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**Die mees Suidelike Gholfbaan in Afrika**

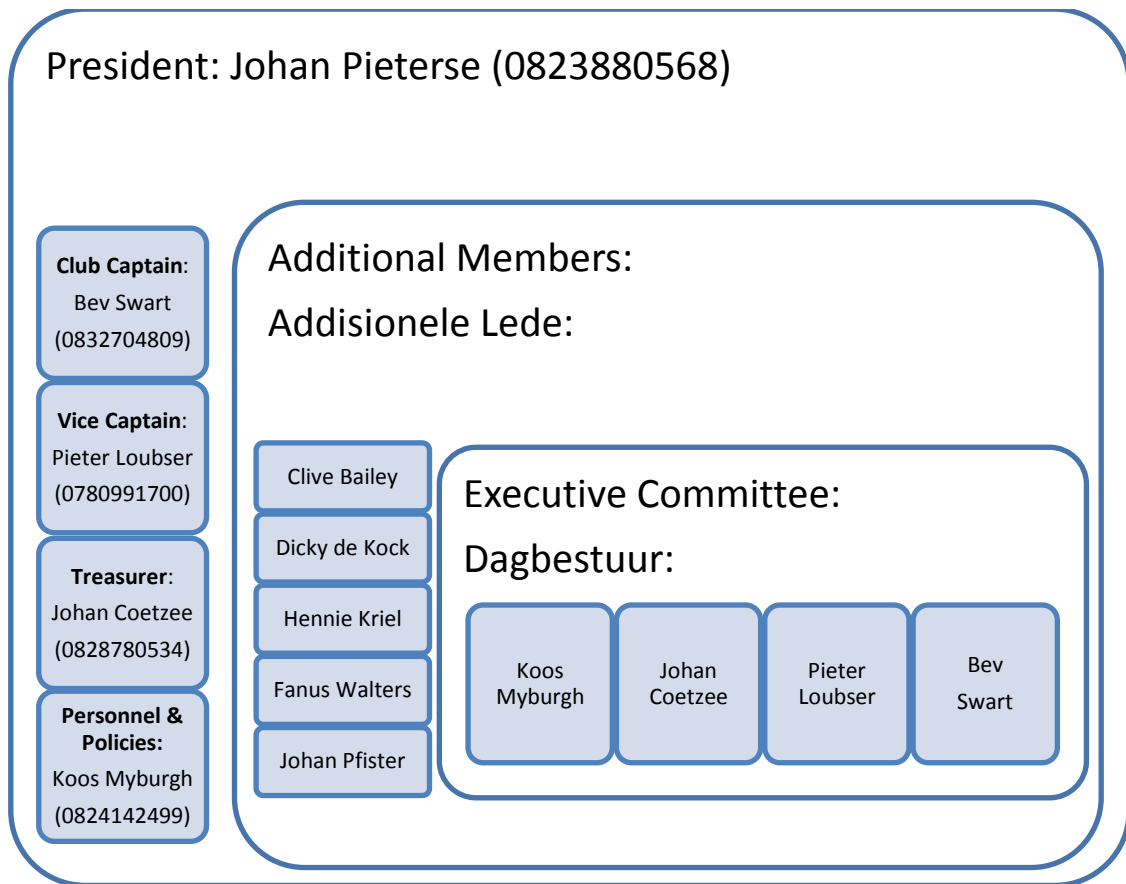
“A natural grass course, situated in Cape Fynbos with a touch of links in summer”

“’n Natuurlike grasbaan, geleë in Kaapse Fynbos met ‘n sweem *links* in die somer”



# YOUR NEW CLUB COMMITTEE / U NUWE KLUBKOMITEE

(final revised edition / finale hersiene weergawe)



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## **EXCERPT FROM THE RULES OF GOLF: PREFERRED LIES**

**Rule 1** in the Rules of Golf states the following with the emphasis being the first bullet point:

**Purpose:** Rule 1 introduces these central principles of the game for the player:

- **Play the course as you find it and play the ball as it lies.**
- *Play by the Rules and in the spirit of the game.*
- *You are responsible for applying your own penalties if you breach a Rule, so that you cannot gain any potential advantage over your opponent in match play or other players in stroke play.*

Although playing the balls as it lies is the premise of the game of golf, The Rules of Golf does allow for Preferred Lies, in order to reward, rather than penalize, players for hitting fairways. The Preferred Lies local rule, however, is over-used in South Africa, as we see clubs applying this Local Rule whenever the fairways aren't pristine, for entire seasons and, in the odd case, they have Preferred Lies as a permanent Local Rule (i.e. in effect every day of the year). This issue needs to be addressed as we move towards to the World Handicap System, which will come in to effect on 1 January 2020.

