

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 Peter Ditz on 22 May 2016.

BIRTHDAYS

There were 22 Birthdays in May 2016. There were four in the eighties and two in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties:

Roy Macpherson turned 80 on May 9th. He was born in 1934.

Ian Fleming turned 80 on May 18th. He was born in 1934.

David Machen turned 82 on May 20th. He was born in 1934.

Terry Field turned 85 on May 20th. He was born in 1931.

Birthdays in the Nineties:

Andre Maitre turned 94 on May 19th. He was born in 1922. Well done Andre.

Hugh Hein turned 92 on May 29th. He was born in 1924. Well done Hugh.

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

COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 10 May 2016 - Better Ball Stableford Waiting List Game at Prince's Grant Golf Club

We were welcomed by golf director Frans Strauss and his friendly staff, who made coffee/tea unexpectedly available to us. Most had been frustrated by road works on the N2 to Stanger and others missed the turn-off to Prince's Grant which caused panic to some members in meeting their starting times! A fresh wind made the game challenging on a well presented course and despite the present KZN drought conditions the club is to be congratulated on its excellent manicure. Tees were generously positioned, green surrounds tidy and the pace of the greens at about 9 on the stimpmeter. After play, the bar which spectacularly overlooks the course and the distant Indian Ocean was busy and festive. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and special day to travel north and enjoy the hospitality and golf at this absorbing club and course. Many thanks to Frans and his team!

Results of the day were:

1 st	Dave Rossler and David Yeo	48 Points
2 nd	Pregi Moodley and Dave Ward	45 Points
3 rd	Des Jones and George Hamper	43 Points
4 th	Peter Powell and Les Orchard (By 183 Days) (50 650 Days Old)	42 Points

On a Count Out From:

5 th	Peter Comrie and Stan Caruthers (50 467 Days Old)	42 Points
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Tuesday 24 May 2016 - 4 Ball Alliance Stableford, 2 scores to count - Royal Durban Golf Club

In the early part of May the coastal regions of KZN were grateful for the first good rains after many months of very hot dry weather. The Royal Durban golf course situated in the middle of the Greyville race course received some very heavy downpours - so much so that the storm water drain that bisects the course overflowed and flooded the 7th fairway. For some days thereafter the green-keeping staff had a huge task to repair the damage. For a short period the 7th, which is a par 5, had to be played as a par 3 while allowing the fairway to drain sufficiently. It is a credit to them and the Royal Durban management that on the 24 May, when we played a 4 Ball Better Ball Alliance, the course was completely restored to the pristine condition that gives this golfing venue such an elevated position in the list of leading South African golf courses. We are indeed fortunate to have such a fine venue as our home course.

This competition was a drawn alliance. It is remarkable that only 2 stableford points separated the top 6 places. As usual count outs were done on the aggregate age of each 4 ball. It pays to have at least one "oldy" in your team.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Alistair Forbes, Dave Cousens, Gavin Hepburn, Andrew Smythe (By 4 030 days) (98 907 Days Old)	91 Points
<u>On a Count Out From:</u>		
2 nd	Mike Hankinson, Malcolm King, Mike Seligmann and Dave Rossler (94 877 Days Old)	91 Points
3 rd	Tim Hitchins, David Hardy, Andre Schoeman, Ant Hacker (By 1 033 Days) (105 166 Days Old)	90 Points

On a Count Out From:

- 4th Trevor Coppen, John Winton, Trevor Beuthin, Brian Wilkie (104 133 Days Old) 90 Points
- 5th Neill Edwards, Roy Armour, Bruce Hopewell, Ron de Villiers (By 1 703 Days) 89 Points
(103 087 Days Old)

On a Count Out From:

- Bob Rickards, John Allan, Brian Allison, Ray Ramandh (101 384 Days Old) 89 Points

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Tuesday 7 June 2016 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey Waiting List Game at Zimbali Country Club

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

Kindly sponsored by: John Allan, Barry Beningfield, John Hewlett, Neil MacNeillie, Blaize McIntosh, Graeme Winterbach and John Winton as well as the eight sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 27 May 2016.

Thursday 23 June 2016 and Friday 24 June 2016 - Alliance Stableford/Better Ball Stableford at Southbroom Country Club

Entry Forms sent out with April Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures". Tee off times are 10h30 on the Thursday and 08h01 on the Friday.

The Southbroom fixture will take the form of an Alliance Stableford (two scores to count) on Thursday afternoon 23 June and a Better Ball Stableford on Friday morning 24 June. Members can travel down to Southbroom on the Thursday morning; play golf that afternoon, followed by a braai at the Club in the evening.

We will then stay the night in Southbroom and tee up on Friday morning for the Better Ball. This will be followed by prize giving, returning home in the afternoon. Members are asked to arrange their own accommodation for their overnight stay.

It goes without saying that wives/partners are welcome and should any of the ladies wish to play golf on either of the two days or both days, will you please enter either via the website or on the attached Entry Forms.

This event is sponsored by Ant Hacker, Tim Hooper, Andre Schoeman, Tim Hitchins as well as the eight sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 12 June 2016.

Tuesday 5 July 2016 - Better Ball Bonus Stableford at Mount Edgecombe Country Club

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

Kindly sponsored By: Doug Aitken, Peter Almond, Paddy Goss and Robbie Wright as well as our eight sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 24 June 2016.

Tuesday 26 July 2016 - Foursomes Trophy (Pinehurst) at Durban Country Club

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

YOU MAY CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER FOR THIS EVENT.

Kindly sponsored By: To be confirmed as well as our eight sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 15 July 2016

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

CHANGE OF DATE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE OF THE FOURSOMES TROPHY EVENT HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2016 TO TUESDAY 26 JULY 2016. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS.

