

**EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR
APRIL 2016 TO MARCH 2017**

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, PORT ELIZABETH, 21 – 22 MARCH 2016

This was the 7th Rose Bowl Championship run by WGSA and 5th sponsored by Nomads; the event was hosted by Port Elizabeth Golf Club. The weather was indecisive starting out with heavy rain, then sunshine and winds, however play was not delayed. Our top 66 junior girls, 43 of them in the Championship division, enjoyed the challenges the course had to offer with a close finish.

The winner was Catherine Lau (GN) (213 – 75, 69, 69), finishing three strokes ahead of Symone Henriques (GAU) (216). This was Catherine's second Rose Bowl title as she won this prestigious event in 2013.

The 10 to 18 handicap division was won by Cleo Jordaan (GN) on 252 (84, 85, 83) with La-eeqah Adams (WP) as runner up on 257. The Stableford Bronze division (19 – 25 handicaps) was won by Kristen Basson (WP) on 67 points. The D division was won by Mikah Poonawassy (NC) on 72 points.

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

SANLAM SA WOMEN'S AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS, WESTLAKE GOLF CLUB, 24 - 26 APRIL 2016

The beautiful Westlake Golf Course with its panoramic views was the venue for this 54 hole stroke play event comprising a total of 98 players, including entries from Zimbabwe. The Western Cape had unfortunately been in the midst of a severe drought so the course was in the best condition it could be considering the circumstances.

80 "A" division players (handicaps 9 and under) and 18 "B" division players (handicaps 10 – 18) participated.

Kaleigh Telfer (GAU) won the tournament on 217 (74, 74, 69), and Eleonora Galletti (GAU) and Azelia Meichtry (SC) tied for second place on 223.

Westlake G.C. member Tessa Granger led the "B" division from start to finish with a score of 261 (89, 88, 84).

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, MIDDELBURG COUNTRY CLUB, 22 - 25 MAY 2016

This event was successfully hosted at Middelburg Country Club and the course was in good condition considering the dry weather. Accommodation was sourced nearby for all the participating teams with most making use of the on course hotel.

RESULTS

A Division - Swiss Team Trophy

Winners: Gauteng A (Ivanna Samu, Kaleigh Telfer, Woo-Ju Son) 581

Runners up: Gauteng B (Eleonora Galletti, Kajal Mistry, Chiara Contomathios) 594
Third: Gauteng North A (Crystal Cooper, Danielle du Toit, Larissa du Preez) 596

B Division – **Challenge Trophy**

Winners: Ekurhuleni A (Casandra Hall, Sarah Bouch, Caitlyn Macnab) 589
Runners up: Gauteng C (Symone Henriques, Shawnelle de Lange, Kaiyuree Moodley) 609
Third: KwaZulu Natal B (Chloe Royston, Elsune Roode, Sarah Tychsen) 632

Individual: **The Governors' Trophy**

Winner: Ivanna Samu (290)
Runner up: Kaleigh Telfer & Kajal Mistry (292)
Fourth: Casandra Hall (293)

NOMADS SA GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS, ORKNEY GOLF CLUB, 26 - 28 JUNE 2016

The cost of green fees, 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 invitation to the Duke of York Young Champions Trophy on condition that she meets their eligibility criteria. Danielle Du Toit sealed victory by an impressive nine strokes.

The 2016 Nomads SA Girls retained the same format as in previous years. All the girls and their chaperones were accommodated at The Key across the road from the club – a total of 109 players took part. Live scoring was available on the WGSA website.

Number of players: A Division (handicaps 9 and under) 54 holes stroke play – 48 players
 B Division (handicaps 10 – 18) 54 holes stroke play – 39 players
 C Division (handicaps 19 – 25) 36 holes stableford – 11 players
 D Division (handicaps 26 – 32) 36 holes stableford – 11 players

A Division: Handicap 9 & Under – Jenny Bruce Trophy

Championship winner: Danielle du Toit (GN) (211)
Runner up: Ivanna Samu (GAU) (220)
Winner 16 and under: Woo-Ju Son (GAU) (223)
Runner up: Symone Henriques (GAU) (228)

