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THE *Editorial* - TEAM



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DR. ESTHER MBITHI



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The Club magazine was reestablished in the year 2023 with the incoming of the General Manager who also doubled as the Editor. The Board of Directors with the blessings of the AGM included two more members in the editorial Board who will work hand in hand with the manager to bring professionalism substance and decorum in the Club magazine.

Mr. Kamau Kiarie members no 2647 and Dr. Esther Mbithi will work together with the General manager Dr. Nathan Mugambi to deliver The Club Bi annual newsletter. Member are free to send their article for the newsletter to manager@unitedkenyaclub.com

*The Club Newsletter
grows to higher
standards with
two more editorial
experts.*



OUTGOING CHAIRMAN ARTICLE



PROF. JULIUS M. MWABORA
Former Club Chairman

Dear Members of the United Kenya Club, it has been a great privilege to me to have been given the opportunity to serve as a Director since October 2016 and Club Chairman from October 2022 to December 2023. I am happy that Mr. Job Makanga (OGW) stepped into the role of the Club Chairman since 11th January 2024 and I am sure he will be dedicated to the job.

Looking back in the last seven years, I have served under three Club Chairmen – Dr. Henry Wanga, Dr. John Ondeko and Prof. William Ogara – in the following roles:

- *Member, Executive Committee, June 2018 to December 2023.*
- *Honorary Treasurer and Chairman, Finance and Procurement from June 2023 to October 2023.*
- *2nd Vice Chairman, November 2018 to June 2021*
- *Member, Membership and Governance Committee, November 2017 to June 2021.*
- *Member, Audit Committee, November 2017 to November 2018.*
- *Member, Human Resource Committee, November 2018 to June 2021*

During this period, we have had to deal with a rapid succession of important events and situations, many of which are still unfolding. Indeed, for me, it has been a most eventful period throughout. At times challenging, but on the whole a most rewarding experience.

It is not my intention to list out all that we have accomplished as I believe on the saying that "actions speak louder than words". I would like to take this opportunity to briefly offer some of my impressions on how things have fared in the work of the Directors since I became the Club Chairman;

The Board managed to adopt a theme on supremacy of the system against the "Big man's syndrome". This theme cuts across both in Governance where the Board Chairman decision is informed by facts, consensus and supported by a system. This is seen in the most sensitive areas of procurement and human resources which we addressed especially on establishing a scheme of service which will guide in recruitment and promotion. On the other hand, the theme influences financial management and procurement of goods and services.

The Board managed to recruit a General Manager in March 2023 who together with the Club Company Secretary manages the Board committee calendar and agenda and at the same time together with the staff oversees the day to day running of the Club. In line with this and together with the Human resources committee, the Board has ensured the staff are continuously in safety and professional uniforms and well insured. In turn, we have all staff now on annual performance appraisal system and we look forward towards a thorough training programs for all staff towards professionalism and quality services to members and their teams.

The 2023 Board did a lot of work as a team and managed to retain a vibrant membership for the Club. We have managed to retain 537 active members who are actively paying the

annual subscriptions and have patronized the Club regularly. The board together with other members managed to ballot 67 new members into the Club Membership.

The Board managed to form a disciplinary committee which will oversee order and club membership observation of rules and by laws for the next one year. This team consist of members from diverse background whom in our opinion have served the Club in one way or another and have been in membership for more than six years all in good standing.

The Board managed to revive the newsletter which will be a good tool of information sharing and members interaction. We urge all members to support this with articles, sponsorship and interaction for an improved readership.

As a board, we agreed to refocus our welfare to members especially to the life members who are in a stage in life that requires social support besides financial support usually organized by self and the family. This social support aims at being close to life members by visitations and inviting them for an interactive session. We managed to organize one in September this year. Remember life members have served the Club for 25 years and are of above 70 years and their social support will help them realize value for their secondary home.

The current hospitality market requires modern systems and equipment for customer services. You will realize that all our facilities in both catering and accommodation are old and requires either to be upgraded or be replaced. The board bought upgraded second hand GYM equipment's but still have a long way to go in terms of a competitive Gym. The Boards plan to expand the GYM was not completed due to the membership not paying the development levy. Renovation of the reception washrooms, replacement of the round mosquito nets with square mosquito nets, renovation of the Club meeting room and upgrade two apartments was also done.

