

## EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019

This report covers the activities and achievements of Womens Golf South Africa for the above-mentioned period which was again, an exceedingly full year with several highlights.

### NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

#### **NOMADS ROSE BOWL 54 HOLE GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP, ROYAL CAPE GOLF CLUB, 26 – 27 MARCH 2018**

This was the 9<sup>th</sup> Rose Bowl Championship run by WGSA and the 7th sponsored by Nomads; the event was hosted by Royal Cape Golf Club. The weather was good with barely a breath of wind. A total of 53 players took part. 17-year old Randpark junior, Kajal Mistry was in a class of her own over 54 holes at Royal Cape Golf Club as she produced three well-constructed rounds to celebrate an uncontested eight-shot victory on seven under-par 212.

13-year old Kiera Floyd matched fellow Ekurhuleni golfer Caitlyn Macnab with rounds of 73 and 75 and started the final round tied. Caitlyn moved into second with a birdie at the 11<sup>th</sup>, but Floyd finished birdie-birdie-par for a final round 72 to clinch second on two-under 220. Caitlyn parred her way home for a 73 and had to settle for third on 221.

The 10 – 18 handicap division was won by Anika Smit on 258 (87, 86, 85), who edged out runner-up Isabella van Rooyen who finished on 259. The Bronze Division was won by Danielle Foster with 70 points and Thaakirah Bickoo was runner up with 55 points.

Blackberries were used for the live scoring in all divisions. The Nomads and WGSA sponsorship enabled ten girls to be chaperoned with all their tournament, travel, accommodation and meal costs covered by the sponsorship.

#### **SANLAM SA WOMEN'S AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, PORT ELIZABETH GOLF CLUB, 22 - 24 APRIL 2018**

The beautiful Port Elizabeth Golf Course played host for this 54 Hole stroke play event comprising a total of 82 players.

65 "A" Division players (handicaps 9 and under) and 17 "B" Division players (handicaps 10 – 18) participated.

Casandra Hall (EKU) won the tournament on 141 (69, 72, 79) on the second hole of a short course play-off with Kajal Mistry.

Kamaya Moodliar (KZN) protected her first round overnight lead to keep control of the B-division competition. The Umhlali junior followed an opening 82 with a 14-over 86 in round 2 and took a four- shot lead into the final round. Kamaya won the "B" Division with a score of 251 with Lauren Clough counted in on 265.

#### **72-HOLE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP, WATERKLOOF GOLF CLUB, 20 - 23 MAY 2018**

The event was successfully hosted at Waterkloof Golf Club. Accommodation was sourced nearby for the Executive and participating teams.

### RESULTS

#### **A Division - Swiss Team Trophy**

Winners: Gauteng North A (Larissa du Preez, Danielle du Toit, Lenanda van der Watt) 579

Runner up: Ekurhuleni A (Sarah Bouch, Casandra Hall, Caitlyn Macnab) 586



Mpumalanga: Petrone Rudolph & Nicola Schoeman (288)

**Sanette Marais Bronze Division Team Prize:**

Western Province: Fouziah Schloss & Tara Niewoudt (153) points

**SANLAM SA AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, UMHLALI COUNTRY CLUB, 8 - 11 JULY 2018**

Whilst entries are limited to 64 in order to guarantee players at least 4 rounds of tournament play, there were only 46 entries which was disappointing. WGSA holds the Amateur Match Play Championship at this time of year so our players at colleges overseas may be afforded the chance of entering whilst home for the holidays. A special note of thanks again to Sanlam for supporting WGSA in our endeavour to grow this Championship.

