

EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020

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, LANGEBAAN COUNTRY CLUB, 25 – 26 MARCH 2019

The 2019 Nomads SA Girls Rose Bowl was hosted by Langebaan Country Club. The Rose Bowl was originally organised by the SA Junior Golf Foundation from 2003 – 2009 but in 2010 it was decided WGSA would take over running the event. Nomads came in as a sponsor in 2012 when the event was held at Paarl Golf Estate in Boland.

South African number one Kaylah Williams lifted the prestigious Nomads SA Girl's Rose Bowl Championship trophy after she edged out overnight leader Caitlyn Macnab in a pressure-packed final round at Langebaan Country Club.

The Western Province junior carded a two-under-par 70 in the final round to close out a one-stroke victory on one-over 217. Williams began the final day on three-over and a shot behind fellow GolfRSA Elite Squad member Macnab, but a couple of birdies on the outward loop helped the Bellville golfer to race into the lead with nine holes to go.

Macnab from Ekurhuleni took second on two-over with a final round 72. Gauteng junior Kaiyuree Moodley closed with an even-par 72 to finish third on 221, while Kiera Floyd from Ekurhuleni and Gauteng's Symone Henriques tied for fourth on seven-over after final rounds of 73 for a total of 223. Anita Chen went wire-to-wire with rounds of 91, 94 and 86 to win the Silver Division by two shots from fellow Western Province junior Jemma Louw, while Western Province's Kim Albertus took the honours in the Bronze Division on 60 points with rounds of 26 and 30 points.

As usual the players congregated after round one for the "Thank You Nomads" photograph.

Blackberries were used for the live scoring in all divisions. The Nomads and WGSA sponsorship enabled 8 girls to be chaperoned with all their tournament entry fees, travel, accommodation and meal costs covered by the sponsorship.

SA WOMEN'S AMATEUR STROKE PLAY & MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS, WOODHILL COUNTRY CLUB, 28 APRIL - 3 MAY 2019

The beautiful Woodhill Country Club played host for the 54-Hole Stroke Play and Match Play Championships. Since 2016 these events have been held separately but it was decided that, due to falling entries particularly in the Match Play Championship, WGSA would combine the two events in 2019.

After the completion of the SA Women's Amateur Stroke Play Championship and the Silver (B) Division Abe Bailey Stroke Play Championship, the 54-hole results of both divisions were combined to determine the top 64 players who would progress on to the South African Women's Amateur Match Play Championship with the top 32 contesting the Championship, and the next 32 the Championship Flight.

Kajal Mistry slept on the lead for two straight nights and on Tuesday she lifted the South African Women's Amateur Stroke Play Championship trophy for the second time. Mistry opened her campaign with a two-under-

par 70 to share the lead with fellow GolfRSA Elite Squad player Caitlyn Macnab. Mistry fired a stunning five-under 67 in the second round to start the final day four shots clear of Gauteng team member, Symone Henriques. Macnab was a further three strokes adrift in joint third with Boland junior Megan Streicher.

Mistry was not the only one to reach the winner's circle in wire-to-wire style. Western Province rising star Kayla Paulsen also led from start to finish at Woodhill Country Club to seal a five-stroke victory in the B-Division.

STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion: Kajal Mistry (Gaut) 208

Runner up: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) 213

3rd: Symone Henriques (Gaut) 215

4th: Kiera Floyd (Eku) 217

Abe Bailey Trophy

Champion: Kaylah Paulsen (WP) 259

Runner Up: Kamaya Moodliar (KZN) 264

3rd: Jutta Tecklenburg (GN) 268

Kajal Mistry produced the prize-winning shots when it mattered most to claim an historic South African Amateur Women's "double crown" when she defeated Kaylah Williams at the 20th Hole to lift the SA Women's Amateur Match Play Championship trophy.

On her way to the title Mistry knocked out Larissa du Preez (GN) in the quarter finals and then beat Ekurhuleni junior Kiera Floyd in the semi-finals.

Kaylah Williams also had impressive wins beating Symone Henriques (Gauteng) in the quarter finals and as a result of a birdie on the 18th hole, she beat Boland junior Megan Streicher in the semi-final to progress to the final.

In the Championship Flight, Shani Brynard defeated fellow Boland team member Lynne Behagg with a comprehensive win 8 & 7 in the semi-finals and then went on to defeat Pheletso Mota 3 &2 in the final to lift the Flight Trophy.

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP:

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Runner up: Kaylah Williams (WP)

Semi-finalist 3rd: Kiera Floyd (Eku)

Semi-finalist 4th: Megan Streicher (Bol)

Flight:

Winner: Shani Brynard (Bol)

Runner up: Pheletso Mota (FS)

72-HOLE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP, MACCAUVLEI GOLF CLUB, 2 - 5 JUNE 2019

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

Ekurhuleni and Mpumalanga celebrated a double victory in the 58th SA Women's Inter-Provincial Championship in October 2019. The two teams did it again when they came up trumps in the SA Women's 72-Hole Teams Championship in Vereeniging.