Finance is a diverse area of great concern since once we stabiles financially as a club then success will be at hand. However, to achieve stability in finances, all our financial and non-financial systems should be evidenced in the financial position at any given time. This will simply mean we be at a 5 times asset base over the Clubs liability. As we stand our current liabilities are greater than the current assets. However, as the Board, we were able to do the following to fight this undesirable situation;

To pay the current statutory deductions to date while having a negotiated position of clearance of old debts. So far from a liability status of 31 million we have reduced the club's debts to 16 million as at November 2023. This includes payables and COVID related statutory arrears.

To prevent further accumulation of staff liabilities, we have established a mode of operation where the club will avoid staff litigation. At the beginning of the year, claim litigation stood at 10.3 million. Two staff cases belonging to the former General Manager Mr. Bongo and Irene Nabwonza who were irregularly dismissed by the past regimes have been ruled in favor of staff to a total award of 2.5 million shillings. To date we have settled these bills to a balance of below 1 million shillings. Remember other cases are still pending in court and awaits ruling.

For staff gratuity management, we have agreed that staff gratuity is not staff Clubs money and therefore we have started a savings plan with equity bank of investing equitable monies on a monthly basis in order to set aside monies due for staff upon retirement. Therefore, this will reduce Claim by staff on matters of final dues. Equally we have a negotiation mechanism in place to reduce new staff matters getting to court.

Having a strong staff welfare programs by first enhancing the sacco by payment of sacco debts and payment of all dues of the sacco deductions as they fall due. Currently the staff pension scheme is not compliant but we are working towards making it more current and compliant towards its accurate information and viability.

We have developed and adopted a 2024 -2028 Strategic Plan that will carry our Club into the future with a clear vision of who we are, and the role we wish to play. The plan was internally prepared and features three pillars on membership, Governance and management and Business product development. Under each pillar are strategies and projects which will see the club leadership in a successive path of development rather than each cohort of leadership starting new project for the club. This will ensure continuation of programs, Projects and strategies.

I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to offer my service to the United Kenya Club with the help and support, our Board, and the many, many members who from time and again lend their efforts and experience in serving the members. I extend my personal thanks to everyone, and appreciate the chance to contribute as director and Chairman.

Although my term to serve the Club Chairman and Director has come to an end, this does not mean I will abandon my club as an active member. I will be available for future consultation and participation in Club development activities as my predecessors have done.

I wish the incoming directors and Chairman success and wish to advise them to be guided by passion to service without due or respective pay, consensus rather than idea supremacy and making the club a learning institution rather than a static intelligent organ. Practice humanity to discover the joy in diversity as we strive to bring the whole world to the United Kenya Club Spirit.

Professor Julius Mwakondo Mwabora

United Kenya Club Chairman, 2022 - 2023.

CHAIRMAN'S INAUGURAL

SPEECH DELIVERED BY JOB MAKANGA, OGW

DATE; 8TH FEBRUARY 2024



Mr. Job. B. Makanga (OGW) Club Chairman

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted to be in your midst and humbled to address you today at my Investiture as the 27th Chairman of the United Kenya Club. Members and Distinguished guests, when the eminent Directors of the Board unanimously elected me as their Board Chairman, the responsibility thrust upon my shoulders was not lost to me. I was awed and humbled by the privilege and honor, sheer trust and confidence and respectfully accepted to serve the Club faithfully and diligently.

In thanking the Almighty God for making this day possible, I most sincerely thank all the people who have encouraged and nurtured me in my life's journey. This day! was made possible through the tutelage and mentorship of many people too numerous to mention here. As we may rightly expect, from inspiring parents to great teachers, mentors and role models; from the most primary level to the Board-level. To many who gave me the opportunity to learn and

contribute to their organizations, I remain most grateful. I pray to God for wisdom, grace and grit to effectively bear the torch that has been handed over to me. Success can only be achieved if we all work together and re-enforce one another.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is exciting to note that this Club has made great strides since its establishment in 1946 by men and women of great vision. Their primary objective was to nurture unity in diversity through socialization. I commend our visionary founders, who worked tirelessly and deployed their resources to achieve the noble objectives for which the Club was set up. Some of these great men and women have passed on, leaving behind a lasting legacy that have withstood the test of time.

Let me also commend the distinguished Past Chairmen's of the Club, who were privileged to lead its affairs, starting with the late founding Chairman Tom Askwith, the longest Serving Chairman Hon Ligale, immediate former chairmen; Prof Mwabora, Prof Ogara, Dr Ondego, Dr Wanga, Mr Ager, Prof Wandiga amongst others. These pantheons of progress discharged their responsibilities with dignity, honor, wisdom and integrity. I appreciate all of you not only for the great work you have done, but also your sustained passion in continuing to raise the brand of UKC. I acknowledge the three Past Chairmen on whose shoulders I stand today. I also with gratitude thank all our life members who have always played a special role in one way or the other.

