



ROYAL HARARE  
GOLF CLUB  
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# MEMBER NEWSLETTER

May 2018

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 CLUB CHAMPIONS



**Men's Champion Jason Jackson**



**Ladies' Champion Yollander Mubaiwa**

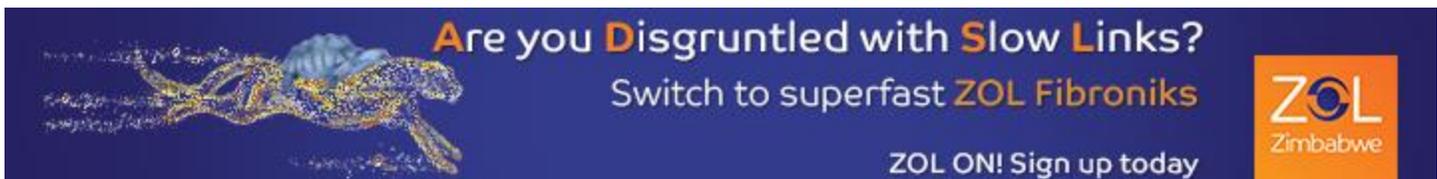
### In and Around the ClubHouse

The new look Pro Shop opened its doors to our members and the public on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. If you have not yet been down to the Club to see the new shop, I would encourage you to make a special trip – it really is a wonderful facility and will add great value to our members and the golfing public at large.

The Pro Shop continue to offer golf lessons, a clinic for junior golfers, you can book a session on the Flight Scope to analyse your swing and enjoy a fantastic range of top quality branded golf attire and equipment at very competitive prices.

Now that the Pro Shop is open and building activities are complete, we have had the car park area surveyed to assess the costs of extending the carpark to cater for increased traffic from functions, golf days and increased traffic to the Pro Shop. We hope to complete this extension during the course of this financial year.

Members checking in for a round of golf will do so in the Pro Shop

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### **Administration and Subscriptions:**

Our membership year runs annually from the 1<sup>st</sup> March to the end of February. To all of our members who promptly paid their subscriptions we are most grateful. There are still a significant number of members who are in arrears, and we urge those members to come and arrange a payment plan, and or to settle their subs to continue to enjoy membership of the Club. All of those members who are in arrears will find that their swipe cards have been suspended and access to the course and food and beverage service will be denied until such time as subscriptions are normalised.

### **Booking Tee Times:**

Royal is not a pitch and play course – all tee times MUST be pre booked.

- Bookings can be made ONLINE by members who have registered on our website [www.royalharare.co.zw](http://www.royalharare.co.zw)
- Bookings can be made via email at [reception@royalharare.co.zw](mailto:reception@royalharare.co.zw)
- Bookings can be made by phone on 2702927/8/9/0 or 08677000336
- All schools who hold pre-booked times are reminded that the names of the people playing must be registered no later than 12:00 mid day two days before the date. Times not booked by then will automatically be opened to other members or guests without exception.

### **Diff Returns:**

All affiliated golfers are reminded that **every** round of golf, including 9 hole rounds **must** be recorded on the handicap system within 72 hours of completion of the round. When you register your round in the Pro Shop, a round is automatically opened on the handicap system. If you do not return your score a PENALTY diff will be applied.

If you play at one of the other courses who have access to the online handicap system, you can use your Royal swipe card to post your diff at that Club and it will post your diff to your home club.

### **Workshop ablutions and Staff Accommodation:**

We are pleased to report that the new ablution block for the course staff has been completed, and over the next four months we will be upgrading the staff accommodation.

### **On The Course:**



Many of you will have noticed the boma which has been constructed around the waterhole on number 16. The boma is to prepare for the arrival of 2 impala rams and 4 impala ewes. We will acclimatise the impala in the boma for several weeks, feeding them in that area before we slowly start to allow them to venture out onto the course.



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### **Pitchmarks, Divots and bunkers:**

The number of unrepaired pitchmarks on the greens is a growing concern. If a pitch mark is repaired within a four hour period it will heal overnight, however, if it is left and or not repaired properly, it can take up to 7 days to recover. Repairing pitch marks is the responsibility of the player, not the caddie, however, all Royal caddies are equipped with pitch forks to help maintain the high standard of our greens. All members are requested to repair their own pitchmarks and any others encountered on the greens. The correct way to repair a pitchmark is to pull the sides of the pitch mark in towards the centre with either a pitch fork or a tee peg and then to flatten out the surface with your putter or other flat object.



Please remember that carrying a sandbag on the course is compulsory, and filling divots with the sand mix provided in bins around the course is expected of all of our members and their guests.

The same applies to raking of bunkers. Please always ensure that you leave the bunker exactly how you would like to find it and ensure that bunker rakes are left outside of the bunker.

### **Pace of Play:**

The time taken to play 18 holes at Royal Harare is determined by Pace of Play schedules which are available from the caddie masters for the different starting times. Keeping up with the Pace of Play is the player's responsibility, and the course marshals are expected and empowered to point out to groups if they have fallen behind the time they are allowed to play each hole, and to ask a group to rectify the situation if they are out of step. Pace of Play shows no favour to one group over another – it is a calculated time schedule, and **ALL** players are expected to respect the course marshal's instructions.

Read more about Pace of Play on the R&A's website at <https://www.randa.org/RulesEquipment/Pace-of-Play/Overview>



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## **Ready Golf:**

When the R&A publish the revised Rules of Golf in 2019, Ready Golf will be a key change in the way in which order of play is decided for all formats of the game with the exception of Matchplay. You can read more on the modernisation of the Rules at <https://www.rules.golf/> and <https://www.rules.golf/Promoting-Faster-Pace-of-Play>

At Royal Harare we have already introduced **Ready Golf** in Saturday competitions. So how does "Ready Golf" work.

### **On the Tee:**

1. The player who is ready should hit
2. Short hitters should tee off first
3. Tee-off as soon as the group ahead is clear
4. Carry an extra ball in your pocket

### **On the Fairway:**

1. Hit when ready and safe, do not use the honour system
2. Take appropriate clubs to your ball and hit without delay
3. Have the entire group watch where each shot goes

### **On the Green:**

1. Put your golf bag or cart between the green and the next tee
2. Study/read your putt while others are putting and pick up if you can't score
3. Exercise the wave through policy on all Par 3's. If a group are on the tee while you are still on the green, mark your ball, step off the green and allow the group following to drive and then putt out whilst they walk up.

## **Competitions:**

Tuesday Nines our weekly 9 hole competition continues to grow in popularity with approximately 30 players taking part. There is no green fee for affiliated visitors who can provide proof of an official handicap. There is a competition fee of \$5 which covers the cost of prizes. Prize giving is done in halfway house as soon as the last card is in. The first tee time is 2:58pm and the last time is 3:45pm

Our league teams captained by Max Tauya "A" team and Waddington Bushe "B" team continue to represent the Club in the HPGU League. The A team are lying 4th on the log and the B team are placed joint 2nd on the log.

Congratulations to Ryan Cairns who won the ZPGA JM Busha Golf Tournament staged at Chapman Golf Club on Africa Day as part of the 2018 Peace Pledge Games. Cairns posted rounds of 73 and 66 to clinch the event ahead of Stephen Ferreira and Scott Vincent.

## **How to contact the Club since the phone number changes**

From landline to landline from within Harare dial :	2702927/28/29/20
From landline to landline from outside Harare dial:	0242702927/28/29/20
From Mobile to landline dial:	0242702927/28/29/20
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