

# The Mona Vale Jan 12 Scorecard

Monthly Newsletter of the Sydney North Nomads

## Happy New Year and hope 2012 is a smash

Well, by the time this reaches you, the hot cross buns will already be adorning the supermarket shelves and there will only be 320 odd shopping days to Christmas...

The results from Mona Vale are on Page 2 and with the editor's name appearing twice, Past Captain, Steve Betts wants to play with him at St Michaels as he's not sure if it's a misprint (x2) last having played with Mark in 2008 at Newcastle and Pacific Dunes.

In 2012 the Peter Thomson Knock-out competition reverts back to the team competition and starts in February at long Reef – see details on Page 2.

It has been fantastic to follow the progress of our Nomads

Ambassador, Jordan Zunic of Jack Newton Junior Golf and once again he keeps us informed of his progress narrowly losing out in the semi-final of the Australian Amateur Tournament (Page 3).

We bid farewell to Tom Surtees who returns to South Africa with his family in early February (P7).

On Page 8 we introduce January's newest member, Steve Hulley, who has the distinction of being inducted, winning the Crying Towel and the Cash Draw all at the same game at Mona Vale. This trifecta has never been achieved before in the history of Nomads.

Smooth swing and sweet blows!

Cheers

*Mark Howard-Browne*

## Nomads



## Australia

### SYDNEY NORTH

#### Captain:

Myles Craye

#### Vice Captain:

David Twycross

#### Secretary:

Des Boucher

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## South African 2012 Nomads Tournament

The South African Nomads Nationals Tournament is being hosted in Port Shepstone this year. Nomads Sydney North Club will be sending 6 delegates along with Wayne Richardson from Queensland.

Derrick Jones, our National President, Myles Craye, our Captain, Tom Surtees, Des Boucher, Mark Howard-Browne and Jo Landsberg will be winging it to South Africa in March to represent Australia in this prestigious event.

This tournament, hosted by the Nomads Southern Natal, is the largest amateur golf competition in the world and will be played over a week at the Port Shepstone Country Club from 10 to 16 March 2012. Free liver transplants on their return!

### Upcoming events:

- 19 February game St Michaels
- 10-16 March SA Nationals at Port Shepstone
- 18 March game Long Reef
- 22 April game Wakehurst

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The Scorecard Editor

Mark Howard-Browne

# WINNERS from Mona Vale – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012

A Division	Winner	Cuan McLaren (11)	34 Points
	Runner-up	Kevin Parker (12)	34 Points
B Division	Winner	Milton Drever (14)	35 Points
	Runner-up	Mark Abela (16)	35 Points
C Division	Winner	Hector West (20)	38 Points
	Runner-up	Mark Howard-Browne (20)	33 Points
Nearest the pin	2nd	Wayne Jorgensen (20)	
	8th	Gary Bower (21)	
	14th	Mark Howard-Browne (20)	
Longest Drive	15th	Andrew Brown (+3)	
Most Golf and the Crying Towel		Steve Hulley (12)	17 Points
Player of the day		Hector West (20)	38 Points

## 2012 Knock Out Tournament

The 2012 Peter Thomson Knock-out Competition reverts back to the “team format” after 3 years of individual competition, with entries limited to 32 teams.

The first round of matches will commence at the March monthly game which will be held at Long Reef GC. The format will be combined medal-stableford points scoring (i.e. “normal” Nomads scoring)

As per usual the plate competition will run for all teams eliminated from 1st round

The entry fee is \$60 per team and **entries close 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

The full rules of the competition will be sent out in an email by the Junior Vice Captain, Mark Howard-Browne, shortly.

*This year it's a team event on the “normal” Nomads scoring*

## Moving Bus

*“You have to know the bus schedule.”*

A foursome approached the sixteenth tee. The straight fairway ran along a road and bike path fenced off on the left. The first golfer teed off and hooked the ball into that direction. But the ball went over the fence and bounced off the bike path onto the road, where it hit the tire of a moving bus and was knocked back on to the fairway.

As they all stood in silent amazement, one man finally asked him, “How on earth did you do that?” He shrugged his shoulders and said, “You have to know the bus schedule.”

(Ed. Much like the shot that Milton hit on the 1<sup>st</sup> at Bayview a few years ago, although his ball was later retrieved in row 16 on a bus travelling towards Wynyard....)

*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*

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## News from Jordan Zunic

Hi Nomads, hope my email finds you all well.