As the Chairman of this great Club, I will do my best to discharge the duties of my office and undertake to respect the judgment and advice of my fellow Board Members. I will join hands with all well-meaning stakeholders to create and bequeath a member's club that is better than the one we have today. I want to assure you that I am fully committed

and willing to deploy my time and resources towards the attainment of our vision; A dynamic space for Unity and Diversity, I humbly, therefore, request for your support and guidance, which would be crucial in bringing about the positive change that we all desire.

In 2023, the Club unfolded a 5-year strategic plan. Let me state that in implementing the new 5-year strategic plan, the Club is now re-designed to keep pace with the demands of our members and stakeholders. This has succeeded a reform of policies and processes at UKC. I assure you that we will continue to build on the gains and successes recorded so far.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, even as we continue to implement and fine-tune our 5-year strategic plan, there is no doubt that is an organization in transition. It is situated in a world that is fast disappearing. I see a world in which technology and Covid-19 pandemic have worked together to greatly disrupt and effectively change the world as we know it. Future readiness is therefore, the underlying philosophy of my tenure and is hinged on the three pillars of our strategic plan:

Membership, Governance, Leadership and management; Business growth and product development

On the three pillars, I call upon all of us to work as a team to mobilize over 1500 members in the five years strategic period. By doing this we will have a member driven vibrant Club.

Ladies and gentlemen, apart from these highlighted areas, my Board of directors shall, in general, encourage and educate our members to entrench professionalism and ensure the actualization of our core values of: **Integrity and Professionalism, consistency and sustainability; innovation; Flexibility and team work; and Community service.**

We shall also leverage on our existing strategic partnerships and alliances, including our membership in general to explore and deepen opportunities for infrastructural improvements to the club. This will be done through structured resource mobilization approaches since the future is hinged on collaborative efforts.

As I conclude, I wish to thank all of you once again and particularly express my deep appreciation to:

The Son of the late Founding Chairman of UKC Mr Michael Askwith for joining us on this auspicious occasion.

Distinguished guests, members present, guests present and the Toastmasters who are here with us. I pray that the almighty God will grant us the grace and resilience to realize the much-desired success as a team.

THE UNITED KENYA CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024



In the above organogram, the new members serving the first term

- Mr. Kinyanjui Muchai,
- Mr. Evans Obuya,
- Mrs Susan Thuo,
- Mr. Patrick Malika and
- CPA Isaac Onyango.

They have brought in a lot of diverse skill ranging from *Business, Organizational Development counselling, Project management and financial management.* We wish to welcome all new members to the Board.

In attendance to the board of Directors will be the Company secretary **Mr. Jophese Yogo** and the Club General Manager **Dr. Nathan Mugambi.**



Dr. Nathan Mugambi
(Club General Manager)

Board committees.

The Board of directors 2024 have decided to have a lean but effective Board committee which will deliver duty to the main board. These committees are

1. The executive committee consisting of Board Chairman, Club Treasurer, First and second vice Chairmen. The Board Chairman will double in the Chair of this committee and the full board.
2. Membership and governance committee chaired by Dr Jennifer Kilonzo
3. Finance, Procurement and human resources chaired by the Honorary Treasurer Mr. Antony waithaka
4. Development, Environment and Hospitality chaired by Mr. Patrick Kigen
5. Audit committee Chaired by Dr. John Magambo

All committee deliberations shall be presented to the full board for final resolutions.

THE NEWLY INDUCTED MEMBERS



Member No: 3355
Name: George Omondi
Proposed by: Mr. Otieno Awuondo
Seconded by: Mr. Anyang 'Nyongo



Member No: 3337
Name: Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi
Proposed by: Mr Bernard Mwonyonyo
Seconded by: Dr Graham Soita



Member No: 3347
Name: Rosemary Mwangi
Proposed by: Mr Richard Obino
Seconded by: Prof Ngotho Kariuki



Member No: 3352
Name: Rebecca Njeri
Proposed by: Mary Njoroge
Seconded by: Prof. Ngotho Kariuki



Member No: 3375
Name: Mercy Kigetu
Proposed by: Paul Mutie
Seconded by: Mr. John Kiruihu



Member No: 3376
Name: Genesio Njagi
Proposed by: Emilio Mulio
Seconded by: Dr. Grace Kiringa



Member No: 3377
Name: Rachael Muchira
Proposed by: Dr. Esther Mbithi
Seconded by: Mr. Paul Mutie



Member No: 3380
Name: Seith Abeka
Proposed by: John Orindi
Seconded by: Dr. Grace Kiringa



