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Captain's Corner

WE CAN PLAY GOLF AGAIN!

Dear Nomad

On January 22nd I felt very, very sorry for myself. A few weeks prior I had to postpone our Erinvale for the (Covid) safety of our members. I woke up on the 22nd and it was a glorious, beautiful day. Blue, blue skies. In fact the best day one could hope for when you play Erinvale. The only problem was that we weren't going to play that day. And what went through my mind was what foul weather or gail force winds we would more than likely face when next we play there again.

How absolutely wonderful was it then when I woke on the morning of 5 March - the day that we played our make up game at Erinvale. The weather was exactly like that day in January. Glorious blue skies and a very gentle breeze - just enough to cool things down.

The field was rather small (84 players) and there were 2 main reasons for that. Firstly the fact that it was on a Friday. Erinvale can't accommodate us on a Thursday as it is their member's day. Our Boland members, like our WP neighbors, simply don't like Fridays. The second reason was because of the so-called shortage of golf carts. We were told by the Erinvale GC manager that they had a problem with batteries for their carts which they only expected to arrive in April.

They could only spare us 20 or maybe 25 carts. The back 9 at Erinvale is very difficult to walk and many guys did not want to take that chance. On the day at Erinvale the manager came clean and told me he lied to me about the carts, and that he wanted to reserve carts for their members. The Captain of Erinvale was not happy when he heard about this. They also messed up our tee times and we had to change our tee times at the last minute. Other than these few hiccups, we had a great day with the course in great condition and splendid views on the back 9. We ordered food from their restaurant after prize giving, which was outstanding.

We continue to get many visitors and our conversion rate from guest to prospective member is great. We currently have no less than 9 prospective members who have to play a minimum of 3 games as prospectives before they get inducted. Each and every one of these 9 guys are great guys and will be good Nomads. Our first induction since Covid changed our lives a year ago, is at Somerset West on 25 March. Michael Koster was proposed by Jeff Falcke and it's great that his induction will take place at his home club.

We are slowly but surely re-introducing other aspects of our prize giving such as Lucky Draws. We are however still uncomfortable about the showering as a group, and you may continue to attend in your playing clothes. Those who do however want to shower, may do so, but you have to bring your own towel.

Remember - De Zalze is on Thursday 22 April. We will have a full field with many visiting Nomads who already indicated that they would like to join us. Secure your spot by entering now already - per email at margie@bolandnomads.co.za or Whatsapp 083 261 1942.

Enjoy this Newsletter



Erinvale Captain Dean Millbank receiving a gift from Boland Captain Alten Hulme.

Match Secretary Report

MARCH 2021 AT ERINVALE GC

ATTENDANCE

Players in the field	84
Boland Nomads	63
Visiting Nomads	0
Prospective Members	5
Associate Members	4
Guests	12

PLAYERS MATRIX

2020	Average	January	February	March
Boland Nomads	63	0	0	63
Visitors	21	0	0	21
Total	84	0	0	84

HANDICAPS

Division	Nomads	Guests	Days Average
A	20	6	28,9
B	24	7	29,9
C	23	4	29,3
Days Average			29,2
Cut	13		
No Change	31		
Gained	23		

MEMBERSHIPS

Boland	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2021	Current
Honorary life	0	0	1	1
Honorary	11	10	9	9
Full	132	134	128	125
Associate	29	27	21	20
Non-Playing	4	4	4	4
Non-Active	1	1	1	2
Suspensive	0	0	1	1
Sponsor local	1	0	0	1
Sponsor national	1	0	0	0
Total	179	175	165	163
Prospective Members	Application	Date of Birth	Proposer	Games
Michael Koster	20/02/2020	/	J Falcke	2
Hannes Fourie	20/02/2020	/	L Stander	0
JJ Senekal	20/10/2020	/	T Swart	0
Tommy Ackerman	10/11/2020	/	H Strauss	1

