

# 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 record the passing of Bruce Lobban. He was a member of our Society for 32 years.

### BIRTHDAYS

There were 25 Birthdays in April 2016. There were four in the eighties and none in the nineties.

#### Birthdays in the Eighties:

Waller Butcher turned 83 on April 12<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1933.

Dave Oehley turned 86 on April 16<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1930.

Derek Spencer turned 82 on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1934.

Barry Amm turned 82 on April 29<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1934.

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

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Tuesday 5 April 2016 - Bill Edmonds Trophy at Maritzburg Golf Club

On 5 April a disappointing field of 64 turned out to compete for the Bill Edmonds trophy at Maritzburg Golf Club. The anticipated rain stayed away and the cool overcast weather was perfect for golf. Late summer rains had given the ground staff the opportunity to present a course in remarkable condition that was no doubt of assistance to the winners who returned a Better Ball score of 47 points. The best individual score was a very good 72 gross by our 2016 Society Champion, Mike Houston. Many of our coastal members will regret not having made the journey to compete in this annual trophy event. Congratulations to our new President Bob Rickards who in combination with John Terry-Lloyd took home the trophy.



**Bill Edmonds Trophy Winners 2016  
John Terry-Lloyd and Bob Rickards**

**Results of the day were:**

**BILL EDMONDS TROPHY WINNERS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Bob Rickards and John Terry-Lloyd 47 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Houston and Tony Roche (By 131 Days) (47 948 Days Old) 45 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Graeme Winterbach and Richter van Niekerk (By 2 942 Days) (47 817 Days Old) 45 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

4<sup>th</sup> Mike Seligmann and Frans Kemper (44 875 Days Old) 45 Points

5<sup>th</sup> Steve Rees and Morgan Holmes (By 1 348 Days) (54 315 Days Old) 44 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

Andre Schoeman and Duncan Poynton (52 967 Days Old) 44 Points

**FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

**Tuesday 10 May 2016 - Better Ball Stableford Waiting List Game at Prince's Grant Golf Club**

Entry Form sent out with April Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h00.

Sponsored By: Martin Rotteveel, Bruce Dunlop and Andy King as well as the eight sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 29 April 2016.

**Tuesday 24 May 2016 - Alliance Stableford at Royal Durban Golf Club**

Entry Form sent out with April Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h30.

Sponsored By: Mike Bradfield, Les Orchard, Bob Rickards, Mike Seligmann and Allan van der Veen as well as the eight sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 13 May 2016.

**Tuesday 7 June 2016 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey Waiting List Game at Zimbali Country Club**

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

Sponsored By: To be advised as well as the eight sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 27 May 2016.

**Thursday 23 June 2016 and Friday 24 June 2016 - Alliance Stableford/Better Ball Stableford at Southbroom Country Club**

Entry Forms attached and on the website under "Fixtures". Tee off times are 10h30 on the Thursday and 08h01 on the Friday.

The Southbroom fixture will take the form of an Alliance Stableford (two scores to count) on Thursday afternoon 23 June and a Better Ball Stableford on Friday morning 24 June. Members can travel down to Southbroom on the Thursday morning; play golf that afternoon, followed by a braai at the Club in the evening.

We will then stay the night in Southbroom and tee up on Friday morning for the Better Ball. This will be followed by prize giving, returning home in the afternoon. Members are asked to arrange their own accommodation for their overnight stay.

It goes without saying that wives/partners are welcome and should any of the ladies wish to play golf on either of the two days or both days, will you please enter either via the website or on the attached Entry Forms.

This event is sponsored by Ant Hacker, Tim Hooper, Peter Ledger, Andre Schoeman, Tim Hitchins as well as the eight sponsors detailed below.

Entries close on Friday 10 June 2016.

There will be Starting Sheets for all the above events. We are encouraging members to check their tee off times on the KZN web site.



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## **NEWS ITEMS**

### **2016 Fixture List & Members Register Booklet**

The 2016 Fixture List & Members Register Booklet is available from the Seniors Office at Royal Durban Golf Club. Should you want a booklet, please arrange to collect one. Please phone the office to ensure that the office is open.

### **Dates to remember in 2016**

June 16-19	<b>US Open</b> - Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Oakmont is the "oldest top-ranked golf course in the U.S." Oakmont has hosted the US Open eight times, more than any other course.
July 14-17.	<b>The Open Championship</b> - Royal Troon - this is the 145 <sup>th</sup> Open Championship.
July 28-31	<b>US PGA</b> - Baltusrol Lower Course, Springfield, New Jersey.
Sept 30-Oct 2	<b>Ryder Cup</b> - Hazeltine, Chaska, Minnesota, USA.
November 24-27	<b>World Cup of Golf</b> - Kingston Heath GC, Melbourne

### **New Seniors Hats**

We have fantastic good quality new golf hats available now at the Seniors office. They are made by the well known brand AHEAD head gear. Phone Colleen and order one.



## SENIORS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT 17-22 April 2016

The 77<sup>th</sup> Senior Golfers Union of South Africa National Tournament was held in Port Elizabeth at Humewood Golf Club and Port Elizabeth Golf Club.

A summary of the prominent KZN performances are as follows:

### **CARLTON LEVICK Trophy**

The National Champion - Alistair Forbes, winner of the best 36 holes individual stroke play with a score of 149. This was Alistair's sixth National Championship win and his second in Port Elizabeth.

### **LESLIE SATCHWELL Trophy.**

Paddy Goss, winner of the best net Stableford score over 36 holes Paddy Goss with a score of 84 points.

### **KZN Age Class successes**

Class C - Ages 65 to 69: 36 Holes net Stableford. Runner up - Hennie Heyns with a score of 77.

Class D - Ages 70 to 74: 36 Holes net Stableford. Runner up - Mike Norton with a score of 77.

