

# Club life

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# Club Hours Of Operations

#### **Main Reception:**

06.00am - 11.00pm

## Green fee, Range & Competition fee Reception

Mon - Sun (6.00am - 8.00pm)

#### **Gym Reception:**

Mon – Sat (6.00am – 8.30pm)

#### **Club House Terrace:**

Mon – Sun (6.30am – 10pm)

#### **Club House Main bar:**

Mon - Sun (10am-11pm)

#### **Upper deck:**

Mon Closed.

Tue, Wed & Fri (3pm -11pm) Thur & Sat (12pm - 12am) Sun (12pm - 10pm)

#### **Fine Dinning:**

Mon & Sun - Closed. Tue - Fri (6.30am - 9pm)

#### **Halfway Banda:**

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#### **Royal Garden:**

Mon - Sun (9am - 10pm)

#### **Swimming Pool:**

Open Daily From 6am to 8pm

#### Steam & Sauna

Tue & Thur (7am – 8pm)
Sat & Public holidays (7am - 7pm

#### Gym

Mon - Fri (6.00am – 8.30pm) Sat (7am - 7pm) Sun & Public Holidays (8am - 5pm)

#### Pro training (Range)

Tues, Wed & Thur (6.00am - 6.00pm)
Fri & Sat (10.00 am to 4.00pm
Sun (2.00 pm - 4.00 pm)

#### Range operating hrs

Mon - Sun (6.00am - 8.00pm)

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# **Chairman's Note**



#### **Greetings, Esteemed Members**

Welcome to this edition of the Royal Nairobi Golf Club Newsletter for this year. As I reflect on my tenure as Chairman, I am filled with immense gratitude for the privilege of contributing to the rich and enduring legacy of our beloved Club. Over the past two quarters, we have made significant strides in enhancing the club's reputation, with notable improvements that have garnered positive feedback from the recently concluded Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), particularly concerning the Course Development, and 2024 Capital budget adjustments.

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to the members for unwavering patronage of the Club and more importantly, the overwhelming approval of the motions presented during the EGM held on the 27th of August 2024.

On the same breath, I would like to thank the Management team and staff for their unwavering support and exceptional service to our esteemed members. Despite a few challenges, they have been instrumental in maintaining the high standards we all enjoy at the club. Their hard work and dedication are deeply valued.

Earlier this year, we faced challenging weather conditions that forced us to temporarily close the course. While we resumed operations shortly afterward, this period impacted

our financial stability and reduced golfing activities. In response, we have outlined plans to address these challenges head-on, including the **Course Design and Project** Brief for the development of **Holes No. 10 & 11**, which were the most affected. Additionally, we have proposed the **reconfiguration of the course** to allow for uninterrupted play during the redevelopment. These plans have been shared with all members, ensuring transparency and inclusivity in this vital project.

As many of you know, Royal Nairobi Golf Club holds a special place in history, having been established in 1906 as a 9-hole course by the pioneer European community. Our club has long been recognized as the true home of golf in Kenya. When the Uganda Railway first arrived in Nairobi in 1899, the area was dusty during the dry season and swampy when it rained. Remarkably, our course still exhibits these characteristics today. This is why, humorously, other smaller clubs have often referred to us as the "Desert Classic" during the dry season and "Shamba ya Royal" during the rainy season.

This year, we had to close the course for two weeks in May due to similar conditions, particularly affecting the back 9 holes. It has become clear that these closures have become an annual occurrence, and it is time for us to provide a permanent solution to the persistent issues on the back 9 once and for all.

Our club is steeped in tradition, and it was right here, on December 29, 1928, that the **Kenya Golf Union** was inaugurated, further cementing our status as the true home of golf in Kenya. With this prestigious history in mind, it is our responsibility to restore and enhance the course to reclaim our rightful position at the pinnacle of Kenyan golf.

As a club, we are fortunate to have an excellent clubhouse, a prime location, and a vibrant, dynamic membership. We are confident that these efforts will elevate Royal Nairobi Golf Club to new heights and ensure that our course lives up to its storied legacy. Together, we can secure the future of the club as the true home of golf in Kenya.

We were honored to host the prestigious **Malaysia Diplomatic Golf Day & Merdeka Reception**. A heartfelt thank you to the Malaysian Embassy for choosing us for this momentous occasion. It was a day filled with vibrant energy, camaraderie, and the spirit of diplomacy, bringing together leaders, diplomats, and golf enthusiasts strengthening international ties through sport and celebration!

