

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 Dave Duncan in May 2015.

BIRTHDAYS

There were 22 Birthdays in June 2015. There were four in the eighties and two in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties:

Mike Moon turned 81 on June 15th. He was born in 1934.

Puck Addison turned 84 on June 12th. He was born in 1931.

Denis Barker turned 85 on June 25th. He was born in 1930.

Lynn Baker turned 87 on June 28th. He was born in 1928.

Birthdays in the Nineties:

Lovell Vermaak turned 94 on June 12th. He was born in 1921. Well done Lovell.

Norman Delgado turned 92 on June 22nd. He was born in 1923. Well done Norman.

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

COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 9 June 2015 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey - Royal Durban Golf Club

There's no doubt it; this is the best time of the year to play golf in KZN. Perfect conditions were the order of the day for our fixture at Royal Durban.

It was cloudless, windless and the temperature was in the mid twenties. One couldn't ask for more. In addition, Captain Bob Rickards had generously set the tee markers forward and the rough wasn't so punishing. With the course in fine condition, good scores were expected and good scores we got. Well done and well played to those in the prizes.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Roger Mentzel and Chris Taylor	+ 12
2 nd	Rae Stewart and Kim Elgie (By 3 626 Days) (55 882 Days Old)	+ 11
	<u>On a Count Out From</u>	
3 rd	Dumpy Dyer and Corrie Meintjes (By 3 573 Days) (52 256 Days Old)	+ 11
	<u>On a Count Out From</u>	
4 th	Bruce Hopewell and Jack Bassage (48 683 Days Old)	+ 11
5 th	Andy King and David Attwood-Smith	+ 10

Thursday 25 June/Friday 26 June 2015 - Alliance Stableford/Better Ball Stableford at Southbroom Country Club

Once again the annual "tour" to Southbroom on Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June was an unqualified success. We had 36 members playing in the Alliance on the Thursday afternoon and in the Better Ball Stableford competition on Friday morning. The men were joined by 4 ladies on Thursday and 8 ladies on Friday. The weather on both days was sunny and warm with a gentle breeze and the Southbroom course was in excellent condition despite the fact that there has been very little rain over the past few months. Derek and Sheena James in the Southbroom Pro Shop were most welcoming as was the management of the Southbroom Club House. We enjoyed an excellent braai on the Thursday night despite Eskom turning off the lights at 6pm. Dinner by candle light added to the occasion. Power was restored at 8pm.

In the June Newsletter last year we encouraged members to participate in the annual Southbroom fixture as it is an opportunity to play on one of the leading courses on the south coast of KZN. Once again, this year, we are encouraging members to enter for next year's fixture and plan to take your wife/partner with you for what can only be described as a very enjoyable mid-winter break. There is more than sufficient accommodation available as not only our own members who have homes in Southbroom offer accommodation, but we will be joined next year by a small contingent of Gauteng members who also can offer accommodation in their Southbroom homes.

Results of the Alliance Stableford on Thursday 25th June were:

1 st	Hugh McGibbon, Jack Bassage, Ken Ladbrooke and Terence Rockey	95 Points
2 nd	Bobby Clark, Peter Jackson, Dave Frankish and Karl Steiner	94 Points
3 rd	Roger Mentzel, Tim Hitchins, Neil Gerber and Ian Klintworth	91 Points

Results of the Better Ball Stableford on Friday 26th June were:

1 st	Stef Nel and Les Orchard	48 Points
2 nd	Neil Gerber and Bob Rickards	44 Points

3rd Brian Stokoe and Richard Erasmus (55 532 Days Old) 43 Points

On a Count Out From:

Graham Burnett and Rae Stewart (49 740 Days Old) 43 Points

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

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

Entry Form sent out with May 2015 Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures". Shot Gun Start at 11h00.

Kindly sponsored By: Mike Kieser and James Dixon and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 3 July 2015.

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

Entry Form sent out with May 2015 Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h30.

Kindly sponsored by: Brian Attwood-Smith, David Attwood-Smith and Noel Attwood-Smith and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 17 July 2015.

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

Entry Form attached 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 attached 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.

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.

Dates to remember in 2015

July 16-19. **The Open Championship** - St Andrews - this is the 144th Open Championship and the 29th at St. Andrews Links.

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.



The above caricature was produced in 1960 by Jock Leyden.
A framed copy can be seen in the Princes Grant clubhouse.

Tribute to Murray Grindrod

The following was written by Iain Mcmillan and submitted to the Seniors office by Sir Roger Don-Wauchope.

