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The Par 4, 14th Hole at Zwartkop CC



Aerial view of the Club of yesteryear. Note the clubhouse, tennis courts, squash court, swimming pool & play area for kids.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Zwartkop Country Club is steeped in history. Its fairways and greens speak softly and with reverence of the Golfing Greats who have graced them over the past 75 years – from Jack, Arnie, Gary, Lee and all the others. Many an exhibition match, many a Championship and many a SA PGA Tour event

have been fought for and won here. More recently, the Ladies Tour have added to this beauty and all have played as determinedly as the men from yesteryear.

Over the years the changes to the original course have tightened and improved the experience of membership and playing The Game at Zwartkop CC. Yet, despite these 75 years we are blessed with a Club that is vibrant and forward thinking. The Zwartkop juniors continue to grow in number and capability and the future is on a solid base. We are blessed with a growing number of Bowlers, who continue to do the Club proud. The Bowls section is a strong and focused group of wonderful people who play to enjoy themselves, but always to win! They too do us proud at provincial and national level. Similarly, the Snooker section is a tightly knitted group who consistently perform and represent Zwartkop CC at all levels. We value the commitment and exemplary pride they display.

No Club exists, and indeed grows, without the requisite supporting functions. The Hayes family; has played, and continue to play the leading role in these areas. I look forward to my successors reporting again, in another 75 years time, on the continued health and progress of the Club.

All of us, who are members now, are quietly laying down the future history – let's all have a fine time doing it!

DON WILLMOT
CHAIRMAN 2003 - 2008



Gary Player & Jack Nicklaus in an exhibition match at Zwartkop CC in 1966.

LETTER FROM THE CAPTAIN

I remember as a young boy, about eight years old, coming to Zwartkop Country Club. My god-father, Piet Weideman, invited my father to join which he then did. Uncle Piet as I always knew him, later went on to be one of the most distinguished Club Presidents.

I always remember the feeling of anticipation in summer when we knew we were going to the Club; dad was either playing golf on the Saturday or tennis on Sunday. Whatever it was it meant a day of fun in the sun with lots of ice-cream, cold drinks and a great lunch served at the pool. The Club in those days was a true Country Club providing facilities for Tennis, Swimming, Bowls – which we still have today, Squash, Snooker and of course Golf. The Club has always been one of the more prestigious courses in Pretoria, being well known for its park-like layout, with fairways flanked by numerous trees and bushes. It has survived severe drought, flooding and nowadays the ever creeping urbanization, and to this day remains a great Club. As a young boy growing up in those magnificent surrounds I would never have considered the thought that one day I might be honoured to be Club Captain of this magnificent establishment. However, here I am, like so many other members celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Club and not only that, but as Captain.

The members will always make a Club what it is and over the years, as now, we have been blessed with people who care about the club and its well being and long may we draw such people to Zwartkop. So I would like to say to all members past and present; congratulations on this wonderful milestone, and the amazing legacy that you have left to those who come after us. May Zwartkop Country Club continue to go from strength to strength and celebrate many more anniversaries.

RUSSELL C. PAGE
CAPTAIN 2007-2009

LETTER FROM THE LADY CAPTAIN

75– A number, amount, age or concept? It is an exceptional number, a concept synonymous with words like excellence, large, mature and milestone. No matter how you see it, it is an important number that holds a special meaning to mankind.

In the context of Zwartkop Country Club it has a particular significance in that we celebrate our 75th year of existence. This is special as we can associate ourselves with the “Big Ones” in the golfing world. Names like Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Sam Snead and Ben Hogan come to mind and Zwartkop can be named in the same breath as these “Golfing Greats”. Maybe we are no longer as prominent as some of the new, modern courses, but few can boast the hundred of thousands of feet that have had the privilege to experience Zwartkop and take home a bit of nostalgia with them. For some of us it is a home; for golf, friendship, camaraderie and companionship. Zwartkop has provided exactly that to many of us over 75 years. During this time, there are things that have withstood the test of time and that will still be here for many years to come for the enjoyment of our descendants.

For any golfer there are hundreds of aspects to “THE GAME” that make it a pleasure to play. Zwartkop provides a total package for golfers to satisfy their needs; from the clubhouse, to the members, the management, the staff and the challenging course. Zwartkop has been described as “the Connoisseur”, not in material value but in ethics and nostalgia. In proud South African terms we can quote another biggie, not “the taste that stood the test of time” but rather “the course that stood the test of time.”

To Zwartkop Country Club congratulations on 75 magnificent years of pleasure, tradition and history. May you one day provide a place for us in “golfing heaven.”

LIEZL DIFFENTHAL
LADY CAPTAIN 2007 - 2009





Caricature of Otway Hayes

LETTER FROM THE HAYES FAMILY

The best way to show what Zwartkop means to the Hayes family would be to relate what happened a week before Otway Hayes passed away. When Dale went to visit him in hospital he said, "I think the end is near." Dale replied, "Yes Dad, but you've had a long and wonderful life."

"That's true," Otway replied quietly, "I wouldn't change a thing. My life's been the best...except for that 17th hole at East London Golf Club my life's been perfect." With two holes to play in the South African Open, fifty years before, he had a chance to win but double bogeyed the par 3, 17th.

Otway spent 56 years of his life as the Head Professional at Zwartkop, a length of time that is believed to be a world record amongst Club Professionals.

Zwartkop and its members have been a major part of the lives of the Hayes family for all but seven years of the Club's existence. Three generations of Hayes' have worked at the Club and we have always been proud of our association with the Club. To have been a part of creating the traditions and the history that's been achieved by Zwartkop, is fulfilling.

The Zwartkop philosophy is to have a golf course that is fun to play, in an environment that is friendly and relaxed and looking forward towards the Club's Centenary, we will endeavor to keep making improvements, to ensure that the members are proud of their Club.

Congratulations on the 75th Anniversary and we look forward to sharing, at the least, the next 25 years with you. It's a perfect day for golf, snooker or bowls at Zwartkop!

THE HAYES FAMILY



THE HAYES FAMILY

(Clockwise from back left – Adam, Dale, Brian, Ian, Vanessa, Joey, Alison & Linda)

CHRONOLOGY



JACK TUCKER

1933 — The club officially opened on the farm Zwartkops. It was fairly modest, with the old farmhouse being used as the original clubhouse.

1938 — Jack Tucker became the President of the Club, a position he would retain for 32 years. He was a very influential man in golf and at one time was the President of the South African Golf Association.

1940 — War Years - The first professional, Otway Hayes, was hired at age 21, three years after representing South Africa as an amateur in the first ever Springbok team with Bobby Locke, Clarence Olander and Frank Agg.

1945 — Emilio Plastino arrived at Zwartkop as an Italian Prisoner of War and stayed until his death in the eighties. Otway Hayes returned to Zwartkop after serving in the War.

1951 — On Friday, 16th February Otway Hayes became the first player to beat Bobby Locke in a professional tournament in South Africa in fifteen years in the Semi-Final of the £1250.00 Mills Trophy Tournament at Kensington GC. Otway Hayes was drawn to play against Bobby Locke in the semi-finals. Nobody was more amazed than Otway when he found himself all-square on the 17th fairway. He rolled in a 45-foot putt for a birdie to go 1-up. Otway's birdie putt on the 18th stopped 2 inches short of the cup. Locke needed to sink a 20-foot birdie putt to keep the match alive and he missed the cup by inches. It meant a 1-up victory for 32-year old Otway. He played Tommy Trevena in the final and won 1-up after a grueling 36 holes. His first prize was £300. This was a momentous victory both for Otway and Zwartkop Country Club, the club he represented.

1954 — The Bowls Section was opened and the first bowling green was constructed.

1955 — The President, Jack Tucker was on the S.A.G.A.'s executive and he lobbied to have the SA Amateur and SA Open played at Zwartkop. The Championship was won by the great Bobby Locke and still remains the only time that the event has been played in Pretoria. It was Locke's 9th and last S.A. Open title. Reg Taylor was the SA Amateur Champion.

1956 — The committee agreed to build a second bowling green on the site of the original tennis courts.

1957 — Two hundred players entered the Otway Hayes Mixed Open on Sunday, 26th May. Because of the number of entries they teed off from 08h00 and played the usual four-ball better-ball bogey stableford.

1959 — Membership stood at 1495 which included 520 male and 167 lady golfers and the average rounds of golf were 65.45 / day, an increase of 0.5 / day over 1958.

1962 — In 1962 Arnold Palmer and Gary Player were the number one, and number two golfers in the World. Gary invited Arnold to South Africa and arranged a friendly match at Zwartkop and even though it was just a social game, they had eleven birdies between them. Palmer became the fifth major winner to play at Zwartkop, joining Bobby Locke, Peter Thompson, Fred Daly and Gary Player. John Hayes won the Club Championship; the Northern Transvaal Amateur Championship; the SA Amateur Championship and was picked as a Springbok. A formal squash section was set up which was represented in the Squash league. Brian Motto was the Chairman.

1963 — Total Membership stood at 1585 which included 664 men and 189 lady golfers and the average rounds of golf were 74.6 / day as opposed to 72.1 the previous year. Clubhouse alterations were underway — new bar extension, billiards room, lounge, ladies and men's locker rooms, liquor store, two offices and perhaps the building of a better shop.

Plans were also underway to extend the parking lot to the west of the clubhouse to provide +137 bays. There was talk that the Wierda Hostel would close in April and the club would therefore need to start to organize an adequate supply of casual caddies. The current caddie fee was 60 cents + a 25 cent minimum tip. The Pretoria Municipality intimated that they would be approaching the club with regards to a servitude over some of the club property. They agreed to give two options.



OTWAY & BOBBY LOCKE ON THE 18th GREEN AT THE MILLS TROPHY



BOBBY LOCKE & REG TAYLOR



JOHN HAYES, FLANKED BY DR J HAYES & OTWAY, WITH SOME OF HIS TROPHIES

1965 — Total Membership stood at 1630 which included 706 men and 164 lady golfers and the average rounds of golf were 76.8 / day (total of 28,028 - 2,392 rounds more than last year). The drought which began in 1962 continued through 1965. The club was fortunate to have its own borehole but the drop in the area water table meant they were only able to water the greens. The old men's bar lounge was redecorated and renamed the "Coppa Room". Improvements were also made to the dining room, portions of the main hall and the verandah.

1966 — The Dunlop Masters was played at Zwartkop. All of South Africa's best players were there including the Henning Brothers, Cobie le Grange, Papwa Sewgolum, Denis Hutchinson plus a large contingent of international professionals including a young Tony Jacklin. One of the young talents of the time was Cedric Amm, from Mowbray Golf Club. He was very powerful off the tee and hit accurate iron shots, and that week belonged to him and he outplayed all the stars of South African golf to win his only tournament on the Sunshine Tour with a score of 276. Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus played an exhibition match at Zwartkop. On the 16th tee Nicklaus was four shots behind Player. The finishing pars in those days were 5-4-5 and Nicklaus finished 4-2-4 to tie Player. The old 17th was a 330m par 4 (back then it went across the road). Nicklaus drove the green and nailed a 30 foot putt. He then narrowly missed another eagle on the last, when his 20 foot putt slipped past the side of the hole. Their scores for the day were 69.

1967 — Total membership stood at 1703 which included 833 men and 158 lady golfers. Rod Sinclair became the President of the Northern Transvaal Bowls Association, the first time that a Zwartkop member held this honour. Sunday evening buffet dinners were introduced and proved very popular.

1968 — A combination of factors led to burnt patches on the greens and the drought in 1968 burnt up the fairways. Fortunately there were late rains and Otway Hayes stepped in to supervise the course which made remarkable improvements. Jimmy Newton won both the Tennis & the Squash Championships. Billy Casper, one of the world's most under-rated golfers even though he won over fifty tournaments, including the US Open and the Masters, was always playing second fiddle to golf's Big Three; Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player. In 1968 he played an exhibition match at Zwartkop against Gary Player. He did a golf clinic with Gary Player in front of the first tee that had to be seen to be believed; Gary called the shots and Billy Casper played them.

1969 — Membership stood at 1712 which included 821 men and 148 lady golfers.

After spending a couple of years at UCT, Brian returned to Pretoria and got a job with an estate agent. It was at this time that Otway Hayes needed an assistant in the shop at Zwartkop. He asked Brian if he would like to join him. Jack Tucker resigned as the Club's President, a position he had held for 32 years. During this time, he had a stint as the Golf Captain and also served on both the Transvaal Golf Union and South African Golf Union and had been presidents of both bodies. Ronnie Stewart, who had been the Vice- President for twelve years took over as President, and asked that Jack be made the Honorary Life Vice- President, which was unanimously agreed to. Mr. JF Schmidt stepped down from the committee after serving for 24 years. He had been Chairman of the House Committee, Grounds Committee and for the last 15 years, the Finance Committee. Mr. T Beckett also stepped down after serving on the committee in various capacities for 20 years. Dale Hayes won the Junior World at Torrey Pines in San Diego as well as the South African Amateur and the German Amateur. He was nominated by the Sports Writer's Association as one of the six outstanding Sportsmen of the Year.

1974 — A program of enlarging and building new tees was completed, lengthening the course by 700 yards so that an application could be made to SAGU for the course rating to be increased from 71 to 72. The 4th hole became a par 5 and the 5th hole, a par 4.

1975 — It was a very wet year and early in 1975 the Club experienced the worst floods for many years and was closed for five weeks in February and March. Debris and clay on the greens made it very difficult to control the weeds and fungi and many trees were lost.