Ekurhuleni A overcame a four-shot first round deficit to take pole position in the Swiss Team Trophy with a strong performance on moving day at Maccauvlei Golf Club.

Caitlyn Macnab, Nadia van der Westhuizen and Kiera Floyd combined for rounds of 149 and 147 and the 2018 runners-up surged to the top spot. The trio took a two-shot lead over Gauteng North A into the final day, with Gauteng A a further shot back. Van der Westhuizen led the final round charge with a 73 and Macnab backed her up with a 75 for a team total of 148 and a four-shot victory on 13-over 589.

Nina Grey, Bobbi Brown and Isabella van Rooyen sealed a runner-up finish for Western Province C on 638, KwaZulu-Natal B took third on 643, while North West and Mpumalanga A shared fourth on 661.

It was a double celebration for Macnab, who also won the Individual Competition. The Serengeti golfer carded rounds of 71, 72, 72 and 75 to win by two shots on two-over 290. Michaela Fletcher (76-73-71-72) from KwaZulu-Natal was second and Larissa Du Preez (71-77-71-74) from Gauteng North finished third on 293.

Boland golfer Megan Streicher (76-72-74-74) took fourth on 296 and reigning SA Women's Amateur Stroke Play and Match Play champion Kajal Mistry rounded out the top five on 297 with rounds of 75, 72, 74 and 76.

RESULTS

A Division - Swiss Team Trophy

Winners: Ekurhuleni A (Caitlyn Macnab, Kiera Floyd & Nadia van der Westhuizen) 589

Runner up: Gauteng A (Kajal Mistry, Zethu Myeki & Symone Henriques) 593

B Division - Challenge Trophy

Winners: Mpumalanga B (Patrizia Lombard, Danielle Bekker & Nicola Schoeman) 634

Runner up: Western Province C (Nina Grey, Isabella van Rooyen & Bobbi Brown) 638

Individual: The Governors' Trophy

Winner: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) (290)

Runner up: Michaela Fletcher (KZN) (292)

3rd: Larissa du Preez (GN) (293)

4th: Megan Streicher (Bol) (296)

NOMADS SA GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS, ORKNEY GOLF CLUB, 30 JUNE - 2 JULY 2019

The Nomads SA Girls Championship was once again held at Orkney Golf Club (North West) for the 12th time in succession. The Nomads sponsorship together with WGSA and the Provincial Unions covers the cost of green fees, accommodation, meals and travel. This sponsorship ensures that every player has the opportunity to compete against her peers irrespective of means, so no girl is excluded because of financial constraints. The winner of this Championship receives an invitation to the Duke of York Young Champions Trophy on condition that she meets their eligibility criteria. The Terms of Competition include a one-prize rule.

The tournament began as usual with the flag-raising and the playing of the National Anthem with the Union players and the team from Zimbabwe lined up behind their respective flags. The course was handed over to WGSA by Martin Oosthuizen, the Orkney Golf Club Captain. Following the flag raising all the players congregated for the "Thank You Nomads" photograph which was presented to Nomads Chairman Neels Bezuidenhout at prize giving.

The tournament was very tough this year with very windy and cold weather conditions every day.

Caitlyn Macnab celebrated her 10th start in the Nomads SA Girls Championship with a trophy finish on Tuesday. She carded a final round one-under-par 71 to edge out fellow Ekurhuleni golfer Kiera Floyd by one stroke on four-over 220.

In the Silver (B) Division North West player Cheslyn Jacobs tied with Rumbi Chisango from Zimbabwe. Jacobs won the Esther Cutler Trophy on the first hole of the play-off.

North West Women's Golf had further cause for celebration when Lesego Aphane completed a wire-to-wire victory in the Bronze (C) Division. Gauteng North junior Megan Webster also led the Copper (D) Division from start to finish with Erin Brinkman from Eastern Province finishing in second place.

The Executive was accommodated at The Key, along with 101 players and 16 chaperones. 6 players arranged their own accommodation, including the 5 from Zimbabwe who travelled with their Chaperone.

Total number of players: 108 Players

Championship Division: 50

Silver Division: 35

Bronze Division: 21

Copper Division: 2

16 & Under: 57

A-Division: Handicaps 6.5 and Under – Jenny Bruce Trophy

Championship Winner: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) (220)

Runner Up: Kiera Floyd (Eku) (221)

Winner: 16 & Under: Kiera Floyd (Eku) (221)

16 & Under Championship Runner Up: Isabella van Rooyen (WP) (230)

B Division: Handicaps 6.6 – 15.3 – Esther Cutler Trophy

Winner: Cheslyn Jacobs (NW) (261 playoff)

Runner up: Rumbi Chisango (ZIM) (261)

C Division: Handicaps 15.4 – 24.3 – Jean Eustice Trophy

Winner: Lesego Aphane (NW) (77) points

Runner up: Lea van der Merwe (GN) (71) points

D Division: Handicaps 24.4 – 29.3 – Faith Daniel Trophy

Winner: Megan Webster (GN) (65) points

Runner up: Erin Brinkman (EP) (51) points

Teams:

