



## ***“MY SHOT” (Prince’s Grant Newsletter)***

### **June 2007**

As I am writing this newsletter, Prince’s Grant is subjected to a substantial cold front making its way across South Africa. Welcomed rain is accompanied by gale force winds and not many are brave enough to venture outdoors. The exception to this sensible approach is of course “golfers”, who are seemingly undeterred by the extreme conditions. Makes you think doesn’t it.

As said the cold weather brought some very welcomed rain after a dry May/ June and will do a lot to ensure the course is in peak condition for our club championship weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>.

A brief rundown on the affairs of our Estate over the last month are as follows:

#### **1) Finances**

May has been another good month and our income was again better than budgeted. Three of the “developers” lots also known as the “reservoir sites” were transferred from the developer to individual owners during June and as a result will start contributing to the levy fund from the end of June. Our expenditure is well under control resulting in our year to date “profit per trial balance” being some R300 000 better than budget.

#### **2) Estate**

During the month we celebrated two achievements in:

- A new beach toilet facility at the Southgate Beach Entrance - Roy and his team have excelled in producing a really magnificent facility which we hope will be used by all residents.
- Our main entrance has been “spruced” up a bit. Many felt that our entrance was starting to look a bit “tired” and we hope all will enjoy the minor alterations and improvements. We believe the new

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entrance represent a vibrant community where families can grow and live within a safe environment.

In the May edition of "My Shot" I discussed the work that will commence on the road edges. Our team is currently focusing on Ginger Beer Road and, as funds permit, will continue working their way gradually through the estate.

### **3) Golf**

One of the issues that are frequently raising negative comments is the appearance of the area between the Lodge and the 10<sup>th</sup> Tee. This area is used by homeowners and visitors to park their golf carts when visiting the Lodge resulting in a rather "un-kept" look for this important area of our estate.

We are planning to commence, during July, with some changes in the area to formalise the golf cart parking for homeowners ensuring that the gardens and grass are kept at a standard congruent to the rest of Prince's Grant. Please bear with us while this work is in process.

Work on the much debated 13<sup>th</sup> hole is continuing and most golfers will notice the new look "stakes" that indicate "water hazards" and "out of bounds" throughout the golf course.

### **4) Golf Carts**

The new Golf cart "licences" and "drivers' permits" for those over the age of 13 without valid drivers' licences, are in the process of being implemented. To ensure a smooth transition the changeover will take place over several months with 1 December 2007 as our final date for all homeowners to have the new "licences" displayed on their carts. Please take a moment to visit the office during working hours or the pro- shop after hours to get your cart "licensed".

To our younger homeowners (older than 13) please visit the pro- shop and book a date for your "drivers test".

Please note nobody without a driver's licence or a PG driver's permit may drive a golf cart at Prince's Grant. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of R500 and the confiscation of the cart. We appeal on all to co- operate in this regard.

### **5) Refuse Removal**

The collection of refuse is a task undertaken daily by our Estate team. As more houses are built the size of this task will increase and the problems related to refuse collection will increase. The most significant being the dreaded "M" problem. "M" is not for "Messy" or "Morsig" in

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Afrikaans, but “Monkeys”. In an attempt to make it easier for our collection team we are introducing a “refuse flagging” system. This entails a neatly designed refuse sign that each house will have to display at a visible point on the roadside indicating whether it is necessary for our team to collect or not collect refuse. Our estate team will be in touch with each homeowner in respect of a suitable place to display the “refuse sign”.

This will alleviate the need to place any bins and/ or refuse bags on the road for collection.



## 6) The Umhlotaan

Our quarterly magazine “The Umhlotaan” or rather the lack thereof is a concern. The fact is that our publishers have withdrawn from producing the magazine as it was not cost effective for them to continue publishing it. We are in search of a new publishing company that will undertake this task at no cost to homeowners. We consider the “Umhlotaan” as a very important communication tool in that it reflects the Prince’s Grant Community. We are therefore anxious to see the magazine continue although perhaps limited to only 3 times or twice a year.

## 7) Interesting Facts

As you know the “open championship” is played this month at Carnoustie. Some of you might not know that the roads at Prince’s Grant are all named after famous golf holes in Scotland and we therefore have an interesting connotation with Carnoustie. The 7<sup>th</sup> hole at Carnoustie is for instance called “Plantation” because along the right-hand side of the fairway there is a plantation of trees that runs for a 100m or more.

The 8<sup>th</sup> hole at Carnoustie is called the “Short hole” basically because it is the first short hole on the course. I’m not actually sure if this led to the name “Short Street” because the 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews is also called “Short” and could have led to the name “Short Street” at Prince’s Grant.

The 12<sup>th</sup> at Carnoustie is called “Southward Ho’ and the reason for it is that from the west facing the 11<sup>th</sup> Green, you turn almost through a right-angle and head south.

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Therefore those staying in Plantation Drive, Short Street and Southward Ho, enjoy the moment when they show on T.V. the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> holes at Carnoustie.

Some other interesting South African connotations are that the open of Carnoustie was won in 1968 by Gary Player and in 1966 the British Amateur championship was won by a South African by the name of Bobby Cole.

*(The above information is taken from: "Sandy Lyle takes you around the famous courses of Scotland", 1989, Lenard Publishing.)*

Please visit our website at [www.princesgrant.co.za](http://www.princesgrant.co.za) for all the interesting information and facts in connection with happenings at Prince's Grant over the last month. Good luck to those that are participating in the club championship.

Chris

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