

EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2014 TO MARCH 2015

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.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

2014 marked the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the South African Ladies Golf Union, now Womens Golf South Africa. A gala dinner took place prior to the SA Stroke Play in Stellenbosch where Past Presidents of the federation joined honoured guests in celebrating this important milestone.

The function was held at the Protea Hotel in Stellenbosch and Elana Afrika was the Master of Ceremony. It was a truly memorable occasion.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

NOMADS ROSE BOWL 54 HOLE GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP, RONDEBOSCH GOLF CLUB, 31 MARCH – 1 APRIL 2014

This was the 5th Rose Bowl Championship run by WGSA and 3rd sponsored by Nomads; the event was hosted by Rondebosch Golf Club. The course was in good condition and our top 83 junior girl golfers, 36 of them in the championship division, enjoyed the challenges the course had to offer with a nail biting finish.

The winner was Cara Gorlei (71, 72, 70 – 213), finishing one stroke ahead of Ji Sun Kang (214).

The 10 to 18 handicap division was won by 12 year old Kaiyuree Moodley on 246 (85, 82, 79) with Mercedes Kreissel as Runner up on 252. The Stableford Bronze division (19 – 27 handicaps) was won by Kaylah Williams on 79 points. The D division was won by Sylken November on 71 points.

3 Hole live scoring was provided for the duration of the tournament for all divisions in both stroke play and Stableford format.

SANLAM WOMEN'S AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS, STELLENBOSCH GOLF CLUB, 13 – 15 APRIL 2014

Preceded by a blisteringly hot WGSA Centenary Golf Day where Selected elite squad players, WGSA Executive members and invited guests were given the opportunity of mixing in a relaxed atmosphere, and Gala dinner on Friday the 11th, the picturesque Stellenbosch Golf Club was the venue for this 54 hole stroke play event comprising a total of 112 players, including entries from Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe & Russia.

83 "A" division players and 29 "B" division players participated of which 40 were junior girls (18 and under).

Carrie Park won the tournament on 220, with Michaela Fletcher in 2nd place one shot behind on 221, and Ji Sun Kang in 3rd place on 222.

A stipend of R2500 was paid to any foreign player who finished in the top 55 in the previous year. All entry fees for foreign players with single figure handicaps are refunded.

72-HOLE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP, MOSSEL BAY GOLF CLUB, 25 - 28 MAY 2014

This event was successfully hosted at Mossel Bay Golf Club. Accommodation was sourced nearby for all the participating teams. KwaZulu-Natal thwarted Gauteng North's bid for a fifth successive defence of the Championship title and the Swiss Team Trophy.

RESULTS

A Division - **Swiss Team Trophy**

Winners: KwaZulu-Natal A (Tiffany Avern-Taplin, Michaela Fletcher, Lizzie Currie) 603

Runner up: Western Province A (Kelly Erasmus, Cara Gorlei, Ji Sun Kang) 606

Third: Gauteng North A (Eugenie Clack, Magda Kruger, Carrie Park) 610

B Division – **Challenge Trophy**

Winners: Southern Cape A (Maggi du Toit, Marguerite Piernaar, Anzelle Zeelie) 645

Runner up: Border (Yolanda Duma, Siviwe Duma, Zethu Myeki) 647

Third: KwaZulu-Natal B (Brittney Berger, Courtenay James, Jessica Shurety) 652

Individual: **The Governors' Trophy**

Winner: Carrie Park (298)

Runner up: Michaela Fletcher (299)

Third: Lara Weinstein (302)

NOMADS SA GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS, ORKNEY GOLF CLUB, 29 JUNE – 1 JULY 2014

Costs of playing, accommodation, meals and travel are met by our national sponsor, Nomads, together with WGSA and the provincial unions, and no girl is excluded because of financial constraints. We have yet to find a golf course with the safe, convenient accommodation option available at Orkney. The winner of this Championship receives an invite to the Duke of York Young Champions Trophy on condition that she meets their eligibility criteria. Western Province junior Cara Gorlei became the first play-off champion of the Nomads SA Girls Championship since 1976. Cara, Ji-Sun Kang (the defending Champion) and Ivanna Samu were tied on 224 after regulation play. Cara sank a wonderful birdie putt to win on the fourth extra hole.