Here's an update on my progress so far in 2012. I played in 3 tournaments in consecutive weeks in January 2012:

- **10-13 Jan - Australian Master of the Amateurs (Royal Melbourne)**

I had rounds of 75, 80, 69 and 72, leaving me at +8 and tied 25th for the tournament. Round 2 was extremely tough with strong winds and rain and our round was called off in the morning as the golf balls would not stay on the greens due to the strong winds!!

- **17-22 Jan - Australian Amateur (Woodlands & Huntingdale)**

I had 78 at Huntingdale and 73 at Woodlands which left me at a total of +7 and 42nd for the qualifying rounds. This was good enough to qualify me into the match play section of the event which was top 64 qualifiers. In the first round of the match play I went up against Neil Raymond from England and playing well I won that match 4/3.

Then the following day I won both my 2nd and 3rd round matches: 7/5 against Jonny Ratcliffe from New Zealand and 1up against Ben Hollis from South Australia. This now put me into the quarter-finals against Victoria's Geoff Drakeford; I kept my good form going into this match and won 3/1 and got me a spot in the semi-finals against Daniel Nisbet from QLD. Unfortunately I lost 5/4 - I played well but he was just too strong. I was very happy with my performance as this was the first time I made the match play section of this tournament.

- **26-29 Jan - Lake Macquarie Amateur Championship (Belmont)**

I had rounds of 70, 74, 75 and 72 which left me at +3 and 40th for the tournament. I started well but just couldn't get anything going in the last 3 rounds.

Also just to inform you of a few tournaments that I will be playing in over the next few weeks:

- 1-3 Feb - NSW Medal (Long Reef & Mona Vale Golf Clubs)
- 10-11 Feb - Avondale Amateur Medal
- 16-19 Feb - Riversdale Cup
- 23-26 Feb - Tasmanian Open (Country Club Tasmania)

I have a lot of tournaments on in the first few months of 2012 but as soon as I have a break I would love to come to one of the monthly NOMADS golf days and catch up with you guys so I will let you know when I'm free.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Kind Regards

**Jordan Zunic**



*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.*

## Cheating

Sam and Becky are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sam says to Becky, "Becky, I was wondering...have you ever cheated on me?"

Becky replies, "Oh Sam, why would you ask such a question now? You don't want to ask that question..."

Yes, Becky, I really want to know. Please..."

"Well, all right. Yes, 3 times..."

"Three? Well, when were they?" he asked.

"Well, Sam, remember when you were 35 years old and you really wanted to start your own business and no bank would give you a loan? Remember, then one day the bank president himself came over to the house and signed the loan papers, no questions asked?"

"Oh, Becky, you did that for me! I respect you even more than ever, to do such a thing for me. So, when was number 2?"

"Well, Sam, remember when you had that last heart attack and you needed that very tricky operation, and no surgeon would touch you? Then remember how Dr. DeBakey came all the way up here, to do the surgery himself, and then you were in good shape again?"

"I can't believe it! Becky, you should do such a thing for me, to save my life. I couldn't have a more wonderful wife. To do such a thing, you must really love me, Darling. I couldn't be more moved. So, all right then, when was number 3?"

"Well, Sam, remember a few years ago, when you really wanted to be president of the Golf Club and you were 17 votes short....?"

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## Our New Membership Officer – Des Boucher

With the resignation of Bob Youngusband, Des Boucher has volunteered his services and now holds dual roles within the committee – his other role is that of Secretary.

Des is required to assist aspiring members through the induction process keeping them informed along the way. Once inducted he has to forward their Golf Link application to Warringah Golf Club so that they can get their official AGU Handicap.

He is the CFO of Auscott Limited and likes nothing better than beating his IT manager, Sean Walsh, at the monthly Nomads matches. Auscott operates world-class farming, marketing and processing enterprises in Australia.

What is it with all these “finance types” on the Committee??? Go figure!!

*“Des Boucher wears two caps and is also the Membership Officer”*

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Another 'silent' sponsor is The Greengate Hotel, in Killara, that gives us, free-of-charge, a meeting room at which we have our monthly Nomads Committee meetings. Take your family and friends down to The Greengate to try out their Portico Restaurant and Bar or just have a beer with mates at the Highway Bay. They have rooms for hire for any size function so have a look at their website: <http://www.greengatehotel.com.au/index.html>





Winner of the A Division – Cuan McLaren



Runner Up in the A Division – Kevin Parker



Runner Up in the B Division – Mark Abela



Runner Up in the C Division – Mark Howard-Browne



Closest to the pin – 2nd - Wayne Jorgensen



Closest to the pin – 8<sup>th</sup> – Gary Bower



Closest to the pin – 14th – Mark Howard-Browne...he's happy and he knows it!