At this time, we feel it is important to push the reasoning and understanding for having Preferred Lies, so that golf clubs and club golfers start to realize that Preferred Lies should not be the norm and should only be in effect under exceptional circumstances – or to use the Rules of Golf's terminology, under "occasional local abnormal conditions". It is important to note that this Local Rule also states that Preferred Lies should be withdrawn as soon as conditions allow, as can be seen in the Local Rule excerpt below.

The question I am sure you are asking is, "What are these 'occasional local abnormal conditions'?"

### **Occasional Local Abnormal Conditions would be the following:**

- Disease on the fairways, whereby the grass has died and "pit marks" form on the fairway, making it hard for a player to make a clean strike on the ball.
- Extremely wet conditions. This may last a day, a few days, or couple of weeks until the fairways dry out enough so that balls pitching in the fairways don't get "**mud balls**" (mud clogs sticking to the ball that cause the ball to fly skew when hit).
- Extremely dry or drought conditions. Just because fairways are dry, it does not mean that the course needs Preferred Lies. If you watched The Open at Carnoustie in 2018, the fairways were brown and dusty because of the heat wave that the UK was experiencing, but there was no Preferred Lies as there was grass covering. Preferred Lies would only be acceptable under dry conditions when the fairways weren't knitted together and where the ball would need to be played from sandy patches in the fairway.
- A fairway or the course is undergoing course maintenance of sorts and the course would recover after a short period. Examples of this would be a fairway being re-sodded or fairways being scarified. It would be appropriate in the case of one fairway being re-sodded or relayed to allow Preferred Lies on the one hole and not the entire golf course.

Preferred Lies shouldn't be in effect just because the player is not going to get a perfect lie every time he hits the fairway as that, once again, is not the premise of the game. **Play the course as you find it and play the ball as it lies.**

## **EXCERPT FROM THE RULES OF GOLF: LOCAL RULES**

### **Local Rule 8E-3: Preferred Lies**

**Purpose:** When **occasional local abnormal conditions** might interfere with fair play, the affected parts of the course can be defined as "Ground under Repair". But adverse conditions such as heavy snows, spring thaws, prolonged rains or extreme heat can sometimes damage the course or prevent use of heavy mowing equipment.

When such conditions are widespread on the course, the Committee can choose to adopt a Local Rule for "preferred lies" (also known as "winter rules") to allow fair play or help protect the fairway. Such a Local Rule should be withdrawn as **soon as conditions allow**.

The use of this Local Rule outside the fairway in the general area is not recommended as it may result in a player receiving free relief from areas where a ball might otherwise be unplayable (such as in areas of bushes or trees).

It is not authorized to implement this Local Rule once play has begun for a stroke play round. Doing so would allow players who have more holes to play the advantage of using it for a longer period of time. The Local Rule could be implemented once a match has begun between the play of two holes as opponents have an equal benefit.

For guidance on when and how this Local Rule may be used in order for scores to be submitted for handicapping purposes (including the size of the relief area and if it may only be used in the fairway), consult the rules or recommendations contained within the Handicap System operating in the local jurisdiction.

### **Model Local Rule E-3**

"When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less [or identify a specific area such as 'on the fairway of the 6th hole'], the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- **Reference Point:** Spot of the original ball.
- **Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:** [Specify size of relief area, such as one club-length, one scorecard length or 6 inches] from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
- **Limits on Location of Relief Area:**
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - Must be in the general area.

