



TAGMARSHAL TO SPEED UP PLAY

A new system that aims to help golf courses control the speed of play on their layouts is due to launch on 1 March this year under the name Tagmarshal.

The system is locally owned and operated and will see one player from each fourball in the field clip a small GPS tracking device to his/her bag. This will send the coordinates back to a central tablet where information on pace of play will be tabulated. This will allow the marshal to see where

the field is slow and to monitor areas on the course over a longer period of time.

Tagmarshal has been in testing on Mowbray and Westlake in Cape Town and results have been extremely positive, particularly for Westlake's director of operations Dave Gleeson.

"Westlake was very excited to be asked to be a development partner of Tagmarshal. Being able to track the progress of golfers and their position on the course allows our marshal to go directly to the problem and address it immedi-

ately, which means you don't get large gaps in the field," Gleeson said. "A golfer is able to complete a round of golf in an acceptable time and you can potentially accommodate a full field. It's a direct and effective solution to a growing golfing problem."

If you feel your home club is falling into the trap of slow play, especially on weekends, speak to the golf director to find out whether they are aware of Tagmarshal and direct them to www.tagmarshal.com for more information.

TAYLORMADE'S CHARITABLE SIDE

The 2012 TaylorMade Staff Invitational final took place at Fancourt in November, where the company's staff members and winners from the various regional invitational came together for 36 holes.

PGA pro Paul Marks was the eventual winner of the professional event, pocketing a cool R10 000 and a trip for two to the 2013 Mauritius Open. However, the biggest winner was the charity Jelly Beanz, which received a cheque for R250 000 raised through the many auctions held during the series.

BELOW TaylorMade's Andrew Kalis hands over a cheque for R250 000 to Jelly Beanz representative Tara van Schalkwyk.



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