

# SENIOR GOLFER'S SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome all Senior Golfer's Society members

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

There were 26 Birthdays in March 2015. There were three in the eighties and none in the nineties.

#### **Birthdays in the Eighties:**

Kim Elgie turned 82 on March 6<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1933.

Dave Napier turned 82 on March 8<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1933.

Ian Macleod turned 83 on March 20<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1932.

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

## **COMPETITION RESULTS**

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



Winners at Scottburgh, Kim Elgie and David Hardy with President, Charles Severn.

The annual Scottburgh fixture was played on the 10 March this year. 71 of our members including the Captain of Scottburgh, Mike Eley, teed off on a hot summer's day in a stiff breeze which added to the golfing challenge. In general the Scottburgh course was in good shape, but one or two of the greens were a little slow around the cup.

Some good scores were returned with the winners on 47 points only one point ahead of second place.

**Results of the day were:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kim Elgie and David Hardy	47 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terence Rockey and Terry Rae	46 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron de Villiers and Derek Kerr (By 4 717 Days) (52 677 Days Old)	45 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Andy King and John Hewlett (47 960 Days Old)	45 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Norton and Dumpy Dyer	44 Points

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

After some good late summer rains, the Royal Durban golf course was in excellent condition for our annual Society Championships. Teeing off at 07h00 the first groups were greeted with cool but humid weather without a breath of wind. The course was playing a little long after some overnight rain. After the field of 99 players competing in 3 balls were all on the course it was a splendid sight to see all eighteen tees and fairways occupied with golfers dressed for the most part in identical kit - caps/hats, shirts and socks. The wind did pick up a little towards mid-morning and the course proved to be a true challenge for all with the stroke play winner eventually emerging from the pack on a score of 77. The winner of the Seniors' Trophy had a very good round to claim the title on a stableford score of 41.

**RESULTS:**

**SENIORS' CHAMPION:**

**BOB THOMAS (24 627 Days Old) (By 808 Days) 77 Strokes**

**On a count out from:**

**HENNIE HEYNS (23 747 Days Old) 77 Strokes**

**RUNNER-UP:**

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**SENIORS' TROPHY:**

**GRAHAM BURNETT 41 Points**

**RUNNER-UP:**

**ROB McCANN 40 Points**

**GRAHAM PEARSON MEMORIAL TROPHY - 80 YEARS AND OLDER**

**TERENCE ROCKEY 34 Points**

**Class A -55 to 59 years:**

**Best Golfer:**

**Allan van der Veen (21 457 Days Old) (By 299 Days) 25 Points**

**On a count out from:**

**Frans Kemper (21 158 Days Old) 25 Points**

<b><u>Best Stableford Score:</u></b>	Frans Kemper	35 Points
<b><u>Class B - 60 to 64 years:</u></b>		
<b><u>Best Golfer:</u></b>	Duncan Grant	29 Points
<b><u>Best Stableford Score:</u></b>	Victor Govender (23 316 Days Old) (By 1 049Days)	36 Points
	<b><u>On a count out from:</u></b>	
	Ian Catt (22 267 Days Old)	36 Points
<b><u>Class C- 65 to 69 years:</u></b>		
<b><u>Best Golfer:</u></b>	Alistair Forbes	25 Points
<b><u>Best Stableford Score:</u></b>	Robbie Wright	39 Points
<b><u>Class D - 70 to 74 years:</u></b>		
<b><u>Best Golfer:</u></b>	Kiruban Naidoo	26 Points
<b><u>Best Stableford Score:</u></b>	John Allan	36 Points
<b><u>Class E- 75 years and over:</u></b>		
<b><u>Best Golfer:</u></b>	Blaize McIntosh	27 Points
<b><u>Best Stableford Score:</u></b>	Peter Walker	36 Points
<b><u>OLDEST COMPETITOR:</u></b>	CHRIS TAYLOR	84 Years Old

### **FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

**Tuesday 7 April 2015 - Better Ball Stableford - Bill Edmonds Trophy at Maritzburg Golf Club**  
Entry Form sent out with February Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h30.

Sponsored By: Maritzburg Senior Golfers and the five sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 27 March 2015.

Please note that as this is a Trophy Event, entries are restricted to Full Playing Members only.

**Tuesday 5 May 2015 - Inland vs Coastal - Lal Green Trophy at Gowrie Farm**  
Entry Form attached and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h30.

Sponsored By: Guy Smith and Alistair Forbes and the five sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 24 April 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**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

For those members who were not present at the AGM, the names of the Committee elected for the year 2015/2016 are listed hereunder.

President:	Alistair Forbes
Captain:	Bob Rickards
Vice-Captain:	Roger Mentzel
Secretary:	Dan Sterling
Assistant Secretary:	Colleen Sterling
Treasurer:	Doug Aitken
Past President	Charles Severn
Committee Members:	Richard Evans
	Andy King
	Rae Stewart
	John Terry-Lloyd
	Robbie Wright
	Allan van der Veen

#### **2015 National Tournament Brochures**

The 2015 National Tournament Brochures have been received. Please arrange to collect a brochure from the Seniors Office if you haven't yet done so.

#### **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.

### Dates to remember in 2015

April 9-12.           **US Masters** - Augusta, Georgia.  
June 15-21.         **US Open** - Chambers Bay, Pacific North West, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in its history.  
July 16-19.         **The Open Championship** - St Andrews - this is the 144<sup>th</sup> Open Championship.  
August 10-16.      **US PGA** - Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wisconsin.

