NOMADS GOLF CLUB SOUTHERN CAPE

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FUTHER GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTHERN CAPE NOMADS

As a member or our unique Club, you are expected to fulfil certain obligations in terms of our Rules and Regulations as set out in our constitution and our Rules of Play. The following thoughts are intended to inform you or refresh your memory regarding your commitment to the Organization.

1. BRIEF HISTORY OF NOMADS

- **1.1** Shortly after World War II Michael Florance formed the New Union Merchant Industrial Corporation (NUMIC) Social and Sporting Club.
- **1.2** In 1960, shortly after the Ben Hogan Movie "Follow the Sun", Mike Florance And his committee announced the "Follow the Sun" Nomads Golf Club. (The now Gauteng Club)
- **1.3** The first monthly meeting was scheduled for the first Saturday in May at the Glendower Golf Club. The meeting was washed out.
- **1.4** Rain also disrupted the second attempt at Parkview.
- **1.5** The first complete official Nomads meeting took place at Irene Golf Club.
- **1.6** The other clubs followed. To date there are 12 clubs in South Africa with 3 clubs in Zimbabwe, a club in Botswana and Swaziland. Nomads have also been established in New Zealand in 1997, Australia in 2004 and United Kingdom.
- **1.7** Southern Cape Club was established in 1985.
- **1.8** The first National Tournament was held in 1966.
- **1.9** A National Executive Committee was established in 1967. Anthony Handley was the first National Chairman.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NOMADS

- **2.1** Provide an opportunity for persons in all walks of life to meet one another at least once a month, to play a game of golf and to make new and cement old friendships.
- 2.2 To encourage, promote, foster and support the game of golf.
- **2.3** To generate funds for distribution to charitable causes and assist those persons, regardless of race, colour or creed, in a less fortunate positions than ourselves.
- 2.4 To have fun!!!!

3. MEMBERSHIP

The pre-requisite is that you shall be and remain a member of a recognized Golf Club affiliated to the Amateur Golf Council of the PGA. You have to be a member of Nomads exceeding one year to propose a golfer as a member of Nomads.

Membership application forms can be obtained from your membership officer. After an application form is filled in correctly it should be handed to your membership officer. At the next committee meeting it will be presented. If approved the new prospective Nomad will be notified of his exceptance and waitlisted. Depending how keen the prospective Nomad is, he will be approved for induction. An invoice will be forwarded for payment by the Treasurer and the inductee will be notified of his induction date and procedures explained to him by the membership officer. Once inducted a Nomads basic commitment is to play at least six games per annum and attend prizegivings. It is a Nomads responsibility to enter for his games through the Match secretary.

4. MONTHLY GOLF MEETINGS

You must participate in at least six monthly meetings during the calendar year. All of our monthly games are played on Sundays. Enter for monthly meetings at the game (entry form is available) or through the Match Secretary by fax or e-mail.

- **4.1** Dates and venues are provided in the website and posted on a special Nomads notice board at your home Club.
- **4.2** Dress code both on and off the course is very strictly enforced.
- **4.3** Southern Cape colours are pink shirts and navy pants.
- **4.4** Report to Nomads Ladies for registration 30 minutes before the tee-off time.
- **4.5** Match secretary will require current club handicap and any monies due for the day's game. (R200 at present)
- 4.6 Nomads ladies sell tickets for various draws, etc.
- **4.7** Entry for future games is recommended and to be done at the table. Playing fees can also be paid upfront for the year at a discounted rate. (Prepaid)
- **4.8** Refer any queries at registration to Match Secretary.
- **4.9** Report to the Main Starter immediately after registration and to the starters on 1" and 10" tees 10 minutes before your tee off time.
- **4.10** Meet other members of your fourball and swop cards.
- **4.11** Tee-off in same order as that shown on the starter sheet.
- 4.12 First name on starter's sheet is Captain of fourball.
- **4.13** The captain is responsible for:
- **4.13.1** Speeding-up play during the round i.e. avoids slow play.
- **4.13.2** Collect score cards from each player at end of round and check that player and marker sign each card. Fill in summary score slip.
- 4.13.3 Collect R10.00 from player with lowest score.
- **4.13.4** Hand all of above to ladies at registration table as soon as possible after the game (before showering).
- **4.14** All Nomads games are played in 4 ball individual medal stableford format.
- **4.15** No assistance is allowed from another player during play e.g. club selection, line of putt etc.
- **4.16** "Call Through" rule applies on short holes.