**RESULTS:**

**36 Hole Seeding Round**

Winner: Michaela Fletcher (KZN) 143

Runner up: Casandra Hall (EKU) 145 c/i

3<sup>rd</sup>: Kaiyuree Moodley (GAU) 145 c/o

**MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Champion: Jordan Rothman (WP)

Runner up: Kaleigh Telfer (GAU)

Semi-finalists 3<sup>rd</sup>: Michaela Fletcher (KZN)

Semi-finalists 4<sup>th</sup>: Casandra Hall (EKU)

**PLATE:**

Winner: Lizzie Currie (KZN)

Runner up: Senayah Moodliar (KZN)

Semi-finalists 3<sup>rd</sup>: Elsune Roode (KZN)

Semi-finalists 4<sup>th</sup>: Kim Strauss (KZN)

**SA INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, DEVONVALE GOLF AND WINE ESTATE, 1 – 5 OCTOBER 2018**

The flag raising ceremony signalled the start of the 58<sup>th</sup> South African Women's Inter-Provincial Championship. Despite a strong wind, the flag raising took place outside and the teams were piped in by a lady piper. The sound of the piped National Anthem resounded around the estate.

WGSA President, Sally Greasley, welcomed the dignitaries, players and spectators. Ryno Bernardo, General Manager of Devonvale Golf and Wine Estate, handed over the course on behalf of Devonvale Golf and Wine Estate.

**Stroke Play Qualifier Round:**

Best Individual Gross: Kaylah Williams 72

Runner up Individual Gross: Jordon Rothman 75

**Results of the Foursomes & Singles Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds:**

A Inter Provincial: **Jean Tindall Memorial Trophy** (6 players per team)

Winners: Western Province A (535)

(Kaylah Williams, Kelly Erasmus, Zayb Fredericks, Vicki Traut, Katia Shaff, Jordan Rothman)

Runners Up: Ekurhuleni (551)

(Caitlyn Macnab, Casandra Hall, Kiera Floyd, Nadia van der Westhuizen, Kyra van Kan, Teagan Lubbe)

B Inter Provincial Winners: **Nolan Karp Trophy** (4 players per team)

Winners: Mpumalanga (426)  
(Patrizia Lombard, Nicola Schoeman, Petrone Rudolph, Chante Boonstra)

Runners Up: Border (427)  
(Miliie Zim-Dondashe, Sanet Pieterse, Demi Flanagan, Luzan Esterhuizen)

### **Results of the Inter Provincial Match Play:**

Winners: A Division Section 1: Ekurhuleni  
(Caitlyn Macnab, Casandra Hall, Kiera Floyd, Nadia van der Westhuizen, Kyra van Kan, Teagan Lubbe)

Winners: A Division Section 2: Kwa-Zulu Natal  
(Bronwyn Rae, Brittney-Fay Berger, Lizzie Currie, Liezl Smit, Marlie Smit, Kim Strauss)

Winners: B Division Section 1: Mpumalanga  
(Patrizia Lombard, Chante Boonstra, Nicola Schoeman, Petrone Rudolph)

Winners: B Division Section 2: North West  
(Elru Botha, Crystal Cooper, Mandie Badenhorst, Sue Bester)

Note: North West and Northern Cape tied, NW won 11 games and NC 9 ½

The Gilly Tebbutt Trophy for the top ranked player at the end of September each year was presented to Woo-Ju Son.

The Silver Tray was presented to Susan Andrew, President of Ekurhuleni Women's Golf, the winners of the A Division.

### **SANLAM CANCER CHALLENGE FINAL – SUN CITY, 8 - 9 OCTOBER 2018**

Once again substantial amounts were raised this year for the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) by the Sanlam Cancer Challenge (SCC), Southern Africa's largest amateur charity golf series. Over 40 000 golfers took part from 780 clubs throughout South Africa, Namibia and Kenya. Over 100 golfers qualified for the 36-hole National Finals and were once again, treated to the very special hospitality of Sanlam and Sun City.

