

SENIOR GOLFER'S SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2014

Welcome all Senior Golfer's Society members

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Colin Sinclair and Vernon Webber.

BIRTHDAYS

There were 22 Birthdays in November and 15 in December 2014. There were three in the eighties in November and three in the eighties in December and none in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties for November:

Roy Wise turned 86 on November 11th. He was born in 1928.

Barry Beningfield turned 80 on November 24th. He was born in 1934.

Len Lowe turned 83 on November 29th. He was born in 1931.

Birthdays in the Eighties for December:

Ralph Pearson turned 84 on December 9th. He was born in 1930.

Windy Jones turns 83 on December 19th. He was born in 1931.

Des Woodroffe turns 83 on December 31st. He was born in 1931.

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

COMPETITION RESULTS

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November 2014 - Annual Triangular Match between Gauteng, Free State and KZN played at Harrismith Golf Club

The annual triangular match was played at Harrismith for the second consecutive year. During the weeks prior to the tournament good rain fell on both Gauteng and KZN golf courses, albeit a little

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late. It seems that the Free State missed out but in spite of this the Harrismith course was in good condition.

It has been some time since KZN won this event. This year we assembled a more than capable team of 16 players with the best intentions returning home with the trophy.

The format for the event is match play. (Saturday Pinehurst, Sunday singles)

On Saturday players had to contend with cool weather, overcast and intermittent showers, conditions that aren't really conducive to good golf but on Saturday evening, the scoreboard showed KZN $13\frac{1}{2}$, Free State $5\frac{1}{2}$ and Gauteng 5.

Needless to say, the KZN team was in a wonderful position and poised to 'bring home the bacon'. It rained heavily all night and again just as play was scheduled to start, at 7.30 am. The start was therefore delayed but when another cloudburst hit the course, it was decided to cancel play for Sunday.

Now what you may ask? Well under normal circumstances in golf, providing all participants have completed their rounds, the leader or leaders are declared the winner(s).

Once the decision was made to abandon play for Sunday, most golfers were anxious to return home and a hasty decision was made to declare the event "a cancelled tournament".

The Free State team felt that the trophy should go to the KZN team. KZN naturally had the same sentiments.

This tournament has been revived with new enthusiasm since it was moved to Harrismith and it must be mentioned that the Harrismith club is mostly responsible for this. The club should be commended on the warm welcome extended to the players as well as the outstanding braai and dinner. It's such a pity that the weather intervened.

Tuesday 11 November 2014 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey at Victoria Country Club

A grey dull day with intermittent showers was the weather forecast for our fixture at Victoria. Fortunately, the weather-man got it wrong again; not a drop of rain fell from above and with the absence of wind meant that the conditions for golf were just perfect.

We had a disappointing field of only 72 players.

The course was in excellent condition with the greens rolling perfectly. The tricky slopes though always present a flat-stick challenge at VCC and one has to accept the fact that one or two (or more) 3-putts are inevitable especially for those Seniors who don't play there very often. It was

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therefore no surprise to find a local pair in the winning enclosure. It's always a pleasure to tee it up at VCC and our Society always receives a warm welcome. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

The only blemish of the day was the slow pace of play.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Pieter Oosthuizen and Peter Powell	+ 11
2 nd	Andy King and Corrie Meintjes	+ 9
3 rd	Moosa Allee and Jens Frolich	+ 8
4 th	Barry Beningfield and Terence Rockey (By 7 396 Days) (60 707 Days Old)	+ 7

On a Count Out From:

Ken Ladbooke and Waller Butcher (53 311 Days Old)	+ 7
Mike Norton and Jonathan Hallows (52 252 Days Old)	+ 7