In addition to this, we continue to proudly represent the Royal Nairobi Golf Club brand on the national stage. Our participation in the Patrons Cup Tournaments has been exemplary, showcasing the skill and dedication of our members. Furthermore, we are thrilled to announce that the club triumphed in the Annual Interclub Golf Championship, bringing home the trophy from our sister club, Mombasa Golf Club. This prestigious accomplishment now proudly sits in our trophy cabinet, alongside the Tannahill Shield, as a testament to our enduring success.

These achievements underscore our commitment to excellence, both on and off the course, as we continue to build on the legacy of Royal Nairobi Golf Club.

We greatly value and encourage feedback and input from all of you through our various committees. Your insights are essential in helping us better serve you, further the club's mission and vision, and uphold the esteemed name of Royal Nairobi Golf Club

In addition, we have an active feedback email at feedback@royalnairobigc.com. Please feel free to share any comments or compliments, and rest assured, we will acknowledge and respond to them. Your participation is crucial in ensuring we continue to thrive as a community!

C.K - Charles Kariuki, Chairman Royal Nairobi Golf Club









## Captain's Note



#### Dear Fellow Members,

As we find ourselves in the fourth and final quarter of 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude as I reflect on my time serving as Captain of our esteemed Royal Nairobi Golf Club. It has been a truly remarkable year, and I am deeply honored to have had the privilege to captain such a prestigious institution. This journey has been made even more special by the unwavering support and loyalty from you, the members. Your dedication to our club is a testament to the strength of our community and the deep bond we share over our love for the game of golf.

This year has been one of growth, progress, and, above all, triumphs. I must extend my sincere thanks to the Match and Handicap Committee, whose relentless commitment has been pivotal in ensuring the smooth running of all our competitions. Their dedication to upholding the rules of golf, maintaining fairness, and creating an enjoyable environment for all has been truly commendable. Through their efforts, we have not only upheld the high standards of the game but also provided

both our golfers and sponsors with a rewarding and memorable experience here at Royal.

It is with great joy that I recount our most significant accomplishment of the year—the long-awaited victory at the Tannahill Shield. After five years of striving, we have finally brought the shield back home. This monumental achievement would not have been possible without the determination and sacrifice of the players who represented Royal with such distinction. To each and every player, I offer my heartfelt thanks for your commitment, perseverance, and tireless effort. You gave your all, and your success is a victory for us all. It is through your hard work that we stand tall today, filled with pride for what we've accomplished.

Of course, victories such as these are never the work of one group alone. The support from our entire membership has been a key driver of our success. I am incredibly grateful to all the members who stood by us throughout the year, offering your encouragement, good wishes, and prayers. Your presence, both on and off the course, created an atmosphere of unity and determination. The camaraderie we share as members is a cornerstone of our club, and it has been instrumental in pushing us forward.

I would also be remiss not to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our sponsors. The success of our events and tournaments would not be possible without your generous support. Your investment in the growth of our club and the game of golf is deeply appreciated, and I extend my sincerest gratitude for your continued partnership. It is thanks to you that we are able to provide world-class experiences for our players and guests, ensuring that Royal remains at the forefront of golf excellence.

As we approach the close of the year and the end of my tenure as Captain, I want to take this moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together. Leading this club has been one of the greatest honors of my life, and I could not have asked for a more dedicated, passionate, and loyal group of members to serve. While my time as Captain may be coming to an end, my love for this club and my commitment to its continued success will remain unwavering.

With that, it is my distinct pleasure to invite you all to the grand finale of the year—the Captain's Prize 2024. This much-anticipated event will take place on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd November, and will mark the culmination of my term as your Captain. The Captain's Prize is more than just a competition; it is a celebration of the year we've had, the friendships we've strengthened, and the victories we've shared. I look forward to seeing all of you there, as we come together to celebrate not only the sport we love but also the community that makes Royal so special.

As we prepare for this landmark event, I want to take a final moment to express my deepest thanks to each and every one of you for your continued patronage and support for our club. It has been an incredible journey, and I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Captain. I look forward to seeing Royal continue to grow, thrive, and achieve even greater heights in the years to come.

God bless you all, and may God continue to bless the Royal Nairobi Golf Club.

