



BLUFF NATIONAL PARK GOLF CLUB
CONSTITUTION

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. **TITLE:**
The name of the club shall be **BLUFF NATIONAL PARK GOLF CLUB** hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.
2. **CLUB DRESS:**
 - (a) The emblem of the Club will be the Blue Heron.
 - (b) The Club colours will be a navy blue blazer with Heron, white shirt and navy slacks.
 - (c) Club Dress for representative purposes shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.
3. **OBJECTS:**
The objects of the Club shall be:
 - (a) The establishment and maintenance of golfing and such other sporting amenities, as may be determined from time to time by members in general meeting;
 - (b) The establishment and maintenance of such social and cultural amenities as may be determined from time to time by the Committee.
4. **RULES OF THE GAME:**
The rules of the game of golf be those of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, subject to such modification or addition to suit local circumstances as may be made from time to time by the Committee and subject to the Constitution rules and regulations of the KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union as a member thereof. If any doubt or dispute shall arise as to the proper construction or interpretation of any Rule of golf, the matter shall be referred to the Committee for decision.
5. **CORPORATE STATUS:**
The Club shall be a Body Corporate, not for gain, with perpetual succession and the capacity to acquire right and incur obligations independently of its members. All assets, funds or property of the Club shall be held or registered in the name of the Club as a corporation at Law. All income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of it's objects and no portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any member or members, provided that nothing contained shall prohibit the payment of bona fida remuneration to any servant of the Club or to any member in consideration of any services actually rendered to the Club.
6. **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:**
 - (a) The club shall sue or be sued in it's own name.
 - (b) Authority to institute or defend legal proceedings, including references to Arbitrations, shall be signed by the Captain, whom failing, such other person as may be nominated for the purpose by the Committee.
 - (c) In any action between the Club and a member, the member shall not be entitled to plead partnership.
7. **POWERS OF THE CLUB.**
For the furtherance of it's objects, the Club shall have the following powers –
 - (a) To open and operate banking, building society and other accounts;
 - (b) To draw, make, accept, endorse, negotiate, discount, execute and issue cheques, promissory notes, Bills of Exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments;
 - (c) To invest or employ in such manner as the club shall deem fit, such funds as are not immediately required by the club;
 - (d) To lend, either with or without security, money or assets to such persons and on such terms and conditions as the Club deem fit;
 - (e) To borrow or raise money;
 - (f) To secure the payment of money or the performance of any obligations of the Club in such a manner as the club shall deem fit and in particular, by the execution of Mortgage Bonds and/or pledges or otherwise, charges upon the whole or any part of the club's immovable property, rights or privileges;
 - (g) To accept donations, gifts, legacies, bequests and benefits of any nature or kind;
 - (h) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any movable or immovable property, rights or privileges;

- (i) To improve, develop, manage, sell, exchange, lease, donate, sub-divide, consolidate, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the club;
- (j) To appoint and dismiss any officers, agents and employees and to determine their duties and to appoint and dismiss an Auditor who shall be a Public Accountant and Auditor or a firm of Public Accountants and Auditors, and to determine and pay his or its remuneration;
- (k) To bring or defend any action or other legal proceedings in any court of law or to refer to arbitration any matter or thing in dispute;
- (l) To appoint sub-committees to investigate, report on and promote matters referred to them and to revoke any such appointments;
- (m) To make, amend and repeal by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the terms of this Constitution.
- (n) To appoint such delegates to represent the Club as may be necessary from time to time;
- (o) To arrange terms and reciprocity with other clubs;
- (p) To merge with another club or clubs;
- (q) To publish and distribute among members, reports of proceedings and activities of the club and to publish and circulate literature for the enlightenment of members of the public;
- (r) To register the name of the club, its badge, motto, flag and / or this Constitution and Rules with any appropriate authority;
- (s) To conduct any lawful business for the furtherance of the objects of the Club;
- (t) Generally, to do all such acts and things as are incidental to the attainment of the club's objects;
- (u) To amend, suspend or repeal this Constitution.

