

# The Wakehurst Apr 12 Scorecard

Monthly Newsletter of the Sydney North Nomads

## Finally back at Wakehurst

It has been almost 6 years since we last played a monthly game at Wakehurst and it was great playing there again after such a long absence. The wet conditions during the week resulted in preferred lies and judging from the scores, most of the lads struggled a bit on the sodden course. See pics on Page 6.

The contingent of 6 Australians competed in the South African Nomads National Tournament in March in Port Shepstone. Despite rain washing out the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 days of the tournament, it was a great success and compliments must go to the organizing Committee under Tony Fairbairn.

Sadly, we couldn't defend the Tri Nations and 5 Nations Trophies and we ended up runners up to the eventual winners, South Africa. The Aussie lads got on

famously with a number of the Lowveld guys and we at least managed to take their hard earned Rands off them.

Well done to Tom Surtees who ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the C Division and the winner of the Eclectic Trophy.

Steve Betts is running in the Sydney Half marathon so please get behind him in his efforts to raise money for the Cancer Council. He does have a calf injury so we hope he'll be fit in time for the race (Page 4).

We take on Souths in a challenge match in early May which will become an annual event.

Cheers

*Mark Howard-Browne*

## Nomads



## Australia

**SYDNEY NORTH**

**Captain:**

**Myles Craye**

**Vice Captain:**

**David Twycross**

**Secretary:**

**Des Boucher**

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## Golf at Royal Nairobi

It takes real commitment to play on the Royal Nairobi course. It is bounded on three sides by a wildlife reserve, the wildlife of which do not necessarily feel hesitant about grazing on greens or golfers, according to palate preferences.

The young Mormon missionary had great faith even as he sliced his tee shot into a pretty rugged area off the course. He knew he'd find his ball and he did between the forelegs of a huge and hungry lion.

As he fell quivering to his knees before the great beast the young man began to pray and to his astonishment the lion knelt also.

"Glory be to God," exclaimed the young evangelist, "a practising Christian lion."

"Rowrrl," roared the lion, "quiet while I'm saying grace!"

## Upcoming events:

- 20 May game  
Liverpool
- 17 June game  
Lynwood
- 29 July game  
Mona Vale
- 19 August game  
Kooindah Waters



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*The Scorecard Editor*

**Mark Howard-Browne**

## Wife's and Husband's Diaries

### Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much.

*A five putt...who the hell five putts?*

**I asked him what was wrong; He said, 'Nothing.' I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behaviour. I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.'**

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep; I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

### Husband's Diary:

A five putt...who the hell five putts?

## Zimbabwe National Tournament

### Zimbabwe Nationals - Sunday, June 10 – Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The 31st National committee is now hard at work finalising the event which takes place next month. The tournament will be played at Zimbabwe's premier wetland course, the Brooke. The 6,438 metre layout was designed by Peter Matkovich and winds through the picturesque countryside. It offers a variety of shots from varying lies, over the many water features to well guarded Bent grass greens.

The course is a bird watchers paradise with over 150 species of wet and dry land birds. They also hope birdies of the other variety will also be in abundance. The club is about 15 kilometres from the city centre and under 30 kilometres from Harare international Airport.

The course is in close proximity to Pandhari lodge and there are numerous lodges and B & B's in the area. Shuttles will run from these designated hostelrys to the Course.

*The tournament will be played at Zimbabwe's premier wetland course, the Brooke*

## Injury to a Scottish Golfer

*"No, no, Lassie, It's my ball"*

The old golfer paced anxiously up and down outside the emergency room of the East Lothian Hospital near Muirfield Golf Course. Inside the doctors were operating to remove a golf ball accidentally driven down a player's throat.

The sister-in-charge noticed the old golfer and went to reassure him.

"It won't be long now," she said. "You're a relative?"

"No, no, lassie. It's my ball."