### UK SENIORS TOUR

A touring group of 16 golfers and wives from the Senior Golfers Society of the United Kingdom were invited by SGUSA to tour South Africa in February/March this year. They arrived in Cape Town on Monday 23 February where they played three games with the Western Province Society. From there they visited the Southern Cape for a further 3 games. They arrived in Durban on the 5th March and were met at King Shaka International Airport by our Captain Alistair Forbes and three other members of our Committee. They were escorted on a luxury bus to the Royal Palm hotel on Umhlanga Ridge.

On Friday 6th March we played a friendly better ball stableford game at Royal Durban Golf Club when we paired the UK Seniors with 16 of our KZN seniors. The touring ladies were joined by local ladies from Royal Durban and they enjoyed playing a 4 Ball Alliance - each four made up of 2 UK Ladies paired with 2 Royal Durban Ladies.



The weather was kind to us although a trifle warm for our visitors but any discomfort was tempered by a mild to stiff breeze that helped to cool us down. After the game we entertained our visitors to a braai that was served on the paving outside the clubhouse. We were fortunate that the weather was once again co-operative. It was a perfect evening for an outdoor braai.

Dave Stewart and Mike Seligmann who were the winners of the Better Ball Stableford Competition played at Royal Durban Golf Club with 45 Stableford Points.



Christopher Pett and Dan Sterling with 44 Stableford Points were second. Counted out were Patrick Fossett and Rae Stewart who also carded 44.

On Saturday we arranged a Better Ball Stableford match against our visitors at Durban Country Club. Once again the touring ladies were joined by a group of DCC ladies and again enjoyed a mixed 4 Ball Alliance. Again the weather co-operated but was perhaps a trifle warm for our visitors. Our Society was triumphant, winning the match by a wide margin. During drinks after the game in the Waterman bar at DCC, the DCC Captain, Gath Davis, warmly welcomed our visitors. After prize giving we entertained the tour group to a splendid dinner in the Grill Room at DCC.

An early start on Sunday morning had us gathered at Princes Grant for a Foursomes match against the visitors. The girls played a better ball foursome game. On this occasion the UK Seniors halved the match, much to their delight.

Our visitors were a delightful, convivial group of men and women who thoroughly enjoyed their short stay in Durban. The three courses played will leave them with fond memories of 3 world class courses in excellent condition. Some firm friendships were formed and no doubt should any of us visit the UK in the future we can be assured of a warm welcome should we wish to contact members of the tour group.

Our Society is indebted to the organising group of Alistair Forbes, John Terry-Lloyd, Bob Rickards and Dan Sterling, who over several months prior to the tour group landing in Durban made all the arrangements that ensured the success of the visit.

### **GOLF TIPS**

7. ***Sometimes it is best to play for the fat of the green***  
Since you're not blessed with Tiger's sublime shot-making skills, attacking dangerous pins can have serious repercussions for your score. So be sensible. If a pin is cut perilously close to water, deep bunkers or severe slopes, play for the fat of the green as par will invariably be easier from here than some greenside horror spot. It's demoralising to hit a perfect drive, attack unwisely and walk off with a big score when you'd been in position "A"

just moments earlier. So don't fall for the "sucker pin" - bide your time and wait for more opportune moments to attach.

8. ***Putt whenever practically possible***

Reaching for your lob wedge to play simple shots from just off the green is rarely the percentage play in any quest to shoot the lowest possible score - especially if you're an average chipper at best. Assuming the lie is not too thick or fluffy, your worst putt will almost always be better than your worst chip and often better than your best one. So putt whenever practically possible. If you're keen to develop your chip shot repertoire, do it on the practice ground where the odd duff or thin won't ruin an otherwise healthy scorecard.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

### The Gospel According to St. Titleist

1. Eighteen holes of match play will teach you more about your foe than 18 years of dealing with him across a desk.  
Grantland Rice
2. Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how childlike golf players become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five.  
John Updike
3. It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf.  
Robert Lynd
4. If profanity had any influence on the flight of the ball, the game of golf would be played far better than it is.  
Horace G. Hutchinson
5. They say golf is like life, but don't believe them. Golf is more complicated than that.  
Gardner Dickinson
6. If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork as poorly as they do a golf club, they'd starve to death.  
Sam Snead
7. Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness.  
William Wordsworth
8. If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt.  
Dean Martin
9. If you are going to throw a club, it is important to throw it ahead of you, down the fairway, so you don't have to waste energy going back to pick it up.  
Tommy Bolt and David Ash



10. Man blames fate for all other accidents, but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole-in-one.  
Bishop Sheen

### PARTING SHOT

An Elementary School Teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the 1st half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb.

It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are first-graders, 6-year-olds, because the last one is a classic!

1.	Don't change horses	Until they stop running
2.	Strike while the	bug is close.
3.	It's always darkest before	Daylight Saving Time.
4.	Never underestimate the power of	termites.
5.	You can lead a horse to water but	how?
6.	Don't bite the hand that	looks dirty.
7.	No news is	impossible.
8.	A miss is as good as a	Mr.
9.	You can't teach an old dog new	math.
10.	If you lie down with dogs, you'll	stink in the morning.
11.	Love all, trust	me.
12.	The pen is mightier than the	pigs.
13.	An idle mind is	the best way to relax.
14.	Where there's smoke there's	pollution.
15.	Happy the bride who	gets all the presents.
16.	A penny saved is	not much.
17.	Two's company, three's	the Musketeers.
18.	Don't put off till tomorrow what	you put on to go to bed.
19.	Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and	you have to blow your nose.
20.	There are none so blind as	Stevie Wonder.
21.	Children should be seen and not	spanked or grounded.
22.	If at first you don't succeed	get new batteries.
23.	You get out of something only what you	see in the picture on the box.
24.	When the blind lead the blind	get out of the way.
25.	A bird in the hand	is going to poop on you.
<b>And the WINNER and last one!</b>		
26.	Better late than	pregnant.

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