

The ICC RED NOTE

Breaking News – 02 July 2010



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

TW³ – work it out (I know you can)

The soccer has definitely slowed down now that there are no longer two games a day – in fact there are even days without games! Most, but not all of the pre-tournament favourites are still involved, but there are definitely a few notable exceptions. England, Italy and France fans must be seething that their former glories have been left in tatters by their performances in Africa's first World Cup...

The last remaining African "hope" is Ghana, who take on Uruguay tonight at Soccer City. There seems to be a huge amount of local support for the team, judging by the Ghana colours in evidence in the last few days.

The rugby scene has also gone into hibernation with all international teams effectively having the week off. Last week's results were predictable and the only conclusions the Red Note can draw is that this year's Tri-Nations is between NZ and SA – and that all three teams must beware when Argentina finally join the competition to make it a "Four-Nations"...

This week there is finally a return to politics – the "Jackie Selebi verdict" was returned today and he was found guilty of corruption. Clearly there are appeals upon appeals to come, but the scary thing is how many famous and/ or important people were mentioned in the trial transcripts...

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

New Booking System:

The club is busy testing the latest offering from the SAGA (South African Golf Association) approved handicapping system – if you play this weekend you'll see the new terminal installed in the Sports Shop. If it satisfies our requirements, particularly in terms of internet bookings and booking rules, we will implement it shortly, otherwise the search continues.

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 by the middle of July, 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.

League Results:

It has been a perennial bugbear that Irene, with all our history and tradition, we have had a relatively poor record in the various golf leagues. This year, the Red Note is pleased to announce a major change in fortunes!

Our first team (scratch league), playing in the second division, won all their games and easily won their league to gain automatic promotion to the premier division next year. Considering that next year is our centenary, this is an awesome achievement and opportunity for us to show the rest of the province how good our course, players and vibe are...

The ladies won their pool in the xxx handicap league – awesome achievement and well done!

Price Increases:

The new golf playing fees have been previously advertised in the Red Note. Unfortunately, due to supplier increases, there are some items that have been marked up in Halfway House. There may also be a few more adjustments to come, but members will be kept informed.

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.**

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 pick up a supporters' shirt of 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 9,000 and this number will be even higher after this week's ticket sales...

Still waiting for last week's results, but here is the information to date...

DATE	WINNER	TICKET SALES	COMMISSION	WEEKLY PRIZE	FUNDRAISING	JACKPOT	JOKER JACKPOT
			5%	20%	25%	50%	
02 Apr 10	CLUB CONTRIBUTION						R 5,000.00
09 Apr 10	H EATON	46	R 23.00	R 92.00	R 115.00	R 230.00	R 5,230.00
16 Apr 10	P DAVEL	60	R 30.00	R 120.00	R 150.00	R 300.00	R 5,530.00
23 Apr 10	R PAGE	48	R 24.00	R 96.00	R 120.00	R 240.00	R 5,770.00
30 Apr 10	W GRACE	68	R 34.00	R 136.00	R 170.00	R 340.00	R 6,110.00
14 May 10	D PLAYER	57	R 28.50	R 114.00	R 142.50	R 285.00	R 6,395.00
21 May 10	P DAVEL	57	R 28.50	R 114.00	R 142.50	R 285.00	R 6,680.00
28 May 10	T STEYN	76	R 38.00	R 152.00	R 190.00	R 380.00	R 7,060.00
04 Jun 10	P TERREY	74	R 37.00	R 148.00	R 185.00	R 370.00	R 7,430.00
11 Jun 10	No draw due to opening match of World Cup						
18 Jun 10	D PLAYER	210	R 105.00	R 420.00	R 525.00	R 1,050.00	R 8,480.00
25 Jun 10	K WATSON	120	R60.00	R240.00	R300.00	R600.00	R9,080.00

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: Book now – 012 667 1081

Christmas in July Sunday Lunch 18th July – book now and join in the festivities. The menu consists of the following...

BUFFET

Stuffed mushrooms, Sausage & bacon rolls, Melon salad with Port dressing
Greek salad with wild lettuce

Glazed Gammon & cranberry sauce, Roast Turkey with sage & onion stuffing, Roast potatoes & shallots, Christmas rice, Green bean casserole

TEMPTING ARRAY OF DESSERTS

Traditional plum pudding, Christmas mince pies with a hint of chilli, Brandy butter

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:

Saturday 2010-06-26	Sunday 2010-06-27
Better-Ball Bonus Bogey	Better-Ball Bonus Bogey
AM	
1 st Adams, C.Malan +10c/o	1 st M.Sakara, J.Molestsane +12
2 nd D.Breedt, A.Britz +10	2 nd P.Gordon, D.Gordon +9c/o
3 rd G.Smith, A.Dick +9c/o	3 rd R.Scott, J.Magagula +9c/o
4 th P.Scholtz, W.Jacobs +9c/o	4 th .Gardiner, C.Nicholson +9
PM	
1 st R.Westlake, M.Westlake +14	
2 nd G.Pohlman, F.Mcguinnies +12c/o	
3 rd G.Austin, J.Nicol +12	
4 th T.Fourie, Y.Heath +10c/o	
Jackpot Holes 2,7,10,11	
Jackpot R320 won by R.Glover 12	

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