8. **MEMBERSHIP:**

(a) **DEFINITIONS:**

- (i) **“MEMBER”** means any person who has been duly elected as a member of the Club in good standing.
- (ii) **“APPLICANT”** means any person applying for membership of the club. Applications shall be in accordance with the prescribed format, namely, “Application for Membership” form obtainable only through the Executive Officer’s office
- (iii) **“SENIOR MEMBER”** means any gentleman member who has attained the age of SIXTY (60), or any lady member who has attained the age of FIFTY FIVE (55) years, will be accorded the rights and privileges of a Senior Member. These rights and privileges can be reviewed by the Committee from time to time, and changed accordingly. Senior Members shall have full rights of a member.
- (iv) **“WEEKDAY MEMBER”** Any new applicant or existing ordinary, senior, lady or junior member may elect to become a weekday member, with the following proviso’s.
 - 1) These members shall be restricted to playing on weekdays at the prescribed green fees as determined by the Committee from time to time
 - 2) Visitors green fees will be charged for these members playing on Saturdays Sundays and Public Holidays. However, these members may be signed on by full members, provided the full members are playing partners.
- (v) **“RECIPROCAL MEMBER”** means any person belonging to a Golf Club to which Bluff National Park Golf Club has confirmed reciprocal association. These members will pay the Bluff National Park Golf Club members’ green fees.

“HONORARY LIFE MEMBER” means a member who:

- (i) By reason of his or her having conferred some special service to or benefit upon the Club, has been elected as an Honorary Life Member at an Annual General Meeting, provided that, any motion to nominate an Honorary Life Member shall first be submitted in writing by the proposer and seconder thereof and be approved by the Committee and shall appear on the Agenda for such meeting;
- (ii) The Committee shall have the right to recommend to any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of Members the election of an Honorary Life President and Honorary Life Vice-President who shall hold such offices during their lifetime and who will be considered Honorary Life Members for the purpose of this Constitution. Such Honorary official shall be entitled to all the privileges as may be determined by the Committee from time to time, without payment of entrance fees or annual subscription, and shall be entitled to attend committee meetings where, however, they shall have no right to vote; and
- (iii) Shall not be required to pay annual subscriptions during his or her lifetime as from the 1st day of January next following his or her admission as an Honorary Life Member.

“COUNTRY MEMBER” means any person, duly elected as a member of the club, who:

- (i) Resides beyond a radius of 80 kilometres from the Club-house and, being so resident, does not have his principal place of business in the Borough of Durban; **and who shall not:**
- (ii) Vote at any General Meeting;
- (iii) Hold any office in the club;
- (iv) Become a member until any applicant for membership whose name was recorded before his, in the waiting list, shall have been duly balloted for;
- (v) Become a member until he or she shall have paid the difference between the entrance fee which he paid upon being admitted as a Country Member and the entrance fee payable by a Member;
- (vi) In order to become a Member, be required to comply with any formalities save those set out in (iv) and(v) above;
- (vii) Be entitled to any refund of entrance fee or subscription upon being admitted as a Country Member;
- (viii) Exercise a vote at any ballot of the club.

“ABSENTEE MEMBER” means a member who:

- (i) Leaves KwaZulu-Natal to reside elsewhere for a period of at least one year;
- (ii) Having become an Absentee Member and while temporarily resident in Durban, pays an additional subscription of such sum as may be determined by the Committee from time to time;
- (iii) Shall not be entitled to any refund of entrance fee or subscription upon being admitted as an Absentee Member;
- (iv) Having become an Absentee Member, shall not be entitled to be re-admitted as a Member (which shall be without formality) until he or she shall have paid the subscription payable by Members during that year, less the subscription paid by him or her as an Absentee Member.
- (v) Green fees applicable to an Absentee Member shall be the rate applicable for visitors as determined by the Committee at that point in time.

