



Welcome to George



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On behalf of the Senior Golfers Union of South Africa I wish all participants and their partners a most enjoyable 80th National Tournament.

Sincere thanks to the President of Southern Cape, Rob Southey and Johan Rauch the Chairman of the Tournament Organising Committee for their diligence and effort and that of their team in setting up a tournament that will no doubt be a great success.

Organising a tournament in the Southern Cape has many obstacles because of the popularity of the courses and the heavy golfing traffic in the area, thus I say thank you to the members of George and Outeniqua Golf Courses for allowing us the use of their facilities. They are without a doubt two of the top courses in the country.

Grateful thanks too to the Management Committee led by Rob Wassenaar and to Ross Grainger the Tournament Director. As always they will ensure that the week will be a great success.

Special thanks to all our Sponsors for their valued support. Without them this would be a non-event!

This year we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Nationals. I cannot give you first-hand knowledge of the original tournament because I was only two years old at the time but I am sure it must have been a happy occasion. The participants could celebrate the Great Depression coming to an end after 10 years of International hardship. There was however the threat of Global conflict which culminated in the outbreak of the Second World War. This would have an impact on those Seniors because many of them would have sons and daughters serving in the Armed Forces.

In closing I wish you great fellowship and a wonderful week of Golf in the beautiful Southern Cape.

On behalf of the Senior Golfers' Society of the Southern Cape, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to George.

Johan Rauch and his team have worked extremely hard to ensure that all the arrangements for a successful week are in place. They have secured excellent sponsors, which has a positive effect on the costs of staging the Nationals, so reducing the entry fees. Thanks Johan and your team.

The venues for this year are the George Golf Club and Fancourt's Outeniqua course. Both courses offer great challenges and are ranked 15th and 16th respectively by Golf Digest South Africa.

Golfing on these two wonderful courses in George, the "capital" of the Garden Route, offers a great opportunity to play golf and enhance the spirit and camaraderie of our great Society.

We really appreciate the effort you have made to join us and trust that you will have a wonderful week.



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