

# Club life

January - April 2023 Newsletter



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## **Operating Hours**

Main Reception: 7.00am – 10.00pm

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Gym Reception: Mon – Sat (6.00am – 8.30pm)

Club House Terrace: Mon – Sun (6.30am – 10pm)

Club House Main bar: Mon – Sun (10am-11pm)

Upper deck: Mon Closed.

Tue, Wed & Fri (3pm -11pm)

Thur & Sat (12pm – 12am)

Sun (12pm – 10pm)

Fine Dinning: Mon & Sun - Closed.

Tue – Fri (6.30am – 9pm)

Halfway Banda: Mon Closed.

Tue - Sun (7am - 4pm)

Royal Garden: Mon – Sun (9am – 10pm) Swimming Pool: Currently Closed

Steam & Sauna Tue & Thur (7am – 8pm) Sat & Public holidays (7am -7pm)

Gym Mon - Fri (6.00am – 8.30pm)

Sat (7am - 7pm)

Public Holidays (8am - 4pm)

Sun - Closed.

Pro training (Range)
Tues, Wed & Thur (6.00am - 6.00pm)

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## Chairman's Note



Greetings, esteemed Members of our Club!

I am delighted to report that the Club is off to a good start, both on and off the course. I'd like to thank all RNGC Members for their support of the new Board and Committees, as well as their dedication to the strategic initiatives for this year.

We've been striving to improve the overall member experience, including course improvements and facilities renovations like the ongoing swimming pool work and general maintenance of the facilities not forgetting the F&B service. I'm particularly excited about the work being done to develop stone pitched water drains that will divert and channel rain water run-off from Ngong road right into our enormous dams, adjacent to the 15th and 16th holes. We have successfully constructed the Rose of Sharon drain and are currently working on the Jiweke drain, which will transport water right along fairway No.9, passing through the two ponds on No.1, and into the Northern dam.

We have conducted a scientific study using ground penetrating radar to determine the best placement and yield for a new borehole. The results have been very positive and encouraging; watch this space! In the second half of this year, we intend to beautify the environment around our two dams.

We are also planning to move the accounts office to the gym complex while maintaining the TV rooms at the clubhouse after the swimming pool renovations are completed. Our mission is to make the Club welcoming to all while meeting our Members' needs.

Looking ahead, we have a number of interesting plans in the works to improve our facilities and services while maintaining the club's financial health. Throughout the year, we will have the opportunity to organize a variety of tournaments and events, including the East

African KCB Golf Series, which will bring new opportunities and exposure to the club.

We recently hosted the 98th Easter Tannahill Shield, in which the Royal team competed against eight other teams from across the country to defend our shield. We were not fortunate enough to bring home the shield, but we had a terrific time, learnt a lot of lessons, and hopefully strive to do better next year. Congratulations to Sigona and thank you to all the teams that helped make the Tannahill Shield a memorable competition. I'd like to thank all of the Members who came out to support the Royal Tannahill team despite the inclement weather. Your presence was much appreciated. We are looking forward to presenting a larger and better competition as we approach the Tannahill centennial (100 years of Tannahill).

I'd like to urge all members to continue patronizing the club and paying your subscriptions on time. This will boost the club's financial flow and, in turn ensures smooth flow of the operations.

We welcome feedback and input from our members as always, and we are committed to working together to make our club the best it can be.

God bless you. God bless Royal Nairobi Golf Club.

J.T - Jatinder Thethy **Chairman Royal Nairobi Golf Club** 



## Captain's Note

Distinguished Members,

Welcome to the publication of this quarter's newsletter. We began the golf season with an average of 150 golfers per tournament. The majority of our Clubnites and Saturday golf days have been sponsored, and I would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support thus far: Johnnie Walker, Seslaw, Superior Homes, The Alumnus Challenge, Stellar Physio, IPS, Opulence, Wanabima and January, February & March Borns.

In addition to regular play, we have planned several exciting events throughout the year, including charity tournaments, member-guest tournaments, and inter-club matches. These events provide an excellent opportunity for members to connect with one another as well as other golfers and showcase their skills on the course.