Dr. Richard Owino

Captain Royal Nairobi Golf Club

# **Thursday Club Nite Highlights**



Overall Winner; Pami Sokhi 19th September Sponsored By Rngc Seniors; Hezron Arunga & Tysons Ltd



Overall Winner; Betty Maina 5th September 2024 Sponsored By Jovid Travel Group



Overall Winner; Steve Lugalia 22nd August Sponsored By World Navi: Family Bank & Golf Shop



Sponsored By Rngc Seniors; Hezron Arunga & Tysons Ltd



Men Winner; Hillary Korir 5th September 2024 Sponsored By Jovid Travel Group



Men Winner; Pami Sokhi(Received By Jobbo) 22nd August Sponsored By World Navi; Family Bank & Golf Shop



Sponsored By Rngc Seniors; Hezron Arunga & Tysons Ltd



Lady Winner; Rosemary Kioni 5th September 2024 Sponsored By Jovid Travel Group



Lady Winner; Carol Okara 22nd August Sponsored By World Navi: Family Bank & Golf Shop

# **Thursday Club Nite Highlights**



Overall Winner; Lucas Oluoch 1st August 2024 Sponsored By Rngc July Borns



Overall Winner; Njeri Wachira 25th July 2024 Sponsored By Icea Lion



Overall Winner; Moses Murigi 13th June 2024 Sponsored By Kenyan Originals (Ko)



Overall Winner; Wellington Omodho 23rd May 2024 Sponsored By Denri Africa



Overall Winner; Jay Michoma 25th April 2024 Sponsored By Rngc April Borns



Men Winner; Antony Juma 1st August 2024 Sponsored By Rngc July Borns



Men Winner; Martin Kiruthu 25th July 2024 Sponsored By Icea Lion



Lady Winner; Helen Gatiramu 13th June 2024 Sponsored By Kenyan Originals (Ko)



Men Winner; Stanley Kirui 23rd May 2024 Sponsored By Denri Africa



Men Winner; Steve Otieno 25th April 2024 Sponsored By Rngc April Borns



Lady Winner; Cherono Kipkorir 1st August 2024 Sponsored By Rngc July Borns



Lady Winner; Lydia Mokaya 25th July 2024 Sponsored By Icea Lion



Sponsored By Kenyan Originals (Ko)



Lady Winner; Cherotich Murgor 23rd May 2024 Sponsored By Denri Africa



Lady Winner; Christine Mathenge 25th April 2024 Sponsored By Rngc April Borns

# - Lady Captain's Note -



Medal No. 9 – Held on 28th August 2024

• Stableford No. 8 – On 11th August 2024,

Dear Members,

As we approach the end of another eventful quarter, I am delighted to share an overview of the numerous activities and accomplishments of the Ladies' Section. It has been a fulfilling period, marked by competitive spirit, camaraderie, and a shared love for the game of golf. The continued enthusiasm from our members has truly made this quarter a remarkable one.

Let me begin by highlighting the key events that have brought us together in recent months:

- Royal Ladies Stableford No. 4 Held on 10th April 2024.
- Sunday Funday and Golf On 14th April 2024, we combined fun and golf, creating an enjoyable day for all, and bringing together juniors, families and friends for a casual but engaging day on and off the course.
- Kennedy Cup On 25th May 2024,
- Stableford No. 6 Held on 12th June 2024.
- Royal Ladies Open The much-anticipated event on 6th July 2024 attracted wide participation, and we were thrilled with the level of play from both our members and guests. Thanks to our sponsors for making the event a success.
- Royal Ladies Matchplay Championship On 3rd and 4th August 2024, our championship was a true test of endurance, strategy, and skill. It was a pleasure to witness such outstanding performances across the board. Well out Diana Mbuba! We stand to learn from you.

In addition to these official competitions, I am proud to announce that the Royal Ladies Premier League continues to be a highlight of our calendar. Participation has been robust, and it's heartening to see the vibrant team spirit and enthusiasm from our ladies. Our teams donned in striking and appealing colors, and we look forward to celebrating their continued success as we push toward victory.

It is important to remember that the success of our events and the growth of our section heavily rely on the unwavering support from our sponsors. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the sponsors of 2024 who have stepped forward to make these events possible. Almost all our events have been generously sponsored this year, ensuring that we continue to enjoy high-quality experiences at the club. I encourage all members to show their appreciation by attending event presentations, as this not only boosts morale but also highlights the significance of our sponsors' contributions.

I would also like to address an important opportunity within the Ladies' Section. While we are fortunate to have a large number of lady members, many are not actively participating in golf. I strongly encourage new and current members who are not yet golfing to take that first step and join us on the course. Golf is a wonderful way to stay active, challenge yourself, and build meaningful friendships within our community. The Ladies' Section offers a welcoming and supportive environment, making it an ideal space for new golfers to start their journey. We would love to see more of you involved in this beautiful sport!