### **OVERALL LADIES WINNER:**

Olebogeng Matshabela 81pts (33pts, 48pts)

### **SA MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, KRUGERSDORP GOLF CLUB, 5 – 7 NOVEMBER 2018**

49 Players entered this year's SA Mid-Amateur Championship. WGSA would really like to see this Championship grow in stature amongst the 30 and over age group, as this group of players are the backbone of Women's Golf. Due to the introduction of the USGA Course and Slope Rating system two months before, the divisions for the Mid-Amateur Championship had to be decided upon before a thorough examination of the ramification of the Rating System could be analysed. The Divisions agreed upon for the Mid-Amateur Championship were:

Championship Division: HI 6.4 and under

B Division: HI 6.5 – 13.8

C Division: HI 13.9 – 23.2

Following the Mid-Amateur Championship, and after a full examination of the ramification of the Course and Slope Rating implementation, the handicap divisions were amended for future Championships.

To grow the Mid-Amateur tournaments WGSA implemented a Mid-Amateur Ranking in 2017 not only for players in the National Championship, but also those playing in stand-alone Provincial Mid-Amateur Championships. In 2018 WGSA increased the eligibility for ranking points to all Mid-Amateur players entering National and Provincial

Open Championships, and the top places on the national rankings are now hotly contested for around the country. We hope this will encourage players from around the country to play in their Provincial Mid-Amateur and Open Championships.

**RESULTS:**

**Championship Division**

Winner: Liezl Smith (KZN) 232

**B Division**

Winner: Carina Theron (FS) 258

**C Division (Stableford)**

Winner: Rosa-Linda Wessels (WP) 105

The **Senior Trophy** was won by Karin Watts (GN) on 247

The Player at the top of the Rankings following the final Mid-Amateur Provincial Championship held in KwaZulu Natal in December 2018 was Sandra Winter.

**INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

**HIMBARA WORLD JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP – DAMAI INDAH GOLF CLUB, JAKARTA 5 – 8 JUNE 2018**

This is an annual event which is held as part of the festivities celebrating the founding of Jakarta. The invitation to participate in this tournament is for 2 girls and 2 boys and is age specific. WGSA once again afforded the South African Golf Development Board to select 2 boys to be chaperoned by WGSA.

Jordan Rothman and Kiera Floyd represented WGSA and Keyan Loubser and Rorisang Nkosi represented the SAGDB.

**Girls Overall (“A” & “B” Class: 43 players)**

Winner: Phannarai Meeso-Us – Thailand: 211

Runner-up: Hannah Reeves - Australia: 215

6<sup>th</sup>: Jordan Rothman - South Africa: 220

12<sup>th</sup>: Kiera Floyd – South Africa: 22

**Girls “A” (22 players) (15 – 17 years old)**

Winner: Hannah Reeves - Australia: 215

Runner-up: Sara Ota – Japan: 217

5<sup>th</sup>: Jordan Rothman – South Africa: 220

**Girls “B” (21 players) (13 – 14 years old)**

Winner: Phannarai Meeso-Us – Thailand: 211

Runner-up: Manassanan Chotikabhukkana – Thailand: 221

4<sup>th</sup>: Kiera Floyd – South Africa: 226

**Team Event:**

**Boys:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Singapore on a score of 598

2<sup>nd</sup> : Thailand-1 on a score of 610

10<sup>th</sup>: South Africa on a score of 648

**Girls:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Thailand-1 on a score of 430

2<sup>nd</sup>: Thailand-3 on a score of 441

3<sup>rd</sup>: South Africa on a score of 446

Federation colours were awarded.

## TOYOTA WORLD JUNIOR GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP – CHUKYO GOLF CLUB, ISHINO COURSE, NAGOYA, JAPAN, 12 – 15 JUNE 2018

The Championship is an annual event and is always played at the Chukyo Golf Club, Ishino Course, approximately one hour from the airport, and an hour from the hotel. All the teams were accommodated at the Nagoya Crown Hotel.

**QUALIFICATION:** The qualifying event for this Championship is the All Africa Junior Golf Challenge which in 2018 was played in Morocco. Both the boys' and girls' teams qualified, with two boys' teams going through (Morocco and South Africa) and one girls' team.