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# WINNERS from Long Reef – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012

<b>A Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chris Bredenhann (8)</b>	<b>30 Points</b>
	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Deon Deetlefs (16)</b>	<b>28 Points</b>
<b>B Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Jason Drever (15)</b>	<b>36 Points</b>
	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Dave Twycross (15)</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
<b>C Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Michael Crawford (20)</b>	<b>37 Points</b>
	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Gary Bower (21)</b>	<b>36 Points</b>
<b>Nearest the pin</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Chris Bredenhann (8)</b>	
	<b>8th</b>	<b>Andre Kemp (17)</b>	
<b>Longest Drive</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>Rhys Hilsdon(2)</b>	
<b>Most Golf and the Crying Towel</b>		<b>Anton Ekxteen (10)</b>	<b>21 Points</b>
<b>Player of the day</b>		<b>Michael Crawford (37)</b>	<b>37 Points</b>

## South African Nomads Tournament – March 2012

From 10 to 16 March 2012, Port Shepstone Country Club played host to the 47th Nomads Nationals 2012. 360 golfers comprising 15 teams from South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Australia descended on Port Shepstone for the week long tournament. John Beekman, the Port Shepstone Country Club chairman, welcomed the combatants at the Flag Raising Ceremony on Saturday evening.

The tournament started on the Sunday only to be cut short by torrential rain. With 380 mm in 24 hours play was washed out completely on Monday. All credit must go to the grounds staff for their sterling work in getting the course playable on Tuesday. As a result the tournament was reduced to three rounds.

Australia was represented by Derrick Jones, Tom Surtees, Des Boucher, Myles Craye, Johan Landsberg and Mark Howard-Browne. Unfortunately, the Australian Team could not defend the Tri Nations and 5 Nations Trophies they won in 2011, coming second in both competitions this time.

Some notable achievements were:

- Johan Landsberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> in C Division on Day 4 with 36 points
- Mark Howard-Browne, Best Playing Fourball on Day 6, with Norman Leys (Gauteng), Moeketsi Machogo (Free State) and Sydney Mogafe (Border)
- Tom Surtees, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the C Division and 1<sup>st</sup> in Eclectic Competition

Congratulations to the Nomads Nationals coordinator, Tony Fairburn, and his Committee for a sterling effort.

Next year's tournament will be hosted by Easterns Nomads at Ebotse Golf Club near Benoni (below)

*Australian  
Contingent  
lose 3 and 5  
Nations to  
South Africa*



*Ebotse Golf & Country Estate, designed by Peter Matkovich and Hayes Golf Course Architects is a links styled course. Using the natural terrain and an old quarry pit, the architects were able to create an impressive 18-hole course with varying degrees of difficulty but all with breathtaking views.*

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## Bubba's Amazing Masters Shot

*Bubba wins the 2<sup>nd</sup> playoff hole at the Masters at Augusta with this special shot*



No doubt you have heard about the shot by Bubba Watson out of the woods on the second playoff hole.....

When the rest of us play golf; it only goes like this when we want to hit one straight.

## Steve Betts enters the SMH Half Marathon for Cancer Council

Hey guys,

I am signed up to run the SMH half marathon in May to raise as much money as possible for the Cancer Council NSW.

I have recently been fortunate enough to get to know some of the people who work for this great cause and what they do there is pretty incredible. So, any donations to help them in their quest will be very gratefully received, no matter how big or small.

You can visit my fundraising page at:

[http://www.everydayhero.com.au/stephen\\_betts](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/stephen_betts)

Many thanks all, really appreciate all the support.

Wish me luck!

Kind regards,

Steve Betts  
Past Captain 2011

*Support Steve Betts raising money for the Cancer Council*

*Gary Sherwood, equity partner at RSM Bird Cameron has kindly donated the Player of the Month Trophy and also sponsors golf balls. For all your auditing, accounting and taxation needs, please call Gary on 0438 923 535*

**RSM! Bird Cameron**

# WINNERS from Wakehurst – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012

<b>A Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Abi Vikram (9)</b>	<b>33 Points</b>
	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Gary Mulder (10)</b>	<b>31 Points</b>
<b>B Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Steve Murphy (14)</b>	<b>33 Points</b>
	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Barry Schutte (14)</b>	<b>31 Points</b>
<b>C Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Selwyn Vos (20)</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Allan Berlinsky (19)</b>	<b>34 Points</b>
<b>Closest to pin</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> hole</b>	<b>Mark Howard-Browne (20)</b>	
	<b>13<sup>th</sup> hole</b>	<b>Kevin Daly Snr (9)</b>	
	<b>16<sup>th</sup> hole</b>	<b>Kevin Loggenberg (10)</b>	
<b>Longest Drive</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> hole</b>	<b>Johan Landsberg (10)</b>	
<b>Player of the day</b>		<b>Selwyn Vos (20)</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
<b>Crying Towel (Most Golf)</b>		<b>Deon Deetlefs (16)</b>	<b>19 Points</b>

## A "Freshie" Q&A

### Question 1:

If a golfer stands over the ball in the rough and has a "freshie" only to later discover that it wasn't his ball, does the "freshie" count and what is the penalty?