We successfully held the 98th Tannahill Shield (Easter Tournament) from 4th to 9th April, 2023. Over the last five years, we have added a "Junior Easter Tournament" to cultivate and encourage young golfers from various clubs to partake in this Premier National Amateur Event. The juniors' competition was held on 4th and 5th April, 2023, where we emerged in fourth place with a total of 567 points. The seniors tournament kicked off on Good Friday morning, April 7th, 2023, for the second edition of the Senior Tannahill Trophy. We emerged in fourth place with a total of 269 points.

The Royal main team, Team 27, put up a good fight against the other 8 participating teams, however, we emerged in sixth place with a total of 269 points. I would like to commend the effort and dedication of the Royal team put over the three tournament days.

Congratulations to Sigona for winning the 98th Edition Tannahill Shield. We knew they were the team to beat after facing them during the Patrons' Cup and the NDC League.

Golf is a challenging sport, and every tournament presents a unique set of challenges that require focus, skill, and perseverance. I am confident that with hard work and continued practice, we will achieve better results in future tournaments. Let us learn from this experience, identify areas for improvement, and work together to make our golf club stronger and more competitive.

We are proud to have been the venue of choice for the launch of the Inaugural KCB East Africa Golf Tour which took place on Tuesday, 11th April, 2023. This is an exciting event that is set to traverse 6 countries and 12 counties in Kenya. We look forward to hosting more golf events that would promote the growth and development of golf in the region.

This year we have experienced a bigger and better Wanabima tournament as they hosted their fourth edition at Royal Nairobi Golf Club from 20th to 24th April 2023. Activities that preceded the main corporate golf day on Saturday, April 22, 2023, were Clubnite, on Thursday, April, 20th, 2023, Casino, Friday, April 21st, 2023.

To culminate the week, the Juniors competition was played on Sunday, April, 23rd, 2023, whose participants were invited juniors from JGF and The Royal Junior Academy. The caddies and staff had the opportunity to play on Monday, April, 24th 2023. I would like to thank our Vice Chairman, Charles Kariuki and our Member, Eric Rugo for organizing such an eventful tournament bringing together all the stakeholders in the insurance sector and also raising awareness among the golfing fraternity.

In collaboration with the Golf and Course Committee, my goal is to maintain our commitment to keeping the course in good condition. Although the year began with a dry season, our course maintenance team has been working hard to get the course ready for the season. We are grateful for the onset of the rainy season, which has helped greatly improved the condition of our course. We are confident that this will provide a challenging and enjoyable experience for all golfers.

This year, the title sponsors of the Tannahill Shield Tournament were Jamii Telcom Kenya & Crystal Rivers, supported by Johnnie Walker, Coca-cola, The Good life Pharmacy, AAR, KNH, St. John's Ambulance, Safari Park Hotel, Farmers Choice and Ziara SEZ. Your support and contribution towards this event went a long way in facilitating the success of the week-long event. We truly hope you received full value for your sponsorship.

Congratulations to everyone who has earned their handicap this season so far. I wish you all a fantastic golf season. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have joined us this year. We are thrilled to have you all as members of our community and look forward to getting to know you all on the course.

Lastly, I want to remind all members to adhere to the rules and etiquette of the game at all times. Golf is a sport that requires respect for both the course and other players, and we expect all members to uphold these values.

Thank you all for your patience and continued support of the club. God bless you.