Jackie Mercer Gross Trophy: Handicaps 15.3 & Under:

Ekurhuleni: Caitlyn Macnab & Kiera Floyd (297)

Nett Team prize:

Ekurhuleni: Caitlyn Macnab & Kiera Floyd (293)

Sanette Marais Bronze Division Team Prize: Handicaps 15.4 – 29.3

Gauteng North: Phenyo Sebata & Lea van der Merwe (132) points

SA WOMEN'S INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP, RIVIERA ON VAAL COUNTRY CLUB, 23 – 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

The flag raising ceremony signalled the start of the 59th South African Women's Inter-Provincial Championship. The flag raising took place outside and as usual the teams were piped in.

WGSA President, Sally Greasley, welcomed the dignitaries, players and spectators. Eamon Nel, Managing Director of Riviera on Vaal Country Club, handed over the course to WGSA for the duration of the Championship. As usual photographs were taken of all the teams and the 2019 Executive.

Stroke Play Round:

Best Individual Gross: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) 66
Runner up Individual Gross: Kiera Floyd (Eku) 67

Ekurhuleni showed their determination after claiming a 23-shot victory over Western Province in the 36-hole seeding round to start top of the table in the "A" Division. They followed that up with a magnificent final day's golf defeating Western Province to claim the Union's second successive victory in the prestigious annual team event.

WGSA entered an Invitational Team in the "B" Division made up of players from two provinces who had just missed out on selection to represent their provinces. Not only did the WGSA Invitational Team make an immediate impact with a runner-up finish in the seeding round, but Kim Turgut and Tebogo Lefifi from Gauteng and Ekurhuleni duo Nicole Strydom and Kaylah Boshof combined beautifully in the match play stage to finish the week in the winner's circle beating Western Province B

Results of the Foursomes & Singles Stroke Play Seeding Rounds:

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

Winners: Ekurhuleni (496)
(Caitlyn Macnab, Kiera Floyd, Sarah Bouch, Nadia van der Westhuizen, Kyra van Kan, Teagan Lubbe)

Runners Up: Western Province A (519)

(Kaylah Williams, Jordan Rothman, Vicki Traut, Cara Gorlei, Zayb Fredericks, Nina Grey)

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

Winners: Western Province B (389)
(Zilke Bal, Bobbi Brown, Anita Chen, Isabella van Rooyen)

Runners Up: WGSA Invitational Team (398)

(Kim Turgut, Tebogo Lefifi, Kaylan Boshof, Nicole Strydom)

Results of the Inter-Provincial Match Play:

Winners: A Division Section 1: Ekurhuleni

(Caitlyn Macnab, Kiera Floyd, Sarah Bouch, Nadia van der Westhuizen, Kyra van Kan, Teagan Lubbe)

Winners: A Division Section 2: Mpumalanga

(Patrizia Lombard, Chante Boonstra, Danielle Bekker, Petrone Rudolph, Nicola Schoeman, Emily Jones)

Winners: B Division Section 1: WGSA Invitational Team

(Kim Turgut, Tebogo Lefifi, Kaylan Boshof, Nicole Strydom) - 5 points /14 games – tied on points with WP B, WGSA Invitational Team won on games.

Winners: B Division Section 2: Free State

(Mariana Payne, Janice Brownlee, Pheletso Mota, Lucia Mhlabane – from Mpumalanga who played for Free State after one of their players withdrew)

4 Points / 11.5 games – tied on points with EP, FS won on games.

The Gilly Tebbutt Trophy for the top ranked player at the end of September each year was presented to Caitlyn Macnab (Ekurhuleni).

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

SA WOMEN'S MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, SELBORNE GOLF ESTATE, 11 – 13 NOVEMBER 2019

The first SA Mid-Amateur was held in 2010 at Kingswood Golf Estate for amateur golfers aged 35 and older with a handicap restriction of 20. In 2019, 96 Players were welcomed by host union, KZN, to Selborne Golf Estate. Unfortunately, the weather didn't co-operate and following torrential rain the first round had to be cancelled due to a flooded golf course.

Vicki Traut from Western Province went wire to wire to celebrate a very memorable victory in the South African Women's Mid-Amateur Championship. Vicki won by eight shots on six-over 150 after carding rounds of 72 and 78 in the weather-reduced 36-hole tournament.

Gauteng North golfer Gina da Silva (80 – 78) finished second on 14-over and 2013 champion Sonja Bland from Southern Cape was a further stroke back in third. Kerry-Ann Murgatroyd was absolutely floored by her unexpected success in the Silver (B) Division when she beat Wendy Fouche and Lindsay Owen who were tied 5 shots behind. Janine Meyburgh was the third first-time winner with a one-shot victory in the Bronze (C) Division when she narrowly scraped into the winner's circle beating Cecilia Verster by one shot.