Member No: 3379
Name: George Ogari
Proposed by: Dr Samuel Nyandemo
Seconded by: David Macoco



Member No: 3383
 Name: Arnold Cheloti
 Proposed by: Prof. William Ogara
 Seconded by: Mr.Otieno Awuondo



Member No: 3378
 Name: Joseph Wambugu
 Proposed by: Mary Karanja
 Seconded by: Mr.Otieno Awuondo



Member No: 3384
 Name: Kiome Boniface
 Proposed by: Mr. Genesis Mugo
 Seconded by: Dr.Grace Kiringa



Member No: 3385
 Name: Habakkuk Thomas
 Proposed by: Job Makanga (OGW)
 Seconded by: Noah Onsomu



Member No: 3388
 Name: Douglas Mwiti
 Proposed by: Muturi Mwai
 Seconded by: Makanga Ngorongo



Member No: 3392
 Name: James Kebwage
 Proposed by: Felix Okatch
 Seconded by: Prof. Julius Mwabora

THE 77TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Members listening on during the annual general meeting.

The 77th Annual General Meeting successfully took place on 14th December 2024 where about one hundred members attended in person and a good number attended virtually. This was the second successful Annual General meeting after COVID. The meeting was moderated by the Company Secretary and Chaired by the Professor Julius M. Mwabora. After a very engaging deliberations, Members resolved as follows;

EXTRACTS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS, 14 DECEMBER, 2023

1. Annual subscriptions to increase to Ksh.20,000 with effect from 2024 (Unanimous).
2. Entrance fees to increase to Ksh.150,000 with effect from 2024
3. Transport reimbursement to Board members at Ksh.4,000 per meeting and to Committee members at Ksh.2,000 per meeting, whether physical or online with effect from 2024 (Unanimous).
4. Audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December, 2022 approved.
5. Election of Directors and members of the Electoral Committee.
6. Establish a Task Force/Ad Hoc Committee to re-look at the provision relating to establishment of the Council of patrons as currently provided.

Recommendations Arising from Chairman's Statement which got AGM approval for implementation.

1. Establishment of the Disciplinary Committee by Board.
2. Review of Rules relating to Club accommodation facilities by members.
3. Strategic Plan, 2024-2028.
4. Board's intention to work towards getting AGMs held within the first half of the following year beginning 2024.
5. Retention of the minimum spent as currently re-structured to quarterly compliance.
6. Board's intention to develop a Master Plan for the Club.
7. Adoption of government rates in relation allowances to a Board member or staff representing the Club in an official event within or outside the country provided the event is approved by the Board.

Other Matters Within the Powers of the Board

1. Strong staff welfare
2. Continue to address Club debts issue

We encourage members in good standing to be attending this important event since it's the forum that members have adequate time to air their views to the wellbeing of the Club. This year's AGM will be held in August. The date of the meeting shall be communicated in due course.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW TASK FORCE

The United Kenya Club is a Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Since 1946, the Club has transited from one season of governance to the other guided by memorandum and articles of association lastly revised in the year 2022 after the revision of 2017. At the time of incorporation as a Company in 1958, Kenya was operating with the Companies Act, 1948 which was eventually repealed in 2015 and replaced with the Companies Act, 2015 where the Clubs memorandum and articles of association finds basis of authority to the Clubs governance.

There is a need to review the current constitution again in order to address governance issues at hand and in view of the future of the Club in a dynamic environment.

The Board of Directors listened to the Annual General Meeting of 14th December 2023 and have formed a constitutional review task force of 7 members who will guide and advise on the review process towards Board and AGM approval. Their terms and reference includes:

1. To consider the position of the Club in the context of the Kenya Constitution, 2010 in terms of categorization of its members and ensure conformity.

2. To identify major provisions in the Articles of Association and the By-laws which may require alignment with the Kenyan Constitution, 2010.
3. To consider the provisions of the Companies Act, 2015 and identify areas of the current Articles of Association which may require alignment with the Act and make appropriate recommendations for action.
4. To give due attention to the rationalization of the provisions of the Articles of Association relating to the role of the Club Patron or the Council of Patrons, and suggest any amendments that may need to be considered.
5. To review the overall provisions of the Club By-laws, identify any potential areas of conflict with the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and make appropriate recommendation for amendment.
6. To pick up any other aspects of the articles of Association and the By-laws which may require improvements through addition or deletion or any other way considered suitable.

