



# SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

On behalf of the Committee and Secretariat, welcome to the April/May edition of our Society's Newsletter. It has been a busy couple of months so happy reading.

### OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Norman Delgado.

### BIRTHDAYS

There were 21 Birthdays in April 2017. There were six in the eighties.

There were 18 Birthdays in May 2017. There were 3 in the eighties and two in the nineties.

#### Birthdays in the Eighties in April

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Waller Butcher | 84 Years Old - Born in 1933 |
| Dave Oehley    | 87 Years Old - Born in 1930 |
| Tex Murray     | 80 Years Old - Born in 1937 |
| Derek Spencer  | 83 Years Old - Born in 1934 |
| Barry Amm      | 83 Years Old - Born in 1934 |
| Olly Hart      | 80 Years Old - Born in 1937 |

#### Birthdays in the Eighties in May:

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Roy MacPherson | 81 Years Old - Born in 1936 |
| Ian Fleming    | 81 Years Old - Born in 1936 |
| Terry Field    | 86 Years Old - Born in 1931 |

#### Birthdays in the Nineties in May

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Andre Maitre | 95 Years Old - Born in 1922 |
| Hugh Hein    | 93 Years Old - Born in 1924 |

On behalf of the Secretariat, Committee and all the members we wish all of the birthday boys a very Happy Birthday.



## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Senior Golfers Society of South Africa – Nationals 2017 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### Report of the 2017 National Tournament in Cape Town



The 78<sup>th</sup> Senior Golfers Union of South Africa National Tournament was held in Cape Town from 4-7 April 2017 at the King David Mowbray Golf Club and the Royal Cape Golf Club.

Prior to the official start of the Nationals, 10 of our members participated in the Mixed Alliance at King David Mowbray. It was a sunny breezy day and Geoff & Sandy Henebrey were in the winning 4 ball. Barry & Val Kramer were in the 4 ball that came 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were treated to a Curry meal at prize giving.

The 53 KZN participants registered at King David Mowbray on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April and then we enjoyed Cocktails with the welcome speeches in the evening at the Kelvin Grove Club.

The friendly Alliance on Tuesday started in fine drizzle, but by mid-morning it was dry and warm with a little wind. The scores were good.

The AGM of the society was on the Tuesday evening and covered all the usual reports. Financially the society remains in a very positive condition, notwithstanding the cost of the new computer program at some R350,000. The majority of the meeting concentrated on the computer program, which has been deemed a great success. All societies will benefit significantly by its introduction and this should include a more secure website for each region, as development continues. Under general your society proposed that there be 2 Trophies for the National Pinehurst competition as they are played on two different courses. The tournament committee will consider this for the future. We also suggested that the quality of golf balls presented to visiting overseas teams should be improved. With some mirth, it was agreed, that this was a balls up, and would be reviewed for future tours.

We played the Pinehurst on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Apart from a brief shower or two, the day was dry, but rather brisk. Bruce Dunlop was in the winning 4 Ball at King David Mowbray, and Ray Ramandh was in the winning 4 Ball at Royal Cape.

The Championships day one on Thursday threatened a 30km/hr wind, but this did not materialise and it turned out to be a beautiful breezy day! On the contrary, day two of the Championship on Friday fulfilled the weather forecast of 56km/hr wind at Royal Cape, with slightly more favourable conditions at King David Mowbray.

The week ended with a Gala Dinner and Prize Giving at the Kelvin Grove Club, where the food and fellowship was excellent!

## Results

### Championship

Carlton Levick Trophy – stroke play over 36 holes

- Runner up Hennie Heynes on 162

### Age Class successes

- Class A stableford winner -- Frans Kemper on 68 points
- Class B stableford runner up -- Paddy Goss on 72 points
- Class C stableford winner -- David Attwood-Smith on 73 points
- Class D stableford winner -- Kiruban Naidoo on 73 points

Best score at King David Mowbray day 4

Mike Mun-Gavin on 43 points

### Pinehurst winners

Dave Attwood-Smith & Brian Attwood-Smith on 45 points

### Team Notables:

- 4th  
KZN team 3 comprising Pregi Moodley, Dave Rossler, Frans Kemper & Tim Hooper
- 5th  
KZN team 5 comprising Neill Edwards, Roger Mentzel, Kiruban Naidoo & David Attwood-Smith

The Tournament was very well run. Well done to all who kept the KZN flag flying!