“JUNIOR MEMBER” means a young person who:

- (i) Is EIGHTEEN (18) years or younger;
- (ii) Was admitted to membership, at the discretion of the committee, with or without recourse to a ballot, and if 18 year of age will be regarded as a bona fide scholar; and who may, after obtaining the age of EIGHTEEN (18) years, apply in the ordinary cause for Admission as a Full Member and if successful, the entrance fee then payable by him/her shall be the sum as the Committee may decide from time to time;
- (iii) A “Junior Member” ends on attaining the age of NINETEEN (19) years, and such member shall then be regarded as a studying “STUDENT MEMBER”, (see definition);
- (iv) A “Junior Member” may play in all Club Competitions provided such member applies, in writing to the Committee for permission to do so.
- (v) May, after attaining the age of NINETEEN (19) years and does not propose to continue his or her studies, apply in the ordinary course of admission as a Member, and if successful, the Subscription Fee then payable by him or her shall be the sum as the Committee decides from time to time;
- (vi) Shall not vote at any meetings of the club or exercise a vote at any ballot of the club.

“STUDENT MEMBER” means:

- (i) A young person who has attained the age of NINETEEN (19) years and possesses a student card from a recognized educational institution and must not exceed the age of TWENTY FOUR (24) years, will then be no longer considered as a student, save that:-
 - (a) If a Student Member who has attained the age of 24 years and has not completed his or her specific studies, such student may apply to the Committee for an extension of the Student Membership, which shall be at the entire discretion of the Committee.
- (ii) Shall not vote at any meetings of the club or exercise a vote at any ballot of the club.

“HONORARY MEMBER” means:

- (i) The membership conferred, as an honor, on a person of high standing without the usual requirements of membership application etc. The Executive Officer shall have the discretion in determining the classification of an Honorary Member. Honorary Members will pay Club Members green fees
- (ii) Any person who accepts an invitation by the President, the Captain or the Executive Officer to use the amenities of the club;

- (iii) An applicant for membership of the Club during the period between the day upon which notice of his or her application for membership is posted on the club notice board in terms of Rule 8 (b)(v) and the day upon which his or her application is submitted to ballot in terms of Rule 8 (b) (v);
- (iv) Any person referred to in Rule 15(e); each of whom shall have all the rights of a Member, save those attending Meetings, participating in proposing candidates for membership of the club.

“SPECIAL ADMISSION” means any person who, having come to Durban and having distinguished himself or herself at Golf whether by reason of services rendered by him or her in the interests of golf, or, by his or her skill in playing the game, or who is or was, within one (1) month of the date of his or her application for membership of the club, or a Member in good standing of any other Golf Club in Southern Africa, has been duly elected as a Member of the Club, without, in the discretion of the Committee, having had his or her name entered in the waiting list.

(b) **ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP:**

- (i) Only Honorary Life Members and Members of at least THREE (3) years standing, shall have the rights to propose or second gentlemen or lady candidates for admission to membership of the Club;
- (ii) Committee members may propose and second applicant members.
- (iii) No member may propose or second a candidate for admission to membership of the club on more than TWO (2) occasions in any one calendar year;
- (iv) Every application for membership shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the Committee. Such form shall be signed by the Applicant, and the Proposer and Seconder and shall be accompanied by a payment covering entrance fee, subscription, and levy in proportion to the period of the year such application is made.
- (v) Every application for membership shall be submitted to the Executive Officer or in his/her absence the Captain or to the Committee and, if approved by the Committee, the notice of the application shall be posted by the Executive Officer and/or Captain on the club Notice Board for SEVEN (7) days and NO candidate shall be elected less than FOURTEEN (14) days after nomination.
- (vi) In the event of no written objection being received from any Member, by the Executive Officer during the period the candidates Notice of Application for membership is on the Notice Board, such Membership will be deemed to be acceptable and the Executive Officer shall accordingly, confirm in writing to the respective candidate of Membership;
- (vii) Any candidates whose application for membership has been rejected shall not be entitled to use any of the amenities of the Club nor shall any further application by him or her for membership be considered within TWELVE (12) calendar months from date upon which any prior application by him for membership was rejected;
- (viii) If at any time after the election of a member, it appears that he or she was elected under a misrepresentation or mistake as to identity or qualification or of incorrect information as to his or her character, position or nationality was given, the Committee shall have power to terminate his or her membership forthwith and no entrance fee or subscription paid by him or her shall be refundable.