Members of this task force who have been considered by the Board of directors are;



Mrs. Valeria Onyango
Member number 1334
(Life member)



Mrs. Grace Njeri Gitaka
Member Number 3083



Dr. Boniface Peter Kiteme
Member number 2959



Dr. Shem Yator kitpoon
Member number 3142



Dr Samuel Nyandemo
Member number 3167



Mr. Graham Waliaula Soita
Member number 3310



Mr Morris Kibaara Njagi
Member number 3182

Mr. Jophese Yogo the Company secretary will work closely with the committee to enable secretarial support and organizational linkages.

The Club members will be required to contribute their opinions to this committee through the office of the General managers email manager@unitedkenyaclub.ac.ke The final recommendations of the Task Force will be submitted to the Board to be able to make necessary arrangements to convene a general meeting of members to consider and adopt them.

THE UNITED KENYA CLUB

Disciplinary Committee

Professor Winnie M. leads a disciplinary committee as the chair



Prof. Winnie. Mitullah

The Board of directors appointed a disciplinary committee whose mandate will be to oversee members conduct and compliance with the set Club articles and by laws. The committee convened and was inaugurated on Tuesday 19th march 2024.

The Committee is established under Article 8(b) of the Club's Articles of Association which provides that "The Board shall constitute a Disciplinary Committee consisting of five (5) Full or life members, one of whom shall be designated as Committee Chairman by the Board to investigate any matters arising from 8(a) above whose findings and recommendations shall be forwarded to the Board for further action...."

Article 8(a) referred to above provides that "If a Member infringes the Rules and By-Laws and Articles of Association of the

Club or the behavior of such Member at any time or place shall constitute gross misconduct or be prejudicial to the interests of the Club or its Members, the Directors shall suspend such Members for a period not exceeding 6 months or expel such Members in accordance with Clause 59 (a) of the Articles of the Club".

The Article therefore gives the Board the powers to establish the Committee if the Board finds that a member has created a situation that warrants a disciplinary investigation.

Rules of Procedure

1. The Committee shall consist five members who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors (the Board).
2. The quorum of any meeting of the Committee shall be three.
3. There shall be a Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee who shall be appointed by the Board.
4. Where a member of the Disciplinary Committee is unable to exercise and perform his/her functions the Board may appoint a person to replace the member.
5. The Board shall cause a statement to be prepared setting out the allegation of misconduct or breach to be investigated by the Disciplinary Committee and shall submit such statement to the Disciplinary Committee for further action.

6. The Disciplinary Committee shall prepare a detailed statement setting out the charges forming the basis of the disciplinary inquiry against the member which shall be delivered to the member in such manner as the Disciplinary Committee may determine, including by means of hand delivery or email or post, or any other means that shall enable the member to receive the information and notice calling for the member to appear before the Committee.
 7. The Club may appear at the inquiry by an advocate.
 8. The member whose conduct is the subject of the inquiry may appear at the inquiry either personally or by his/her advocate.
 9. For the purpose of the conduct of the inquiry the Disciplinary Committee has power:
 - a) to administer oaths
 - b) to summon persons to attend and give evidence; and
 - c) to order the production of relevant documents, including court judgements, where applicable.
 10. An oath may be administered by any member of the Disciplinary Committee or by the Secretary to the Committee.
 11. Notices, orders and summons of the Disciplinary Committee shall be issued under the hand of the Secretary to the Committee.
 12. Subject to the preceding paragraphs:
 - a) the procedure to be followed is within the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee; and
 - b) the Disciplinary Committee is not bound by the rules of evidence.
 13. Unless the Disciplinary Committee otherwise determines, the proceedings on the inquiry shall be held in camera.
3. The validity of proceedings on the inquiry is not affected by any vacancy among the members of the Disciplinary Committee or any defect in the appointment of a member.
 4. On conclusion of the inquiry, the Disciplinary Committee shall submit its findings to the Board with clear recommendations to enable the Board determine further action to be taken against the member in accordance with Article 8(b).
 5. The Disciplinary Committee shall stand dissolved on completion of the inquiry unless the Board has prescribed its lifespan at the time of establishment, in which case, the prescribed period shall apply.

Some commonly Club by laws that Club members hardly adhere to are Car Parking rules, Dress code, Mobile phone use in restricted areas, carrying of firearms in some restricted areas, failure to use membership card to mention but a few. We implore Club members to observe the bylaws to avoid facing this committee. A copy of Club By law can be obtained at the Library.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Prof. Winnie Mitullah
2. Dr. Nichodemus Muteti
3. Mrs Lilian Gakunju
4. Mr Joseph Tarus
5. Mr Jophese Yogo Club Secretary

The committee will serve the Club for one year which could be extended by the Board

Determination by the Disciplinary Committee

1. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee on the inquiry is that of the majority of the members present and voting for the purpose of making a decision.
2. For the purposes of making the decision on the inquiry every member of the Disciplinary Committee has one vote, and, in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee has a casting vote.

