

**SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF
KWAZULU-NATAL**



NEWSLETTER

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Duncan Poynton and Bruce Pringle
Winners of the Foursomes Trophy, at Durban Country Club
Beachwood Course - Tuesday 8 October 2013

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

There were 30 Birthdays in October 2013. There were six in the eighties and none in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties:

Iain Fisher turned 80 on October 13th. He was born in 1933.

Lal Greene turned 88 on October 5th. He was born in 1925.

Alan Robertson turned 88 on October 9th. He was born in 1925.

Chris Taylor turned 83 on October 10th. He was born in 1929.

Robin Palframan turned 82 on October 12th. He was born in 1931.

Chris Saunders turned 84 on October 20th. He was born in 1929.

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

NEW MEMBERS

We have great pleasure in welcoming three New Members to our ranks. We wish them many happy years of golf with the KZN Seniors.

Name	Home Number	Bus Number	Cell Number
Mark Perry	033 234-4819		082 417 6636
Steve Rees	033 347-2869		082 558 9863
Andrew Smythe	033 345-3047	033 364-5800	

COMPETITION RESULTS

Wednesday 2 October 2013 - Alliance Stableford at Simbithi Golf Estate

For many of our members the game at Simbithi was a first experience on a course that has 13 par threes. We had a field of 63 players for a shot-gun start that could have accommodated 72 entries. The course is not only picturesque and in great condition, it provides an opportunity for many of us to beat our age for the first time. It has a par rating of 60. The Club house facilities are superb and we were made to feel most welcome.

As a result of the many complimentary remarks by our members, we have included a game at Simbithi in our Fixture Calendar for 2014.

Results of the day were:

1 st	David Yeo, Dave Cousens, Terence Rockey & John Winton	98 Points
2 nd	Robin Firth, Dick Ridgway, Blaize McIntosh & Stef Nel (By 7 687 Days) (105 880 Days Old)	89 Points

On a Count Out From:

3 rd	Gavin Brown, Vaughan McDonnell, Tony Hallett and Graham Burnett (98 193 Days Old)	89 Points
4 th	John Russell, Alistair Forbes, Martin Rotteveel and Ian Wicks	86 Points

**Tuesday 8 October 2013 - Foursomes Trophy (Pinehurst) at Durban Country Club -
BEACHWOOD COURSE**

The Foursomes Trophy is one of our Majors which is correctly termed, a trophy event and was first played for in 1958. In 1979 the format was changed from foursomes (with one ball in play) to Pinehurst because many members considered this to be only half a game of golf. It was at this time that SGUSA also changed the National Foursomes Trophy to Pinehurst. It's not often that our Senior golfers get a chance to play foursomes or Pinehurst but our Senior colleagues in the UK play almost all of their games against club teams in the foursomes format.

On Tuesday the 8th October a total of 108 Seniors teed it up for the annual Foursomes Trophy. The sun was shining and the temperature was perfect for golf. The Beachwood Course was in excellent condition and some good scores were returned. Congratulations to Duncan Poynton and Bruce Pringle who won the count out from Graham Burnett and Rob Little on an excellent score of 45 points.

Results of the day were:

PINEHURST TROPHY WINNERS:

1 st	Duncan Poynton & Bruce Pringle (Won by 3 966 Days) (They were 51 110 Days Old)	45 Points
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On a Count Out From:

2 nd	Graham Burnett & Rob Little (47 144 Days Old)	45 Points
3 rd	Tim Hitchins & Malcolm Hughes	44 Points
4 th	John MacKinnon & Elton Chatterton (51 582 Days Old) (By 215 Days)	43 Points

On a Count Out From:

	Dan sterling & Geoff Henebrey (51 367 Days Old) (By 3 612 Days)	43 Points
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On a Count Out From:

	Neil MacNeillie & Andre Schoeman (47 755 Days Old)	43 Points
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Tuesday 22 October 2013 - Alliance Stableford Waiting List Game (Two Scores to Count) at Umdoni Park Golf Club



The Umdoni fixture is a popular one with our members. The course is always in good condition and this year was no exception.

The greens deserve a special mention. They were in excellent condition. We had a field of 103 players who had to contend with challenging weather conditions - very cold and a strong wind!!

