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# CLUB OPERATION HOURS

## CLUBHOUSE

### 1. Reception

6.00 am - 9.00 pm (Mon - Sun)

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7.00 am - Midnight (Mon - Sun)

Bitings Menu available until 11.00 pm (Mon-Sun)

### 3. The Upper Deck

11.00 am - 11.00 pm (Upper Deck Service)

12.00 pm - Midnight (Bar)

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6.00 am - 8.30 pm (Mon-Fri)

7.00 am - 7.00 pm (Sat)

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### 2. Swimming Pool

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7.00 am - 7.00 pm (Sat, Sun, Holidays)

### 3. Pro Shop

8.00 am - 5.30 pm (Mon-Wed, Sun)

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### 4. Driving Range

6.00 am - 7.00 pm (Mon-Sun)

### 5. Course

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### 1. Membership

8.00 am - 5.00 pm (Mon-Fri)

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### 2. Captain's Office

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8.00 am - 3.00 pm (Sat)

### 3. Accounts

8.00 am - 6.00 pm (Mon-Fri)

8.00 am - 3.00 pm (Sat)

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

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I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the membership for the continued trust you place in the leadership of our club and for the close and constructive relationship that has long defined Royal Nairobi Golf Club. It is through this collective commitment that we continue to strengthen both our traditions and our future.

I also wish to commend the many members who put forward their names for consideration to serve in the various committees of the club. The willingness of members to volunteer their time and expertise is one of the strongest pillars of our institution. To those who have been selected, I urge you to serve with diligence, purpose, and a spirit of collaboration, working closely with management to deliver meaningful progress for the club and its membership.

One of the most anticipated moments in our golfing calendar is now upon us. The Tannahill Shield Easter Tournament, scheduled from 28th March to 5th April, is once again returning to Royal Nairobi Golf Club. I am confident in the excellent progress that has been made by the preparation committee under the leadership of Captain George Makori and Team Manager Tonny Tugee. Their commitment, together with the support of many members and staff, has placed the club in a strong position to host yet another memorable edition of this historic tournament.

Beyond the competition itself, Tannahill remains a celebration of friendship, camaraderie, and the enduring spirit of the game. I encourage all members to turn up in large numbers to support the participating teams, including our Senior and Junior teams, and to share in the festivities with family and friends over the Easter period. It is an opportunity not only to enjoy great golf but also to strengthen the community that defines our club.

As we continue to grow and evolve, I also ask members to maintain their strong patronage of the club and to remain mindful of the rules and regulations that guide our shared environment. At the same time, the leadership and management teams are actively working to develop policies that will address existing gaps in service quality, facilities, and course maintenance so that we may continue improving the overall member experience.

Thank you once again for your continued support and dedication to Royal Nairobi Golf Club.

**Sylvester Weekend Odhiambo**  
**Chairman – Royal Nairobi Golf Club**

# ROYAL TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES

## A Royal Tribute: The British Queen's Letter to Royal Nairobi Golf Club



***A framed congratulatory letter from Queen Elizabeth II sent in 2006 to the Royal Nairobi Golf Club marking the club's centenary anniversary.***

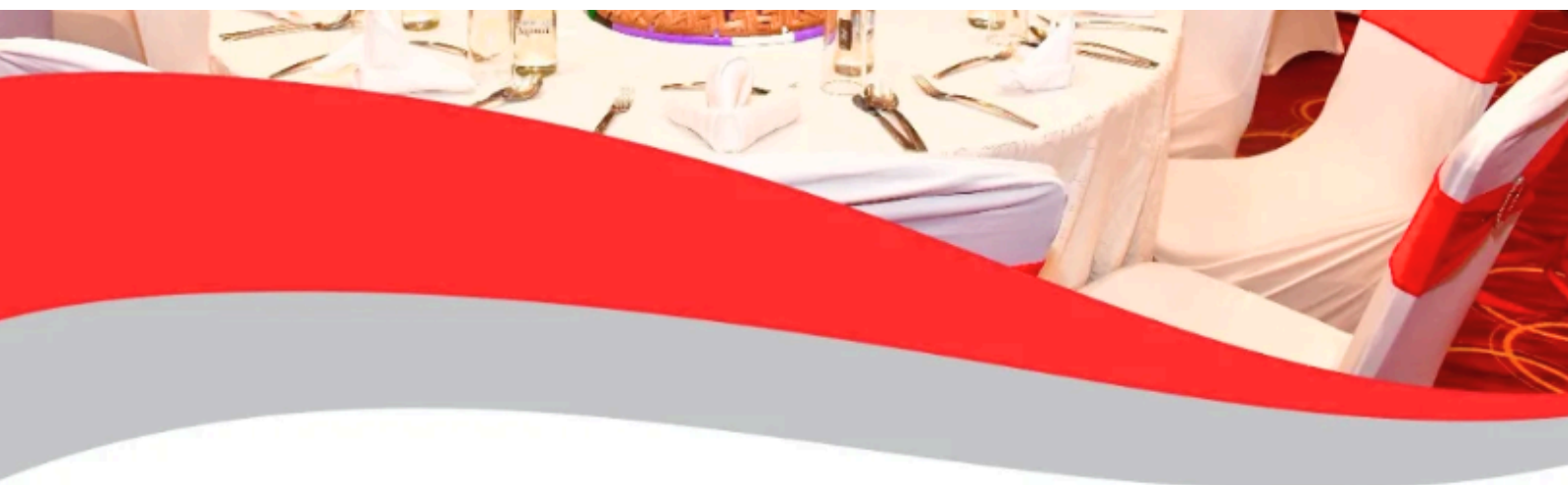
Among the many historic artefacts that form part of the Royal Nairobi Golf Club's "Royal Treasures" collection, one item holds particular symbolic significance: a framed letter from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sent to the club in 2006 to mark its centenary anniversary.