1976 — 1976 was a good year for performances by golfers representing Zwartkop Country Club. Wilhelm Winsnes won the SA Junior title, Dale Hayes won the SA Open and George Schwartzel won the Northern Transvaal Amateur (Wilhelm Winsnes finished 2nd) and also reached the finals of the SA Amateur.

1977 — Harrison, the much loved member of staff in charge of the men's locker room died.

1978 — Membership stood at 1669 which included 719 men and 94 lady golfers and the average rounds of golf were 80/day. The decrease was attributed to the flood in the early part of the year. The A League won their league, Louis Norval won the Northern Transvaal Championship, John Howie captained the Northern Transvaal team and the ladies won the Northern Transvaal Gross for the first time.

1979 — The total membership stood at 1738 which included 722 men and 94 lady golfers.

Plans were drawn up to make changes to the men's locker room, the ladies bar, which would include a new entrance to the bar and locker room and a new bar counter.



ZWARTKOP CC

Alterations were also done to the Bowls Clubhouse and plans were drawn up for alterations to the halfway house kitchen. A number of members were prepared to pay R500 of their subs in advance to finance a watering scheme but it was decided that a manual water system would be installed instead of an expensive automatic one. Louis Norval won the SA Amateur and was given his Springbok colours although he did not end up representing South Africa in competition. Ties would no longer be compulsory for Sunday dinner.

On the Bowls front, Miss B Maré won the Northern Transvaal Ladies Singles Championship Trophy. The Sigma Pro Tournament took place and was very poorly supported by public. It was won by John Bland.

1980 — The new ladies bar, called Emilio's Bar opened up in September.

1981 — In August it was agreed that Brian Hayes be appointed as Joint Professional with Otway Hayes. The Ladies won the Northern Transvaal League for the first time in Zwartkop history. Frank Higgins became the President of Northern Transvaal Bowls and Dalene Hardy became the President of Northern Transvaal Ladies Bowls.

1982 — Dalene Hardy, Linda Fouche, Toekie van Rensburg, Bea Maré and Lies Witteveen

won the SA Bowls Championships (SA Bowls Fours). Two tennis courts were resurfaced with the grass court being converted to an all-weather court. The courts were also floodlit.

1983 — Total membership stood at 1522 which included 600 men and 73 lady golfers. A host of lady members; Annetjie Bosse, Yvonne Meredith, Daphne Schlebusch, Elize Cloete and Jackie Reid were chosen to play for Gauteng North. Annetjie Bosse also managed to win the Ladies Club Champs for the fourth time. Elsie Havenga won the Tennis sections Ladies Singles; Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

1984 — One of the longest running tournaments South Africa has ever had, the ICL, started at Kensington GC and then moved to Zwartkop in 1984, where it remained until 1995. The first event at Zwartkop was won by David Feherty on 271.

1985 — Total Membership stood at 1471 which included 667 men and 72 lady golfers.

A second, successful ICL tournament was held in January. It was won by Nick Price on 20 under par 268, by 1 shot from Gavan Levenson. A Special General Meeting was held in March regarding the golf course alterations. The Provincial Government announced that a new road would be coming through the 16th hole and so Iscor was asked to negotiate buying extra land to compensate for the loss and to accommodate the new greens. A committee was set up to deal with golf architect, Mr Kerr, who was appointed by Iscor & included AC Greyling, Jan Olivier, Basie Venter, Ken Christie, Bill Manley & R Weideman. The first meeting with the architect took place in February 1985. The tender for the course alterations was awarded to Mid Rand Construction who guaranteed completion by 16 Dec 1985. The actual road would get started with its initial phase in October 1986. The Provincial Government arranged for an initial payment of R100,000.00 as compensation for the new road going through the course. They would pay a total of R600,000.00.

1986 — The third ICL tournament at Zwartkop was won by Gavan Levenson on 18 under 270, by 1 shot from David Frost.

The alterations to the golf course were anticipated to be completed by the end of February due to delays caused by storm damage. Iscor agreed to tar the roads, circle and front parking lot of the club.

1987 — The fourth ICL tournament at Zwartkop was won by Tony Johnstone on 271, six shots clear of the runners-up. Brian Motto, who had been Captain from 1964 to 1970, and President from 1970 to 1980, passed away.

1988 — The fifth ICL at Zwartkop had the largest number of entries on the Sunshine Tour and was once again won by Tony Johnstone on 22 under 266.

1989 — The sixth ICL at Zwartkop was won by Chris Williams on 272. The Northern Transvaal Championships were hosted at Zwartkop in February. Building alterations had been undertaken which included new caddy quarters, ticket office, outside bar, kitchen facilities, locker room improvements, upgrading the facade of the Coppa room and dining room, storeroom and manager's house. Phase 2 would be completed during 1990 and would include a new ladies locker room. The old halfway house was to be demolished and a chipping green created.

1990 — The seventh ICL at Zwartkop was described by many as their best event to date. It was won by Gavan Levenson on 19 under 269. In August, Zwartkop hosted a Winter Tour tournament, called the PX Celebrity Pro Am. A large group of Zwartkop members made the club proud with their achievements. David Christie was awarded Northern Gauteng colours when he made the Northern Gauteng Under-23 team; Nico Schutte was awarded Northern Gauteng B colours; Bill Rice was awarded Northern Gauteng Senior colours; David



CHANGES TO THE CLUBHOUSE OVER THE YEARS



SA BOWLS FOURS WINNERS

Faught and Darren Fichardt received Northern Gauteng Junior colours and Gerrie Oosthuizen and Patrick O'Brien received Northern Gauteng School colours. Iscor was privatised. A new subsidiary company, called Yscor Landgoed (EPMS) was established to control all Iscor's properties including their recreational assets e.g. golf courses and a new lease would be signed on the 1st August 1990. The swimming pool was closed due to lack of use (by this time many homes had their own) and its closure would save the Club money.

1991 – The eighth ICL at Zwartkop was won by Fulton Allem on 271. He held off Tony Johnstone to win by 1 shot. Honorary Membership was bestowed on the State President, Mr FW de Klerk for the duration of his term in office. Stuart Bouwer met with Peter Matkovich about the proposed alterations to the course which included redesigning and reconstructing all the greens and green surrounds; changing to bent grass on all greens; redeveloping tees where necessary and redeveloping fairways where the holes had been changed. The construction of the temporary greens would begin at the end of February 1992 and the new course changes would get under way at the end of April 1992.

1992 – The ninth ICL at Zwartkop was won by the American, Kevin Johnson on 271. Peter Matkovich confirmed that the new course would be playable in January 1993. The club was in the final stages of the improvement program of the buildings and other amenities. The Port Cocheré at the entrance was completed towards the end of the year. Robby Fulton was elected to the Northern Transvaal Golf Union executive and Schalk Bender was elected as President of the Northern Transvaal Bowling Association.

1993 – The tenth ICL at Zwartkop was won by Nick Price after a thrilling duel with Mark McNulty, on 21-under-par 267. The opening of the new course was planned for the 16th January. The new Course Rating would be 72 and the Championship Rating 73. The course received many compliments and was allocated 14th in the Top 20 Courses in SA. It was later decided that the 15th and 17th greens needed to be raised because of the flood line. Otway's wife, Glen passed away in March and Gavin Drummond was appointed as Brian's new Apprentice. The Club made a successful bid for the medals that Bobby Locke had won at the South African Open at Zwartkop in 1955. They cost the Club R7,225.00. Bill Rice won the Transvaal Seniors and Captained the Northern Transvaal Veteran team and Darren Fichardt won the Transvaal Strokeplay.

1994 – The eleventh ICL was plagued by rain, which unfortunately kept the spectators away but it was won by Nick Price, who defended his title, with a 21 under 267. The Club experienced water levels that hadn't been reached in 50 years and the 17th green was flooded and severely damaged. The new 8th and 17th greens were built during winter. Nicholas Leggare, the very popular Caddie Master for many years passed away of cancer. The Club received approval from the City Council to close the Stymie Ave entrance. Patrick O'Brien won the Transvaal Closed at Silver Lakes and Darren Fichardt came 3rd. Darren Fichardt, Vaughn Groenewald and Jamie Stevens were selected for the Inter-Provincial team. Jakes Kukard and Clyde Nielsen were chosen for the Northern Transvaal Junior team. The Black Golfers Union of Northern Transvaal joined the Northern Transvaal Golf Union.

1995 – The twelfth and final ICL tournament was won by Ashleigh Roestoff on 275. It was his first win in eight years. Vaughn Groenewald was selected as a reserve for the SA team and Bill Rice was once again chosen for the Northern Transvaal Veterans.

1996 – Total membership stood at 1189 and the average rounds of golf were 101/day. Zwartkop experienced a severe flood and the club lost nearly seven and a half weeks of trading. The greatest damage was to the 6th, 10th and 15th greens and it had a big effect on the members, with many leaving, as they believed it would take many years to come right. The Club introduced different packages to try to attract new members including Corporate Membership; Playing Cards; Temporary Memberships and Memberships for Wives of Full Members. Otway Hayes celebrated 56 years at Zwartkop (1940 to 1996) and confirmed he would resign at the end of the year. He was made an Honorary Member and it was confirmed that Brian Hayes would take over the shop at the end of the year. Otway received two awards at the Compleat Golfer Annual Awards dinner; the Contribution to Golf Award and the prestigious PGA Club Professional of the Year.

1997 – A new, updated constitution was tabled and become operative in November.

The last time the constitution had been amended was in 1981 and before that, in 1933, when the club was established. The new constitution called for a Management Committee instead of the old "Main Committee", and it would be made up of the Chairman, two Iscor representatives, the Golf Captain, the General Manager and three elected members.



BOBBY LOCKE'S MEDALS



THE 1995 FLOODS

Pretoria recorded the highest ever rainfall in March and the Club lost another 28 days of trading and the loss of revenue was estimated at around R130,000.00 (not including damages). A Special Meeting was held to try to address the flow of the Hennops River with the Chairman, the Centurion Town Council, Iscor Management and a Hydrologist (Trevor Coleman). The "River Project" was approved and the alterations would take place which included the implosion of two weirs (at the 4th and the 8th); gabions being put in at the 3rd and removing the island at the 15th. It was hoped these steps would minimize future flood damage.

1998 – The Club entered into a management agreement with Top Turf for the total maintenance of the course and the upgrading of the clubhouse facilities was completed. Discussions were entered into with the Council with respect to the new rates and taxes for Sports Clubs. Country Clubs were being re-zoned from Agricultural Land to Open Space Development Areas. A complaint was lodged with council because as a Country Club, the members were responsible for the taxes in terms of the rental agreement with Iscor. A note was received back from council saying that the new tariff would be implemented retrospectively.

1999 – The total membership stood at 1152 and the average rounds of golf were 113/day. A stalwart member of the club and the Saturday School, Judge Oscar Galgut, passed away. The Club hosted the Vodacom National Pro Am; the Mandela Prestige Day for his Children's Fund and the PGA Cup which was won by Darren Fichardt and Paul McErlean.

2000 – Total membership stood at 1254, the highest since 1988 and the average rounds of golf were 112/day. The Club was closed for 18 days in March due to a flood. Zwartkop hosted the Vodacom Series event on the Winter Tour. The Snooker section won the Premier league and had four people in Northern Gauteng A Team. Otway Hayes was awarded a PGA Special Award in recognition of his 60 year Membership to the PGA of South Africa.

2001 – The total membership stood at 945 and the average rounds of golf were 125/day. In the late nineties, Iscor had made the decision to sell off Zwartkop CC. In June 2001, the Hayes family got to become the owners which was a "dream come true" for them. Having been born at Zwartkop and grown up at the club; the opportunity to own the Club was one that couldn't be passed up. Brian Hayes was made the Golf Director. In November of the same year Otway Hayes passed away.

2002 – Dale Hayes' company, Golf Inner Circle moved their offices into Otway Hayes House - the original clubhouse building. The Premier Snooker team won the league and M Cassim, J Ellis, K Jansen and K Lombard were chosen for various Gauteng North teams. Various areas of the clubhouse underwent upgrading, including the halfway house, Café on Green, golf shop and men's locker rooms. Out on the course the practice facilities were upgraded and the Teaching Academy officially opened. The 15th hole was converted from a short dogleg par four to a long, straight par three. This also meant that the par of the course was reduced from a 72 to a 71 for the men. The new 15th hole is the only par three where water doesn't come into play and is the longest of the five par three's. The first season of the Zwartkop Company Challenge started in July. Brian's son, Ian joined Zwartkop to do his PGA apprenticeship with the intention of eventually taking over the golf shop.

2003 – As part of the new Zwartkop Estate development the club would get a new car park, new entrance, new façade and an electric fence around the perimeter. The Bowlers moved their "clubhouse" into the main clubhouse building. Seven of the eight top Zwartkop Snooker players were selected for Gauteng North. Munier Cassim and Kobus Jansen won the Gauteng North Pairs Championship. Annetjie Rynners and Fransie Baartman won the Silver and Bronze divisions of the Gauteng North Women's Golf Senior Championships.