### Answer 1:

Firstly we must define a stroke. A stroke is the forward movement of the club with the intention of fairly striking the ball. If the player stops his swing before striking the ball a stroke has not been made.

Thus the player has made a stroke as it was his intention to strike the ball even though it was a wrong ball.

### Question 2:

If at the recent monthly game at Wakehurst, you are playing in a knock out match with your brother and has a "freshie" on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, do you:

- think OMG!, WTF!, we're not going to win this match,
- roll around on the floor hysterical with laughter,
- consider this to be "karma" when he got a 5 year Nomad's tie and you didn't,
- call home and ask your mother whether he's adopted,
- wonder why he was given the name "Milton",
- all of the above?

### Answer 2:

*(Ed: At the time of printing, we were still waiting for the answer from Jason Drever)*

A "freshie" isn't necessarily someone who has just entered an English speaking country, and has poor English skills and has a very odd and mocked accent

## Pussy Willows

A husband and wife were out playing golf. They tee off and one drive goes to the right and one drive goes to the left. The wife finds her ball in a patch of buttercups. She grabs a club and takes a mighty swing at the ball. She hits a beautiful second shot, but in the process she hacks the hell out of the buttercups.

Suddenly a woman appears out of nowhere. She blocks her path to her golf bag and looks at her and says, "I'm Mother Nature, and I don't like the way you treated my buttercups. From now on, you won't be able to stand the taste of butter. Each time you eat butter you will become physically ill to the point of total nausea." The mystery woman then disappears as quickly as she appeared.

Shaken, the wife calls out to her husband "Hey, where's your ball?"

"It's over here in the pussy willows."

The wife screams back, "DON'T HIT THE BALL!!!! DON'T HIT THE BALL!!!!"

*Neels Schutte and Istvan Mihalik are the owners of Thyme Square café and restaurant in Hornsby. Neels and Istvan have generously provided vouchers as prizes for our monthly competition. Take your wife/partner for a delicious dinner and be sure to try the South African wine and beer.*



Photos from Wakehurst



Winner of the A Division – Abi Vikram



Runner Up in the B Division – Barry Schutte



Winner of the C Div & Player of the Day – Selwyn Vos



Runner Up in the C Division – Allan Berlinsky



Longest Drive (17<sup>th</sup>) – Johan Landsberg



Closest to pin (5<sup>th</sup>) – Mark Howard-Browne



Closest to pin (13<sup>th</sup>) – Kevin Daly



Closest to pin (13<sup>th</sup>) – Kevin Loggenberg



April Inductee – Gary Bower



Crying Towel – Deon Deetlefs

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## Quick Quotes

**On a possible injury to Rory McElroy -- "Fortunately, Rory is only 22 years old, so his right wrist should be the strongest muscle in his body."**

"That ball is so far left, Lassie couldn't find it if it was wrapped in bacon."

**"I am sorry Nick Faldo couldn't be here this week. He is busy attending the birth of his next wife."**

On Jim Furyk's swing -- "It looks like an octopus falling out of a tree."

**On Luke Donald's recent success -- "He's a bloody walking ATM. I slid my AmEx card between the cheeks of his ass and out popped \$500."**

Describing VJ Singh's prodigious practice regime -- "VJ hits more balls than Elton John's chin."

**"That was a great shot -- if they'd put the pin there today."**

"All you need for a happy life is good health and a bad memory."

**Describing a player's tee shot -- "Everything moves except his bowels."**

"Watching Phil Mickelson play golf is like watching a drunk chasing a balloon near the edge of a cliff."