Turning to our Golf Clinics, I am pleased to report that we have already hosted one successful clinic this year. The feedback from participants has been extremely positive, and it's great to see the progress being made. For those looking to refine their skills or newcomers looking for guidance, we are thrilled to announce the next clinic, scheduled for 4th to 26th October 2024. These sessions will take place every Friday and Saturday, offering personalized coaching and practical training to help all participants enhance their game. I encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity, as these clinics are tailored to address various aspects of the game, from beginners to seasoned players.

Beyond the course, the Ladies' Section has been fostering connection and dialogue through our Breakfast Conversations. These gatherings have allowed us to engage in meaningful and powerful conversations about various topics, creating a space for learning, support, and growth. I have been incredibly inspired by the stories, ideas, and experiences shared during these meetings, and I look forward to continuing these enriching conversations with all of you.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share details of our marquee event—the Lady Captain's Prize. This prestigious event will take place on 8th and 9th November 2024, and I warmly invite all members to participate. The event will kick off on the 8th with a Mixed Foursomes competition, offering a wonderful opportunity for fun and friendly competition alongside our male members. The main event will take place on the 9th, and I am confident it will be a memorable day filled with great golf, celebration, and camaraderie. The Lady Captain's Prize is always a highlight of the calendar, and I am looking forward to sharing this special occasion with all of you.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, participation, and dedication to the Ladies' Section. It has been a remarkable year so far, and I am truly grateful for the energy, enthusiasm, and passion that each of you brings to the club. Together, we continue to elevate the game of golf and create a strong, vibrant community of lady golfers at Royal Nairobi Golf Club.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and on the course.

Elizabeth Njau Lady Captain Royal Nairobi Golf Club





#### Club life •















A master on the greens! @

Congratulations to our Stroke Play Champion 2024 Vice Captain Willy Mastamet

"2024 has been an interesting year! We are the Tannahill champions, and I'm proud to have been part of the team. I'm also thrilled to be the Stroke Play Champion for 2024. As we look ahead to 2025, our goal is to become even stronger and retain the shield. Let's collaborate to make our club events bigger and more successful. We should elevate both the Stroke Play and Match Play Championships next year. I look forward to seeing you all as I come to defend my title"





George Makori and Ashely Awuor win the NCBA Golf Series, on Saturday 28th October.





Royal ladies Matchpalay champion 2024 Diana Mbuba

# Upcoming **Events**

Friday - 25 October 24

LISLE SHAW INTER SCHOOL-JGF

Friday - 09 November 24

**Lady Captain's Prize (Mixed Foursomes)** 

Saturday - 08 November 24

**Lady Captain's Prize** 

Friday - 15 November 24

**Chairman's Prize** 

Saturday - 16 November 24

**Chairman's Prize** 

Friday - 21 November 24

Captain's Prize RNGC

Saturday - 22 November 24

Captain's Prize RNGC

Fri - 29 November to Sun - 01 December

**UHURU SHIELD 2024 - KGU** 

Saturday - 14 December 24

**ANNUAL PARENT & CHILD GOLF DAY** 

# **Honorary Secretary's Statement**



Greetings Members,

Welcome to this publication as we close out our financial year. We would like to express our gratitude for your continued patronage and sportsmanship in the game of golf.

One of the key milestones this year was the membership drive which ran between 1st March and July 10th 2024. The membership drive was very successful and attracted 203 applications across various membership categories. During this season of the drive, the Membership and Regulations Committee (MRC) for which I convene held a total of 14 vetting sessions to determine the suitability of candidates for election to the Club Membership.

I am most indebted to the Committee Members of MRC as well as the Membership office for their dedication and sacrifice in availing themselves each time for all the vetting sessions. I wish to recognize each of them for their sacrifice in service of the Club, namely; Edwin Obuya, Sandra Kabiru, Dr. Wycliffe Owino, Sean Omondi, Liz Matimu, George Mbaye and Lilian Lofty.

I am glad to inform you that as of September this year, 76 new members joined the Club having been balloted and elected. I confirm that this cohort of new members is most diverse in terms of professions, age and gender and I am certain they bring immense value-add to the Club.

It is my pleasure therefore to introduce and welcome the following new members into the club and urge them to patronize, fraternize and play a lot of golf.

