

DEFENCE (WP) GOLF NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to all our new and returning members!

We ended 2025 with 72 members and began 2026 with 70. We are pleased to report that our membership has now grown to **84 members** (28 AMG and 56 SAN). Only 7 members are affiliated and not full members of the Club. Our youngest member is 14 years old and our oldest is 85, giving us an impressive average age of 52. This wide age range truly reflects the inclusive and enduring spirit of our club.

LIV Teams – New IPS Format

Following member feedback, the IPS competition format has been revised in 2024.

Instead of Arms of Service teams, we will now have **7 teams of 6 players each**.

- The **top 7 players at the end of the year** will automatically be appointed as captains for the following season.
- The next **35 players who confirm their availability** will be allocated into teams.
- Additional players will serve as **reserves** and will step in when required.

This new structure aims to promote fairness, competitiveness, and greater participation.

Betterball (BB) Format Changes

The Betterball structure has also been adjusted:

- Arms of Service teams will no longer apply.
- Members must inform their relevant AOS representative of their availability to play.
- Players will be divided into two groups:
 - Lower handicaps
 - Higher handicaps
- One player from each group will be drawn to form pairs.
- Once drawn, partners will remain together for the remainder of the year.

This format encourages balanced pairings and team consistency.

Standard Bank International Pairs

Standard Bank has withdrawn the sponsorship and this competition will therefor be removed from the fixtures.

Matchplay Competition

The Matchplay format currently consists of **24 players** competing in a Round Robin structure.

At the conclusion:

- The **Cup Winner**;
- **Runner-up**; and
- **Plate Winner** will be acknowledged during the end of year awards function.

We look forward to exciting and competitive matchplay encounters throughout the season.

Development Fixture


For the first time in several years, the season began with a Development Fixture. It has already proven to be a great success, with valuable lessons learnt and strong participation achieved.

We wish all our development players many years of enjoyable and rewarding golf.

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We look forward to the rest of the 2026 season, filled with good golf, great camaraderie, and continued growth.

See you on the course! 