- **4.17** Continuous putting rule applies at all Nomads games.
- **4.18** Only player and caddy may look for suspected lost balls. (Speed-up play)
- **4.19** Check and sign score cards at end of game.
- **4.20** Sit with your fourball at prize giving.
- **4.21** Wives/Partners are welcome at prize giving functions. They are not permitted to accompany you on the course at any time.

4.22 PRIZE GIVING

- **4.22.1** The Club Altar is on display at every official Nomads game.
- **4.22.2** Each player is expected to stay. If unable to stay, apologize to Captain and pay early leaver fine (R50) at Ladies.
- **4.22.3** Early leaver's names are recorded for measuring commitment.
- **4.22.4** Dress Navy blazer with Nomad pocket badge, gongs and name badge, tie, white lounge shirt with navy long trousers and black shoes. Must be worn at prize giving.
- 4.22.5 Procedure of formalities:-
- **4.22.5.1** Vice Captain introduces Captain after "Jackets-on" announcement.
- **4.22.5.2** Captain does announcements, presentations and inductions and hands back to Vice Captain to read out prize winners.
- **4.22.5.3** A light hearted fines session is held, followed by lucky draw and acknowledgment of sponsors.
- **4.22.5.4** Vice Captain hands to Captain who closes off the meeting.

4.23 MONTHLY GAME PRIZES

The following competitions are held monthly: (format Individual medal Stableford)

- 4.23.1 Individual A, B and C division + Runners-up
- 4.23.2 Playing four ball.
- 4.23.3 Drawn four ball.
- 4.23.4 Two Clubs
- 4.23.5 Playing the short holes one under par (one under).
- **4.23.6** Estimate of total points scored at a pre-selected short hole. (Short hole Aggregate.)
- 4.23.7 Eagles Nest
- 4.23.8 Over 55

The following draws are held monthly

- 1. Whiskey
- 2. Golf Bag
- 3. Andrew Mentis Hamper
- 4. Windbreaker draw
- 5. Lucky Draws.

In addition, all individual scores count towards annual competitions culminating at our Gold Cup Meeting in December.

You will therefore realize that you do not have to be a good golfer to win Nomad prizes.

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5. LATE ARRIVAL, CANCELLATIONS AND "NO SHOWS"

- **5.1** A player who arrives late will have to walk a few holes to catch-up with his Fourball.
- **5.2** The scores for these holes are zero which not only affect the individual score but also playing pair, playing fourball, drawn fourball and various tournaments during the year.
- **5.3** Cancellations must be made as early as possible.
- **5.4** Cancellations on the day may result in disciplinary action.
- **5.5** "No shows" on the day is treated very seriously and may result in suspension of 2 games.
- **5.6** The Match Secretary reports on all above cases at next committee meeting and the necessary disciplinary action follows.

6. GOLD CUP AND COMPETITIONS DURING THE YEAR

- 6.1 Gold Cup is played inside the last monthly game of the year (December).
- **6.2** The qualification of Gold Cup is winning, or being counted out as a winner, Of your division during the year.
- **6.3** A Gold Cup Trophy is presented to the winners in each division.
- **6.4** "Champion of Champions" Trophy is for highest total number of points during the year.
- **6.5** "Best Worst Golfer" is for those having won the matchbox (lowest score at monthly game) during the year.
- **6.6** "Over Fifty Five" Trophy is for members who are 55 years & over and who have won this competition during the year.
- **6.7** "Andrew Mentis" Trophy competition is the highest aggregate score of your five best rounds.
- **6.8** "John Handley" Trophy for best total of odd months during the year.
- 6.9 "Eclectic" Trophy for best eclectic score during the year including Gold Cup.
- 6.10 Gary Player" Knockout Trophy:-
- 6.10.1 Played during the year on a knock-out basis.
- **6.10.2** Choose own partners at beginning of the year and pay an entry fee. (watch notice boards for playing dates).
- 6.10.3 Can assist one another except if played in normal monthly game.
- 6.10.4 First round knock-outs go to Plate event.
- 6.10.5 Rounds to be played outside normal monthly games wherever possible.
- 6.10.6 Finals played on Gold Cup day.