Crying Towel – Steve Hulley



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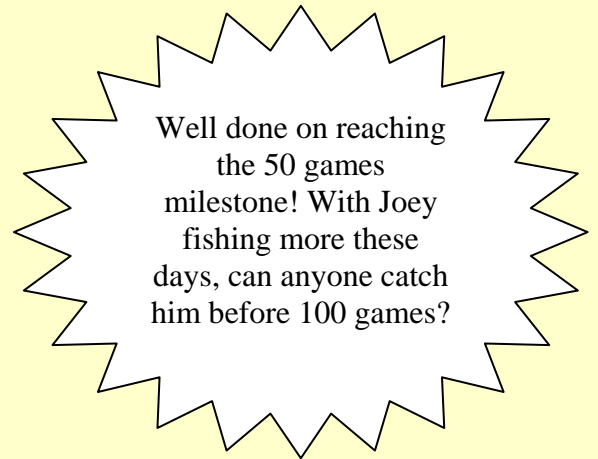
## Games Played - Top Nomads Players

During 2011, we had Johan Landsberg get to 78 games in Nomads Sydney North. We had 4 players that have reached 60 games or more in Nomads since its inception over 7 years ago: Derrick Jones, Myles Craye, Milton Drever and David Wyche. We first started out as Nomads Golf Club Australia and the Sydney North Club was incorporated in March 2007.

Also, in 2011, 8 players reached the milestone of 50 games – congratulations to Allan Berlinsky, David Twycross, Dave Angus, Chris Fichardt, Oscar Finn, Quintus Strydom, Gordon Hatch and Gary Mulder.

Our 'games played' leader board looks like this:

78	–	<b>Johan Landsberg</b>
68	–	Bob Younghusband
66	–	<b>Brad Breytenbach</b>
65	–	Marc Breytenbach and Derrick Jones
61	–	<b>Myles Craye and Milton Drever</b>
60	–	David Wyche
56	–	<b>Johan Pelser and Colin Steingold</b>
55	–	Allan Berlinsky
54	–	<b>David Twycross</b>
53	–	Dave Angus and Chris Fichardt
52	–	<b>Oscar Finn and Quintus Strydom</b>
51	–	Gordon Hatch
50	–	<b>Gary Mulder</b>



Well done on a fantastic achievement to you all!!!!

## October 2012 National Tournament – Magenta Shores



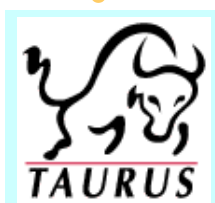
*9 months to go to the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian National Tournament*

Magenta Shores Golf & Country Club will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Nomads Golf Australia's 4<sup>th</sup> National Tournament from the 12-14<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Magenta is the only private golf course located on the Central Coast, boasting magnificent ocean views from the front 9 holes with the back 9 holes adjacent to the rainforest and National Parks.

There is something truly inspiring about a golf course – whatever the quality of its playing surfaces – that offers the smells and sounds of the ocean. This is perhaps what first persuaded the Scots to use seaside land for golf. And when the course is up to the high standards of Magenta Shores, an unforgettable golfing adventure awaits. Magenta Shores, which opened for play in 2006.

With the assistance from Adrian Rebbeck of Getaway Golf Australia, we have negotiated fantastic prices not much more than the affordable 2011 tournament held at Palm Meadows on the Gold Coast last October.

Watch out for more exciting news on the tournament which will be distributed within the next 4 weeks.



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## Consequences of not renewing membership

Nomads South Africa, at their 44th National Council Meeting decided that previous members could be reinstated and later introduced guidelines to be implemented by member clubs. This was adopted at the National Council meeting of Nomads Golf Australia in November 2009 at Noosa.

The process doesn't materially differ from the current 'induction process' – there are, however, a number of additional matters the committee will look into.

The question that will be asked is "**The previous member wants to come back, but do we want him back?**" Was he an asset to the Club or was just a convenience member, a hanger-on, one of the many who habitually failed to attend prize giving, did not buy raffle tickets, and did not attend and support functions such as the Charity Day and away tours? In other words, was he a person who wanted all the benefits and pleasures of being a Nomad without putting anything back?

Whatever the reason for leaving, the fundamental question arises "Did he leave in good standing." If the answer is "No" then the application will be summarily rejected.

If they previous member left in 'good standing' then he will be required to write a letter/email to the Captain explaining his initial reason for leaving the club and why he should now be considered for re-instatement.

Previous members who were members for less than 2 years will be vetted for commitment very carefully prior to re-admittance. Some may be victims of circumstance, but they will have to provide compelling reasons why they left so soon after joining initially.

