

# *The ICC RED NOTE*

Breaking News – 18 June 2010



The Red Note is now on-line. It can be found on the Irene Country Club website ([www.irenecc.co.za](http://www.irenecc.co.za)) under Golf/Noticeboard. Other interesting information is also available on the site.

**TW<sup>3</sup>** – work it out (I know you can)

After all the hype and excitement of the opening ceremony followed by a credible draw against Mexico in the opening game, Bafana Bafana's World Cup prospects are hanging by a thread following their 3 – 0 loss to Uruguay. They now go into their final group game against France next Tuesday knowing that even a crushing victory may not be enough to see them progress to the next round. All we can do is hope and continue to support our team. If the vibe in the "Shebeen" is anything like it was for the last game then win or lose, it's going to be a blast!!

At least we can claim that South Africa only had an outside chance of getting through the group stages. The same cannot be said for some of the other perceived top sides in the tournament. France are already in all likelihood on their way home, Spain are bottom of their group and Germany, after an impressive start against Australia, have just lost to Serbia. From the Red Note's jaundiced point of view, the refereeing has been diabolical, but comes nowhere close to the D-grade acting of the players who are diving all over the place in their attempts to win penalties and free kicks...

At least there was some proper tackling to admire last week – it occurred during the Springboks' 42 – 17 demolition of France at Newlands in Cape Town. This week the 'Boks are up against the mighty Italians at that well known international rugby destination of Witbank. Nick Mallet and his charges are sure to pine for the luxuries of city life when they trek off to the "Platteland" for the game. Let's just hope they don't have to stay overnight... There is more rugby on the go this weekend when England take on Australia and the All Blacks host Wales. The Welsh are talking a good game, but considering how they lost to a second-string South African team, the Red Note doesn't give them much of a chance. The English must fancy their chances after they were awarded two penalty tries after

the Australians collapsed scrums in last week's clash against the same opponents. However, there's more to rugby than scrumming, so this could be an extremely interesting contest with contrasting styles of play. The Red Note reckons the Aussies will sneak a close game.

However, amongst all this excitement life at Irene Country Club has carried on, so without further ado, here is the week's news...

## **CLUB NEWS**

### Law & Waverly Cups:

The entry forms for the Law and Waverly Cups have been available in the Sports Shop for the last few weeks. However, entries to date have been slow to come in. The entries for both competitions are going to close in the next few weeks, so please make the effort to get your names down. Entries for both competitions are R 100 per player, which is payable in advance – you will be issued with a receipt. 80% of all competition fees get paid out in prizes, so get your entries in and stand a chance to win.

### New Bridges – Price Increase:

Those of you who were at the two annual general meetings held recently will have heard that we have been given an option to acquire new bridges at a fraction of the usual cost. These bridges are left over from the Gautrain construction and will be used to improve the access from the 2<sup>nd</sup> green to the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee, as well as from the 14<sup>th</sup> green to the 15<sup>th</sup> tee.

In the light of the tight cashflow situation at the club, the golf section is going to have to finance this work directly. The obvious way to achieve this is to increase playing fees. As a result, the annual playing fee increase that normally comes into effect around September will be brought forward to July. The standard increase will be R20/round, but there will be allowances made for seniors, juniors, etc.

### 14<sup>th</sup> Dam Cleanup:

Undoubtedly one of the best changes made to the course during the refurbishment project was the addition of the dam on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole (although there are sure to be a few dissenters). The dam has certainly added teeth to the hole and it is now one of the scariest holes in the surrounding area, particularly

for higher handicappers. Recently there has been a problem with the dam due to a large amount of weed and other aquatic vegetation that has taken over the dam. This is both unsightly and it has caused additional problems due to the fact that the dam is used as the main irrigation reservoir on the course.

The Golf Committee have investigated solutions to the vegetation problem and the most promising option is to stock the dam with various species of fish. The expert recommends that we introduce about 6,000 fish of various sizes into the dam and he basically guarantees that we will not have any issues with vegetation in the future. The cost of the fish is approximately R 14,000. This amount will also be funded by the price increase mentioned in the previous section on the new bridges.

### Sundowner – 25 June:

The Golf Committee is planning to stage a Sundowner competition on Friday 25 June to coincide with the World Cup football. This date features the Portugal vs Brazil and North Korea vs Ivory Coast games at 16h00, followed by the Chile vs Spain and Honduras vs Switzerland games at 20h30. Book at the Sports Shop, or contact Glyn Reynolds for more information.

Bring the family afterwards and join us for a “few” cold ones in the Shebeen...

### Jackpot Competition:

The jackpot competition that was launched a few weeks ago was temporarily put on hold following some valid concerns from members. It is now up and running again with the following rules:

- The competition is only run on Saturdays only.
- Entry costs R5.
- The four jackpot holes will not be revealed to the players, but will be sent to the Golf Captain before the time.
- In order to qualify to win, a player must make 12, or more points, on the designated jackpot holes.
- In the event that more than one player makes 12 or more points, the pot will be shared amongst the winners.
- The onus rests on the player to ensure that his/her scorecard is handed in at the Sport Shop **ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION.**

The Jackpot pool is now at R 280. The closest anyone has come to winning the pool is 10 points (12 points required).

### 2010 Soccer Vibe At ICC:

Irene's own "Soccer Shebeen" is up and running. The décor is awesome, the food is tasty and plentiful, the drinks are cold and the vibe is unmatched! If you're in any doubt as to where to watch your favourite team(s) in action, think no further than the Shebeen – you won't be disappointed.

Just as an aside – a beer at the closest Official Fan Park costs R 30, as does a hot-dog, whereas you pay standard club prices at Irene. Add to this you have better quality pictures (all screens are HD) and you are protected from the cold weather, so what are you waiting for...