2004 – For the first time in ten years the club showed a profit. The Café on the Green was converted into a new bar, which was once again named Emilio's. Nathaniel Barnes won the SA ReMax Long Drive Championship for the third time with a drive of 356m and Patrick O'Brien won his first Tour event. The Dale Hayes Golf Academy Head teacher, Elsabe Hefer was selected to coach the Gauteng North Ladies team. Munier Cassim and Billy Musk were chosen for the Gauteng North Snooker team. Munier Cassim made a record break of 138 at the SA Snooker Championships at Wanderers and was awarded his Springbok Colours. Estelle Rust was selected for the Bowls Gauteng North Masters team and Rena Maree won her section at the Ladies Nationals in KZN. The Rand-a-Round system was implemented from July, with R1 for every round of golf played being donated to the South African Junior Golf Foundation. The money would be allocated to sending a Boy & a Girl to attend the Duke of York Young Champions Trophy in the UK each year. Zwartkop raised R28,963.00 from July to December 2004. The Club started sending out a weekly electronic newsletter to the members and the golf shop introduced handheld GPS systems for rent and the new Flitescope system arrived from the States to assist them with club fitting clients.



MUNIER CASSIM

2005 – Zwartkop hosted the Telkom Ladies Classic in March, the first professional tournament at Zwartkop since the 2001 Vodacom Trophy. The tournament was won by Laurette Maritz. The first homeowners moved into Hagen Greens and Vardon Fairways, the two complexes closest to the clubhouse. Lloyd du Preez was awarded Gauteng North Junior Colours and Bill Rice was chosen for the South African-over 55 team. Shaun Ellis was chosen for the Gauteng North U/23 team and Nico van Eeden for the Gauteng North B Team. Nathaniel Barnes won the SA ReMax Long Drive Championship for the 4th time with a drive of 388m. Wynand Dingle won the Eastern Gauteng U/23 tournament. Annetjie Rynners came first in the SA Seniors at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington. Joey Hayes finished 3rd. The current Captain, Geoff Kotze passed away unexpectedly on the 6th July. Ernie Wright took over as the Interim Captain until a new one could be voted in at the AGM in November. Dale Hayes received Honorary Life Membership to the SAJGF at the Compleat Golfer Annual Awards Dinner and Elsabe Hefer was named the WPGA Teacher of the Year. The SAGES National tournament was held at both Services and Zwartkop with +- 350 players over the two courses. Zwartkop hosted the Gauteng Mid-Amateur Championship which was won by Ramon Rahme. Zwartkop raised R53,109.00 in the Rand a Round SAJGF donation in 2005.

2006 – The total membership stood at 1569 and the average rounds of golf were 146 /day. Zwartkop hosted the Ernie Els Junior Tour in January which was won by Gideon Pienaar (KZN) & Iliska Verwey (E Cape).

Zwartkop once again hosted the Telkom Ladies Classic which was won by Laurette Maritz for the second year in row. She had a ten foot putt for birdie, to win by 1 shot. Zwartkop hosted the Premier of Gauteng's Golf Day; Premier Mhazima Shilowa. Cyril Ramaphosa and Trevor Manuel attended. Zwartkop also hosted the Compleat Golfer Club Pro Champs which were won by Kevin Stone. Vaughn Groenewald won his first professional tournament in 11 years on the Sunshine Tour, the Vodacom Origins of Golf. Lloyd du Preez made the Gauteng North Junior Inter-Provincial team and was made Captain. Tyron McComb, Aubrey Barnard and Brendan Breedt were chosen for the Gauteng North U/16 Inter-provincial team. Shaun Ellis and Wynand Dingle were chosen for the Gauteng North U/23 sides and the SA U/23 sides. Lloyd du Preez won the Silver Salver at PCC and second place went to Wynand Dingle. Bianca Barnard was chosen for the Gauteng North U/16 girls team. Elsabe Hefer was chosen as one of Compleat Golfer's Top 20 Teachers in South Africa, the first lady to be nominated. Bill Rice was elected to the Gauteng North Golf Union Executive. The two bowling greens were renamed; The Otway Hayes and Dale Hayes Greens. Dudley Rae, who has almost been a member for 50 years, was honoured with the naming of the stream in front of the 17th green, Rae's Creek. Zwartkop raised R49,064.00 in Rand-a-Round donations in 2006. Brian Hayes was made the Club's Managing Director.

2007 – Wynand Dingle tied for 1st in the Northern Open Championship at Modderfontein and then went on to win the matchplay event and in the process qualified to play in the British Amateur at Royal Lytham & St Annes. Aubrey Barnard won the Hayes Junior Classic at Zwartkop. The Zwartkop team of Bianca Barnard, Ella Cole & Alma du Plessis won the Champion of Champions. Connie Chen won the SA U/16 Girls Championship and was selected to play for the ladies team in the Inter-Zone Tournament. Connie Chen and Bianca Barnard were selected for the Gauteng North Inter-provincial B team. Nathaniel Barnes won the SA ReMax Long Drive Championship for the fifth (2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007) with a drive of 384.2m.

Zwartkop once again hosted the Ernie Els Junior Tour which was won by Dylan Fritelli and Yushira Budhram and also hosted the SA Under-23 Inter-provincial Championship. Lloyd du Preez was a member of the Gauteng North team. In December the Gauteng North U/19 team won the SA Under-19 Nomads Inter-provincial at Waterkloof Golf Club. Tyron McComb and Aubrey Barnard were a part of the team. It was the first time in five years that Gauteng North won this event! Zwartkop hosted the Men's National Bowling Championships and Mynx Marais was chosen as the Coach of the Gauteng North U/25 Bowls team. Munier Cassim won the Gauteng North Snooker Singles Championships. On the golf course; new gabions were put into the river around the 12th green (used 243 tons of stone). Dale Hayes was presented with the International Member 5-Star Award by the European Professional Golfers Association's, in Spain. Zwartkop raised R47,879.00 in Rand-a-Round donations in 2007.

2008 – Zwartkop hosted the Telkom Ladies Classic for a third time, which was won by Lisa Sorensen from Denmark who finished with 13-under par. Brian Hayes celebrated 39 years at Zwartkop. Liezl Diffenthal the Lady Captain won the Gauteng Amateur Ladies Open B Division Matchplay Championships at Leeuwkop. She also had a hole-in-one on the par 3, 18th hole on the first day of the strokeplay event. Joey Hayes & Annetjie Rynners (along with two other Gauteng North ladies) won the National Senior Women's Championships team event at Margate & Southbroom. Zwartkop raised R28, 000.00 in Rand-a-Round donations from January to August in 2008. The Zwartkop team of Liezl Diffenthal, Bianca Barnard, Annalize Raulston and Hanneke Lindeque won the Champion of Champions. Bianca won the event overall. Tyron McComb won the Hayes Junior Classic National Final and a trip to the Orange Bowl Tournament in the USA in Dec 2008.



PGA TEACHING PROFESSIONAL,
ELSABE HEFER

LETTER FROM GARY PLAYER



Dear Mr Hayes.
You are BIONIC.
I think of you a
lot. You have
done so much for
golf. You can be
proud of Dale.
Take care
Gary Player

Congratulations to everyone at Zwartkop Country Club on your 75th anniversary and I wish you many more successful years ahead. I have very fond memories of Zwartkop, starting way back in 1955 when we played the SA Open there - surprisingly the only time the SA Open has ever been played in Pretoria.

Later, in the '60s and '70s I was involved in several memorable exhibition matches at Zwartkop against the likes of Nicklaus, Palmer and Trevino and I will always remember the strong support of the members and people of Pretoria.

I am delighted to know that the Hayes family is still such a big part of Zwartkop as they have had such an influence on the club and in South African golf in general. It's incredible to think that I played with what is almost three generations of Hayes'. Otway was one of the game's true professionals and then his oldest son John was another great golfer. It was only many years later that younger brother Dale came onto the scene and we all know what a great talent he was.

May your club continue to flourish and keep up the good work of promoting and growing the game in South Africa.

GARY PLAYER

LETTER FROM NICK PRICE



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To all members,

Congratulations on your 75th anniversary!

There are few clubs that I have experienced in my travels that have such a strong and important family presence. Zwartkop Country Club is one of those unique and special clubs. The legacy and impact of Otway, John, Dale and Brian is evident in the strength and continued growth of the club. Their contribution to the club and to golf in South Africa is immeasurable.

I was very fortunate to win three times at Zwartkop Country Club and I have great memories of the warmth and support that I received from the members.

The club and its members have played such an important role in the game of golf in South Africa and I wish you continued success in the years ahead.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Price".

NICK PRICE

FROM THE BOWLS SECTION

The bowling club was opened in 1954, under CW Sinclair, twenty three years after the Main Club opened its doors, and a ladies section followed the next year under W Ford. In those years the men's and women's sections were strictly separate and ladies were only permitted to play from Mondays to Fridays, or by invitation on the weekends, if there was space available. This gradually changed years later due to the fact that more and more ladies were working during the week.

In 1967 Rod Sinclair became the President of the Northern Transvaal Bowls Association, the first time that a Zwartkop member held this honour. Winnie Hayward was President of the Northern Transvaal Women's Bowls Association in 1975 and then years later, in 1981 Frank Higgins and Dalene Hardy would also occupy the positions of President of NTB and President of NTWBA respectively. Other members to hold these positions included Schalk Bender, President of NTB in 1989 and 1993; Dusty Rae, President of NTWBA in 1991 and Connie Nel President of NTWBA in 1997.

In 1982 Dalene Hardy, Linda Fouche, Toekie van Rensburg, Bea Maré and Lies Witteveen did the club proud by winning the SA Bowls Fours at the SA Championships. In 1998 Sarah Lambley was awarded the Gauteng North Presidents Award and in 2001 this went to Levinia Aucamp, Mynx Marais and Lies Witteveen.

In 2006 the two bowling greens were renamed; from the Sinclair and Velchich greens to the Otway Hayes and Dale Hayes greens.



JACK TUCKER AT THE BOWLS
OPENING IN 1954

FROM THE SNOOKER SECTION

In 1984 the snooker room was in a poor state and the tables were in need of urgent attention. With the costs of the upgrade being too expensive the club decided to close the tables. A group of members who were playing regular social snooker approached the club with a request for the tables to remain. The club agreed with the condition that they form a committee to look after the snooker room, and so the Snooker Section was formed, with Rowan Billson as Chairman and Sandy McCartney as Secretary.

After a couple of years Northern Transvaal; now Snooker & Billiards Gauteng North (SBGN), asked Zwartkop to enter a team into the league. In April 1987 we entered Rowan Billson, Piet van Zyl, Jannie van Vuuren and Sandy McCartney into the 'C' league, the lowest possible. The number of players grew and improvements were made to the snooker room with the funds made from the annual Snooker Golf day. This attracted even more members and today we have two premier teams and two 'A' league teams in the league. The largest we ever became was in about, 2000 when we had two premier teams, two 'A' teams, one 'B' team and one 'C' team, making 24 active league players playing each week.

Over the years the teams have won many competitions for the club, with the premier one team; Munier Cassim, John Ellis, Joe Sikander and Kobus Jansen being the most successful. The 'A' one team; Ken Lombard, Bob Quin, Sandy McCartney and Stephan de Bruyn come second. Individuals who have won colours are Munier Cassim (Springbok and SBGN), John Ellis (Springbok pool and SBGN) and Jeanne Young who won the South African women singles in 2007. Currently, 12 of the 16 players playing at Zwartkop have SBGN colours in one form or another.

SANDY MCCARTNEY

TEERING OFF AT ZWARTKOP COUNTRY CLUB

BY MICHAEL VLISMAS

Daniel Jacobus Elardus Erasmus was not a golfer.

For a start, the man had 16 children. You think it's only the modern father who finds it's hard to balance golf and family time. Then there was the tiresome task of having to always uproot his family and move further north away from a pesky bunch of imperial squatters who came from an island where it always rained and where a woman called the shots. And just when you think you've found the perfect piece of property in Mpumalanga, malaria comes along and ensures the resale value drops dramatically in your area.

But Erasmus was not a man to be easily deterred. And so a short detour to the south west brought him upon a piece of land he must have thought resembled heaven when he first laid eyes upon it in 1841. It had an abundance of game and a beautiful, crystalline river flowed through it. This river would later become known as the Hennops River. Erasmus decided that here they would stay, and he set up a farm close to a distinct koppie in the area, which he called Zwartkop. His farmhouse was built on the land that today is Zwartkop Country Club, and he and his wife were both buried about 500 metres to the south of the main clubhouse buildings. In his old age, Erasmus himself became known as Oupa Zwartkoppies, and little did he know that his own farm would one day be the home of one of South Africa's most historic golf clubs.

To suggest that Zwartkop Country Club was first started by Iscor is a common misconception. It was in fact Frank Edward Palmer Ball who owned the land and first decided to commission Bob Grimsdell to design a golf course there. Why he did so is today still a mystery even to his family.

"My grandfather (Ball) certainly wasn't a golfer, but I know that my father, Brian McCormick, was passionate about the game as a child. And I know that the golf course was up and running for about two years already before Iscor bought it," recalls John McCormick, a member at the club for 52 years. "The land upon which the golf course exists was his farm. The original farm house was actually on the side of the fifth hole. He also owned land around Rietvlei Dam."

In 1928, the South African government passed what became known as the Iscor Act, paving the way for the formation of the steel giant. But to establish an independent steelworks they needed to secure adequate supplies of raw materials. Geologists had established that two viable deposits of one of the raw materials – dolomite – were in the Pretoria area. One was on the farm Mooiplaats no. 69 (just east of the R55) and the other on the farm Zwartkop no. 476 (where the Zwartkop racetrack now stands). Iscor took options to purchase these farms in the same year.



