



# GAUTENG NORTH GOLF UNION PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

**January 2016**

From the President's Desk: January 2016.

Welcome back after the well-deserved break, it feels as if December had lapsed as quickly as a dreaded double bogey happens!

Firstly, our congratulations have to go to one of our own, Brandon Stone, on his victory at the South African Open. It was wonderful to see yet another former Northens player in the winner's circle. Keep it up!

The sad news is that one of our affiliated clubs, Pebble Rock GC, might be closing down as the current lessee will not be renewing their contract at the end of March. It is very sad when economic hardship and the reality of running a golf club in these expensive times have this effect on the game we love. Hopefully there will be someone to take up the lease of the facilities.

In the same light, the GNGU is also feeling the pinch, and in order to run the Union efficiently we are depending on clubs to pay over their affiliation fees in time. The deadline for this payment is 31 March, and the Union will not be able to pay over affiliation fees to SAGA and WGSA from its own reserves on behalf of any club this year.

Tournament season is upon us and the GN Senior Open takes place at Wingate on 23 and 24 January, the GN Open at Irene from 28-30 January, whilst Blue Valley will be hosting the SA Stroke Play Championship from 2-5 February. There will be quite a number of international players as well. Come and have a look at the future Brandon Stone's.

5 players of the Union have also been included in Golf RSA's National Squad and one girl in the WGSA Elite Squad. Well done to all of them.

Good luck to all, may all your puts fall this year!

Johan.