However to everyone's surprise the scores were very good with the team of Jack Bassage, Jelli Jelliman, Bruce Pringle and Dave Johnson scoring 98 points!!

Jelli scored 85 gross off a 20 handicap - with two 2's - great stuff!!

The picture on the left is the signature 18th hole at Umdoni which is not only very challenging but also provides one of the best views on the course.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Jack Bassage, Jelli Jelliman, Bruce Pringle and Dave Johnson	98 Points
2 nd	Bobby Moore, Glen Schnell, Ken Ladbrooke and Stan Powell	90 Points
3 rd	Trevor Sweeney, Stan Carruthers, Barry Kramer and Jebb McIntosh (By 4 200 Days) (105 095 Days Old)	87 Points

On a Count Out From

4 th	Dave Karon, Ronnie Nienaber, Dave Sawers and Peter Powell (105 095 Days Old)	87 Points
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Our Competitions are kindly sponsored by **SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES** and **GRANT'S WHISKY**. Please support our sponsors.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

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

The 16 members to represent the KZN Team in the Triangular Match are:

No.	Name	No.	Name
1.	Frank Agg	9.	Dick Ridgway
2.	Doug Aitken	10.	Mike Seligmann
3.	Roger Don-Wauchope	11.	Charles Severn (Captain)
4.	Morgan Holmes	12.	Dan Sterling
5.	Harold Horsley	13.	Rae Stewart
6.	Barry Kramer	14.	Brian Stokoe
7.	Mike Norton	15.	John Terry-Lloyd
8.	Bob Rickards	16.	Allan van der Veen

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

Entry Form sent out under separate cover. First tee off time 10h30. Entries close on Monday 4 November 2013.

Monday 25 November 2013 - Better Ball Stableford at Zimbali Country Club

Entry Form sent out under separate cover. First tee off time 11h00. Entries close on Friday 15 November 2013.

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

Entry Form sent out under separate cover. First tee off time 10h30. Entries close on Friday 29 November 2013. As this is a Charity Day event, you may choose your four ball if you wish.

This annual event at the end of each year is in aid of the three hospices that the Society supports, namely Highway Hospice in Durban, Msunduzi Hospice in Pietermaritzburg and Lighthouse Hospice (trading as Khanya Hospice) which is located in Port Shepstone. The donations received from our members are essential to assist with much needed equipment required for patient care and very much appreciated by the Hospices. **Please be generous with your donations, either on the day or by means of a cheque or EFT. Our target this year is R30 000.00, which will give each hospice R10 000.00.**

As has been our custom in the past, the Starting Sheet for all events will be notified by e-mail and notices placed on the Notice Boards of Durban Country Club, Royal Durban GC, Mount Edgecombe CC, Kloof Country Club, Maritzburg GC, Victoria CC, Umdoni Park Golf Club and Umhlali Country Club.

**ALL GOLF BALLS FOR 2's ARE KINDLY
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NEWS ITEMS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Although I wasn't able to play at Simbithi, from all accounts the day was memorable and enjoyable. So much so, that we have decided to include Simbithi as a fixture in our annual list of courses, and Dan has asked the club to host us on the 29th July next year. Dan and Colleen have contacted all the clubs that we visit each year and we should have a 2014 fixture list out by the end of the year.

Your Committee believe that the donations that we make each year on our Charity Day, to the three Hospices in Durban, Pietermaritzburg and the South Coast, should be presented to representatives of each Institution prior to the prize giving at the President's Putter Trophy event to be played at Royal Durban Golf Club on Monday 10 February 2014. The Committee would like your donations to be more personal rather than merely sending a cheque out in the post. Diarize the date of the Charity Day - Monday 9th December at Royal Durban and please donate generously even if you can't play! The cause is a worthy one which unfortunately some of us may have to enter one day.

Colleen's health is holding up despite occasional setbacks. She is such a determined person, totally dedicated to the Society, and together with Dan never misses a day without some sort of input for all of us. The pair of them are without doubt the best two golf administrators that I have ever been associated with. They ensure that KZN is the envy of all the other Senior Golfers' Societies in the country! Thank you Coll for your loyalty and commitment to KZN Seniors despite feeling occasionally unwell.

See you all on the 1st tee.