7. AWAY GAMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- **7.1** South Easter Challenge is played annually against Eastern Cape. Venue is at Cape ST Francis in November.
- 7.2 Anniversary games at other clubs celebrating 5, 10, 20, 30 etc. years.
- 7.3 National Tournaments:-
- 7.3.1 SA Nationals
- 7.3.2 Zimbabwe Nationals

March. June.

- September. October
- **7.3.3** Botswana Nationals 7.3.4 Australia Nationals

7.3.5 Swaziland Nationals

October

- 7.4 Boland challenge between Boland + Southern Cape at Seaboard in August.
- **7.5** Seaboard 5 Provinces along the Cape Province coastline participate e.g. Boland, WP, EC, Boards, S.C. (mini Nationals)

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8. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Nomads are represented throughout the Republic (12 clubs) and once a year (usually during March), members of the various clubs assemble at a central venue for a National Tournament. The field is 240 players per day, each participant playing four rounds of golf over five or six days. A trip of this nature could cost you more or less R10 000, depending upon in which centre the tournament is held. However, this tournament is exceptionally popular and as a result entries are limited. Clubs get allocated slots (e.g. 25) by the National Chairman according to the percentage participation at the individual clubs monthly games. Our club has a point system, which mainly consists of your participation, to establish who goes to nationals.

Once again, participation is entirely voluntary, but anyone who has attended a National Tournament will tell you that this is the highlight of the Nomadic calendar.

9. ANDREW MENTIS ENDOWMENT FUND

- **9.1** The fund was started by Andrew Mentis, a Founder Nomad Member in 1967 in Gauteng.
- 9.2 Andrew Mentis still contributes personally to the funds every year.
- **9.3** Each club forms a sub-committee, which is chaired by the Vice Captain.
- **9.4** Monies raised are donated to a pre-selected charity in the form of tangible assets on which the Nomads emblem is displayed.
- 9.5 Culmination of activates and handover to Charity takes place at our yearly Andrew Mentis golf day which is also open to the public by invitation. (Preferably 1 Nomad + 3 visitors per fourball)
- **9.6** Nationally Andrew Mentis Endowment Fund has raised and donated in excess of R25 million towards charities.

10. NOMADS RAFFLE TICKETS

- **10.1** This is included with the Vice Captain's Portfolio.
- **10.2** Each member is issued with, and expected to sell, a minimum of 1 book of 10 tickets @ R20 per ticket (R200 includes in your subs)
- **10.3** Cost of printing tickets and great prizes are sponsored by Nomads.
- **10.3** Each Club uses proceeds for the furtherance of golf.
- **10.4** Donations are made to Golf Clubs, Junior Golf, Ladies Golf, Furtherance Of Golf and Disabled golf.

11. HANDICAPS

- **11.1** Nomads Handicapping System based on Stableford points. (Figures differ if course rating is different)
- **11.1.1** 26 27 get 1 shot

11.1.2 25 - 26 - get 2 shots (Maximum of 2)
11.1.3 28 - 32 points no change (if course rating is 72)
11.1.4 33 - 34 points - cut 1 shot
11.1.5 35 - 36 points - cut 2 shots
11.1.6 37 - 38 points - cut 3 shots
11.1.7 38 - 40 points - cut 4 shots, etc

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- **11.1.8** Nomads handicap cannot exceed your Club handicap and you play off which ever is lower.
- **11.2** All Nomads handicaps are automatically adjusted after each game.

12. FUTURE RECOGNITION

- **12.1** Ties 5 year, 10 year, 20 year etc.
- **12.2** Badges 100, 200, 300, 350 etc games.

13. FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

New Members: Entrance fee R200 Kit R600 Pro-rata annual subs (Invoice will be send before induction)

Annual – Subs R750 Glenbrynth Tickets R200 = R950

(Nomads raffle Tickets can be sold to recover your money. Stubs to be handed in to Vice Captain before Nationals for the draw. e.g. February)

NB: Subs to be paid before **April** each year. Non payment might result in termination of membership.

The monthly competition fee is currently R200 depending on which Club we play at. You are expected to enter the draws for cash prizes. In addition, the lowest score in the four balls is fined R10.00 and then there are lighthearted fines for misdemeanors. There are substantial prizes to be won at each meeting together with Lucky Draw prizes.

14. GOLFORAMA

Golforama assists with the scoring for most Professional Golf Tournaments in South Africa, mainly the Sunshine Tour events which run form late November to early March each year. The tournaments are orchestrated by the S.A. TOUR who in turn pays Golforama for its services.

PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES

- **14.1** Golforama is paid a fee, for its services, to be expended primarily on projects for the furtherance of golf.
- **14.2** The Golforama Body is a non-profit organization, generating income from using volunteers to provide a score information service to the game of golf.
- **14.3** The very existence of Golforama is based on the fact that the basic commitment of every Nomad includes Golforama duties.

- **14.4** Golforama in return provides huge exposure for the Nomad Golf Club which deservedly enhances the image and reputation of this great club for the benefit of all its members.
- **14.5** Provides an opportunity for all Nomads to offer their services at the prestigious tournaments around the country during which they may see some of the best professional and amateur golfers in action. e.g. SA open
- **14.6** Promote and encourage existing camaraderie and good fellowship amongst Nomads in a friendly and enjoyable environment.
- **14.7** Offer and maintain a professional service at each event with a cohesive group of volunteers committed to their duties.

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14.8 Compensation for volunteer's real "out of packet" expenses incurred whilst performing their duties.

15. COMMITTEE

Please contact relevant committee members. They are listed in the Diary on our website.

Captain and Secretary – all correspondence Match Secretary – Enter games, change of addresses, tel. etc Away Games Officer – Away games + Nationals PRO - Sponsorships Equipment Officer - Golfing Kit etc Membership - Application forms Treasurer - Payments + Subs

Nomads Address: P.O. Box 1463 George 6530

Email: scnomads@telkomsa.net

Bank Details: Nedbank George Branch code: 162-645 Acc.no: 1626040079

Please make reference to your NAME in all payments.

Website: www.scnomads.org

16. OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY & COMITMENTS OF MEMBERS

- **16.1** Read Constitution + Rules of Play
- **16.2** Participate in all 12 monthly games. If your commitment to participate in six of the twelve games scheduled in any one calendar year is not met the Committee may terminate your Membership.
- **16.3** It is expected of you to notify the executive Committee of absences due to health, overseas travel, etc in writing.
- **16.4** Any Member who, due to unforeseen changes in circumstances, clearly sees himself unable to meet his minimum requirements of 6 monthly

games, may apply to the Committee to change his membership status to that of Associate Member. Such membership will not automatically be accorded.

- **16.5** Attend special events and away games.
- **16.6** Comply with dress code both on and off the course.
- **16.7** Respect Nomads uniform and behave accordingly.
- **16.8** Attend prize giving functions.
- **16.9** Attend AGM. Which is held in February each year.
- **16.10** Aim for Nationals participation. (Enquire regarding qualifying norms.)
- **16.11** Pay subscriptions and accounts on time.
- **16.12** Enter monthly games early. Paying up front is easier. (Prepaid)
- **16.13** Read our monthly Newsletter in your website www.scnomads.co.za.

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- **16.14** Sell Glenbrynth Tickets and hand to vice Captain before National Tournament. (1st March)
- **16.15** Participate in all Andrew Mentis Fundraising activities.
- **16.16** Respect host clubs rules, etc.
- 16.17 Support sponsors National and Regional sponsors.
- **16.18** Participate in Golforama activities.
- 16.19 Visit Nomads web site <u>http://www.nomads.co.za</u>
- 16.20 Don't let your fellow Nomads down.
- **16.21** Two make-up games with other Nomads clubs are allowed in a playing year if you are in danger of not fulfilling you playing commitment of a minimum of 6 monthly games.
- **16.22** Advise any changes of address, e-mail, telephone numbers, etc to Match Secretary.

17. CONCLUSION

Nomads do not have a course or club house of their own, and we are there fore dependent upon the generosity of various Gold Clubs in the area in extending to us their facilities and their Golf Course. Over the years, Nomads have built up a name to be proud of and therefore Members should at all times be conscious of their dress and behavior, both on and off the course. It must always be remembered that we are guests of the Clubs where we play.

Inclosing:

- **17.1** Enjoy Nomads and be proud of the Organization.
- 17.2 Have Fun.
- **17.3** Get to know the other members.
- **17.4** Get involved i.e. sponsorships, committees, Golforama, etc.
- **17.5** Read the Constitution and Rules of Play.
- **17.6** The "monthly game" includes golf and attendance at prizegiving.
- **17.7** Remember, what you put in is what you get out.
- **17.8** NB Visit our website at www.scnomads.org.