

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 Topy Fanner. He was a member of our Society for 34 years.

BIRTHDAYS

There were 24 Birthdays in March 2016. There were four in the eighties and none in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties:

Kim Elgie turned 83 on March 6th. He was born in 1933.

Dave Napier turned 83 on March 8th. He was born in 1933.

Ian Macleod turned 84 on March 20th. He was born in 1932.

Rowly Waller turned 80 on March 31st. He was born in 1936.

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

COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 8 March 2016 - Presidents Putter Trophy at Durban Country Club

The first week of March in Durban turned out to be the hottest week of 2016 with temperatures of 30°C and above. Golfing in such weather combined with the humidity meant that golfing conditions were unpleasant or perhaps an ordeal for those of us in the senior category. Mercifully an upper trough of cold air swept in over Durban on Monday 7 March bringing with it cooler weather (temperatures in the lower twenties) and some much needed rain. The next day, Tuesday 8 March was when we played the first of our trophy events at Durban Country Club - the President's Putter. The weather was overcast with a light drizzle. One could say that it was typical Irish golfing weather.

A field of 100 had entered for this event and unfortunately 30 of our members decided to withdraw because of the weather conditions. Those who did participate were unanimous in their

praise of the condition of the course. The course, although quite damp, nevertheless presented fairways where the ball sat up nicely "on top of the grass" and the greens were smooth and true. This is understandable given that DCC is once again rated amongst the top 5 golf courses in South Africa. There was a light drizzle for most of the first nine holes but the second nine was played in dry, overcast and cool conditions.



**The Presidents Putter Trophy winners:
John Terry-Lloyd and Paddy Goss with Captain Bob Rickards in the centre.**

Results of the day were:

PRESIDENTS PUTTER TROPHY WINNERS:

1 st	John Terry-Lloyd and Paddy Goss	46 Points
2 nd	Frank Agg and Bob Rickards	44 Points
3 rd	Mike Bradfield and Bob Voogt (By 4 124 Days) (50 383 Days Old)	42 Points

On a Count Out From:

4 th	Bruce Dunlop and Mark Perry (46 259 Days Old)	42 Points
5 th	Elton Chatterton and Ron de Villiers (By 1 950 Days) (54 764 Days Old)	41 Points

On a Count Out From:

Rae Stewart and Neil Gerber (52 814 Days Old)	41 Points
George Hamper and Ken Ladbrooke (50 899 Days Old)	41 Points
Johnny Caldwell and David Attwood-Smith (49 500 Days Old)	41 Points
Mike Seligmann and Andy Goodman (47 500 Days Old)	41 Points

Victor Govender and Graeme Burnett (47 808 Days Old)
Graeme Winterbach and Paul Botha (45 596 Days Old)

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Tuesday 22 March 2016 - Society Championships at Royal Durban Golf Club

Golf, Lunch and the Annual General Meeting was the order of proceedings for the day.

Durban experienced heavy rain on the days prior to our main event of the year and with Royal Durban Golf Club as the venue, there was always the possibility of a postponement.

Overcast cool conditions on Tuesday morning with steady drizzle provided a bleak prospect for the day. However, the weather gradually improved and by the first tee-off time, the sun was shining and thankfully, it continued for the remainder of the day.

There was a healthy field of 100 players.

The course was soggy and heavy underfoot and not conducive to low scoring, but as they say, it's the same for everyone.

The winners obviously played particularly well and congratulations goes to Les Orchard and Mike Houston. This was Mike's third Championship win.



**Our 2016 Champions:
Les Orchard - Winner of the Seniors' Trophy
Mike Houston - Winner of the Seniors' Championship**

RESULTS:

SENIORS' CHAMPION:

MIKE HOUSTON

74 Gross

RUNNER-UP:

FRANK AGG

75 Gross

<u>SENIORS' TROPHY:</u>	LES ORCHARD	40 Points
<u>RUNNER-UP:</u>	PADDY GOSS	39 Points
<u>GRAHAM PEARSON MEMORIAL TROPHY - 80 YEARS AND OLDER</u>	BRIAN STOKOE	32 Points
<u>Class A and B-55 to 64 years:</u>		
<u>Best Golfer:</u>	MIKE SELIGMANN	30 Points
<u>Best Stableford Score:</u>	DAVE ROSSLER	36 Points
<u>Class C- 65 to 69 years:</u>		
<u>Best Golfer:</u>	ALISTAIR FORBES	31 Points
<u>Best Stableford Score:</u>	ROB McCANN	37 Points
	<u>On a count out from:</u>	
	ROGER MENTZEL	37 Points
<u>Class D - 70 to 74 years:</u>		
<u>Best Golfer:</u>	MIKE BRADFIELD	27 Points
<u>Best Stableford Score:</u>	DAVE WARD	35 Points
<u>Class E- 75 years and over:</u>		
<u>Best Golfer:</u>	BLAIZE McINTOSH	24 Points
<u>Best Stableford Score:</u>	JOHN WINTON	37 Points
<u>OLDEST COMPETITOR:</u>	CHRIS TAYLOR 85 YEARS OLD	

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Tuesday 5 April 2016 - 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 Golf Club Senior Golfers as well as the eight sponsors listed below.

