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THE INFORMER

A WORD FROM ANAND PILLAY



Dear Fellow Members, Hello and welcome to our fourth and final edition of "The Informer" for 2008.

We have entered the final lap of an amazing and successful year and it has been an honour and privilege for me to have lead the IIG during this year.

At the time of writing, we are busy putting the final touches to our Annual Dinner on the 6th November 2008 and it promises to be the highlight of the year. We already have in excess of 1350 people booked to attend.

At the Presidents Dinner in March this year, I shared my vision for the IIG in the form of a business plan and core objectives for 2008. This included a concerted effort on improving communication via a monthly electronic newsletter, the "Informer" magazine and the relaunch of the IIG website. Improving knowledge and skills through the IIG Business Breakfast, Seminars and lectures, some in conjunction with the IISA, also formed part of this vision. A hectic social and sporting programme added to this vision. This was then rounded off by a focus on social responsibility through the Charity Auction and the IIG Bursary

Programme for 2008. All of these core objectives, in my mind, have not only been achieved but far exceeded. This has been through the combined efforts and support of an incredible team of council members supported by Marguerite McGrath. The incredible energy and commitment of this team has made my role at the helm of the IIG all the easier.

I would also like to thank all our sponsors. The loyalty and support of our sponsors ensures the continuing success of the IIG and we appreciate the ongoing support.

To you our members, it has been a pleasure serving you and I hope that your support toward the IIG grows from strength to strength. Thank you all, for your attendance at the IIG events during the year. Please remember that this is your Institute and the success of the IIG is dependent on all of you.

To the IIG council members and Marguerite McGrath, thank you all for your incredible efforts during the year.

I wish you and yours all the best over the festive season and may you have a successful 2009. Please drive safely wherever your travels may take you.

All the best.

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*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!
Best wishes to you all!*



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Glasfit Ladies Golf Day



On 14 August 2008 I attended the 2nd Glasfit Ladies Golf Day held at Creek 9 Golf Club in Roosevelt Park. There was a huge turn out of women dressed in their smart gear. An excited buzz was noticeable amongst them. Some ladies even apologised for never having played golf before.



The event is specifically held for the non golfer, with the entry fee being a bag of cat or dog food which would be donated to the Animal Anti Cruelty. A large number of tinned and packaged food was collected, along with bedding for dogs and cats. What a great effort from all the ladies.

Due to the popularity of the event, the large number of players were teeing off simultaneously to the sound of the starter gun, from all the holes on the golf course.

As the day progressed, comical incidents were plentiful on the course. Incidents such as changing of shirts whilst playing, ladies directing the ball with their feet, and missed shots resulting in the players

doing full pirouettes were observed. One of the ladies ended up with a bruise after being hit by a ball from her team mate. Another player discovered on the 9th hole that she was actually left handed, resulting in her missing almost all her shots. Prize-giving and eats ended the



day's proceedings.

Prizes were awarded for the following:

- 1st:** Letitia (HIU)
- 2nd:** Vanie Govender: Constantia
- 3rd:** Sandy Endacot (M&F)
- Longest Drive:** Janine Smith (AIG)
- Best Dressed:** Letitia, Joanie, Denleigh & Thersia (HIU Team)

- Putter Confusion:** Maya Moonilal (AIG)
- Mud Wader:** Leanne Van Wyk (M&F)
- Team bruising:** Razia Cader (M&F) and



Sharon Brown (Global Choices)
Best Team Spirit: Razia Cader, Pam Lozowski (M&F) and Kerry Glass, Sharon Brown (Global Choices)

Overall it turned out to be a fantastic day, one which I totally enjoyed.

I am looking forward to the next one. Thanks Glasfit and IIG.

Razia Cader
Mutual & Federal



GARY BAILEY: 2010 GAMEPLAN



BUSINESS BREAKFAST



On Wednesday, 17 September 2008, 125 Insurance Institute of Gauteng members and their guests, attended Gary Bailey's informative, fun and motivating 2010 World Cup presentation in the Rainbow Room at the Country Club, Johannesburg.

Gary shared statistics from previous



World Cups and other big sporting events, highlighting what we can expect from 2010. He planted seeds on how we as individuals and companies could benefit from this major event.