Founded in 1906 as Nairobi Golf Club, the institution reached the remarkable milestone of 100 years of existence in 2006, becoming one of the oldest continuously operating sporting institutions in Kenya. In recognition of this achievement, Queen Elizabeth II, the reigning British Monarch at the time, wrote to the club to commend the milestone stating she was "delighted to follow the example of my Grandfather, King George V, in sending my best wishes to you all." The message carried profound historical symbolism, linking the club's present to its colonial-era heritage when it was granted the Royal Charter by King George V, from whom the club derives the "Royal" distinction in its name.

The year 2006 marked an important period for Kenya both socially and culturally. The country was experiencing relative political stability and economic growth during the presidency of the late HE. Mwai Kibaki, a period characterized by renewed investment, expanding tourism, and a growing middle class. Within this environment, golf was steadily gaining prominence as both a recreational sport and a tourism attraction, with Kenyan courses increasingly drawing regional and international visitors.

At the same time, the sport itself was undergoing a quiet transformation. Once largely associated with expatriate communities during the colonial period, golf in Kenya had become increasingly inclusive, with more Kenyan players, professionals, and administrators shaping the game's future. Clubs across the country were expanding their memberships and nurturing junior talent, laying the groundwork for the vibrant golfing ecosystem that exists today.

The Queen's centenary letter therefore represents more than a ceremonial message. It is a symbolic bridge between eras; acknowledging the club's colonial origins while celebrating its evolution into a modern Kenyan sporting institution. Preserved among the Royal Treasures, it continues to remind members and visitors alike of the club's enduring legacy and its place within the broader story of golf in Kenya.



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# CAPTAIN'S STATEMENT

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It has been an exciting start to the year, and I would like to commend the membership for your continued support and commitment toward improving the standards of golf and the overall club experience. Your participation in competitions, clubhouse sessions, and other club activities is what keeps the sporting spirit of Royal Nairobi vibrant and strong.

The Golf and Course Committee, together with the various sub-committees, has been actively engaged in ensuring that both the golfing and course experience remain at the high standards expected by our members. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and passion of the committee members who continue to volunteer their time and expertise in helping the club achieve these goals.

As we approach the Tannahill Shield Easter Tournament, preparations are progressing well, with eighteen sponsors and partners already confirmed, including JTL as Title Sponsor - reflecting the tournament's growing stature.

This year also introduces an exciting revamp, featuring a new digital platform to track team training and player performance, enable team registrations, provide real-time scoring, and build a lasting archive of tournament results.

Another important development this year relates to the slight changes in the tournament Terms of Competitions (TOCs) structure. Following a request from Central Kenya to be included in the competition, and interest from other clubs, we have introduced a slight modification to the format. As the competition structure allows only nine participating teams, the last-placed teams will now take part in a four-way stroke play playoff to determine the final qualifying team for the ninth slot. We have introduced this new dynamic to open the tournament up to new and emerging golf clubs and teams in an effort to keep the Tannahill tradition while also keeping national appeal in an evolving golfing landscape.

As we count down to the tournament, I encourage all members, players, participating teams, partners, and staff to bring their A-game and support the club in all efforts to make this year's Tannahill Shield Tournament a success.

See you on the course.

**George Makori**

**Captain - Royal Nairobi Golf Club**

# GOLF EVENTS

## A VIBRANT START TO THE 2026 GOLFING CALENDAR

The first quarter of the year has been an exciting and active period at Royal Nairobi Golf Club, with a diverse calendar of tournaments and social golf events bringing together members, sponsors, and guests in celebration of the game.

Competitive club golf continued with a range of popular fixtures including the January Mug, Mug of Mugs, and a series of vibrant ClubNites, including the January-Borns edition won by Gidi Gidi, the February-Borns ClubNite won by Meshack Miyogo, as well as memorable themed evenings such as ClubNite by Chara and Nimo at 40, which brought together over 200 golfers in celebration and sport.



*Chairman Sylvester presents a prize to Vice Lady Captain Cherootich at the RNGC Board 2026 inaugural ClubNite, joined by Athletes in Action in championing the occasion.*

The season began with the RNGC Board ClubNite, where members warmly welcomed the new Board of Directors and reaffirmed the club's shared commitment to growth and excellence. Shortly thereafter, the club hosted the PGK Equator Tour, welcoming local and international professional golfers for an exhilarating three-day showdown that showcased the course and hospitality of Royal Nairobi to a wider golfing audience.

Among the standout tournaments of the quarter was the Magical Kenya Open hosted at Karen Country Club where our legend John Lejirma joined other golfers to fly the Kenyan flag, proudly representing the club on the international stage. A particularly touching moment came during the Dr. Kyaka Memorial Golf Day, when members gathered to honor the memory of one of the club's most respected figures. Congratulations go to James Kounah for securing the overall win.

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# GOLF EVENTS



***Royal Nairobi Golf Club capitalized on home advantage to reclaim the Annual Matchplay Title from Mombasa Golf Club in a thrilling contest between the two historic clubs***

The club extends heartfelt appreciation to the Kyaka family, represented by Dr. Pauline and Debra, and to the organizing committee led by G.K. Peter Mwangi for hosting a beautiful and meaningful event.

Corporate and charity golf also played a prominent role during the quarter. The KAM Corporate Golf Day saw Robert Muhia claim the overall title, with gratitude extended to the Kenya Association of Manufacturers and its partners for supporting a successful day on the course. The club also proudly hosted the FIDA-Kenya Charity Golf Day, as well as the Kongoni Cricket Club Charity Golf Tournament, reinforcing the club's long-standing commitment to community engagement.



***James Kounah shined during Dr. Kyaka Golf Day championed by the Kyaka Family; Pauline and Debra***

International and regional competition also featured prominently. At the Victoria Cup in Entebbe, club champions John Lejirma and Mwathi Gicheru played key roles in helping bring the title home.

One of the highlights of the quarter was the historic RNGC vs Mombasa Golf Club Matchplay Tournament, where Royal Nairobi emerged victorious to clinch the trophy. The club extends sincere appreciation to Mombasa Golf Club, led by their Chairman and Captain George, for honoring the proud century-old tradition of competition between the two clubs. The Royal team now looks forward to travelling to Mombasa in August to defend the trophy.

