

August 2017 Newsletter



1. How long have you been representing the members on the committee?

Its been 13 years now.

2. Which part do you enjoy the most & least of being part of the committee?

I enjoy working with people, they are very interesting creatures. The most difficult part is to be in the middle of the members, management, Pro Shop and Committee.

3. What do you think is the biggest challenge for new ladies golfers and how would you suggest to overcome this?

The biggest challenge for us as women is keeping all the balls in the air; between family, other social commitments, careers and planning golf is not easy.

4. What do you think is the most important item a Proshop should stock for ladies?

If they could have a swing that could help us hit the ball further it would be great!

5. What is the most enjoyable part of golf for you?

It is nice to be outside in nature, and not on the couch in front of the TV and of course companionship and jokes on the course and on the 19th...

6. Your favourite golfer?

I love watching Lexi Thompson

7. Your bucket list golf course to still play in South Africa?

I am a home course player, I don't play well on unknown courses...

For the wine lovers, don't miss out on this amazing **Autumn Special** on [Le Pommier Wine](#), exclusive to our members.

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Welcome to our new members:

JUNIOR: • Ethan Terblanche

UNDER 26: • Mzwakhe Innocent Jacob

CORPORATE: • Ernest Frederick Loubser

FAMILY: • Martin Renison • Carina Alicia Renison

PENSIONER MALE: • James Ronald Welsh • Hamish Andrew Kiddle • Michael Poonyane • Arnoldus Louwrens Oulman van Wyk

We trust you will have a marvellous golfing time with us!

As the renovations continue, we would like to remind you that the restaurant, bar and halfway house is still operational. Have a look at the available menu.

We are all anticipating the opening, however they say good things take time. So be prepared for a great experience.

CON GUSTO	
CUCINA ITALIANA	
TOASTED SANDWICHES <i>(All toasted sandwiches are served with chips)</i>	
Cheese	30
Cheese & Tomato	33
Chicken Mayo	35
Egg & Cheese	35
Ham & Cheese	35
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	37
Bacon & Cheese	38
Bacon & Egg	38
Bacon, Egg & Cheese	43

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CON GUSTO	
CUCINA ITALIANA	
BASKETS <i>(All baskets are served with chips)</i>	
Mixed Basket <i>(Meatballs, Samosas & Spring Rolls)</i>	65
Chicken Strips Basket	60
Chicken Wings & Ribs Basket	85
Vienna Basket	35
Russian Basket	65
Mixed Sausage Basket	75
Steak Roll <i>(150g stein)</i>	69
Prego Steak Roll <i>(150g stein)</i>	69

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Our condolences to **David Banks'** family and friends. He joined Riviera on Vaal on 5 December 2010. We have shared many fond memories with him. David will be missed, may he RIP.



Ingadi Maintenance

We welcomed Ingadi Maintenance 1 June 2017 to maintain our golf course. Unfortunately for them, it was not the best time of the year. Regardless they have already started to prove their worth.

Our golfers' comments range from, *"We have not seen this course manicured like this in years!"* to *"We picked up their attention to detail already, and cannot wait to see what else they have in the pipeline."*

Naturally, the staff were equally complimentary; they feel they are learning so much even though some of them have been here for years. *"We can't wait for the Summer"* they noted.

Controlled Burn.

As you have seen, we have burnt a lot of the native areas on the course. The main reason for this is to eradicate the foreign weeds/black jacks etc. as well as their seeds. This is also done to promote growth, said Chris and Carel from Ingadi.

Natural (native) areas on a golf course can cut down on labour and save on water, fuel, chemical and fertiliser costs— but they are not maintenance-free.

Irrigation.

The course has approximately 2 000 sprayers. With the ongoing patching through the years, the whole system became inefficient and extremely costly without any improvement. An intensive audit was done beforehand to ensure the current needs, as well as the anticipated future needs, will be addressed.

As found with the implementation, the recent re-constructed greens on hole 14 and hole 16 had no sprinkler system towards the greens, resulting in more staff hours to manage and effectively risking human error. We are therefore very excited to report that the revamp on the **Hunter Irrigation System** and Pump house is 80% complete. Mainly trending is left to do and the installation of the Central Control.

We have gone through all 68 of the bunkers, loosening, moving sand around and levelling them. We are aware that they are very soft at the moment, but between the new irrigation and rain in summer they will firm up sooner than later.

As noted by one of our committee members, you should not be in the bunker on a good day of golf anyway!

Ingadi Maintenance has a lot planned especially with summer fast approaching; more detail will be communicated in our next newsletter.

Thank you to our Chairman Mike Spies who assisted with the lucky draw for members who paid their fees before end July 2017, sadly he didn't draw his own name.

Congratulations **Mieder Jacobus Palm** on winning the lucky draw.

He won a 4 ball on one of the best winter golf courses in South Africa as well as a 3 night self catering stay at [Dinkweng Safari Camp](#).



Congratulations **Albert Julius G Lloyd Snr** on winning the lucky draw.

He won a midweek self catering stay, for 5 nights in one of [Buffelspoort ATKV's](#) upgraded chalets for 4 people.



View our calendar below:

	DATE	DAY	AM / PM / ALL DAY	
SEPTEMBER	1	Friday	PM Field	NG Kerk Deneysville Golf Day
	3	Sunday		Committee round 2
	8	Friday	PM Field	SPCA Golf Day
	10	Sunday	AM Field	Handicap League
	14	Thursday	All Day Field	Klinger
	15	Friday	PM Field	HTS Carel De Wet Golf Day
	16	Saturday	PM Field	Lindsay Saker
	17	Sunday		Roodt round 3
	21	Thursday	PM Field	Aqua Vaal Hengel Klub Golf Day
	22	Friday	PM Field	Bertus Dreyer Golf Day
	23	Saturday	PM Field	Club Championships
	24	Sunday	AM Field	Club Championships
	29	Friday	All Day Field	Sangri La Disabled Home Golf Day

For further information, contact Riviera on Vaal Country Club Pro Shop: 016 430 1386 | proshop@rovcountryclub.co.za

Sneak peak into the Riviera Proshop. Stock also starting to arrive.



Taking all things into consideration the recent Women's Day Fundraising Golf Day was very successful. Once again thank you to Dedre Nel and Leonie Schutte for all the efforts and hard work. Here are just a few memories, for more visit our Facebook page.



Squash News:

We are currently busy with the Vaal Triangle Winter league. Riviera competes against teams from Mittal, Meyerton, Maccauvlei and Parys.

Riviera has 4 teams in the league: 1 x 1st league team, 1 x reserve league team, 1 x 2nd league team and 1 x 3rd league team. The league ends 30 September 2017.

Our 2nd and 3rd league teams are currently 2nd in the league. Riviera is thus doing really well against the bigger clubs.

Prize giving is in October 2017 where the winners will be announced. Riviera's aim is to win the 2nd and 3rd leagues.

Riviera is also being represented at the Vaal Triangle tournament and the 2 players are currently 4th out of the 8 teams competing.

Other news is also that the Vaal Triangle Squash will be hosting the Country Districts tournament which means that many well-known and successful squash players will be visiting the Vaal Triangle and also be playing on Riviera's courts. Accommodation and meals will also be arranged which will be good for business for the group.

Good luck to all.

Jaques Joubert

Please note: there was a mistake on the weekly results we sent out yesterday under dates to remember. The Club Championships will take place on **22 and 23 September 2017** and not in August. If you would like to play, please book your space at Riviera Proshop 016 430 1386. Tee off will start Saturday 22nd September at 11:30 and Sunday 23rd September at 06:30.