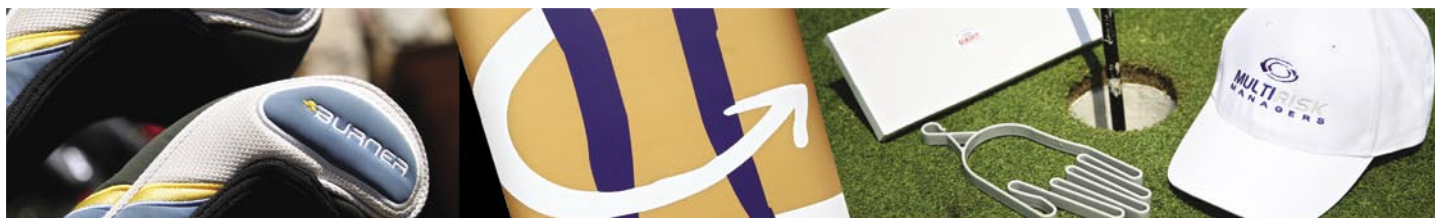
2010 is not only about 4 weeks of soccer, but the opportunities before, during and after the World Cup are



endless! For more information and interesting statistics visit www.gameplan2010.com

This business breakfast was proudly sponsored by Standard Bank Insurance Services.

Kim Gallus 



Multi Risk Managers Golf Day

The last IIG golf day for the year 2008, was held at the Parkview Golf Course on October 17. Bookings were surprisingly slow compared to our other golf days, and we ended up having a field of 21 4 balls. Our main Sponsor for the day, Multi Risk Managers together with Glasfit, the co-sponsor, provided each golfer with a cap and golf glove holder.

Parkview ground staff had done a superb job in keeping the course in tip top condition and our golfers were treated to excellent field conditions. The weather man played his part, ordering good clear skies for the day, only allowing our first rains for the season to fall nearing end of play. Play was suspended for about 10 minutes due to lightning and only one 4 Ball failed to complete the course.

Roy Kirby had a rare day off, as Altus from the Pro Shop collected and reviewed the score cards. At 17h45 everyone was asked to assemble in the lounge for prize giving.

Anand Pillay welcomed everyone, firstly, thanking Parkview Golf Club for their hospitality and secondly acknowledging the golfers support, not only for the day but for their participation during the past year. Anand also thanked the sponsors,

Multi Risk Managers and Glasfit, for their valued support of the IIG. Anand then called upon Greg Venter, MD of Multi Risk. Greg thanked the IIG for the opportunity to sponsor the event and hoped



that this would be the first of many. He also thanked the golfers for their support and was grateful that none had been "cooked" by the lightning.

Roy Kirby then announced the following winners:

1st Place: Roy Kirby, Russell Sourgen, Digby Levenson, Neil Harvey (Neil Harvey shot a 1 under par playing off a 5 handicap, 6 Birdies & 1 Eagle for the day!!)

2nd Place: Hugh Broodryk, Nico Prinsloo, Ian De Ru, Jerry Van Vuuren

3rd Place: Joe Hartmann, Kevin Smith, Rodger Govender, Praveen Moodley

4th Place: Stefan de Kocker, Frik Jacobs, Tom Gouws, Gerrit Gouws

Longest Day: Geoffrey Broad, Gary Wilmot, Harry Fisher, David King

Nearest Pin: Mark Franks

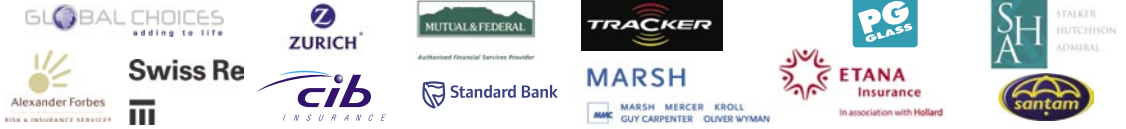
Longest Drive: David Caine

Formalities over with, everyone relaxed, had a few drinks and enjoyed the dinner provided.

Marguerite McGrath



67th Annual Dinner Hits a New High!