RESULTS:

Championship Division: Handicaps 6.5 and Under

Winner: Vicki Traut (WP) (72,78)

B Division: Handicaps 6.6 – 15.3

Winner: Kerry-Ann Murgatroyd (Gaut). (90,83)

C Division (Stableford): Handicaps 15.4 – 24.3

Winner: Janine Meyburgh (Gaut) (30,32)

The Senior Trophy was won by Sonja Bland (SC)

AON SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S STROKE PLAY AND MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP: ROYAL JOHANNESBURG AND KENSINGTON GOLF CLUB: 16 – 21 FEBRUARY 2020

In an historic event both the men and ladies South African Amateur Championships were played at the same time at the same venue, Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club. This represented a significant change for the women's event which has traditionally been played in April. Whilst the men's Stroke Play Championship was played the week prior, the week started with the Ladies competing in the SA Women's Amateur Stroke Play, whilst the men played the qualifying rounds for the SA Amateur Championship. Both courses were utilised with the ladies played one round of stroke play on the East Course and subsequent rounds on the West Course.

Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) came out of the start gate firing on all cylinders to take a one shot lead after the first round and went on to celebrate her 18th birthday by winning the 2020 SA Women's Stroke Play Championship with a total 209, two shots ahead of Larissa du Preez (GN) with Kyra van Kan (Gaut) and Kaylah Williams (WP) a further shot behind.

The Abe Bailey Trophy was won by Kamaya Moodliar, with a three-shot lead over Heather Kruger (Gaut). Kamaya also won the Abe Bailey trophy in 2018.

Stroke Play Championship

Champion: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) 209

Runner Up: Larissa du Preez (GN) 211

3rd: Kyra van Kan (Gaut) 212 c/i

4th: Kaylah Williams (WP) 212 c/o

After the completion of the AON SA Women's Amateur Stroke Play Championship and the Silver (B) Division Abe Bailey Stroke Play Championship, the 54-hole results of both divisions were combined to determine the top 64 players who would progress on to the South African Women's Amateur Match Play Championship with the top 32

contesting the Championship, and the next 32 the Championship Flight. For the first time the ladies would play a 36-hole final.

Both the East and West Courses were utilised for the first four rounds of the men's and ladies' Match Play Championships, but the East Course was the venue for the semi-finals and 36-hole final matches.

Caitlyn Macnab went on to achieve a rare double when she beat Kyra Van Kan 4/3 to lift the SA Women's Amateur Championship trophy. On her way to beating Kyra she overcame Kaylah in the Semi-finals 3/2.

In the flight division Ladina Semadini (Switz) beat Irene Nakalembe (Uganda) 3 &2 and came up against Ineke Brynard (Bol) defeated Kim Turgut (Gaut) 2 up in the Semi Final. In an exciting match which finished on the 18th Ladina edged out Ineke to take the trophy.

Match Play Championship

Champion: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku)

Runner Up: Kyra van Kan (Gaut)

Semi Finalist 3rd: Kaylah Williams (WP)

Semi Finalist 4th: Kaiyuree Moodley (Gaut)

Flight

Winner: Ladina Semadini (Switz)

Runner Up: Ineke Brynard (Bol)

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

INAUGURAL AUGUSTA WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: CHAMPIONS RETREAT GOLF CLUB AND AUGUSTA NATIONAL: APRIL 3 – 6 2019

Augusta National announced in January 2019 that they would be holding the Inaugural Augusta Women's Amateur Championship in April. The entry would comprise the winners of the US Women's Amateur, the Ladies British Amateur, Women's Asia-Pacific Amateur, US Girls Junior, Girls British and Girls Junior PGA. In addition, the top 30 players on WAGR who had not already qualified received invitations as well as the top 30 players from the US. The Championship committee filled the remaining positions with invitations.

Kaleigh Telfer (Gaut) was invited as a result of her position as top South African player on the WAGR rankings.

GolfRSA received an invitation to send two officials to the event with the proviso they were directors of GolfRSA. Grant Hepburn suggested that WGSA President, Sally Greasley should attend and agreed to GolfRSA assisting financially which covered some of WGSA's costs.

The invitation tickets allowed access to the grounds only and visitors were not allowed into any club facility apart from the Pro Shop where they were able to purchase Augusta National memorabilia at great cost. There were very strict regulations for what visitors could and could not do, one of which was the surprise restriction that spectators could not take photographs.

The 36-hole qualifier was held over two days at Champions Retreat Golf Club and only the top 30 out of the 72 competitors would go through to play the final round of stroke play at Augusta National. Luckily Kaleigh qualified after a play-off with 11 other players to go to Augusta.

Kaleigh played a wonderful game of level par at this magnificent course. The event was won by Jennifer Kupcho who had put her qualification to turn Professional on hold for six months to allow her to compete in this event.

Kaleigh Telfer: Champions Retreat: 68, 78 = 146. (Par 71)

Augusta National: 71 (Par 70)

T12th out of 30

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 two boys to be chaperoned by WGSA.

In 2019 the tournament was co-sanctioned with the Asia Junior Golf Association (AJGA) which saw some changes such as the Boys event being played over 54-holes to align with the Girls event.