(c) **LIMITATION OF NUMBERS OF MEMBERS:**

Members shall be limited in number to ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1200), save where the number is exceeded by Junior Members and Special Admissions, who become Members.

(d) **WAITING LIST:**

- (i) The Committee shall maintain in due chronological order, a waiting list of applicants for Membership;
- (ii) The date of application for Membership shall be deemed to be that upon which it is lodged in proper form with the Executive Officer;
- (iii) Applicants for Membership shall be balloted for in strict order from the waiting list, save as is provided in the case of Special Admissions under Rule 8(a).

(e) **LIABILITY OF MEMBERS:**

The liability of every member of the Club for the debts of the club shall be limited to the amount of entrance fee and/or subscription due by such member in terms of this Constitution and unpaid and beyond such amount, no member shall be personally liable for the debts of the Club;

- (f) **PROPRIETARY RIGHTS OR MEMBERS:**
Any person ceasing, for any reason, to be a member of the Club, shall have no partnership or other interest in any of the assets of the Club.

- (g) **NOTICES TO MEMBERS:**
- (i) Any notice posted on the Notice board of the Club, by the authority of either the Committee, or the Executive Officer, shall be deemed to have been duly served upon each member of the Club at the time when it was posted;
 - Or**
 - (ii) A notice may be served by the Club upon any member personally or by sending it through the post in a cover addressed to such member at his registered address, and any notice so sent by post shall be deemed to have been served upon the member concerned 5 (FIVE) days after the date of posting;
 - (iii) All notices of meetings shall be served as provided for in (ii) above.

9. **ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION:**
- (a) Upon his or her election to membership, a newly elected member shall be notified by the Executive Officer that he or she has been elected and the Executive Officer shall furnish him or her with copies of the Constitution and Rules and the by-laws and regulations of the Club and shall call upon him or her to pay the amount of his or her entrance fee and subscription;
 - (b) Until he or she has paid his or her entrance fee and subscription, a newly elected member shall not be entitled to use any of the amenities of the Club;
 - (c) In the event of a newly elected member failing to pay the amount of his or her entrance fee and subscription within 1 (ONE) month of the date upon which he or she is notified by the Executive Officer of his or her election to membership, such member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club and the provisions of the Rule 9 (e) shall apply to him or her;
 - (d) The fees and subscription shall be payable in the respective classes of membership, as the Committee may from time to time assess not exceeding 20% of the annual subs;
 - (e) The Committee may, in its discretion, remit, in whole or in part, any of the entrance fees and subscription herein provided for;
 - (f) Subscriptions shall be due and payable on the 1st day of January in each year save in the case of newly elected member whose entrance fee, subscription shall be payable in accordance with the provision of Rule 8(b)(iv), 9(a), and 9(e)

10. **CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:**
- (a) Any member contravening any rule, by-law or regulation of the Club or whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee is contrary to the interests of the Club or to the interests of other members of the Club, shall be liable to expulsion from the club by the Committee or it may suspend such member's right to use the amenities of the Club for such period and upon such conditions as it may decide. Any person who has been expelled under the provisions of this Rule shall be permanently barred from entering the club premises;
 - (b) Any Member aggrieved by a decision of the Committee under (a) above shall have a right to appeal against such decision to a Special General Meeting of members, provided that he or she complies fully with the provisions of Rule 16 (B) relating to the calling of a Special General Meeting.
 - (c) For the purpose of this rule, failure to pay, when due, any debt owing to the Club or the club professional when called upon by the Committee to do so, shall be deemed to be prima facie evidence of conduct inimical to the interest of the Club.

