

MEET THE TEAM RSA CAPTAINS



Although 48-year-old Ralph Nortje lives on the beautiful Woodhill Golf Estate in Pretoria, he is an avid Stormers supporter and should feel right at home in the Mother City.

Nortje holds an MBA degree which he obtained through the Open University Business School in the UK and UNISA and the former chairman of SADGA currently works for CMH Group and is responsible for the CMH Ford Group Pretoria and CMH Menlyn Maine Premium Pre-owned dealerships.

A keen sportsman and golfer prior to the car accident that cost him his right arm, Nortje took up golf soon after the surgery and has been part of disabled golf for over a decade. He has a serious passion for the game and is truly a competitive participant, as his one-arm amputee stableford victories in the 2009 and 2012 SA Disabled Golf Opens attests.

As a non-playing captain, he will focus on promoting not only individual achievements, but also team goals and objectives.

MESSAGE TO THE TEAMS

It is a true honour to represent your country in any sport, but even more so in a World Cup Championship. Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated. It satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented.

Father of three, Pieter Verwey is the Managing Director for DJO South Africa (Pty) Ltd and has been applying his trade in the Orthopaedic market space for more than 18 years. His personal passion for Orthopaedics and golf lead to the 41-year-old to SADGA.

He first represented SADGA and the Western Province team as non-playing captain in the 2011 Provincial Challenge and has to



date represented WP in every Provincial Challenge to date. Western Province secured their fifth victory this year under his guidance, giving the team the unprecedented honour of being title holders of five of the last seven Provincial Challenges.

Pieter sees his selection as one of the non-playing captains and representing South Africa during the World Cup of Disabled Golf not only as a career highlight, but as a huge privilege and honour.

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Zig Ziglar said it best – it was character that got us out of bed, commitment that moved us into action and discipline that enabled us to follow through.