The 2014 Nomads SA Girls retained the same format as in previous years. The course was lengthened for the first time for the A&B divisions. All the girls were accommodated at The Key across the road from the club – a total of 114 players and their chaperones.

Number of players: A Division (handicaps 9 and under) 54 holes stroke play – 49 players
 B Division (handicaps 10 – 18) 54 holes stroke play – 42 players
 C Division (handicaps 19 – 24) 36 holes stableford – 15 players
 D Division (handicaps 25 – 30) 36 holes stableford – 8 players

Results: One prize per person applied. This did not include team prizes.

A Division: **Handicap 9 & Under – Jenny Bruce Trophy**

Winner Championship: Cara Gorlei (224)

Runner up: Ji Sun Kang (224)

Winner 16 and under: Ivanna Samu (224)

Runner up: Catherine Lau (229)

B Division: **Handicap 10 – 18 – Ester Cutler Trophy**

Winner: Kaiyuree Moodley (240)

Runner up: Zilke Bal (245)

C Division: Handicap 19 – 23 – Jean Eustice Trophy

Winner: Pheletso Mtembu (75)

Runner up: Naeemah Adams (73)

D Division: Handicap 24 – 30 – Faith Daniel Trophy

Winner: Lene Kruger (76)

Runner up: Danielle van der Westhuizen (68)

Teams:**Jackie Mercer Gross Trophy:**

Western Province (Cara Gorlei & Ji Sun Kang)

Nett Team prize:

North West (Jhanelle Strydom & Frankie Bosman)

Sanette Marais Bronze Division Team Prize:

Limpopo (Lene Kruger & Trienie van der Berg)

SANLAM SA AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, RUIMSIG COUNTRY CLUB, 3 – 6 AUGUST 2014

The Tournament Conditions were changed in 2014 to limit the entries to 64 in order to guarantee players at least 4 rounds of tournament play. For the first time in three years, the Sanlam SA Women's Amateur Championship had a full field of 64 players, featuring the country's top amateurs, including those who are on holiday from college golf scholarships in America. Our thanks to Sanlam for supporting WGSA in our endeavour to grow this championship.

RESULTS:**36 Hole Seeding Round**

Winner: Eleonora Galletti 142 (75, 67)

2nd: Ivanna Samu 144 (73, 71)

3rd: Carrie Park (71, 74), Bertine Strauss 145 (69, 76)

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP:

Champion: Ivanna Samu

Runner up: Lora Assad

Semi-finalists 3rd: Eleonora Galletti

Semi-finalists 4th: Ruzanne van der Walt

PLATE:

Winner: Cara Gorlei

Runner up: Jamie-Lee Daniels

Semi-finalists 3rd: Stephanie Perkins

Semi-finalists 4th: Jhanelle Strydom

PICK N PAY INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, ROYAL CAPE GOLF CLUB, 6 – 10 OCTOBER 2014

The flag raising ceremony signalled the start of the 54th South African Women's Inter-Provincial Championship and the final time that this tournament would have the backing of Pick n Pay after a wonderful 17 years as partners. The teams were led in by a Scottish piper on a beautiful Cape evening.

Pick n Pay's Jonathan Ackerman and Royal Cape Golf Club Captain Andrew du Toit welcomed the dignitaries, players and spectators. Following the handover of the Royal Cape golf course to Womens Golf South Africa's President, Karen Olivant, the tournament was declared officially open.

Half of the 80 players in the field were juniors, with all 16 teams featuring junior players.

