

Nomads golfers make a difference

SOUTHERN Natal Nomads certainly lived up to their club's national creed at Selborne Park this weekend: "No man is an island, entire of itself..."

English literary giant John Donne's poetic masterpiece is what this international band of sportsmen lives by and, together, they have contributed scores of millions to needy causes for more than 50 years through their charity, the Andrew Mentis Foundation.

It was the Southern Natal branch's turn to do its bit at Selborne last weekend and they raised a staggering R65 000 towards renovating the Alexandra Home for the Aged as well as R16 000 for a trailer for the Angel Care home for those who have fallen on hard times. They also donated 3 000 pavers and food parcels for the children.

Sponsors (the Mid South Coast Mail is proud to be one of them) donated money and prizes to attract a full field to night golf on Friday and a fourball alliance the next day.

Who won, you might ask? Well, that wasn't really the point.

As Dudley Crookes, chairman of the board of the Alexandra Homes, said at the prize-giving, it was all about a bunch of big-hearted sportsmen digging deep to make a difference.

He also pointed out a sad truth. Support is dwindling for places like Alexandra Homes during these tough times. Service clubs and charity organisations countrywide are finding it more and more difficult to

raise funds and even attract willing members and helpers.

"Without this help, a home like ours would find it difficult to survive and provide a home and frail care for those who can't afford it," said an emotional Mr Crookes.

"That's what makes this effort by the Nomads so special."

Maybe this was true once: 'Golf is an expensive sport, mostly played by wealthy pale males.'

Well, that is certainly not the case

any more. The expensive part is still quite true, but golf has become a great 'bonding sport' for all sexes, creeds and colours in this country.

Very often, those in need turn to golfers to raise funds and - in spite of the costs of the sport - there is never a shortage of warm-hearted players who willingly pay a bit extra to help those less fortunate than themselves.

The Nomads proved that last weekend. Good on you, guys.



Scottburgh's Paul Tedder, vice-captain of Southern Natal Nomads, who convened the club's Andrew Mentis Foundation fund-raiser at Selborne last weekend, announced the donation of a trailer (worth R16 000), 3 000 pavers and Christmas parcels for the children and is thanked by Jandre Vorster who runs the Angel Care home for those who have fallen on hard times.



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