



Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# 18<sup>th</sup> BOTSWANA NATIONALS 2018

## INVITATION #1



Greetings all fellow Nomads, are we all ready for a 'RUMBLE' of a time?? The Lilac Breasted Roller is the National Bird of Botswana, vivid and colourful,- so Roll on in and be part of our Nationals Rumble!!!

We are out the blocks with our 18<sup>th</sup> Botswana National Tournament, the "ROLLER RUMBLE" to be held at Gaborone Golf Club (GGC) from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018. GGC have kindly hosted us again for 2018, in conjunction with AVANI Hotel and Resort (all brand new now!!), while Phakalane Resort & Hotel revamp their Facilities ready for 2019!!



Roller Rumble  
2018 Nationals

We are renowned for our two-day 'Colourful liquid' format and great course conditions after generous summer rains, with a maximum of 240 players, so make sure you get your registration form to **your coordinator** timeously to prevent disappointment! Allocations currently are RSA 75, Zimbabwe 50, Swaziland 15, Others 15, Botswana 75 and Sponsors 10. Please make sure that your local coordinator has all the necessary information to forward to Rick Dunlop-Jones for the registration process to be made as streamlined as possible. Remember all entry fees (P1300 or R1600, US\$130 for everyone!) are to be paid **in advance** to your coordinator.

**All entry fees are to be paid before the event. No cash/foreign currency will be accepted on the day of registration. No Pre-pay - No Play**

**\*\*\* ACCOMODATION AT AVAINI HOTEL** - right next door - At the now refurbished (and finished!!) Luxury Hotel, Rooms P790 single, P950-00 per night sharing (**Bed and breakfast included**), the booking code for Nomads will be **NOM0917\_003**, and use this link to book and secure on line [Nomads 2018 Booking Link](#); we have block booked hotel rooms with them, to be allocated on a first book, first serve basis!! **OR** - please contact AVANI direct to book on **+267-3616000** and get confirmation from them just to be sure.

Coordinators, please send your team info (in the form of an Excel spreadsheet attached) to Rick Dunlop-Jones at [rick@kingsley.co.bw](mailto:rick@kingsley.co.bw) copied myself at [steve@bjbuilders.co.bw](mailto:steve@bjbuilders.co.bw) and payment in full by the **13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, so that we can allocate players, carts, etc and have the draw done at least three weeks before the event. **Bank account details are on Page 8 below, our main Sponsor being, STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA.**

**We look forward to seeing all of you for another great Botswana Bash!!**

*Steve Smith*



**NATIONALS COORDINATOR 2018**



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **COURSE AND NOMADS ETIQUETTE**

Players must report daily to Registration at the Tournament Office at least 20 minutes before their tee-off time and to the Tee Starters at least 10 minutes before their tee-off time. Please note that GGC average playing time is 4.5 hours, so speed up play at every opportunity.

**The first player in the fourball is the Captain and he is responsible for the following:**

- Maintaining the positioning of his fourball in the field and keeping up with the fourball ahead. (NOT ahead of the fourball behind).
- Handing in the scorecards with P20.00 from the lowest scoring player and remaining at score control units until the cards have been checked.

### **DRESS CODE**

No Nomad should have to be reminded of the dress code at Prize Giving and on the course. As guests at AVANI HOTEL there is no special casual dress code.

### **CADDIE FEES AND CARTS**

The minimum caddie fee per round is **P200.00, payable at the pro shop, and the halfway lunch voucher is sponsored this year - tip optional.** The refreshments offered on sponsor holes are NOT for the caddies.

**CARTS** at GGC are limited, we will do our best with member carts available, and coordinators must prioritise any medical cases first. Those who may bring their own carts please mark on your entry form, it all helps.



## **BAG STORAGE**

Golf bags may be stored free of charge at the club changerooms. In the interests of security, tags will be issued at registration, no bags will be issued to caddies which are not accompanied by players. Storage facilities will operate from 06h00 to 18h00. Clubs can be stored from 14h00 on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, but from Saturday all bags must be out be taken by individuals to rooms, etc. A Limited numbers of lockers may be available in the change rooms daily for players, we will arrange small locks and keys and a deposit system.