Megan Streicher and Samantha Whateley represented WGSA and Kieron van Wyk and Rorisang Nkosi represented the South African Golf Development Board (SAGDB). They were accompanied by Sarah Braude (WGSA, VP). Federation colours were awarded.

South Africa is always very welcomed and receives enormous local support. The championship has grown in stature and provides good international experience for the juniors, often with it being their first overseas event. The sponsorship of the entry fees, accommodation, transfers and certain meals for the players is greatly appreciated.

Individual Performances:

Girls Overall (“A”: 15 – 18 years and “B”: 12 – 14 years: 51 players)

Winner: Phannarai Meeso-Us – Thailand: 211, -5 (67, 73, 71). 2018 defending champion

T2: Pimmada Wongthanavimok - Thailand: 221, +5 (76, 75, 70)

T6: Megan Streicher - South Africa: 224, +8 (72, 71, 81)

22: Samantha Whateley – South Africa: 235, +19 (79, 79, 77)

Girls “A” (27 players):

Winner: Pimmada Wongthanavimok - Thailand: 221, +5 (76, 75, 70)

Runner-up: Hannah Reeves - Australia: 224, +8 (77, 74, 73)

3rd: Megan Streicher – South Africa 224, +8 (72, 71, 81)

Girls “B” (24 players):

Winner: Mirable Ting Ern Hui – Malaysia: 221, +5 (78, 72, 71)

Runner-up: Eagle Ace Superal – Phillipines: 223 +7 (77, 70, 76)

Boys Overall: (“A”: 15 – 18 years” and “B”: 12 – 14 years”: 67 players)

Winner: Kentaro Nanayama – Indonesia: 206 (67, 67, 72)

Runner-up: Sean Lee – Singapore 214, -2 (70, 71, 73)

3rd: Kieron van Wyk – South Africa 214, -2 (70, 68, 76)

Boys “A” (38 players):

Winner: Sean Lee – Singapore 214, -2 (70, 71, 73)

Runner-up: Kieron van Wyk – South Africa 214, -2 (70, 68, 76)

Boys “B” (29 players):

Winner: Pongsapak Laopakdee – Thailand 218, +2 (71, 73, 76)

Runner-up: Joaquin Hernandez – Philippines 219, +3

T3: Jayden Ng Wei Jat – Malaysia 226, +10

T3: Sean Granada – Philippines 226, +10

5th: Rorisang Nkosi – South Africa 230, +14 (76, 78, 76)

Team Event:

Girls: As Megan and Samantha were both in Class A, SA did not have a team entry

1st: Thailand-2 on a score of 437 (67 & 78, 73 & 77, 71 & 71)

2nd: Thailand-1 on a score of 443 (76 & 77, 75 & 72, 70 & 73)

3rd: Malaysia on a score of 450 (79 & 78, 75 & 72, 75 & 71)

Boys:

1st: Thailand-1 on a score of 435 (71 & 71, 70 & 73, 76 & 74)

2nd : Indonesia-1 on a score of 442 (67 & 83, 67 & 77, 72 & 76)

3rd: South Africa on a score of 444 (70 & 76, 68 & 78, 76 & 76)

This year the Championship was classified as Category E on the WAGR for the Girls (the same as in 2018) and the points awarded were:

Megan Streicher: 22.5000 (Pts av - 7.5000) Samantha Whateley: 11.4375 (Pts av – 3.8125)

The Championship was classified as Category F on the WAGR for the Boys (the same as in 2018) and the points awarded were:

Kieron van Wyk: 25.0588 (Pts av – 8.4779)

**TOYOTA WORLD JUNIOR GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP – CHUKYO GOLF CLUB, ISHINO COURSE, NAGOYA, JAPAN,
14 – 21 JUNE 2019**

The Toyota World Junior Golf Team Championship is an annual event and is always played at the Chukyo Golf Club, Ishino Course, approximately an hour's coach drive from the hotel. All the teams, managers and organisers were accommodated at the Nagoya Crown Hotel which is a small business hotel in the centre of Nagoya.

QUALIFICATION: The qualifying event on the African Continent for this Championship is the All Africa Junior Golf Challenge which this year was played in Botswana. Two boys' teams and one girls team qualify and again this year both South African teams won the AAJGC and travelled to Japan along with the team from Uganda. Teams from seventy-three participating countries and regions play in qualifying events in Asia, Africa, Caribbean, Central America, Europe, North America, Oceania and South America. This year there were 9 girls' teams and 15 boys' teams competing and for the first time the boy's team from South Africa lifted the trophy with a great score of 18 under par. The players were accompanied by WGSA President, Sally Greasley, and Eden Thompson and Theo Bezuidenhout from GolfRSA. Karen Olivant, Past WGSA President was invited to attend as a Rules Official.