B Division: Handicap 10 – 18 – Esther Cutler Trophy

Winner: Kaitlin Fensham (NW) (254)
Runner up: Cleo Jordaan (GN) (255)

C Division: Handicap 19 – 25 – Jean Eustice Trophy

Winner: Nikita Bossr (WP) (71)
c/i
Runner up: Tebogo Lefifi (GAU) (71)
c/o

D Division: Handicap 26 – 32 – Faith Daniel Trophy

Winner: Ashleigh Mckie (WP) (82)
Runner up: Bianca Sun (FS) (75)

Teams:

Jackie Mercer Gross Trophy:

Gauteng (Ivanna Samu & Woo-Ju Son) 290

Nett Team prize:

Gauteng North (Danielle du Toit & Lenanda van der Watt) 289

Sanette Marais Bronze Division Team Prize:

Northern Cape (Mikah Poonawassy & Jana Beneke) 39

SANLAM SA AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, EBOTSE LINKS GC, 10 - 13 JULY 2016

Entries are limited to 64 in order to guarantee players at least 4 rounds of tournament play, and 54 players entered. The final was an exciting one with Lumien Orton emerging the winner when she beat Cara Gorlei 2 up. This Championship is held at this time of the year in order for our players that are at colleges in the USA to be afforded the chance of entering while at home on holiday and this year we were glad to see quite a few of these players. Thanks to Sanlam for supporting WGSA in our endeavour to grow this championship.

RESULTS:**36 Hole Seeding Round**

Winner: Michaela Fletcher (KZN) 140 (70, 70)

2nd: Ivanna Samu (GAUT) 142 (72, 70)

3rd: Zethu Myeki (BOR) 145 (73, 72)

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP:

Champion: Lumien Orton (FS)

Runner up: Cara Gorlei (WP)

Semi-finalists 3rd: Danielle du Toit (GN)

Semi-finalists 4th: Symone Henriques (GAU)

PLATE:

Winner: Jamie-Lee Daniels (EP)

Runner up: Zayb Fredericks (WP)

Semi-finalists 3rd: Aaliyah Abrahams (WP)

Semi-finalists 4th: Sonja Bland (SC)

SA INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, UMHLALI COUNTRY CLUB, 3 - 7 OCTOBER 2016

The flag raising ceremony signalled the start of the 56th South African Women's Inter-Provincial Championship and the 2nd time that this tournament was held without sponsorship. The teams were led in by a Scottish piper on a windy and drizzling afternoon. The National Anthem was sung by Symone Chetty.

WGSA President, Karen Olivant welcomed the dignitaries, players and spectators. The Men's Captain of Umhlali Country Club, Zack de Wet handed over the course on behalf of Umhlali Country Club, and the tournament was declared officially open.

Stroke Play Qualifier Round:

Best Individual Gross: Yolanda Duma 73

Runner up Individual Gross: Chante van Zyl 75 c/i

Tied 3rd: Ivanna Samu 75 c/o

Results of the Foursomes & Singles Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds:

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

Winners: Gauteng A (550)

(Ivanna Samu, Chiara Contomathios, Eleonora Galletti, Kajal Mistry, Symone Henriques, Woo-Ju Son)

Runners Up: Gauteng North A (560)

(Eugenie Clack, Marne Clack, Lindi Coetzee, Larissa du Preez, Danielle du Toit, Lenanda van der Watt)

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

Winners: Southern Cape (Sonja Bland, Azelia Meichtry, Ethel Ruthenberg, Sandra Winter) (407)

Runners Up: Free State (Zanele Mazibuko, Lumien Orton, Chante van Zyl, Bianca Wernich) (409)

Results of the Inter Provincial Match Play:

Winners: A Division Section 1: Gauteng A

(Ivanna Samu, Chiara Contomathios, Eleonora Galletti, Kajal Mistry, Symone Henriques, Woo-Ju Son)

Winners: A Division Section 2: Western Province A

(Aaliyah Abrahams, Zayb Fredericks, Ashleigh Mills, Katia Shaff, Michelle Swanepoel, Kaylah Williams)

Winners: B Division Section 1: Southern Cape

(Sonja Bland, Azelia Meichtry, Ethel Ruthenberg, Sandra Winter)

Winners: B Division Section 2: Mpumalanga

(Chante Boonstra, Thandeka Hlatshwayo, Patrizia Lombard, Zane Naude)

The winners of the B Inter Provincial are given the option of taking promotion to the A Inter Provincial in 2017. Southern Cape have agreed to take the promotion.