Stroke Play Qualifier Round:

Best Individual Gross: Danielle du Toit 72

Runner up: Monja Richards & Michelle Swanepoel 73

Tied fourth: Kajal Mistry & Crystal Cooper

Results of the Foursomes & Singles Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds:

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

Winners: Gauteng A

(Natasha Carlsson, Kaleigh Telfer, Ivanna Samu, Lauren Bekker, Shawnelle de Lange, Eleonora Galletti)

Runners Up: Gauteng North A

(Ruzanne van der Walt, Danielle du Toit, Carrie Park, Magda Kruger, Eugenie Clack, Marne Clack)

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

Winners: North West (Frankie Bosman, Lindy Coetzee, Jhanelle Strydom, Michelle Swanepoel)

Runners Up: Border (Siviwe Duma, Yolanda Duma, Demi Flanagan, Zethu Myeki)

Results of the Inter Provincial Match Play:

Winners A Division Section 1: Western Province A

(Samantha Barber, Zayb Fredericks, Cara Gorlei, Jade Gray, Amy Henning, Nadia Lawrence)

Winners A Division Section 2: Boland

(Lynne Behagg, Crystal Beukes, Maggie Minnie, Bianca Theron, Vicky Traut, Leanke Vlok)

Winners B Division Section 1: Border

(Siviwe Duma, Yolanda Duma, Demi Flanagan, Zethu Myeki)

Winners B Division Section 2: Southern Cape

(Sonja Bland, Marguerite Pienaar, Sarah Blythe-Wood, Desiree Geldenhuys)

The winners of the B Inter Provincial are given the option of taking promotion to the A Inter Provincial in 2015.

The Gilly Tebbutt Trophy for the top ranked player at the end of September each year was presented to Carrie Park.

SANLAM CANCER CHALLENGE FINAL – GARY PLAYER COUNTRY CLUB, SUN CITY 20 - 21 OCTOBER 2014

A total of 100 golfers from around South Africa took part in the National Final.

It was the culmination of a series that began in March with club competitions at 438 golf clubs and contested by over 35 000 golfers, and then regional competitions to determine the golfers who qualified for the National Final. This is the 22nd anniversary of a series that annually raises money for the Cancer Association of South Africa with the record amount of over 3 million rand being raised for this very worthwhile cause. Sanlam must be congratulated for their ongoing support of this.

FINAL RESULTS – A-DIVISION

72 Desiree Earle 38, 34

69 Imkeleen Meyer 35, 34; Anne Riemer 39, 30

FINAL RESULTS – B-DIVISION

66 Lourina Vermeulen 36, 30

FINAL RESULTS – C-DIVISION

66 Jane Grey 30, 36

SA MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, IRENE COUNTRY CLUB 3 - 5 NOVEMBER 2014

57 Players entered this year's Mid- Amateur. The entry was up from last year's figure but numbers remain a concern as WGSA would really like to see this Tournament grow in stature amongst the 35 and over age group. After two years of Unions from the North hosting this event, it will move to Eastern Province in 2015. WGSA introduced a Senior Trophy this year which was awarded for the Best nett over 54 holes for the age group 50 and older, only open to amateurs that are affiliated to WGSA.

RESULTS:

Championship Division

Winner: Vanessa Smith 234 (74, 84, 76)

Runner-up: Liezl Smit 243 (82, 80, 81)

B Division

Winner: Wendy Carruthers (269) 95, 89, 85

Runners up (tied): Marinda Pretorius (270) 97, 85, 88; Esta Tennent 91, 91, 88; Erica Millican 88, 87, 95

C Division (Stableford)

Winner: Piret Vilborn 90 (24, 31, 35)

Runner up: Janine Meyburgh 85 (24, 28, 33)

The **Senior Trophy** was won by Gill van der Meulen on 226.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

ALL AFRICA CHALLENGE TROPHY – NAIROBI KENYA, 7 – 12 JUNE 2014

The venue for this tournament was changed at the last minute to Muthiaga Golf Club in Nairobi which changed the logistics and costs considerably as it was originally meant to be played on the Windsor Golf Estate with accommodation being provided on the estate. Unfortunately Kenya and Nairobi had some real safety issues just before with a bomb blast in a local shopping mall, after consultation with players and parents it was decided that we should go ahead and support this event.