The club management extends its sincere gratitude to all participants, sponsors, partners, and organizing committees whose contributions made these events possible. Their continued support ensures that Royal Nairobi remains a vibrant center of golfing excellence, camaraderie, and community.

With such a strong start to the year, the club looks forward to an equally exciting golfing calendar in the months ahead.

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# REIMAGINING TANNAHILL SHIELD EASTER TOURNAMENT: BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT CENTURY

By **Tonny Tugee** – Team Manager, 101st Edition Tannahill Shield

As we look ahead to the 101st Edition of the Tannahill Shield Tournament at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club, this moment represents more than anticipation for another outstanding competition, it offers a chance to reflect on the future of one of Kenya's most cherished amateur golf events.

Looking forward, there is clear opportunity to adopt a more continuous planning framework that enables stronger coordination, earlier sponsor engagement, and more intentional execution.

At the same time, the tournament presents an opportunity to embrace modern systems.



***101st Tannahill Shield main team joined by the Captain George Makori, Team Manager Tonny Tugee, Head Pro Jeff Kubwa and Pro Elisha Kasuku during the teams unveiling.***

In my role as Team Manager for this edition, and in close collaboration with Club Captain George Makori, the Tannahill Preparation Committee, Management, and the Board, it has become increasingly evident that as Tannahill enters its second century, thoughtful evolution will be essential to sustain and enhance its legacy.

One key area of reflection is the tournament's preparation timeline. The current approach, where the organizing team is constituted shortly before the event, can limit the ability to deliver an experience that matches Tannahill's stature.

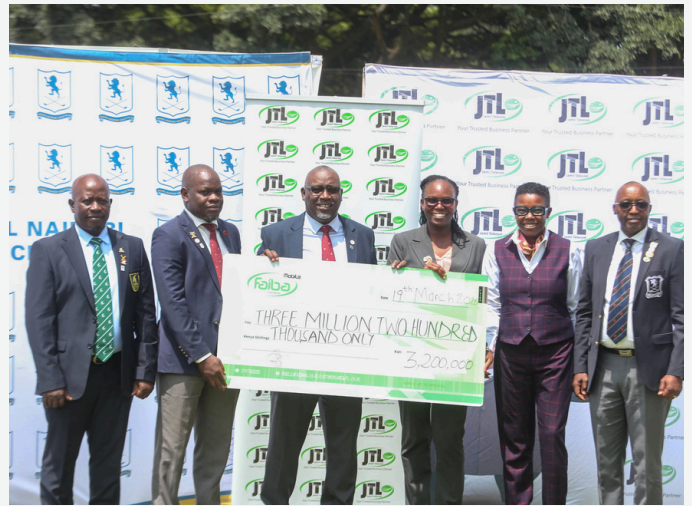
Many aspects of operations, including team registration, practice scheduling, and scoring, remain largely manual. As the game evolves, integrating digital solutions could significantly improve efficiency, elevate the experience for players and spectators, and generate valuable data to support the sport's future development.

Another area worth considering is audience engagement. Traditionally a closed event, Tannahill could benefit from exploring structured ways to broaden public participation.

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Done thoughtfully, this could enhance the tournament atmosphere, expand its reach, and unlock new growth opportunities—while preserving the club’s standards and overall experience.

Closely linked to this is sponsorship. As the tournament grows, so does the need to clearly articulate value to partners. Enhancing visibility, strengthening data capture, and improving audience engagement are all avenues that could position the Tannahill Shield as an even more compelling and sustainable platform for long-term partnerships.



***Sponsors are seeking return on investment (RIO) justification before they invest in the tournament.***

Internally, it is also important to reflect on how the tournament is positioned within the club and to the wider public. Strengthening its identity as a flagship event of the Royal Nairobi Golf Club—supported and owned collectively by the membership—can help ensure continuity and sustained growth. This includes evolving Tannahill into a true club event, rather than one defined by a single office, thereby encouraging broader participation and ownership.

Finally, as we celebrate the prestige of the Tannahill Shield, equal consideration should be given to the long-term preservation of the trophy itself as a significant club artifact. Its custodianship should reflect its symbolic value and ensure its security for generations to come.

These reflections are not definitive conclusions, but part of an ongoing dialogue as we prepare to host this year’s tournament. The enduring strength of the Easter Tournament lies in its people, its heritage, and its ability to evolve with purpose. The conversations we begin today will help shape the future of Tannahill for years to come.

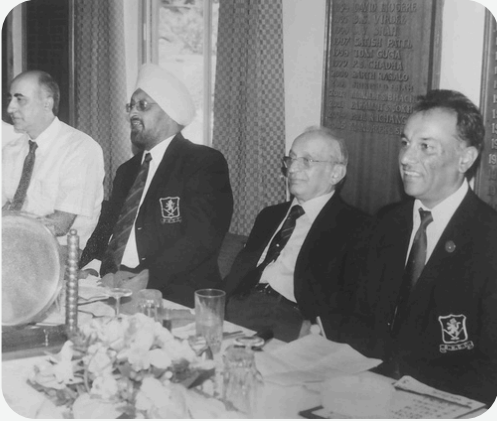


***Currently, the tournament is closed to the general public, only members, golfing clubs and their guests are allowed access.***

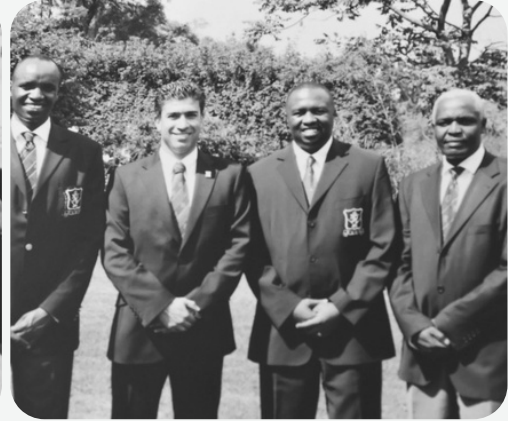
Beyond the club, Tannahill holds a distinctive place within Kenya’s sporting landscape. Its rich heritage, contribution to amateur and junior golf, and strategic timing within the national calendar present an opportunity for closer alignment with broader initiatives, particularly those of the Government of Kenya and Magical Kenya, in advancing sports development and promoting golf tourism.

