

SENIOR GOLFERS UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT – POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION

Mancom is holding a “bosberaad” in July to discuss the future of the National Tournament. Our representative at that meeting will be our President, Jim Begbie.

Jim would like the views of as many members as possible so that he can present a representative Southern Cape opinion at that meeting.

The original idea was to issue a questionnaire for completion, but this was found to be too restrictive, so we have listed a few main points for consideration. This list is not comprehensive – feel free to comment on any aspect of Nationals that you wish. It is not necessary to comment on each point.

CONCEPT

Should there be a National Tournament?

Should it be an annual event?

Should there be a permanent venue or should it continue to rotate among the Societies?

Should “unpopular” venues be avoided / should it be held more often at “popular” venues.

Should we only support members clubs (that support our ordinary fixtures) or should we include resort courses?

CONTENT AND DURATION

Should we continue with the current 4 day event or should it be shorter?

The Pinehurst and the Alliance also act as practice rounds.

Should it continue to be played over two courses, or should the number of participants be reduced?

SOCIAL EVENTS

Should we retain the Cocktail Party as the opening event?

Should there be a closing Dinner or should it be replaced with a different closing ceremony and prize-giving?

Flag lowering?

Another Cocktail Party?

Does the dinner go on too long? Speeches, too many prizes. Some want to leave for home that night and others want to leave early the next morning.

Should there be a separate dinner for the ladies or a combined dinner. Suitable venues at all locations?

LADIES PROGRAMME

Should the ladies lunch be re-introduced?

Should there be a Mixed? On the Sunday or the Monday (as in KZN).

Should golf be omitted if there are no suitable courses within a reasonable distance?

How can more ladies be attracted to attend at certain venues?

COSTS

Is cost a major factor in the attendance?

Entrance fee, cost of ladies events?

Travelling and accommodation costs?

Should SGU be concerned if numbers drop because of costs or is that just “how it is”?

Should we actively seek sponsors to keep costs down or is that seen as holding out the begging bowl?

GENERAL

Please let Jim have your views as soon as possible –

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