Tuesday 25 November 2014 - Better Ball Stableford at Zimbali Country Club

There was a very good turn-out of 98 players for this annual fixture at Zimbali. After good spring rains the course was in magnificent condition and the weather was perfect for a game of golf. The Zimbali captain, John Winton, went out of his way to ensure that the tee placements were kind to all handicaps as this better ball competition was played off one set of tees with everybody playing off his official SAGA handicap. Bob Rickards our Vice Captain said, when conducting the prize giving, that if anybody did not enjoy the day it was not the fault of the course or the way we were hosted by the Zimbali staff. The day proved to be a wonderful golfing experience and we will no doubt have a good turnout for the 2015 fixture.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Mike Weeden and Dumpy Dyer	48 Points
2 nd	Dave Johnson and John Allan (By 218 Days) (50 509 Days Old)	47 Points

On a Count Out From:

3 rd	James Dixon and Brian Attwood-Smith (By 4 060 Days) (48 401 Days Old)	47 Points
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On a Count Out From:

4 th	Bob Rickards and Frans Kemper (44 341 Days Old)	47 Points
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Mike Weeden and Dumpy Dyer, who were the winners at Zimbali with 48 Stableford Points.



During the prize giving we were able to welcome Frans Kemper as a new member and we wish him many years of enjoyable golf in the years to come.

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Monday 8 December 2014 - Charity Day Alliance at Durban CC BEACHWOOD Course

Our last event for the year was our annual Charity Day which this year was played at the DCC Beachwood Course. The weather was overcast, cool with a stiff north-easterly breeze. A field of 122 participated. The Beachwood course was in excellent condition and the four ball alliance was won with a score of 97 stableford points.

Those participating on the day as well as many other members generously contributed to our Charity Fund Raiser and a total of R36 000.00 will be distributed to the three Hospices - Highway, Msunduzi and Khanya.

Peter Walker from Maritzburg who was in the winning four ball also had the good fortune to have his number drawn to win the Charity Christmas Raffle Hamper. Second prize in the Raffle draw was won by David Hardy who took home four cases of Castle Lite Beer.



The winning Four Ball of Andre Schoeman, Des Jones, Allan Strang and Peter Walker

Results of the day were:

1 st	Andre Schoeman, Des Jones, Allan Strang and Peter Walker	97 Points
2 nd	Brian Stokoe, Mike Leppan, Gavin Brown and Dick Ridgway	94 Points
3 rd	Rob Little, Duncan Poynton, Robb McCann and Dave Karon	93 Points
4 th	Hennie Heyns, Harry Voorma, Mike Chubb and Peter St Clair (By 3 050 Days) (105 275 Days Old)	92 Points

On a Count Out From:

5 th	Duncan Grant, Barry Kramer, Victor Govender and Kiruban Naidoo (By 8 033 Days) (102 225 Days Old)	92 Points
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On a Count Out From:
6th Bob Rickards, Tony Bolt, Allan van der Veen and Mike Seligmann
(94 192 Days Old)

92 Points

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

The first game in the New Year, which is traditionally the President's Putter Trophy, will once again be played at Royal Durban Golf Club on Tuesday 27 January 2015.

Tuesday 27 January 2015 - President's Putter Trophy at Royal Durban Golf Club

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

Sponsored By: Brian Stokoe, John Terry-Lloyd and Charles Severn and five the sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 16 January 2015.

Please note that as this is a Trophy Event, entries are restricted to Full Playing Members only. You may nominate your own partner for this event if you wish.

Tuesday 10 February 2015 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey Waiting List Game at Princes Grant Golf Club

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

Sponsored By: Martin Rotteveel, Peter Bailey and Barry Kramer, and the five sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 30 January 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.kzn seniors.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

2015 Fixture List

A reminder that the Schedule of our 2015 Fixtures is now on our website under the heading "Fixtures".

Subscriptions For 2015

The Society's year ends on 31 December. The Festive Season, with public holidays and short weeks, always imposes a strain on our administration. Invoices detailing Subscriptions for 2015 will be e-mailed to those members who are on e-mail and posted to those members who do not have e-mail during the first week of January 2015. Payment of your 2015 Subscriptions is due on receipt of your invoice and must be received by the Secretariat by the end of January 2015. Your co-operation in this regard will be most appreciated. Payment on time will avoid us having to remind members that their subscription is overdue. We are sure that you will appreciate that this is time consuming and embarrassing.

