

SENIOR GOLFER'S SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome all Senior Golfer's Society members

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of Gordon Clow, Ian Maxwell and Barry McGarr.

The following was received from Professor Sheila Clow, Gordon Clow's daughter:

"David Gordon Clow passed away on the 29 October 2013 at his home in Cape Town at the age of 92 (and 209 days! by my calculation – but you are the experts at that). He joined the Senior Golfers in the early 1980s and enjoyed the camaraderie of a number of national championships – Cape Town, Johannesburg, East London, Port Elizabeth, Durban, to name a few.

Although he stopped playing over a decade ago, he remained an interested spectator until his death, watching many hours of recorded European Tour and PGA tour golf and of course the President's Cup.

Please remove his name from your membership register. I will miss the monthly newsletter – we always enjoyed a chuckle with the parting shots section!"

BIRTHDAYS

There were 22 Birthdays in November 2013 and 18 in December 2013. There were three in the eighties in November and three in the eighties in December and none in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties for November:

Roy Wise turned 85 on November 11th. He was born in 1928.
Peter Dodds turned 80 on November 26th. He was born in 1933.
Len Lowe turned 82 on November 29th. He was born in 1931.

Birthdays in the Eighties for December:

Ralph Pearson turned 83 on December 9th. He was born in 1930.
Windy Jones turns 82 on December 19th. He was born in 1931.
Des Woodroffe turns 82 on December 31st. He was born in 1931.

We wish all of the birthday boys a very Happy Birthday.

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COMPETITION RESULTS

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November 2013 – Annual Triangular Match between Gauteng, Free State and KZN at Harrismith Golf Club

The annual triangular match was, for the first time, not played in Bethlehem. Harrismith was the venue and everyone found the course in good condition.

In recent years the KZN Natal team has returned home empty handed. This year we assembled a strong team of 16 players.

The match is played over two days (Saturday and Sunday) in match play format. We got off to a good start in the Pinehurst scoring 10 points on the Saturday, leading Gauteng and Free State with 7 points each.

Although we performed quite well on Sunday morning in the singles, Gauteng in the end proved too strong for both Free State and KZN.

Apart from the disappointing result, a most enjoyable weekend was had by all.

Result:

Gauteng	27 Points
KwaZulu-Natal	23½ Points
Free State	21½ Points

Thursday 14 November 2013 – Better Ball Bonus Bogey at Victoria Country Club

The competition was a Bonus Bogey and was held on 14th November 2013. A total of 93 Seniors teed up for this Annual event which was sponsored by a number of VCC Members, Sanlam Private Investments, SA Breweries, Grants Whisky and Gowrie Farm.

We have all been playing golf for a long time and played in varying extreme conditions. In this part of the world we rarely play in cold weather but we do play in very hot weather and fairly often. However, the day we played at Victoria was most unusually hot to say the least. Some of our members commented that they had never before played in such extreme heat. It was reported that the temperature at 1.00pm was 45°. Luckily around 2.00pm, there was a sudden change in the weather with cloud cover and a welcome drop in temperature. This saved us from being fried alive.

The extreme heat was a distraction but the excellent condition of the course didn't go unnoticed. Following good rains and course management the course was in magnificent condition and received many accolades from our Members. The greens were immaculate, albeit very tricky, and the fairways didn't need preferred lies. Obviously local knowledge came into contention and VCC members were among all the prize winning teams. The winners on Plus 9 were Rowly Waller and Andrew Smythe (new member) on a count out from Barry Buckland and Morgan Holmes.

Results of the day were:

1st Rowly Waller and Andrew Smythe (By 3 321 Days) (52 252 Days Old) + 9

On a Count Out From:

2nd Barry Buckland and Morgan Holmes (48 931 Days Old) + 9

3rd Andre Schoeman and Phil Harvey (By 274 Days) (47 883 Days Old) + 8

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On a Count Out From:
4th Brian Attwood-Smith and Dave Frankish (By 6 047 Days) (47 609 Days Old) + 8

On a Count Out From:
Sandy Davidson (Vice-Captain of Victoria) and Alistair Forbes (41 562 Days Old) + 8

Tuesday 25 November 2013 – Better Ball Stableford at Zimbali Country Club

Zimbali as usual was in pristine condition and once again were made to feel very special with a friendly meet and greet as we arrived.



We had a good field of 88 players and Graeme Winterbach and I had the pleasure of playing with the winners Pregi Moodley and Ian Klintworth.

Ian admitted to being a great jockey as he guided Pregi to a great individual score of 76 gross. They were too good for the rest of the field and were worthy winners.

Pregi had to rush off before prize giving but we met up at Mount Edgecombe where I took their picture!!