THE ERASMUS MEMORIAL STONE

However, the golf course itself was situated on the land owned by Ball. In 1933, Ball decided to sell this land to Iscor as part of his own property development plans and under the banner of his own company, Lyttelton Townships. "I suppose you could say my grandfather was a pioneer of the modern golf estate," says McCormick. The trophy cabinet at Zwartkop Country Club actually houses the Lyttelton Trophy, which was donated to the club by Ball, who eventually moved away and spent the remainder of his years farming up north near Potgietersrus.

The club was officially opened in 1933, with the old farmhouse used as the original clubhouse.

A number of cottages were dotted around the clubhouse and members could stay here if they wished. "The original golf course was a phenomenal layout," recalls McCormick. "I remember the old fourth in particular, which was a stroke one and was a very tough hole."

Grimsdell's design philosophy for Zwartkop was a simple one aimed at taking advantage of the river that ran through the golf course and the trees on the site. His desire was not to make it a long golf course, but rather to rely on strategic bunkering and small greens as its defence. In essence, Grimsdell sought to produce a layout that was fun to play for the members, but also a good test for the top amateur or professional.

"In those days Zwartkop was a Country Club in the true sense. It had squash courts, tennis courts, a pool and so on. The original bar was where the snooker room is today. And the pro shop was where the hair salon is today. The old halfway house was just past the big bluegum tree. "There was also the caddie compound which was where the 15th is today. It housed a school for young, first-time offenders and we had a lot of coloured kids there. It was like a reform school.

I remember a caddie in those days used to cost you 20 cents. We also used to have an equestrian centre. Another thing I remember is that the Hennops River never used to flow all year round like it does today. It just shows you how the water situation has changed over the years."



THE LYTTLETON TROPHY



THE GOLF COURSE IN 1964

The first major enforced change to the course came as a result of the power lines along the back of the old 16th and 17th holes. “The 17th was a downhill par four and you could actually drive the green. And the 16th was a fantastic par five. But then came the next big change,” says McCormick.

That was the new road that was built through that part of the course in the early nineties, forcing the loss of the 15th, 16th and 17th holes, which had to be “squashed” into a smaller piece of ground. “The course had to change quite a bit because of the road and a lot of holes were rerouted,” says McCormick. The course alterations were done by Peter Matkovich.

Another major change was the move from cynoden greens to bent grass.

The first professional at Zwartkop Country Club was Otway Hayes, who took up the post in 1940. Otway was a member of the first Springbok golf team to tour Great Britain, and he did so alongside Bobby Locke, Frank Agg and Clarence Olander.

The war years took their toll on most golf clubs in South Africa, and Zwartkop was no different. But upon the return of Otway, the late Forties and Fifties saw a marked increase in membership at the club. The course had developed a reputation as being a good test of golf in a country atmosphere.

Zwartkop continued its rise through the ranks of South African golf, and was at one stage ranked within the top twenty courses in the country.

In 1955, thanks to the influence of club president Jack Tucker, who became the president of the South African Golf Association, Zwartkop was included on the SA Open rota and hosted this prestigious tournament in 1955. Zwartkop remains the only golf club in Pretoria to have hosted an SA Open.

The 1955 showpiece was won by none other than Locke, and his golf medal is now an important piece of memorabilia at the club. “That SA Open went a long way to lifting Zwartkop’s prestige,” says Dale Hayes. “The fact that Otway Hayes was a terrific player and a thorough gentleman also went a long way in attracting the right people to come and play at Zwartkop and to become members of the club.”

In the late Fifties and Sixties, Zwartkop produced some of South Africa’s most talented golfers, including John Fourie, John Hayes, Rod Mullen, Cheran Gerber, and later Dale Hayes, Wilhelm Winsnes, Louis Norval and George Schwartzel.

Of course, there have been many “battles” waged on the fairways of Zwartkop Country Club over the years, from the myriad of professional tournaments the course hosted in the Eighties to the Saturday afternoon game between two friends.

This is quite apt when you consider that this piece of land also witnessed its fair share of skirmishes in the Boer War from 1899 to 1902. Lord Roberts and his 40 000-strong occupational force camped on this land before the siege of Pretoria on 5 June 1900. Interestingly enough, the British occupation of Pretoria was not as significant as it seemed to Roberts, as the Boers continued triumphing in several other battles on the outskirts.

In this sense, perhaps Daniel Jacobus Elardus Erasmus was a golfer after all. For it’s only in this game that just when you think you’ve sewn up victory on one hole, a bad bounce, lip-out or simply a short lapse in concentration on the next can cost you the entire match.



OLD 7th HOLE AT ZWARTKOP CC



NEW 7th HOLE AT ZWARTKOP CC

ZWARTKOP'S GREAT CHAMPIONS AND EVENTS

BY GRANT WINTER

Zwartkop has hosted a number of Sunshine Tour events over the years, showcasing some of the world's best golfers including the club's own Dale Hayes. Here is a look at what transpired in the golden years of pro golf here.

SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERS - 1966

Zwartkop staged the SA Masters just once, when Cedric Amm prevailed with a score of 276.

BERT HAGERMAN INVITATION - 1972

Dale Hayes was just 20 when he won this one-off tournament on his home course with a splendid 22-under-par score of 266, with Paddy O'Donnell heaping praise on the young man in his book, *South Africa's Wonderful World of Golf*, published in 1973: He wrote: "The rounds (of this 'tremendous prospect') were 66-66-66-68 compiled without too much effort which signified that South Africa had produced yet another prospect who might one day challenge the best in the world." How right O'Donnell was. And 'one day' wasn't far off because in 1975 Dale achieved international fame by becoming the leading money winner on the European Tour.

12 GOLDEN YEARS OF THE ICL INTERNATIONAL – 1984-1995

1984 – David Feherty, aged 25 at the time, posted his first win outside his native Ireland by winning the inaugural ICL with a score of 271, a stroke ahead of Nick Price and Gavan Levenson. Feherty earned a cheque for R9500.

1985 – For Price the most important aspect of his thrilling one-stroke victory over Levenson was that his swing stood up under pressure. He felt he understood why he won the tournament. "It was a testing day," he told *The Star's* golfwriter at the time, Adrian Frederick, after closing with a 66 for 20-under-par 268. "Gavan (who signed for a last round 65) kept me under pressure and it was a valuable exercise because I knew exactly what I was doing throughout the final round," said Price, 28 at the time. "You get a few lucky guys like Hal Sutton and Jerry Pate who win early in their careers. But my coach, David Leadbetter, told me from the beginning that with my swing it would take three or four years for me to really have faith in it under pressure." With the benefit of hindsight, we now know that Leadbetter's words were prophetic.

Price only came into his own in a big way in his 30s, winning his first Major - the 1992 US PGA Championship - at 35. And at 37 he became world No 1 following a golden 1994 season in which he won both the British Open and the US PGA. He'll always look back at the 1985 ICL, though, as a kind of turning point in his career, when he learnt something important about both his swing and himself.

1986 – Tragically, Adrian Frederick was involved in an horrific car accident in mid-1986 which resulted in brain damage and ended his career as one of South Africa's best-ever golf writers. One of the last summer tour events he covered was the 1986 ICL and this is what he wrote in *The Star* following Gavan Levenson's victory. "Justice prevailed at Zwartkop yesterday when South African Open champion Gavin (he's now Gavan) Levenson won the ICL by a stroke from David Frost. Levenson had paid his dues over the last two years. Two years ago fate robbed him of the chance to tie Irishman David Feherty when his drive down the 18th finished in a divot. Last year, after a thrilling duel with Nick Price, Levenson dropped a shot on the short 16th and lost by one. Yesterday he gained his revenge with a final round 67 for an 18-under 270 total. Frost bogeyed the last for a 68 and 271." One of the turning points in the final round came at the 424m par-4 14th when Levenson, from a hardpan lie, hit a brilliant chip to within 30cm of the hole. 'It was probably the best par I've made in my career,' he said. "I had to chip over a stump - people don't realise how easy it is to skull the ball into the stump off a lie like that'."



DAVID FEHERTY

1987 – Tony Johnstone may play slowly (course jester Simon Hobday always said his worst nightmare was to play behind him), and he may go through a curious routine of muscular contortions before hitting each shot, but his methods certainly work. He has had a wonderful career and one of his early victories was a runaway one in the '87 ICL when his 271 total saw him finish six ahead of joint runners-up Justin Hobday and Wilhelm Winsnes.

1988 – Johnstone defended his title in style with a record-breaking 22-under-par 266, one ahead of England's Denis Durnian. The little Zimbabwean then revealed one of the secrets of his brilliant bunker play - he totally ignores the ball when it's lying in the sand! Johnstone landed in eight greenside bunkers during the tournament, yet each time was "up-and-down" for either par or birdie. In the media room after the win, a reporter asked him: 'So how do you do it?' "I address a shot with my hands behind the ball, and the clubface of my sand-wedge extremely wide open," he explained. "I pick out a spot to aim at a couple of inches behind the ball, although this varies depending on the consistency of the sand and the distance to the pin. Keeping all my attention focused on that spot, I totally ignore the ball and execute the shot."

1989 – Chris Williams plays out of Modderfontein Golf Club, which in 1989 was right next door to South Africa's biggest plant for the manufacture of explosives. It was appropriate, therefore, that he should produce his own brand of dynamite in winning at Zwartkop that year. "I spend two hours in the gym every day, and being in peak condition helped me enormously on the golf course," Williams revealed after his explosive come-from-behind win which saw him pick up three strokes in the last two holes with a birdie and an eagle. He finished on 272, one ahead of JC Anderson of the US who while at university was rated an All-American in academics. Yes, there are brainy golfers out there. Williams, aged 29 back then, said his goal was to follow in Gary Player's footsteps when it came to longevity and remain competitive for another 25 years. Interesting that, because 19 years have passed since then and Williams at 48 is playing some of the best golf of his life.

1990 – The man they call "Legs" because of the textbook use of his lower body when he swings a club, strolled to a two-stroke victory on 19-under 269. This was Levenson's first victory since his 1986 ICL, and he only three-putted once in 72 holes. Wayne Westner was second on 271 and American Jimmy Johnson, later to give up tournament play to become Price's caddie, third on 272.

1991 – Fiery Free Stater Fulton Allem held off a charging Tony Johnstone to win his third event in six starts in the summer of 1990/1991. "Fulty" closed with a 71 for 271, with Johnstone making birdies at 17 and 18 on his way to 68 and the runner-up spot on 272. "I didn't think 71 would be enough," growled Allem afterwards. "I was four ahead at one stage but there's a bit of choke in all of us and I felt the heat coming down the stretch."

1992 – Kevin Johnson hit it to all corners of the course, but emerged as a master scrambler on his way to a fighting last-round 73 for 271 and victory by one. Seconds before the 24-year-old from Massachusetts nailed his final putt, an SABC employee - Angie Roberts, who was standing beside the 18th green - was knocked to her feet when lightning struck and taken to hospital. It was an upsetting incident and Johnson, who had represented the US in the Eisenhower Trophy as an amateur, had to regroup before rolling in a short putt for his first win as a professional since joining the paid ranks in 1989. Fast-finishing Tony Johnstone posted a day's best 65 to tie for second on 272, with De Wet Basson who carded four 68s.

1993 – Before teeing off in the final round, which was to witness one of the most famous duels in the history of the Sunshine Tour, Nick Price hired a motorised golf cart for a handicapped young fan who wanted to see him play. The man known to many as one of the nicest guys on tour then proceeded to win the tournament, gaining an army of fans along the way. Afterwards he said he felt "privileged" to be able to donate R17 775 - a quarter of his prizemoney - to Child Welfare. The fine gesture came after a classic final-round shootout with fellow Zimbabwean Mark McNulty. Now an archetypal great finish to a tournament is a head-to-head clash in the last group over the final nine holes on the final afternoon. And that's exactly how it turned out at Zwartkop that year. Price (36) started the day two ahead of Derek James and three clear of McNulty. After 11 holes James had slipped out of the running and Price had a four-shot cushion over Supremac and American Bruce Vaughan, who was in the second-to-last group a hole ahead of the Zimbabweans.



TONY JOHNSTONE

Then the fun started. McNulty made birdie at the par-4 12th and Price drove into the bush at the par-5 13th and ended up with a bogey. McNulty responded with a birdie and now Price's lead was only one. "It certainly got pretty tight after that," admitted Price, the US PGA champion at the time and destined to become world No 1 a year later. "Mark is such a great competitor and he was dynamite out there. Every time he pulled the putter back I expected the ball to go in. From 20 feet it's always a surprise if he misses." The two men parred the tough par-4 14th and at the short 15th both found the green with their tee-shots. Price was first to go and rammed home his 20-footer for a birdie two. If McNulty was fazed, he didn't show it. In went his 15-footer. It was a classy putt. The fight was on and the big gallery yelled their approval. They traded pars at the next two holes and arrived at the par-5 18th with Price still one ahead of McNulty and Vaughan. Supremacy found the fairway with his drive but Price, adrenalin pumping, boomed one 40 metres past him. McNulty's three-wood approach came up short left and in the rough. Price's one-iron was a beauty, too good in fact. The ball bounced on the putting surface and scuttled through the green. McNulty sensed he needed to hole his pitch over a bunker to force a playoff, and as it turned out he was right. But he tried to get too cute and popped his little pitch into the sand. He blasted out and did well to save par but Price skillfully chipped and putted for a birdie to win by two. For the record his closing 70 gave him a 15-under 273 total with McNulty and Vaughan both carding 69s for 275.