Change of Members' Contact Details

A reminder to all members to please notify the Secretariat if any contact details change during the year, ie home telephone number, cell number, e-mail address, etc.

Payments

With the year-end approaching we wish to remind members that when making payment for their 2015 Subscriptions to please ensure that their payments are referenced correctly. Please either use your name as a reference or your Account Number when making payment to the Society. This is especially relevant to those members who bank with Investec. Without a reference it is impossible to allocate the payment and creates an additional workload for Colleen. Your assistance in this regard will be most appreciated.

2015 World Seniors Championships: 28th of August - 5th of September 2015

The host hotel for the event in 2015 will be The Resort at Squaw Creek, Squaw Creek, California. Play will be at Old Greenwood Golf Course and The Golf Club at Grey's Crossing.

Should you wish to participate please submit your entry form to the Secretariat. All the relevant information relating to the 2015 World Seniors Championships is on our web site under the heading "SGU".

From the flag ceremony that heralds the opening of the tournament to the exquisite award

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banquet that closes the event, everything is done in grand fashion. The day of rest allows the contestants to enjoy area attractions or simply rest and enjoy the ambiance of the resort. Wives and lady guests are treated to a full program of special events including a luncheon, 3 day golf tournament, and activities in the local area.

Please go onto the website, www.worldseniorgolf.com and click on venue. The full schedule is also available on the website.

King Leopold Challenge - Belgium July 2015

All the relevant information relating to the King Leopold Challenge is on our web site under the heading "SGU". Should you wish to participate in this event, please contact the Secretariat as soon as possible. **Please note that the closing date for entries is Monday the 26th of January 2015.** Detailed entry forms will be sent out once the number of teams has been confirmed.

Closing of Office for Christmas and New Year

The Seniors Office will be closing on Friday 19th December 2014 and re-open on Monday 5th January 2015.

On behalf of the President, the Captain, the Committee and the Secretariat, we wish our Members a safe and Blessed Christmas, a Happy New Year and great golfing in 2015.

GOLF TIPS

With every newsletter we are going to include two great golf tips - hope you find them useful!!

1. *Make sure your lay-ups really are lay-ups*

Laying up short of water, cross-bunkers or other hazards right on your limit is very sensible. But things can go horribly wrong if you base club selection too closely on the exact yardage to the hazard's edge. Being free from the mental pressure of a specific target exacerbates the problem, as we often time our shots better then. It's little consolation to be able to say, "but I really flushed that!" as you reach for another ball to replace your submerged one. So when laying up, take at least one, maybe two clubs less than the distance to the hazard's edge.

2. *Check pin positions whenever possible*

Few courses provide daily pin position charts and with greens typically 25-40 yards long, the exact flag location can make two or three clubs' difference. It's often tricky to determine where the flag is as you eye up your approach, so whenever course geography takes you close to greens you've yet to play, make a mental or physical note of the pin positions. And remember, on tiered greens it may be more important to be on the right level than the putting surface itself, with a chip from just off the green usually easier than a putt up or down its full length.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A Little More Trivia

1. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like that also)
2. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
3. February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
4. In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
5. If the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
6. Leonardo da Vinci invented the scissors.
7. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!
8. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
9. The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
10. The cruise liner, QE 2 moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
11. The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket. (Good thing he did that.)
12. The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
13. There are more chickens than people in the world.
14. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Now you know (a little) more than you did before!!

PARTING SHOTS

Golf and growing old.

Arthur is 85 years old.

He's played golf every day since his retirement 20 years ago.

One day he arrives home looking downcast.

"That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has got so bad. Once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes. As they sit down, she has a suggestion: "Why don't you take my brother with you, and give it one more try."

"That's no good," sighs Arthur. "Your brother is ninety two. He can't help."

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"He may be ninety two," says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day, Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law.

He tees up, takes an almighty swing, and squints down the fairway.

He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!" says the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight."

"Where did it go?" asks Arthur.

"Can't remember."



'We're on the brink of extinction and you have a headache?'

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