FORMAT: 72 Holes Stroke Play

WGSA PLAYERS: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku), Kiera Floyd (Eku) and Kaiyuree Moodley (Gaut)

Results

RESULTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Girls:

Winners: 1st: Japan (144, 138, 137, 139 = 558) -18

2nd: Mexico (140, 144, 138, 139 = 561) -15

3rd: USA (143, 138, 141, 140 = 562) -14

South Africa: 6th: (149, 142, 145, 138 = 574) - 2

Boys:

Winners: 1st: South Africa (208, 199, 194, 210 = 811) -18

2nd: Japan (208, 205, 197, 212 = 822) -8

Individual best results: Girls: Cary Lopez (Mexico), Rose Zhang (USA) and Cassie Porter (AUS) all tied on -11
Boys: Samuel Simpson on -18

INFORMATION ON THE COURSE

Girls: Par 72: course length 6130 yards: 5605 metres

Boys: Par 71: course length 6843 yards: 6257 metres

WAGR strength:

Girls: B: Caitlyn 22,8462; Kiera 25,8462, Kaiyuree 17,8462

As this is a team event, WGSA applied to SASCOC to award Junior Protea Colours

R & A GIRLS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – PANMURE GOLF CLUB, SCOTLAND, 13 – 17 AUGUST 2019

The 2019 Championship was played at Panmure Golf Club on the East Coast of Scotland. Originally the Championship was due to be played at Montrose, however as a music festival was booked to coincide with this event on property adjacent to the Montrose Golf Course, the organisers felt the noise would not be conducive to good golf.

This is an individual entry event though we do request two confirmed entries each year to enable the selected players to obtain visas. The players selected were Caitlyn Macnab and Kiera Floyd both players from Ekurhuleni. Jordan Rothman entered privately as she was going to be in Scotland competing in the St Andrews Links Junior Open. The players were accompanied by WGSA President, Sally Greasley.

This is a very expensive and highly competitive event and WGSA only sends players if it is felt it would be truly beneficial for them to compete, and if it can be combined with another event in the region to save on air fares. This year the Astor Tournament was being played within 10 days of the completion of the Championship so the two players and Sally were able to stay on in the UK for a week and then travel to Canada, this saving two transatlantic flights.

The tournament is run by the R & A with five rules officials. The R & A hard card is used together with a number of local rules. Many US University coaches attend to look for possible future contenders for scholarships.

The weather this year was, as is often the case, appalling. Very heavy rain almost closed the course but with the aid of the staff from Carnoustie, the organisers were able to hold the championship.

A 36-hole qualifying event is held over the first two days with the top 64 players out of a total of 140 going through to the Match Play. Luckily both girls qualified. Unfortunately, Caitlyn was knocked out in the first Match Play round, and Kiera in the second round. The tournament was won by Pia Babnik from Slovenia.

COURSE AND SCORING INFORMATION

Length of Course: 6140 yards 5614 metres (composite course)

Players' Scores:

Caitlyn Macnab: 74, 70 = 144 Tied 11th in Qualifying Round

Kiera Floyd: 72, 78 = 150 58th in Qualifying Round

Team Event: unplaced (only announced 1st – 3rd place)

WAGR Strength: **A**

Points Allocation:

Caitlyn Macnab: 10.77

Kiera Floyd: 9.58

As there is a team component to this event, WGSA applied to SASCOC to award Junior Protea Colours

ASTOR TROPHY, ROYAL COLWOOD GOLF CLUB, VICTORIA, BC, 26 AUG – 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

Formerly the Commonwealth Cup, the name of the event was changed in 2007 to allow players from Ireland to compete in the GB and Ireland Team. The competition is held once every four years between teams from Australia, Canada, Great Britain & Ireland, New Zealand and South Africa. In previous years each team comprised

of 5 players, but as there is a foursomes component to the tournament one player had to sit out each morning. At the meeting of the Tournament Committee and country representatives in Australia in 2015, a decision was made to limit the teams to 4 players. Each country contests foursomes and singles match play in a round robin format with one country sitting out on the final day. Unfortunately, it was South Africa's turn to sit out on the final day.

The tournament was run by Golf Canada. All players and organisers stayed in the Westin Bear Mountain Hotel, about 15 minutes' drive from the course. The event was extremely expensive with all costs for the participating countries.

The selected players were: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku), Kaleigh Telfer (Gaut), Kaylah Williams (WP) and Kiera Floyd (Eku), and they were accompanied by WGSA President, Sally Greasley.

Caitlyn, Kiera and Sally met up with Kaylah Williams at Heathrow Airport and travelled to Victoria straight from the UK following the R&A Girls Championship. Kaleigh Telfer joined the group in Victoria.

After three practice rounds, the players had decided that their pairings for the first day would be Kaleigh/Kiera and Caitlyn/Kaylah. In fact, the girls played so well together, these pairings remained for the duration of the event.

On their last day of play, SA won both the foursomes matches and three of the singles matches against Canada. SA needed Canada to beat GB & Ireland in order to be in second place alone. However, at the end of Sunday as a result of GB & Ireland beating Canada in both their foursomes and three of their singles in the afternoon, South Africa ended up Tied 2nd, and New Zealand won the trophy.

The event will be hosted by New Zealand in 2023.