Birthdays

MARCH

Wally Herbst
Lourens Vervaart
Jannie Joubert
Clive Battison
Johann Germishuys
Johann Swart
Andre Van Niekerk
Andre Hattingh
Clinton Schweers
Schalk Liebenberg

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Monthly Game

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All Division Winners



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Joseph Huskisson, 25 year tie



Hennie Steenkamp, 15 year tie



Fred Kieks, 200 Game badge



Prize sheet

PRIZE	PRIZESHEET - Erinvale 2021	SPONSOR
A DIVISION WINNER	Handicap 4 - 40 Points Ambrose Da Rocha	DONFORD BMW - Mark Philp
Runner-up	Handicap 7 - 39 Points Reon Terblanche	JACO MINNIE in Association with Miller Bosman Le Roux Attorneys - Jaco Minnie
B DIVISION WINNER	Handicap 9 - 36 Points Shaun Conrad	JAGUAR STELLENBOSCH - Mark Philp
Runner-up	Handicap 12 - 36 Points Jaco Minnie	STORAGE GROUP Andre Van Niekerk
C DIVISION WINNER	Handicap 16 - 38 Points Sam Hulme	LAND ROVER STELLENBOSCH - Mark Philp
Runner-up	Handicap 19 - 37 Points Patrick Neal	SOMERSET WEST GOLF CLUB
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	Handicap 4 - 40 Points Ambrose Da Rocha	JK FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS - Johan Kemp
BETTER BALL AGGREGATE	72 Points Sam Hulme & Jan Scholtz	FINTAGON - Neil Fourie
OVER 55's	Handicap 12 - 36 Points Jaco Minnie	PSG – Rian VD Merve C19
MATCHBOX	Handicap 8 - 19 Points Willem Malherbe	GP & MARGIE LE ROUX ALAN HOFFMAN
PLAYING 4 BALL WINNERS	129 Points Mike Daneel, Peter Runkel Shaun Conrad, Deno November	BEYERSKLOOF WINES - Anri Truter
Runners-up	126 Points Hansie Strydom, Sam Hulme Ryan Ueckermann, Jan Scholtz	KANNONKOP WINES – Paul Krige
DRAWN 4 BALL WINNERS	135 Points Koert Tulleners, Stephan Walker Schalk Liebenberg, Jaco Minnie	CAMPBELL SCIENTIFIC - Johan Visagie
Runners -up	133 Points Clive Wagner, Ryan Ueckerman Reon Terblanche, Pierre Meyer	S A Breweries
WORST GOLF 4 BALL	104 Points Ambrose Da Rocha, Oloff Bergh Charles Newman, Brandon Rhoda	ATLANTIC FERTILISERS – Peter Runkel

NEAREST PIN - 2ND	Patrick Neal	STELLENBOSCH GOLF CLUB
NEAREST PIN - 8TH	Alan Hoffman	SOMETHING STEEL - Theo Swart
NEAREST PIN - 12TH	Johann Swart	HELDERBERG INSURANCE BROKERS
NEAREST PIN - 14TH	Tommy Ackerman	SCHALK LIEBENBERG FISIO - Schalk Liebenberg
CLOSEST FOR LEAST - 18TH	Clive Battison	CLUVER MARKOTTER - Peter Hill
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Sponsor spotlight



Atlantic Fertilisers - Peter Runkel

Atlantic Fertilisers have been sponsors of Boland Nomads for many years, and we thank you for that. What exactly is the nature of your businesses?

Atlantic Fertilisers' supply organic and organic based fertilisers into the retail and commercial markets throughout Sub Saharan Africa. Our complete line of fertilisers and soil conditioners are based on many years of research, field trials and work with commercial growers. These are products that get real results in the real world and are available to large commercial growers, the home gardener and market gardener. Atlantic Fertilisers is committed to developing a range of products that will assist growers in their quest to grow higher quality, more nutritious, higher yielding, earth friendly crops and plants.