Dates to remember in 2016

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.
November 24-27	World Cup of Golf - Kingston Heath Golf Club, Melbourne

Muirfield in the news

Muirfield - *The Home of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers* made the news in May for the wrong reasons. The membership voted to continue to exclude women from being members. As a result, the Royal and Ancient removed Muirfield from the list of courses where The Open Championship is played.

New Rule Book

The Rules of Golf were revised from January 2016 and every golfer should acquire a copy and read the Principal Changes on pages 13 - 15.

One of the changes that will be welcomed by all golfers is **Rule 18.2, Ball at rest moved by Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment.**

The book states: "Rules 18-2b (Ball Moving After Address) has been withdrawn. This means that when a ball moves after the Player has addressed it, the application of a penalty under Rule 18-2 will be based purely on whether the player caused the ball to move."

Incidentally the new *Rules of Golf* booklet has an interesting silhouette illustration on the front cover. One wonders what prompted the decision to show a female golfer. These days most of us don't bother about that sort of thing but it seems that 50% of the Muirfield club wouldn't approve and can you imagine what the reaction would have been say 100 years ago!

See following article

Golf Article From The Past:

Golf is where men are men and women are ladies

The earliest records of our noble game of golf, show that the game was played by gentlemen. Women were hardly seen on golf courses.

The first known rules of golf written in 1744 were drawn up by The Company of Gentleman Golfers. Then around the turn of the 19th century that The Company changed its name. It became The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers. At that stage they were still gentleman but about a hundred years later they were relegated to the rank of 'men'.

In the early 1900s golf became more popular with women and some history books reveal that this was beneficial to the game because men golfers were bad tempered, used bad language, often broke their clubs and were known to even cheat. The introduction of women to the game assisted men in controlling their language, behaviour and of course a gallant gentleman would never cheat a woman. Women were always far better in their behaviour on the course (and still are today) little wonder they were called 'ladies'.

Today in golfing terms, 'men' are regarded as men and women are regarded as 'Ladies'. Common examples of this are Men's tees, men's locker room, men's clubs etc. With fairer sex golfers, it is always: Ladies tees, ladies locker room, Ladies clubs and so on. The term 'women golfers' sounds dismissive and smacks of chauvinism. An alternative are the words male or female; but this definitely unsuitable, because it broadly refers to all of God's creatures which includes insects and plants. At this juncture it is interesting to note that the *The Rules of Golf* (page 5) mentions that reference to any person or player is understood to include both genders.

So you may be wondering, where is your scribe going with this? Well, recently the South African Ladies Golf Union changed its name to, wait for it, Women's Golf South Africa. It just doesn't sound right. Your scribe would love to know the reason(s) for this. Thankfully our province seems to have retained the KZN Ladies Golf Union, for now.

Ladies have been known as such for a long time in golfing parlance and it's sad that they have been relegated to 'women'.

Preferred Lies - Charles Severn - The Witness, October 20th, 2011

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

What causes arthritis?

A drunken man who smelled like alcohol sat down on a subway train next to a Priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick and a half-empty bottle of Scotch was sticking out of his torn coat pocket.

He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes the man turned to the Priest and asked, "Say Father, what causes arthritis?" The priest replies, "My son, it's caused by immoral living, being with awful people, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping with loose women and lack of cleanliness."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well I'll be damned." He then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologised. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it Father, I was just reading here that the Pope has it."
The moral of this story is, make sure you understand the question before offering an answer.

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Family get-together

My wife hosted a get-together dinner for family, far and wide and everyone was encouraged to bring all the children and grandchildren.

During dinner, my eight-year-old granddaughter stared at me sitting across the table. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring.

I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, patted my hair in place but nothing stopped her from staring at me. I tried my best to just ignore her but finally it was too much for me. I finally asked her, "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior and the table went quiet waiting for her response. My little granddaughter then said, "Grandpa I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."

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Well Planned

Two old ladies Alice and Mavis, met for the first time since they matriculated. "You were always so organized in school. Have you managed to lead a well planned life?" asked Mavis. "Well I've been married four times," said Alice.

"I don't think that's well planned." Mavis said. "On the contrary, my first marriage was to a millionaire, my second marriage was to a singer, my third marriage was to a vicar and now I'm married to an undertaker."

"How can that be well planned?" said Mavis. Alice replied, "Think about it, one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go...."

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The Ashes

A dying man who had no surviving family members, summoned his accountant to his deathbed. He said, "When I die, I want to be cremated." The accountant asked, "What do you want me to do with your ashes?" The old man replied, "Put them into an envelope and mail them to the South African Revenue Service with a note saying, 'Now you have everything.'"

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My Neighbour

I woke to go to the toilet in the middle of the night; I looked through the bathroom window and noticed a man sneaking through next door's garden.

Suddenly my neighbor came from nowhere and smacked him over the head with a shovel killing him instantly.

He then began to dig a grave with the shovel.

Astonished, I went back into bed.

My wife said "Darling, you're shaking, what is it?"

"You'll never believe what I've just seen!" I said, "Fred next door has still got my bloody shovel."

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Last laugh at the 19th hole:

Three Senior golfers, Sam, Harry and Fred were sitting together in the club-house after their weekly game of golf.

These are some of the things they were overheard saying:

Sam said, "A man asked the barman, "Do you serve women in this bar?" The barman said, "No, you have to bring your own."

Harry said, "A friend asked me, "At your age, what would you prefer, Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?" I told him, "I'd definitely prefer Parkinson's because it's better to spill half my wine than to forget where I put the glass."

Fred said: "A barman asked me, "Do you always drink your whisky neat?" I said, "No, sometimes my shirt is hanging out."

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