**FORMAT:** 72 Holes Stroke Play

**WGSA PLAYERS:** Caitlyn Macnab, Kajal Mistry and Symone Henriques

### Results

Girls: 8<sup>th</sup> out of 9 on a score of 603 (+ 27)

Winners: Japan 554 (– 22)

Boys: 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15 840 (-8)

Winners: Denmark on a score of 829 (-23)

Individual best results: Girls: Yuka Yasuda, Japan, tied with Lee Sujeong, Korea, on a score of -10

Boys: Rasmus Jojgaard on a score of -16

Martin Vorster of South Africa tied 5<sup>th</sup> best individual on a score of -8 following a fantastic final round of -10 gross 61.

Junior Protea Colours were awarded.

## R & A JUNIOR OPEN – St. ANDREWS, EDEN COURSE, UK, 16 – 18 JULY 2018

All golfing nations affiliated to the R & A are invited to enter their best under 16 boy and girl into this biennial event which is always held at a venue close to The Open. This year the Junior Open was held on the Eden Course at St Andrews and The Open was at Carnoustie, approximately 40 minutes by coach from St Andrews. One of the highlights for delegates and players is an invitation to attend The Open on the first and second day of the tournament (Thursday and Friday).

This year 142 players from 78 countries competed for the Silver Salver in a 54-hole stroke play competition, with a cut after 36-holes, with the top 80 and ties proceeding into the final round. This is a mixed competition and both girls and boys are playing for the Silver Salver, though the girls play off forward tees.

Martin Vorster and Kaylah Williams were selected to play having complied with the under-16 age criteria.

Martin Vorster won the Junior Open with a magnificent score of 205, with Tsubasa Kajitani from Japan, being the first Japanese girl to feature at the top of the leaderboard.

Scores: Winner: Martin Vorster: 66, 65, 74 = 205

Runner up: Tsubasa Kajitani (Japan) 68, 68, 70 = 206

3<sup>rd</sup>: Jayden Ford (New Zealand): 69, 70, 68 = 207

Kaylah Williams: 74, 78, 69 = 221

One of the highlights this year was the appearance of Jordan Spieth at the opening ceremony. He handed out the medals and several of the players were lucky enough to take selfies with Jordan.

## GIRLS BRITISH OPEN AMATEUR – ARDGLASS GOLF CLUB, COUNTY DOWN, IRELAND, 14 – 18 AUGUST 2018

The Girls' British Open Amateur is an annual event and is a very important Championship for girls from around the world to test their skills against their peers. The field consists of 144 players on a first come first in basis. WGSA applies for two confirmed entries early in the year as visas have to be obtained. The event is attended by US coaches scouting for players, and this year there were 67 registered coaches and several unregistered.

The tournament is run by the R & A with five rules officials, the R & A Hard Card and local rules. 197 volunteers from the local town assisted in the running of the event, with three-hole live scoring manned by volunteers.

WGSA did not play in the 2017 event as it was felt the players had not had enough experience to compete at this top level.

### COURSE AND SCORING INFORMATION

Length of Course: 6035 Yds      5518 Metres      Par 70

#### Players Scores:

Caitlyn Macnab: 74, 67 = 141      Finishing Position: 3rd

Kajal Mistry: 73, 77 = 150      Finishing Position: 30<sup>th</sup>

Team Event: Tied 3<sup>rd</sup>

Both Kajal and Caitlyn qualified for the Match Play event. Unfortunately, Kajal was knocked out in the first round but Caitlyn went through to the third round where she was beaten by Sophie Johnson from England.

Junior Protea Colours were awarded.

## ALL AFRICA CHALLENGE TROPHY, ACHIMOTO GOLF CLUB, ACCRA, GHANA, 26 AUG – 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

This biennial African Golf Championship falls under the auspices of the Trustees of the AACT with a Regional AACT being played in the year in between. The event rotates among four geographical areas of Africa. It is an Open event with teams of 3 or 4 competing with the 2 best scores to count from each round. In 2018 the event was held at the Achimota Golf Club, Accra, Ghana.