This biennial African golf championship falls under the auspices of the Trustees of the AACT, with a Regional AACT being played in the year between. The event rotates among four geographic zones of Africa. Tunisia won the bid to host in 2016 with the Regional event being played in Namibia in 2015.

PLAYERS: Magda Kruger (Gauteng North), Michaela Fletcher (KZN) and Cara Gorlei (Western Province) were the three who were selected for the South African team. These players earned Senior Protea Colours.

SUPPORT TEAM: Manager – Karen Olivant (WGSA President) & Asst. National Coach – Anna Becker who joined the team for 3 days.

Individual Performances (total number of players 47)

Michaela Fletcher posted the best individual score of 220 (79, 73, 69)

Cara Gorlei: Runner Up on 225 (70, 75, 80)

Magda Kruger 7th on 233 (76, 76, 81)

Cara Gorlei won the junior trophy and South Africa won the AACT on a score of 442. They were followed by Kenya on 453 with Tanzania third on 455.

R & A JUNIOR OPEN – WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB, LIVERPOOL 15 – 18 JULY 2014

This biennial golf championship falls under the auspices of the Royal and Ancient G.C. of St. Andrews. This event is chaperoned by the R&A therefore the SAGA and WGSA rotate accompanying the players. West Lancashire G.C. is a true links course and the rough was punishing! The highlight of the trip is spending 2 days at "the Open" which was played at Hoylake in Liverpool.

Kaleigh Telfer and Luca Filippi represented South Africa, and were accompanied by Karen Olivant, WGS President. This year's championship drew a field of 126 players from 75 countries, including 21 players from Africa. There is a cut after 36 holes and we were very pleased that both our players were in the draw for the final day.

Individual Performances:

Luca Filippi came 12th with 230 (74, 78, 78)

Kaleigh Telfer: 258 (81, 90, 87)

The winner was Kevin LeBlanc from Ireland on +5.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – NANJING, CHINA 16 – 28 AUGUST 2014

This was the first time that golf was included in these games and South Africa was extended a rather late invitation due to the very complicated criteria set down by the International Golf Federation. The 2014 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) was held in Beijing in China. It allows athletes of 18 years and younger to compete at the highest level for their countries. Athletes from 186 countries competed in 28 different sports and it took place over three weeks. Gavin Reynolds from the SAGA accompanied the players. Kaleigh Telfer was selected by WGS and Kyle McClatchie by the SAGA. The format of the competition is a separate boys and girls event and also a combined event. Kaleigh provided WGS with a very comprehensive report and felt that this was the highlight of her golfing career so far.

South Africa's Kyle McClatchie and Kaleigh Telfer delivered a champions' performance in the final round to claim a Top 20 finish in the Team Competition.

SA combined for a 140 in the Individual Medal format to tie for 17th with Spain, Norway and a combination side from China and Switzerland on two-over-par 290. No Colours were awarded by SASCOC for this event.

WORLD AMATEUR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP – KARUIZAWA RESORT, JAPAN 3 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2014

EVENT, VENUE & DATES:

The WATC (Espirito Santo Trophy) is a biennial international golf championship which falls under the auspices of the International Golf Federation. This has always been considered the Olympics of Golf and invitations were extended to 50 women's teams consisting of 3 players per team. The event rotates among three geographic zones of the world: Asia-Pacific, Americas and Europe-Africa. Mexico won the bid to host in 2016.

With the host Country being Japan this was quite a challenge for our players due to the very different food, and a very long journey to get there, the weather was also very changeable with quite heavy rain on most days.

