

October 2018

## Elements Private Golf Reserve Newsletter

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### From the General Manager

2018 seems to have flown by and the Festive Season is almost upon us. Our business volumes have increased now that we are back into the summer months and we look forward to a great end of year. We are ready for the holidays and look forward to providing great service to everyone who comes to visit and to play golf. We are open for business every day and are able to host year end functions should you wish to consider making use of the facilities at Elements.

The drought has continued and to date we have received only 16mm of rain. Temperatures reached 38 degrees on at least 10 days during October. Water has continued to be a challenge with failures on two of our strongest boreholes.

The repairs are all under control and both are fully operational again.

We continue to appeal to all owners to control water consumption within reasonable limits and especially now during the holiday period when so many more homes will be occupied.

We have reserved four days during the holiday period for our Academy coach to be available for golf lessons. These are the 27th and 28th December and the 7th and 8th January 2019. This will be an excellent opportunity to improve your swing and lower your handicap. We will promote this further and hope to help as many golfers as possible with their game.



## Golf Course Report

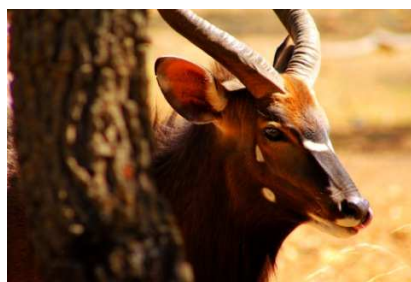
Clearly the course has taken strain with the high temperatures and lack of rain. No matter how much water we are able to apply to the course it will never be enough to maintain perfect condition.

The course was reopened on the 19<sup>th</sup> following the spring hollow tining and the greens are already putting well again. The Poa Annua has taken strain from the chemical treatment as well as the high temperatures.

At present it is almost not visible and even when the greens are back to their best condition in a few weeks time it should not be visible.

The kikuyu and Cynodin grasses on the fairways are holding up well with the dry and hot conditions. The severe winter frost caused the grass to go dormant and that has helped to avoid losing surface grass up till now. If the drought continues we could lose grass over the coming months.

Assuming we do get good rain soon the course will transform immediately and hopefully return to its ever best this season. On the positive side it is playing very well and player comment continues to be strongly positive.

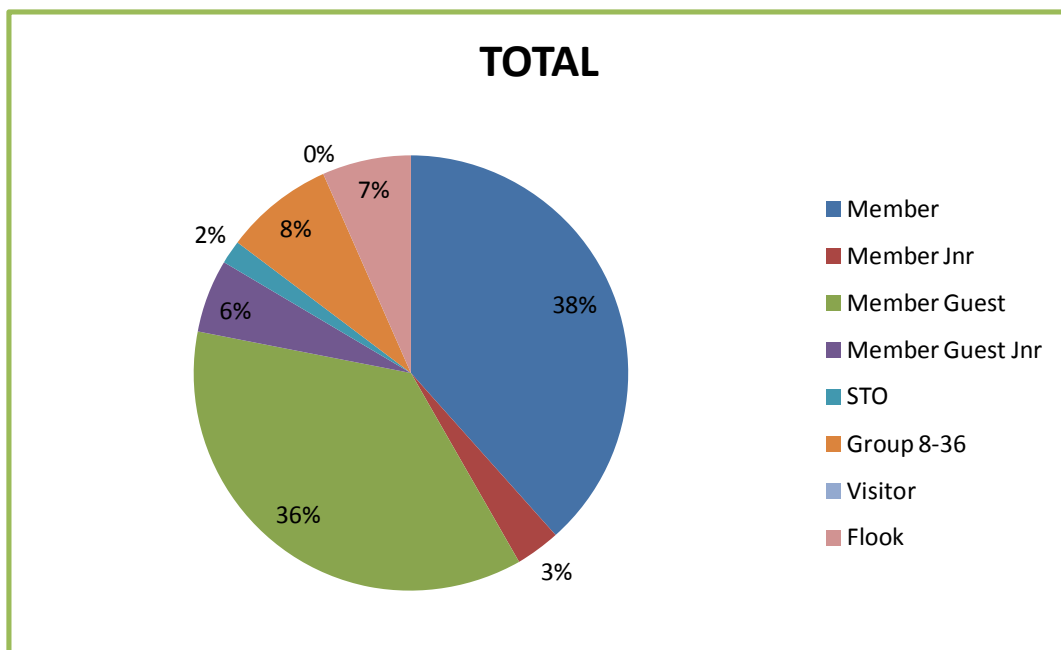


## Golf Operations

807 rounds of golf were played which was only 5% below target for the month. Year to date rounds played are 6,495 which are 95 above forecast. Revenue from golf is on target with green fee revenue per round at R234.38 and revenue per cart round at R319.39.

Merchandise sales are lagging behind expectation but we have stocked up well for the holiday season which will definitely boost sales. We encourage you to take a look at the new ranges before buying gifts elsewhere.

Once again it is encouraging to see that 77% of rounds played are by Members and Member Guests. Demand from golf tour groups has also picked up strongly and seems to be growing market.



## Fauna and Flora

On 15 October a veld fire started on the North West Section of the estate between Substation F and the Dump site. The close relationship that we have built with our neighbours played a big role in getting the fire under control, within 10 minutes around 15 vehicles and about 40 people from neighboring farms where onsite assisting. The fire was under control within 45 minutes, no buildings were damaged in the fire and a very small piece of veld burnt.

The animals on the estate are in excellent condition, most of the ewes and cows are near the end of their gestation periods and we should be seeing a lot of calves around on the estate soon. Game that was often seen around the estate during the last month includes: Nyala, Impala, Wildebeest, Waterbuck and Kudu.

Other animals that are were seen includes: Monitor Lizard, Tree Squirrels, Yellow Mongoose, Banded Mongoose and a few Vervet Monkeys and Baboons as well.

Almost all the migrant birds have returned for the summer months. The calls from the European Bee-eaters and the White-fronted Bee-eaters can be heard throughout the day. Birds that were regularly seen or heard during the month of October includes: Chinspot Batis, Greater Striped Swallow, Rock Martin, Red-chested Cuckoo, Paradise Flycatcher, African Grey Hornbill, Red-billed Wood Hoopoe, Cardinal Woodpecker, Burchell's Coucal and the Grey Go-away-bird.



## Water Status

As mentioned above our water situation remains critical. Both the 9<sup>th</sup> and the Waterberg boreholes have been out of action for most of the month which has placed strain on our water resources. Borehole 9 and Waterberg Borehole have both been repaired and are delivering well.

Most home owners have responded positively to the requirement to reduce consumption yet total consumption remains too high.

We again appeal to all to conserve water wherever possible.

The borehole project is essentially complete. We still need Eskom to install the larger transformer on Waterberg which will then complete this phase of the project. Eskom have now appointed a contractor and we anticipate the transformer to be installed during November.

We are still able to extract more water from both Newburg and Waterberg. We are going to attempt to open an old hole on Newburg, test it and if it has sufficient water available to equip it. We also have the hole we drilled on Waterberg which can still be equipped to bring the total daily extraction up to the negotiated daily volume of 350,000 liters.

## Property Marketing

We have made good progress with a Property Marketing Strategy and are concluding negotiations with a national property marketing agent to manage the Elements portfolio. This will be finalised and implemented before year end. This will not be an exclusive agreement and the existing agents will still be involved in the marketing initiative.



Please contact the club if you know anybody who is interested in investing in Elements. As an incentive the levy on all the Bushill stands has been reduced to 25% in year one, 50% in year two and 75% in year three. There is also a 90 year limit on building on the property.

## General

The dates for the annual Elebula 36 hole Better Ball tournament have been set for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December. This is a fun challenge event between the members of Zebula and Elements played over 36 holes on both courses. This year the first round will be played on Elements and the second on Zebula. We invite all owners and guests who will be on holiday at the time to support your team and enter into the tournament.

Zebula are the defending champions and we are determined to regain the trophy back to its rightful place in the Elements trophy cabinet. We all look forward to a fun event.

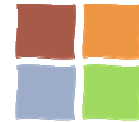
We also draw your attention to the Annual Club Championships which will be held over 36 holes on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019. We are challenging ourselves to make this the best ever and encourage you to reserve your house for that week end and come and compete in the tournament.

All the Matkovich courses in the country have agreed to an inter club reciprocity agreement with immediate effect. This means that all Elements members/owners will be able to book and play any of those courses as Members. This adds yet more value to owners who can now play courses such as Cotswald Downs, Centurion, Arabella, de Zalze, and more at member rates. A list of contact numbers will be provided in the December news letter.

## Important Dates

20 & 21 December 2018 Annual Elebula 36 hole Better Ball Tournament

27 & 28 April 2019 Club Championships 2019



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## Service providers in Bela-Bela

### Plumbing

Plumbsure (Leon) 083 272 1741  
Mario's Plumbing (Mario) 083 963 5116

### Electrical

Vally De Souza 014 736 3781,  
082 619 5005  
Arno Peschl 083 601 1788

### Refrigerating/Aircon

Van Der Merwe Verkoeling 073 181 9492  
Baasie 082 896 4203  
Emmies Verkoeling 014 736 6918

### Pool Maintenance

Clearwater Pools (Chris) 072 350 7080

### Housekeeping

Chatelaine (Lourens) 083 456 9201  
Chatelaine (Maureen) 083 310 0089  
Busy Bee (Jane) 072 765 6365

### General Repairs

(Pieter) 071 734 2932  
Jeanru Konstruksie (Jacques) 078 934 5504  
Mr. Fix it (Braam) 083 638 2208  
Building Contractor (Johan) 081 503 7579  
Arno Peschl 083 601 1788

### Other:

Jaycee Glass & Aluminium (Gerhard) 079 527 9988  
Golf Car SA 082 554 8174  
DSTV Repairs ProSAT (Wynand) 082 464 3383  
Bela-Bela Glasfit 014 736 5070  
Glasman 014 736 4523  
Prime Pest Control (Dirk) 083 731 1176  
Bela Bela Locksmiths 014 736 2899  
Snake removal (Juandre) 079 580 7742  
Vyfster CarWash 083 993 5069  
Wood Deliveries (Pieter) 063 811 5432



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**ELEMENTS**  
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**In The Case Of Any Emergency!!!!**

- Keep calm.
- Assess the situation quickly.
- Determine what action is needed.
- Assist with people trapped and/or injured.
- Secure the area.
- Assist the emergency teams.
- Move away from the immediate danger area.

**Snakebite Protocol**

- Keep patient calm
- Secure the area
- Lay patient down
- Identify snake (colour/shape/size)
- Inform St Vincent's Hospt 014 736 2310
- Inform clubhouse 010 591 2951
- Immediately take the patient to

**Important Telephone Numbers**

Clubhouse	010 591 2951
Ambulance Service	10177 / 112
APA Ambulance	
-Advance Paramedics	086 011 2911
Ems Pvt Ambulance Service	014 736 2831
Medical Doctors Bela Bela	
G.P (Dr Rj Coertze)	014 736 2290
G.P (Dr Ab De Villiers)	014 736 2220
Police Bela Bela	014 736 9701/05
SA Police Services	10111 / 112
Fire Brigade Bela Bela	014 736 8000
Van Heerden Pharmacy	014 736 2301
Poison Centre Cape Town	086 1555 777
Snake Bite poison Helpline	021 931 6129

Saint Vincent's Private Hospital	014 736 2310
Provincial Hospital Bela Bela	014 736 7300
Snake Removal (Juandré)	079 580 7742
Security Manager (Hennie)	082 929 6006
Duty Security Officer	061 226 6006
Security Guards (Main Gate)	071 987 3977
Chatelaine (Lourens)	083 456 9201
Chatelaine (Maureen)	083 310 0089
Busy Bee (Jane)	072 765 6365