Class D - Ages 70 to 74: 36 Holes Gross Stableford. Winner - Kiruban Naidoo with a score of 53.

### **ADMIRAL BENSON Putter**

Winner of the for the best 18 hole Stableford score for ages 80 and over - Brian Stokoe on a score of 38.

### **Team Event**

Winners: KZN1 team - Alistair Forbes, Brian Stokoe, Graham Burnett and Paddy Goss.

Second place: KZN4 team of Pregi Moodley, Dave Rossler, Peter Ledger and Mike Norton.

Third place: KZN2 team of Kiruban Naidoo, Mike Houston, Bruce Hopewell, Jonathan Hallows.

### **Pinehurst Stableford:**

At Port Elizabeth Golf Club:

Second place, Bob Rickards and Hugh McGibbon on 41 points

Third place, Dumpy Dyer and Alastair Forbes on 40 points oco

KZN Society was the winner of the best average Stableford score of the combined teams with a score of 31.38 Stableford points.

Overall the KZN Society had a very successful tournament, well done to everyone.



**Alistair Forbes (left) with the Carlton Levick Trophy,  
his sixth Seniors Nationals win in eight years.  
Ross Grainger is on Alistair's left.**



**Paddy Goss with the Leslie Satchwell Trophy  
The best 36 hole net Stableford score**



**KZN the best performing Province Trophy 2016  
Captain Roger Mentzel and President Bob Rickards**

## **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

### **Cornish Farmer**

Dennis Thornhurst, a middle-aged Cornish farmer received a letter from the Department of Labour, stating that they suspected he was not paying his employees enough and they would be sending an inspector to interview them.

On the appointed day, the inspector turned up. "Tell me about your staff." He asked Thornhurst. "Well", said Thornhurst, "There's the farm hand. I pay him £240 a week, and he has a free cottage. Then there's the housekeeper. She gets £190 a week, along with free board and lodging. Then there's the half-wit, he works a 16 hour day, does 90% of the work, earns about £25 a week, along with a bottle of gin every week, and occasionally, he gets to sleep with my wife."

"That's who I want to talk to," said the inspector, "the half-wit."

Thornhurst said, "You already are."

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### **Hotel window**

A hotel guest calls the front desk and the clerk answers, "May I help you?"

The man says, "Yes, I'm in room 858. You need to send someone to my room immediately.

I'm having an argument with my wife and she says she's going to jump out the window."

The desk clerk says, "I'm sorry sir, but that's a personal matter."

The man replies, "Listen you idiot. The window won't open..... and that's a maintenance matter."

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### **Genuine story of a strange incident on a par three**

It was during the December holidays when a group of low handicap Johannesburg golfers played different courses with big money bets on every game.

The incident was at a par-three blind hole. One of the players, let's call him Player A, hit his ball extremely well but felt that he had used the wrong club and the ball would be over the green. When they arrived at the green, sure enough, the ball wasn't in sight so they began looking for it in thick rough behind the green. So four golfers and four caddies were searching for Player A's ball. Eventually he shouted to the other golfers that he had found his ball. He chipped onto the green and the ball finished quite close to the hole, which means he was about to make a par three. When one of the caddies went to attend the flagstick he alerted the other players that there was a ball in the hole. It was the same brand and number that Player A used. Oh my goodness what happens now? Whose ball is in the hole? Player A was adamant that it wasn't his ball; he found ball his in the rough, didn't he?

So there are the details.

To the other players it seemed probable that after a thorough search, the ball could not be found so, without anyone seeing him, player A secretly dropped an identical ball and claimed that he had found the original. Can you imagine how shocked he must have been when his first ball was found in the hole?

He clearly cheated and lost out on a hole-in-one but more importantly, he also lost the respect of his friends. He would be rightly labelled a cheat for the rest of his life.

Preferred Lies - Charles Severn - The Witness, October 20<sup>th</sup> - 2011

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### **Long putters - a case of much ado about nothing**

Adam Scott was one of a number of professional golfers who were unhappy about the long putter being outlawed. There was a rumour that in January this year, Peter Dawson the head of the Royal and Ancient and one of the main proponents for the banning of the long putter received a package via Fedex. Allegedly it was from Adam Scott who sent him his long putter. A journalist asked Dawson if it was true and if so, what did you do with it? Dawson replied, "Yes it's true and I added it to my collection of obsolete clubs."

Ironically Scott has already won twice this year on the US tour using a short putter.

Much ado about nothing?

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### **Why old people don't get hired**

Job Interview:

Human Resources Manager: "What is your greatest weakness?"

Senior Citizen: "Honesty."

Human Resources Manager: "I don't think honesty is a weakness."

Senior Citizen: "I don't really give a shit what you think."

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### **Fridge for sale**

A house owner bought a new fridge. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it." For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal. So he changed the sign to read: "Fridge for sale R100."

The next day someone stole it!

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### **A Simple question**

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function. A young lady took the opportunity to ask the doctor a question with which she was sure he could easily answer.

"Would you mind telling me, Doctor," she asked, "How you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?"

"Nothing is easier," he replied. "You ask a simple question that anyone could answer.

If the person hesitates, that puts you on the right track."

"What sort of question?", asked the young lady.

"Well, you might ask, Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?"

The young lady thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, "You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history."

Sadly, they walk among us!

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### **Last laugh at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole:**

Three Senior golfers, Sam, Harry and Fred were sitting together in the club-house after their weekly game of golf.

These are some of the things they were overheard saying:

Sam said, "My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes."

Harry said, "A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.

Fred said, "A foreign guy has moved in next door. He has travelled the world, been swimming with sharks, wrestled bears, climbed the highest mountains, all that kind of stuff.

It didn't surprise me to learn his name was Bindair Dundat."

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