Michaela Fletcher (KZN), Cara Gorlei (Western Province) and Monja Richards (Mpumalanga) were the three South Africans who were selected for the South African team with Tom Dawson-Squibb (Headstart Sport) as the non-playing Captain. Karen Olivant and Val Holland (WGS National Coach) formed the support team as manager and coach respectively.

Individual Performances (total number of players 147)

Brooke Henderson from Canada posted the best individual score of 269 (66, 69, 66, 68) -19

Michaela Fletcher: Tied 53rd on 293 (69, 73, 77, 74) +5

Cara Gorlei: Tied 82nd on 300 (73, 73, 78, 76) +12

Monja Richards: Tied 100th on 305 (76, 71, 75, 83) +17

Team Performances (total number of teams 50)

Australia won the Espirito Santo Team Trophy on a score of -29. They were followed by Canada on -27 with the Republic of Korea -26. Canada, with Brooke Henderson's amazing individual scores, were pipped at the post by Australia in a very exciting final round.

South Africa: T29th on +12

DUKE OF YORK – ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB, SCOTLAND 16 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

This annual event is an important event for both boys and girls as it is truly “international”. It is by invitation only – mainly to the current national champions, and a total of 55 players from 30 countries, including the USA, competed. This is a mixed tournament with boys and girls competing for the same trophy.

Individual Performances:

Cara Gorlei: Finish Position: T35th Scores: 81, 75 = 156 (+14)
Tristen Strydom: Finish Position: 8th Scores: 70, 75 = 145 (+3)

The winner was 17 year old Gisli Steinbergsson (Iceland) on -5 (137 – 69 68). Note that boys finished in the top 3 positions. The best girl tied in 3rd position on +1 (142 – 70, 72) Best rounds: Day 1 – 69; Day 2 – 67; Emma Kaper from Belgium who had a hole in one on the 8th hole.

ALBATROSS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, CLASSIC GOLF RESORT, NEW DELHI, 2 – 5 DECEMBER 2014

This annual event, hosted by the Albatross Junior Tour, India is open to junior boys and girls of all countries and consists of 54 holes stroke play (with no cut) with a team event component.

The invitation was extended to both a girls and a boys team for the 6th consecutive year. The SAGA declined the invitation again and it was decided to send 4 girls. Danielle du Toit and Shawnelle de Lange (Gauteng) were awarded WGSA Federation Colours for their participation in this event. Brittney Fay Berger (KZN) and Crystal Beukes (Boland) went for experience. The manager was Karen Olivant (WGSA President).

Individual Performances:

Shawnelle de Lange: 228 (80, 73, 75 - 12 over par) – 1st
Danielle du Toit: 236 (82, 73, 81 – 20 over par) – Tied 3rd

Team Results:-

Shawnelle de Lange & Danielle du Toit were joint 3rd which included both boys and girls teams

Brittney Fay Berger: 237 (78, 84, 75 – 21 over par – 2nd
Crystal Beukes: 238 (78, 81, 79 – 22 over par) – 3rd

ASTOR TROPHY, THE GRANGE GOLF CLUB, ADELAIDE AUSTRALIA, 12 – 16 JANUARY 2015

This tournament officially began as the Commonwealth Tournament at St Andrews in 1959, the trophy was presented by Nancy, Viscountess Astor and the name of the event was changed in her honour in 2011.

The team selected for the Astor Trophy included Bertine Strauss, Ivanna Samu, Michaela Fletcher, Lora Assad and Eleonora Galletti. Val Holland and Karen Olivant made up the support team.

The competition is run over five days, with two foursomes and five singles matches each day.

This round robin tournament is held every four years and contested between South African, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland.