This year's IIG Annual dinner hit a new high! It combined the much enjoyed networking opportunity with world class entertainment, an above average banqueting dinner in a stylish venue.

During the VIP pre-dinner drinks, Bob Cox, (President, 1959), Roy Kirby, (president 1986) and I, (President 1992) were reminiscing about previous dinners. The recollection of my first dinner (the 47th) at the Carlton Hotel 30 years ago was soon put into perspective by Bob and Roy who shared memories of the 1968 dinner at the Cadisbrook Hotel in Doornfontein (the 37th), attended by a handful of people – 40 years ago! Bob even remembered the 28th dinner (his presidential year) 49 years ago. Wow, how things have changed!

1400 guests were overwhelmed by the sparkling décor which greeted them as they entered the main hall of the Sandton Convention Centre for the 67th Annual Dinner in November. Massive orange and white, internally-illuminated orbs glowed high above, providing an intimate hue to the tall luminescent pillars interspersed with oversized multi-colored stars which encapsulated the dining area. The centre-arrangements on each table consisted of slender meter-high glass containers artistically filled with clear cellophane and glowing strings of fairy lights.

VIP guests were piped to their tables by the traditional wail of the Scottish piper. The ceremony was followed by a professionally-displayed series of sponsor advertisements on large screens as the immense assembly settled to enjoy what was to become the most lavishly orchestrated Institute Dinner spectacle, ever!

The MC, Neil Andrews gave a lighthearted introduction, setting the theme with the now-famous 'Obama slogan' ... "Yes we can"! Behind him the stage was disguised with a stretched white 'cloth' which was backlit by moving multicolored patterns.

Following another series of sponsor adverts, the starter was served – a biltong and mango salad. Immediately after this the audience was delighted with the first

taste of some real entertainment – two rope gymnasts twirled and gyrated high above, accompanied by a live rendition of "Someday I'll Fly Away" from the musical "Moulin Rouge". The show was over all too soon, and the audience realized that there was much more to follow.

Anand Pillay, the IIG President gave a delightfully short address, paying tribute to the many sponsors who donated so generously resulting in such a successful event. He referred to the vision of improving knowledge and skills in the industry and also mentioned the sporting and social aspects of the IIG. He then turned to the IIG's charitable activities, mentioning that R900 000 had been donated to charities over the past four years, He then presented cheques for R85 000 to each of three charities, Wetnose Animal Rescue, Marang House and Frederick Place.

Forty-Year awards were made to five veterans of the industry, Barry Taylor, Essop Bhana, Robbie Arndt, Ken Sloane and Elizabeth Davidtz accompanied by stirring music and appreciative applause from the audience.

Following more sponsors adverts and the growing clamor of conversation amongst the assembled multitude the 'lucky prize', sponsored by Global Choices was announced. Each guest had been allocated a number on a place card and the lucky winner of R20000 was number 807 – a delighted Steve Legg!

The main course, an ensemble of Lamb, Chicken and beef 'pot-au-feu', was accompanied by the light strains of Michael Buble recordings; and then it was on to the main highlight of the evening – the entertainment which turned out to be spectacular. Firstly a dazzling demonstration of the tango by a lady dressed in a shimmering red dress accompanied by a black-clad matador which was a whirlwind of dancing perfection. Without time to catch their breath, the guests were then stunned by the acrobatic virtuosity of another aerial routine using the medium of flowing white

sashes for suspension. This was an exquisitely coordinated and sensual routine to café Latino music. Another WOW!

But there was more to come the setting transformed to the stage which was now occupied by a black-suited seven-piece ensemble who struck up a rousing introduction with 'I'm just a Gigolo'. Popular entertainer, Harry Sideropoulos wafted in through the smoky purple downlighters, to belt out a number of popular songs. Lee Raath clad in a slinky red number and the suave Craig Urbani joined the show, providing a variety of jazz and old-time favorites by the entire cast. The finale, "Whose Your Mama", really put the cherry on an utterly outstanding show. This was truly great entertainment spoiled only by the annoyingly loud chatter of guests which at times competed strongly with the performers!

