

Good afternoon all

13 May 2020

I trust all is still well on your side.

As I write this e-mail, I can only imagine how far our minibus, filled with excited members of the Free State team, would have travelled on our way to Port Elizabeth, for our yearly QACCS Nationals tournament. I can also imagine, how each of the almost 200 participants, from our various QACCS provinces, were eager to test their golf skills on both Humewood and Wedgewood golf courses, during our prized yearly tournament. I can honestly feel the anticipation that all national participants feel, knowing that once a year, for three days in the middle of May, old and new friendships are enhanced and created, old and new battles are fought on the golf course, creating memories that would last for years to come. For some of us, this would have been the first QACCS Nationals tournament, for others this would have been the 20th. Alas, as we all know, this is not meant to be for 2020.

Although there will be no 2020 tournament, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank QACCS PE, specifically Kerry Bonnage and the 2020 Nationals organising committee, on behalf of the QACCS fraternity, for the hard work and dedication they put in to organise our 2020 Nationals tournament. As reported previously, QACCS PE, will host our 2021 National tournament. I would also wish to thank our valued 2020 National tournament sponsor, Safintra, for their relationship with QACCS, that started two years ago. Their willingness, in this regard, is highly appreciated. I wish them the best in their future business endeavours.

The impact of the ongoing lockdown that started on 27 March 2020, is having a huge effect on the lives of all South Africans. Not only on our personal lives, but also for everyone that is working in, or who has a business in the built environment. As we don't know when the lockdown would be eased further, allowing for amongst others more built environment businesses to reopen, I wish every QACCS member good luck in this trying time.

As for playing golf, and the hosting of our monthly QACCS tournaments, I can only imagine the hunger that every QACCS member has, to not only play golf again, but to also link up with longstanding and new QACCS friends at our monthly tournaments. My thanks must go out to our various provincial QACCS captains and their committees in managing QACCS in the various regions and driving QACCS as a household name in each region, as well as to all the different local sponsors that are closely involved with our QACCS regions during our monthly tournaments.

I would like to thank the National QACCS committee, namely Bernhard Lindner as Vice President, Piet van Wyk as Junior Vice President, Karl Rabie as Treasurer and Wynand du Plessis as Past President, for your hard work and commitment towards QACCS, over the last year.

Lastly, I would like to wish every QACCS member and their families a blessed time together during the lockdown period, may you and your families have good health and may God bless you all.

Regards
Ralph Rex
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