#### **New Balloted Members (120)**

MEMBER	PROPOSER	MEMBER	PROPOSER
Lilian Onyach	George Kuria	Gabriel Wasonga Jabongo	Lucas O. W. Oluoch
Lameck Muriithi Nyaga	Alex Murage Mbogo	Susan Odhiambo	Emmanuel Mwazighe
Angeline Wanjiru Mwangi	Yvonne Tharao	Lyndah Tugee	Simon Mwangi
Viola Chelangat Kilel	Peter Onyango	Florence Achungo	Francis Okwara
Kelvin Irungu Mukabi	Alfred Otunge	Ibrahim Mohamed & Fardosa Abdirahman	Gibson Muhuhu
Kelvin Njoroge Ng'ang'a	Rodgers Mbithi	Brian Githaiga	Naomi Kariuki
Stephanie Rosalia Maloba	Charles Maloba	Dub Hachu Obatu	Caroline Kadikinyi
Irene M. Kingori	Eric Kisaka	Joseph Chebungei	Lucy Kisia
Christine N. Mweteeli	Esther Wausi	Catherine Kinya Mungania	Gibson Muhuhu
Charles Koech	Oscar Koitaba	Dennis Ngari Mwaura	Josiah Mwangi
Martha Kiarie	Francis Kiarie	Catherine Mutheu Mutula	Duncan Kivuitu
Elizabeth Kabeu & Willie Githaiga	Willy Mastamet	Innocent Orora Maranga	Meshack Miyogo
Olive M. Gitau & Joseph Gitau	K.C Kaane	Betty Thuranira	Peter Brooks
Cecilia Kalungu & Christopher Mbole	Reson Oloitiptip	Roselyne Adamba Musera	Susan Maina
Dr. Njoki Njiraini	Dr. Musa Kipngor	Mugambi Murithi Maingi	Kris Mbaya
Dr.Samora Michelle	John Wachira	Duncan Owino Juma & Lydia Wambugu	Dennis Kirui
Lilian Mokeira	Sylvester Odhiambo	Allan Mwangi Kabiru	Dennis Kirui

MEMBER	PROPOSER
Samuel O. Miya/Phanice Shimanyula	EddievMalitt
Martha W. Kinyua	Wanja Kimani
Leon Moffat	Felix Ochieng
Philomena Akoth /Benjamin Elly	Dr. wetende
Huang Guanwen	Hu Yunwen
Dr. Anthony Peter & Dr. Muthoni Kihara	Dr. Kennedy J. Koech
Fred Kithinzi & Sarah Wanjiku	Robert Kuria
Dennis Ochieng & Winnie Achieng Osolo	Dennis Kirui
Lena Wangui Ngure	Sieka Gatabaki
Christine Nyambura Githii	Dennis Njuguna
Ann Awino Kowodo	Njeri Onyango
Eng. Moses Mwiti	Hawkins Musili
Joseph Nangat Mareng Changorok	Peter Brooks
David Cheruiyot Ruto	Geoffrey Ronoh
Bill Ouko	Jack Okuku
Joshua O. Siwa	Hesbon Odumbe
Lena Wangui Ngure	Sieka Gatabaki
Christine Nyambura Githii	Dennis Njuguna
Ann Awino Kowodo	Njeri Onyango
Eng. Moses Mwiti	Hawkins Musili
Joseph Nangat Mareng Changorok	Peter Brooks
David Cheruiyot Ruto	Geoffrey Ronoh
Bill Ouko	Jack Okuku
Mary N. Maalu	Col. (Rtd) Rodgers
Joan Birir	Kenneth Nyangaga
Festus Kasonzo	Peter brooks
Jasper Simeon & Veronica Akinyi Obunga	
Cyprian Onsando & Rael Nyaosi	Jomo Nyaribo
	Catherine mburugu Walter Mbata
Denis Obonyo & Belindah Ndengah	
Martha W. Kuruga & David Mwithiga	Amos W. Khagati
Daniel Murithi & Abigael Sang	Odongo Mark
Stephen Mueti Masaku	Lucy Ong'era-Kisia
Daniel Atula & Nerea Omondi	Peter M. Gachoki
Mary Mkauganga Mwangata	Anne Wandia Muya
Sandra Lombard Dalamiah	Kibett C.K
Eric Too	Geoffrey Korir
Rosemary Wanjiku Mukuha	Leon Kiptum
Nicholas Sang	Charles Kanugi
Eric Malachi Othieno oduor	Geoffrey Odundo
Samuel Misaro Mochache	Robert nyanchoga
Julius Kitheka Ndungu	Renson Kibet Kitur
Linet Nyaboke Nyatwongi	Michael Watii
Ann Patricia Muthoni Kiege	Vincent Opiyo
George N. Maragia	Peter Getugi
David Njiru Mathenge	Catherine Nyaga-Mbithi
Esther Chege	Charles Kanugi
Mikaeli Jesang	Samuel G. Mwangi
James Gachuiru Waithaka	Joseph Jesse Masiga
Michael Otieno Omondi	Wycliffe Onyango
Geoffrey Maina Wahome	Amos W. Khagati
Prof. Benjamin M. Nganda	Odongo Mark