How and when did you get into this business?

I was always looking for opportunities and when I heard that a company called Neutrog was looking for a transport and distribution solution, I presented to them and was awarded the contract. Over time I took over the business and some 5 years ago we rebranded as Atlantic Fertilisers.

What is your motto in business?

To be the Natural choice for any home and garden.

What was your biggest achievement in your business career?

Probably my biggest achievement in our industry was being President of the South African Nursery Association for the last two years. It was an interesting and challenging time as I spent much of my time lobbying government to get our industry trading again in Level 4 of lockdown.

Which of your clients can you brag about?

We support many feeding schemes, community and school gardens which we are very privileged to do. We also supply most of the Botanical Gardens in South Africa such as Kirstenbosch, Walter Sisulu, Harold Porter, Bloemfontein etc. If you have been to a concert at Kirstenbosch you have sat on the lawn which we have fertilised. High profile gardens in the Cape such as Cavalli, Lourensford, Rustenburg, Delaire Graff, Durbanville Rose Garden, etc. where established and maintained using our products. Atlantic Fertilisers are also used and endorsed by most of the Rose societies in South Africa.

What was the one thing in business that you would like to forget or do differently next time?

I have dabbled in the past with imported products. Due to currency fluctuations and uncertain supply this was more damaging than beneficial to our reputation. Going forward our strategy is to have control over the entire value chain of any new products.

We know about your achievements in our Nomads organisation, but tell us something about your private life that few people know about?

I have been married to Sue for 30 years and have two children Amy and James – my family is my biggest achievement!

What advice do you have for people who own their own businesses in the times that we live in?

Make sure that you try and build resilience into your business and invest in your people, they are your biggest asset.

Do you have a role model in business?

I was fortunate to work with my father early in my career, the life and business lessons he taught me are the principles that still guide me.

Do you have any plans to expand your business basket once Covid is under control and life is normal again?

We have a number of new products in development and are also actively looking at new markets.

Altie's TV Picks

This is the first of our brandnew TV choices. Please note that the ratings are my own and that tastes may differ!

DSTV CATCH UP

ATOMIC BLONDE (2017)

starring Charlize Theron, James McAvoy and John Goodman
Rating: 7.5 / 10

By no means her best movie, but our own Charlize Theron gives this movie a boost from a possible 4/10 to almost 8/10.

She plays Lorraine Broughton who is the most elite spy in M16. Yes, you got it - stand aside James Bond - here comes sweet Lorraine! With the Berlin wall about to fall, she travels into the heart of this favorite German city of mine. She must retrieve a priceless docket with secretive names in it, and then take down a dangerous espionage ring.

Through good old skop, skiet en donner, our brave boeremeisie shows them what makes her the next James Bond. I watched this movie after a long day at golf and an even longer 19th hole, and I stayed awake from start to finish. You will also like it if you like spy movies.

THE TRUMAN SHOW (1998)

starring Jim Carrey
Rating: 9.5 / 10

A true classic. I have, in my younger days when it first came out, watched it almost to the end but never saw the last 40 minutes or so. That's what happened when you did your Sunday morning shopping, popped in at the video store, rented the movie, but then had people over for one of those 12:00 to 22:00 Sunday braais and after your guests left, you tried to watch the movie. That is why I was so happy when after all these years I saw it on Catch Up. It was like watching it for the first time.

Jim Carrey is an insurance agent. He doesn't know it, but his life, from his birth, is beamed across the world in a 24 hour a day non stop TV reality show. Everything around him is fake and part of this huge TV show. People watch this show non stop through thousands of hidden cameras and he is a celebrity. But he doesn't know it. People collect Truman memorabilia - from cushions with his face on it, to lapel "how will it end?" badges.

But then a few things start happening and he starts noticing all the coincidences in his life. The producer of the show played by Ed Harris, can't make the show flop or end. En dan begin die poppe dans.

