

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2022

Welcome, to my committee, all the senior ladies present, lady captains, past Presidents and members of the GNGU Exco.

I would like us to have a moment of silence for loved ones that have passed during 2022.

What a wonderful year we have had and how quickly it has flown by. The year hasn't been without its problems as we have gone from Levels to Stages. We hope the stages will soon abate and that load shedding will be a thing of the past!

One of the highlights this year has been the implementation of the inaugural Mid-Am IPT where Bongzi Shabalala was chosen to represent GNGU. We ended in 4th position behind Boland with Southern Cape winning the inaugural event. Many of our fellow Senior ladies represented their Provinces at this tournament. As the biggest growing ladies golf division in the province, we hope to see more of our ladies represented at the next IPT. So it is up to each of our players to play in the various provincial tournaments. Another highlight was the GNGU Women's Open where Maritha de Beer won the B Div, a staggering 15 shots ahead of her nearest rival and obviously taking the Senior prize as well. The fact that we are called Senior doesn't make us lesser golfers, in fact some Seniors have more experience in their pinky finger than any of the younger players, along with BMT that has been cultivated over many years. I would be very pleased to see more representation of our ladies at the Mid-Am level.

Our Senior games were well supported this year and we introduced Pretoria Golf Club onto the Calendar where we were treated to a wonderful day out. We hope that the attendance at our outlying courses picks up next year as the Clubs go out of their way to make it as enjoyable as possible for us. We would like to thank all the Lady Club Captains, General Managers and Course Maintenance teams for the hospitality and support they have given to the Senior Ladies. The average number of players per game in 2022 was 85 which is a tad lower than in previous years. The reasons for this haven't been researched in any way but we do believe that the cost of living and fuel prices have something to do with it.

As a committee we will endeavor to make the games as affordable as the clubs will allow us to. There has been a general feeling amongst the general managers that we want everything for free but this is definitely not true and I would like each of you to convey the following message to your clubs. "The Senior Women's Society is a self-funding organization that's core drive is to provide golfing opportunities for all our members at the best possible price." The clubs that supply us with reasonable prices for playing and cart fees do so of their own accord - and we thank them - but there is no expectation other than an affordable fee to play. Our only means of income is R10 from competition fees every month and we have built this up to a tidy sum in order to be able to host Nationals in 2025, without a heavy reliance on sponsorships for then.

Nationals 2022:

The daisies had a wonderful time at San Lameer and Southbroom, and the courses looked fantastic if one considers the amount of rain it had. The organisers, under the leadership of Melissa Savio, put up a tremendous event and can be very proud. Our Daisie team not only played like super stars walking away with 11 prizes, but we also looked the part in every aspect. The team not only took the "prize" for best looking team playing kit but also took the honors with our dress-up at the Zulu glitz gala evening. Who could beat a real Queen with her impis and entourage being led in by the sounds of the Click song by Miriam Makeba. The teams were divided into Silver (Strokeplay up to 18.2HI) and Bronze (Stableford from

18.3 to 34.1HI) divisions, and the competition was fierce amongst the provinces. Hereby the full list of positions achieved by our team:

Silver division:

Fantastic performance by Maritha de Beer against some seasoned opponents.

Silver Division Strokeplay				Silver Division Strokeplay				Silver Division Strokeplay		
Gross				Nett				Age Groups		
Pos	Name	Total	Province	Pos	Name	Total	Province	Age Groups	Name	Pos
1	Sonja Bland	161	Southern Cape	1	Maggie Minnie	146	Boland	50-59	Soné Jordaan	Runner up
2	Maggie Minnie	163	Boland	2	Soné Jordaan	148	Gauteng North	60-69	Maritha de Beer	Winner
3	Maritha de Beer	165	Gauteng North	2	Sue Cogswell	148	Gauteng			
4	Bongi Shabalala	167	Gauteng North	6	Maritha de Beer	151	Gauteng North			
11	Marinda Bandat	175	Gauteng North	12	Suzette Ruthven	154	Gauteng North			
11	Suzette Ruthven	175	Gauteng North	13	Bongi Shabalala	156	Gauteng North			
24	Soné Jordaan	180	Gauteng North	185	Marinda Bandat	157	Gauteng North			
31	Hentie Clack	183	Gauteng North	27	Ella Cole	159	Gauteng North			
39	Ella Cole	188	Gauteng North	34	Hentie Clack	160	Gauteng North			
45	Elaine Robbertze	191	Gauteng North	41	Elaine Robbertze	161	Gauteng North			
49	Elize Crous	192	Gauteng North	45	Ulli Reyneke	163	Gauteng North			
57	Ulli Reyneke	194	Gauteng North	69	Elize Crous	169	Gauteng North			
66	Ronel van Deemter	197	Gauteng North	81	Ronel van Deemter	171	Gauteng North			
75	Liezl Diffenthal	201	Gauteng North	98	Liezl Diffenthal	180	Gauteng North			

Bronze division:

Marvelous to celebrate the win with Henny Groenendyk, taking into account that she also competed in the 70+ division. She definitely kicked sand in the eyes of the youngsters.