Results of the day were:

1st Pregi Moodley and Ian Klintworth (By 2 165 Days) (48 408 Days Old) 46 Points

On a Count Out From:
2nd Mike Seligmann and Roger Mentzel (46 243 Days Old) 46 Points

3rd Graham Burnett and Mike Casey (By 1 220 Days) (48 996 Days Old) 45 Points

On a Count Out From:
4th Martin Rotteveel and Trevor Beuthin (47 776 Days Old) 45 Points

Congratulations to Martin Rotteveel who had a hole-in-one on the very challenging 9th hole.

Monday 9 December 2013 – Charity Day - Alliance Stableford at Royal Durban Golf Club

This event, our last fixture of the year, is traditionally played at our home course, Royal Durban.

Unfortunately due to the heavy rains which we experienced just prior to our Charity Day event and the soggy wet condition of the Royal Durban Golf course your committee decided to postpone this event to Monday 21 January 2014 at Durban Country Club as Royal Durban were unable to accommodate the Seniors.

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

The first game in the New Year will be at DCC on Tuesday 21 January 2014. Traditionally the first game of the year has for a number of years been "The President's Putter Trophy" event, but due to the non-availability of Royal Durban, our home course, this trophy event has now been scheduled for Monday 10 February 2014 at Royal Durban.

Tuesday 21 January 2014 – Charity Day Alliance (Two Scores to Count) at Durban Country Club

Entry Form on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 11h00. Please ensure that you re-enter for this event which has been postponed from 9 December 2013 to 21 January 2014.

This event is sponsored by Sanlam Private Investments, Peter Ditz, Dumpy Dyer, Mike Hankinson, Murray Grindrod, Alistair Forbes, Grants Whisky and South African Breweries.

Entries close on Friday 10 January 2014.

Monday 10 February 2014 – President's Putter Trophy at Royal Durban Golf Club

Entry Form on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h30.

This event is sponsored by Sanlam Private Investments, Brian Stokoe, Roger Don-Wauchope, John Terry-Lloyd, Grants Whisky and South African Breweries.

Entries close on Friday 31 January 2014.

Please note that as this is a Trophy Event, entries are restricted to Full Playing Members only. You may nominate your own partner for this event if you wish.

Tuesday 25 February 2014 – Better Ball Bonus Bogey Waiting List Game at Princes Grant Golf Club

Entry Form on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 11h00.

This event is sponsored by Sanlam Private Investments, Martin Rotteveel, Peter Bailey, Barry Kramer, Grants Whisky and South African Breweries

Entries close on Friday 14 February 2014.

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There will be a Starting Sheets for all the above events. We are encouraging members to check their tee off times on the new KZN website. Don't forget the website is accessed by entering www.kznseniors.com into your computer search engine (Google) and select the first option which is "Senior Golfers' Society KZN – Home". This will open the website. It is our intention to start phasing out e-mailing the Alphabetical Lists and Starting Sheets for all our games. For the time being we will however continue to e-mail you Alphabetical Lists and Starting Sheets.

NEWS ITEMS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roger Mentzel, Colleen Sterling, and David Milton of the Southern Cape Society, have put us on the web! My thanks to all three.

We have opened a new website www.kznseniors.com in which is all that you want to know about the Senior Golfers' Society of Kwazulu-Natal. Go into the site and then click onto one of the tabs for what you want to know or learn. The tabs are listed as follows:

HOME - List of Committee Members, the Society's address and contact details

MEMBERS - All that you need to know about our members - names, including those of wives/partners, telephone numbers and email addresses

FIXTURE - Fixture List for 2014 as well as entry details for the respective fixtures.

NEWSLETTER - The current newsletter as well as the past six months newsletters

HONOURS ROLL - The names of all our members who won trophy events and championships

SGU - Details about and entry forms for the Senior Golfers' Union National Championship to be held in Durban from 5th to 9th May 2014.

SPONSORS – Local and National.

Thank you David for your continued input.

In the course of time, and hopefully shortly, we want to end having to send emails out to each and every member. Colleen and Dan will communicate to us through this new website and each of us will respond likewise. In the Southern Cape, 95% of their members communicate using the web and 90% in the Eastern Cape do so as well. Below is a message from David Milton in the Southern Cape, challenging us to do the same! So let's rise to the challenge and use the web instead of emails! Let's see how you convert and respond to web usage. We'll monitor our participation monthly.

The Secretariat and Committee join me in wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas and may your drives go further and putts get shorter in 2014!

E-mail from David Milton of the Southern Cape Society

"A challenge for KZN!

We now get around 95% of our entries via the website and EP nearly up to 90%.

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We both actively discourage other methods. We no longer put entry lists on club notice boards, and emailed entries get referred to the site.

The match secretary obviously accommodates the few residents of Jurassic Park who do not have internet access or who are terrified of it.