11. **RESTRICTIONS AND PENALTIES:**
- (a) No profit from the sale of liquor or any other thing by the Club shall accrue to any individual without the approval of the Committee;
 - (b) Any member who has not paid his subscription within ONE (1) month after it became due, shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Club, provided however that the Committee may readmit such member upon payment by him or her of his or her arrear subscription and all other amounts in respect of which he or she was in default, together with any other fees of any description which would have been payable by him or her had he or she remained a member between the date of his or her ceasing to be a member and the date of his or her re-admission.
 - (c) The Committee may re-admit to membership any person who, having resigned his or her membership satisfies the Committee that such resignation was due entirely to an inability, caused by hardship or stress of circumstances, to pay his or her annual subscription upon payment by him or her of his or her arrear subscription and all other amounts in respect of which he or she, had he or she remained a member between the date of his or her ceasing to

be a member and the date of his or her re-admission; alternatively any such person effecting payment of his or her arrear subscription and/or any other amount in respect of which he or she was if default when he or she ceased to be a member, may again apply for membership under Rule 8(b);

- (d) Any member intending to resign from the Club shall notify the Executive Officer in writing of such resignation on or before the 31st day of December in any year and shall otherwise be liable for his subscription for the ensuing year;
- (e) A person who has ceased to be a member –
 - (i) Shall remain liable for payments, fees and subscription as are due and unpaid by him;
 - (i) Shall not be entitled to recover any sums by reason of the termination of his membership prior to the end of the current year.
- (f) The Committee shall at all times have discretion regarding any of the foregoing sub-clauses pertaining to Clause 11.

12. **OFFICE BEARERS:**

- (a) The Office Bearers of the Club, each of whom shall be either an Honorary Life Member or a Member of at least THREE (3) years standing, shall consist of:-
 - (i) PRESIDENT
 - (ii) CAPTAIN
 - (iii) VICE-CAPTAIN
 - (iv) LADY CAPTAIN
 - (v) Eight Committee members who with the Captain, Vice-Captain and Lady Captain shall comprise the COMMITTEE of the Club in which, subject to such Resolutions as may be passed from time to time by Members in General meeting, shall be vested the powers, management and control of the Club;
- (b) The Executive Officer of the Club shall be the Secretary of the Committee;
- (c) The Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall take office on election and remain in office until their successors have been elected.
- (d) ALL OFFICE BEARERS shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election, except in the case of the Club Captain, Vice-Captain and Lady Captain, who may remain in office for a maximum term of TWO (2) years.
- (e) The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy in the Committee whether such vacancy arises from the death, resignation or disqualification of any Office Bearer, or otherwise howsoever and to co-opt a Member, eligible to be an Office Bearer to fill any vacancy that may arise as a consequence;
- (f) A notice specifying the Office Bearers to be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board before the 31st day of December in each year;
- (g) Office Bearers shall be nominated in writing, in a form prescribed by the Committee, signed by the proposers and seconders, (each of whom shall be either an Honorary Life Member, or Member of at least three (3) years standing, and by the nominees by eight (8) o'clock in the evening twenty eight (28) clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and a notice stating the names of those nominated and the offices they are intended to fill, shall be displayed on the club notice board for at least twenty (20) days before the Annual General Meeting;
- (h) Should the number of nominees exceed the number of vacancies to occur among the Office Bearers, such Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by ballot;
- (i) The President or in the event of a Honorary Life President being elected, such person shall ex-officio be a member of the Committee
- (j) The Captain, Vice-Captain and Lady Captain shall, ex-officio, be members of all Sub-Committees appointed hereunder.