Final Results:

- 1 Australia (matches won - 4; games points 19)
- 2 Great Britain & Ireland (matches won - 2; games points 15.5)
- 3 New Zealand (matches won – 2; games points 15)
- 4 South Africa (matches won – 2; games points 12)
- 5 Canada (matches won – 0; games points 8.5)

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR, THE LAKES G.C. & THE AUSTRALIAN G.C. SYDNEY AUSTRALIA, 18 – 25 JANUARY 2015

Bertine Strauss, Lora Assad, Ivanna Samu & Eleonora Galletti participated in this event and were accompanied by Karen Olivant, WGSA President. There were no colours awarded as there is no team component in the Championship. Michaela Fletcher was unable to enter. The Men's and Women's Amateur is played together with 78 women in the field, and 230 men with the qualifying round being played over the two courses and the Match Play being held at the Australian G.C.

Individual Performances:

Bertine Strauss: Finish Position: T 7 th	77, 72 = 149 (+2)
Lora Assad: Finish Position: T 34 th	80, 76 = 156 (+9)
Ivanna Samu: Finish Position: T 47 th	77, 82 = 159 (+12)
Eleonora Galletti: Finish Position: T 70 th	89, 90 = 169 (+22)

The winner of the qualifying rounds was So-Young Lee from Korea with scores of 71, 71 = 143 (-4)

The top 32 qualified for the Match Play. Bertine Strauss was the only one of our players that qualified. Lora missed the play off for the final spot by 1 shot! Bertine won her first match 5/4 and it was really great to watch her throughout the match. Unfortunately she lost the next match 1 down.

CURRO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, DURBANVILLE GOLF CLUB, 9 – 12 MARCH 2015

The International Tournament Series changed its name to Global Junior Golf Tour in 2015. WGSA offered assistance to six girls namely Ivanna Samu, Kaleigh Telfer, Danielle du Toit, Natasha Carlsson, Shawnelle de Lange, and Eleonora Galletti, although some of the expenses were covered by the EEFF and Curro Aurora School. The girls were chaperoned by Anne Roos from Western Province. WGSA nominated 3 SA Teams and the team award was won by Kaleigh Telfer and Ivanna Samu.

Individual Performances:

216 Azelia Meichtry SUI 71, 71, 74

219 Kaleigh Telfer 76, 69, 74

221 Cara Gorlei 79, 69, 73; Woo-Ju Son 73, 69, 79

222 Bianca Theron 78, 70, 74

224 Isabella Holpfer AUT 76, 73, 75

225 Ivanna Samu 78, 70, 77

226 Natasha Carlsson 81, 72, 73; Zhen Bontan NED 81, 70, 75; Esther Henseleit GER 80, 74, 72

SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE, PRETORIA

The SAGDB golfer from Free State, Zanele Mazibuko, completed her first year at Tuks University. Zanele obtained a bursary from the Maluti Municipality which has helped toward costs and after various local requests made by both HPC and WGSA were refused, Johan Steyn (HPC) managed to obtain funding from the R&A who have pledged support for 4 scholarships which the HPC will manage for which we are most grateful. Demi Flanagan from Border has also been included in this funding. Johan has also assisted with bursary funding via the Tuks Golf Academy. WGSA will assist both Zanele and Demi with regard to tournament participation.

GOVERNMENT : SASCOC

2nd African Youth Games, Gaborone, Botswana – 22 to 31 May 2014

SASCOC was appointed to deliver Team South Africa for participation in this event. Names of potential players who fell into the qualifying parameters and the relevant required information was submitted by WGSA to the SAGA. WGSA felt that girls writing Matric should not be included (as this event does not carry Protea Junior colours). The girls selected were Shawnelle De Lange and Eleonora Galletti, and Helena Buitendag was the code manager for the SAGA/WGSA team.

The South African mixed junior golf team claimed two gold medals, a silver and a bronze. Eleonora Galletti won a bronze medal with third place in the Girls Competition with rounds of 79, 76 and 78.