Bronze Division Stableford				Bronze Division Stableford		
Individual Stableford Points				Individual Stableford Points		
Pos	Name	Total	Province	Age Groups	Name	Pos
1	Henny Groenendyk	74	Gauteng North	60-69	Astrid Marucchi	Winner
2	Yvonne Otto	73	KZN	60-69	Maritha de Beer	Runner Up
2	Jean Moutney	70	WP	70+	Henny Groenendyk	Winner
6	Astrid Marucchi	70	Gauteng North			
12	Elfra van Eyk	69	Gauteng North			
13	Susan Maree	64	Gauteng North			
185	Bronwynne Meyer	61	Gauteng North			
27	Lidia Carvalho	54	Gauteng North			
34	Elna Brits	53	Gauteng North			
41	Pat Roets	53	Gauteng North			
45	Alida Kromhout	52	Gauteng North			
69	Dawn Crawford	38	Gauteng North			
81	Shona Minards	35	Gauteng North			

Teams:

Our Bronze div team walked away with the win. Well done and congratulations.

Silver Division Strokeplay				Bronze Division Stableford			
Nett							
1	Janet Hayes Annetjie du Toit Sandra Clift Paula Bester	456	Boland B	1	Elna Brits Susan Maree Astrid Marucchi Elfra van Eyk	203	Gauteng North Bronze A
2	Karen Lorio Kim Uytendogaardt Carol van Niekerk Maggie Minnie	458	Boland A				
3	Maritha de Beer Suzette Ruthven Bongi Shabalala Elize Crous	461	Gauteng North Silver A				

Championships:

The Senior Championships in 2022 was planned for The Els Club but after a number of engagements with the Club we could not get to a reasonable price to play. As carts are compulsory the price of R500pp was R50 too much, and we decided that we would move the Championships to Silver Lakes. We would like to thank Brendon van Nieuwenhuizen and his team for allowing us to play at such short notice and at a very good rate. The Championship was held on the 13th of October 2022, and was well supported. It was wonderful to have Morné and Kgomotso from GNGU to assist us with the collection of the cards and ensuring effective and quick capturing of scores in order for us to commence with prizegiving quicker. The Society sponsored the lunch for everyone and it was delicious. Congratulations to Bongki Shabalala – the overall Senior's Champion finishing the day with an 84 Gross. She automatically qualifies for Nationals in 2023. Marie-Louise just missed out by one shot but was the overall net winner on 69! The B-Div winner was Linda Place with 37 Pts, C-Div winner Erendine Olivier on 40 points. 50 plus winner Marinda Bandat with 35 points, 60 plus winner Ntambi Ravele on 36 points and interesting that last year she was the 50 plus winner. The 70 plus winner was Pat Roets on 34 points. Congratulations to all of you, as well as the rest of the players who also competed.

Morné actually stated that our cards were completed immaculately and that we can be proud that our members take the time to complete the cards neatly and accurately. I would like to thank Alida who has driven this for us in 2022 and must say that it has improved in leaps and bounds.

A-division		
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Champion (Best gross)	Bongi Shabalala	84
Best Gross Runner-up	Loma Steynberg	87
Best Nett Winner	Mari-Louise Grober	69
3rd Place	Natasha Anthony	88

B-division		
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Winner	Linda Place	37 pts
Runner-up	Rita Hochfellner	33 pts c/i
3rd Place	Delma van der Merwe	33 pts c/o

C-division		
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Winner	Erendine Olivier	40 pts
Runner-up	Lizzie Erasmus	31 pts
3rd Place	Nomfuyo Galeni	30 pts c/i

50-59 Years		
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Winner	Marinda Bandat	35 pts
Runner-up	Soné Jordaan	33 pts
3rd Place	Stefanie Neethling	32 pts c/i

60-69 Years		
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Winner	Ntambi Ravele	36 pts
Runner-up	Hettie Oberholzer	35 pts
3rd Place	Steph Pond	33 pts

70+ Years		
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Winner	Pat Roets	34 pts
Runner-up	Rita du Plessis	29 pts
3rd Place	Anna-Marie van der Bijl	27 pts

Fixtures 2023:

NGU SENIOR WOMENS' FIXTURES 2023				
DATE	DAY	COURSE	Attendance Pts	FORMAT
19-Jan	Thursday	Akasia	2	Betterball Stableford
08-Feb	Wednesday	Wingate	1	4 Ball Alliance 3 to count
16-Mar	Thursday	Services	1	Betterball Stableford
13-Apr	Thursday	Pretoria Golf Club	2	4 Ball Alliance 3 to count
11-May	Thursday	Woodhill	1	Betterball Stableford
21 - 24 May	Sun-Wed	<i>Ebotsi & Benoni CC - EKHURULENI - SENIOR NATIONALS</i>		
08-Jun	Thursday	PCC	1	4 Ball Alliance 3 to count
06-Jul	Thursday	The Els Club	1	Betterball Stableford
03-Aug	Thursday	Waterkloof	1	4 Ball Alliance 3 to count
24-Aug	Thursday	Pebble Rock	2	Betterball Stableford
14-Sep	Thursday	Irene	1	4 Ball Alliance 3 to count
12-Oct	Thursday	Cullinan	1	Betterball Stableford
15-Nov	Wednesday	Centurion	1	Championships & AGM
07-Dec	Thursday	Silver Lakes	1	4 Ball Alliance Xmas

We have decided to remove Zwartkops from our fixture list for 2023 after receiving more than 9 written complaints from our members. As an EXCO we decided to meet with Dale Hayes and Sharon, which was not easy but they understood our position. During 2023 we have undertaken as Exco to play at Zwartkops to assess the course condition to see if we can reinstate them for 2024. We have also decided to keep The Els Club on our fixture list and we hope that we will be able to convince them to reduce the rate slightly.

I would like to reinforce my message to you all last year that we must ensure that the integrity of our scoring remains above scrutiny, and that each player and marker must be conscious of this at all times. We have to ensure that our competitions and games are above scrutiny and questioning. If a marker questions your shots she is just doing her job, and this ensures we have fair winners.

2022 Results:

Congratulations to our winners in 2022. We hope that the winnings filled a few holes in your pantries?

Month	Winners	Format	Score	Course
Nov-21	Rita du Plessis/ Katrien Neethling/ Yvonne Pretorius / Suzette Ruthven	Alliance	82pts	TEC
Jan-22	Charmaine Engelbrecht / Bev Mulligan	BBS	43pts	Cullinan
Feb-22	Linda Janke / Bronwynne Meyer	BBS	42pts	PCC
Mar-22	Evein Greeff / Vera van Heerden	Combined	68pts	WPCC
Apr-22	Elize Crous / Suzette Ruthven / Natasha Anthony / Ronel van Deemter	Alliance	123pts	Services
May-22	Ulli Reyneke / Soné Jordaan	BBS	41pts	CCC
Jun-22	Jacqui Hlabangane / Nomfuyo Galeni / Thandi Kgatse / Soné Jordaan	Alliance	126pts	Akasia
Jul-22	Charmaine Engelbrecht / Bev Mulligan	BBS	46pts	ICC
Aug-22	Riana Karemaker / Hettie Oberholzer / Maritha de Beer / Tersia Pelser	Alliance	123pts	PGC
Sep-22	Riana Swart / Ilze Rousseau	BBS	45pts	ZCC
Sep-22	Marinda Bandat / Steph Pond / Gladys Meso / Natasha Anthony	Alliance	118pts	PRGC

Thank you:

A very special thank you to Ella Cole who represents us on the GNGU Exco. We hope that with her networking and influence she and Madeleine can work their wonders and get GolfRSA to implement a Senior Women's IPT! No pressure you two. Also, a big thank you to Madeleine de Wet as Vice President Women's Golf for the work she does, and congratulations on winning the Women's IPT after a 9-year drought! They were managed, and mentored by Pat Roets and it is truly a very proud moment as these youngsters are molded into great competitors – and champions - for many years to come, enjoying the game of golf from a young age.

Finally, thank you to:

- The players who participated in the monthly games, adding fun and laughter to our days.
- All the clubs for the special rates as well as the welcoming snacks, and on occasion even lunch and prizes. Your generosity is noted and very much appreciated.
- To Silver Lakes that initiated the attendance prizes. It has really lifted the excitement at prizegiving.
- To Akasia who has also contributed to the attendance prizes, a big thank you!
- The Senior ladies who assisted with live scoring at all the GNGU tournaments. GNGU has no obligation to support us financially for Nationals every year but we hope by assisting them with scorers at their events they feel that at least we do something for them and that they can keep returning the favor.
- To Alet de Langen – Lady captain, Ernst Uys - Club Manager, Elsa Sonnekus - Events and the Waterkloof Ladies committee for hosting today's game as well as the AGM and lunch.
- To my wonderful Committee members who just keep on making this job so easy. Every single one does what they need to do to make our games a huge success. From hosting the website – Shona; sorting the finances and prizes – Suzette; negotiating rates – Elize; and keeping it all well organized and proper – Alida; I thank you!! We truly are a remarkable team.

Senioritas, I want to conclude by saying we have one of the best Societies in SA and you can proudly know that we are the frontrunners in many of the initiatives to drive Senior Women's golf.

I thank you.

Soné Jordaan

President GNGU Senior Ladies