# TANNAHILL JOURNEYS

2005



2009



2011



2025



# 101ST TANNAHILL TEAMS



## Main Team

1. Collins Too - Captain
2. Wesley Kibet
3. Mwathi Gicheru
4. Andrew Gatherer
5. Njogu Kungu
6. Korby Gatiramu
7. John Lejirma
8. Edwin Kinisu
9. Paul Ngugi
10. Charles Kariuki

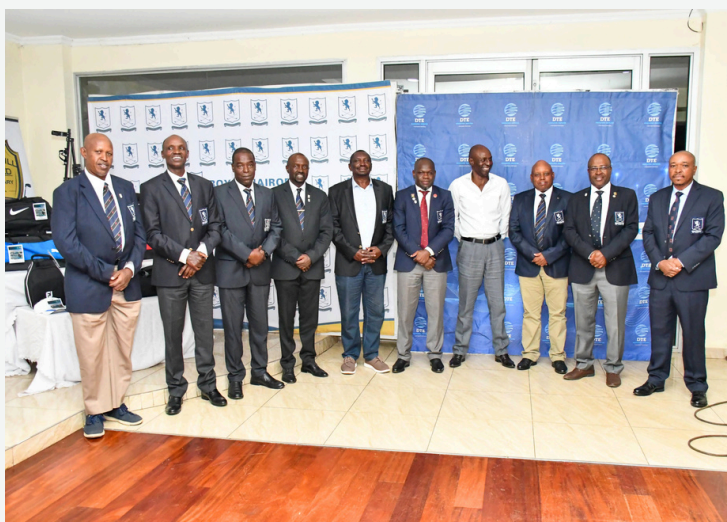
## Juniors Team

1. Mwathi Gicheru - Captain
2. Andrew Gatherer
3. Shawn Malesi
4. Brad Malitt
5. Kagame Handa
6. Robert Waitara
7. Joshua Kounah
8. Summer Yu
9. Fanuel Yebetlal
10. Jayden Okeyo



## Seniors Team

1. Josiah Kogo - Captain
2. Abner Onsomu
3. Paul Ichangi
4. JY Lee
5. Evanson Kamuri
6. Maurice Njue
7. David Gaitho
8. Musa Kiping'or
9. Job Kamau
10. Peter Musango



## Technical Team

1. Tonny Tugee - TM
2. Geoffrey Rono - Ass. TM
3. Jeff Kubwa - Head Pro
4. Elisha Kasuku - Pro Main Team
5. Hezbon Kutwa - Pro Senior Team
6. Kennedy Abuto - Pro Junior Team
7. Solo Wangoru - Technology Lead
8. Wycliffe Owino

# CALL FOR MEMBERS' STORIES



## WORDS READY? SHOW US.

The Marketing & Communication Department of Royal Nairobi Golf Club invites members to contribute original stories, reflections, and professional insights for inclusion in the Club's quarterly newsletter.

Members are encouraged to share thought-provoking pieces drawn from their areas of expertise, personal experiences, or perspectives on golf, business, hobbies, leadership, and community. Submissions should be well-written, engaging, and informative in tone, while maintaining originality and relevance to the wider membership.

Submissions will be accepted on a rolling quarterly basis, with deadlines in January (Q1), April (Q2), July (Q3), and October (Q4). Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format, using Times New Roman, font size 11, and should not exceed one page.

All entries should be emailed to [communication@royalnairobicg.com](mailto:communication@royalnairobicg.com). Kindly note that all submissions will be subject to editorial review for clarity, style, and consistency, and publication is not guaranteed, with no compensation for contributions.

## LADY CAPTAIN'S STATEMENT

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The year has begun on a wonderful note for golfing in the Ladies Section, reporting a significant increase in competition entries. We commend both RNGC Ladies and Gentlemen golfers for the tremendous support of our events. It has been particularly encouraging to see strong participation and enthusiastic attendance across the ladies' competitions and social gatherings.

Since January, we have successfully hosted several exciting events including Royal Ladies Medal 1, 2 and 3, with the third edition marking the celebration of the International Women's Day. We have also enjoyed competitive rounds during Stableford 1, 2 (Royal Ladies Invitation) and 3 (Jubilee Cup).

In addition, our ladies have continued to represent the club proudly through the KLGU League Matches, both home and away.

In the coming weeks and months, members can look forward to themed golfing events by the Ladies Section. As we take a break during the Easter season; we extend our support to the RNGC Teams participating in the annual Tannahill Shield Tournament, wishing them victory!

Finally, and most importantly, we express our immense appreciation to the many sponsors and partners who continue to support our events and initiatives. Their commitment has enabled us to host competitions while championing causes that positively impact our community and women empowerment.

I warmly invite members to continue supporting the Ladies Section events and to join us in celebrating golf, friendships, and the vibrant community that makes Royal Nairobi Golf Club so special.

ASANTENI!

**Rachael Lofty**

**Lady Captain – Royal Nairobi Golf Club**

# LADIES GOLF EVENTS

## AN ACTIVE AND MEANINGFUL SEASON FOR THE LADIES SECTION

The first quarter of the year has been vibrant and eventful for the Ladies Section at Royal Nairobi Golf Club, with a calendar filled with competitive golf, themed tournaments, and impactful community engagements that brought together members and partners in the true spirit of the game.



***Florence Maina bags the overall win of the RNGC Jubilee Cup with 34 points and playing handicap 13. The ladies were joined by Martha Karua, an advocate of the High Court and leading female politician.***

The season featured Stableford No. 1 and No. 2, setting the pace for competitive play, before culminating in Stableford No. 3, themed “Wealth, Power and Legacy” under the Jubilee Cup, proudly supported by Jubilee Asset Management as the main sponsor and Kenya Wine Agencies Limited (KWAL). The event blended spirited golf with thoughtful reflections on legacy and empowerment, reinforcing the growing role of women both on and off the course.