**Note:** When specifying the size of the relief area it is recommended that you go with the smallest area that allows for "**fair play**". For example if the fairways are in good condition but wet enough so that players are getting 'mud balls', then lift, clean and replace would be recommended. On the other hand, if the fairways are in drought and there is very little grass on them, then a 1 club-length relief area would be necessary. This would be up to the club committee to decide but erring on the side a minimum size relief area.

## CLUB NEWS / KLUBNUUS

- *Competition results/Kompetisie-uitslae, Sat/Sa 28 Sep, 4BBB Medal/Houespel*

Winners:/Wenners: Solly Wessels & Hugo Groenewald, 61 net (*photo/foto*)



- *Competition results/Kompetisie-uitslae, Sat/Sa 5 Oct/Okt, Medal/Houespel:*

Winner:/Wenner: Wally van Coller, 68 net (*photo/foto*)



- *Competition results/Kompetisie-uitslae, Sat/Sa 12 Oct/Okt, 4BBB Stableford, Member Day/Lededag:*

Winners:/Wenners: Pierre Pieters & Gustav Rabe 50 pts/pte (*photo/foto, p 6*)





- *Competition results/Kompetisie-uitslae, Sat/Sa 19 Oct/Okt, Single/Enkel Stableford:*

Winner:/Wenner: Anton Theunissen (*photo/foto*)



- *Competition results/Kompetisie-uitslae, Sat/Sa 19 Oct/Okt, Inter Club Competition / Interklub Kompetisie at/by Theewaterskloof, 4BBB Stableford:*

Winners:/Wenners: Theewaterskloof with a combined total of 172 Stableford pts.

Second:/Tweede: Caledon met 'n gekombineerde totaal van 162 Stableford pte.

Third:/Derde: Kleinmond with a total of 152 Stableford pts.

Other:/Ander: Gansbaai met 'n totaal van 148 pte.

*Thanks to our team:/Dankie aan ons span:*

1. Pieter Loubser & Melvin Tobias, 38 pts/pte
2. Johan Coetzee & Daan Victor, 38 pts/pte
3. Solly Wessels & Etienne Engelbrecht, 37 pts/pte
4. Dicky de Kock & André Hage, 35 pts/pte.

- *Competition results/Kompetisie-uitslae, Sat/Sa 26 Oct/Okt, Single/Enkel Stableford, GB Beeskraal Open/Ope (Zonart):*

DIVISIONS → AFDELINGS →	TOLLYS TOLLIES	BULLS BULLE	OXEN OSSE	“KOEITJIES”
<b>Winner: Wenner:</b>	Christo Spanellis 40	Dirk van Dyk 42	Hugo Groenewald 39	Marietjie Visser 37
<b>Second: Tweede:</b>	Lambert Smith 36	Martin Dreyer 42	Piet le Roux 38	Gina Esterhuizen 32
<b>Third: Derde:</b>	Henrick Buhr 36	Richard Bentz 41	Solly Wessels 37	René Myburgh 30
<b>Fourth: Vierde:</b>	Melvin Tobias 36	Japie Spandiel 41	Johan Pfister 36	Monica Laubscher 28
<b>SUMMARY: OPSOMMEND:</b>	Nearest to the pin:/Naaste aan die pen: Pieter Loubser (2), E May (8), André Gouws (15)			
	Two club:/Spog twee: Malcolm Bury (17)			
	Division winners:/Afdeling weners: Bulls:/Bulle: 34.4, Tollys:/Tollies: 32.7, Oxen:/Osse: 31.95, “Koeitjies”: 31.75			
	43 Players/Spelers; R6 300 raised/ingesamel.			

- *We thank and congratulate Francis Swart, René Myburgh and René Groenewald for upgrading the ladies cloakroom in the clubhouse. Without personal incentives and money raised at a Steak evening, this was not possible. Many thanks, you are stalwarts!*

Ons bedank en wens Francis Swart, René Myburgh en René Groenewald geluk met die opgradering van die dames kleedkamers in die klubhuis. Sonder persoonlike bydraes en fondse wat by 'n Biefstukaand ingesamel is, sou dit nie moontlik wees nie. Baie dankie, julle is staatmakers!

## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS / KOMENDE KOMPETISIES

Participate and enjoy your member benefits !!!

Neem deel en geniet die voordele van jou lidmaatskap !!!

