelled due to rain

Sunday 6th April – Centenary Mixed

Cancelled due to poor course conditions

Wednesday 9th April (WM) – 3,2,1

Heather Kruger
Rika Gertenbach
Donette Juncker
Kate Bean 73 pts

Friday 11th April (RL) – Betterball Stableford

Cherry Chetty &
Ingrid Harris 37 pts
Cornelia Bonney &
Jetske Kingma 36 pts
Jane McIvor &
Michelle Riskowitz 36 pts c/o

Sunday 13th April (WM) – Mixed Invitation – 2 scores

Andrew & Linda Aitken
Tristan & Hanna Aitken 83 pts

Wednesday 15th April (RL) – Ladies Invitation

Delene Greyling
Anne MacKeown
Jenny Pougnet
Lee Ebner 80 pts

Wednesday 23rd April (WM) – Medal & Putting

Sadly, this comp was also cancelled due to rain.

Friday 25th April (RL) – 2 scores

Rika Gertenbach
Emily Moslein
Donette Juncker
Bronwyn Watson 78 pts

Wednesday 30th April (RL) – 2 scores

Jetske Kingma
Val Gauld
Biffy Dunn
Fefi Tokarsky 78 pts

LEAGUE

Mixed results for our league teams this month:

- CCJ1: Won 2.5/0.5 against Riverclub at home
- CCJ2: Lost 0.5/2.5 against Bryanston at home
- CCJ3: Lost 2/1 against Wanderers away
- CCJ4: Won 2/1 against CMR away

NEWS FROM THE FAIRWAYS

There has been a lot of heated discussion about the **pace of play** lately. And to be fair – 5 hours is far too long for a round of golf – even in the current very soggy conditions. Players should remember that they must pick their ball up after they have taken the total number of shots permitted by their handicap on that hole or cannot better the points. We know that it is desirable for everyone to putt out but currently, with the very wet courses, long rough and generally difficult conditions it is more important to play ready golf.

According to the guidelines set out by HNA, if your ball lies within 1.5m of the hole, you can pick it up and add 1 shot to your score. If the ball lies within 1.5m and 20m of the hole, you add two shots. If it is more than 20m then you add 3 strokes. To give you a rough idea – 1.5m is the distance between my fingertips with my arms outstretched (AGF).

During April **poles were set up on Rocklands** holes 1, 5, 7 and 8 150m from the greens to see if they increase the pace of play. The aim is to assist with tee shots on par 4s and lay-up shots on par 5s. Results to be advised.



Past Captain, **Revel Christie** recently celebrated her 87th birthday with friends who produced this amazing birthday cake. Revel is still an active member of our weekday golf. Something to aspire to!

MONTHLY RULE

There seems to be a fair amount of confusion about whether you get a penalty for hitting your ball by accident (say on your practice swing) or not. Needless to say there is not one rule for all occasions – this is golf after all!!

- If you hit your ball by accident on the **tee box** whilst taking your tee shot, then you just replace your ball (on the tee if so desired) and proceed with **no penalty**.
- If you move your ball by accident on the **putting green**, you replace it with **no penalty**.
- However, if you hit your ball by accident in the **general area** (remember this includes both fairway and rough), **penalty area or bunker** there is a **1 shot penalty** and you must replace your ball. Should you hit the ball without replacing it, then there is a further penalty of two strokes for playing from a wrong place!

CCJ GOLF ACADEMY

The next ladies' clinics will be on **Tuesday 13th and 20th May** at 9am focusing on the basics of golf.

If you aren't on the Ladies Golf WA group and want to be included, please WA Tandi (072 650 5113).

You can also have lessons with John, Byron, Tyran and Tandi either on your own or with a friend or even arrange a 9-hole playing lesson. Please contact them individually by WhatsApp or phone on the following numbers:

John Dickson: Fellow PGA Professional
Cell no: 082 990 7201

Byron Nel: Fellow PGA Professional
Cell no: 076 038 1677

Tyran van Lieshout
Cell no: 072 126 1045

Tandi McCallum
Cell no: 072 650 511



And just to remind you all

The new 2025/26 Committee: Janyce Dalziel (Captain) - centre, L-R: Linda Aitken, Rika Gertenbach, Di Thompson, Sophy Msimang, Disebo Moephuli, Natalie McMurdo and Heather Kruger