WGSA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

WGSA has once again prepared a Player Development Programme for 2015 that encompasses our Elite Squad, WGSA B Squad, and a TID (talent identification) programme which includes two Future Young Champions Clinics. A total of approximately R 700,000 has been budgeted to cover this programme

WGSA ELITE SQUADS

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WGSA reappointed Val Holland as national coach for 2015 and Anna Becker as assistant coach. Members of the Elite Squad may claim a limited amount of financial assistance in respect of air travel to senior provincial championships (excluding full members of EEFF). The first official Camp will be held at HPC in Pretoria 22-24th April following the SA Stroke Play Championship. A second one is planned for in July after the Gauteng North Championship also to be held at HPC and a third in October, which will be held at SAS in Stellenbosch. The players are expected to enter at least 4 Senior Provincial Championships with the assistance given to them.

The 2015 Elite Squad members are:

1. Eleonora Galletti
2. Shawnelle de Lange
3. Ivanna Samu
4. Cara Gorlei
5. Danielle du Toit
6. Kaleigh Telfer
7. Bianca Theron

WGSA B SQUAD

As in the past WGSA will continue to try and improve our elite training programme. Our two coaches, Val and Anna, are working on another exciting programme. We consider our most important mandate is still to help make our top golfers the very best they can be. WGSA will hold 3 camps during the year. The first of which will be held before the Nomads SA Girls Rose Bowl in March.

The B Squad members for 2015 are:

1. Lenanda van der Watt
2. Jamie-Lee Daniels
3. Symone Henriques
4. Brittney-Fay Berger
5. Jessica Shurety
6. Crystal Beukes
7. Natasha Carlsson

WGSA DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

PDI players have been identified and are being nurtured and assisted by WGSA and their Provincial Union. Support includes financial and logistical assistance to provincial championships. Golf club membership is also taken care of if required. Nine of these girls were given the opportunity to participate in the 2015 Nomads Rose Bowl with all their costs being covered including chaperoned accommodation. (Khosi Mtiyane, Celiwe Biyela, Charnay Williams, Sylken-Leigh November, Jamie-Lee Daniels, Cara Ford, Nkuthazo Masanabo, Noluthando Mdanda, Charmaine Mashile).

TALENT IDENTIFICATION (TID) PROGRAMME & CAMPS

National coaches Val Holland and Anna Becker did some scouting at the Rose Bowl and SA Girls in 2014 as part of the selection process to attend Talent Identification camps last year. WGSA has put together a T.I.D. Squad for 2015 and will hold 2 camps during the year at the HPC in Pretoria, the first of which will be just before the SA Girls in June and one in December. Players were also offered financial assistance to attend a minimum of 4 events.

Players selected as follows:

1. Cara Ford
2. Kaylah Williams
3. Casandra Hall
4. Caitlyn MacNab
5. Minette Olivier
6. Kaiyuree Moodley
7. Nadia van der Westhuizen
8. Chiara Contomathios
9. Chanelle Botha
10. Chante Boonstra
11. Catherine Lau

TID PROVINCIAL LISTS

Provincial Unions have been asked to submit their wish list to WGSA for junior girls that they are nurturing. Financial assistance is only given if a programme has been drawn up by the Provincial Union and if the Union commits to monitor these players on a regular basis.

NOMADS FUTURE CHAMPIONS CLINICS

The first clinic for 2015 was held at Centurion Country Club, straight after the Gauteng North Junior Girls Championship. Unfortunately due to the very busy schedule of events this clinic was held on a school day which resulted in a small group of girls in the handicap range of 10-32 attending. Judging by the thank you letters we have had this was very successful. WGSA would like to thank Johan Steyn from HPC for his continued support of Womens Golf South Africa.

SAGA

The President or Vice-President of WGSA attends three of the SAGA's sub-committee meetings. These sub committees have been restructured for 2015. WGSA attends the Associate Organisation Coordination Sub-Committee, the Social Responsibility and Transformation Sub-Committee, and the Course Rating and Handicapping Sub-Committee. These are held twice a year – in February and again in September. At the February 2014 meeting it was decided to form a steering committee in order to formulate the way forward for the amalgamation of the two National Federations, the first meeting was scheduled to be held in May but unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances this could not take place and it was rescheduled for October. At this meeting it was decided that by June 2015 the basic structure would be in place and that both the SAGA and WGSA would add a clause to their Constitutions of the intention to set up an NPO to act as a vehicle for Golf South Africa. This will be done at our 2015 AGM in April. A series of level one Rules Schools were held throughout the Country and this has proved to be very popular. Level two courses are in the pipeline.