## **MEALS**

Breakfast will be served at the hotel for those staying there, or at GGC Halfway house from 6.00am. A lunch/bar menu will be served throughout the day from 11h00 in or near the Cowboy Bar. Dinners will be served at prize giving on both Friday and Saturday evenings, at the HOTEL. A Welcome braai and VIP cocktail party will take place THURSDAY evening after flag raising at GGC - a cash bar will be available!!

## **GOLFERS' HALFWAY HOUSE**

In the interest of speeding up play, halfway refreshments will be on a grab and go basis at the Clubhouse, and is included in your registration fee **(As per draw lists daily)**. There will not be facilities for a sit-down break. Please do not waste any unnecessary time and move on to the next tee timeously. Additional refreshments may be offered on certain short holes and must be taken without delay.

## **BARS/COWBOY BAR**

The main bar will operate at GGC for the duration of the tournament. Trading hours will be from 10h00 to approximately 22h00. **The Cowboy Bar will operate from 11h00 each day to 6pm, next to the main clubhouse, and a cash bar will be available.**



## **BANKING FACILITIES**

ATM's are at the AVANI HOTEL for Pula forex on VISA/MASTERCARD basis, and cater for many different banks, just clear with your local bank before leaving for Botswana. We will update on any change on this.

## **ADDITIONAL LUCKY DRAWS**

Draw tickets at P50.00 per day will be available at registration to put you in the running to win fantastic prizes. (P100.00 for both days to be paid at registration).

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Limited Practice facilities are available at GGC, comprising of the following:

- On the course the day before, P180 green fees.
- Putting and bunker green adjacent to the first tee.
- BlueTree Driving range nearby, free access vouchers and balls for Nomads for the weekend.

## **CALL-UP RULE**

The call-up rule will apply on all Par 3's.

## **HANDICAPS & TEES**

Starting handicaps for the tournament are calculated as follows:

- The average handicap of the player for his last six Nomads games, subject to a minimum handicap of two below his club handicap as at mid August 2016. Club Captains /Coordinators must supply average handicaps, latest at registration. During the tournament a player's handicap may not exceed his club handicap. **It is the player's responsibility to inform the control officials should the handicap information on his scorecard be incorrect.**



- The divisional partition handicaps are determined by the Tournament Rules Committee before the start of the tournament with a view to dividing the field into equal numbers for the three divisions. **No player may change his handicap or division as indicated on his card without consulting score control officials.**
- **SENIOR TEES** - *GGC does lend itself to having some Senior Tees, these will be in force and applicable for those who qualify under Nomads regulations and Handicap rules accordingly. Coordinators to clarify individuals on entry lists.*

### BASIC TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

#### REGISTRATION

Registration will be at Gaborone Golf Club, during the following times:

- **BOTSWANA NOMADS** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 14h00 till 20h00
- **ALL VISITORS** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 14h00 till 20h00

#### GOLF TEE-OFF TIMES

There will be morning and afternoon fields starting at approximately 06:30 to 09:00 with players teeing off in 8-minute intervals and 11:00 until 13:30 with players teeing off in 8-minute intervals.

#### FLAG RAISING AND LOWERING

17:30 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
 18:00 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

- Flag Raising Ceremony at GGC.
- Flag Lowering Ceremony at GGC.



**PRIZE GIVING FUNCTIONS**

Prize giving will start promptly at 19h15 at the AVANI HOTEL. All Nomads are expected to be seated in the function area by 19h00. Players who cannot attend prize giving (for some emergency reason) must inform their Captain of their club so that, in the event of their winning prizes, someone is present to collect the prize on their behalf.

**DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Dinners will be served from 20h15 on Friday and 21h00 on Saturday. There will be music entertainment Thursday at the braai, and live entertainment Friday and Saturday nights at AVANI HOTEL.