Players selected were: Casandra Hall, Lenanda van der Watt and Zethu Myeki.

Length of Course: 5440 Metres, Par 72

South Africa won for the 13<sup>th</sup> time in 14 years of competing.

#### Scores:

South Africa 469

Tanzania 483

Kenya 487

Medina Hussein from Tanzania beat Zethu Myeki on the first play off hole for individual honours after they both tied on 237.

Senior Protea Colours were awarded.

## WORLD AMATEUR TEAMS, DUBLIN, 28 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER 2018

The WATC (Espirito Santo Trophy) is held biennially and falls under the auspices of the International Golf Federation (IGF) and has always been considered the premier event on any country's golfing calendar. 57 teams from around the world were invited in 2018 to send teams of 3 players to play 72 holes stroke play, with the two

lowest scores from each team constituting the team score for each round. A cut is made after the first two rounds and the top 29 teams go through to play the final 36 holes.

In the past the event has rotated amongst three geographic zones of the world: Asia Pacific, Americas and Europe-Africa. However, this is no longer the case and bids have been received from Hong Kong and Paris to host the event in 2020 and 2022 respectively. This year it was held at the magnificent Carton House, in Maynooth, Dublin.

Caitlyn Macnab, Kaleigh Telfer and Kajal Mistry were the three players selected to play for South Africa. National Coach Val Holland and Sandra Winter, physiotherapist joined the team with Sandra Winter acting as non-playing Captain.

**INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ayeon Cho (Rep of Korea):	68, 64, 71, 70 = 273	-17
Runner up:	Jennifer Kupcho (US):	70, 65, 71, 69 = 275	-15
T12th	Caitlyn Macnab:	75, 71, 72, 69 = 287	-3
T35th	Kaleigh Telfer:	75, 73, 73, 70 = 291	+1
T111th	Kajal Mistry	79, 74, 77, 77 = 307	+17

**Team Position:** 15<sup>th</sup> out of 29 teams who made the cut after two rounds.

Senior Protea Colours were awarded.

**DUKE OF YORK YOUNG CHAMPIONS TROPHY, CASTLE STUART GOLF LINKS, SCOTLAND, 17 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The Duke of York Young Champions Trophy is an international mixed tournament which is always played on a links course. A maximum of 60 players are invited to play in this 54-hole event which is sponsored by the Duke of York. The players must all be under 18 on the start date of the Championship and be holders of their national junior championships or have won another recognised major golfing event in the current year. The boys and girls are drawn together each day and this year competed on the Castle Stuart Links course, near Inverness in Scotland.

The DOYYCT was started in 2001 to promote development of junior golf, to encourage competitiveness and friendship between individual champions and to provide an opportunity for them to play on Open venue courses. In 2001, 11 players competed from 6 countries and this year 60 players competed from 32 countries.

The SAGA did not send a player due to the clash with their IPT. The winner of the Nomads SA Girls receives this invitation and for the second year in a row, Woo-ju Son as the winner qualified under the criteria set by the organisers of the DOYYCT.

<b>Length of Course:</b>	Boys	6815 yards	6231 metres	Par 72
	Girls	6046 yards	5528 metres	Par 71

**Scores:**

Woo-Ju Son: 75, 82, 80 = 237 Tied 10<sup>th</sup> overall, 4<sup>th</sup> place amongst girls

Winner: Christopher Vandette: 79, 76, 71 = 226

Runner up: Joseph Byrne: 69, 80, 77 = 226

**102<sup>nd</sup> ALL INDIA LADIES AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP, TOLLYGUNGE GOLF CLUB, KOLKATA, INDIA NOVEMBER 27 - 3 DECEMBER 2018**

Once again WGSA received an invitation from the Indian Golf Union for two players and a manager to attend. WGSA has been competing in the All India since 2016. This is an Open event and therefore not age restricted, and included a team event with the scores of two players to count.

**PLAYERS:**

Kaiyuree Moodley and Kaylah Williams were selected.

