

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 Terry Pace on the 19th July 2015.

BIRTHDAYS

There were 29 Birthdays in July 2014. There were four in the eighties and two in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties:

Alan McEwen turned 80 on July 7th. He was born in 1935.

Barry Kramer turned 82 on July 3rd. He was born in 1933.

Tony Erskine turned 83 on July 19th. He was born in 1932.

Bernie Whitehead turned 89 on July 1st. He was born in 1926.

Birthdays in the Nineties:

Basil Greggor turned 95 on July 22nd. He was born in 1920. Well done Basil.

Lionel Weight turned 95 on July 23rd. He was born in 1920. Well done Lionel.

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

NEW MEMBERS

We have great pleasure in welcoming a new member to our ranks. We wish him many happy years of golf with the KZN Seniors.

Name	Home Number	Business Number	Cell Number
Jonathan Caldow	031 561-5616	031 582-5600	083 459 2398

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The following Membership Proposal Form has been received:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Malcolm Fick	J H Winton	J M Allan

COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 14 July 2015 - Better Ball Bonus Stableford - Simbithi Golf Estate

A cool overcast day greeted us for our fixture at Simbithi. This intriguing Peter Matkovich designed layout is described as an executive course which can be played in about 3 hours. There are 13 par 3s which implies that the course shouldn't be too difficult. Well, this isn't an easy course at all. Every hole is different with the distances on the short holes ranging from 75 to 200 metres. Almost every club in the bag will be used but unfortunately the driver isn't (for some) used enough.

The course was in good condition and remarkably lush for this time of the year. The greens were difficult for most of us but the members in the winning enclosure and those mentioned below will have holed some good putts. A good day was had by all and congratulations to the winners.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Bob Martin and Ken Ladbrooke	46 Points
2 nd	Victor Govender and Mike Kieser (By 578 Days) (46 628 Days Old)	45 Points
	<u>On a Count Out From:</u>	
3 rd	Ray Ramandh and Jack Bassage (46 050 Days Old)	45 Points
4 th	Johnny Caldow & Roger Don-Wauchope (By 3 285 Days) (52 523 Days Old)	44 Points
	<u>On a Count Out From:</u>	
5 th	Mike Mun-Gavin and Bruce Hopewell (49 238 Days Old)	44 Points

Tuesday 28 July 2015 - Pinehurst Stableford (Waiting List Game) - Royal Durban Golf Club

This was the first occasion that our Society in recent years has had a drawn Pinehurst Foursomes event. Every year we compete for the Society's Foursomes trophy that is played in the Pinehurst format for which we can enter with a partner of choice. Since the annual foursomes trophy event has proved to be very popular our Captain decided that we would trial a second Pinehurst Foursomes event with drawn partners. We had a field of 88 who played in this drawn Pinehurst foursomes competition at Royal Durban on Tuesday 28 July.

Fortunately the Royal Durban course had received some very welcome rains the previous week and while there were patches where the fairways were damp and slightly soggy underfoot the course and greens were in general in very good condition considering that we are in mid-winter. The scoring reflects this.

During prize giving the Captain asked the assembled group whether they would like a repeat event in this format next year. As there were no dissenting votes, we intend including such an event in the 2016 calendar.

Results of the day were:

1st Geoff Henebrey and Bob Thomas (By 2 797 Days) (48 298 Days Old) 44 Points

On a Count Out From:

2nd Graham Burnett and Allan van der Veen (45 501 Days Old) 44 Points

3rd James Dixon and Rae Stewart 43 Points

4th Ian McIntosh and Mike Bradfield (By 7186 Days) (53 714 Days Old) 40 Points

On a Count Out From:

5th Mike Houston and Barry Buckland (46 528 Days Old) 40 Points

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Tuesday 11 August 2015 - Better Ball Stableford at Umhlali Country Club

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

Kindly sponsored By: David Yeo, Gavin Hepburn, Peter Ledger, Vaughan McDonnell, Dave Cousens, Ian Catt and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 31 July 2015.

Tuesday 25 August 2015 - Better Ball Stableford at Kloof Country Club

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

Kindly sponsored By: Kim Elgie, Ted Maybery and Andy Goodman and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 14 August 2015.

Tuesday 8 September 2015 - Better Ball Stableford at Mount Edgecombe Country Club No 1

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

Kindly sponsored By: MECC Seniors and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 28 August 2015.

Tuesday 22 September 2015 - Midland SAGES vs KZN Seniors at Bosch Hoek Golf Club

Entry Form attached and on the website under "Fixtures". Tee off 10h00.

Entries close Friday 11 September 2015.

This event is sponsored by Ivan Clark.

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

2016 National Tournament

Next year's National Tournament will be held in Port Elizabeth from 18 April to 22 April 2016 and members may wish to diarise these dates.

Brilliant Performance by SGUSA Seniors teams

The King Leopold Challenge tournament was played in July 14-17th at the Royal Waterloo Golf Club south of Brussels in Belgium.

SGUSA sent two teams of 4. They came first and second in the main event (the King Leopold Challenge) and also won the best gross score. A South African clean sweep!

The "B" team comprising of Doug Aitken (KZN), Chris Allen (EP), Howard Garmany (SC) and Pete Lloyd (Gauteng) won the King Leopold Challenge Trophy which is a net event. Well played Doug, you did us proud.

