

SENIOR GOLFER'S SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome all Senior Golfer's Society members.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

There were 21 Birthdays in August 2016. There were three in the eighties and three in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties:

Henry Govender turned 82 on August 22nd. He was born in 1934.

Dick Ridgway turned 82 on August 9th. He was born in 1934.

Graeme Shuker turned 88 on August 25th. He was born in 1930.

Birthdays in the Nineties:

Ian Hoyer turned 90 on August 9th. He was born in 1926. Well done Ian.

Rolly Shorten turned 90 on August 31st. He was born in 1926. Well done Rolly.

John McCarthy turned 91 on August 27th. He was born in 1925. Well done John.

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

COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 16 August 2016 - Better Ball Stableford at Umhlali Country Club

Once again our competition at Umhlali was a great success. The weather on the day promised thunder, lightning and rain at 09h30 in the morning, but much to our relief the storm passed us by, the sun appeared and we had perfect weather for a game of golf. Thanks are due to Peter Ledger for arranging a suitable course set-up and to Umhlali management for the smooth arrangements for both our reception table and the after golf prize giving in the pub. The course was in very good condition and only 3 stableford points separated the winners from the 4th placed prize winners.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Bob Rickards and Ian McIntosh	47 Points
2 nd	Dave Cousens and Bruce Pringle	46 Points

3rd Ron de Villiers and Bruce Hopewell (By 1 792 Days) (53 511 Days Old) 45 Points

On a Count Out From:

4th Bob Thomas and Rob McCann (51 719 Days Old) 45 Points

5th Kiruban Naidoo and Dick Ridgway (By 3 171 Days) (56 914 Days Old) 44 Points

On a Count Out From:

Brian Stokoe and Graham Burnett (53 743 Days Old) 44 Points

Michael Moore and Graeme Winterbach (49 016 Days Old) 44 Points

Tuesday 30 August 2016 - Better Ball Stableford at Durban Country Club

There was a mix-up with our booking for Kloof CC on the 25 August. Somehow we were displaced by a large corporate booking and we had to scramble to find an alternative venue. Ultimately we managed to book Durban Country Club for Tuesday 30 August. We were blessed with a sunny, cool spring day with a gentle north easterly wind adding just that extra difficulty when approaching the green. DCC has made a remarkable recovery from the heavy rains recently experienced and presented a course with attractive vistas on virtually every hole. There were some good scores returned by the field of 76 players.

Results of the day were:

1st Peter Almond and Brian Allison 48 Points

2nd Bruce Pringle and Richter van Niekerk 47 Points

3rd Duncan Poynton and Tim Hitchins 45 Points

4th Rae Stewart and Dave Weir-Smith (By 524 Days) (51 286 Days Old) 44 Points

On a Count Out From:

5th Roger Mentzel and Peter Comrie (By 1 906 Days) (50 862 Days Old) 44 Points

On a Count Out From:

Tony Carnecky and Jack Bassage (48 956 Days Old) 44 Points

Ian Catt and Bob Thomas (47 944 Days Old) 44 Points

Neill Edwards and Alan Strang (46 700 Days Old) 44 Points

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Foursomes Trophy Event

Regrettably it was unavoidable that the Society had to postpone the Foursomes Trophy event that was originally scheduled for Tuesday 26 July. After the very heavy rains that deluged Durban the week before, the event was postponed to Tuesday 2 August.

On Monday 1st August it was clear that the Durban Country Club golf course was slowly recovering from the recent heavy rains. The rate of recovery was being affected by intermittent showers and more such showers were forecast. After a course inspection our Captain concluded that while the course could well be playable on Tuesday 2nd August, there were several fairways that were very wet and muddy underfoot. Under these conditions it was most unlikely that the club would allow golf carts on the course.

Accordingly it was decided that once again this Foursomes Trophy event will have to be postponed to a future date. Once the Committee has agreed on the date members will invited to enter the event.

Tuesday 27 September 2016 - Better Ball Stableford at Victoria Country Club

Entry Form sent out with July Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 11h00.

Kindly Sponsored By: To be confirmed and our eight regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 16 September 2016

Tuesday 11 October 2016 - Midland SAGES vs KZN Seniors at Bosch Hoek Golf Club

Entry Form attached and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h00.

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Entries close on Friday 30 September 2016

Tuesday 18 October 2016 - Foursomes Trophy (Pinehurst) at Durban Country Club

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

You may choose your partner for this event.

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Entries close on Friday 7 October 2016

There will be a Starting Sheets for all the above events. We are encouraging members to check their tee off times on the KZN web site. Don't forget the web site 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 web site.

NEWS ITEM

Secretariat

The majority of our members will have received a an email from Bob Rickards, our President, with the good news that Hugh McGibbon will be taking over from Dan Sterling as our new Society Secretary. The official handover date is 1st January 2017 but Hugh has already been asked to manage the Society's integration into the new SGUSA computer system that is being developed specifically to replace the present out-dated SGUSA National Tournament programme but may well be extended to provide additional support for each Society needs. As a Computer Science graduate Hugh is ideally skilled to take on this task.

Hugh, who is a member of Kloof CC, is already well known to many members and we would encourage those who have not yet had the opportunity to meet up with Hugh to do so when the opportunity presents itself.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Young Doctor

A woman went to see the doctor where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down to relax in another room. The older doctor marched down the hallway back to where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard. "What the hell is the matter with you?!" the older doctor demanded. "Mrs. Taylor is 71 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren and you told her she was pregnant!?"

The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up, calmly said, "Does she still have hiccups?"