**STROKE PLAY RESULTS:**

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Anika Varma (India): 140 (68, 72)
Runner up:	Jahanvi Bakshi (India): 143 (70, 73)
11 <sup>th</sup> :	Kaiyuree Moodley (SA): 154 (77, 77)
19 <sup>th</sup> :	Kaylah Williams (SA): 159 (80, 79)

**MATCH PLAY RESULTS:**

Winner: Khushi Hooda 2/1

Runner up: Jahanvi Bakshi

Kaylah was knocked out in the second round, and Kaiyuree was knocked out in the Semi Final by Jahanvi Bakshi.

On arrival we were informed the Team Event had been cancelled due to lack of other International entries.

**ANNIKA INVITATIONAL USA, WORLD GOLF VILLAGE, St AUGUSTINE FLORIDA, 18 – 21 JANUARY 2019**

Caitlyn Macnab and Kaiyuree Moodley received invitations from the organisers to attend the Annika Invitational in Florida. WGSA gave both players financial assistance.

Kaiyuree Moodley was in a three-way play-off for first honours with Ingrid Lindblad from Sweden, the eventual winner, and Jensen Castle from the USA after the final round. She claimed an impressive runner-up finish in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annika Invitational USA and was presented with the trophy by tournament host, Annika Sorenstam, while fellow GolfRSA elite squad player Caitlyn Macnab shared the low round honour.

**ALL AFRICA JUNIOR GOLF CHALLENGE, PHAKALANE GOLF CLUB, GABERONE, BOTSWANA 10 – 16 MARCH 2019**

The All Africa Junior Golf Challenge was played on the Phakalane Golf Course in Gaberone, Botswana. This annual Golf Championship falls under the auspices of the men's African Golf Confederation and is a qualifier for the Toyota World Junior Golf Team Championship which is held in Japan in June. It was the 25<sup>th</sup> year the SA Boys team (4 players) have played in this event. In 2017 after much discussion, girl's teams (3 players) were included in the qualifying event. The proviso for selection to play in the All African Challenge is that the same team that qualifies must play in Japan, with the age restriction that every player must be 18 or under on the last day of the Toyota Championship, ie 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

Sadly, only three countries entered girls' teams this year: Zimbabwe, Nigeria and South Africa as opposed to 8 in 2018.

**PLAYERS:**

Girls:

Caitlyn Macnab (Ekurhuleni), Kaiyuree Moodley (Gauteng) and Kiera Floyd (Ekurhuleni) were the three selected players for the South African Team. Caitlyn was appointed Captain.

Boys:

Casey Jarvis, Christo Lamprecht, Sam Simpson and Martin Vorster (Captain).

**INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES: (9 Players, 3 teams)**

Caitlyn Macnab: 272 (-20)

Kaiyuree Moodley: 284 (-10)

Kiera Floyd: 290 (-2)

Team Total: South Africa 551

Zimbabwe 679

Nigeria 743

Junior Protea Colours were awarded

## **GOVERNMENT : SASCOC / YOUTH OLYMPICS, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, OCTOBER 10 – 16 2018**

SASCOC is the governing body for all sport in South Africa.

Kaiyuree Moodley and Cole Stevens were selected to represent South Africa in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games which were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Zethu Myeki travelled with the two players as chaperone. All the organisation prior to this event is done by SASCOC. 32 Boys and 32 Girls competed for individual and team honours.

## **WGSA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

WGSA has once again prepared a Player Development Squad Programme for 2019 that encompasses our Elite Squad, B Squad, and a TID (talent identification) programme.

Eight PDI players were identified by their Unions and were given the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Nomads Rose Bowl with all their costs being covered, including chaperoned accommodation, by Nomads and WGSA. The players were: Lisakhanya Payiya (BOR), Thaakirah Bickoo (EP), Pheletso Mota (FS), Tebogo Lefifi (GAU), Lucia Mhlabane (MPU), Chloe Malgas-Kelpin (SC), Ashley Seboa & Zara le Keur (WP). The players were chaperoned by Thelma Dippenaar.

