

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY KWAZULU-NATAL NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

RETIREMENT – DAN AND COLLEEN STERLING

Dan and Colleen have retired from the Secretariat and High McGibbon and Michelle Burmester have begun their tenure. We will miss both Dan and Colleen and wish them both well in their future. We hope to see Dan back on the golf course soon and of course we will most certainly enjoy seeing Colleen at some of our events.

Colleen celebrated her 70th Birthday in January. On behalf of all the members we wish you a very special year ahead.

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of John Russell.

BIRTHDAYS

There were 22 Birthdays in January 2017. There were three in the eighties and one in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties in January:

Brian Stokoe turned 81 on January 9th. He was born in 1936

Mike Leppan turned 82 on January 31st. He was born in 1935

Allan Alderton turned 84 on January 21st. He was born in 1933

Birthdays in the Nineties in January:

Andre Fanning turned 91 on January 14th. He was born in 1926

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

COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 24th January 2017 – Better Ball Stableford at Selborne Park Golf Club

66 Players arrived at Selborne to a very warm reception. Tea and coffee was served and the Pro Shop staff welcomed us with enthusiasm. Their computer system had recently been struck by lightning so they could not open rounds on the National System for us.

The Green keeper & his staff had put its best foot forward. Tees, fairways, and the greens, were immaculate. The weather threatened to disrupt the day, which started with oppressive heat and ended

with thunder close by and a few drops of rain cooling the last on the course. However the Proshop staff were closely monitoring the storms and we all finished safely without any disruption. The staff at the halfway house and the bar were friendly and efficient. We could not have expected more from the club which made the day a memorable one with a great vibe. Other venues find it difficult to match what Selborne presents to us every year!

Results of the day were:

1 st	48 Points	Richard Evans & Hugh McGibbon
2 nd	46 Points	Roger Mentzel & Roy Agar
3 rd	45 Points	Kevin McComb & Eugene Van Zaydam

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Tuesday 14th February – President’s Putter at Royal Durban Golf Club

Entries have closed for this event.

Kindly sponsored by: Brian Stokoe, Bob Rickards and Alistair Forbes as well as our seven regular sponsors listed below.

Tuesday 14th March 2017 – Society Championships at Royal Durban Golf Club

Entry Form attached and on the website under “Fixtures”. First tee off time 10h30.

Kindly sponsored by: To be confirmed and our seven regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 3rd March 2017.

Tuesday 14th March 2017 – Society Annual General Meeting at Royal Durban Golf Club

Members are encouraged to please attend the Annual General Meeting.

Sunday 2nd to Friday 7th April – SGUSA Nationals in Cape Town

To all those players participating in the SGUSA Nationals in Cape Town, all the very best, may your drives be long and straight and all your putts drop. Have a wonderful trip to the Mother City.

Tuesday 18th April 2017 - Bill Edmonds Trophy at Maritzburg Golf Club

This is an advanced notice for this event and a reminder that you may choose your playing partner. The entry form will be sent out in due course and will be available on our web site shortly.

There will be a Starting Sheet 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

King Leopold Challenge – 10 to 13 July 2017

The next King Leopold Challenge will be played from 10 to 13 July 2017 at the Limburg Golf and Country Club, one of the very best golf courses in Belgium.

The format of the competition will remain the same as the previous years. It is open to teams of 4 players of the same senior golfers Association.

Should you be interested in participating in this event, please contact the Secretariat. The detailed programme and all useful information will be available shortly.

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



Great Golf One-liners:

- Golf is like chasing a quinine pill around a cow pasture: Winston Churchill
- It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course: Babe Ruth
- Columbus went around the world in 1492. That isn't a lot of strokes when you consider the course: Lee Trevino
- These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow: Sam Snead
- If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball: Jack Lemmon
- If you're caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron: Lee Trevino
- The people who gave us golf and called it a game are the same people who gave us bag pipes and called it music: Anon
- I would like to deny all allegations by Bob Hope that during my last game of golf, I hit an eagle, a birdie, an elk and a moose: Gerald Ford
- After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye: Chi Chi Rodriguez



Golf - Below Par?

- After a particularly bad round of golf, Robert decided not to go to the nineteenth hole [the clubhouse bar] and started to go straight home.
- As he was walking to the golf car park to get his Range Rover, a policeman stopped him and asked, 'Did you tee off on the seventeenth hole about twenty minutes ago?'
- 'Yes', Robert answered
- 'Did you happen to slice your ball so that it went over the trees and out of bounds and completely off the golf course?'
- 'Yes, I did. How did you know?' Robert questioned.
- 'Well', said the policeman gravely, 'Your golf ball flew out onto the main road and



crashed through the windscreen of a BMW. The car driver lost control and crashed into six other cars and a fire engine. The fire engine was unable to reach the fire in time and the building burned down. Now, what do you intend to do about it?'

- Robert thought it over very carefully and responded', I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb.'

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