The "A" team comprising of Derick Finlayson (Gauteng), Stuart McLean (WP), Stuart Morris (Gauteng) and Keith Simpson (EP) came second in the net event and won the cup for the best gross.



**The South African contingent in Belgium.
Winners and Runners up of the King Leopold Challenge.**

August 10-16. **US PGA** - Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wisconsin.

October 8-11 **Presidents Cup** - Songdo IBD, Incheon City, South Korea.

Sunshine Tour events in KZN - August 20-22, San Lameer Country Club, Vodacom Origins Of Golf.

August 25-27. Wild Coast Sun Country Club, Wild Waves Golf Challenge.

2015 Fixture List & Members Register Booklet

The 2015 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.

KZN Society History Book

As most members know, it is customary to present all new members with a copy of the book, "History of the Senior Golfers' Society of Natal". However it is understood that quite a few members do not own a copy of the book. If you are one of those members, please contact Colleen.

Golf Articles From The Past:

GOLF RULES: It's best to keep your hands off the ball

It is a standing recommendation of the ruling bodies of golf, the Royal and Ancient and the USGA; that the ball should be played as it lies. After all, isn't this how golf is supposed to be played? Well you wouldn't think so in South Africa.

It is really puzzling as to why on earth so many golf clubs in this country permit placing by hand on closely mown areas when it simply isn't necessary.

Representatives of the Royal and Ancient visited South Africa in late 2010 and they expressed surprise at the number of courses that allow placing the ball. Therefore, one of their main recommendations to the South African Golf Association, was the minimisation and if possible the eradication of placing the ball on fairways. During winter months the ball lies tight on the fairways so placing by hand becomes a local rule. But when summer arrives, the fairways are lush and the ball is lying perfectly, the placing rule doesn't get withdrawn. The R & A say that this is wrong. If the ball is tight on the fairway, so what, it's the same for everyone.

In addition, a golfer often takes an unnecessary amount of time in meticulously looking for an ideal place to position his ball. Multiply the number of players in the field by the number of times the ball placed, it will add up to a lot of time wasted. Not only that, there are times when a player's marker is called across a fairway to give the player a ruling on whether the ball is in the rough or on the fairway.

It is also a fallacy that placing protects the course. In fact it's the opposite. The golfer will look for the greenest piece of grass on which to place the ball and then destroy all growth and roots with the club when the shot is played. Where's the sense in that?

One way of easing members into the idea of not placing is to allow an optional drop if the ball is not lying to the player's satisfaction on the fairway. If a ball lies in an old divot, make local rule where a free drop is permitted.

So wake up you guys who make these decisions on placing or no placing, do the right thing, play the game properly and stop touching the ball on the fairway.

Preferred Lies - Charles Severn - The Witness, 24th February 2012.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Husbands

Two lady golfers were chatting after their round of golf when one changed the subject and said: "Rose has just cremated her fifth husband."

"That's the way it goes," sighed the other. "Some of us can't find a husband and others have husbands to burn."

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Retief Goosen

The Minister of sport and recreation of Uganda asked Retief Goosen to design a Championship golf course just outside Kampala. One of the Minister's colleagues asked him to explain why he had asked Goosen to design the course. The Minister replied that it was fairly obvious because what is good for the Goose is good for Uganda.

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The Mistress

A husband and wife were having dinner at the Country club restaurant when this beautiful young woman comes over to their table, gives the husband a kiss, then says she'll see him later and walks away.

The wife glares at her husband and says, "Who the hell was that?"

"Oh," replies the husband, "To be truthful, she's my mistress."

"Well, that's the last straw," says the wife.

"I've had enough, I want a divorce!"

"I can understand that," replies her husband calmly, "But remember, if we get divorced, it will mean no more shopping trips to Paris, no more sailing in Barbados, no more summers in Tuscany, no more Jaguar in the garage and no more yacht club. But the decision is yours."

Just then, a mutual friend enters the restaurant with gorgeous woman on his arm.

"Who's that woman over there with Freddie?" asks the wife.

"That's his mistress," says her husband.

She replies, "Oh I think ours is prettier."

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Ernie and Retief

The Golf Club Manager said, "I'm sorry sir, we have no tee off times available on the course today."

The golfer replied, "Wait a minute, what if Ernie Els and Retief Goosen showed up? I'm sure you'd find a starting time for them."

The Manager said, "Of course we would, sir."

The golfer said, "Well then, I happen to know they're not coming, so we'll take their time."

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Engineer or Doctor

An Engineer was unemployed for long time. He couldn't find a job so he opened a medical clinic and put a sign up outside: "Get your treatment for R500, if not cured get back R1,000."

One real Doctor thinks this is a good opportunity to earn R1,000 and goes to his clinic.

Doctor: "I have lost taste in my mouth."

Engineer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor: "This is petrol"

Engineer: "Congratulations, you've got your taste back. That will be R500."

The Doctor is annoyed and went back a couple of days later to recover his money.

Doctor: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Engineer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor: "But that's petrol"

Engineer: "Congratulations, You've got your memory back. That will be R500."

The Doctor left angrily and went back after a few days.

Doctor: "My eyesight has become weak."

Engineer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for this. Take this R1,000."

Doctor: "But this is only R500..."

Engineer: "Congratulations, you've got your vision back. That will be R500."

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PARTING SHOT

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

Sam said, "A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."

Harry said, "The difference between light and hard is that you can sleep with a light on."

Fred said, "When the Earl of Sandwich died, they buried him between two other guys."

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