At the same time, you can also order a supporters' shirt for your favourite team(s). Examples are on display in the bar and the shirts can be ordered from Henry Usmar on 082 854 3385.

### Pick The Joker Competition:

The new competition is up and running. Although the jackpot is still relatively small, it will certainly be a welcome addition to most people's pockets, so get busy and make sure you're in the draw – if you don't have a ticket, you can't win...

The Jackpot is now standing at more than R 7,000 and this number will be even higher after this week's ticket sales...

| DATE      | WINNER   | TICKET SALES | COMMISSION | WEEKLY PRIZE | FUNDRAISING | JACKPOT  | JOKER JACKPOT     |
|-----------|--|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|
|           |  |              | 5%         | 20%          | 25%         | 50%      |                   |
| 02 Apr 10 | <b>CLUB CONTRIBUTION</b>                         |              |            |              |             |          | <b>R 5,000.00</b> |
| 09 Apr 10 | H EATON  | 46           | R 23.00    | R 92.00      | R 115.00    | R 230.00 | <b>R 5,230.00</b> |
| 16 Apr 10 | P DAVEL  | 60           | R 30.00    | R 120.00     | R 150.00    | R 300.00 | <b>R 5,530.00</b> |
| 23 Apr 10 | R PAGE   | 48           | R 24.00    | R 96.00      | R 120.00    | R 240.00 | <b>R 5,770.00</b> |
| 30 Apr 10 | W GRACE  | 68           | R 34.00    | R 136.00     | R 170.00    | R 340.00 | <b>R 6,110.00</b> |
| 14 May 10 | D PLAYER   | 57           | R 28.50    | R 114.00     | R 142.50    | R 285.00 | <b>R 6,395.00</b> |
| 21 May 10 | P DAVEL  | 57           | R 28.50    | R 114.00     | R 142.50    | R 285.00 | <b>R 6,680.00</b> |
| 28 May 10 | T STEYN  | 76           | R 38.00    | R 152.00     | R 190.00    | R 380.00 | <b>R 7,060.00</b> |
| 04 Jun 10 | P TERREY   | 74           | R 37.00    | R 148.00     | R 185.00    | R 370.00 | <b>R 7,430.00</b> |
| 11 Jun 10 | <b>No draw due to opening match of World Cup</b> |              |            |              |             |          |                   |

For those who have never played before, the rules are simple. R 10 buys you a ticket from a barman. Each ticket purchased enters you into the draw for the week's prize, i.e. your ticket is only valid for one week. On Friday evening a single ticket is drawn and the winner gets an opportunity to pick a card, as well as winning **20% of the week's takings**. However, if he or she picks the joker then the prize is **50% of all the takings to date!** Winners who are not present when their name gets drawn will be phoned and given the chance to pick a card. In the event that the call is not answered, someone present in the bar at the time will be asked to pick a card on the winner's behalf.

If there are any queries please speak to Lorna or a member of the Golf Committee. Note that entries are open to anyone – both members and visitors.

### Upcoming Social Events:

Sunday 20 June

#### Father's Day Lunch

There will be a special Sunday lunch for Father's Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. The occasion will tie in with the World Cup viewing facility described above, so bring dad along and let him enjoy some awesome food and company whilst watching the world's best footballers in action.

There are still a few places available, so please contact the office to confirm your booking.

### Upcoming Golf Events:

The following events are coming up on the golfing calendar in the next few months, so please diarize.

16 – 18 July

#### River Runs Through It

Following on from the success of last year's tournament bringing together the members from Centurion, Zwartkops & Irene, this tournament will again be taking place in July. Please try to play at least one day out of the 3 as it really is a lot of fun and an opportunity to play golf with people who you might otherwise never get to meet.

The format is unchanged from last year. The Friday is a

betterball competition at Centurion, followed by foursomes at Irene on Saturday. Sunday sees Zwartkop host the singles competition followed by prizegiving and lunch. The cost is R150/day for all players.

Last Week's Results:

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| <p><b>Saturday 2010-06-12</b><br/><b>Better Ball Stableford</b></p> <p><b>AM</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> P.Ferrera, I.Ridley 49<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> C.Hanna, C.Quatro 48<br/> 3<sup>rd</sup> B.Erasmus, A.Walter 47 c/o<br/> 4<sup>th</sup> R.Hector, G.Smith 47</p> <p><b>PM</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> K.Witte, V.Witte 49<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> A.Olivier, O.Fourie 46<br/> 3<sup>rd</sup> D.Zeelie, B.Zeelie 45 c/o<br/> 4<sup>th</sup> S.Pedie, G.Fatini 45 c/o</p> | <p><b>Sunday 2010-06-13</b><br/><b>Better Ball Stableford</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> J.Magagula, G.Hawkridge 47 c/o<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> K.Witte, V.Witte 47<br/> 3<sup>rd</sup> J.Tshabalala, M.Sakara 46 c/o<br/> 4<sup>th</sup> D.Engelbrecht, D.Amoss 46 c/o</p> <p><b>Wednesday 2010-06-16</b><br/><b>4 Ball Alliance two scores to count</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> D.Newman, B.Westlake,<br/> D.Pearce, B.Graham 91<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> D.White, K.Watson,<br/> J.Clark, B.Rigby 89<br/> 3<sup>rd</sup> M.Van der Westhuizen, V.De Vries,<br/> J.Van Huysteen, P.Redelinghuys 88</p> |
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P.S. Please remember that there is a new "2-club" format in place on Saturdays where the total pot gets split amongst those who took a "2-club" on the day. On all other days, the old system of fixed odds will apply. Please ensure that you claim your "2-clubs" on the day by highlighting your name in the book in the Sports Shop. Saturday's prize vouchers will be available from the following day.

Thank you for your continued support – Golf Committee