A feel good movie that is great entertainment. I was tempted to give it 10/10. Maybe you will.

NETFLIX:

THE BUCKET LIST (2007)

starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman
Rating: 8 / 10

I am and have always been a Jack Nicholson fan. So it doesn't matter how bad the movie is - I will look past the flaws. But actors choose their movies, and you won't see the A list actors in rubbish movies. Both Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman agreed to act in this movie with a great story line.

Jack Nicholson plays a billionaire and Freeman a car mechanic who, as complete strangers, ends up in the same hospital room. They both have terminal cancer and feel very sorry for themselves, try to come to terms with who they are and what they have done with their lives. They then start discussing things that they would have loved to do before they die. Their bucket lists. They escape from hospital, and off they go - to all those wonderful places in the world.

This is maybe where the script writers' imagination ran away with them just a little too much. They climb the pyramids in Egypt which I tried to do, but what was almost impossible - not only because it's illegal but it's almost humanly impossible. The backdrop of the pyramids look a bit photoshopped, and 2 terminally ill ageing guys climb it with ease. But never mind that. The viewer visits glorious places around the globe with these 2 guys who are now best friends, and they stay in fabulous hotels. They eat out in top restaurants.

Besides the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt, they visit Machu Picchu in Peru, they go on safari in Africa, they visit the Taj Mahal in India, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Great Wall of China and many more.

A good end to the movie that leaves you wondering who is who. If you like these 2 actors, traveling and the good things in life, then this movie is for you.

THE HIGHWAYMEN (2019)

starring Kevin Costner, Woody Harrelson, Kathy Bates and many more.
Rating: 7 / 10

Another angle on Bonnie and Clyde. Two former Texas Rangers get hired to go after Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. This movie is based on true events and you kind of know what's going to happen, but deep down hope it won't.

It never really gets slow, and you have more than enough reason to keep watching. The acting is great, costumes and settings from the Bonnie and Clyde era exactly as it should be, and the story a good one. A nice one to watch before late night golf starts on a Sunday night.

Altie's Book Review

DONKERDRIF deur Deon Meyer (9/10)

Hierdie is die gewildste Suid-Afrikaanse skrywer se nuutste en myns insiens sy beste. Persoonlik het ek mooi agterent-vol begin raak om elke ander bladsy in van sy vorige boeke van sy drankprobleem te lees. Lees jy van sy ouer boeke met 'n glasie wyn in die hand, voel jy gou om die wyn in Oros en water te verander. Hierdie boek is anders. Kaptein Bennie Griesel - bobaas speurder wat met sy sangeres vriendin in die Kaap teen die hange van Tafelberg woon, blyk oor sy ergste drankdors te wees. Sy speurbrein is nog so wakker soos altyd.

In hierdie lywige 464 bladsy boek, reis ons tussen die Waterfront in Kaapstad na Stellenbosch waar die meeste van die storie afspeel. In kort trek die storie baie na 'n Markus Jooste tipe man wat op sy weelderige plaas in Jonkershoek besig is om sy eiendomme te verkoop om geld weg te steek. 'n Beeldskone getroude Stellenbosse eiendomsagent maak vir haarself die lewe baie moeilik na 'n besoek op sy plaas waar hy vatterig wil raak. Saam met haar hou die leser asem op vir die volle duur van die boek en wonder hoe sy haarself uit 'n yslike verknorsing gaan kry. Intussen is Griesel en sy speurmaat onwetend besig om die net al hoe nouer te span om hierdie ryk man se verdwyning asook 'n Waterfront afspraakmoord op te los.

Dis juis oor hierdie verknorsing dat die boek 'n halwe ster verloor. Ons almal sou daardie penarie heeltemal anders hanteer het, en juis daarom is die "penarie" half onwerklik. Maar dan sou ons seker nie hierdie boek gehad het nie...