1994 – A year after his thrilling duel with McNulty, Price defended his title - this time by a massive nine strokes with a winning score of 21-under-par 267. In the month that he turned 37, and a month after he won the Nedbank Golf Challenge at Sun City with a record-breaking return of 24-under-par 264, Price tore up the Zwartkop course in the first three rounds with a 61, a 69 and a 65. It was hard to believe anyone could play so well. He then closed with what he described as a disappointing 72. "I was too negative, probably because I didn't want to make any big numbers and see my third round lead disappear," he said after his aggregate fell one shot shy of the ICL record of 266 set by compatriot Johnstone in 1988. "All that good golf and then I come out and play badly in the final round. I guess that's the challenge of this great game. You never get it completely licked." Vaughan - for the second straight year - and David Frost tied for second on 276.

1995 – Sadly, this was to be the last ICL International ... the end of a fabulous 12-year era at Zwartkop. And victory fell to Ashley Roestoff, with the man from Benoni bagging his first summer tour winner's cheque in eight years with a 275 aggregate. First prize had grown from R9500 in 1984 to R86 900 in '95. Kevin Stone and American Mike Christie tied for second on 275. Johnstone was in contention after 54 holes but, uncharacteristically, blew up with a final round 78 that included a quadruple-bogey seven at the short 15th when his ball twice found the Six-mile Spruit.

THE BIG THREE: PLAYER, PALMER & NICKLAUS

Over the years Gary Player took part in a number of matches against overseas stars at Zwartkop. He liked to bring them to a course he felt comfortable on, and Dale Hayes remembers as an 11-year-old watching in awe as Gary and Arnold Palmer - out in South Africa to play in the Transvaal Open - displayed their skills in an exhibition match, although there was no winner as such. In 1966 Jack Nicklaus visited South Africa for a series of head-to-head clashes with Player, the first of these at Zwartkop. Both players had "helpers" with John Fourie assigned to look after Gary, while Nicklaus had Rod Mullan as his right-hand man. "What's the distance here, Rod?" asked Nicklaus on one shot. "Six-iron," was the reply. "I didn't ask what club, give me the yardage," perfectionist Jack barked back in his high-pitched voice. In another incident, they encountered a swarm of bees on the eighth tee-box and had to drive off the ladies' markers. The Golden Bear was looking like losing but, amazingly, finished birdie-eagle-birdie (4-2-4) to tie Gary on 69. The 17th in those days was a short par-4 which Nicklaus drove with a three-wood before rolling in a 40-footer for the eagle. Teenager Dale was again in the gallery which was enormous. "Those were the days before TV and the people came in their thousands to watch. For many it was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see a player like Nicklaus in action. Trying to cross the bridges was very difficult because of the crowds so some of the fans tried to cross on pipes, lost their balance and fell into the river," he recalls. Billy Casper also visited and after giving a memorable clinic, lost to Player, while a betterball match involving Player, Lee Trevino, Seve Ballesteros and Gene Littler also took place at Zwartkop.



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THE FAIRWAYS THEY CALLED HOME

BY MICHAEL VLISMAS

Every Thursday, the longstanding members of the 21 Club gather on the veranda at Zwartkop Country Club for their weekly round of golf. They watch the kid on the putting green wearing a pair of camouflage pants and the head of a four iron for a belt buckle, and shake their heads. And they're shocked to see that they don't recognise half the members at the club anymore.

The boys from the old Saturday School would have probably felt the same. They used to arrive for their Saturday round of golf and have beers waiting for them in the changeroom before they teed off. They were placed there by the old Black gentleman who ran the changeroom, and he was always sure to order one for himself and put it on their tab as well. And after their round they would don their club colours for prizegiving.

Times may well change, but it is little pockets of golfers like these who over the years have provided the backbone to a club like Zwartkop. "These little groups of golfers are the core of any club, and especially one like Zwartkop," says Jan Schutte, former club captain and lifelong honorary member of Zwartkop Country Club. "Stuart Bouwer and his 21 club, Judge Galgut and the old Saturday School – they were all an important part of the club. I remember how the Saturday School, if one of their members couldn't make it, would invite you to play with them that day. And then you never paid for anything. Over the years the members passed away, and they never replaced them. Old Judge Galgut was the last to go, just like an old ship captain.

"There was another club of four golfers who for 24 consecutive years used to have an annual tour to Swaziland together. It was a time before TV. People didn't have as many cars as they have now, and they didn't drink as much as they do now. They were wonderful years. We had an Italian barman named Emilio Plastino. He was a prisoner of war who just never went back to Italy. He loved to play dominoes, so before closing time at the bar someone would inevitably ask him to play dominoes, and we would sit there until four o'clock in the morning sometimes. We had a wonderful club spirit. And then TV came along, and with it Dallas, and that just changed everything."

Bouwer, a former club captain, remembers it in much the same way. "We used to be much more of a family in those days. Today the golf club is run very much as a commercial operation, which I suppose is understandable with the costs of maintaining it. But for us old guys it's a bit too fast and furious. We used to have dances and parties at the club. And because we didn't have restaurants on every corner, the club was where you got to meet people.

It was much more personal in those days." Bouwer recalls how in his time as captain he would interview every prospective member. "We'd interview about 20 to 30 new members every month. We'd spell out the correct golf etiquette to them, the do's and the don'ts and so on."



STUART BOUWER, CAPTAIN 1989-1991

Both of them also fondly recall the days of the traditional Boere/Sydney Golf Day. This was when the Afrikaans members challenged the English members. On one occasion, one of the “Boere”, Willie, decided he was going to teach the English a proper lesson. “There used to be stables near the fourth hole where people could stable their private horses,” recalls Schutte. “So Willie decides that he’s going to dress up in an old Boer commando outfit and ride a horse up to the first tee before the match. Well, we’re standing there at the first tee and old Willie comes trotting up on his horse. But the next thing, this horse rears up, gives an almighty fart, and then just drops down dead in front of us. One of the guys was a vet and he confirmed that the horse was dead. I don’t think anyone will ever forget that day.”

Zwartkop has certainly seen its fair share of characters and witnessed some defining moments over the years. “We had the heads of the army and air force as members,” recalls Schutte. “John Vorster was a member at Zwartkop. He would play on a Saturday morning. I remember him teeing off, and three or four bodyguards would walk down the first fairway with him. He would play the first hole and then tell them to bugger off so he could play the rest of the round alone. At halfway he would have a single brandy and then play on. Ben Schoeman was also a member.”

In 1966, Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus played an exhibition match at Zwartkop Country Club. That same year, the Dunlop Masters was played at Zwartkop Country Club and featured a field including the Henning brothers, Cobie le Grange, Papwa Sewgolum, Denis Hutchinson, and a young Tony Jacklin. And in 1968, American golfer Billy Casper travelled to South Africa for an exhibition match against Player at Zwartkop.

In 1971, there was great cause for concern amongst the 1 650 members in terms of the prices of certain refreshments. A fish croquette in those days would set you back the astronomical sum of 10 cents, a hamburger cost 12 cents, and milk cost 14 cents.

The Hennops River has also featured prominently in the club’s history. In 1976, the club was closed for five weeks after experiencing its worst flooding in years, and this was a problem that continued as late as 2000. The Sixties saw the course suffer at the hands of some severe droughts, while the late Nineties was characterised by heavy floods and damage to the course.



THE GOLF COURSE IN 1993

In 1984, the club was shocked to be informed that the Provincial administration would be constructing a new main road through the 16th hole, and the course had to be redesigned to accommodate this. The changes affected the second nine and holes 14, 15, 16 and 17 were changed. Seven years later, in 1991 it was decided that the course needed to be upgraded to bent grass greens.

Peter Matkovich was asked to oversee the changes. In addition to the greens a few holes were also altered. The 4th green was moved back to make it into a genuine Par 5. The 5th green was moved to the left and the Par 3, 7th was also changed. A dam was built in front of the 8th green and the Par 4, 9th was extended.

Throughout the years Zwartkop has also produced some of South Africa's finest amateur and professional golfers. Players such as John Fourie, John Hayes, Rod Mullen, Cheran Gerber, Dale Hayes, Wilhelm Winsnes, Louis Norval and George Schwartzel. There was a time for four years running when of the nine members of the Northern Transvaal men's golf team, eight came from Zwartkop.

And in 2001, the Hayes family officially took ownership of the club, continuing their association with this golf course stretching back to 1940. "Since Dale and his family took over, there's been a marked change in the facilities and there've been continuous improvements," says Bouwer. "We had poor facilities in those days. He's upgraded the interiors of the club and the bar and so on. In our day the golf club didn't have the finances to do what Hayes is doing now."

Schutte agrees. "The Hayes family certainly saved the club. There's no place for a private club these days if you consider it costs R2-3 million to run a private club. Zwartkop would never have continued if it wasn't for them. I'd say the key eras in the history of Zwartkop were certainly those of Brian Motto, who was president and captain for 15 years, and the Hayes era."

Dale is also committed to preserving the legacy of one of South Africa's most historic golf clubs.

"Our philosophy for the club is to offer a friendly golf experience at a reasonable price. We see ourselves as a mid-range member's club and we believe that we need to maximise the usage of all aspects of the club. ZCC today has a golf course; facilities for conferences, weddings and other functions, and two bowling greens and a small snooker club. Each year we identify a couple of different areas of the club to improve.

Last year we constructed a new halfway house and out on the golf course we rebuilt most of the ladies tees and a few men's tees, we added in new bunkers to seven holes as well as repairing river banks and constructing cart paths on three or four of the holes. The club now has over 1 600 members which includes 222 home-owner members which will increase to over 300 in the next two years."

There is definitely the mark of progress at a club that has, however, not lost sight of its core values and traditions. So for those who weren't there in the beginning, should you walk into the ladies bar – named Emilio's Bar – then please take a moment to remember an Italian prisoner of war whose arm could always be twisted to play some dominoes.

Spend a little time looking at the photographs on the walls of the clubhouse and you will see why Zwartkop is proud of its tradition and history.



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GCM went to Mooינווי recently to spend some time with their new greenkeeper, Dick Brown and club president Ettienne Strydom. What amazed GCM was the great condition of the course and secondly, the major upgrading process that was under way and planned for the near future.

In the past two years Mooינווי has made the transition from the classical mine operated course and has become an independent entity as a golf club. Still hosting the annual Platinum Classic, played in the last week of October, the club is focusing on their bright future by investing heavily in their facilities. The major renovations include a new workshop for the new range of John Deere Turf equipment that arrives in the near future, other revamps include a new pro shop, chipping facilities, cart paths, kitchen and change rooms. Ettienne says all of the upgrades total a R6 million venture which will be completed before the end of the year. GCM asked Ettienne why the investment in John Deere? "The main factor that played into the decision was the support service and facilities of John Deere that are close to the club, as well as the commitment from John Deere to re-establish their position in the golf market and offer new products supported by outstanding service". Ettienne and the committee is firmly committed on striving to make Mooינווי, one of, if not the number one 9 hole golf course in the country but not losing sight of making golf affordable, the experience all that more greater and still focusing on junior golf in the region.



Picture from left to right: Pieter Beukes, Dick Brown, Ettienne Strydom and David Kelder

Dick Brown has been appointed as the club's new greenkeeper and GCM had a chance to find out who he is and what his plans are for the future. Dick has been involved in the golf club and committee for 17 years and finally takes on the responsibility of maintaining the course. Dick has been involved in the process of the new greens at the club and says that going forward his aim is to rid the course of all non indigenous trees. This process is well under way with the planting of 300 indigenous

trees on the course.

Dick hopes to continue to enhance the uniqueness of the course and ensure that the playability leaves players with memories of a great golfing experience.

CLUB STATS

Members: 500

Stroke 72 - 9 holes played twice from different tees

Distance 6 323 m

Non affiliated members R 220/ round

Affiliated members R 150/ round

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THE HAYES FAMILY

BY GRANT WINTER

Zwartkop Country Club has given the Hayes family the best of times. And by the same token, the Hayes family has given the club the best of times.

For 68 of this splendid sporting institution's 75 years, starting with Otway Hayes who at age 21 in 1940 was appointed club professional, the Hayes' have been intimately involved with the club which they now own and fondly and enthusiastically nurture.



OTWAY HAYES & SONS

Shortly after taking up the post Otway was in uniform as World War II was raging, but he went on to serve as club pro for a mammoth 56 years before retiring in 1996. Otway's son Brian joined him in 1969 and they shared the club pro duties together. Now Brian is the club's managing director, and his son Ian is head pro.

Otway had two other boys - John and Dale. Most of us know that Dale is seen as a kind of Mr Golf in South Africa, a legacy of his days as a great player along with his involvement today in a seemingly myriad of pursuits related to the game. Less is known about John, especially by the modern generation. But he too was an extremely gifted golfer, winning the SA Amateur, the Rhodesian Amateur and the Australian Amateur all inside a 12-month period in the early 1960s. "He had bad eyes, and a wicked hook, but boy could he play," Dale recalls. Henry Cotton apparently said John was the best iron-player he'd ever seen. Tragically, John died aged just 46 which meant his father outlived him.