THE UNITED KENYA CLUB

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND MENU

ALL SOCIAL ELEMENTS GET ACTIVATED AT THE UNITED KENYA CLUB



By Dr. Nathan Mugambi,

In sociology, we embrace social elements of food, dress, language, culture and Norms. Private members Club need to articulate and demonstrate these elements so as to qualify for as a complete social outfit. In The United Kenya Club, we embrace these social elements but for this edition, I will feature food and Culture.

Recently, under the leadership of professor Mwabora, we decided to pick Swahili Culture which we introduced but failed to make good "mchuzi wa nazi and mbaazi" in the first attempt, we sponsored our food and beverage team to the

county of Mombasa and kilifi where they interacted

with Swahili Culture and tasted real Swahili dishes. upbeat from their trip, The Club Chef and his colleague Mr Phiilp have started a Wednesday Swahili theme with very nice Swahili dishes from morning breakfast to the evening dinner. I enjoyed the Wednesday 17th menu which had nice balanced Swahili buffet with dishes like Mchuzi wa mbuzi, Kachumabri, kuku wa kukaanga, ngombe chemsha, wali wa pilau, mahargwe ya Nazi na mchanganyiko wa matunda.

This was presented at the Club Terrace restaurant by a young lady clad in swahilli dress. It is exciting to have a chef whose training is practical and appreciates exposure through demonstrating what he learnt from other Culture. We call upon members willing to sponsor their cultural event to come forth and share with the manager how to go about it. Through this we will have a full month program of celebrating our culture. The Chef has also introduced a healthy luncheon of boiled Chick, Goat and herbal soups daily for the healthy conscious patrons. We endeavor to make this a must do dish in the city and ensure nondiscriminatory pocket friendly Price. Further to ensure homemade homegrown food, we have established the UKC kitchen herbal and vegetable garden to be taken care of by our gardeners. Visit and be assured. We mind your health through feeding with fresh foods. This is the first step towards a food chain supervision which we will know the source to the plate.



Swahili Buffet



Chef and F&B Supervisor



UKC kitchen & herbal vegetable garden

We launched our Friday rhumba night in response to members call for weekend entertainment. We tried this with a duo live band and we took a break for a month since we were scared of rains and cold weather. Members came back calling for continuation of the soft rumba music and this time the Batoto ba Mungu duo presented crowd pulling renditions which called for a repeat. Further, the Club management staged their culinary show with sumptuous meals and nyama bitings and a mature patronage was only willing to continue past 9.00 pm but the skies opened wide and loud sending them off the dance floor earlier than expected. The board of directors and the management have agreed to make this a every Friday event for the Club. For patrons seeking serenity, we promise to reserve the Lounge and the restaurant for your usual drinks and caucuses.

Networking calls for our members confidence and boldness to introduce one another and know one another in the united kenaya club. Being at the Club every Friday will give you a mandatory chance to meet at least 4 persons that you had not met in the Club before. Solet's be there between 5.00 pm and 9.00pm every Friday.



THE UNITED KENYA CLUB INAUGURAL FAMILY GOLF EXPERIENCE HELD ON 30TH MARCH 2024 AT KENYA RAILWAY GOLF CLUB.

Noah Onsomu shines at the UKC family experience golf day.



(Onsomu In action at Kenya Railway Golf Club)



(Sponsors/Vendors at the event)



(UKC family golf experience organizing team)

Compiled by Emmanuel Kiptoo

The United Kenya Club held its inaugural UKC family golf experience on Saturday 30th March 2024 at the Kenya Railway Golf Club. The main aim of the Family Golf day was to bring the exciting game of golf closer to its members and to foster member golf experience. Golf lovers both UKC members and guests turned up in their numbers to participate and witness the display of skill and golf prowess in what was UKC's first ever family golf tour experience.

The event managed to attract 6 sponsors who partnered with The United Kenya Club to ensure the success of the very first UKC family golf members experience. The partners included; Absa bank who were the main sponsors, City Eye Hospital, Thrive beauty, Maasai Beads, Hpaysa, and 1000 lenses.

The First group of golfers took to the course and teed off at exactly 6:30am. There was a lot of excitement and anticipation going into the competition as both the seasoned golfers and the young golfers were aiming to come out on top at the end of the rounds. During the early stages the skies opened and there was a heavy downpour for close to 30 minutes which to some extent affected the players who teed off during the early morning hours. Notably among those who teed off early was Mr. Noah Onsomu the current Vice- Chairman of the Club who despite the heavy showers experienced in the morning navigated through the rounds and came out on top as the overall winner of the UKC family golf experience.



Absa bank representatives
(main sponsors of the event)



(Mr. Onsomu receives the overall winner award)

The visitor's category saw JM Ndung'u score 36 stableford points playing off handicap 13 to clinch the Guest winner award. Laban Gathungu came in second also on a similar score of 36 stableford points having being relegated to second on countback by Mr. Ndungu.

Mr. Timothy Odhiambo struggled the most on the day playing off handicap 28 only being able to accumulate nine points.

Six twos were registered by, Laban Gathungu (6), Wachira Nguru (13), Pro Samuel Njoroge (6), Anthony Maingi(14), Eric Ngega(4) and Nathan Njuguna(15).

The Newly elected Kenya Railway Golf Club Chairman Jonathan Marucha, Vice-chairman Nathan Njuguna, Captain Edward Manywanda, Greenkeeper Tom Osoro and Pro Jacob Okello were all presented with Hidden holes by UKC management and the Board of Directors of The United Kenya Club. The Directors present during the award ceremony included the Prof. Julius Mwabora (Former Chairman) Mr. Kinyanjui Muchai (Director) Mr. Felix Okatch (Director) and the Club General manager Dr. Nathan. M Mwamba during the award ceremony held in the evening.

During his speech delivered on behalf of the management of The United Kenya Club Dr. Nathan M. Mwamba (Club GM) Noted that he was pleased with the turnout and organization of the event. He noted that the main reason UKC set out to organize for such an event was to offer UKC Members and their families a unique and unforgettable golf experience for themselves and their families and that was realized with the success of the event. The GM also acknowledged the impact the event had in the quest to reach out to prospective new members and Clubs and was excited for what was in store for the next round of the three-leg series that would proceed to Ruiru Sports Club before winding in October at Vetlab Sports Club. He challenges all members and their families to participate for fun, networking and exposure as they motivate, & cheer those who will be competing in the three leg golf series tour.

It was exciting to see Mr. Noah who was representing the hosts at the event come out on top and being able to lead by example. Mr. Noah managed around total of 37 stableford points off handicap 27. The event managed to attract a total of 98 golfers but none was able to beat tactful Noah. When he was asked how he managed to clinch the overall winner prize he attributed his win to playing "bogey golf" despite the difficulties of having to play in the rain. Being the inaugural event hosted by UKC and having 98 golfers participating was a very impressive feat by all standards. Other notably winners in the different categories were; Alexander Mbugua who was awarded the UKC winner with a score of 30 stableford points off handicap 27. Caesar Nyagah came in second with a score of 29 stableford points.

Diva Mwenda took the winners crown in the ladies' category with a score of 33 stableford points off handicap 30.



(Diana Mwenda receives the Lady winner Award)



(UKC Directors and Club GM posing for a photo during the golf experience.)



THE MEMBERS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024



The Board of Directors through its membership and governance committee wishes to bring to the attention of all Club members the 2024 calendar of events and a brief explanation of the background, objective and main purpose of the event. We urge all members to participate in the organized events in order to make our private members Club rich in members experience and professional networks necessary for one's social growth. We look forward to your responses and comments in our social media pages Facebook- @United Kenya Club, twitter @The United Kenya Club, instagram- @The United Kenya Club and youtube @The United Kenya Club.

JANUARY 2024

Members were allowed to convene back to the Club after a 2023 December holidays where many came back with anticipation for a great year in the City. Some of the positive views came from our former Chairman Professor Mwabora who had a great holiday in his home County and he could not hide his laughter and joy for a well-deserved rest after a successful AGM 2023 and his preparation to handover his responsibility to the unknown Club chair since the new directors were to meet and elect a new Club Chairman. The Chairman election happened in the month of January with an induction of the new Board taking place. Mr. Job Makanga OGW took over the Club Chairmanship in January 2024. See the inaugural chairman speech in this 3rd edition of the Club Newsletter.



(Immediate former Club Chairman Prof Julius Mwabora handing over to the new chairman Mr Job Makanga OGW)

FEBRUARY 8TH 2024

This event was the first members event that took us to the roots and the essence of The United Kenya Club. The event which swathe first born son of the founder Michael Askwith give a memorial journey of the Club since its inception brought the challenge home as to whether we live to the mission of the Club. This event was well attended and we wish to thank members for their show of commitment and the reception accorded our guest speaker. We also thank the toastmasters for their partnership in planning for the talk.



