



THE WAY LIFE SHOULD BE LIVED

21 - 27 OCT 2010

Dear Homeowners

We have been blessed with some very nice rain of just more than 75mm during the last two weeks. Prince's Grant is, as a result, greening up beautifully and the golf course is in great condition.

Our course maintenance team is currently busy with the spring treatment

on the fairways but with the renewed growth, the course should be back in no time.

Some sad news is that Christopher Matungwana, is critically ill and has spent the last two weeks in the Stanger Hospital. We visit Christopher

on a daily basis and hope he will recover soon.

Various committee meetings were held during the past week and we provide a brief report back on these meetings below.

Chris

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BUILDING COMMITTEE

At the Building Committee meeting held on 21/10/10 the following building plans were submitted:

- Lot 215 – 1st submission – not approved – to be brought back for second submission.
- Lot 83 – As built – approved
- Lot 256 - Amendment & alteration – approved
- Lot 273 - Amendment & alteration – approved
- Lot 335/9 – Solar heating – approved
- Lot 118 – Solar Heating – approved

SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE

A security sub-committee meeting held on 08/10/2010 – The main topic of discussion was access control. Committee discussed all our requirements in respect of access control. . The committee is looking at the most economical, cost effective way to adjust the current access control system.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The amenities committee met on 20/10/2010. Some of the issues under discussion were:

- Parking – Lot 107 has been planted with trees to give some shade for this parking area.
- The South Beach parking is in progress. This will provide extra much needed parking especially during the holidays.
- Christmas Program – a comprehensive program detailing all events and functions will be available on the website shortly.
- Beach Bar – a “not so Grant” beach bar will be available for the holidays. More details on this exciting project will be posted on the website.





The Lodge at Prince's Grant



NEWS & EVENTS

Friday Night Specials

**Fresh Dorado,
Chips
and
Salad
@
R55**



Chicken Braai



Last week Tuesday Prince's Grant hosted the annual Spur Golf day which ended in a dinner at the Lodge. The rain ruined the golf but did not dampen the spirits. A dinner for 110 was held afterwards in the conference room and enjoyed by all. Independent Sites Services were back again last week for what is turning out to be a regular monthly conference here. The Lodge has two conferences this week, Aspen and Dimension Data who will make use of houses as well. Space will be limited due the 65 Dimension Data delegates so please book early for the chicken braai.

The pond at the entrance to the Lodge has been drained for maintenance and to resolve the issue of a better filtration system for the Koi. Numbers have dwindled over the years but the remaining few koi were being taken care of by "Fish and Company" and have since been transferred near the HOA offices until the pond is filled again. An unidentified, large black fish, perhaps a barbell, was found alive at the bottom of the pond and in the mud several days after the pond was emptied. If it is not a koi, it will be relocated to the 6th waterhole. Bruce Millican is caretaking the pond lilies which will also be placed back in the pond.

Our cold room in the Kitchen has a new compressor and refrigeration unit which will be a great benefit to the kitchen.



Golf...

"Success in this game depends less on strength of body than strength of mind and character." - **Arnold Palmer**



GOLF RESULTS

Wednesday

October 13, 2010

Walker Cup

Format: Betterball Stableford

- 1) Magda Bailey & Martin Peterson 46 pts.
- 2) Adele Hesp & Geoff Taylor 46 pts.

Saturday

October 16, 2010

Hickory Stick

Format: Betterball Stableford

- 1) Prince's Grant 226 pts.
- 2) Mandini 213 pts.
- 3) Darnall 211 pts.
- 4) Amatikulu 192

Hickory Stick

Betterball Stableford Competition:

- 1) K.Palmer & R.Jugmohan 42 pts.
- 2) D.Kruger & E.Kruger 41 pts.
- 3) D.Miller & D.Dawah 40 pts.

Club Competition

Format: Betterball Stableford

- 1) A. De Wet & E. De Wet 47 pts.

APOLOGY

Please note that the incorrect score was published in the previous week's newsletter for Adilson da Silva who participated in the Sunshine Tour Tournament.

His score was 70,67,70 and not 70,76,60. We sincerely apologise for this misprint.

EVENINGS - OCTOBER 2010

18 - 21 MON - THUR	-	LIGHT SPRING TREATMENT
23 SAT	-	PAM GOLDING SPONSORED FOURBALL ALLIANCE
		Two scores to count
27 WED	-	MEAT COMPETITION
		Individual Stableford
30 SAT	-	MONTHLY MUG MEDAL

Pictured:

Winners

of the

Walker Cup

with

PG Club Captain

(l - r) Ivan Swaffield
(Club Captain), Magda
Bailey & Martin
Peterson



Pictured:

Runners-up

of the

Walker Cup

with

PG Club Captain

(l - r) Ivan Swaffield
(Club Captain), Adele
Hesp & Geoff Taylor



Reminder :

Please note the closing day for the Mixed knockout tournaments is the 31st October.

To enter, please contact the Pro shop.

BIRDING AT PRINCE'S GRANT



I hope that most of you know that we have a Bird Club at Prince's Grant. It is still very much a fledgling and meets for a walk on the last Sunday of each month – meeting outside the Clubhouse around

6.30/7.30a.m., depending on the time of the year (unless advised otherwise). We try to post a notice each month in the Newsletter.

The driving forces behind the Club are Adele and Tony Hesp (032 4820142/082 8948094) and Gwen and Ivan Swaffield (032 4820093/082 5600640)

We receive a lot of support from the Dolphin Coast Bird Club which goes on a field trip once a month in the North Coast area. (Visitors are welcome – Chris MacDonald – Secretary 082 8794681)

As often as possible we get one or two of their experts to join us at Prince's Grant and occasionally we organise a talk in the Conference Centre.

There is a Prince's Grant bird list (prepared by Bing Comrie – Dolphin Coast Bird Club in October 1997) which lists just under 200 birds. We need to update this to accommodate new names and sightings.

SABAP 2

Prince's Grant is an active participant in the second South African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP 1 took place from 1987 to 1991).

Bird Atlas projects describe the distribution of birds by dividing a geographic area into a grid and obtaining bird lists for each grid

cell. SABAP 2 works with over 17,000 grid cells which are approximately 8 kms x 8kms (5 minutes of latitude x 5 minutes of longitude), covering South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. Bird Lists are compiled by citizen scientists (us!!!) trained according to the projects fieldwork protocol and fieldwork is conducted throughout the year. Incoming data are automatically updated every five minutes on the project website (<http://sabap2.adu.org.za>) which is based at the Department of Zoology at the University of Cape Town.

Comparisons of SABAP1 and SABAP2 data will answer questions relating to the impact of climate change on bird distributions, the timing of migration and ultimately influence conservation policy.

The Prince's Grant pentad (grid) is 29 degrees 20 minutes South by 31 degrees 20 minutes East and in crude terms includes Blythedale, Blythedale Coastal Resort proposed development, Prince's Grant and a bit further North. It stretches back almost to the R102 tar road. Two thirds or more lies out to sea and we have neglected some of these habitats as we concentrate primarily on Prince's Grant.



We use our monthly bird outing list and sometimes supplement it with a longer study period.

Ivan Swaffield and I are the official observers.

Should you be interested in further information please give us a call or drop us an email.

Tony Hesp



PLEASE NOTE

MEMBERS OF THE BIRD CLUB WILL MEET FOR THEIR
MONTHLY BIRD WALK ON 31ST OCTOBER 2010.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS TO MEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE
AT 07h00.