## **The Bill Edmonds Trophy Maritzburg Golf Club – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Sponsored by Denis Milford, Bryan Edmondson and Charles Severn as well as our regular sponsors

The Bill Edmonds Trophy has been one of our Society's Major trophies since 1979 and is played annually at Maritzburg Golf Club. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, a field of 62 turned out to compete for the trophy.

Late summer rains had given the ground staff the opportunity to present a course in good condition with the greens just a tad on the slow side. The weather couldn't have been better, a typical KZN Midlands autumn day; 25 degrees with not a cloud in sight. A slight breeze came up for the second nine that was hardly noticeable.

As is the tradition for Trophy events, the course was set up utilizing white markers only which were, as per our custom, set up fairly generously. The good scores reflected this.

The winners of the trophy were Neil Gerber and Bruce Pringle on 49 Points. The Better Ball winners on the day were Barry Kauffman and Dave Rossler on 51 points.

## Results

|                           |  |           |
|---------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place     | Barry Kauffman and Dave Rossler  | 51 Points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place     | Neil Gerber and Bruce Pringle (52673 days)<br>(Winning the Bill Edmonds Trophy)<br>On a count out from | 49 Points |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place     | Les Orchard and Andy Goodman (48852 days)  | 49 Points |
| Nearest The Pin           | No 5                      Stef Nel<br>No 17                     Andy Goodman                           |           |
| Gowrie Farm Voucher       | Kevin McComb   |           |
| Whynotte Car Wash Voucher | Frans Kemper   |           |
| Attendance Prize          | Peter Ledger   |           |
| Two Clubs                 | Three Two Clubs were recorded  |           |

## Lal Greene Trophy (Inland vs Coastal Team Event) Gowrie Farm Golf Club – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

48 Players participated in this closely contested trophy event held in the picturesque Nottingham Road area. The event was generously sponsored by Guy Smith and our other regular sponsors. Our thanks to you all. The hospitality from Gowrie Farm was exceptional and a fantastic day was had by all

## Results

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| Inland  | 426 Combined Points |
| Coastal | 465 Combined Points |

Winners of the Lal Green Trophy the Coastal Team.

### Individual Winners

|                           |  |           |
|---------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place     | Martin Holmes and Chris Good   | 47 Points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place     | Roger Mentzel and Doug Aitken  | 44 Points |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place     | Des Jones and Peter Powell<br>Counting out<br>Guy Smith and Ant Haines               | 42 Points |
| Nearest the Pin           | No 4                      Barry Benningfield<br>No 15                     Chris Good |           |
| Gowrie Farm Voucher       | Roger Don-Wauchope   |           |
| Whynotte Car Wash Voucher | Bruce Dunlop   |           |
| Attendance Prize          | Jack Bassage   |           |
| Two Clubs                 | 7 Two Clubs were recorded  |           |

# Bosch Hoek Golf Club Better Ball Stableford - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Sponsored by Ivan Clark and our regular sponsors

## Match report

Five star golf weather and the magnificent facilities of Bosch Hoek Golf Club, plus the outstanding offering and welcome they provided, made this a memorable fixture – not to be missed in future! Our Seniors Flag was flying, but not noticeably due to the lack of a breeze. Most players had enjoyed great fellowship and stayed over in the area after the previous day's fixture at Gowrie. Besides one member losing his way between the two courses and arriving a bit late, everyone was keen for another game in the glorious surroundings. The Better Ball competition was keen with good scores! After the game the dress was very varied – see decision made subsequently by the committee which is documented in this newsletter regarding smart casual at future “morning” fixtures.



## Results

|                           |                 |                                       |           |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1ST Place                 |                 | Barry Benningfield and Charles Severn | 47 Points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place     |                 | Rae Stewart and Peter Comrie          | 46 Points |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place     |                 | Robbie Wright and Martin Holmes       | 45 Points |
| Nearest the Pin           | No 5/14<br>7/16 | John McKenzie<br>Tim Hooper           |           |
| Gowrie Farm Voucher       |                 | Brian Stokoe                          |           |
| Whynotte Car Wash Voucher |                 | Mike Atter                            |           |
| Attendance Prize          |                 | John McKenzie                         |           |
| Two Clubs                 |                 | 4 Two Clubs were recorded             |           |

# Durban Country Club Alliance Stable Ford - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

## Match report

A large field of 103 contested the alliance competition at Durban Country Club. The weather was beautiful with a slight north easterly breeze. This made the opening 5 holes just a bit more challenging. The course was in excellent condition, in particular, the greens which were much

improved since our last visit. . We were joined by the Club's golf captain, Lance Whiteford , who told us that they are making a big effort to cut the rough on the dunes and cut back the bush which has encroached the sides of the fairways. One of the objectives is to speed up play. It remains one of the top courses in the country and we are truly privileged to have it on our doorstep. The services of the pro shop, halfway house and bar were their usual high standard and judging from the festivities in the pub afterwards it appears everyone enjoyed the day and look forward to the next visit.