***The RNGC Lady Captain and Vice Lady Captain are joined by Janet Anyango and Mariam Wachira from Fida-Kenya and Justice Nest respectively during the International Women’s Day Medal 3 presentations.***

The Medal Series (Medal No. 1 and No. 2) also attracted strong participation, leading to the highlight of Medal No. 3, which was celebrated as an International Women’s Day event themed “Give To Gain.” Supported by Metropol CRB and Johnnie Walker, the evening featured inspiring conversations from distinguished speakers including FIDA Kenya representative Janet Anyango, who shared practical guidance on advancing women’s rights and leadership. Mariam Wachira of JusticeNest challenged participants to reflect on how women can create impact through giving, while Edna Mulwa, Head of Data at Metropol CRB, highlighted the importance of gender-segregated data in building more inclusive financial systems. On the course, Cherise Wachira emerged as Gross Winner, with Alice Wanjiru and Rebecca Gikuru claiming Division A and Division B honors respectively.

The Royal Ladies Invitation, held as a Valentine’s Golf Day, added glamour and friendship to the golfing calendar, welcoming players and guests for a day that blended competition with celebration.

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# LADIES GOLF EVENTS

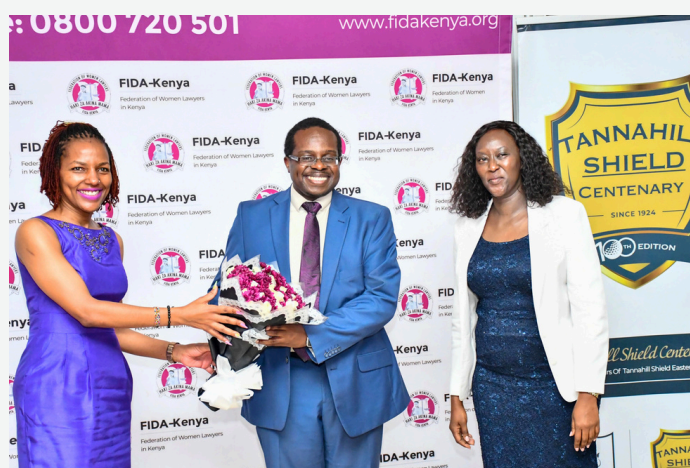


***RNGC Vice Lady Captain Cherotich Murgor pose with her 4-ball during the Ladies Medal 3 competitions celebrating the International Women's Day***

Beyond the ladies' competitions, the club also hosted lively social and charity events. The memorable Nimo at 40 Club Night saw an impressive turnout, with over 210 golfers participating on the course and Ochieng Wasonga emerging as the Overall Winner. The club also proudly hosted the FIDA Kenya Charity Golf Day, which concluded with Lydia Mokaya taking the Lady Winner title, as members celebrated International Women's Week while supporting meaningful causes.

Looking ahead, the ladies will once again be part of the excitement during the KLGU Inter-Club League held over the Tannahill Shield week, further demonstrating the integral role of the Ladies Section in the club's broader golfing calendar.

Together, these events reflect the energy, elegance, and impact that continue to define the Ladies Section, where golf, community, and purpose come together to create memorable experiences both on and off the course.



***Newly elected LSK President Charles Kanjama joins in the celebration of FIDA-Kenya Golf hosted at RNGC.***



***Royal Ladies Invitation 2026 marking the Valentine's Day.***



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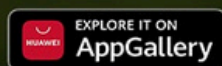
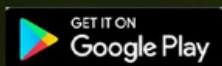
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# HONORARY SECRETARY'S Q&A



## **1. Tell us a little about yourself beyond golf.**

*I am a husband (of 1 wife), father (of 3 boys) and a son, brother and relative (to very many). I am an Advocate in private practice and I work at RONN Law Advocates LLP.*

## **2. What first drew you to the Royal Nairobi Golf Club, and what has kept you here over the years?**

*I first visited the Club sometime in the year 2018 as a guest of an old friend - Victor Mate. I must admit that when Victor shared the directions to the Club with me, I was intrigued and somewhat confused as I had not previously noted that the Club was located just off Ngong Road with its entrance along Muchai Drive - a road that I had used multiple times over the years.*

*I made the decision to join the Club during my first visit. It was a Thursday evening, hence a Club Nite. The buzz, laughter and palpable happiness amongst the Members, and the fact that a number of my old friends had already joined captured me. I eventually joined the Club in the year 2021 and I have fully enjoyed my 5 years of membership.*

*For me, the Club is an all-in-one place where I get to hang loose, enjoy the sunshine, walk freely in beautiful greenery and speak and laugh with others without self-consciousness.*

## **3. What first drew you to the Royal Nairobi Golf Club, and what has kept you here over the years?**

*Prior to taking up the role of Honorary Secretary, I had served in a couple of Board Committees, an experience that gave me an insight into the management and operations of the Club. In particular, my time in the Membership & Regulations Committee gave me a flavour of type of issues that the Honorary Secretary was expected to guide the Board and the Members on. I drew my motivation to serve as Honorary Secretary from my personal inspiration, which involves applying my time, abilities, knowledge and skills to produce just and fair results for myself and those around me.*

## **4. From your perspective, what makes Royal Nairobi Golf Club unique among golf clubs in Kenya?**

*Members of the Club are very welcoming, relaxed and social both on and off the course. There are no special Members. There are no special places and facilities for special Members. It is quite common to find yourself eating, playing golf and engaging in a deep discussion with a Member who you have just met in the same way that you would do with a friend of many years.*

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# HONORARY SECRETARY'S Q&A

## **5. Every board member brings a particular strength. What do you believe you personally bring to the RNGC Board?**

*Personally, I believe that I bring the following to the table: dependability and the ability to critically analyse situations and present alternative courses of action.*