The Gilly Tebbutt Trophy for the top ranked player at the end of September each year was presented to Ivanna Samu for the second year in succession.

SANLAM CANCER CHALLENGE FINAL – SUN CITY 10 - 11 OCTOBER 2016

Over R4 million was raised this year for the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) by the Sanlam Cancer Challenge (SCC), Southern Africa's largest charity golf series. Over 40 000 golfers took part from 780 clubs throughout South Africa, Namibia and Kenya with the final being down to just over 100 golfers who qualified for the 36-hole National Finals. Once again these players were treated to the very special hospitality of Sanlam and Sun City.

This was the 24th anniversary of a series that annually raises money for the Cancer Association of South African.

OVER ALL LADIES WINNER:

74 Louise Olivier (Devonvale G.C. Boland)

SA MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, GEORGE GC, 31 OCTOBER – 2 NOVEMBER 2016

67 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 as this is the group of players that are the backbone of Womens Golf. After two years of being hosted by Unions from the North, this event moved to Eastern Province in 2015, and returned to Southern Cape in 2016.

RESULTS:

Championship Division

Winner: Sandra Winter (SC) 224 (74, 75, 75)

Runner-up: Sonja Bland (SC) 232 (82, 74, 76)

B Division

Winner: Lenza de Jager (GN) 242 (80, 75, 87)

Runner up: Sunette Venter (SC) 264 (89, 87, 88)

C Division (Stableford)

Winner: Tertia Swanepoel (NW) 102 (31, 36, 35)

Runner up: Dot van Ryneveld (GN) 98 (33, 33, 32)

The **Senior Trophy** was won by Lenza de Jager (GN) on 212.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

ALL AFRICA CHALLENGE TROPHY, CITRUS GOLF COURSE, HAMMAMET, TUNISIA 4 - 9 APRIL 2016

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. Ghana won the bid to host in 2018 with the regional event being played in Lesotho in 2017.

PLAYERS: Ivanna Samu (Gauteng), Kaleigh Telfer (Gauteng) and Zethu Myeki (Border) were selected to represent South Africa. These players earned Senior Protea Colours.

SUPPORT TEAM: Manager – Karen Olivant (WGSA President).

Individual Performances (total number of players 45)

Ivanna Samu posted the best individual score of 218 (74 75 69) +2

Kaleigh Telfer: Runner Up on 224 (71 77 76) +6

Zethu Myeki: 7th on 244 (80, 81, 83) +28

South Africa won the AACT on a score of 442. They were followed by Morocco on 470 with Tunisia third on 485. South Africa won the event for the 12th time in the 13 years it has been played

JAKARTA WORLD JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP – DAMAI INDAH GOLF CLUB, PIK COURSE, JAKARTA 31 MAY – 3 JUNE 2016

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 SAGDB the opportunity of selecting two boys to be chaperoned by WGSA

Symone Henriques and Caitlyn Macnab represented WGSA and Hilmi Mallick and Cole Stevens represented the SAGDB. They were accompanied by WGSA Vice President Sally Greasley.

Individual Performances:

Hilmi Mallick: 311 (+23) – 14th position in the “Boys A” (Age 15 – 17)

Cole Stevens: 310 (+4) – 3rd position in the “Boys B” (Age 13 – 14)

Symone Henriques: 236 (+20) – 11th position in the “Girls A”

Caitlyn Macnab: 236 (+20) – T 4th in the “Girls B”

RB GERMAN JUNIOR – HOFGUT GEORGENTHAL, FRANKFURT 14 – 17 JUNE 2016

This event is part of the Global Junior Golf Tour, the introduction of the 21 Golf League category, this allows players that have not yet reached their 21st birthday to enter. WGSA took the opportunity of sending two Senior players and their costs were covered by WGSA. The selected players were Sarah Bouch (EKU) and Katia Shaff (WP).