Tuesday 10 May 2016 - Better Ball Stableford Waiting List Game at Prince's Grant Golf Club
Entry Form attached and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h00.

Sponsored By: To be advised as well as the eight sponsors listed below.
Entries close on Friday 29 April 2016.

Tuesday 24 May 2016 - Alliance Stableford at Royal Durban Golf Club

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

Sponsored By: To be advised as well as the eight sponsors listed below.
Entries close on Friday 13 May 2016.

There will be Starting Sheets for all the above events. We are encouraging members to check their tee off times on the KZN 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 2016/2017 are listed hereunder.

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

2016 National Tournament Brochures

The 2016 National Tournament Brochures have been received. Please arrange to collect a brochure from the Seniors Office if you haven't yet done so.

2016 Fixture List & Members Register Booklet

The 2016 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 2016

April 7-10	US Masters - Augusta, Georgia.
June 16-19	US Open - Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Oakmont is the "oldest top-ranked golf course in the U.S." Oakmont has hosted the US Open eight times, more than any other course.
July 14-17.	The Open Championship - Royal Troon - this is the 145 th Open Championship.
July 28-31	US PGA - Baltusrol Lower Course, Springfield, New Jersey.
Sept 30-Oct 2	Ryder Cup Hazeltine, Chaska, Minnesota, USA.

The Open Championship

One of our members, Tony Rocke, has been invited to join the Rules Committee for the 145th Open Championship to be held at Royal Troon from the 10th to the 17th July 2016. Tony has been a member of the R and A's Panel of Referees for the past 3 years during which he has refereed at over 40 events. As part of his attendance at The Open he will be required to referee some of the matches.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Circus couple

A couple who work at the circus go to an adoption agency.

Social workers there raise doubts about their suitability.

The couple produces photos of their 50 foot motor-home, which is equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers then are doubtful about the education that the child would get. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin plus computer skills."

Then there are doubts about raising a child in a circus environment.

"Our nanny is an expert in pediatric welfare and diet."

The social workers are finally satisfied and they ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"It doesn't really matter, just as long as he fits in the Cannon."

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Trust

There comes a time when a woman just has to trust her husband, for example...

A wife comes home late at night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom.

From under the blanket she sees four legs instead of two.

She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can.

Once she's done, she goes through to the kitchen to have a drink.

As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine.

"Hi Darling", he says, "Your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom.

Did you say 'hello'?"

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Sam ties the knot

Sam decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend.

One evening after the honeymoon, he was cleaning his golf shoes. His wife was standing there watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally speaks. "Honey, I've been thinking, now that we are married I think it's time you stopped playing golf. Maybe you should sell your golf clubs."

Sam gets a horrified look on his face. She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

Sam replied, "For a minute there you sounded like my ex wife."

Ex wife?" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!"

Sam says, "I wasn't."

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Doctor's address

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Durban.

"The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here.

Red meat is harmful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. High fat diets can be disastrous and none of us realises the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all, and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of silence, a 70 year-old man in the front row slowly raised his hand and softly said, "Wedding cake."

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Logical?

An old guy was married to a younger woman and they were locked in a bitter divorce case. The main topic of contention was custody of their children.

She maintained that because she brought the children into the world, she should be granted custody. The judge listened patiently to her argument and then asked the old guy why he should be awarded custody of the children.

The old guy thought for a moment and addressed the judge. He said, "Judge, when I insert a 5 Rand coin into a vending machine and a packet of chips comes out, who owns the packet of chips, me or the machine?"

The Pharmacist

One day, a woman went into a pharmacy, walked right up to the counter, looked him in the eyes and said, "I would like to buy some cyanide."

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world would you want to buy some cyanide?"

The woman replied, "I need to poison my husband."

The pharmacist raised his eye-brows and exclaimed, "Goodness me, I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband! That's against the law! I'll lose my licence! They'll throw both of us in prison! Don't be ridiculous. Absolutely not! You can't have any cyanide!"

The woman reached into her purse and pulled out a photo of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the photo and said, "Well now. That's different. Why didn't you tell me you had a prescription?"

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Last laugh at the 19th hole

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

Sam said, "The card game bridge is similar to sex. If you don't have a good partner you need a good hand."

Harry said, "Condoms don't guarantee safe sex anymore....."

I knew a guy who was wearing one when he was shot by the woman's husband."

Fred said, "I think it is just terrible and disgusting how everyone has treated Lance Armstrong, especially after what he achieved, winning 7 Tour de France races while on drugs.

When I took drugs, I couldn't even find my bike."

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