**NO SMOKING AREAS**

**No smoking allowed in demarcated public areas that include the marquee, the certain areas of the clubhouse, restaurant and the change rooms.**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**TOURNAMENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

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|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| • Steve Smith           | +267 71302409 | Nationals Coordinator 2018             |
| • Tim Calvert           | +267 71303818 | National Captain 2018                  |
| • Guy Zondag            | +267 72192972 | Vice-Captain/Membership 2018           |
| • Steven (Taff)Williams | +267 71788705 | Discipline/Competitions Assistant 2018 |
| • Venu Desaraju         | +267 71601373 | Competitions Samson 2018               |
| • Rick Dunlop Jones     | +267 71321760 | Registration 2018                      |
| • Barry Malan           | +267 72120251 | Treasurer 2018                         |
| • Ooma Reddy            | +267 72301424 | Sponsors 2018                          |
| • Neil Withey           | +267 71301408 | Equipment 2018                         |
| • Ish Mphofu            | +267 71317204 | Away Tours 2018                        |
| • Adam St Quintin       | +267 74408245 | PR & Comms 2018                        |
| • Richard Hope          | +267 71309112 | Secretary 2016                         |
| • Brent Rouse           | +267 72106688 | Nationals Assistant Prizes             |
| • Trevor Burnett        | +267 72161510 | GGC Secretary                          |



## **NOMADS RULES OF PLAY AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

A Member of this committee may be called upon for a score ruling. All matters must be resolved before prize giving on that particular day. In the event of a disciplinary issue, the committee will be:

- Steve Smith, Tim Calvert, and Steven "Taff" Williams

## **INTERRUPTED OR CURTAILED PLAY**

In the event of rain or lightning, play may be interrupted or curtailed. The decision will be taken by 2 of the following members:

- Steve Smith, Tim Calvert and Steven "Taff" Williams

## **Bank Details**

### **STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA**

Branch: Fairgrounds  
Type: Current Acct  
Br Code: 064967  
Acct No: 9060001631573  
Swift Code: SBICBWGX  
Name: NOMADS BOTSWANA  
Ref: Surname/Country

**OR**

### **FIRST NATIONAL BANK BOTSWANA**

Branch: Mall Branch  
Type: Current Acct  
Br Code: 282867  
Acct No: 62000667438  
Swift Code: FIRNBWGX  
Name: NOMADS BOTSWANA  
Ref: Surname/Country





We thank all who have assisted in making this National Tournament possible:

## NATIONALS SPONSORS

- STANBIC BANK BOTSWANA
- BARLOWORLD BOTSWANA
- NALEDI MOTORS - MERCEDES BENZ
- BLUETREE WORLD OF GOLF
- CANON BOTSWANA
- BENJU & FINE WINES
- HASKINS AND KONICA MONOLTA
- WINDHOEK LAGER
- NASHUA BOTSWANA
- **SPAR**
- REGENT INSURANCE
- STC/CSB CLEANING
- BULL& BUSH
- PIE CITY

Other sponsors we are confirming in due course that may have committed after the publishing of this document. We thank them for their invaluable support and will update all in our next newsletter!

## LADIES TOURS

We don't have any official trips currently, however, our ladies Nomads may well stir up something special for the Friday. We will keep you posted, there are some lovely venues!!



**18TH BOTSWANA NATIONALS  
"ROLLER RUMBLE"**

**13<sup>TH</sup> September - 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 GABORORNE GOLF CLUB**

**SUMMARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

16h00 Registration Botswana Nomads  
Till 20h00

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

14h00 Registration of visiting Nomads at GGC  
Till Issue of shirts, badges, goody bags etc  
17h30 Flag raising ceremony  
18h00 Welcome Braai for all - welcome by NC - Sponsors and VIP Cocktail Party.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

From 06h45 Golf Day 1.  
19h15 Prize giving and dinner & Entertainment -AVANI HOTEL

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

From 06h45 Golf - Day 2  
18h00 Flag lowering ceremony  
19h30 Final Prize giving, dinner and entertainment. -AVANI HOTEL

**Sunday 16th September 2018 - Visiting Nomads travel home**