WAGR RANKING: B STRENGTH

All players received 6 match play points

Eagles: Kaleigh/Kiera Day 1 Foursomes x 1

Kiera Floyd Day 2 Singles x 1

Kaleigh Telfer Day 3 Singles x 1

Birdies in Singles matches: Kaleigh 13, Kiera 10, Caitlyn 5

Birdies in foursomes: Kaleigh/Kiera 3, Caitlyn/Kaylah 3

DUKE OF YORK YOUNG CHAMPIONS TROPHY, ROYAL PORTRUSH GOLF CLUB, SCOTLAND, 9 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

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 this 54-hole event which is sponsored by the Duke of York. Players must be under 18 on the start date of the Championship and be holders of their national Junior Championships' or players who have won another recognised major golfing event in the current year.

The Championship was originally started in 2001 with 6 counties represented by 11 players. It has grown each year with more and more countries being presented. There is no entry fee into the tournament and accommodation is provided, normally in University residences, and all meals either at the accommodation or golf club courtesy of the Duke of York.

The winner of the Nomads SA Girls Championship receives this invitation and this year Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) was the lucky recipient. Samuel Simpson, the winner of the SAGA U19 Championship, received the invitation on the boy's side. WGSA President, Sally Greasley accompanied the two players to Scotland.

The host was Royal Portrush Golf Club where The Open was played earlier in the year. The weather as usual was appalling. Pouring rain and hurricane winds challenged the players every day which led to several high scores.

Winner: Conor Gough: 73, 75, 77 = 225
2nd: Callum Macfie: 73, 80, 75 = 228
10th: Sam Simpson: 87, 85, 74 = 234
50th: Caitlyn Macnab: 84, 88, 82 = 254

Winning Girl: 5th place overall: Ina Yoon (S Korea): 77, 82, 72 = 231

WAGR Strength: C

WAGR Points: Sam Simpson: 18,1539
Caitlyn Macnab: 4,5000

Length of Course: Boys 6951 yards 6356 metres Par 72
Girls 6288 yards 5750 metres Par 72

THE SPIRIT INT'L AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT, WHISPERING PINES, TEXAS 4 – 10 NOVEMBER 2019

The Spirit International, which is a 54 hole four-ball stroke play competition, is held in alternate years with the World Amateur Teams Championship. The event is held at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Houston, Texas.

Symone Henriques (Gaut) and Zethu Myeki (Gaut) were selected to represent South Africa at The Spirit. Both players struggled on the course but it was a tremendous experience for them. Martin Vorster and Sam Simpson were selected by the SAGA, and Mr Naadir Agherdien, SAGA President accompanied the players. The players are housed in separate accommodation from Managers and are chaperoned by the American Junior Golf Association.

103rd ALL INDIA LADIES AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP, DECEMBER 2019

WGSA did not receive an invitation to compete in the All India Ladies Amateur this year.

ANNIKA INVITATIONAL USA, WORLD GOLF VILLAGE, St AUGUSTINE FLORIDA, 17 – 19 JANUARY 2020

Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) (for the second time) and Megan Streicher (Bol) received invitations from the organisers to attend the Annika Invitational in Florida.

WGSA did not send a chaperone with the girls but as in the past the players were accompanied by their parents and took the opportunity to visit potential US Universities. WGSA provided some financial assistance.

The Annika Invitational is the favourite event for US University Coaches to scout for potential candidates for scholarships. Annika herself carries out several coaching sessions and attends each day's play following the players on the course thus adding to the pressure of the event.

As a result of her finish at the Annika Invitational in 2018 Kaiyuree was invited by the Annika Foundation to join Annika's team at the 2020 Major Champions Invitational, a Sir Nick Faldo initiative played in Phoenix, Arizona in January 2020. All expenses were paid by the Foundation

ALL AFRICA JUNIOR GOLF CHALLENGE, PALM HILLS GOLF CLUB, EGYPT 21 – 27 MARCH 2020

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. Due to the outbreak of the Corona Virus the Championship was postponed.

Selected Players: Caitlyn Macnab (Eku) , Kiera Floyd (Eku) , Megan Streicher (Bol)

ALL AFRICA CHALLENGE TROPHY, ROSSMUND GOLF CLUB, SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA, 30 MARCH – 3 APRIL 2020

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. Due to the outbreak of the Corona Virus the Championship was postponed.

Selected Players: Kaylah Williams (WP), Larissa du Preez (GN), Samantha Whateley (Gaut)

GOVERNMENT : SASCOC

SASCOC is the governing body for all sport in South Africa. We apply, through the South African Golf Association, to SASCOC for permission to give Colours to players when they represent South Africa in an International team event

WGSA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

WGSA has once again prepared a Player Development Squad Programme for 2020 that encompasses an 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 2020 Nomads Rose Bowl with all costs being covered, including chaperoned accommodation, by Nomads and WGSA.