Die storie spring vernuftig rond tussen die moord en die verdwyning, en juis daarom raak dit moeilik om neer te sit. Die feit dat daar so min karakters in die storie is, maak dit egter maklik om hom vir 'n paar dae neer te sit, en soos ek 'n ander boek te lees, om dan weer oor so 'n week of wat later weer die storie dadelik op tel, en nie wanneer daar baie karakters in 'n boek is, eers moet terugblaai om te sien wie's wie nie.

Soos dit 'n lekkerlees boek betaam, kry die kroeks lekker op hul alie en als werk mooi uit. Behalwe vir die einde van die boek, wat op die laaste bladsy nog 'n halwe ster verloor oor die einde verrassend anders te maak as wat ons voor gehoop het. Hier moet jy maar self lees, maar moenie soos my Debietjie na 'n paar bladsye einde toe blaai nie. Jy gaan die hele boek vir jouself bederf.

Koop die boek. Die gemiddelde prys van R300 vir 'n boek naby 500 bladsye dik, is oor en oor die geld werd. Leen hom nadat jy klaar gelees het vir die kinders, die bure en vir ouma en oupa in die ouetehuis. Almal sal hom geniet.

ME ELTON JOHN by Elton John (10/10)

Anton Rupert once said that life is all about luck. I am one for success stories, and that is why I simply could not book this book down from the moment I paged through it at Bargain Books. Elton John was damn lucky.

Reginald Dwight who changed his name in the beginning years of his music career to Elton John, is clearly a perfectionist. That is why this book is the perfect book for any fan of modern music, and especially for those of us who dreamt of becoming music superstars when we were young - or even still dream of that. The reason why the book is perfect is because Elton John tells it all. And if you have watched the movie Rocket Man (lightly based on the book), don't despair - the book is far better than the movie and is in my view 2 separate stories. The movie leaves out too many juicy page turning stories and it felt like it was rushing through the book at the speed of light - or in this case, the speed of a rocket.

It starts off by the young Reggie Dwight who showed talent on the home piano, which his nanny owned. At the age of 3 he picked up (by ear) the melodies of songs and played them. His mom and gran sent him for music lessons, and eventually, at the young age of 11 his teacher put his name forward for the Royal Academy of Music in London. This was his first lucky break. He admitted that he was and never will be a lyric writer. His demo tapes were turned down time and again because he also admitted that he never had a voice of a superstar. It was only that he persisted and one of the record producers felt sorry for him and to get rid of him, handed him a sealed envelope of another hopeful young man who hoped his lyrics could be used by someone who could put music to those lyrics. The sealed envelope contained a number of lyrics penned down by a young hopeful called Bernie Taupin. Elton John went home with that envelope and immediately composed the music to all those lyrics. Amongst those lyrics was Your Song. What a break for both of them.

But he had to get famous and people to want to see and listen to him. He wore thick glasses and had receding hair. That way he could never get famous, and he started wearing colourful, clowny outfits and later flashy glasses. Combined with that he did handstands on the piano, and soon he filled the beer halls where he played and music companies started taking an interest. He had a great manager, and they say once you make it in America you're made for life. He became an overnight worldwide sensation overnight, and with Bernie Taupin producing lyrics like Tiger Woods produced birdies, he produced best selling albums one after the other.

The book takes you behind the scenes of rock concerts. It introduces you to world famous rock stars that Elton met through the years and he is not scared to tell you who he disliked and why. David Bowie for one gets quite a tongue lashing. But the stories of his friendship with Rod Stewart and Freddie Mercury and the many, many pages of their extravagant dinner parties and gifts to one another makes you read and even re-read the pages. An original Rembrandt painting as a gift to Rod Stewart! Throw in lunch with the Queen Mother, details of his friendship with Lady Diana. Liberace, Elvis, John Lennon and many others, and you are hooked.

He goes into great detail of his (former) love for Vodka Martinis, and cocaine - in fact any substance under the sun. The drama that those cocktails caused during the filming of the music video I'm Still Standing in Southern France - one of my favorite music videos of all times.