Peter Mwangi Captain Royal Nairobi Golf Club



## Thursday Club Nite



Overall Winner; Lucy Manyara 5th January Sponsored By Board Of Directors



Men Winner; Gicheru Kimani 5th January Sponsored By Board Of Directors



Lady Winner; Sandra Kabiru 5th January Sponsored By Board Of Directors



Overall Winner; Lucy Lucciya 12th January Sponsored By Eabl



Men Winner; Odira Omo 12th January Sponsored By Eabl



Lady Winner; Rebecca Gikuru 12th January Sponsored By Eabl



Overall Winner; Penny Wambui 19th January Sponsored By Rngc Members



Men Winner; Job Kamau 19th January Sponsored By Rngc Members



Lady Winner; Felistus Njoroge 19th January Sponsored By Rngc Members



Overall Winner; Betty Maina 2nd February Sponsored By Superior Homes Kenya



Men Winner; Kevin Juma 2nd February Sponsored By Superior Homes Kenya



Men Runner Up; George Makori 2nd February Sponsored By Superior Homes Kenya



Overall Winner; Jinnel Mwangi 23rd February Sponsored By February Borns



Men Winner; P.K Ndungu 23rd February Sponsored By February Borns



Lady Winner; Teresia Ndivo 23rd February Sponsored By February Borns

## Thursday Club Nite



Overall Winner; Abner Onsomu 2nd March Sponsored By Johnnie Walker



Men Winner; Chris Isabwa 2nd March Sponsored By Johnnie Walker



Lady Winner; Rebeccah Gikuru 2nd March Sponsored By Johnnie Walker



Overall Winner; Duncan Kivuitu 9th March Sponsored By Ips



Men Winner; Joseah Kogo 9th March Sponsored By Ips



Lady Winner; Njeri Onyango 9th March Sponsored By Ips



Overall Nine Winner; Anthony Komen 23rd March (Policarp Onyango Receives Prize On His Behalf) Sponsored By Opulence



Men 2nd Nine Winner; Christopher Kibet 23rd March Sponsored By Opulence



Lady 1st Nine Winner; Diana Mbuba 23rd March (Mourice Njue Receives Prize On Her Behalf) Sponsored By Opulence



Overall Winner; Peter Mugo Wednesday 5th April Sponsored By Kcb



Men Winner; Dickson Muraya Wednesday 5th April Sponsored By Kcb



Lady Runner Up; Rose Nyamori Wednesday 5th April Sponsored By Kcb



Overall Winner; Korby Gatiramu 20th April Sponsored By Old Mutual



Men Winner; David Killinkoy 20th April Sponsored By Old Mutual



Lady Winner; Tesha Magira 20th April (Hellen Musalia Receives Prize On Her Behalf)sponsored By Old Mutual

## - Lady Captain's Note -

Christine Mathenge

Lady Captain Royal Nairobi Golf Club

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the publication of this quarter's newsletter. I am grateful to all of you for allowing me serve as your Lady Captain, I cannot thank you enough for your unwavering support thus far.

We've had seven ladies' competitions, including Jubilee Cup and International Women's Day (Medal No.3). The first big Ladies' event, The Ladies Invitational was held on Feb 18th 2023. With over 200 lady golfers invited from across the country, this was the largest Ladies' competition hosted this quarter. I'd like to express my gratitude to the following sponsors for their great support of our events thus far:

Competition - Sponsor

- 1. Ladies' Christmas Fun Golf The Wine Shop
- 2. Ladies medal No. 1 Past Lady Captain Mary Gatere
- 3. Stableford No. 1 Seslaw Advocates
- 4. Ladies Medal No. 2 Lued (A) Chemicals Ltd
- 5. Ladies Invitation (Stableford No.2) Samsung, Isuzu, Angelica Medical Supplies Ltd., Kwal, Farmer's Choice, Elegant Fittings.
- 6. International Women's Day (Medal No.3) Amazon Consultants and Maina Lines.
- 7. Jubilee Cup -Tembo Wild, Health Classique, Jinnel Collections & Dawa Life Sciences

The Ladies Section has organized a series of Ladies' Breakfast Conversations on topics of interest to lady golfers. These conversations will allow the ladies to interact and discuss issues that improve their welfare, knowledge, and practice. Exciting speakers and moderators have been organized, as well as breakfast to encourage more social interaction between the speakers and the ladies.

We held the first RNGC Ladies Breakfast Conversations on 25th of February 2023, titled Ladies In Leadership sponsored by Farmer's Choice, Melvin's Tea, KWAL & Candid Conversations Women In Business. The topics covered included political leadership, social leadership, and corporate leadership. I'd like to thank the panelist moderator Patricia Okelo, and the Panelists, Chairperson COG & Governor Kirinyaga County Anne Mumbi Waiguru, Managing Director KWAL, Lina Githuka and Partner DLA Piper Africa, Kenya Christine Michira, for leading us through the first of these conversations. I would like to appreciate the aforementioned sponsors for their generous contribution to the successful event and thank all of the ladies who attended. I take this opportunity to encourage all our lady golfers to take advantage of the ones to follow.





Highlights from the Ladies' Breakfast Conversations held on Saturday, 25th of February 2023. Women in leadership as the topic. Be inspired!

We also held a Ladies Clinic on 3rd of March supported by Pro Alfred Nandwa and Pro Anil Shah, which was coordinated by the Ladies Committee. I'd like to thank everyone who registered and is attending these clinics. This program is open to both Members and Members' guests, and I encourage every lady to attend the next program, which will be held from the 2nd to the 24th of June 2023. Let us strive to improve our skills, get hand-icapped and enjoy the wonderful game of golf!

Our internal league began on February 1st, and we have since seen various teams compete against one another while having a lot of fun and interaction. We began the district League and have played two games against Railways and Kiambu. The new format has allowed us to field more players and has produced a fresh experience for ladies, with Francombe and RNGC teams transitioning out and now playing as one team.

In the next quarter, we have scheduled exciting golf tournaments and events for the ladies. Below are our upcoming events;

10th May 2023 - Ladies Stableford No. 5

20th May 2023 - Ladies Breakfast Conversations (Theme: Entrepreneurship & Ladies in Business)

24th May 2023 - Kennedy Cup (Ladies Medal No. 5)

10th June 2023 - Strokeplay Championship (Medal No. 6 & 7)

28th June 2023 - Ladies Stableford No. 6

Finally, I'd like to thank the 2023 Ladies Committee: Elizabeth Njau (Vice Lady Captain), Penny Wambui (Hon Treasurer), Cherotich Murgor (Hon. Secretary), Carol Okeyo (League Convenor) Dr. Ziporah Gathuya (Member), and Nancy Karimi (Ex Officio). Thank you for your dedication to improving the ladies' golf experience! The goal for this year is to fly higher, and I am excited to be a part of this service.

God bless you all & God bless Royal Nairobi Golf Club.



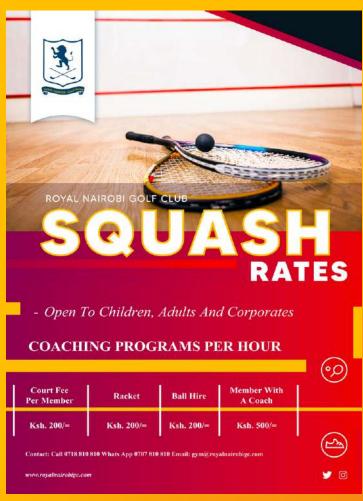


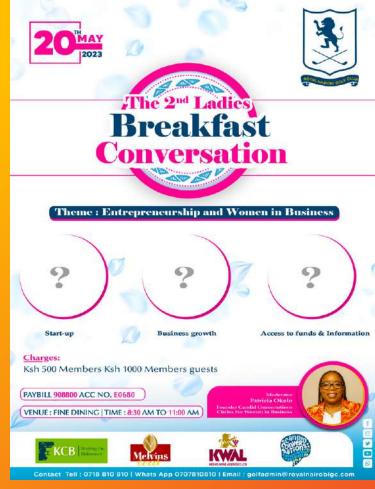


















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## Tannahill & Highlights

















## Hon. Sec's Statement

Dear esteemed Members.

It is my pleasure to present to you my brief in this Quarter's Newsletter.

The Board of Directors was elected into office during our Annual General Meeting, held on December 7, 2022. The names of all Board Members are listed separately in this Newsletter.

The Board then formed and commissioned ten Board Committees to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities. The Committees are convened by Directors, and are made up of members who are willing to serve on the Committees. This Newsletter includes a list of the Committees, Conveners, and members.

I am pleased to provide an update on membership office operations and activities since the beginning of the year. We received and vetted seventy-four membership applicants (52full individual members, 8full family members, 6 Family Up-grade, 2 fixed term and 1 junior conversion and 5juniors over 18). We also balloted a total of thirty-three new members (25full individual members, 4full family members, 3 Family Up-grade and 1junior conversions) Our Membership now stands at two thousand two hundred seventy-nine members.

Sadly, since the beginning of this year, we have lost 2 members:

January 16th 2023 - Francis Kiambi Kiriiro (6435) February 7th 2023 - Dr. Sumantrai Patel (S.R) (00079)

May their souls rest in peace.

I'd like to thank the Membership for participating in the golf tournament held in memory of Dr. Charles Kyaka on February 11th, 2023.

May we continue to commemorate the lives of our departed brothers and sisters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members in good standing who regularly patronize the Club. We encourage all members to patronize and enjoy the Club Membership experience.

God Bless you all

Evans Kiplimo Lagat Honorary Secretary RNGC



#### Audit & Governance Committee

Position Name

Hezron Arunga Edwin Obuya Gladys Kimani Antony Maingi Member Robert Nzioka

#### Membership & Regulations Committee

Convener/Hon. Secretary Evans Kiplimo Lagat Edwin Obuya Member

Member

Sandra Kabiru Member Lilian Lofty Member Sean Omondi Member Wycliffe Owino Member

#### Food, Beverage & Entertainment Committee Name Position

Charles Kariuki Convener/Vice Chairman

Hellen Musalia Member Peter Onyango Member Morris Kinyanjui Member Kalee Maleli Member

Cedric Kaane Antony Juma

#### Sponsorship, Marketing & Csr And Ict Committee

Nancy Karimi Convener/Director

David Otieno Member Dennis Maari Member Member Lynette Etemesi Peter Motanya Member

Gladys Kimani

Course & Development Committee **Projects Committee Facilities Committee** Name Position Name Position Name Convener/Director Dr. Richard Owino Convener/Vice Captain Peter Mwangi Eng. Gicheru Kimani Convener/Captain Eng. Henry Kanyua Edwin Kinisu Member Roberts Ogindo Member Member Jonathan Chifallu Member George Eshuchi Member Member Dr. Rachel Njuguna Steve Kipkoti **Edward Madete** Member Member Member Oscar Koitaba Member Joshua Ichangi Member Member Andrew Wetende Martin Kihara Darshan Mistry Member Morris Kinyanjui Member Member James Kigutu Josiah Mwangi Member Member Member George Makori Geoffrey Wasonga **Human Capital Management Committee Finance & Procurement Committee Ladies Section** Position Elizabeth Njau Harman Marwa Convener/Vice Lady Captain Christine Mathenge Convener/Lady Captain Gurdial Panesar Member Lynette Etemesi Member Elizabeth Njau Vice Lady Captain Peter Onyango Jay Michoma Cherotich Murgor Member Member Secretary Dr. Ziporah Gathuya Pritpal Thethy Wycliffe Osoro Member Member

## - Balloted Candidates -

Member

Member

Sean Omondi

Margaret Ndung'u

Florence Oginda

#### **Candidates Names**

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Dr. Mohamed Sheikh

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Lilian Wamaitha

Mwongeli Mwanzia

Tabitha Ndinda Mutunga

Catherine Khalayi Busaule

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Calvin Onyango

Lucas John Omollo & Mercy Omollo

Mathew Muthui Mutambu

Joshua Masila Kimulu Mary Wanjiku Wambui Antony Murimi Miti Dr. Andrew Odhiambo

Gibson Ondieki & Irene Atieno Onyango

Jacob Oloo

Duncan Kyalo Musembi Ruth Achieng' Okal George Wambua Kiluva Sandra Celine Nyaga Isaac Mwarari Kiriachiuri

Emman Atwa

Christopher Kiragu & Annah Thuo

Paula Mwende Musee

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Jones Kimeu

Robert Nyanchoga George Eshuchi Bartonjo Chesiana Charles M. Ringera

Odongo Mark Okeyo

Alfred Otunge Samuel Wachira

Paul Ngugi

Henry A. Kanyua Charles N. Kinuthia Chris Murage Kangote Dr. Wycliffe Owino Dr. Wycliffe Owino Stephen Lugalia

Duncan Kivutu
Eric Rugo
James Kounah
Dr. Musa Kipngor
Robert Nyanchonga

Steve Kipkoti
Dennis Maari
Charles Kanugi
Timothy Kuria
Rosemary Kioni
Rita Waruinge
David Kanyi
Justus Kariuki

Took Over Account Of His Father

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Edwin Obuya

Wycliffe Onyango

Member

Treasurer

Ex Official

Caroline Okeyo

Penny Wambui

Nancy Karimi

Dr Torooti Mwirigi Geoffrey Muchiri Geoffrey Odundo George Masese Habil Waswani Odongo Mark Gedion Kipyakwai Kiplagat Cchebii Martin Nangole John Muiruri

Kalee Maleli

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Johnstone Kamunde Job Kamau Samuel Nyaoke

Hellen Gatiramu Charles N. Kinuthia

Dennis Maari Jay Michoma

## **Royal Junior Academy**

The season began on January 5th, with the US Kids premier year tournament at Royal. The circuit continues to break attendance records, with over 160 players gracing the occasion. This was made possible by the kind graces of the club's adult members and the Captain's office.

Ryan Mutinda finished second in the 15-18 year category with 84 points, trailing only Kevin Anyien. Shashwat Harish, Karen, and Junaid Manji, Muthaiga, continued to lead the 13-14 year category, carding 79 and 80 points, respectively. Mwathi Gicheru defeated Amar Shah of Windsor with 74 strokes to Amar's 77. Shuhan Peng once again led the 10 years category, gaining maximum points after playing 43 against Joven Reel's 48. Kai Mukumbu continues to gain ground in the Boys 8 years category, chasing Niam Shah and Jeff Kibe of Thika Sports. Keep going, Kai!

Trevvy Mungai defeated Tino Macakiage and his teammate Moha Mtsumi in the 6 years category, carding 45 strokes while the latter two tied at 46. This group remains the most competitive and likely to produce some very good players in the coming years. Irene Asiyo finished fifth in the Girls 8 and Under category, while Hope Oduor continues to progress in the 9-10 year category, as seen by her superior performance at the March event.

Cherono Kipkorir finished second to Brianna Ngecu with 81 strokes, while Hazel Oduor finished fourth in the 13-14 age group. Cherise Wachira continues to compete, finishing third behind Maryam Mwatikawa of Vetlab and Antonia Mbuthia. After Muthaiga, Karen, and Vetlab, the Tannahill 2023 Junior team finished fourth. A post mortem will help establish what extra has to be done to guarantee we secure our proper position, aside from the problem of having certain key players away at boarding school. One of the major factors that has already been highlighted is increasing the number of junior players so that we have a larger and more competitive pool; we cannot rely on a few great players; we must cultivate a larger herd.











On April 23rd, the Zamara Wanabima Tournament 2023 was held, featuring 5 main categories for both boys and girls. Tino played 30 gross to beat Trevvy at 31 and Nathan Munene at 41 gross in the 6 and Under category, while Maria Asiyo's 35 strokes won the girls category against Nuru Muriithi's stunning 46 and Ruby Wanjiku's 50 gross.

The youngest player was a very eager and energetic 3 12-year-old Kigen Kiptum who just happened to have his clubs in the car and wanted to join the fun, he holed out on all the 5-6- year old course!

In the 7-8years boys category, Nawenbo Li with 43 gross beat Justus Wagura's 49 and Declan Nderitu's 50 strokes, while Leticia Mwangale won a card count-back against a very worthy opponent in Aarna Mengi, both at 48. Wangari Kabugu finished third with a gross score of 49. Shuhan Peng, Guanze Wang, and Aaron Varma scored 91, 95, and 105 points, respectively, while Hope Oduor, Kaelyn Munene, and Britney Nyanchera were rated first, second, and third, respectively.