The on-line application form will have to be completed and the Proposer and Seconder will need to be current members of Nomads with at least 2 years membership. The application fee will also need to be paid.

A person may only re-apply once – Nomads is not looking for 'convenience' members who waft in and out of the Club at their whim and fancy.

Bearing all this in mind, it is not compulsory to re-induct a past member if his past record and reputation does not merit re-instatement, even if he left in apparent 'good standing'.

Re-applying members will need to show their interest in participating by playing a minimum of 3 games before membership is reinstated.

*Nomads is not looking for 'convenience' members*

*You can't take a "sabbatical" and then come back when you please...*

## Tom Surtees bids Nomads farewell....

It's not typical for immigrants to "head back home for good" but Tom Surtees and his wife Bridgette and their 2 children are on their way back to South Africa where they will live in Cape Town.

Tom was proposed by Hans Zeegers and Seconded by David Sargeant (both no longer members of Nomads) and joined Nomads in 2006. Interestingly, Tom was inducted on 26 April 2006 at Mona Vale: the venue of his last game at Nomads Sydney North. He played with Chris Fichardt that day off a 15 handicap scoring 28 points.

Tom worked at Cisco Systems as a Finance Business Manager for many years and in 2011 he took off 6 months to travel back to South Africa when his son William was around 4 months old. Hi childrens' interaction with their cousins in Cape Town prompted Tom and his wife to decide to "reverse immigrate."

He served on the Committee in 2010 as the game day scheduler and his contribution to the smooth running of the monthly matches was greatly appreciated.

We wish Tom all the best with his decision and he plays his final tournament representing the Australian contingent in March at Port Shepstone, South Africa, where a "proper" farewell will be undertaken. Hic! Cheers!



This goes back a while – Tom in the old Sydney North colours at Kooindah Waters in January 2007



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## January 2012 Inductee – Steve Hulley

Steve, his wife Karen and their two beautiful kids, Austin (5) and Lily (3) are currently living in Narrabeen having moved to Aussie three ½ years ago.

They are very proud owners of a popular espresso bar, **Zubi**, in Newport where they keep all the local caffeine addicts well dosed up on their favourite brew. Zubi was recently awarded a top 10 rating by the Sydney Morning Herald, an award of which they are extremely proud. (Ed. Kevin Rule is a recent visitor and vouches for the yummy coffee!)

Steve is an absolute sports nut and will have a crack at just about anything (he recently took up kite boarding just to see if he could do it!) His other love - apart from Karen - is fishing and he have been fortunate to travel and fish many exotic locations around the world. The kids and I spend many hours fishing together off Narrabeen and all that seems to come home are a bunch of empty beer bottles...

Steve's Dad, Brian, was a very keen and proud Nomad from Southern Natal (he was originally from the Tanskei and Durban) until his back gave up on him (literally) and they shared many great games together. He had often seen the Nomads at various clubs having their usual after golf drinks and wanted to join in, so he owes a big thank you to John Caulfield for his nomination!

He believes that is great to be part of an organisation that has literally stretched its reach to the other end of the earth and one which continues its work in keeping the boy's honest in their handicaps and giving back to the community! He's really looking forward to his next hit out where he plans to relinquish the "Crying Towel!" to another fellow Nomad!"

They are house huting in Mona Vale although he's not wanting to be too close to the golf course where he's familiar with most of its real estate earning the Crying Towel.

Welcome to Nomads, Steve, we sure you'll have lots of fun at Nomads.



Steve Hulley with his Dad, Brian (ex Southern Natal Nomad) and his son, Austin...a budding golfing prospect!

## Importance of proper club selection

*"Larry, I've got trouble down here!"*

John was playing a new course and on #16 he sliced the ball into an extremely deep wooded ravine. He grabbed his nine iron and clambered over the edge in search of his lost ball.

After many long minutes of poking through at the underbrush, he finally spotted his ball. As he was attempting to position himself for a shot, he noticed something glistening in the leaves. As he drew nearer, he discovered that it was a nine iron in hands of a skeleton!

John immediately called out to his friend, "Larry, I've got trouble down here!"

"What's the matter?" Larry asked from the edge of the ravine.

"Throw me my wedge," John shouted. "Looks like you can't get out of here with a nine iron!"



This sign is not to be confused with "Angus" golf – "Anger golf" is more sedate and calm....

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Can I use another club for the Mulligan?



Gary, Michael, Nicky and Colin



Gary Sherwood – RSM Bird Cameron, platinum sponsor - with guests



Teeing off on the 4<sup>th</sup>



Adi, Brett, Brad and Gary well coordinated



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