Dessert of Cheese and biscuits was a pleasant change to the normal banquetting fare and the evening progressed to some serious imbibing and enthusiastic networking. When I left at 23:30 the party was really kicking off, and I am told that some late-night revelers only went home at 4:00 the next morning!

Sincere congratulations are due to Institute Secretary Marguerite and the team which coordinated this magnificent evening. The only problem is – how on earth are they going to top this next year?

Michael Pryke
Past President (1992)







IIG: Past Presidents' Lunch

The Bryanston Country Club was the venue for this year's lunch, which was attended by thirteen Past Presidents. The event was hosted by Natasha Blok, Deputy President, in the absence of current President, Anand Pillay.

The affair was a jolly one with much laughter as old photographs of the previous Institute Councils were passed around. Some of these photographs dated back more than twenty years. Younger presidents had trouble recognizing some

of the older brigade who had more hair in those days and who were decidedly slimmer.

This year was special as Council decided to present all Past Presidents with Honorary Life Membership of the Insurance Institute of Gauteng. Natasja Blok presented the following Past Presidents who were able to attend the function, with their Certificates: Bob Cox (1959); Allan Peters (1980); David Dixon (1982); Dieter Kopsch (1984); Roy Kirby (1986); Dick

Andersen (1988); Michael Pryke (1992); Michael Pierce (1996); Paul Ray (1994); Carryn Ford (2003); Geoff Leatham (2004); Jenny Lawler (2006) and Lars Forssman (2007).

Michael Pierce was then called upon to present a special gift to Bob Cox who has now served fifty years as Past President of our Institute – a remarkable achievement indeed!

David Dixon *Past President (1982)*



Egoli Golf Challenge

The annual golf challenge between the various Institutes took place at Mount Edgecombe on Thursday 23rd October 2008.

Unfortunately only three Institutes took part this year, namely KwaZulu Natal, Free State and Gauteng. The Gauteng side sponsored by CIB Insurance Solutions wore red shirts and black pants and looked very professional.

The competition was Individual Stableford, 10 best scores to count from the 12 players. The day was very overcast and the number two course at Mount Edgecombe played very long due to rain.

The Gauteng side finished third on 328

points, Free State was second on 329 points and KwaZulu Natal, first on 333 points, a very close competition.

This is the 4th year this inter-provincial Institute tournament has been held and has proved very popular and lots of contacts were made by the individual members. Next year the Gauteng Institute will be hosting this tournament and a minimum of five (5) Institutes will participate.

In order to qualify for the Gauteng Institute team, local members must participate in our four (4) Golf Tournaments held during the year.

Roy Kirby



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We held our Sponsors Dinner at the elegant Harrison's on 12th on the evening of the 20 November.

Sponsors that attended the festivities were: Alexander Forbes, Auto & General, Altech Netstar, CIB, FNB Insurance Brokers, Global Choices, Glenrand MIB, Glasfit, The Lion, Mutual & Federal, Munich Re, PG Glass, Stalker Hutcheson Admiral, Swiss Re, Standard Bank Insur-

ance Services, Tracker, Thatch Risk Acceptances and Zurich.

Unfortunately due to the time of year and busy schedules the following Sponsors were unable to attend: Etana, Dex, Investec, Marsh, Multi Risk Managers and Santam.

Anand Pillay thanked all for their commitment and generosity afforded the IIG for 2008, and cheekily warned them that a

visit from Natasja Blok, Deputy President, was on the cards for early 2009!

The evening proceeded with good food, good company and a wonderful sense of camaraderie.

The IIG extends its thanks to all Sponsors who were an integral factor in the success of 2008.

Marguerite McGrath

IIG M&F Birding Weekend

The IIG held its 2008 Birding Weekend, in and around Pilgrims Rest, in Mpumalanga over the period 14 to 16 November 2008. Etienne Marais, who with co-author Faansie Peacock have just launched their first book together, "Birding Gauteng", was our leader again in 2008. Marguerite and I arrived early to place the M&F sponsored gifts (bird themed ceramic bowls), in the rooms.