SAGDB

The SAGDB has gone from strength to strength in the past 12 months and Grant Hepburn must be congratulated for this. Some of our Unions are in communication with the SAGDB in their area. WGSA acknowledges that the SAGDB are not officially involved with girls' golf, but welcome those girls who are still part of SAGDB.

HANDICAPPING

It would appear that generally players in South Africa are much happier with the system, with very few queries being directed to HNA. Communication between HNA and golf clubs is excellent, and the appeal goes out to clubs to open rounds for both social and competition golf. Unions have numerous reporting options to assist them in

administering and monitoring membership information. HNA reports back to the SAGA at their meetings and presents statistics on all aspects of handicapping.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS & THE WPGA

The following players turned professional:

1. Monja Richards
2. Carmia van Wyk
3. Tiffany-Avern Taplin
4. Chevonne Botha

WGSA again gave assistance to 6 amateurs to play in the SA Open held at San Lameer Golf Estate from 16 - 19 October:

1. Monja Richards
2. Magda Kruger
3. Ivanna Samu
4. Kaleigh Telfer
5. Eleonora Galletti
6. Shawnelle de Lange

Shawnelle de Lange and France's Mathilda Cappeliez shared the Jackie Mercer Trophy for the leading amateur on a total of 10 over par. Shawnelle scored rounds of 77, 76 and 73 while the French amateur posted 75, 73 and 78.

Communication between WGSA and the WPGA has been excellent over the past year and WGSA wishes to commend the WPGA in all they have done to grow the Sunshine Ladies Tour in 2015 with increased prize money and more 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

WGSA Secretary Sonia Schoeman has been ably manning our office and the office remains at Momentum Golf Village in Somerset West. Past President, Caroline Kettlewell has continued to act as the treasurer of WGSA.

Erica Botha was appointed as the new Tournament Administrator when Sarah Braude stepped down to take over the helm of Womens Golf Western Province in May 2014. Erica continues to do the job with enthusiasm and is always available to offer assistance.

Karen Olivant took over from Cynthia Rayner as President of WGSA, as voted in the AGM held at Stellenbosch Golf Club in April. Sally Greasley replaced Karen Olivant in the role of Vice President.

Changes in Union Presidents:-

North West: Elru Botha took over from Thelma Dippenaar in November 2014.

Mpumalanga: Meghan Brisley took over from Sarie Fourie in November 2014.

Gauteng North: Thea Nel took over from Dot van Ryneveld in May 2014.

Southern Cape: Laetitia Higgs took over from Rita Herholdt in November 2014.

Boland: Vossie van Schalkwyk took over from Lol Jones in November 2014.

GIRLS LOVE GOLF PROGRAMME

The annual development levy paid by affiliated lady golf members funds this programme and is used mainly for coaching via coaching points at golf clubs. We continue to allow each Union to adapt the programme to suit their specific needs with an allocation principle in place to ensure good governance. Whilst we believe that a few of our Unions are running this programme successfully, WGSA considers that there is definite room for improvement overall.

ERNIE ELS AND FANCOURT FOUNDATION

Bianca Theron received the Dr Hasso Plattner award for outstanding academic achievement for the third consecutive year. Bianca Theron and Kaleigh Telfer are joined by Zethu Myeki as a member of the Foundation. Although the focus of the EEFF has shifted communication remains open.

GENERAL

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 get from our very generous national sponsors. Finally, we thank the management and members of golf clubs that have allowed us the use of their facilities during this past year, it is always a pleasure to deal with these clubs who go out of their way to assist us wherever possible.