Otway passed away at 82 in 2001. Near the end of his days he was asked if his life had been satisfying. "I've had the best," Otway replied with a smile, adding that at 82 - "10-over-par" - wasn't a bad innings. He said he did have one regret and that was the double-bogey he suffered at East London Golf Club's par-3 17th hole in the 1948 SA Open, which probably cost him a place in the playoff between Mickey Janks and Sandy Guthrie which Janks won. One of the highlights of Otway's playing career was beating Bobby Locke in the semifinals of the Mills tournament at Kensington in 1951. It was the great Locke's first defeat on South Africa soil in 16 years, and Otway went on to lift the title.

Otway never did win the SA Open, although he lost in a playoff to Jimmy Boyd at Royal Cape in 1953. He did win the SA Amateur though, in 1939, and his sons followed suit as national amateur champions with John's 1962 victory and Dale's back-to-back SA strokeplay titles in 1969 and 1970. Remarkably, all three were teenagers when picked to play for South Africa as amateurs - Otway (1937) and John (1962) as 18-year-olds, and Dale at 17 in 1970.

Otway was the consummate club professional, incredibly loyal to Zwartkop and its members and an excellent teacher with much patience. And Brian, after going to UCT where he played a number of sports including rugby, has followed in his father's spikemarks and has been a real credit to the club over the years. In recognition of his contribution to golf, the PGA of South Africa has made him an honorary life member. Brian isn't a bad golfer himself, and was down to a one handicap at one stage. "I've shot 32-32 at Zwartkop," he says, referring to the club's two nine-hole loops. "But," he adds with a chuckle, "not in the same round!"

After turning professional, Dale went on to win 27 tournaments worldwide in the 1970s - 16 of these in South Africa, nine in Europe and two in South America (including the World Cup with Bobby Cole in Venezuela in 1974). Dale was particularly successful in Europe, capturing the Spanish Open, the Italian Open, the French Open and the Swiss Open.

He also won the now defunct Ram Salver (formerly part of the World Matchplay), beating John Mahaffey in the quarterfinals, a young and tearful Nick Faldo in the semis and Andy Bean in the final. He topped the European Tour Order of Merit in 1975, was second in '74 and '78, and fourth in '73 and '79 ... some record!

"Haysie" made a habit of beating the superstars in his prime. On his way to winning tournaments he has outplayed Faldo, Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Seve Ballesteros and Greg Norman. The one exception, he points out, was Jack Nicklaus. Highlights at home included three straight SA PGA crowns at the Wanderers starting in 1974 (when he outgunned Gary Player in a thrilling finish), the 1976 SA Open and the 1978 SA Masters.

Dale is involved in many golf-related activities, prominent among these being his television career which has spanned 12 years, in which time he has hosted the Golf Bag, the Pitch and Putter and now SuperGolf. He enjoys teaming up with Denis Hutchinson and doing commentary at the big tournaments. His events company run over 100 golf days annually, he is Peter Matkovich's business partner in Matko's hugely successful golf course design company, and Dale is now designing his own course - The Bay - next to Hartbeespoort Dam. He's also very generous, often sponsoring overseas trips for promising youngsters.

There are other Hayes's that need mentioning too. Dale's wife Alison (a National water polo player in her day) is part of the business and does the Zwartkop gardens, and his ex-wife Linda the catering. Dale's son Adam is also

a PGA member while Brian's son Ian, joined Zwartkop in 2002 and is the current Club Professional, and John's son Shane is the head pro at Wingate Park. So we're talking three generations of pro golfers. "And let's not forget our grandfather JO Hayes, who was a dentist and passionate about the game," says Dale. "He helped found Westlake and I guess it was him who started it all for us, so we all owe him."



OTWAY & GLEN HAYES IN FRONT OF THEIR MIXED SCOREBOARD



SHANE, BRIAN, GLEN & OTWAY

DID YOU KNOW & MEMORIES

- In May 1954 the entrance fee was reduced from £15.15 to £10.10 for men and from £7.17 to £5.5 for Women.
- In 1955 the club's official "Colours Code" included a Blazer and badge (a bird without the shield with the lettering ZCC); a Tie and Scarf (with the bird flying in both directions); a Hat band (the same colour as the tie with the lettering ZCC in matching gold letters) and the Flag (pennant shaped, same colour as the blazer, edged in old gold with the bird on both sides following the letters ZCC.)

● The Club's river, the Six Mile Spruit, used to almost dry up in winter. It was in winter, in the late fifties that Tony Rice, the then assistant professional to Otway Hayes, sliced his drive into the river on the 2nd hole (just short of today's 150m marker). As there was no water in the river he took a 5-iron and sliced the ball around the trees. It landed on the green and ran into the hole for an eagle two.

● Bobby Locke was a regular visitor to Zwartkop in his latter years. He enjoyed the course because it was ideally suited to his game; he used to hook every shot. His affection for the club was also enhanced not only by his win of the SA Open here, in 1955 but also because of his great respect

for the Otway Hayes who broke his invincible streak of not being beaten in a tournament in South Africa for 18 years. Today, one of the function rooms is named the Bobby Locke Room as a tribute to South Africa's first great champion golfer.

● On Thursday, 12th October 1978, Jan Olivier, the Verwoedburg City Engineer, had an albatross on the first hole. He hit a drive of 220m and then, to his amazement and that of Butch Huysteen (the Club Captain at the time) who was standing on the green, his 3-wood second shot traveled close to 300m and rolled into the cup. Because Jan Olivier played off an 11 handicap, his nett hole-in-one gave him 6 stableford points.

● In the late seventies a match was organized at Zwartkop between the SA Junior Golf team, the Gauteng North team and a team of professionals. The professionals took it very seriously because they didn't want to get beaten by the amateurs. The pro's included Harold and Allan Henning, the great left hander, Bob Charles, Simon Hobday, John Bland, Hugh Baiocchi, Vin Baker and Dale Hayes. They were good enough to win. Nick Price played for the junior team and Charl Schwartzel's father, George played for Gauteng North.

● Jimmy Newton passed away a couple of years ago. He was an avid golfer who rarely missed his game with the pensioners but in his younger years he was also a fine squash player who won the Zwartkop Squash Championships on many occasions. He would arrive at the squash court, tie his shoelaces after a few warm-up shots and then trounce all the young hot shot players. They would leave shaking their heads, unable to believe that this old "toppie" had beaten them so easily.

● Fred Knoeffel was a social member at Zwartkop for many years and seemingly one of the most colourful. He would often spend too much time in the pub and end up being wheeled home in a wheelbarrow, by Harrison, another character and not forgotten staff member. Fred owned a large Bulldog called Mouth, who used to accompany him to the Club. A member complained that Mouth should not be allowed into the Club because he wasn't properly dressed (dress codes were very strict at that time) and so Fred had a suit made for him. When another member complained that Mouth wasn't a member, Fred promptly signed him up and paid full membership fees!

● Past lady Captain, Retha Ross, was the first ever lady elected as a member of the "main committee"

● Past Captain, Jan Schutte; past General Manager, Mike West and past Chairman, Hennie Viljoen were all born in the same year the club opened, in 1933.

● The Thursday school, called the "21 Club", was started by Magistrate van Helsdingen and Peter McCall in roughly 1982. Peter McCall was the uncle of Grant McCall, the third member of the infamous Stander Gang.

● During the early 1980's Zwartkop totally dominated the Northern Transvaal 1st league. The team members included John Howie, George Schwartzel, Louis Norval, Wilhelm Winsnes, Robbie Ross, Stuart Brown, John McCormick & Derek Williams.

● Iscor built a grass tennis court for a possible South African participant in Wimbledon. This was for the SA Ladies Champ, Miss van Zyl.

● Some of the lowest scores that have been recorded at Zwartkop over the years include a 60 by John Fourie in 1970, a 61 by Nick Price during the 1994 ICL, a 61 by Tour Pro's Andre Ferreira and Vaughn Groenewald and 62's by Otway, John and Dale Hayes. Vaughn's 61 included a 28 on the front nine which has only ever been done before by Otway Hayes. Unfortunately for Otway, the day that he had the 28 he had gone out to play nine-holes late in the afternoon and it was too dark for him to continue playing the back nine.



2ND HOLE AT ZWARTKOP CC

- In the 2006 Telkom Ladies Classic Professional golfer, Andrea Hirschorn, broke the ladies course record when she shot a round of 8-under par, 64. She had five birdies, two eagles and one bogey. In the 2008 event, twenty-two year old Marianne Skarpnord, from Norway shot a round of 62 in the first round to break the ladies course record by two shots.
- The 2007 Ladies Club Champion, Bianca Barnard is the youngest lady champion ever. At 15 years of age she shot scores of 87 & 82 to finish with 169. Our previous youngest was Ingrid Norval, in the seventies, who won at the age of 16. Bianca won again in 2008 and Tyron McComb joined her by becoming the youngest winner of the Men's Club Championship, at 16 years of age.
- In 2008, eleven year old Rebecca Redman became Bowls South Africa's 50,000th member and the youngest Bowls member at Zwartkop at only eleven years of age.
- Early in 2008 Brigadier Bayman passed away at the age of 98. He was our oldest member and to give you some insight into his character he was still buying a playing card (paying for his greenfees in advance) at the age of 95! He had an illustrious career, was an all-round sportsman and even represented South Africa.
- There have been 556 hole-in-ones at Zwartkop between the 21st March 1940 and 22nd March 2008. The 3rd hole has seen 155 holes in one; the most of all the par-3's, followed by the 7th hole with 111. Thereafter it's the 15th, followed by the 17th and finally the 12th. You would have to assume that the 3rd and the 7th would have the most as they are the only two short holes that have remained as par 3's for the entire existence of the course.
- Dale Hayes holds the record for the "Youngest" hole in one. He aced the 3rd hole on the 18th November 1962 at the age of 9.
- Eleven times over the years we have had two holes in one occur on the same day, and on two occasions we have had the good fortune of having three on the same day. These were by P du Plessis (3rd); H Rynners (3rd) & E Lightbody on the 18th April 1998 and then more recently D Willmot (7th), W Rice (17th) and T Albertyn (17th) on 17th June 2006. Don Willmot was (and still is) the Club Chairman and this was Bill Rice's first hole-in-one despite a 53 year successful amateur golf career.
- Billy Parks is our oldest active member. He turned 92 years old in October and is still playing bowls.
- The Club's youngest member is 9 year old golfer Ruan Joubert, who was born on 19th April 1999.

OFFICIAL SCORE CARD
NICK PRICE'S 61

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Score	4	3	1	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	61

NICK PRICE'S 61

Competition
OTWAY HAYES' 62

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Score	4	3	1	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	62

OTWAY HAYES' 62



Telkom Women's Classic
Marianne Skarpnord

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Score	4	3	1	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	62

MARIANNE SKARPNORD & HER SCORCARD

- Jock Lello joined Zwartkop in 1947. He is a Honorary Life Member and currently holds the title for being a member for the longest period of time.
- The Hayes Junior Golf Academy is operated by Teaching professional Elsabe Hefer, a Compleat Golfer Top 10 Teacher. The Academy Mission statement is "To expose golf to more young people with the aim of growing the number of Junior Golfers; to make golf both affordable and fun and to teach them to play better golf with the aim to nurture it into their game of a lifetime."



BIANCIA BARNARD

There are currently approximately 79 boys, 21 girls and an additional 36 development girls from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in the Academy and their ages range from 4 to 18 years old.

- The club now has over 1500 members, including 587 full-golf members, 574 other category members (including under-30 and 5-Day), 122 bowlers, 21 snooker and social members, and 222 home-owner members.
- Just some of the "famous" faces and personalities Zwartkop is proud to have as members include Springbok Rugby player Bryan Habana; Cricketer Fanie de Villiers, The Titans Cricket Team, Swimming Superstar Roland Schoeman, Little Sister Band Member Debbi Lonnon; Ego! actor Darren Kelfkens, Golf Commentators Denis Hutchinson and Steve Beddow; Golf



TYRON MCCOMB

Professional Simon Hobday; Supersport presenters Arnold Geerds, Neil Andrews and Gary Bailey, Ex-Minister of Justice Penuell Maduna, Politicians Alec Irwin and Mbhazima Shilowa, Highveld Stereo's Graeme Joffe, Funnyman Joe Parker and Kaiser Chiefs', Kaiser Motaung.