It tells you in great detail of his other big luck in life - how we battled the addictions and came clean. He goes into detail of his love life - both with girls and guys. He touches on his brief marriage to Renata.

The hard cover is 364 pages with beautiful pics - mostly in colour. If you're a music fan, buy the hardcover. The paper back only comes with b&w pics and the writing is too small. This is as perfect an autobiography as you will ever get.

Member Feature

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR LATEST BOLAND NOMAD:

MICHAEL (MIKE) KOSTER

How old are you?

34 years old

Are you married?

Not married yet but have been with Leanne for 6 years. We have a son called Scotty and he turned 1 this month

Profession?

I have been a stonemason for 16 years.

Tell us more about the business you're in:

I started my own company, Marble Tech, 4 years ago and we are refiners of all types of natural and engineered stone. Mainly fabricate and install kitchen counters, bathroom vanities, bar counters and wall claddings

Favorite golf course?

The Links at Fancourt.

Favorite hole:

Favourite hole, even though it's not at my favourite course, would have to be the 18th at Pinnacle point.

Home club?

Home club is Port Shepstone but i play most of my golf at Somerset West.

Greatest moment in golf:

It has to be my lowest round which was 64 bogey free.

Favorite food and drink:

Definitely ribs and wings and favourite drink is Guinness.

Favorite restaurant:

Jordan Restaurant

Favorite / dream country (other than SA):

Wouldn't mind living in Bali.

Bucket list?

If it's golf related then I would like to play the top 20 courses in the world.

If it's not golf related I'd like to travel the world with my Mrs and son until we get sick of it.

Your dream fourball would be? You and which 3 persons?

Jack Nicklaus, Morgan Freeman and Sir Donald Bradman.

Why did you join Nomads?

I love being around like minded people and having fun.



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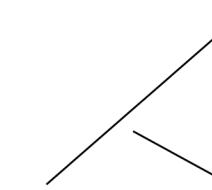
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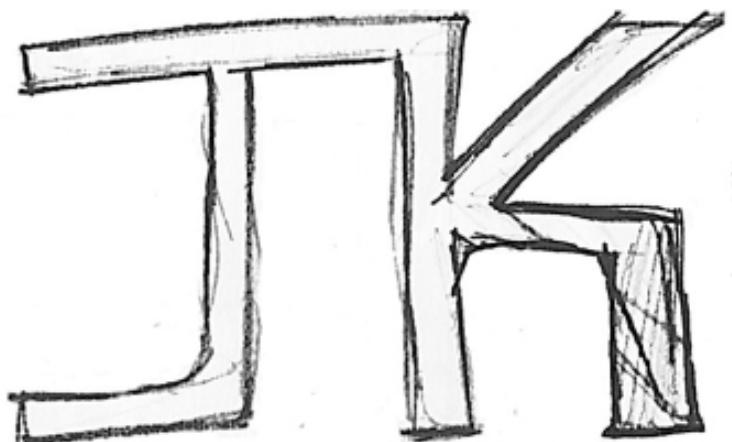
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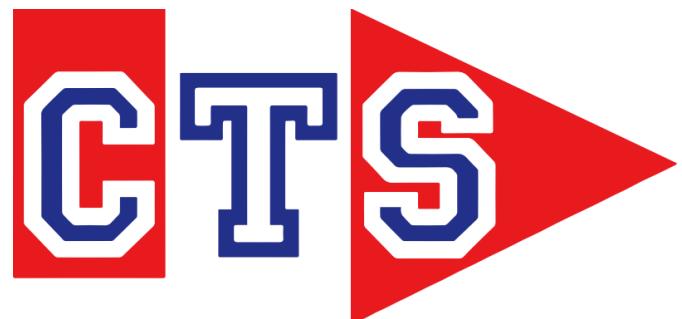


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