Individual Results of South African Players:

Sarah Bouch: 81 79 81 = 241 (+31)

Katia Shaff: 85 73 83 = 241 (+31)

Winner: Polly Mack (Germany) on 228 (+18).

TOYOTA JUNIOR GOLF WORLD CUP – CHUKYO GOLF COURSE, NAGOYA JAPAN 14 – 17 JUNE 2016

Participation in this event is dependent on a qualification basis in terms of the participating Countries and Regions in continental qualifiers. Due to there being no qualifier for the girls team from the Africa Region, Karen Olivant provided comprehensive motivation to the organisers and they agreed that whoever won the AACT in Tunisia would be given the opportunity of sending a team of juniors to Japan. As South Africa won the AACT, WGSA was very fortunate to be able to take the opportunity to participate in this world class event. The invitation is extended to 3 players, a manager and one coach to serve both boys and girls' teams. Ivanna Samu, Kaleigh Telfer and Danielle du Toit were accompanied by WGSA President Karen Olivant (Manager), Eden Thompson from the SAGA, and Val Holland (Coach). It was agreed that as the SAGA were not sending a coach WGSA could afford our National Coach the opportunity of accompanying the players.

Results: 9 Girls Teams

Girls:

T7 with Argentina	+11 (148, 142, 150, 147)
Winners: USA	-18 (137, 143, 139, 139)

Boys: 15 Teams

T4	-20 (210, 207, 206, 209)
Winners: USA	-36 (206, 202, 202, 206)

R & A JUNIOR OPEN – KILMARNOCK, SCOTLAND , 11 – 13 JULY 2016

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.

Once again, this event was played on a true links course and the rough was punishing!

The highlight of the trip is spending two days at "the Open" which was played at Royal Troon G.C.

Woo-Ju Son and Christo Lamprecht represented South Africa, and were accompanied by Eden Thompson from the SAGA.

This year's championship drew a field of 148 players from a record 80 countries.

GIRLS BRITISH OPEN AMATEUR, ROYAL SAINT DAVIDS, HARLECH WALES, SCOTLAND 9 - 13 AUGUST 2016

This annual event is an important event for girls in both the UK and Europe to test their skills against their peers. Once again this tournament was keenly watched by USA coaches with the LGU sending out a questionnaire to all participants beforehand asking if the player was interested in attending a US College.

The 36 hole qualifying Stroke Play rounds have a field of 144 with 64 qualifying for the Match Play. There is a team component over the 36 hole qualifying rounds. Therefore Junior Protea Colours are awarded. The event is open with handicaps less than 4.4.

Due to South Africa requiring visa's to enter the UK this event is subject to an invitation by the LGU. WGSA feels that as this is a very expensive event, we should only apply for an invitation every second year and should also only send the very top juniors.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE – Qualifying rounds

Kaleigh Telfer: Finish Position in qualifying rounds: 133rd Scores: 90 76 (166) (+20)

Ivanna Samu: Finish Position in qualifying rounds: 6th Scores: 70 72 (142) (-4)

The winner was Amanda Linner (Sweden) on -6 (140 – 73, 67)

The cut for the Match Play was +6 (152) It was a very disappointing finish for Kaleigh as she has not shot 90 for a very long time! Ivanna had a really good finish and made the Match Play comfortably but lost in the first round.

DUKE OF YORK YOUNG CHAMPIONS TROPHY, ROYAL BIRKDALE, SCOTLAND 13 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

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 49 players from 29 countries competed. Without a doubt, this is where a junior player measures him or herself against their peers. The format is 54 holes Stroke Play with no cut. This is a mixed tournament with boys and girls competing for the same trophy (note the difference in length of the course below for boys and girls). WGSA Vice-President Sally Greasley accompanied the players, namely Danielle du Toit and Gideon Germishuys.

Total number of boys in the field: 29 Length 6904 yds Par 72

Total number of girls in the field: 20 Length 6084 yds Par 72

Danielle du Toit: Finish Position: T25th Scores: 80 72 78 (230)

Gideon Germishuys: Finish Position: T25th Scores: 73 78 79 (230)

The winner was Chloe Currie from Canada on 214 (74, 72, 68).