13. **THE COMMITTEE:**

- (a) All the powers of the Club, as per Clause 7, shall vest in the COMMITTEE which shall have full power to manage all the business and affairs of the Club and shall in all things, act for and in the name of the Club, provided, however, that the Committee shall not, without the authority of a resolution duly passed at a General Meeting of the Club:-
 - (i) Borrow money;
 - (ii) Invest funds otherwise than at call or on deposit with a registered bank or building society, or in bills, bonds or securities issued or guaranteed by or loans to or guaranteed by the Government of the Republic of South Africa or a Provincial Administration or any local authority in the Republic of South Africa authorised by law to levy rates upon immovable property;
 - (iii) Enter into any transaction in terms whereof the club may incur a liability exceeding ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND RAND (100 000,00) provided that, in the event of any

such liability being less than SIXTY THOUSAND RAND (60 000,00), but not exceeding the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND RAND (50 000,00) the Committee shall post upon the Club Notice Board, for a period of not less than twenty one (21) days, a notice containing full particulars of the Committee's intentions and the transaction concerned;

- (iv) Amend, suspend or repeal this Constitution save as is provided for in term of Clause 20;
 - (v) Merge the Club with another club.
- (b) The powers of the Club shall be exercised by the signature of any two of the following:
The Captain, two Committee Members, especially deputed for the purpose by the Committee, and the Executive Officer.
- (c) No structural alteration or material re-arrangement of the course shall be carried out until the Committee has posted upon the Club Notice Board for a period of not less than twenty one (21) days, a notice setting out full details of the Committee's intentions in regard to such alteration or re-arrangement together with the estimate of the costs thereof;
- (d) All by-laws and regulations made by the Committee shall be binding on all members of the Club unless and until repealed by the committee of by a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the members of the Club.
- (e) The Committee shall have power to settle any disputes between members or between members and the Club and in the event of any party to such dispute being dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee he, she or it, as the case may be, shall have a right to appeal against such decision to a Special general Meeting of members provided that written notice of intention to exercise such right of appeal is given to the Executive Officer of the club within seven (7) days of the date upon which the Committee communicated the decision appealed against, and such Special General Meeting shall be convened within one (1) month of receipt by the Executive Officer of the said notice, and in accordance with the procedure as laid down in Clause 16 (B).
- (f) The Committee shall cause to be kept a Register of members and there shall be recorded therein:-
- (i) the name and address (both business and residential) of each member;
 - (v) the date of birth of each member;
 - (vi) the date upon which each member became a member;
 - (vii) the date upon which any member ceased to be a member; and such register will be open to the inspection of members at all times subject to such reasonable restrictions as the Committee may impose from time to time provided that none of the foregoing provisions shall apply in respect of Honorary members under Clause 15 (e);
- (g) Every Member, other than a Honorary Member under Clause 15 (e), shall cause his or her address or any change thereof to be recorded by the Executive Officer in the Register of Members;
- (h) The Committee shall cause proper RECORDS to be kept and Annual financial Statements to be prepared each year reflecting the financial position of the Club as at 31st day of December, and the results of its operations for the year ending that date. The Annual Financial Statements shall include:-
- (i) a report by the Committee on the operations and state of affairs of the club and it's golfing activities;
 - (ii) a Balance Sheet;
 - (iii) an Income Statement;
 - (iv) a Statement of source and application of funds;
 - (v) an Auditor's report.
- (i) A copy of the Annual Financial Statements, together with a copy of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, shall be posted to each member at his registered address, in terms of Clause 13 (f), and shall be displayed on the club notice Board for at least seven (7) clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

14. **COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES:**

- (a) The Committee shall determine the dates of all official competitions for the ensuing season and shall cause to be printed and distributed among members of the Club, fixture cards recording the dates of such competitions;
- (b) The period of currency of floating trophies which may be donated to or instituted by the club, shall be limited to TEN (10) years except as is otherwise decided by Members in General Meeting.

15. **VISITORS:**
- (a) Subject to such exceptions as may be prescribed by the Committee, visitors shall not be entitled to take part in Official Club Competitions;
 - (b) The Committee shall have power to close the course to visitors at any time and to refuse to permit any visitors to use any or all of the golfing facilities of the Club;
 - (c) A resident of Durban shall not be entitled to use any of the facilities of the Club unless he or she is introduced by a member who shall enter the name of such visitor in a book to be provided by the Committee for the purpose and sign the book as being responsible for the introduction of such visitor;
 - (d) The Committee may, in its discretion permit persons who are not members of the club to use the facilities of the Club to the extent necessary to enable them to take golf lessons from the professional;
 - (e) Any person who is not a member of the club and who, having been duly authorised thereto, participates in any golf competition or match on the course shall be an Honorary Member of the Club for the day or days on which the said competition or match takes place.