It is with great sadness that we convey to Hiltonians news of the passing of Murray Grindrod, a highly respected member of our community.

Murray matriculated from Hilton in 1952, and left at the end of 1953, following a year in the Post Matric Form. He attended Cambridge University, reading for a BA degree in Mechanical Sciences, before returning to South Africa in 1957 to join the family shipping business, a move which represented the start of a particularly illustrious business career.

At school, Murray excelled academically and on the sports' fields, representing the school at first team level in cricket, hockey and squash. While at Cambridge, his sporting energies were focused on golf, and he captained the University team. Later he captained Natal, won the SA Amateur championship in 1960, and represented South Africa at golf between 1960 and 1964.

As a lifelong supporter of, and contributor to Hilton, Murray Grindrod set an outstanding example of service to this institution. His two sons, Walter and Murray, are Old Hiltonians of the 1980s, and he served an illustrious term as Chairman of the Board of The Hiltonian Society, from 1984 to 1991, a period remembered both for his financial acumen and his steadying wisdom at the helm. In 1992 he was elected a Fellow of the Hiltonian Society, and his significant generosity towards The Hiltonian Society is reflected in his membership of the Roll of Benefactors. With his passing Hilton College has lost a great servant and, as Hiltonians, we convey our condolences to his wife, Pauli, and to the other members of his extended family.

This was published in the Durban Country Club Newsletter:

"It is with great sadness that Murray Grindrod Senior passed away at the age of 79 on 16 May 2015. After 21 years as chairman and 50 years' service with the Grindrod group, Murray Grindrod retired in 2007. At a young age, Murray Grindrod developed a keen interest in golf and truly mastered the sport in years to come. Murray Grindrod, successfully read engineering at Cambridge, captained the university golf team, and later went on to win the South African amateur title in 1960. He achieved South African colours in the sport on three occasions, including representing South Africa at the Eisenhower Trophy in the USA (1960) and in Rome four years later. Murray will be sincerely missed at our Club".

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A Slap In A Tunnel

An Afrikaner, a beautiful young lady, an old woman and a cocky Australian professional golfer are travelling on a train.

The train enters a tunnel, the light doesn't come on and it's completely dark. Suddenly, there is a kissing sound and then a slap. The train comes out of the tunnel. The old woman, the beautiful girl and the Afrikaner are sitting there looking perplexed. The Aussie is bent over holding his face, which is red from an apparent slap.

The old woman is thinking: "That Aussie must have tried to kiss the beautiful girl and got slapped."

The Aussie is thinking: "Dammit; that Afrikaner guy must have tried to kiss the beautiful girl. She thought it was me and slapped me instead." The beautiful girl is thinking: "That Aussie must have moved to kiss me, but kissed the old lady instead and got slapped."

The Afrikaner is thinking: "If this train goes through another tunnel, I could make another kissing sound and moer that Aussie again."

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Home Late

A golfer got home really late from the club one Saturday night. His wife was waiting for him and angrily asked, "Why are you so late?" He said, "They had a competition in the pub to see who had the most fabulous wife, and I got to the final."

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Golf Balls

A Johannesburg lawyer sent gifts to many of his clients. The gifts were sleeves of golf balls inscribed with the lawyer's name.

One of the recipients sent an email of thanks to the lawyer saying, "That's the first time I've ever had a lawyer buy the balls."

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Some sad news:

With all the trouble and trauma going on in the world these days, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person which almost went unnoticed last week.

Larry La Prise, a keen amateur golfer and the man who wrote the song, "The Hokey Kokey", died peacefully at the age of 93.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin.

They put his left leg in..... and that's when the trouble started!

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Grandpa

The President of the golf club became seriously ill.

His six year old grand-daughter goes to the hospital with her grand-mother to visit her Grandpa.

When they get to the hospital, she runs ahead of her Grandma and bursts into her Grandpa's room.... "Grandpa, Grandpa," she says excitedly, "As soon as Grandma comes into the room, make a noise like a frog." "What?" said her Grandpa, "Make a noise like a frog, because Grandma said that as soon as you croak, we're all going to Disneyland!"

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PARTING SHOT

Three old characters, Sam, Harry and Fred were sitting together in the bar after their weekly game of golf. These are some of the things they were overheard saying to each other:

Sam said, "I went to the doctor and asked for something for persistent wind. He gave me a kite."

Harry said, "I wanted to sue South African Airways for damaging my luggage. My lawyer told me my case wasn't strong enough."

Sam asked Fred, "What would you do if you got home and found your wife in bed with another man?"

"Fred replied "I'd shoot his guide dog!"

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