## **WGSA ELITE SQUADS**

WGSA considers that one of our most important mandates is to provide the tools and skills to our top golfers to enable them to be the very best they can be and to reach their golfing goals.

All players selected for the squads will receive financial assistance to attend Provincial Championships.

### **ELITE SQUAD**

In 2019 the Elite and B Squad will have three combined camps, and the Elite will have one on their own. Three camps will be held at Bryanston Country Club and one at Devonvale Golf and Wine Estate.

The squad will receive coaching from our National Coaches, Val Holland and Anna Becker-Frankel. They will also receive instruction from our sports psychologist, Maretha Claasen, sports fitness and physiotherapist Sandra Winter, Trackman with Costanza Trussoni and nutritionist Marlene Durandt.

The 2019 Elite Squad members are:

- Caitlyn Macnab
- Jordan Rothman
- Kaiyuree Moodley
- Kaylah Williams
- Kiera Floyd
- Zethu Myeki

## **WGSA B SQUAD**

The B Squad members for 2019 are:

- Kera Healy
- Megan Streicher

- Samantha Whateley
- Shani Brynard

It should be noted that players may be moved up or down from these squads depending on both performance and recommendations from the coaches.

### **TALENT IDENTIFICATION (TID) PROGRAMME & CAMPS**

Talent Identification Squad for 2019

- Anika Smit
- Ineke Brynard
- Kamaya Moodliar
- Kim Turgut
- Kyra van Kan
- Pheletso Mota
- Tebogo Lefifi

These players will have three 2-day camps in 2019 at Bryanston Country Club receiving instruction from our National Coaches, Val Holland and Anna Becker-Frankel.

### **NOMADS FUTURE CHAMPIONS CLINICS**

This initiative was started in 2014 when two clinics were held. These clinics, that are open to higher handicapped players and girls new to golf, are run by our National Coaches and are normally held directly after a junior championship. The intention is to hold these throughout our Unions in order to attract as many young golfers as possible. Since 2014 clinics have been held in Boland, Western Province, KZN, Eastern Province and Gauteng North. In the past WGSA has received sponsorship from the Nomads for the Future Champion Clinics, but unfortunately this year Nomads advised due to the cancellation of two Sunshine Tour events resulting in falling income, they would be unable to provide sponsorship in 2019.

### **NATIONAL SQUAD**

WGSA will again be part of the GolfRSA National Squad and will receive funding from the National Squad budget to assist with the cost of the elite camps. WGSA will also receive some funding to assist with the players attending the Girls British Amateur and the Astor Trophy, both events being held in August.

### **GOLFRSA**

2018 was the second full year of the amalgamation between the SAGA and WGSA under the banner of GolfRSA. The first Meeting of the Founding Board was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.

The first Board Meeting in 2019 will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Several Committees have been formed to take GolfRSA forward, including Strategy and Communication, Development and Transformation and a Finance Committee. Both the SAGA and WGSA have representation on all committees.

The GolfRSA Transformation Charter was completed for the period January 2019 – December 2023 and is on the GolfRSA website. Greg de Doncker has been appointed as the GolfRSA Transformation Officer and will be overseeing the Action Plan and ensuring we keep to our targets.

### **SOUTH AFRICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION (SAGA)**

Naadir Agherdien was elected President of the SAGA at their Annual General Meeting in February. Martin Saaiman (Ekurhuleni) was elected first Vice President and Henk Smith (Western Province) second Vice President

Sally Greasley and Sarah Braude attended the SAGA Annual Meetings in September 2018 and February 2019.

## **HANDICAPPING**

The HNA system has been operating successfully throughout the year, with players handicaps updated each day and the Phone App assisting players to enter their scores timeously and to work out their Course Handicaps prior to their game.