MEMBER	PROPOSER
Nyange Emmanuel & Ruth Maweu	Jonathan Chiffalu
Geoffrey Koros	Jack Okuku
Eva Wambui	Reson Oloitiptip
Emmanuel Cheburet & Cheriro Jackline	Tony Tugee
Duncan Ndegwa Nduhiu	Steven Otieno
Eric Mutunga & Mwongeli Ngumbau	Emmanuel Mwazighe
Maureen Chelangat	Thiong'o Wacira
Paul Ooga Gacheo	Eric Kisaka
Esther Wambui Kimani	Kenneth Joel Olang'
Dr. Gratia Mwende Muyu	Wausi Walya
Joseph Gikungu & Joan Kemunto	Peter Kibuku Ndungu
Diana Wangari Kamau	Brian Gatobu
Innocent Simiyu	Sharlynne Mbai
Catherine Wanjiku Maingi	Dr. George Nyale
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Brian Mutuku Muthama	Mishack Miyogo
Rita Kaloki	Henry Ndirangu
Christine Ivy Ngima Karoki	Paul Ichangi
Elijah Baraza Omondi	Lucas O. W. Oluoch
Nelly Munyasia	Jackline Kaisha
Viola Chepkoech Langat	Isaac L.O Ogai
Anthony Kioko Makau	Peter Kibuku
Nathan Wohoro Kimani	Peter Kibuku
Susan Nyakio Gichara	Thomas Muchina
Kenneth Kiura Njora	Peter Getugi
David Manasses Mutonga	Dickson Muraya
Grace Bonareri Omwenga	Lucy Ong'era-Kisia
Nicodemus Ochieng Odongo	Martin K. Kiruthu
Samson Butichi	Kibett C.K
Mary Nyakinyi Kamau	Kibett C.K
Hawa Ibrahim Bonaya	Geoffery Ronoh
Dr. Margaret Sirima	Kibett C.K



of the following esteemed members of our club:

#### - Mr. Wilson Kipkoti

Senior Member No. 4432 – June 2024

#### - Mr. Shantilal Shah

Member No. 00092 - May 2024

We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and loved ones during this difficult time. Their contributions to our club and the sport of golf will always be remembered.

As we wrap up the financial year, Here is a breakdown of our current membership across various categories:

CATEGORY OF	AU MADEDO
MEMBERSHIP	NUMBERS
FULL MEMBERS	1231
LADY GOLFER	201
FULL FAMILY	147
JUNIORS	164
COUNTRY	14
NON PLAYING	2
SENIOR MEMBERS	131
VETERAN	34
FAMILY DEPENDANT	103
HONORARY	2
HONORARY LIFE	33
FIXED TERM	14
ONHOLD	87
POSTED	15
STRICKEN	611
ABSENTEE	144
RESIGNED	138
DESEASED	71
SUMMATION	<u>3142</u>

We are proud of the diverse and vibrant community we have built and look forward to welcoming more members in the future.

#### **Membership Issues – Committee Updates**

The Membership and Regulations Committee has made several key decisions arising from inquiries from members, which we are pleased to share with you. These updates are aimed at streamlining processes while maintaining fairness across the board.

Firstly, for Full Family Membership Conversions, when a principal member in full family category converts to senior or veteran category of membership, such account

On a sad note, we announce with deep sadness the passing enjoy the benefits of the category converted to. For instance, if the principal, converts to senior category then the account will enjoy a 50% rebate and if the principal convers to veteran the account will enjoy 100% rebate of subscription.

> In the unfortunate event of the demise of a principal member who holds a Veteran, Senior, or Life membership, the spouse will take over the account. The status quo will remain unchanged, and thus the spouse will continue to pay the applicable subscriptions for the deceased member. If for instance the deceased member was a senior member,, the spouse will pay the applicable subscriptions being 50% and if veteran then the spouse will enjoy 100% rebate.