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Guts and balls

We've heard of people referring to others with "Guts", or with "Balls".

Do they, however, actually know the difference between them?

Here's the official distinction; straight from the British Medical Journal: Volume 323; page 295(a).

GUTS - It is arriving home late, after a night out with the boys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the "Guts" to ask: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

BALLS - It is coming home late after a night out with the lads, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the bum and having the "Balls" to say:

"Okay Chubby you're next."

I trust this clears up any confusion.....

Medically speaking, there is no difference in the outcome because both are fatal.

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Finding the right job

1. My first job was working in an orange juice factory. I got canned and couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the forest as a Lumberjack, but couldn't hack it and they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but it was too exhausting.
5. I then tried being a Chef, thinking it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next I attempted working in a Deli, but any way I sliced...couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next was in a Shoe Factory, I tried hard but didn't fit in. Last in first out.
10. A Fisherman seemed an okay job but I couldn't live off my net income.
11. I managed to get a good job for a Pool Maintenance company, but the work was too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Centre but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian, until I realised there was no future in it.
14. My last job was in Starbucks and had leave because it was always the same old grind.
15. So I tried Retirement and found I'm perfect for the job!

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Suppositories

A man went to a doctor with a severe bowel problem. Doctor prescribed a course of suppositories. The man went back to the doctor saying they weren't working. The doctor asked if he was taking them regularly. Man snapped back, "Of course I am, what do you think I've been doing - sticking them up my arse?"

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Strange happening at Maritzburg Golf Club

Just when you thought you've heard them all, here's a (true) story that happened recently at the Maritzburg Golf Club, the oldest playing golf club in South Africa.

It was the 10th anniversary of the Braaider Cup which is an annual event held in October; a match between South African and International members of the club.

It is played in match-play format based on Ryder Cup rules with a big Braai after the golf which makes it the most popular event on the club's calendar.

Playing the second hole, Scotsman Brian McBey (representing the Internationals) hit his tee shot to the left, in the direction of a dam. The four golfers couldn't find the errant ball. There were a few holes in the ground close to the dam easily large enough to gobble up a little golf ball. The group were playing foursomes (alternate shots) and because of the lost ball, it seemed that Brian's partner, Mike Hellens, according to the rules, would need to return to the tee, to put another ball in play.

It was at this point that all four golfers watched in amazement as Brian's golf ball gradually became visible, rising slowly from the largest hole. The ball was in the mouth of a large Leguwaan. It released the ball and gave it a nudge with its nose, the ball rolled to a position where Mike could hit it. A short discussion ensued over the applicable rule for this bizarre incident. It was agreed that Mike could play his shot without penalty and remarkably, the International pair won the hole.

The story doesn't quite end here because there is an ironic coincidence.

Brian McBey hails from Inverness which is the city next to the Loch Ness, the home of the Loch Ness monster which according to folklore is a large lizard-like creature. A few of the South African team members later questioned whether Brian has a super-natural, mystical affinity with the reptile family? Or was it the more probable explanation; the long standing resident leguwaan was an observant female who didn't fancy the idea of trying to hatch a Titleist Pro-V1 golf ball.

For posterity, credibility and eye-witness purposes, the South African opponents were Kelly Price and Alan Grant.

For the record, the result was a halved match and overall the Braaider Cup was regained by the International Team. Score 54-50.

This article by Charles Severn, appeared in the Compleat Golfer in December 2014 and won "article of the month".

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Fridge

A man bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front garden and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. If you want it, take it.' For three days the fridge stayed there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people didn't trust this deal, so he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale R100.'

The next day someone stole it!

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The brighter side of getting old

1. Kidnappers aren't very interested in you.
2. No one expects you to run into a burning building.
3. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
4. People phone at 8 o'clock at night and say, "did I wake you?"
5. Your eyes won't get much worse.

6. Things you buy now won't wear out.
7. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
8. Years of medical-aid contributions are beginning to pay off.
9. Your joints are more accurate in predicting the weather than the National weather bureau.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. People no longer regard you as a hypochondriac.
12. Getting a little action means you don't have to eat any fibre today.
13. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
14. You stop holding your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
15. You sing along with elevator music.
16. You have a party and the neighbours don't even realise it.
17. An 'all nighter' means not having to get up for a pee.
18. Getting lucky means you find your car in the car park.

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Quotes worth remembering

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

~ David Letterman

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. God dammit, I'm a billionaire.

~ Howard Hughes

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

~ Italian proverb

Men are like linoleum floors. Lay 'em right and you can walk all over them for thirty years.

~ Betsy Salkind

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

~ Jean Kerr

You know you're a redneck if your home has wheels and your car doesn't.

~ Jeff Foxworthy

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

~ Prince Philip

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.

~ Emo Philips

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

~ Harrison Ford

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.

~ Spike Milligan

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The Dalai Lama

When asked what surprised him most about humanity, the Dalai Lama answered,

"Man, because he sacrifices his health in order to make money.

Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health.

And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present, the result being that he does not live in the present or the future, he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.

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Syringe

A medical student approaches an old guy holding a syringe. "Don't worry", he says, "It's just a little prick with a needle." "I can see that", replies the old guy, "I'm just wondering what you're going to do with it."

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Last laugh at the 19th hole:

Three Senior golfers, Sam, Harry and Fred were sitting together after their weekly game of golf. These are some of the things they were overheard saying:

Sam said, "You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there."

Harry Said, "I was getting into my car the other day and this guy asked me, 'Can you give me a lift?' I said, 'sure, you look fantastic, the world is your oyster, go for it!'"

Fred said, "I know a guy who went to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head. The doctor said 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'"

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