Change of Membership Category

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, there comes a time when active playing members reach the stage in their golfing activities when, due to advancing years, illness, or other extenuating circumstances, they wish to change their membership category. If any member is contemplating making such a change to his membership category, please can you inform the Secretariat before the end of October 2013. This will ensure that when we all receive an invoice at the beginning of January we will be billed with the appropriate subscription and save Colleen an enormous amount of admin work.

Payments

We are still receiving payments for subscriptions and clothing without any reference as to who made the payment. Please remember to use your name as a reference when making payment to the Society. This is especially relevant to those members who bank with Investec. Without a reference it is impossible to allocate the payment correctly and creates additional work for Colleen. Your assistance in this regard will be most appreciated.

2014 National Tournament

Sponsors

A sub-committee of the Tournament Organising Committee has been working very hard to raise sufficient funds for this important event. To date they have been very successful but are still short of the target required. They are appealing to all those who wish to make a contribution however small to come forward. Sponsorships to the value of R1 000 and above will be gratefully accepted and every sponsor will be given the acknowledgement they deserve for their support. Several National Tournaments in the past have only proved to be financially viable as a result of the many contributions from smaller sponsors. Sponsors can be individuals, firms, companies, corporations, etc.

Should you wish to sponsor, please contact John Winton of the Tournament Sponsorship sub-Committee. His contact details are - Cell Phone 082 809 8345 and e-mail address is johnw@amabhokisi.co.za.

Preferred Lies Charles Severn

Rule 22. Ball assisting play, if nothing is said, it's not against the rules

The most popular club competition played in this country in recent years is 4-ball betterball Stableford. It's enjoyable to play with a partner against two other players. It's customary to play for a small wager and because it's competitive there is often a bit of banter and gamesmanship between the four players. Of course the etiquette of the game is observed as well as the rules. The partners often play as a team on the putting green insofar as putting goes; one putting before other in order to give his partner a 'free putt' for a greater number of Stableford points. However, there is a common occurrence on the putting green that is against the rules. Let's say that Harry and Sam are partners and their balls lie just off the green. Harry putts with the flagstick in and his ball comes to rest close to the hole. It's Sam's turn to putt from off the green and Harry's ball is behind the hole. Sam says to his partner, "Leave it there". Sam didn't want the ball marked because he wanted to use it as a back-stop for his ball. It seems that many golfers, who have been playing for a long time, are unaware that this is a serious breach of the rules. In fact, if they agree not to lift the ball that might assist Sam, both players would be disqualified under rule 22-1. This rule is headed as "Ball assisting or interfering with play". In the Decisions on the rules of golf book the rule deals specifically to Sam and Harry's situation. (Rule 22/6) Luckily, one of the playing competitors advised them that the ball cannot be 'left there' because it was assisting Sam and in any case it wasn't fair to the rest of the field. So Harry tapped in his ball without further incident but it sparked some discussion.

However, there is a remarkable flaw in this rule; a loop hole you might say.

What would have happened if Sam had said nothing to Harry and he putted with the ball there in the same place? The answer is; nothing. If Sam's ball had hit Harry's ball, there is no penalty because the ball was off the green. If another player requests the ball to be marked or holed, it must be obeyed.

If nothing is said, it's not against the rules, but it is a team tactic therefore perhaps that rule should be more specific. Or is it a case of, know the rules and use them to your advantage?

Preferred Lies - Charles Severn - The Witness, September 6th 2013.

PARTING SHOT

POLITICAL SPIN - THE AUSTRALIAN WAY

No matter which side of the fence you're on, THIS is funny and very telling! It just all depends on how you look at things.

Judy Rudd an amateur genealogy researcher in Southern Queensland was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's great-great uncle, Remus Rudd, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Melbourne in 1889. Both Judy and Kevin Rudd share this common ancestor.



The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows at the Melbourne Gaol.

On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription:

"Remus Rudd, horse thief, sent to Melbourne Gaol 1885.

Escaped 1887, robbed the Melbourne-Geelong train six times. Caught by Victoria Police Force, convicted and hanged in 1889."



So Judy recently e-mailed Prime Minister Rudd for information about their great-great uncle Remus Rudd:

"Remus Rudd was famous in Victoria during the mid to late 1800s. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Melbourne-Geelong Railroad.

Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad.

In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the Victoria Police Force. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

NOW That's how it's done, Folks!

That's real POLITICAL SPIN.