> Regarding Junior Membership, Juniors between the ages of 14 to 24 years will no longer undergo vetting but will be invited for induction into the junior membership for purposes of inducting them into the rules, values and traditions of the Club. However, once they attain the age of 25, they will be required to be vetted for purposes of converting to Full Members as required under the Club's Articles. Additionally, children of Full Members must apply for junior membership when they turn 18.

> Blended families - To address this issue, the committee guides that for children in blended families, they are eligible to join as junior members or juveniles provided that the birth certificates include the name of at least one biological parent who is a member. In cases of adoption or guardianship, the appropriate legal documentation confirming the adoption or guardianship must be provided.

> We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to refine our processes to benefit the entire membership.

> > Evans Lagat, FCIArb. Honorary Secretary RNGC

# **Royal Junior Academy**

Dear Members,

As we approach the close of our financial year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous support you have shown toward the Junior Section throughout the year. Your commitment and sportsmanship have played a vital role in the growth and success of our junior golfers.

We are proud to share that this year, we successfully hosted a number of junior tournaments, each drawing a strong turnout of over 80 junior participants. These events would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, including Fahari Aviation and the Mulembe Golfing Society. On behalf of the Junior Section and the committee, I sincerely thank you for your continued contributions and encouragement.

As we look ahead, our focus remains steadfast on the Junior Leagues, where we are making great strides and are optimistic about our journey toward victory. The enthusiasm and determination of our young golfers have been inspiring, and we are confident that their hard work will bear fruit in the upcoming competitions.

This year also saw the successful hosting of a Junior Golf Clinic, which was well-received and had a fantastic turnout. These clinics are essential in nurturing the talents of our young golfers, and we are thrilled to see such keen participation from our juniors.

One of our key achievements has been the establishment of the Royal Junior Academy Golf Programme. This initiative marks a significant milestone in our efforts to develop and guide the next generation of golfers. The Academy is a testament to our commitment to providing a structured pathway for junior golfers to improve their skills and gain invaluable experience on the course.



Looking ahead, we are excited to crown the champions of our upcoming Royal Junior Strokeplay Championship, which is set to take place from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th December. This promises to be a thrilling competition, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our junior golfers. Additionally, we are eagerly anticipating the Annual Parent & Child Tournament, scheduled for Saturday 14th December. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together on the course, and we urge all parents to show up in full support of our juniors. Your presence and encouragement mean the world to our young golfers, and we hope to see many of you participating alongside your children.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication to the Junior Section. Together, we are paving the way for a bright future for junior golf at Royal.



Peter Brooks

Convener, Royal Junior Academy.













## General Manager's Note

Distinguished Members,

As we bring this financial year to a close, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your dedication has been instrumental in helping us maintain the high standards of our club, and for that, I thank you on behalf of the entire staff. Despite the challenges posed by recent countrywide demonstrations and the rising costs of operations, you continued to patronize the Club, trusting us to prioritize your safety and security. We deeply appreciate this trust.

I'm pleased to announce that we successfully hosted a 3-day boot camp in Diani, along with many more fitness initiatives conducted on our premises. These programs are designed to keep you fit and healthy, and we are grateful for your involvement as we aim to expand participation in the future. Moreover, the number of golf events hosted at our club has grown significantly, with more tournaments being sponsored, providing increased opportunities for members and guests to gather and enjoy our wonderful facilities. We are also planning to incorporate more social events to foster interaction and camaraderie among members, enriching the overall club experience.

Our management team remains dedicated to providing unparalleled service. We are proud to inform you that we now have a fully functioning kitchen by the halfway house, serving both the pool area and golfers looking for quick snacks. We encourage you to take advantage of our food and beverage promotions, which not only highlight the culinary talents of our team but also contribute to the club's revenue and ongoing operations.

We recently celebrated the anniversary of Rhumba Tuesdays, and as a tribute, we dedicate every Tuesday to Rhumba entertainment. Additionally, our Royal Flashback Fridays continue to be a hit, and we encourage you to include these events in your weekly plans. As part of our mission to provide outstanding recreational, social, and dining experiences while upholding the traditions of the club, we believe these events are key to enhancing the member experience.

As we embrace digital advancements, I'm pleased to inform you that our club is now fully registered as data handlers. This achievement was made possible with the invaluable assistance of several members, and we thank them for their contributions.

