

# SENIOR GOLFER'S SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL

# **NEWSLETTER**

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**JANUARY 2015** 

Welcome all Senior Golfer's Society members

#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

There were 27 Birthdays in January 2015. There were five in the eighties and two in the nineties.

### Birthdays in the Eighties:

Michael Leppan turned 80 on January  $31^{st}$ . He was born in 1935. Allen Alderton turned 82 on January  $21^{st}$ . He was born in 1933.

Terry Pace turned 82 on January 19th. He was born in 1933.

Tim Worthington turned 84 on January 16th. He was born in 1931.

Andrew Fanning turned 89 on January 14th. He was born in 1926.

#### Birthdays in the Nineties:

Robbie Small turned 92 on January  $5^{th}$ . He was born is 1923. Well done Robbie! Alan Hankinson turned 93 on January  $11^{th}$ . He was born is 1922. Well done Alan!

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	Cell Number
Paul (Pabby) Botha	032 538-1807	082 652 2444
Les Orchard		083 293 1429
Rick Hardy	031 312-0661	082 559 6936

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#### COMPETITION RESULTS

### Tuesday 27 January 2015 - President's Putter Trophy at Royal Durban Golf Club

Our first competition and major trophy event for 2015 was the Presidents' Putter Trophy played at our home course, Royal Durban. All our members enjoy playing at Royal and we had a field of 112.



The weather was kind to us in that the day was overcast and coolish at a temperature of 24°C with a blustery wind from the south-west. This made golfing conditions for most of the field quite tricky, but did not seem to bother the leading pairs. First, second and third finished on 48 points. winners won the count out with a combined age of 50 670 days, which left the pair in second place trailing by 2 377 days. Congratulations to Dave Weir-Smith and Graham Dyer on a fine performance.

Winners of the President's Putter Trophy: Dave Weir-Smith and Graham Dyer

#### Results of the day were:

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1st Graham Dyer and Dave Weir-Smith (By 1 820 Days) (50 670 Days Old) 48 Points

# On a Count Out From:

2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Bradfield and Les Orchard (By 2 377 Days) (48 859 Days Old) 48 Points

#### On a Count Out From:

3<sup>rd</sup> Rob Becker and Dave Rossler (46 483 Days Old) 48 Points

4<sup>th</sup> Peter Almond and Mike Mun-Gavin 46 Points

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### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

## <u>Tuesday 10 February 2015 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey Waiting List Game at Princes Grant</u> Golf Club

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

Sponsored By: Martin Rotteveel, Peter Bailey and Barry Kramer, and the five sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 30 January 2015.

### Tuesday 24 February 2015 - Better Ball Stableford at Durban Country Club

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

Sponsored By: Ian and Blaize McIntosh and the five sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 13 February 2015.

#### Tuesday 10 March 2015 - Better Ball Bonus Stableford at Scottburgh Golf Club

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

Sponsored By: Stan Powell and the five sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 27 February 2015.

#### Tuesday 24 March 2015 - Society Championships at Royal Durban Golf Club

Entry Form attached. First tee off time 07h00.

This event is sponsored by Murray Grindrod and the five sponsors detailed below.

Entries close on Friday 13 March 2015.

Please note that as this is the Society's Annual Championship Trophy Event, entries are restricted to Full Playing Members only.

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.

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# **NEWS ITEMS**

### Charity Day Fund Raiser

Contributions from the Charity Day played at Durban Country Club - Beachwood Course realised just over R42 000. This amount is by some margin the best we have ever collected. This year we raised a record amount. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

The CEO's of the three Hospices which the Society supports were invited to attend the President's Putter Trophy prize giving at Royal Durban Golf Club on Tuesday 27 January where the Society President, Charles Severn, handed each Hospice an EFT Payment of R24 000.



From left to right: The CEO of Msunduzi Hospice Association, Warren Oxford-Huggett
The CEO of Khanya Hospice Association, Neil MacDonald
The President of the Senior Golfers' Society KZN, Charles Severn
The CEO of Highway Hospice Association, Linda Webb

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The proceeds were divided between the three hospices that we support i.e. Highway Hospice in Durban, Msunduzi Hospice in Pietermaritzburg and Khanya Hospice in Port Shepstone. A very big thank you must go to Robbie Wright for compiling and donating the raffle hamper.