Kind Regards

David Milton”

2014 Zimbabwe Senior Nationals

There is an open invitation for members of the South African Societies to attend the 2014 Zimbabwe Senior Nationals to be held over the weekend of Saturday 31st May to Monday 2nd June at Borrowdale Brooke Golf Course.

Our Zimbabwean colleagues have assured us that on-site accommodation can be arranged for those who may be concerned about travelling at night or on poor roads etc.

Chris Nourse and his team will be sending out more details at a later date. This notification is for planning purposes only.

World Senior Golf Championships in the USA

We have received an invitation to the World Senior Golf Championships in the USA.

DATES: 22nd to the 30th of August 2014

VENUE: Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa - golf on Twin Warriors Golf Course

DEADLINE DATE: Tuesday the 25th of March 2014.

The official entry forms for the Tournament will be distributed in 2014.

2014 Fixture List

A reminder that the Schedule of our 2014 Fixtures is now on our new website under the heading “Fixtures”.

Subscriptions For 2014

The Society’s year ends on 31 December. The Festive Season, with public holidays and short weeks, always imposes a strain on our administration. Invoices detailing Subscriptions for 2014 will be e-mailed to those members who are on e-mail and posted to those members who do not have e-mail during the first week of January 2014. Payment of your 2014 Subscriptions is due on receipt of your invoice and must be received by the Secretariat by the end of January 2014. Your co-operation in this regard will be most appreciated. Payment on time will avoid us having to remind members that their subscription is overdue. We are sure that you will appreciate that this is time consuming and embarrassing.

Electronic Fund Transfers

We would like to remind members who make payment to the Society using the Electronic Funds Transfer method, to please ensure that they use their **SURNAME AND INITIALS AS A REFERENCE**. This will alleviate the problems we have had in the past when attempting to allocate certain payments. This is especially relevant at this time of the year when payments of subscriptions are being made. Your

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Change of Members' Contact Details

A reminder to all members to please notify the Secretariat if any contact details change during the year, ie home telephone number, cell number, e-mail address, etc.

Handicaps and Forward Tee

It seems that there may be some misunderstanding on this matter and some Forward Tee players are not abiding by the SA Golf Association Rules. A summarised extract of the rules is as follows:

FORWARD TEE

Development and Rating of Forward tees

Clubs are encouraged to develop a set of forward tees using a combination of the front of existing men's tees and the back of some ladies tees, and to have this set of "Forward Tees" rated by their Provincial Union, with an official SR rating then entered on to the handicap system. These forward tees can then be used by shorter hitters and older players, and allow them to record handicap scores, in the same manner as the other tees.

Use of forward tees in club competitions

Where a club has a set of officially rated forward tees, clubs are encouraged to allow senior and junior players (those that are not handicapped off the ladies tees) to compete off the forward tees in club competitions by adjusting their handicaps downwards by the difference in the Standard Rating of the forward tee and the Standard Rating of the tee from which the club competition is taking place.

Example: Player handicap, 18. SR of Club Tee for competition 73, SR of Front Tee 70.

Player would reduce his handicap for the competition by 3 shots, $SR\ 73 - SR\ 70 = 3$ so the player's handicap for the competition would be $18 - 3 = 15$ strokes.

The player would record his adjusted gross score on the system using the SR of the forward tee as per normal.

Explanation Note: **Handicaps** are calculated using the differential between the Gross Score and the SR of the tee from which the player recorded an adjusted gross score, while **competition scores** are calculated using the Par of the course.

An attempt at further simplification is as follows:

When entering a score for handicap purposes you record the adjusted gross score (max 2 over for handicaps 18 and below, etc, etc) for the tees you played off and the system records the difference between your score and the Standard Rating (SR) of that set of tees - not the Par for the course. The Standard Rating thus already takes into consideration the distance of each specific tee at each course and adjusts the differential used in the handicap calculation accordingly.

If, then, when playing in a competition, you decide to play off the forward tees at another

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course, the scores are calculated relative to Par and since you are playing a shorter/easier course compared to the rest of the competition you need to adjust your handicap down by the difference in the Standard Rating of the tees.

When recording a handicap on a score card, Forward Tee players should show both their normal and adjusted forward tee handicap, eg "22/20" where the difference in the rating (SR) of the club tee and forward tee is 2.

PARTING SHOTS

How men and women record things in their diaries.

Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner.

I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it.

Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; He said, 'Nothing.

I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset.

He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it.

On the way home, I told him that I loved him.

He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behaviour. I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.'

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent.

Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep; I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

Husband's Diary:

A two-foot putt ... who the hell misses a two-foot putt ?

"What did your husband say when he missed that short putt at the 16th?" asked Betty

"Should I leave out the swear words?" ask Mary

"Yes"

Well then, he said nothing."

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