Peter and Ann Downham were the first to arrive. The Samango monkeys, starlings, sunbirds and wagtails that frequent the pool deck at the Mount Sheba Hotel kept them entertained while waiting for the others to arrive. All, except Vusi and Thandile Ndlovu from M&F, had arrived by 14h30 and the welcome and weekend briefing began. We later learnt that Vusi's flight out of PE the previous day had been postponed to that Friday morning. As a result, they missed the Friday afternoon walk, and arrived, much to Marguerite's relief (she was concerned that something untoward had happened to them), just in time for dinner that evening.

As in 2007, we were again fortunate to have a group of birders with varying levels of birding expertise. On the Friday afternoon we tackled the heath (grass and fern habitat), on the border of the afro-

montane forest above the hotel. The highlight of the walk was definitely the Malachite Sunbirds and Cape Grassbirds that were feeding from the flowering proteas along the route. The view from the lookout point was also spectacular. We thanked M&F again that evening for their sponsorship and Vusi also gave each couple a M&F branded picnic rucksack to use on the weekend.



The Saturday morning found us all in the hotel lounge at 05h30 having coffee, rusks and scones and discussing what awaited us on the days circular outing via Bourkes Luck and Gods Window. We added Grey-headed Bush Shrike and Knysna Turaco to the bird list in the car park and it was at this point that some of the newer birders realised that their binoculars needed to be upgraded if they were going to take this hobby more seriously. The mist rolling up the valley was very dense and we were happy to be heading out. We birded the bush and river valleys along the dirt road between Pilgrims Rest and Bourke's Luck with Clive and Leanne Cumberledge from FNB Insurance Brokers getting great views of a Cape Rock Thrush and Yellow Throated Woodland Warbler that Etienne had enticed out of the dense under-

growth along the river by playing the call on his PDA. Barry and Lynette Taylor, also from FNB, had a lifer with their first Southern Tchagra. We arrived back at the hotel just in time to freshen up and enjoy the Springboks narrowly beating Scotland. After dinner, a few die-hards walked up the road into a pitch black forest. Etienne called a Wood Owl by playing its call on his PDA. A very agitated male obliged and perched on a branch just above our heads, providing fantastic torch views and photo opportunities. The reason that the male became agitated was because it is the breeding season and he was ready to defend his territory from an intruder. We also found a very out of habitat Common Quail sleeping in the leaf litter on the side of the road.



On Sunday morning we birded the forest road below the hotel. It was initially very quiet, but birding picked up once the early morning mist started lifting. Frikkie and Hester Cornelius, from Santam, spotted an Emerald cuckoo and we all enjoyed extended views of Chorister and Starred Robins. The Orange Ground Thrush however proved elusive. After a very welcome breakfast we closed the weekend in the meeting room with Etienne dedicating the first signed copy of his book to his wife Alice. He then signed all of our "Birding Gauteng" guides and handed out a fun prize to each of the couples. All good things have to come to an end so we packed the 4x4's and headed for home, birding at Robbers Inn on the way.



The IIG would like to express our most sincere appreciation to Mutual & Federal for again sponsoring the IIG Birding Weekend. Their sponsorship covers Etienne's professional costs and the costs of the gifts and prizes. Attendees pay their own way.

Watch the IIG website for the dates for the 2009 weekend. Please send your contact details to Marguerite if you would like to attend, or you would like your name registered on the IIG Birders Database.

Roy McGrath



INSURANCE INSTITUTE GAUTENG 2009 CALENDAR

24 February	AGM	Hannover RE Boardroom
5 March	Inaugural Dinner	TBA
20 March	Golf Day	Germiston Golf Course
16 April	Ladies Golf Day	Creek 9 Golf Club
15 May	Golf Day	Glendower Golf Course
11 June	Business Seminar	TBA
24 July	Mid Winter Bash	TBA
13 August	Charity Auction	TBA
20 August	Ladies Golf Day	Creek 9 Golf Club
28 August	Golf Day	TBA
17 September	Business Breakfast	TBA
2 October	Golf Day	Parkview Golf Course
8 October	Past Presidents Lunch	Bryanston Country Club
21 October	Charity Golf Day	TBA
29 October	Awards Lunch	TBA
5 November	Annual Dinner	Sandton Convention Centre
18 November	Sponsors Dinner	TBA
Tba	Birding Weekend	TBA

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