Bradley Malit had a busy golfing weekend, but he still won the 11-13 years category over Kahir Ladak, and Erica Rugo won prizes on both Saturday and Sunday, defeating Pendo Sang. Bella Kaane finished second behind seasoned Anavi Vajpayee in her first competition, while David Killinkoy managed to dust his clubs and outwit Leon Mutinda in the Boys 14 Years and Above category.

The team has committed to competing in more tournaments this year, beginning with Mr. Victor Kidiwa's sponsorship following his 5th Hole in One, and looks forward to working closely with the Pros to improve competency while training better and developing intellectually and physically to up our game.







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## General Manager's Note



Honourable Members.

Welcome to the publication of this quarter's newsletter.

On behalf of the General Staff, I would like to say a big thank you for the continued support through patronage and feedback which has enabled us to keep improving on our service delivery.

A lot of development and refurbishments are going on in our Club all aimed at re-positioning our Club as indeed the home of Golf in the region. Renovation and upgrading of the Swimming pool and the associated amenities is going on well. This is expected to be handed over by end of May 2023. As the works on the swimming pool continues, i would like to assure members with small children that as a temporary measure, we have created a fun kids activities at the Bowling green and the royal gardens.

Dear Members, service delivery is very integral part of our existence thus a lot of initiatives are being put in place to continuously improve on members experience while in the Club. Part of the initiatives includes staff trainings and equipping. We have had various in-house training sessions for the F&B staff. Coupled with this, we have managed to secure external training at Utalii Collage with a number of our staff securing opportunity to be trained by the best in the industry.

To enhance teamwork and employee connections, management has invested in activities such as football tournaments, tug of war, and so on. Such extracurricular activities have aided in the development of talented individuals while also promoting togetherness among RNGC personnel. We are looking forward to improving these engagements in order to create a better working environment.

I am pleased to report that we have completed the SMS notification integration. When a member swipes their card, they will receive an SMS notice with the amount charged and the current balance. This has improved accountability and service delivery to Members. We are now in the process of changing our guest booking system to a digital platform, which will streamline our booking process and retain historical data for future reference.

The number of social events held at our club has increased, providing more opportunity for Members and guests to gather and enjoy our wonderful facilities. Among these events are:

1. Valentine's Dinner – 14th February 2023

2. Quiz Night - Friday, 3rd March 2023

3.Meet, Sip & Paint - Wednesday, 8th March 2023

4. Gin Tasting Experience & Pottery – 29th March 2023 During the Easter Tannahill Weekend, we pulled off an unforgettable village experience that drew over 400 Members and Guests. Over the two day event, we featured an exciting entertainment lineup ranging from live performances to guest DJs. We also had food and beverage vendors such as our own Royal live cooking, Farmers Choice, Java Coffee House, Ciders, Johnnie Walker, and Coca-Cola. I'd like to thank everyone who supported the Club by attending these events.

We have also significantly improved our communication methods to ensure that our Members are always up to date on member announcements, club social and golf events. We transitioned from MailChimp to MailerLite, which has proven to be a more efficient platform with more usable tool options, such as clickable link attachments and engaging visuals. We recognize the importance of staying in touch with our Members, and we are committed to providing clear and effective communication to everyone.

We have recently recruited a new Finance Manager; CPA Anthony Macharia who joined us from the 5th of April 2023. Macharia brings in a wealth of experience in financial management. We wish him well.

On behalf of the management and staff, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to more engagement with the Members.

God Bless You.