The players were: Lisakhanya Payiya (Bor), Thaakirah Bickoo (EP), Tebogo Lefifi (Gaut), Lucia Mhlabane (Mpu), Chloe Malgas-Kelpin (SC), Mikah Poonawassy (NC), Phenyo Sebata (GN) & Sylken-Leigh November (SC). The players were chaperoned by Thelma Dippenaar. The event was cancelled on day 2 due to all tournaments being cancelled due to the Corona Virus.

WGSA NATIONAL SQUADS

WGSA considers that one of its most important mandates is to provide the tools and skills to 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 2020 the Elite and B Squad will have three combined camps. The first camp was held at Bryanston Country Club in February 2020.

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, and Trackman with Costanza Trussoni

The 2020 Elite Squad members are:

- Caitlyn Macnab (Eku)
- Kaylah Williams (WP)
- Kiera Floyd (Eku)
- Kaiyuree Moodley (Gaut)
- Megan Streicher (Bol)
- Kaleigh Telfer (Gaut)
- Kajal Mistry (Gaut)
- Symone Henriques (Gaut)

WGSA B SQUAD

The B Squad members for 2020 are:

- Ineke Brynard (Bol)
- Kera Healy (Gaut)
- Kyra van Kan (Gaut)
- Samantha Whateley (Gaut)
- Stephanie Barbaglia (Gaut)

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 2020

- Anika Smit (KZN)
- Chloe Malgas-Kelpin (SC)
- Ellandri van Heeden (FS)
- Kaylan Boshof (Eku)
- Kesha Louw (Bor)
- Lucia Mhlabane (Mpu)
- Tebogo Lefifi (Gaut)

These players will have three camps in 2020, 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. The 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 Nomads advised due to the cancellation of two Sunshine Tour events resulting in falling income, they were unable to provide sponsorship in 2019.

NATIONAL SQUAD

As part of the GolfRSA National Squad WGSA received funding from the National Squad budget to assist with the cost of the elite camps and attending the R&A Girls Amateur Championship and the Astor Trophy.

GOLFRSA

2019 was the third 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 June 2016.

Board Meetings were held on 25 April, 26 June, 19 November with the AGM being held on 26 June 2019.

The GolfRSA Transformation Charter was completed for the period January 2019 – December 2023 and is on the GolfRSA website. Greg de Doncker (Golf Transformation Officer) oversees the Action Plan and is tasked to ensure we keep to our targets.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION (SAGA)

Naadir Agherdien (Western Province) was elected President of the SAGA at their Annual General Meeting in February 2019. 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 National Executive Meetings in February and September 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.

2019 also saw the implementation of the R&A / USGA New Rules of Golf. Level 2 Rule of Golf Seminars were held around the country which included a 1-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 new World Handicapping System (WHS) came into operation around the world, with a few exceptions, on 1 January 2020. A committee was formed to assist Unions and Clubs to be ready for the implementation of the new system. A partial implementation of the WHS was introduced in South Africa on 1 October 2019 to ensure we were ready for the launch of the entire system on New Year's Day. In terms of the rollout of the WHS, GolfRSA has established its Handicap and Course Rating Committees and in the coming months and years, golf courses will be re-rated.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS & THE WPGA

The following players turned professional in 2019:

1. Zethu Myeki
2. Woo-Ju Son
3. Cara Gorlei

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 2019/20 with increased prize money and 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, will officially step down as treasurer toward the end of April 2020. We are immensely grateful for her continued support as treasurer over the past few years.

Ingrid Davis, a GolfRSA staff member, will be appointed to take on the responsibility of treasurer. Pricilla Msiza carried out the Tournament Administrator function on the ATMS at two events in 2019, the 72-Hole Teams at Maccauvlei and Nomads SA Girls at Orkney. Laetitia Higgs carried out the ATMS function at the Nomads SA Girls Rose Bowl, IPT and Mid-Amateur Championships and Thelma Dippenaar assisted with staging and other physical

duties of the Tournament Administrator all our tournaments. Thelma also acted as Chaperone to the invited PDI players at the Nomads SA Girls Rose Bowl and was Chief Chaperone at the Nomads SA Girls Championship.

The GolfRSA website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter continue to be the go-to places for all information on amateur golf in South Africa.

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:

Western Cape: Erica Lefson took over from Maureen Weimar in August 2019

Southern Cape: Sheila Fraser was appointed President of South Cape Ladies in November 2019

Northern Cape: Gladys Poonawassy took over from Norma Potgieter in December 2019

Mpumalanga: Alida Schoeman took over from Hanlie Uys in January 2020

Boland: Lizanne Heydenrych took over from Tarryn Borzutsky in January 2020

GIRLS LOVE GOLF /DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

All lady golfers pay a WGSA Affiliation Levy 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 56 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 turned professional at the end of 2019 and no longer receive assistance from EE & FF. Both Kajal Mistry and Shanice de Gee are overseas on US Universities scholarships. The candidates for 2020 are Kaiyuree Moodley (Gauteng), Cara Ford (Gauteng), Crystal Beukes (Boland), Demi Flanagan (Border) and Thamara Sandys (Free State).

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. 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.

14 April 2020