MEMORIES

● I joined the Town Council of Verwoerdburg (now Centurion) during 1974. I had a very close relationship with the people of this magnificent establishment. I will always nurse the many hours I was privileged to enjoy the company of Mr Otway Hayes, who was the first professional of the club. I must congratulate the brothers Hayes, for the way they jealously serve the club and am sure that it will for many years be a jewel to be enjoyed by Centurion. (PIET GEERS, FORMER TOWN CLERK CENTURION)

● My term of office as President of Zwartkop CC was associated with very pleasant memories. As a members club under Section 21 of the Company's Act we operated the club on a very tight budget with the objective of keeping subscriptions at the lowest possible levels in the interest of our members. After 75 years it is a club that we can all be justly proud of. (JH VILJOEN, PRESIDENT 1988-2001)



JH VILJOEN

● The famous Otway Hayes, ever soft-spoken and mannerly, and his popular wife Glen, forever doing that morning's Rand Daily Mail crossword at the table on the verandah outside the shop, lived in a house at the 4th tee, in the earlier years with their boys John, Brian & Dale. (BRIAN GALGUT)

● Brian Motto, the Club Captain for seven years, who ran the section and was in tight control of the course maintenance. He always had a gin in one hand and a cigar in the other, only putting them down, to urinate every twenty minutes. Over the years he must have watered every single tree and bush on the course, many of them nearer his ball than any recognised fairway; not to mention every bluegum on the side of Old Johannesburg Rd on his way home. (BRIAN GALGUT)

● As General Manager of ZCC for ten years, I had the privilege of serving under two very different Chairmen; Piet Weideman and Hennie Viljoen, each of whom contributed greatly to the success of the Club's Management systems. Piet Weideman was one of the older generation. Secretly (to myself only) I thought of him as "Lord Oom Piet". He fully deserved the Honourary Life Membership ZCC bestowed on him in 1988 and would dearly have loved to see the Club celebrate its 75 years of existence, but unfortunately he passed away in 2007 at the age of 87. An idiosyncrasy of his was that he drank Castle MILK Stout, "off the shelf" and always out of a brandy goblet — never, never from a beer glass! Hennie Viljoen, who was also awarded Honourary Life Membership of the Club was a tireless worker in the interest of ZCC. Hennie was an inspiration to all those around him, whom he motivated with his sagacious strategic planning. (MICHAEL WEST, GENERAL MANAGER 1986-1996)

● Anniversaries mean remembering where we came from to where we are today; good friends made; the golf experiences and most of all the good times we had together. Congratulations on Zwartkop Club's 75th Anniversary. (STUART BOUWER, CAPTAIN 1989-1991)

● After going for a few months one of the Film Club crew had the bright idea of holding a dance and we all agreed. None of us bargained on what an instant success it would be. After the first dance the tickets sold out very quickly, we were very fortunate in getting the band of Neil Herbert, who was our next-door neighbour in Styrmie Ave. His music was "magic" and with the first few notes and his great singing voice everyone was up and dancing. Neil sadly passed away in his early forties of a heart attack and we held one dance after that but the band was sadly not the same without Neil. For each dance we had a theme and the members all fell in with each theme and came suitably dressed for the occasion. (CONNIE NEL, BOWLS PRESIDENT, 1987 & 1989)

● In 2007, our 65th Ladies Club Championship was won by the youngest lady ever to win the championship, Bianca Barnard (15 yrs). She had her own parking spot but no license and no car! During this period the ladies section started their first Zebula Ladies Classic tournament (May 2006) when 120 ladies from all over the country traveled to Zebula CC for two days of pure indulgence in the bush, and some serious golf. In 2005 Zwartkop hosted their first Telkom Ladies tournament. It was indeed a proud moment for all our ladies to watch and work during this event. To witness these girls play was indeed a breathtaking and humbling experience. (JOEY HAYES, LADIES CAPTAIN 2004-2007)

● I recall many happy and interesting times. Our enthusiasm and spirit for golf and all it entailed was boundless. As always ZCC took part in all leagues and we managed at least three wins. Our ladies section and competitions were very well supported, with many tales to tell. A memory which I cherish is the wonderful friendship and support from the Committee and members. (JOAN INGLESBY, LADIES CAPTAIN 1983 & 1986)

● The wonderful team spirit and sense of belonging that was between the ladies of the Ladies section is very memorable. We laughed together and cried together, and at the end of the day everyone's goal was to have the Ladies Section and the clubs interest at heart and to improve the Club's image. (HANNETJIE EBERSOHN, LADIES CAPTAIN 1996-1999)



OTWAY & GLEN HAYES IN THEIR USUAL SPOT OUTSIDE THE GOLF SHOP

- Our first League team had a play-off against Wingate A for a spot in the finals. We played the game at Pretoria West and our team won with a score of 8-0. What a win! Unfortunately we couldn't do the same against Pretoria CC A in the finals. We also used some of the money in our kitty, collected by selling hamper tickets mostly, to redo the locker rooms. (ESTA TENNENT, LADIES CAPTAIN 2000)

- A definite highlight was the privilege to be part of the team that managed the transformation process that followed after Dale Hayes acquired the Club from Iscor. This process included merging of the former "males only" and "females only" management committees, consolidation of two different financial systems and scrapping of the two tier competition system on Saturdays. I have to mention the tremendous support the ladies section received from the late Mr. Geoff Kotze, the Club Captain at the time, and also from Mr Jannie Venter, the first Committee Chairman of the merged Golf Club at Zwartkop. (PAT ROETS, LADIES CAPTAIN 2001 -2003)



PAT ROETS

- I became the protégé of stalwarts like the late Gracie van der Walt, the late Marge Maher and ex-Captain, Joan Inglesby. These three ladies took me under their wing and perhaps they saw some potential in me which ultimately led to me being groomed by them in golf etiquette, golf rules and ultimately Ladies Captain. Brother, and did Joan teach me golf rules and etiquette. Slow play was a no-no. "Pick up if you can't score" which to this day — 28 years later, is still vividly embedded in my sub-conscious when I go out to have a game." (DAVEY BROWN, LADIES CAPTAIN 1993-1994)

- I believe it is a privilege to be a member of a club like ours that is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. I've only been a member for about 12 years and in this period the club has gone through numerous changes. One just has to wander around the clubhouse and look at all the pictures on the walls and the honours boards to realize that this club has a very rich history. A particular highlight during my term as Captain was hosting the Under 23 Amateur Inter-provincial Tournament, an accolade bestowed on the club that was indeed an honour to be a part of. (DANIE JACOBS, CAPTAIN 2006-2007)

- I have been a member for 45 years and have enjoyed every moment. I was honoured to serve on the Golf and Greens Committee, the Main Committee and thereafter as Vice-Captain and Captain under the guidance of Hennie Viljoen, who was President and Janneman Venter who was Captain. Two great men who taught me everything. Because of ZCC I was privileged to have served on the GNGU Committee and Executive Committee. Otway gave me my first lesson and also gave me good advice when I was on the Golf and Greens Committee. Otway served the club in all facets and was a Jack of all trades. Otway and Mrs. Glen Hayes, two wonderful people. There was always a joke, a smile and a little bet which was enjoyed by all the members and will never be forgotten.



CLIVE MAHER

(CLIVE MAHER, CAPTAIN 1998 - 2001)

- Zwartkop was very much a part of my life over the past 30 years. I was honoured to have served on the Golf and Greens committee, the Main committee and hereafter became the Vice-Captain, Captain, Vice-President and President of this fine Golf and Country Club... I remember during my time, ZCC was in the Top 20 golf courses in the country... At the time we were a non-profit club and a break-even was target. Everything was so cheap. We had the best fish on a Friday and Saturday for take-away. I am sure we lost money on all those fish sales, but certainly were known for our fish.

(JANNEMAN VENTER, CHAIRMAN 2002 & CAPTAIN 1994-1997)

- I can remember the old halfway house. An old stone building where you could only have sandwiches, hardboiled eggs, cheese and biscuits, cold drinks and brown cows, but no large meals.... The next thing was the changing of the men's and ladies locker rooms. We had to pack all our documents, records etc into boxes which were stored. When the renovations were nearly finished, the boxes were returned to the locker room but unfortunately a cistern leakage took place which was only noticed when the water seeped through the Managers office. The saddest thing was that all the documents, records and books were destroyed. The whole history of the Ladies section since it started; was gone.... I don't think 80% of our members knew that we had a swimming pool at the club.

Weekends were great fun. The dads played golf and the mothers and children were enjoying themselves in the swimming pool and under the shade of the big old trees... One day Retha Ross wanted to get her ball out of the water at the 17th and fell head first into the water... Sometimes Otway would walk up to you in his quiet way and hand you a brand new golf ball. (FRANSIE BAARTMAN, LADIES CAPTAIN 1987-1989)

- Harrison's responsibility was the management of the locker room. Although at the height of the apartheid era he was the King of his domain. At first he did the cleaning of the change room area as well as the shoes and serving drinks for those who could not get to the bar to satisfy their thirst. Most of the time he would ask the customer if he could also have a drink and would then put the cost of a drink in his pocket. In later years he did not always ask, he just took his drinks cost. (JAN SCHUTTE, CAPTAIN 1973-1977 & 1986-1988)



JAN SCHUTTE

SPRINGBOK & PROVINCIAL COLOURS

1937	O. Hayes - Springbok
1962	J. Hayes - Springbok
1963	J. Hayes - N. Tvl
1965	J. Fourie - N. Tvl
1966	G. Wiggett - N. Tvl
1967	R. Mullen - Springbok & J. Fourie - Springbok
1968	D. Hayes - N. Tvl
1969	P. Townsend - N. Tvl
1970	D. Hayes - Springbok
1971	J. Howie - N. Tvl
1972	C. Gerber - Springbok
1973	S. Brown - N. Tvl
1974	C. Gerber - Springbok , L. Nel - N. Tvl Vet & R. Ross - N. Tvl
1975	W. Winsnes - N. Tvl
1976	A van Winkel - Springbok (Bowls), C. Gerber - Springbok, L. Norval - N. Tvl & G. Schwartzel - N. Tvl
1979	R. Sinclair (Manager Springbok Bowls Team to Australia)
1982	W. Winsness - Springbok & R. Meredith - N. Tvl Vet
1983	R. Cloete - N. Tvl Vet; L. Esckilsen - N. Tvl Vet & F. Viljoen - Jnr Springbok
1984	F. Viljoen - S.A. Universities
1985	K. Christie - N. Tvl Vet
1987	A. Rice - N. Tvl U23; J. Wren - N. Tvl Vet & F. Viljoen - N. Tvl U23
1988	L. Wells - N. Tvl
1989	Ingrid Norval - Springbok
1990	W. Rice - N. Tvl Vet; D. Christie - N. Tvl; N. Schutte - N. Tvl 'B'; D. Faught - N. Tvl Jnr & D. Fichardt - N. Tvl Jnr
1991	J. Stephens - N. Tvl & D. Faught - N. Tvl 'B'
1993	D. Faught - Jnr Springbok
1994	N. Schutte - N. Tvl
1996	A. Johnson - Springbok Veterans & A. Johnson - N. Tvl Vet
1997	J. Ellis - Springbok (Pool)
1998	M. Cassim - Springbok (Snooker) & M. Botha - Gauteng North U23
2000	W. Rice - Springbok Vet & M. Cassim - Springbok (Snooker)
2001	M. Cassim - Springbok (Snooker)
2002	M. Cassim - Springbok (Snooker)
2003	M. Cassim - Springbok (Snooker)
2004	H. Tossel - Gauteng North Jnr
2005	S. Ellis - Gauteng North U23; L. du Preez - Gauteng North U18 & N. van Eeden - Gauteng North 'B'
2006	N. van Eeden - Gauteng North U23; S. Ellis - Gauteng North U23; W. Dingle - Gauteng North U23; S. Ellis - Gauteng North U23; S. Ellis - Gauteng North; W. Dingle - Gauteng North; L. du Preez - Junior Springbok & L. du Preez - Gauteng North U18
2007	L. du Preez - Gauteng North U23 & W. Dingle - Gauteng North
2008	Biance Barnard - Gauteng N B, Tyron McComb & Aubrey Barnard - Gauteng N U18

LONG SERVICE STAFF

Otway Hayes (Golf Professional)	1940 - 1996
Jeevis (Reception)	1942 - 1995
Emilio Plastino (Gardener, barman & caterer)	1943 - late eighties
Harrison (Locker room attendant)	1952 - 1977
Robert (Mechanic)	(+- 20 years)
Nicholas Lekgare (Caddie Master)	1955 - 1994
Brian Hayes (Golf Pro, Golf Director & Managing Director)	1969 - Present
Muriel Danzell (Admin)	(21 years)
Dien Jacobs (Admin)	1991- 2002
Samuel Papola (Grounds)	1982 - Present
Philemon Malete (Grounds)	1982 - Present
Emily Phoko (Cleaner)	1983 - Present
Rebecca Kekana (Cleaner)	1985 - Present
Jan Palare (Grounds)	1987 - Present
William Setjie (Grounds)	1988 - Present
Stephen Morokolo (Locker Room)	1988 - Present
Patrick Mmatli (Grounds)	1989 - Present
Samson Kwoga (Grounds)	1990 - Present
Winnie Mzizi (Cleaner)	1991 - Present
Hernis Chosi (Grounds)	1994 - Present
Cedric Mampa (Grounds)	1994 - Present
Klaas Matlhobogoane (Grounds)	1994 - Present
Barbara Weston (Financial Controller)	1996 - Present
June Richards (Receptionist)	1997 - 2008
Abie Mnguni (Grounds)	1998 - Present

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERS

J. Tucker *	J.A. Schutte	A Henochsberg
J. Wilmot (Mrs)	J.H. Viljoen	J Lello
W. Davison *	M. Olufsen	J Mallet
J. Schmidt *	S.W. Bender *	B McCormick
R. Stewart *	L.C. Weinrich *	J McCormick
J. Coetzee *	J. Weinrich	S McCormick (Mrs)
C. McCluckie *	W.R. Ruffels *	D Rae
B. Motto *	F.J. Drake	S Slade
Hon. Justice O. Galgut *	W Forssman	
P.W. Weideman *	F Hackett	
		* Deceased