## Results

|                           |               |  |
|---------------------------|---------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place     |               | Rae Stewart, Robert Best, Dave Rossler, Paddy Goss<br>95 Points          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place     |               | John Terry-Lloyd, Jack Bassage, Wouter Le Roux, Lex Orchard<br>90 Points |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place     |               | Tony Carnecky, James Dixon, Brian Stokoe, Richard Evans<br>89 Points     |
| Gowrie Farm Voucher       |               | Ted Mayberry   |
| Whynotte Car Wash Voucher |               | Kiruban Naidoo   |
| Attendance Prize          |               | Roy Carrick  |
| Nearest the Pin           | No 4<br>No 15 | John Gatherer<br>Allan van der Veen                                      |
| Two Clubs                 |               | 19 Two Clubs were recorded   |



## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Zimbali Country Club – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Better Ball Bonus Bogey

Southbroom Golf Club – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Alliance Stableford  
Southbroom Golf Club – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Better Ball Stableford

Umdoni Golf Club – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Alliance Stableford

**A Starting Sheet will be emailed to all members**

## Society Web Site

Don't forget the web site is accessed by entering [www.kznseniors.com](http://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 web site.

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## NEWS ITEMS

### **61th International Meeting of Deauville, France-- July 23 to July 28 2017**

SGUSA Belgium Tour -- King Leopold Challenge 2017

We have two KZN members as part of the 8 man touring team. Doug Aitken as well as Peter Bailey and his wife Magda will take part in the event from 10 July to 13 July.

They will play at the Royal Limburg Golf Club and the Spiegelven Golf Club. We wish them a happy tour and good golf!

(Anyone wishing to participate in the French tour to Deauville from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 should notify the Secretariat by early June)

## Membership Categories

There has been some uncertainty concerning membership of the society and in particular the various categories.

To clarify this issue, we are governed by the constitution, which stipulates our commitments and suggests remedies for those members that are in default of playing the stipulated number of rounds to be played by category. In addition at the AGM of 2016 the committee introduced trial amendments to the stipulated rounds in order to accommodate members who lived in excess of 50 kilometres from Durban (5 games per annum), and to change the limited category from zero commitment to 3 rounds per annum. This trial was accepted by a show of hands at the relative AGM.

All the categories available to members are reflected in the constitution, the latest version of which is available on our web site. Please refer to the constitution if you are in any doubt as to your responsibilities to the society. The members list records your category of membership. The Membership list as of 1 June 2017 is available on our web

site and is attached. Should you have any queries or wish to change your category kindly communicate these in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Society.

## **Dress Code**

With regard to the dress requirements, your committee will continue with the tradition of dress (collar tie and blazer) for all events of the society, the only exception being on the final day of both the Southbroom and Midlands swing when casual attire will be accepted.

## **Change of Details**

We urge all of our members who are on email to please log onto the Society's website and check that your cell number and email address are up to date and correct. If it is necessary to change or up-date any details please advise the Secretariat as soon as possible.

## **Payments**

We continue to receive EFT payments from members without any reference noted on the payments. Please can you ensure when making EFT/Internet payments either your name, invoice number or account number is used as a reference so we can trace your payment. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## **Register your round**

Please can all members "swipe" their handicap card at the Pro Shop to Open a round and record your score.



## **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about Golf is that no matter how badly you play, it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

Golf is like marriage, If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.



## Smart-arse answers

1. It was meal time on a South African Airways flight. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked a passenger. "What are my choices?" the passenger asked. The flight attendant replied, "Yes or no."
2. A lady was picking through frozen turkeys in a supermarket but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a passing assistant, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The assistant replied, "I'm afraid not, they're dead."
3. A traffic cop stopped a young guy for speeding. The cop said, "I've been waiting for you all day my lad." The young guy said, "Yes, well I got here as fast as I could." When the cop eventually stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.
4. A truck driver was driving on a country road. A sign came up, "Low Bridge Ahead". Before he realised it, the sign was directly in front of him and the truck got stuck under it. Traffic was backed up for kilometres; eventually a cop arrived, got out of his car and said to the truck driver, "Got stuck eh?" the truck driver replied, "No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of petrol."

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