### Notice of the 79th Annual General Meeting of the Society

The formal Notice of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 24 March 2015 will be sent out during February 2015. The AGM, lunch and prize giving will be held at Royal Durban Golf Club after the 2015 Society Championships.

#### 2015 Fixture List

The Schedule of our 2015 Fixtures is on our website under the heading "Fixtures".

### Subscriptions For 2015

Payment of your 2015 Subscriptions is due on receipt of your invoice and must be received by the Secretariat by the end of January 2015. 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.

#### 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.

#### **Payments**

We wish to remind members that when making payment for their 2015 Subscriptions to please ensure that their payments are referenced correctly. Please either use your name as a reference or your Account Number when making payment to the Society. Without a reference it is impossible to allocate the payment and creates an additional workload for Colleen. Your assistance in this regard will be most appreciated.

#### 2015 World Seniors Championships: 28th of August - 5th of September 2015

The host hotel for the event in 2015 will be The Resort at Squaw Creek, Squaw Creek, California. Play will be at Old Greenwood Golf Course and The Golf Club at Grey's Crossing.

Should you wish to participate please submit your entry form to the Secretariat. All the relevant information relating to the 2015 World Seniors Championships is on our web site under the heading "SGU".

From the flag ceremony that heralds the opening of the tournament to the exquisite award banquet that closes the event, everything is done in grand fashion. The day of rest allows the contestants to enjoy area attractions or simply rest and enjoy the ambiance of the resort. Wives and lady guests are treated to a full program of special events including a luncheon, 3 day golf

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tournament, and activities in the local area. Please go onto the website, www.worldseniorgolf.com and click on venue. The full schedule is also available on the website.

### GOLF TIPS

#### 3. Hit quick downhill putts out of the toe

You won't often be advised to try and deliberately miss-hit shots, but sometimes it's a shrewd option on slippery downhill putts. Using the toe of the club will mean the ball leaves the face of the putter less sharply, thus reducing the chances of it "going off in your hands". You'll be less prone to decelerating or jabbing at the ball, and less likely to suffer the three-putt consequences associated with such frowned upon putting crimes.

### 4. Hit shots softer, not harder, into the wind

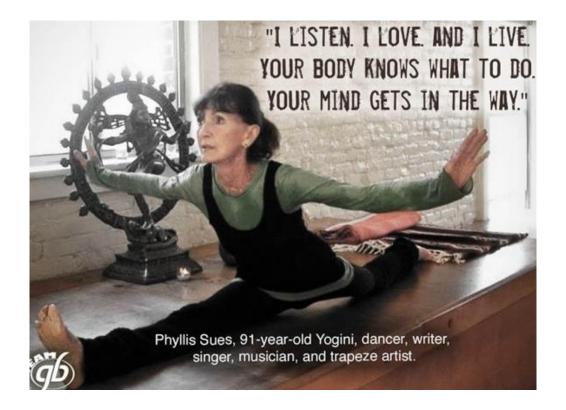
For many golfers, this simply doesn't make sense. If you're fighting a howling gale head on you need to hit the ball as hard as possible? But the harder you hit the ball the more spin you impart, and into the wind, more backspin means a greater chance of your ball ballooning and coming up way short, while any sidespin will be vastly exaggerated, potentially sending it miles off-line. So, hard though it may be to fully fathom, think controlled tempo rather than brute force into a headwind.

#### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

# We don't have to get less healthy as we age!



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## PARTING SHOT

The couple were 85 years old and had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven.



They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favourite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, 'Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now.'

The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. 'Why, nothing,' Peter replied, 'remember, this is your reward in Heaven. The old

man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth. 'What are the greens fees?,' grumbled the old man 'This is heaven,' St. Peter replied. 'You can play for free, every day.'

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Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages. 'Don't even ask,' said St. Peter to the man. This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy. The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. 'Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods and the decaffeinated tea?' he asked.

That's the best part,' St. Peter replied. 'You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!'



The old man pushed, 'No gym to work out at?'
'Not unless you want to,' was the answer.
'No testing my sugar or blood pressure or....
'Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself.

The old man glared at his wife and said, 'You and your \*#\*\$ Bran Flakes. We could have been here ten years ago!

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