WORLD AMATEUR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP, CANCUN MEXICO, 13 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2016

The WATC (Espirito Santo Trophy) was played at Mayakoba el Camaleon and Iberostar Playa Paraiso Courses in Mexico. This biennial international golf championship which falls under the auspices of the IGF has always been considered the Olympics of Golf. Invitations were extended to 55 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. Ivanna Samu (GAU), Kaleigh Telfer (GAU) and Cara Gorlei (WP) were selected and they were accompanied by WGSA President Karen Olivant as the non-playing Captain. Val Holland (National Coach) formed part of the support team.

Ireland (Dublin) will host this prestigious championship in 2018 and will be held from 28 August to 1 September

Individual Performances (total number of players 162)

Hye Jin Choi from Korea posted the best individual score of 274 (70, 69, 68, 67) -14

Ivanna Samu: Tied 61 on 303(74, 77, 71, 81) +15

Cara Gorlei: Tied 75 on 306 (74, 78, 76, 78) +18

Kaleigh Telfer: Tied 89 on 308 (79 82, 71, 76) +20

Team Performances (total number of teams 55)

Korea won the Espirito Santo Team Trophy on a score of -29. They were followed by Switzerland on -8 with Ireland -7. **South Africa: T25th on +23**

ALBATROSS INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP, CLASSIC GOLF RESORT, 8 - 11 NOVEMBER 2016

This annual event, hosted by the Albatross Junior Tour in India, is open to junior boys and girls of all countries. As from 2017 this tournament will be fully sanctioned by the Indian Golf Federation. Because of the relatively small entry of girls, they permit the girls team to consist of any age combination, whilst the boys team comprises two players from age category A & B. The invitation was extended to both a girls and a boys' team for the 8th consecutive year. WGSA would like to thank the SAGDB for agreeing to send two boys and for the financial assistance towards this event. Kajal Mistry (GAU) and Casandra Hall (EKU) Alkin Berkley and Carl Mwale were accompanied by WGSA President Karen Olivant.

Individual Performances:

Kajal Mistry: 80 73 75 (228) +12

Cassandra Hall: 82 73 81 (236) +20

100th ALL INDIA LADIES AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP, DELHI GC, NEW DELHI 12 – 18 DECEMBER 2016

This was the first time that WGSA received an invitation to this event run by the Indian Golf Union. As this is an open event and is therefore not age restricted, as well as being Stroke Play and Match Play it was felt that it would be a very good opportunity to send two players.

Zethu Myeki and Danielle du Toit were selected.
WGSA President Karen Olivant accompanied the players.

Individual Performances:

Zethu Myeki: 82 77 (159) +15

Zethu lost in the second round of the Match Play on the 16th Hole

Danielle du Toit: 80 withdrew on the 13th hole of round two.

GOVERNMENT : SASCOC

Golf was included in the Olympic Games held in Rio. As SASCOC is considered the Olympic body in South Africa the selection was done according to allocations set down by the IGF. Ashleigh Simon and Paula Reto represented South Africa. Sascoc - Tokyo will host the games in 2020.

WGSA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

WGSA has once again prepared a Player Development Programme for 2017 that encompasses our Elite Squad, B Squad, and a TID (talent identification) programme which includes a Future Young Champions Clinic. A total of approximately R 900,000 has been budgeted to cover this programme.

WGSA ELITE SQUADS

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WGSA reappointed Val Holland as national coach for 2017 and Anna Becker as assistant coach. Members of the Elite Squad may claim a limited amount of financial assistance (excluding full members of EEF). The first camp was held from Thursday the 12th - Sunday 16th of January 2017 at the High Performance Centre of the University of Pretoria, at this camp the players were afforded the expertise of Maretha Claasen, Sandra Winter and Costanza Trussoni together with Val and Anna.

The 2017 Elite Squad members are:

- Kaleigh Telfer
- Zethu Myeki
- Kajal Mistry
- Symone Henriques
- Caitlyn Macnab
- Sarah Bouch

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 be the very best they can be. WGSA will hold 3 camps during the year, all of which will be held at HPC in Pretoria. Members of the B Squad may claim a limited amount of financial assistance.