## **6. What does responsible stewardship of the club mean to you in your role?**

*Providing reasoned guidance and advice to the Board and the Members in a timely fashion and anticipating and managing risks that the Club faces.*

## **7. What are some of the key priorities you hope to advance during your tenure?**

*My key priority in my role is to deliver amended Articles of Association of the Club. The Club's Articles of Association were last amended in the year 2017 and there have been several calls since then for the document to be updated and amended to include advancements and contemporary realities.*

## **8. In your view, how can members play a more active role in supporting the club's vision and governance?**

*Members of the Club belong to diverse professions, trades, businesses, religions and communities. They also possess diverse skills, qualifications and experiences, all of which are crucial for the Club to tap into. It is through sharing their views, proposals and suggestions that Members can play a more active role in supporting the Club's vision and governance. To facilitate this, the Club has an obligation to increase the platforms for communication and engagement with Members.*

## **9. Looking ahead, what opportunities excite you most about the future of the club and the game of golf at RNGC?**

*More and more Kenyans are expressing an interest in learning and playing the game of golf. Given its convenient and premium location, the Club is attracting and will continue to attract a notable number of prospective members. All things being constant, the foregoing will lead to growth of the Club's membership base.*

## **10. On a lighter note: what is your favorite hole on the course, and why?**

*Hole no. 4 is my favorite hole on the course. It is the hole that has given me the most pars and birdies so far.*

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEWLY BALLOTTED MEMBERS

Member Names	Category
Lucky Clair Kisaka	Full
Sikolia Wanyonyi	Full
Hesbon Kipchirchir Kiptoo	Full
Esther Mugure Karanja	Full
Philip Wangili Simiyu	Full
Harveer Singh Dhupar	Full
Joel Kipkoech Korir	Full
Michael Omulo	Full
Cecilia Wairimu Gachie	Family Upgrade
Violet N. Riungu	Family Upgrade
Lucy Wangari Kamau	Family Upgrade
Hilda Nelly Wandiri Njiru	Family Upgrade
Evance Mundia	Family Dependant
Linner Chepkirui	Full Family
Fred Kibet Oloibe	Full Family
Irene Wangui Njenga	Family Dependant
Andrew Bahati Mwamuye	Full Family
Ralph Chinedu Opara	Fixed Term
Ted Muriuki Runji	Corporate
Moses Ndale Olukohe	Corporate
Brettah K. Muthuri	Corporate

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# Membership Drive 2026

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Full Family Membership

~~Ksh 1,050,000~~

Ksh 950,000

Individual Full Membership

~~Ksh 800,000~~

Ksh 690,000

Upgrade From Full To Family Membership

~~Ksh 250,000~~

Ksh 200,000

Junior Upgrade To Full Membership

**25% of the entrance fee instead of the current 33%**

Kindly note that upon expiry of the current drive period, the joining fees will be revised to:

- **Full Membership: from Ksh 800,000 to Ksh 1,200,000**
- **Full Family Membership: from Ksh 1,050,000 to Ksh 1,500,000**

For More information

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# BALLOTING - 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB. 2026



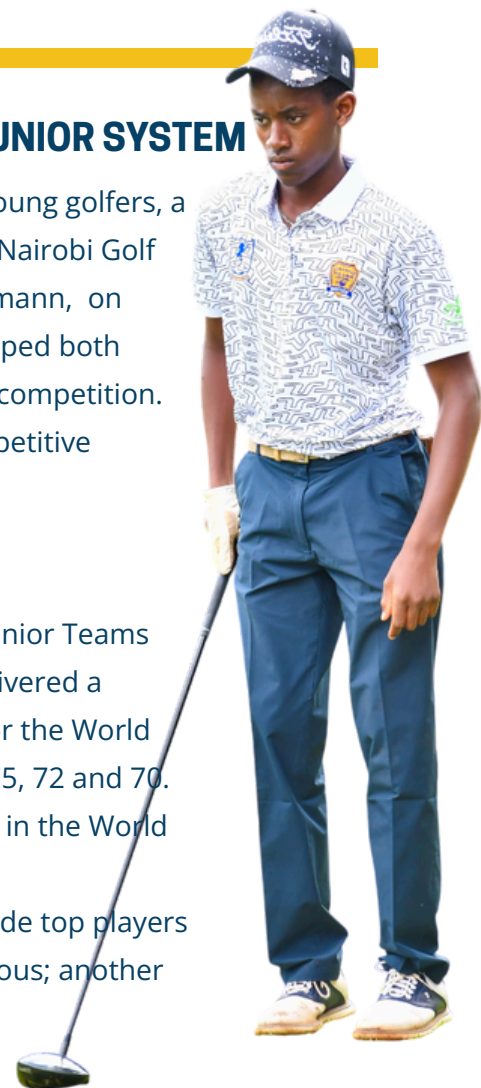
# JUNIORS SECTION

## MWATHI GICHERU: A RISING STAR SHAPED BY A STRONG JUNIOR SYSTEM

Mwathi Gicheru continues to stand out as one of Kenya’s most promising young golfers, a product of the structured and competitive junior golf program at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club (RNGC). Through disciplined coaching, thanks to coach Hendrick Buhrmann, on swing technique, short game precision, and course etiquette, he has developed both technical consistency and the mental resilience required at higher levels of competition. His growth reflects a system built on repetition, discipline, and regular competitive exposure.

### Competitive Excellence on the Big Stage

Mwathi’s performances have steadily elevated his profile. At the All Africa Junior Teams Golf Championships hosted at Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club, he delivered a standout level-par round, helping Team Kenya (boys) secure qualification for the World Junior Championships alongside Team South Africa. Having shot +1 with a 75, 72 and 70. His broader résumé includes winning the 2025 Coast Open, earning a place in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, and impressing on the NCBA U.S. Kids Golf Tour. Further, he represented Team Kenya at the Victoria Cup in Entebbe, alongside top players including fellow RNGC standout John Lejirma, where Kenya emerged victorious; another significant milestone in his young career.