On the staffing front, I am delighted to announce the recent appointment of Madam Christine Gatobu as our new Human Resource Manager. With her wealth of experience, we are confident she will be a great asset to the club, and we wish her every success in her role.

On a somber note, we recently lost a beloved member of our team, Dan Yakwa, who worked as a starter in the golf office. He was laid to rest on September 7th, 2024, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued commitment to the progress of our club. Your support, feedback, and passion have shaped the vibrant community we are today. We remain committed to overcoming any challenges and ensuring you continue to enjoy exceptional experiences, as we strive to maintain our reputation as the premier destination for all our esteemed members.

Finally, a warm welcome to all the new members who joined us between March and August 2024. We are thrilled to have you as part of this prestigious club, the real home of golf.

God Bless You All.



Jacob Omondi General Manager RNGC

# **Pro Section**

Dear Members,

As we close out the financial year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support and sportsmanship throughout this period. Together, we've made remarkable strides toward a championship journey, fueled by the immense dedication of both our members and guests.

We proudly participated in the 2024 Patrons Cup, where 11 members and one pro represented the club. Our team secured 3rd place in their category—a significant improvement, thanks to individual player growth. We're excited to continue refining our strengths and addressing areas for improvement in future tournaments.

The Junior Golf Camp in July saw an enthusiastic turnout of 40 juniors. With guidance from our dedicated pros and legendary golfer, Elisha Kasuku, we provided comprehensive training, focusing on the fundamentals of the game. Our commitment to nurturing junior golf in the country remains strong.

We also held a successful Ladies' Camp, attended by over 20 participants, both members and guests. Together with the pros, the ladies sharpened their skills across various areas, including iron play, woods, chipping, putting, bunker shots, troubleshooting, and course management. These clinics have not only boosted golfing skills but also contributed to increased membership and patronage across the club. We look forward to more clinics in the coming year as we continue to elevate the game of golf.

As I close, I leave you with this quote: "The most important shot in golf is the next one." So, take another swing—our pros are always here, ready to help you shape it.

Pro Geoffrey Kubwa Resident Pro Royal Nairobi Golf Club TYSONS



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# **Projects**

Dear Members,

I am pleased to update you on several key projects that have progressed over the last few months:

#### 1. Kids Room:

Following our previous communication, we have taken significant steps toward returning the Kids Room to our juniors. The Finance Department has been successfully relocated from its original offices (now the Kids Room) to the Gym Block building. We are currently making adjustments to ensure proper evacuation and ventilation in the area, and may install fans to regulate the cold temperatures. The furniture for the Kids Room is still in progress, and we assure our members that we are committed to creating a fully equipped and comfortable space for our juniors.

#### 2. Power Outage Challenges – KPLC Transformer:

I am happy to report that we have resolved the power outage issues that previously affected the club. A new KPLC transformer has been installed on the premises, ensuring a stable and sufficient electricity supply. You can now enjoy your time at the clubhouse without concerns over power interruptions.

#### 3. Pump House:

We have secured a sponsor for the Pump House project, which is a major step forward. All design works have been completed. However, the sponsor has requested modifications to incorporate a power room. We will provide more details and updates to the membership as we move forward.

#### 4. Halfway Banda Kitchen:

We are excited to announce the successful renovation of the Halfway Banda kitchen. The repairs were done internally, and all equipment is now fully functional. The kitchen now serves both the pool and halfway golfers, and we've added a chef specializing in Indian cuisine. This has not only enhanced the dining experience but also increased revenue and reduced pressure on the main kitchen during peak hours.

#### 5. Emergency Exit – Gate B:

The emergency exit gate has been fixed, providing an alternative entry and exit point to the premises, further enhancing safety and accessibility.

#### 6. Course Improvements – Hole No. 10 and 11:

Works for the improvement of Hole No. 10 and 11 are underway, as these areas are particularly affected during the rainy season. Rest assured, the course will not be

significantly impacted during construction, as we already have a proposal in place to reconfigure the back nine holes to accommodate these changes.

#### 7. Swimming Pool – Flat Roof Waterproofing:

We have successfully addressed the leaking issues in the Swimming Pool changing rooms, which were particularly problematic during the rainy season. The waterproofing measures have been completed, improving the overall functionality and comfort of the facility for our members.

Thank you for your continued support as we work toward enhancing your experience at the club.



Eng. Gicheru Kimani **Projects Committee Convener.** 



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