Jacob Omondi **General Manager RNGC** 

## **Golf Tips**

THE FOUR MAIN FOUNDATIONS OF GOLF TO HELP YOU ESTABLISH A LIFETIME GOLF GAME

Every golfer wants to discover golf secrets. However, they are constantly looking in the wrong places. A successful game is built on four pillars, which are as follows:

- 1. Expectation management
- 2. Strategy
- 3. Practice
- 4. Sharp mental game

In each of these sections, you will receive concrete and actionable guidance, as well as learn:

- How to become a happier, more fulfilled golfer by managing expectations.
- How scoring works and how to use contemporary data analytics to effectively lower your handicap.
- How to quickly adopt the strategic framework that every level of golfer can use - choose wiser targets with every club in your bag and see your scores drop overnight.
- How to practice efficiently. Get thorough, step-by-step guidance on how to improve your skills and eventually transfer your practice range game to the course.
- To improve your swing without thinking about your technique.
- How touring pros and elite amateurs increase their distance.
- How to use statistics to tailor your practice sessions and strategy
- How to relax yourself, develop routines, and stand over the ball with more confidence

Finally, you will no longer feel lost and alone in your golf game. The Four Foundations will show you how to be your own coach and avoid wasting time on ways that don't work. Stop listening to your friend's questionable advice and learn what the greats have discovered.

By Pro Alfred Nandwa Head Golf Professional Royal Nairobi Golf Club





## **Projects**

We can confirm that the Projects committee is now fully constituted with some of the most competent and dedicated professionals at the club. This has made planning for the projects easy with a good range of diverse opinions sometimes making the meetings very uncomfortable but enriching the debate and achieving a better results.

The upper deck biodigester was completed and the upper deck toilets opening in a brief ceremony graced by Vice Chairman Charles Kariuki and Qs Masese. The club management through the Gm and Facilities office took an active roll to complete some of the tasks and the challenges to ensure statutory compliance and addressing neighborhood concerns. The facilities are in use and snagging is ongoing i.e. any defects rectified. Members should also note that the 4/14 Banda washrooms are also now open and a sink washing position also provided. This was made possible by the installation of a PVC septic tank which was a fast but effective solution for the drainage





The caddies area is still 80% complete with finishing aspects such as a rain covering on the predominant rain side, walkway slabs and relocation of the fence at the parking yet to be done. There intent is to complete this and also address the sanitation facilities repairs/improvements to make the general area more comfortable for our Caddy staff.





The committee opted to quickly investigate the storm water supply from Ngong Road as a quick win for the water collection and the initiative has borne fruit. It was quickly determined that indeed the Ngong Road contractor had diverted a significant amount of the storm drain to our course through both a side road at Rose of Sharon and another route through Jiweke. We have completed the harnessing of half the storm water from Rose of Sharon (No. 7 and 8 area) and will commence the other half through the Jiweke route (No. 9). Details of the presentation were shared and are available to members for their review. The improvements will entail disruptions at No. 9, 1 and 12 but the committee will

work to ensure that these are minimal and temporary i.e. covered up and grown over in the shortest time working with the Course Committee which has been supportive but annoyingly critical which are two vital opposing attributes to achieve even better results than initially planned interventions.



We are a few weeks away and request your patience in getting this space done well. It has been hearting breaking to see children arrive at the club fully clad with costumes and floaters in arm only to be turned away since the pool area is closed, we feel their pain and will push even harder to get this completed.





The pool area refurbishment is now at about 50% with the large banda at an advanced stage, the golf and swimming pool changing room structures up and swimming floor being cast as we pen this. The facilities will be a great addition to both the pool and the golf sections. For senior club staff some facilities have also been provided with a separate entrance. The welcome rains have held up the casting works which was a critical path task but with this hopefully behind us, we can progress with the channels, walkways and landscaping. Renowned Landscape Architect Kanyi will be guiding us in getting the grounds to look worldclass while Arch Wesonga is leading the project and guiding the implementation of the scheme. Involving the Juniors lead by Simaloi Mbeya has helped to provide another outlook by the users of the space which has been invaluable.



The ladies changing room design expansion was approved by the ladies section, bills of quantities developed and tendered out. The tenders were returned to procurement in an open public function and are now under review by the project QS. A decision lead by Lady Captain Christine Mathenge will be made when it is best to commence the works when a supplier is identified from the process. Dr. Njuguna is guiding us through this process and her usual passion for detail will be useful as we execute on this project and improve the space for our growing number of women golfers.

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