### Poised for the Tannahill Challenge

Now, Mwathi steps into a rare dual role, named in both the RNGC Junior (named team captain) and Main teams for the Tannahill Shield, teeing off on Monday, 30th March and Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 respectively at the iconic RNGC course. It is a testament not only to his ability, but also to the vibrance of junior golf at RNGC, where young talents are not just nurtured, but prepared to compete and win at the highest levels.

## RNGC JUNIOR GOLF CALENDAR 2026

Month / Date	Event
Sunday 19-April	Wanabima Juniors Golf
Sunday, 26-April	Minet Parent & Child (Scramble Format)
Sunday, 17-May	US Kids Season Finale
Sunday, 21-June	Junior Event
Sunday, 05-July	Junior Event
Sunday, 09-August	Mulembe Junior Tournament
Saturday, 28-November	Parent & Child (Foursomes)
Mon, 7 to Wed 9 December	Royal Junior Stroke Play Championship

# HONORARY TREASURER'S Q&A

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## **1. Tell us a little about yourself beyond golf.**

*I am an accountant by training and currently a consultant specializing in risk management, corporate governance, and internal audit. I also serve as an adjunct faculty member at USIU-Africa, teaching Finance and Accounting. Growing up in a rural setting within a large extended family instilled a strong sense of responsibility and community, values that continue to shape how I engage in all areas of life.*

## **2. What first drew you to the Royal Nairobi Golf Club, and what has kept you here over the years?**

*Proximity to my home was key, especially as a beginner needing regular practice to earn a handicap. Friends, including Past Chairman Charles, also influenced my decision. An 18-hole course within the city and the promise of on-site fitness facilities made Royal ideal. Over time, the club's warm, social culture and the friendships I've built across all member groups—including staff and caddies—have kept me deeply connected.*

## **3. When you accepted the role of Honorary Treasurer, what motivated you to serve the club at this level?**

*Having joined the club 17 years ago, I was inspired early on by its challenges and successes. In 2018, with reduced workload from my professional engagements, I offered to serve as Treasurer, contributing my expertise and integrity. I served a full term through COVID-19 with strong support from the Board, staff, and members. Even after, I remained involved in an advisory capacity and returned in 2025 when called upon. I view leadership as service and consider it a privilege to contribute.*

## **4. From your perspective, what makes Royal Nairobi Golf Club unique among golf clubs in Kenya?**

*Royal stands apart as the only club with a Royal Charter and as the country's oldest golf club; the true "home of golf" in Kenya. Its outstanding course, iconic clubhouse, and vibrant social atmosphere, especially at the gatherings at the Royal Garden, are distinctive. The historic Easter Tournament and a diverse, balanced membership further enhance its unique character and stability.*

**Continue...**

## HONORARY TREASURER'S Q&A

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### **5. Every board member brings a particular strength. What do you believe you personally bring to the RNGC Board?**

*Not sure I am the right person to answer this question, but in my opinion, beyond financial expertise, I bring a deep understanding of the club, strong people skills, and leadership experience, which together support balanced and effective decision-making.*

### **6. What does responsible stewardship of the club mean to you in your role?**

*It means managing the club with the same care as my own enterprise, ensuring financial stability, long-term sustainability, and transparency in all operations.*

### **7. What are some of the key priorities you hope to advance during your tenure?**

*My key priorities are strengthening the club's financial stability and restoring confidence in its financial stewardship.*

### **8. In your view, how can members play a more active role in supporting the club's vision and governance?**

*Members can contribute through constructive feedback via formal channels, active participation in general meetings, and by volunteering their skills, including mentoring staff where possible.*

### **9. Looking ahead, what opportunities excite you most about the future of the club and the game of golf at RNGC?**

*Course improvement is particularly exciting, as it remains central to membership appeal. Achieving PGA status to host major tournaments like the Kenya Open would be a milestone. The growth of the ladies' section is impressive, and while the junior program has faced challenges, it holds strong potential and is showing signs of stability.*

### **10. On a lighter note: what is your favorite hole on the course, and why?**

*Hole 3, a short but deceptively challenging par 4, is my favorite. Trouble lurks everywhere, from trees to the left to the dam on the right which seems out of play but is actually a very present danger. The hole rewards only well-judged shots. You often find yourself playing from unexpected spots, which adds to its charm. The best advice I received, from Dr. David Ndii, was to keep it simple—easier said than done on this hole.*



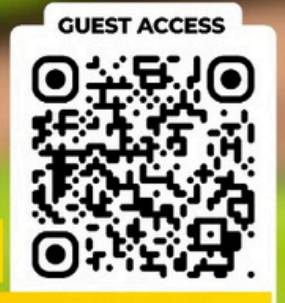
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## COMING UP...

### MARCH - APRIL

- 27<sup>th</sup> March: St. Andrew's Turi Corporate Golf
- 28<sup>th</sup> March: Men's Foursome Finals/  
Spirit of Tannahill
- 29<sup>th</sup> March: KLGU Inter-Club League
- 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> March: Juniors/Seniors Tannahill
- 1<sup>st</sup> April: Tannahill ClubNite
- 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> April: Tannahill Main Team
- 6<sup>th</sup> April: Tannahill Super Special
- 9<sup>th</sup> April: ClubNite - OSS
- 13<sup>TH</sup> /14<sup>TH</sup> April: Wanabima
- 15<sup>th</sup> April: Ladies Stableford No. 4
- 16<sup>th</sup> April: ClubNite - Wanabima
- 17<sup>th</sup> April: Nairobi East Rotary
- 18<sup>th</sup> April: Wanabima
- 19<sup>th</sup> April: NDC League RNGC Vs LCC (Away)/  
Wanabima (Home)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April: ClubNite - April Borns
- 24<sup>th</sup> April: KPC Golf Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> April: Ladies Medal No. 4 - Kennedy Cup
- 26<sup>th</sup> April: KLGU League RNGC Vs TSC (Away)/  
RJA Parent & Child - Minet
- 30<sup>th</sup> April: ClubNite - Itrade

### MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> May: Friday Special (Labor Day)
- 6<sup>th</sup> May: Ladies Stableford No. 6 (Mother's  
Day)
- 7<sup>th</sup> May: ClubNite - Alumni Golf Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> May: Mulembe Vs Sunset
- 9<sup>th</sup> May: Senator Chesang Members Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> May: NDC League RNGC Vs KCC (Home)
- 14<sup>th</sup> May: ClubNite - Shinrai Technologies
- 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> May: Kasuku Cup
- 17<sup>th</sup> May: KLGU League RNGC Vs Vet (Away)/  
US Kids Finale
- 20<sup>th</sup> May: Ladies Stableford No. 6
- 21<sup>st</sup> May: ClubNite - Blue Consulting
- 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May: Men Club Matchplay  
Championship
- 28<sup>th</sup> May: ClubNite - Luton Hospital

# GENERAL MANAGER'S STATEMENT



Dear Members,

The first quarter of the year has been a busy and exciting period across the club's operations, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank members for their continued engagement and support of the club's services and facilities.

Our management and staff teams remain committed to delivering a consistently high standard of service while ensuring that the club environment remains welcoming, efficient, and enjoyable for members and their guests. Over the past few months, we have continued to focus on improving operational efficiency across several departments including hospitality services, course maintenance, membership administration, and event coordination.

Particular attention has been placed on course conditioning and preparation, as the club prepares to host one of the most important events in the golfing calendar—the Tannahill Shield Tournament. Our course maintenance team has been working diligently to ensure that the course presents itself in excellent playing condition for both members and visiting teams.

At the same time, our hospitality and operations teams are making the necessary preparations to ensure that members and guests enjoy a seamless experience throughout the tournament period and the Easter festivities that accompany it.

The ongoing Membership Drive has also generated significant interest, and we are encouraged by the positive response from prospective members. Management will continue working closely with the Membership Committee to ensure that the admission process remains efficient while upholding the club's established standards.

In addition, management continues to work with the Board and various committees to identify opportunities for service improvements, facility upgrades, and operational enhancements aimed at enriching the overall member experience.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, I encourage members to make full use of the club facilities and to participate in the many activities and events scheduled across the calendar. The Tannahill Shield Tournament promises to be an exciting time for the club, and we look forward to welcoming members, families, and guests as we celebrate this historic competition together.

On behalf of the entire management and staff team, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

**Jacob Omondi**

**General Manager – Royal Nairobi Golf Club**

## STAFF ZONE



*RNGC General Manager Mr. Jacob Omondi and the F&B staff receive the award certificate.*

## ROYAL NAIROBI GOLF CLUB RECOGNIZED AT THE KENYA TOURISM AWARDS

The Royal Nairobi Golf Club (RNGC) is proud to announce its recognition at the Kenya Tourism Awards (KTA) 2025, where the club was nominated in two prestigious categories: Best City Golf Resort and Best Golf Resort. Following a rigorous evaluation process, RNGC emerged 2nd in the Best City Golf Resort category and 3rd in the Best Golf Resort category, affirming the club's growing reputation as one of Kenya's premier golfing destinations.

The Kenya Tourism Awards is a national platform that recognizes and celebrates excellence across Kenya's tourism and hospitality sector. The awards bring together industry stakeholders to acknowledge institutions that demonstrate innovation, service excellence, sustainability, and exceptional contribution to promoting Kenya as a leading tourism destination.

Recognition at this level is therefore both a significant honor and a powerful affirmation of the Royal Nairobi Golf Club's role in advancing golf tourism in Kenya.

For RNGC, this recognition highlights the club's continued efforts to position itself as a world-class golfing, networking and leisure destination.



*First Runner-Up for Best City Golf Resort Certificate awarded to RNGC now displayed at the clubhouse.*

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*Course improvements remain among the top priorities for RNGC, as the Club continues its efforts to enhance the membership experience, elevate standards of play, and maintain its position as a destination of choice for golfer; both local and international.*



## STAFF HIGHLIGHT: GEOFREY OPIYO

At Royal Nairobi Golf Club, tradition and progress increasingly walk hand in hand. In 2025, the Board approved a forward-looking framework to award honorary membership to one staff member and one caddie; recognizing not just service, but talent, discipline, and the spirit of the game.

Few embody this vision more fully than Geoffrey Opiyo.

Joining the Club as a caddie in 2014, Opiyo quickly distinguished himself. Within a year, he had earned a handicap of 18, steadily rising through the ranks to become an elite amateur golfer with a handicap of 2.0. Along the way, he served in multiple roles; from acting Caddie Master and range attendant to his current contact position as Starter, demonstrating reliability and leadership at every turn.

On the course, he has represented the Club in Kenya Golf Union events including the Uhuru Shield and Winston Churchill tournaments, as well as NDC League matches. He has also captained both the caddies and the Club's golfing staff.

Proposed by M. Okeyo and B. Amunga and having successfully passed vetting, Opiyo now awaits balloting. His potential honorary membership is not just a reward - it is an investment in a player who aspires to turn professional and uplift others through golf.



## NEW GREENS EQUIPMENT DONATED TO THE CLUB

The management of Royal Nairobi Golf Club is pleased to have received a new iPro Hole Cutter and cutting board, generously donated by an anonymous member through the Vice Chairman Peter Serem.

The equipment, manufactured by BMS Products to PGA-standard specifications, continues to support the course maintenance team in delivering precise and consistent hole cutting across the club's greens. This upgrade has enhanced the quality and uniformity of putting surfaces, contributing to an improved playing experience for members and guests.

The equipment was officially received by General Manager Jacob Omondi, who subsequently handed it over to Golf Manager Peter Otieno for operational use by the greens keeping team.

The brief handover was officiated by Past Chairman Tom Guga, who commended the spirit of member contribution that continues to support the development and upkeep of the club's facilities.

The management and membership extend their sincere appreciation to the anonymous donor for this thoughtful and generous contribution, which will play a valuable role in maintaining the high standards expected of the Royal Nairobi golf course.



# Royal Nairobi Golf Club

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