(Mr Michael Askwith Son of UKC founder Tom giving his speech at the Professional talk event held in February 2024)

we kicked off the Golf Tour for our golf lovers and members with interest in learning Golf. This event was the first of its kind since the inception of the Club in 1946. Members Clubs have different reasons of existence. Some are purely for sports and recreation, other for networking, entertainment and specific economic agenda. The United Kenya Club is a unique Members Club with a mission to bring members from all walks of life together. This can not only be realized through patronizing the club but also by organizing for events for various groups of members towards making members experience other club members interest and hobbies for improved networks. Golf is a unique game to enhance networking since a player will be given a new player in a golf course whom you talk to, walk with and score one another's card culminating into making acquaintances and celebrating a meal or a drink together. The event also provided a chance for learners to learn and experience Golf for both adults and their families. The event also provided for a social forum where companies and service providers showcased their products and offered community services to the participants led by City eye who gave free eye check up to all present, ABSA bank showcased their existing and new products and other companies presented their products for sale. This event is a set of three series where the second leg takes the Club Members to Ruiru Golf Club for a whole day experience and finally at Vet lab. Club based at Kabete for the third and final leg. The overall winners will be awarded at the end of the three series in the Annual General Meeting. We urge members to support this event by participating and competing for male gender should stand out this day to make the ladies night a success.

awards which are generally coming from the Club and various sponsors. Watch our notice board for the next date of the next United Kenya Club Golf family experience.



(UKC Directors and Club GM posing for a photo during the golf experience.)

As you may have observed, the first quarter of the year ends so fast that we may

forget a fellowship and a swallow ship for members. The members night is a must attend event where members meet to freely interact, welcome new members and enjoy food and music. It is an event open to members family and friends. The club takes care of a few drinks and biting's and allows music and dance either as a group or as an individual. Consider to invite a friend or a relative to this event and prepare a special support for the new members in these kinds of events. The second members night will be in August with an emphasis on lady members.

Consider supporting our spouses, our mothers, our sisters, lady relatives and friends in becoming members and enjoying their space in August 2024. Watch out not to be left in enjoying a special members night, the male gender should stand out this day to make the ladies night a success.



(Hon Members present during a members night event held in November 2023)

MAY 2024

This month is set aside for the Annual General Meeting. The Club has been conducting its AGM way after the compliance dates of government calendar in the month of June. Its ironical that in the past years, the Club accounts have been approved by the AGM way after June.

The AGM of 2023 happened in December 14th 2023 where one of the main agendas was to discuss the 2022 financial reports. For a professional networking Club, this is an embarrassment that must be corrected in future. The current Board will endeavor to stage this early AGM not basically for election but to correct this anomaly. We wish to urge all members to support this move to enable future transitions with compliance. The actual date for this event will be communicated to you in due course.



(Hon Members Listening to the proceedings During a UKC Annual General Meeting)



(Hon. Life members listening on at a luncheon meeting organized by UKC management)

FRIDAY JUNE 21ST 2024

A professional talk on the new perspectives and potential of farming in Kenya will be staged at the Club members lounge as from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. This event mirrors topical issues that were discussed by the founders of the club and attempts to address the basic economic drive that may be unattended by members while in the city. Farming has gone digital, farming is not only for the old but the young and the young at heart. The membership and governance committee wishes to demonstrate this to the Club members through our own club members who have conquered new frontiers in farming with product from Vietnam, south Africa and Ghana which Kenyan farmers avoided for many years due to stereotypes and unscientific approaches towards cash crop, food crop, & animal farming in Kenya. Don't miss to listen to the well-known and carefully selected speakers with support from the University of Nairobi fraternity



All members are requested to participate and give information about a known life member who have not been to the club for one reason or the other for more than six months.

AUGUST 2024

The Club envisages a balanced perspective in terms of gender participation by dedicating this month for The United Kenya Club ladies. For many days since the inception of the Club, the ladies feel left out or invisible in the Clubs agenda. For this reason, we have planned to stage a series of event that will be epitomized by a lady's night. A caucus of ladies has convened to arrange for a powerful lady's night that all men cannot afford to miss. The editorial team wishes to put a semicolon on the feature of the calendar of events for the Club at this point to allow the board to confirm the series of events for September October and November. December will be a holiday month for a well-organized year and to allow for family reflections and enjoyment both at the Club and away from the city as it's the routine of Kenyans and club members in Kenya and in the diaspora. Keep your eye on our noticeboards now available physically at the Club and the digital platforms.

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