*"VJ hits more balls than Elton John's chin."*

## Ruben Sondjaja tells us what he was up to in March

Dear Nomads,



Hope everyone is doing well. I just wanted to give a quick update on my progress at the Trans Tasman Cup.

The Trans Tasman Cup has been running for many years dating back to 1993. It is a friendly rivalry between Australia and New Zealand. Played every two years, it consists of four categories of four players each. They include: junior girls, junior boys, women's and men's. Each play foursomes and singles match play over 4 rounds. This year, the tournament was held at Melbourne's Peninsula Golf Club (north course).

Australia was dominant throughout the week to win the overall Trans Tasman Cup comfortably, defeating New Zealand 34.5 to 13.5 points. The Australian Junior Boys defeated the Kiwis 9-3 to retain the Junior Tasman Cup. Throughout the week, I was able to remain undefeated, winning my foursome matches 1up and 4/3 and my single matches 5/4 and 5/4.

It was a great experience representing Australia and I want to take this opportunity to thank all Nomads, for supporting junior golf and myself.

In April, I have a couple of events coming up. I will be competing in the Australian Boys Championships and the Australian Interstate Series held in Queensland. I will keep you guys updated.

Once again, thank you. Happy golfing,

Ruben Sondjaja



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Australians at Council Meeting



Myles, Johan, Mark, Tom, Derrick and Des represent Australian Nomads



Flag raising on eve of tournament



Rain washes out the opening day's competition



9th green on Monday – again no play



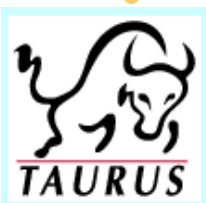
Derrick Jones (left) with SA Captain, John Lees (in Australian colours)



Mark Howard-Browne (2<sup>nd</sup> left) in Best Playing 4 ball (136 points)



Tom Surtees (left) – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in C Division and winner of Eclectic Trophy



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## Craig Joubert plays at Pymble

In April, Craig Joubert (2011 RWC Final Referee), en route to referee in New Zealand, stopped off in Sydney and a golf game was arranged at Pymble Golf Club by Gordon Hatch. Sadly that was all that Gordon organised as it p\*ssed down with rain from the 4<sup>th</sup> hole.

Despite the atrocious conditions, Craig shot a 1 under 71 (his 1<sup>st</sup> sub par round) and this off an 8 handicap. Thank goodness Gary Mulder wasn't there to play this time as he would have had a whinge and a coronary. The last time Craig played with Gary he shot a 78 at Wakehurst (off a 12)...Gaz was seriously unhappy to hand over \$50!

His handicapper at Selbourne GC has been informed of his exploits as we wouldn't want him to be referred to as the "Bryce Lawrence of the Golf Course"



Rob Bannon, Craig Joubert, Mark Howard-Browne and Gordon Hatch, warm and dry in the club house after being absolutely drenched earlier.

## Golf Ethical Question

What if you were playing in the club championship tournament finals and the match was halved at the end of 17 holes?

You had the honour and hit your ball a modest two hundred fifty yards to the middle of the fairway, leaving a simple six iron to the pin.

Your opponent then hits his ball, lofting it deep into the woods to the right of the fairway.

Being the golfing gentleman that you are, you help your opponent look for his ball.

Just before the permitted five minute search period ends, your opponent says: "Go ahead and hit your second shot and if I don't find it in time, I'll concede the match."

You hit your ball, landing it on the green, stopping about ten feet from the pin. About the time your ball comes to rest, you hear your opponent exclaim from deep in the woods: "I found it!"

The second sound you hear is a click, the sound of a club striking a ball and the ball comes sailing out of the woods and lands on the green, stopping no more than six inches from the hole.

### Now here is the ethical dilemma:

Do you pull the cheating bastard's ball out of your pocket and confront him with it or do you keep your mouth shut?

*"Do you pull the cheating bastard's ball out of your pocket..."*

## Smashing Time!

In Port Shepstone, one of the Western Province Nomads was very unfortunate to have parked his car under a tree whose massive branch broke off and almost totalled his Merc.

A tournament sponsors, Budget, kindly loaned him a car so that he could get around during the week and get home at the end of the tournament. Fantastic work, Budget!



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