16. **MEETINGS:**

A **“ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS”**

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of members shall be held before the 30th day of April in each year, on a day and at a time appointed by the Committee, and a notice stating the day and time so appointed shall be posted on the club Notice Board by the Executive Officer not later than FORTY (40) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting;
- (b) The following shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting of members:-
 - (i) Members
 - (ii) Honorary Life Members
 - (iii) Country Members
 - (iv) Absentee Members
 - (v) Senior Members
- (c) At least FOURTEEN (14) clear days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each member entitled to attend and such notice shall be accompanied by copies of the Agenda, Annual Financial Statements, Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and Minutes of any Special General Meeting held during the year under review for the Annual General Meeting to which they relate;
- (d) Notice of any motion to be put at the Annual General Meeting shall be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder thereof, both of whom shall be members eligible to vote and shall be delivered to the Executive Officer not later than TWENTY EIGHT (28) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and such motion shall be included in the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting concerned;
- (e) THIRTY (30) members eligible to vote shall form a quorum at an Annual General Meeting and if, within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week (at the same venue and time) and if that be a Public Holiday, to the next succeeding day other than a Public Holiday and if at such adjourned Meeting a quorum is not present, within half an hour of the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, those members present and eligible to vote shall be a quorum;
- (f) Every member eligible to vote shall have one vote provided that the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote;
- (g) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a Poll is demanded by at least TWO (2) members eligible to vote in which event the result of the Poll shall prevail;
- (h) In the event of a Poll taking place, those members present and eligible to vote shall elect from among their number, THREE (3) scrutineers who shall conduct the Poll and report the result to the Chairman of the Meeting;
- (i) Save as is otherwise provided for herein, a resolution shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting;
- (j) The Chairman of the meeting shall be the Captain, whom failing, such member of the Committee as may be nominated by the Captain and failing such nomination, any member of the Committee shall call the members to order for the purpose of electing a Chairman of the meeting;
- (k) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:-
 - (i) To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual general Meeting and any Special General Meeting held since the previous Annual General Meeting;
 - (ii) To adopt the Annual Financial Statements;
 - (iii) To elect Office Bearers;
 - (iv) To consider and adopt (with or without amendment moved by member present and eligible to vote) or reject any motion of which due notice was given;

- (v) If necessary to adjourn the meeting to such venue, time and date as members present and eligible may decide;
- (l) The Auditor shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and speak thereat;
- (m) Proper Minutes of all Annual General Meetings shall be kept.