CHAIRMAN, CAPTAINS & CLUB CHAMPIONS

Year	Men's President / Chairman	Men's Captain	Men's Champion	Ladies Captain	Ladies Champion
1934	A. Basden	R. Atkinson	B. McCormick		
1935	W. MacIntosh	A. Broughton	B. McCormick		
1936	W. MacIntosh, F. Ball	B. McCormick	A. Wilmot		
1937	W. Clapham	E. Temple	E. Temple		
1938	J. Tucker	T. Truter	E. Temple		
1939	J. Tucker	T. Truter	E. Temple		
1940	J. Tucker	E. Rush	A. Louw		
1941	J. Tucker	E. Rush	Not Played		
1942	J. Tucker	E. Oldridge	Not Played		
1943	J. Tucker	E. Oldridge	Not Played		
1944	J. Tucker	E. Oldridge	Not Played		
1945	J. Tucker	N. Castle	Not Played		
1946	J. Tucker	I. Wilmot	E. Temple	G. Hingeston	A. Chapman
1947	J. Tucker	J. Tucker	J. de Beer	M. Brown / N. de Vos	J. Tindall
1948	J. Tucker	D. Lister	J. de Beer	E. Kraut	J. Tindall
1949	J. Tucker	W. Davidson	G. Hemming	E. Kraut	A. Chapman
1950	J. Tucker	W. Davidson	G. Hemming	I. Rathbone	A. Chapman
1951	J. Tucker	W. Davidson	G. Hemming	I. Rathbone	A. Chapman
1952	J. Tucker	W. Davidson	G. Hemming	I. Rathbone	J. Tindall
1953	J. Tucker	W. Davidson	P. Spence	N. de Vos	A. Chapman
1954	J. Tucker	W. Davidson	G. Ferguson	C. Campbell	A. Chapman / U. Preston
1955	J. Tucker	R. Stewart	D. Oosterlaak	C. Campbell	J. Tindall
1956	J. Tucker	R. Stewart	D. Oosterlaak	M. Mockford	A. Chapman
1957	J. Tucker	G. Parker	A. Jonker	I. Gascoine	J. Tindall
1958	J. Tucker	A. Brink	G. Tarr	I. Gascoine	A. Chapman
1959	J. Tucker	A. Brink	H. Mechan	I. Gascoine	J. Tindall
1960	J. Tucker	N. Niblock -Stuart	A. Hofman	M. van Eck	J. Tindall
1961	J. Tucker	R. Smith	G. Tarr	M. van Eck	J. Tindall
1962	J. Tucker	R. Schorman	B. Lubbe	M. van Eck	B. Mare
1963	J. Tucker	R. Schorman	J. Hayes	S. Roberts	J. Tindall
1964	J. Tucker	B. Motto	R. Mullin	S. Roberts	B. Mare
1965	J. Tucker	B. Motto	R. Mullin	J. Chowles	J. Tindall
1966	J. Tucker	B. Motto	R. Mullin	J. Chowles	J. Tindall
1967	J. Tucker	B. Motto	R. Mullin	U. Preston	M. van der Merwe
1968	J. Tucker	B. Motto	J. Fourie	U. Preston	J. Tindall
1969	R. Stewart	B. Motto	J. Fourie	N. Everitt	B. Mare
1970	B. Motto	B. Motto	L. Peens	N. Everitt	J. Reid



LADIES CLUB
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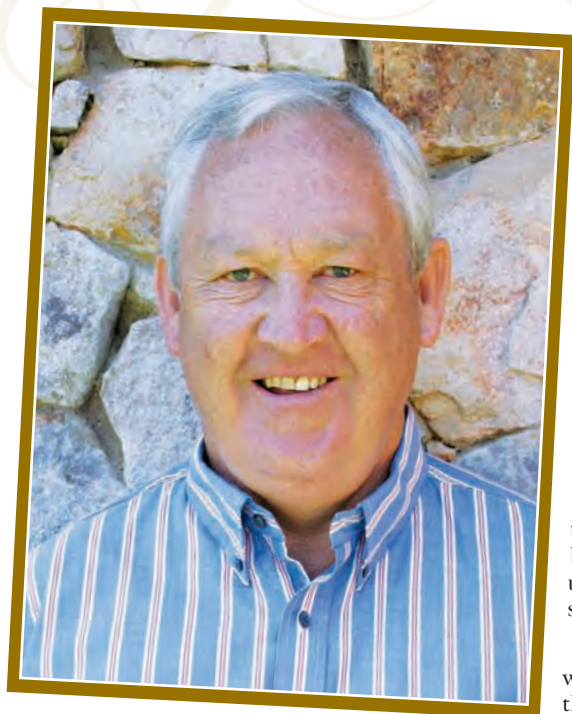
MEN'S CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

Bowls Men's President	Champion	Bowls Ladies President	Champion
CW Sinclair			
CW Sinclair		W Ford	
CW Sinclair	GA Jackson	W Ford	L Wilson
CW Sinclair	PA Stuart	A Sinclair	L Wilson
CW Sinclair	C Sinclair	D Jackson	M Sinclair
LW Ruyter	C Sinclair	D Webber	M Sinclair
CW Sinclair	G Datrino	D Schaper	A Sinclair
JL Booysen	A Biagio	A Sinclair / C De Ridder	A McBride
PS Botbyl	A Biagio	C De Ridder	M Sinclair
PS Botbyl	C Wells	C De Ridder	M van Winkel
PS Botbyl	C Wells	C De Ridder	M van Winkel
PS Botbyl	C Wells	C De Ridder	I Wood
PS Teleford	C Wells	W Hayward	I Wood
SC Roper	D Harmsa	C De Ridder	I Campbell
JL Booysen	IL Isaacs	J Booysen	E Chalmers
SB Boswell	W Carter-Smith	M van Winkel	I Wood

CHAIRMAN, CAPTAINS & CLUB CHAMPIONS

Year	Men's President / Chairman	Men's Captain	Men's Champion	Ladies Captain	Ladies Champion	Bowls Men's President	Champion	Bowls Ladies President	Champion	Snooker Chairman	Snooker Champion
1971	B. Motto	L. Phul	J. Howie	U. Preston	G. Clements /J. Tindall	SB Boswell	C Claasen	D Carter-Smith	M Isaacs		
1972	B. Motto	L. Phul	G. Schwartzel	S. Wilmot	L. Dreyer	SB Boswell	W Carter-Smith	W Hayward	D Carter-Smith		
1973	B. Motto	J. Schutte	M. McClean	G. Clements	P. v Blommestein /M. vd Merwe	IL Isaacs	R Sinclair	W Hayward	H Botes		
1974	B. Motto	J. Schutte	G. Schwartzel	G. Clements	M. vd Merwe	R Sinclair	A Wheeler	E Chalmers	E Fouché		
1975	B. Motto	J. Schutte	G. Schwartzel	A. Brown	V. Holland	F Higgins	R Sinclair	E Fouché	C Shearer		
1976	B. Motto	J. Schutte	W. Winsnes	A. Brown	M. vd Merwe	F Higgins	A Wheeler	D Carter-Smith	D Sterling		A Fairfield
1977	B. Motto	J. Schutte	J. Howie	J. Burroughs	L. Dreyer	IL Isaacs	W Carter-Smith	D Carter-Smith	B Mare		A Fairfield
1978	B. Motto	R. v Huysteen	L. Norval	G. van der Walt	L. vd Berg	WA Steward	IL Isaacs	G Knowles-Williams	B Mare		
1979	B. Motto	R. v Huysteen	J. Howie	A. Brown	L. vd Berg /A. Bosse	R Sinclair	F Higgins	W Hayward	B Mare		
1980	B. Motto	R. v Huysteen	J. Howie	A. Brown	A. Bosse	R Sinclair	F Higgins	M Clements	K Pelger		
1981	R. Weideman	K. Christie	G. Schwartzel	L. Morkel	I. Norval	W Carter-Smith	G van der Walt	W Hayward	N Niezen		
1982	R. Weideman	K. Christie	W. Winsnes	L. Morkel	A. Bosse	DW Roe	J Chapple	D Welgemoed	L Fouché		
1983	R. Weideman	K. Christie	G. Schwartzel	J. Ingelsby	A. Bosse	DW Roe	W Dell	D Hardy	B Mare		R Billson
1984	R. Weideman	K. Christie	M. Alberts	E. Cloete	Y. Meredith	SW Bender	J Wilson	S Lambley	N Niezen		R Billson
1985	R. Weideman	K. Christie	R. Ross	A. Bosse	A. Bosse	SW Bender	D Jackson	BJ Roe	D Hardy		R Billson
1986	R. Weideman	J. Schutte	G. Schwartzel	J. Ingelsby	A. Bosse /B. Lombard	SW Bender	H Lambley	D Welgemoed	C Shearer	R Billson	C Wabeke
1987	R. Weideman	J. Schutte	F. Viljoen	F. Baartmann	A. Bosse /Y. Meredith	F Drake	J Turnbull	C Nel	L Dell	C. O'Conner	R von Seidel
1988	J. Viljoen	J. Schutte	R. Ross	F. Baartmann	E. Cloete	H Lambley	L Craeye	D Welgemoed	J Patrick	A McCartney	P v Zyl
1989	J. Viljoen	S. Bouwer	F. de Klerk	F. Baartmann	A. Bosse	H Lambley	R v Steenderen	C Nel	E Harris	A McCartney	R Billson
1990	J. Viljoen	S. Bouwer	N. Schutte	E. Cloete	A. Bosse	D McDonald	W Witteveen	D Welgemoed	E Harris	A McCartney	
1991	J. Viljoen	S. Bouwer	G. Oosthuizen	E. Cloete	C. Norval	D McDonald	F Drake	D Welgemoed	L Witteveen	A McCartney	J Ellis
1992	J. Viljoen	K. Christie	J. Stephens	E. Cloete	E. Cloete	D McDonald	F Drake	D Welgemoed	E Harris	A McCartney	J Ellis
1993	J. Viljoen	K. Christie	D. Fichardt	D. Brown	C. Norval	D Patrick	F Drake	R Bender	L Witteveen	A McCartney	J Ellis
1994	J. Viljoen	J. Venter	D. Fichardt	D. Brown	J. Botha	D Patrick	W Witteveen	R Bender	BJ Roe	A McCartney	J Ellis
1995	J. Viljoen	J. Venter	J. Coetzer	E. Cloete	S. Booysen	K Meyer	F Drake	BJ Roe	BJ Roe	R Quin	J Ellis
1996	J.H. Viljoen	J. Venter	J. Coetzer	J. Ebersohn	A. Rynners	K Meyer	T Gernet	S Lambley	M Marais	R Quin	M Cassim
1997	J.H. Viljoen	J. Venter	J. Coetzer	J. Ebersohn	D. Distin	K Kuyper	D Patrick	C Meyer	L Witteveen	R Quin	M Cassim
1998	J.H. Viljoen	C.W. Maher	C. Eagleton	J. Ebersohn	E. Tennent	K Kuyper	W Esterhuysen		D Veldman	R Quin	K Jansen
1999	J.H. Viljoen	C.W. Maher	C. Eagleton	J. Ebersohn	A. Loots	K Kuyper	R Moni		D Veldman	R Quin	M Cassim
2000	J.H. Viljoen	C.W. Maher	D. Ric-Hansen	E. Tennent	S. Stiles		D Jarvie		L Witteveen	S Meinhaus	M Cassim
2001	J.H. Viljoen	C.W. Maher	C. Small	P. Roets	D. Distin	R van Steenderen	E Gilliland		S Gilliland	R Klugist	M Cassim
2002	J. Venter	G. Katze	F. de Klerk	P. Roets	A. Rynners		F Drake	A du Plessis	L Witteveen	R Klugist	M Cassim
2003	D. Willmot	G. Katze	B. Dreyer	P. Roets	L. Muller	J Lamprecht	J Lamprecht		L Witteveen	R Charlton	M Cassim
2004	D. Willmot	G. Katze	H. Tossel	J. Hayes	D. Lonnon	J Lamprecht	B Mathews		M Jackson	R Charlton	M Cassim
2005	D. Willmot	G. Katze	W. Dingle	J. Hayes	D. Lonnon	J Lamprecht	D Patrick		R Maree	R Charlton	M Cassim
2006	D. Willmot	D. Jacobs	S. Ellis	J. Hayes	M. Scholtz		H Lambley	M Marais	BR Fernihough	R Charlton	
2007	D. Willmot	D. Jacobs	H. Tossel	J. Hayes	B. Barnard		E Gilliland	M Marais	P Roberts	R Charlton	
2008	D. Willmot	R. Page	T McComb	E. Diffenthal	B Barnard		RJ Crous	M Marais	E Smuts	A McCartney	

LETTER FROM DALE



We don't often realize that we are ageing, and with that we very often forget how important it is to keep records and an account of what has taken place over the years. Unfortunately so many interesting and wonderful records or moments have been forgotten, lost or destroyed at Zwartkop over the years and have therefore been left out of this booklet, but I think we have managed to come up with more than enough to give us a sense of "place".

I would like to thank the many people who took the time to assist us in putting the booklet together.

My wife, Alison, has put in many hundreds of hours wading through archives, and collecting all the bits and pieces before putting it into something that I am sure we will all be proud of and will treasure.

Dudley Rae, who has been a member of the Club for fifty years, took it upon himself to gather the memories from so many people, some of whom are no longer members of the Club. Dudley, you are a champion.

Stuart Bouwer, Rodney Falkson and John McCormick for their time and input, as well as to two of South Africa's top golf writers, Grant Winter and Michael Vlismas, who both did interviews and extensive research to write their articles.

All the past Captains, Presidents / Chairmen, staff and long standing members, who contributed their memories.

Michelle Haskins, from Mitchellaneous Designs, for the set up and graphic design of the booklet.

And, finally, to all the staff and members of the Club, we look forward to a great future at Zwartkop Country Club.

Dale Mayo

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