

Dear golfing friends, golf colleagues and members of our Governing Body,

To get something off the ground has always been challenging. As stalwarts in golf administration I am convinced that this idea of a "Society Challenge" must have brought back memories of our own inputs to golf at club level of yester year.

With the first of only two hurdles crossed in this project I am glad to report that all nine Societies accepted the challenge of a national teams event based on individual Stableford scores calculated as an average Stableford score per Society. A potential total of 800 Seniors will compete. Thank you for accepting that this competition will be played on uneven playing conditions which will differ vastly but still in the spirit of our Senior's sportsmanship.

This mid Nationals event is scheduled for the month of September but playing dates pre- September will be in order due to already fixed programmes .

True to the spirit of Senior's prize limits there will not be outside sponsorships.

The winning Society will receive a high quality certificate in gold colour for display in their honours cabinet , 2nd prize in silver and 3rd prize in bronze .

I am aware of Societies sharing in my excitement with the inception of this mid Nationals event. But it's for all of us to establish it on it's merits on our Senior's calendar . The success of this 2017 event might even be the launch pad for bigger and better things.

Competition format again: Individual Stableford with the average Stableford points to two decimal points per Society as the final score . Thereafter the date of birth of the oldest participant. (Count in / Count out rule)

With your results being forwarded to our National Secretary , Frank Rosslee, the results will be made known once the 9th score is posted. It will be my honour and pleasure to hand over, in person ,the

1st Prize certificate to our Champion Society at their October meeting.

I thank you all for your cooperation to date.

Best regards,

President Kruger (Corne Kruger)