B. "SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS"

- (a) Special General Meeting of members may be called at the discretion of the Committee or upon a requisition addressed to the Executive Officer signed by at least THIRTY (30) members eligible to vote setting forth clearly the business such meeting is required to transact;
- (b) The following shall be entitled to attend Special General Meetings of Members:-
 - (i) Members
 - (ii) Honorary Life Members
 - (iii) Country Members
 - (iv) Absentee Members
 - (v) Senior Members
- (c) At least FOURTEEN (14) clear days notice of a Special General Meeting of member shall be given to each member and such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the Agenda for the Special General Meeting to which it relates;
- (d) Notice of any motion to be put at a Special General Meeting shall be in writing, signed by the proposer and the seconder thereof both of whom shall be members eligible to vote and shall be delivered to the Executive Officer not later than TWENTY ONE (21) days before the date of the Special General Meeting and such motion shall be included in the Agenda for the Special General Meeting concerned;
- (e) THIRTY (30) members eligible to vote shall form a quorum at a Special General Meeting and save in the case of a Special General Meeting requisitioned by members under Rule 16 (B) (a), if within half an hour from the time appointed or the commencement of the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week (at the same venue and time) and if that be a Public Holiday, to the next succeeding day other than a Public Holiday and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, within half an hour of the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting those members present and eligible to vote shall be a quorum;
- (f) Every member eligible to vote shall have one vote provided that the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote;
- (g) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a Poll is demanded by at least TWO (2) members eligible to vote, in which event the result of the Poll shall prevail;
- (h) In the event of a Poll taking place, those members present and eligible to vote shall elect from among their number, THREE (3) scrutineers who shall conduct the Poll and report the result to the Chairman of the Meeting;
- (i) Save as is otherwise provided for herein, a resolution shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting;
- (j) The Chairman of the Meeting shall be the Captain, whom failing, such member of the Committee as may be nominated by the Captain and failing such nomination, any member of the Committee shall call the members to order for the purpose of electing a Chairman of the Meeting.
- (k) The business of a Special General Meeting shall be:-
 - (i) To consider and adopt (with or without amendment moved by members present and eligible to vote or reject, and motion of which due notice was given);
 - (ii) If necessary, to adjourn the meeting to such venue, time and date as members present and eligible to vote may decide;
- (l) The Auditor shall be entitled to attend the Special general Meetings and speak thereat;
- (m) Proper Minutes of all General Meetings shall be kept and confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting.

C. "COMMITTEE MEMBERS"

- (a) The Committee shall meet at least once every month and shall cause proper Minutes to be kept of all its meetings by the Executive Officer;
- (b) Any member of the Committee who fails to attend THREE (3) consecutive monthly Committee Meetings without the permission from the Committee shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Committee;
- (c) The Chairman of the Committee Meetings shall be the Captain, whom failing, such member of the Committee as may be nominated by the Captain and, failing such nomination, any member of the Committee may call the members to order for the purpose of electing a Chairman of the meeting;
- (d) At the meetings of the Committee, SIX (6) members of the Committee shall form a quorum and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

- D. **“SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS”**
- (a) The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies in order to alter the composition or terms of reference of any sub-committee appointed by it as it may from time to time deem fit;
 - (b) All sub-committee shall meet at least once a month and shall keep and shall lodge proper Minutes of all their meetings with the Executive Officer who shall table the same at the next meeting of the Committee.
17. **LADIES SECTION:**
The ladies section shall be a Sub Section of Bluff National Park Golf Club comprising of all lady members, with a duly elected committee governed by a constitution to oversee the affairs pertaining specifically to Lady Golfers.
18. **EVIDENCE:**
- (a) A copy of this Constitution or any by-law, rule or regulation of the Club, certified as such by the Executive Officer any be accepted as evidence for any purposes whatsoever.
 - (b) In the event of a resolution of a meeting being required as evidence for any purpose whatsoever, a copy thereof certified as such by the Chairman of the meeting concerned and the Executive Officer may be accepted.
19. **DISSOLUTION:**
- (a) The Club may be dissolved or merged with another club with similar proposes and objects in each case only;
 - (i) On a resolution passed by two thirds of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly constituted General Meeting of member; or
 - (ii) On an application to a Court of Law by any member on the grounds that the Club has become dormant or is unable to fulfill it’s objects;
 - (b) On merger, the assets of the Club shall accrue to that club with which the merger is effected;
 - (c) On dissolution, the assets of the Club shall be realised by a liquidator appointed by the General Meting or the Court, as the case may be, and the nett proceeds shall, subject to the directions of the General Meeting or the Court, whichever is applicable, be delivered to another club, Society, or association with objects similar to those of the Club.
20. **AMENDMENTS:**
This Constitution and any by-law, rule or regulation or any part thereof, shall not be amended, suspended, added to or repealed otherwise than by a resolution passed at a duly constituted General Meeting of the club by two thirds of the members present thereat and eligible to vote, provided however that day amendment required by law shall be made forthwith by the Committee and such amendments shall be subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting