

Elements Private Golf Reserve

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From the General Manager

It has been a privilege to be on the Reserve for the past 6 weeks. I do realize that filling the “big footsteps” of Ian Leach, I have to get bigger boots to fill the footsteps left behind. EPGR has always been this “dream place” in the Limpopo bush with this magnificent golf course and facilities.

“Challenging yet Exciting”

Under the guidance of the outgoing GM, I have met the golf course maintenance staff, the EPGR management and staff and not forgetting the neighbours of the surrounding area. Ian, thank you for the time we spent together to make the transition as easy as possible.

Thank you to the Trustees, in putting faith in me to make this position possible. I trust through hard work, commitment and taking the responsibility of the position, we will endeavor to proceed to the next level.

After the announcement of the 2021 SA Top 100 Golf Course Ranking where EPGR achieved the 17th position, a benchmark was set. It will be our priority to take EPGR to the next level and improve our position in the Rankings.

The creation of the “Ultimate Golfing Experience”, will be our goal.



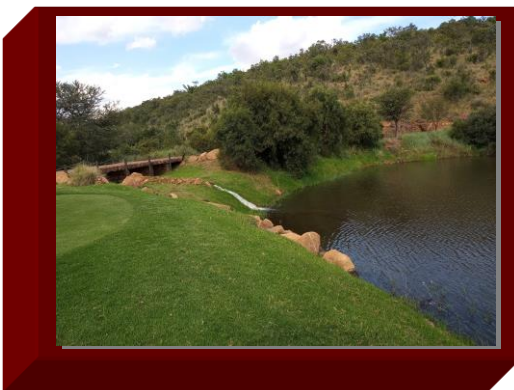
Golf

February is traditionally a slow month but has shown the quest for golfers and visitors to be out there to enjoy the outdoors and participate in their favourite sport.

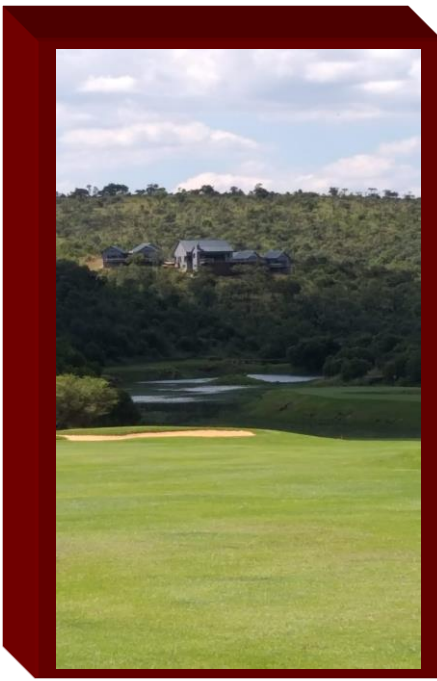
EPGR has again exceeded the budget rounds by recording 1 131 rounds versus 870 rounds from the budget. The total golf revenue for February 2021, amounted to R 503 194 and food & beverage recorded an amount of R 255 627. All these amounts include Value Added Tax. The total revenue amounts to R 758 821 versus the total budget amount of R 621 180. This equates to income of R 655 per golf round recorded.



Golf Course



During February we had good follow up rains after January and recorded 130 mm of rain. We went into a dry period during the latter part of February. The Hippo Dam started overflowing in mid-February and we were fortunate to pump some water back to the 9th/ 18th dam. We had to move the pump away from the overflow weir due to the owners of the Hippo Dam, not being happy with the extraction area. The pump is currently in a side stream where we are dependent on the flow from a water spring as well as a stream that only flows where there is an excessive storm and water flows after the rain storm. The



owners of the Hippo Dam have graciously acceded to our request to insert a submersible pipeline into the dam up to the overflow weir where we will be allowed to pump on a consistent basis until the water level is one meter below the weir. Investigations are currently under way in determining the most suitable installation.

The greens have recovered remarkably well after the hollow tine session and is being cut at 3.8 mm and running and measured by stimp-meter at 11 m/s. In the very hot conditions we experienced in February, irrigation by hand and hosepipes were activated in the daytime.

Home Owner Matters

We have experienced some security issues in February and have had incidents where breaches resulted in the loss of cellular phones, laptops and cash from wallets. We have issued notices at the Estate Entrance as well as in the units, advising the visitors to be vigilant in the general security in and around the Units.

Entry is gained early morning by open doors and windows. Visitors tend to “forget” that being in the “bush”, brings other short comings that is not always acceptable when there is a security issue. The same “gang” operates and is responsible for the activities, not only at EPGR but surrounding facilities as well.

We have had a discussion with the same drone surveillance operator from Mabalingwe, our neighbour. The concept will be explored but creates a huge capital outlay in getting such a program off the ground. The success of such an operation still has to be quantified.

General

As addressed in the newsletter for January 2021, the predator park at Mabalingwe has drawn some attention and interest in visiting the park, has increased. Game drives on other premises, are also advertised as per the notice attached.