The 3 September 2018 saw the full implementation of the USGA Course and Slope Ratings. There are still a few courses that need to be re-rated and this will be done during the next two years. The rating of courses will be an on-going project as courses move their tees or make changes to their courses.

This year also saw the implementation of the new R & A / USGA Rules of Golf. Golf Seminars have been held around the country which include a Level 2, 2-hour exam. The Third Level 2-hour exam is available but may only be taken by TARS Rules Officials and Referees (those that have taken and passed a Level 3 exam over the past two years). The exam will be taken on-line.

The World Handicap System is in the process of being finalised and will be adopted as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. A committee is being formed that will travel around the country to assist Unions and Clubs to be ready for the implementation of the new system.

## **PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS & THE WPGA**

The following players have turned professional:

1. Brittney-Fay Berger
2. Casandra Hall
3. Catherine Lau
4. Lenanda van der Watt
5. Lindi Coetzee
6. Lynette Fourie

Communication between WGSA and the WPGA has been excellent over the past year and WGSA wishes to commend the WPGA on all they have done to grow the Sunshine Ladies Tour in 2018/19 with increased prize money and a total of 9 events. Our amateurs are very privileged to be able to play in these events and gain insight into the world of the Professional player.

## **WGSA ADMINISTRATION FINANCE & MEDIA**

Verucia Bell continues to ably manage the WGSA office. We share premises with the SAGDB in the Momentum Golf Village, Somerset West. Past President, Caroline Kettlewell has continued to act as the treasurer of WGSA for which we are immensely grateful. Pricilla Msiza has carried out the Tournament Administrator function on the ATMS for us at four events over the past year, and Laetitia Higgs has not only also carried out the ATMS function at our tournaments when Pricilla was unavailable, but has been joined by Thelma Dippenaar assisting with staging and other physical duties of the Tournament Administrator.

The GolfRSA website continues to be the go-to place for all information on amateur golf in South Africa. Our Facebook and Instagram pages are constantly being updated during and in between tournaments.

Lali Stander continues to be our Media consultant and her passion for amateur golf never wavers. We thank her for making sure our website and Facebook page is updated on a regular basis and our Twitter and Instagram accounts remain very active.

## Changes in Union Presidents:

Border: Louise van Niekerk took over from Wendy May in February 2019

Limpopo: Rowena Kraidy took over from Elmarie Fogwell in February 2019

Kwazulu Natal: Jane Lind took over from Jean Freeman in March 2019

Southern Cape: Sheila Fraser is currently Southern Cape's Representative following the early resignation of Jenny du Preez.

## **GIRLS LOVE GOLF /DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

All lady golfers pay a WGSA Affiliation fee of which R36 goes towards the WGSA Development Programme. These funds are distributed to the Unions annually and are used mainly for coaching programmes via coaching points at golf clubs, driving ranges and schools. We now have over 500 registered players in these provincial groups at any one point in time with 54 nodes throughout the country. Many unions have joined forces with the SAGDB coaches in their area who provide coaching to both boys and girls.

## **ERNIE ELS AND FANCOURT FOUNDATION**

Zethu Myeki, Larissa du Preez, Demi Flanagan, Shanice de Gee and Kajal Misstry will be supported by EE & FF in 2019. At the EE & FF Awards luncheon, Zethu and Zanele Mazibuko received distinction awards and Larissa received the Dr Hugh Plattner award for outstanding academic achievement. Zethu will be completing her Club Management Degree in 2019.

## **GENERAL**

Sally Greasley was nominated as President of Womens Golf South Africa at the AGM in 2018 with Sarah Braude nominated as Vice President. The Executive wishes to thank all players and parents for their support over the past year. We would also like to record our appreciation of the support we receive from our very generous National sponsors the Nomads of South Africa. We were very grateful to Sanlam for their continued sponsorship for our SA Women's Amateur Stroke and Match Play Championships in 2018. Thank you to the management and members of golf clubs that have allowed us the use of their facilities during this past year and have always gone out of their way to ensure the successful running of all our tournaments.

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