The initial B Squad members for 2017 are:

- Aaliyah Abrahams
- Kaiyuree Moodley
- Kiera Floyd
- Woo-Ju Son
- Kaylah Williams

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

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.

Players that have been identified and are being nurtured and assisted by WGSA and their Provincial Union. Support includes financial and assistance with hosting to provincial championships. Golf club membership is also taken care of if required. Ten of these girls have been given the opportunity to participate in the 2017 Nomads Rose Bowl with all their costs being covered including chaperoned accommodation.

NOMADS FUTURE CHAMPIONS CLINICS

This initiative was started in 2014 when two clinics were held. These clinics, that are open to handicaps 10-32, 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 get to as many young golfers as possible. Boland, Western Province, KZN, Eastern Province and Gauteng North have all benefitted by these.

GOLFRSA

It has been an interesting year, which saw the registration of the NPO of Golf RSA. The founding members of the board being Mr. Geoff Taylor (SAGA) Mr. Naadir Agherdien (SAGA) and Mrs. Karen Olivant (WGSA) who held a meeting to formulate the new company in June. The full Board was elected and a meeting held in January 2017 these members being Mr. Johann Rupert Chairman Mr. Jabu Mabuza, Mr. Zanossi Kuneni, Mr. Dale Hayes, Mr. Ken Walker and Mrs. Cynthia Rayner. WGSA has every confidence that the Board will steer GolfRSA forward.

NATIONAL SQUAD

WGSA will again be part of the National Squad receiving limited funding and with our Elite squad being invited to joint camps throughout the year.

HANDICAPPING

It would appear that generally players in South Africa are much happier with the system, with very few queries being directed to HNA. Handicaps are now updated each day and the consensus among players is that this is a much fairer system. 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.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS & THE WPGA

The following players have turned professional:

1. Ivanna Samu
2. Yolanda Duma
3. Siviwe Duma
4. Lora Assad
5. Michelle Swanepoel
6. Rachelle Cardinal

WGSA again offered assistance to 6 amateurs to play in the SA Open held at San Lameer Golf Estate from 26 – 28 January 2017:

1. Kajal Mistry
2. Danielle du Toit
3. Woo-Ju Son
4. Casandra Hall
5. Chiara Contomathios
6. Caitlyn Macnab

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 2016/17 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 & MEDIA

WGSA Secretary Sonia Schoeman has ably manned our office at the Momentum Golf Village in Somerset West for the past 3years but has decided that it is time for her to broaden her horizons and will be leaving our employ at the end of April 2017 we would like to thank her for embracing the position as she has become a valuable part of the team. She will be replaced by Verucia Bell who has worked for the SAGDB for the past 3yrs. Past President, Caroline Kettlewell has continued to act as the treasurer of WGSA for which we thank her.

Erica Botha continues to do the job of Tournament Administrator with enthusiasm and is always available to offer assistance to our Unions

Lali Stander continues her passion for amateur golf and we thank her for making sure our website and FB page is updated on a regular basis.

Changes in Union Presidents:

KwaZulu Natal: Jean Freeman took over from Yvonne Otto in March 2017.

Limpopo: Elmarie Fogwell took over from Bev Weijters in February 2017.

Mpumalanga: Hanlie Uys took over from Meghan Brisley in November 2016.

North West: Yvonne Langer took over from Elru Botha in February 2017.

Southern Cape: Jenny du Preez took over from Laetitia Higgs in November 2016.

GIRLS LOVE GOLF PROGRAMME

The annual development levy paid by affiliated lady golf members funds this programme which is meant to encourage and engender enthusiasm in young girls. The funds are used mainly for coaching via coaching points at golf clubs but 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

Members of this prestigious foundation are:

Kaleigh Telfer, Zethu Myeki, Larissa du Preez & Zanele Mazibuko.

GENERAL

At the 2017 AGM the three year term of office of the President, Karen Olivant comes to an end and Sally Greasley will start her first year at the helm of Womens Golf South Africa. 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 being Sanlam and 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. It is always a pleasure to deal with these clubs who go out of their way to assist us wherever possible. A special word of thanks to Louis Hattingh from SuperSport who has made sure that we have had coverage of our flagship events.

