



## Press Release

### **Large Field of 250 Golfers Expected at Centenary Edition of NCBA Golf Series at VetLab**

**Nairobi: Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** A large field of at least 250 golfers will gather at VetLab Sports Club this Saturday, 17th June 2023, for the sixth leg of the 2023 NCBA Golf Series.

The event, coinciding with the Club's centenary milestone celebrations, promises an exciting showcase of talent as top golfers compete for coveted slots in the Grand Finale, scheduled to take place later this year. The winners of the overall gross, Men's category, Women's category, and Junior's category will earn their place to compete in the highly anticipated Grand Finale.

The event follows the fifth leg of the series held last weekend at the Kakamega Sports Club where Cendric Konzolo, playing off handicap 5, defied all odds to emerge as the overall gross winner of the tournament with an impressive score of 78 gross.

Among the men, Victor Muhando, playing off handicap 11, secured the top spot with a score of 80 gross, while Lydia Okech, playing off handicap 20 was the star in the ladies' category with 91 gross.

Speaking ahead of the VetLab event, NCBA Group Managing Director John Gachora expressed his anticipation and highlighted the special relationship between NCBA and VetLab, stating; "We are thrilled to be part of the NCBA Golf Series at VetLab Sports Club, especially during this momentous occasion as the club celebrates its centenary. We are immensely honored to be a part of their historic journey and we therefore look forward to the tournament. The NCBA Golf Series is a platform that brings together golf enthusiasts from all walks of life, and we look forward to witnessing exceptional talent and fostering stronger connections between NCBA Bank and our customers through this shared love for the game."

On his part, VetLab Sports Club captain Anik Patel said: "We are delighted to welcome NCBA Bank and golfers to VetLab for the sixth leg of the 2023 NCBA Golf Series. NCBA have for a long time now been one of our most important



partners and therefore as we celebrate our centenary, we have spared no effort in preparing for this special event. Our course is in excellent condition and we are sure that it will offer a challenging yet enjoyable experience for all participants. With over 250 golfers expected to grace our course, we anticipate a remarkable turnout and look forward to a great tournament as we celebrate our club's historic achievement. We thank NCBA for being great partners and look forward to a strengthened relationship"

The Veterinary Laboratory Sports Club, simply known as VetLab Sports Club, has been an esteemed golf club since its establishment in 1923 by Eric Tilley. Initially comprising just 3 holes and a thatched Banda for a clubhouse, the club has evolved into a prominent golfing and recreational facility in Kenya.

With an 18-hole golf course featuring meticulously constructed greens utilizing a hybrid blend bent-grass suited to the local weather conditions, the club adheres to USPGA recommendations.

Notably, VetLab stands apart as the sole golf course in Kenya built on public land, ensuring that membership is accessible to all Kenyans in accordance with the club's constitution.

The NCBA Golf Series not only aims to promote the sport of golf throughout the East African region but also seeks to foster a stronger connection between NCBA Bank and its customers. This year's edition comprises a total of 17 club qualifier events hosted at various prestigious golf clubs in Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda, showcasing the bank's commitment to supporting sports and community development.

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