NOVEMBER 2019			
DATE / DATUM	DAY / DAG	COMPETITION / KOMPETISIE	INFORMATION: TIME / SPONSORS INFORMASIE: TYE / BORGE
1	Fri/Vr	9 HOLE/PUTJIE SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	OK FOODS
2	Sat	MEDAL/HOUESPEL	<b>BEGIN 07:00 (World Cup!)</b>
3	Sun/So	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	<b>BEGIN 10:00</b>
6	Wed/Wo	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD (SLOEGTERS)	
8	Fri/Vr	9 HOLE/PUTJIE SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	OK FOODS
9	Sat	4BBB STABLEFORD	<b>GREENKEEPERS REVENGE</b>
10	Sun/So	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	<b>BEGIN 10:00</b>
13	Wed/Wo	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD (SLOEGTERS)	
15	Fri/Vr	9 HOLE/PUTJIE SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	
16	Sat	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	<b>MEMBER DAY/LEDEDAG</b>
17	Sun/So	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	<b>BEGIN 10:00</b>
20	Wed/Wo	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD (SLOEGTERS)	
22	Fri/Vr	9 HOLE/PUTJIE SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	
23	Sat	COMBINED MEDAL / GEKOMBINEERDE HOUESPEL	
24	Sun/So	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	<b>BEGIN 10:00</b>
27	Wed/Wo	SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD (SLOEGTERS)	
29	Fri/Vr	9 HOLE/PUTJIE SINGLE/ENKEL STABLEFORD	<b>OK FOODS / STEAK BRAAI</b>
30	Sat	2-BALL AMERICAN SCRAMBLE 2-BAL BEURTSPEL	<b>LT CLASSIC</b>



# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS / OKTOBER VERJAARSDAE

Happy Birthday dear member !!! / Veels geluk geagte lid !!!

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hennie Kriel</li><li>• Manie Serrao</li></ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ulrike Schatzle</li></ul>
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27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andries Groenewald</li></ul>

## GOLF GAME TIPS: / GHOLF WENKE:



### Where to Stand on the Putting Green

Golfers sometimes fall out with their fellow competitors, or opponents, over where they should stand on the putting green while putts are being made.

In my opinion, **regardless of where they stand it is more important that they should remain absolutely silent and motionless while anyone is making their stroke.**

You may be surprised to find out that there is only one Rule of Golf that restricts where a player may stand when putts are being made and this only concerns a player's partner, their caddie and their partner's caddie, not a fellow competitor, an opponent or their caddies.

**Rule 14-2b states: A player must not make a stroke with his caddie, his partner or his partner's caddie positioned on or close to an extension of the line of play or line of putt behind the ball.**

*Exception: There is no penalty if the player's caddie, his partner or his partner's caddie is inadvertently located on or close to an extension of the line of play or line of putt behind the ball.*

The effect of this is that a player may stand anywhere else on the putting green without incurring a penalty, including behind the hole (i.e. with the hole immediately between them and where the ball is being putted from).

However, the section on etiquette at the front of the Rules book makes two other recommendations relevant to this subject:

- *Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play.*
- *Players should not stand on another player's line of putt or, when they are making a stroke, cast a shadow over their line of putt.*

There is one other ruling that is relevant to this subject and it is found in Decision 14-2/3:

*Q. May a player's caddie purposely stand between the player and the setting sun so that the sun's glare is not in the player's face while he is playing a stroke?*

*A. No. Such procedure is a breach of Rule 14-2A.*

Naturally, the above restriction also applies to a player's partner, their partner's caddie and a fellow competitor. Similarly, a player may not request an outside agency to put their ball in the shade with their shadow, though they may ask them to stand aside in order to ensure that their shadow does not move and distract them as they make their stroke.

My recommendation is that if you feel that someone is standing on the putting green in a position that may disturb or distract you, delay making your stroke and courteously ask them to move to a less intrusive position.

Good golfing,

*Barry Rhodes*

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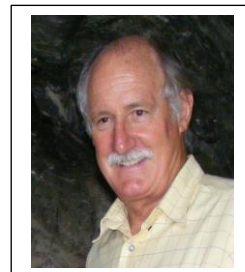
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