

# SENIOR GOLFER'S SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL NEWSLETTER

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On behalf of the Secretariat, the President, the Captain and the Committee, we wish our Members a safe and Blessed Christmas, a Happy New Year and great golfing in 2016.

Welcome all Senior Golfer's Society members.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Terry Southey.

### BIRTHDAYS

There were 20 Birthdays in November and 12 in December 2015. There were three in the eighties in November and three in the eighties in December. There were no birthdays in the nineties in November or December.

#### Birthdays in the Eighties in November:

Barry Beningfield turned 81 on November 24<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1934.

Len Lowe turned 84 on November 29<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1931.

Roy Wise turned 87 on November 11<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1928.

#### Birthdays in the Eighties in December:

Winnie Jones turned 84 on December 19<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1931.

Des Woodroffe turned 84 on December 9<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1931.

Ralph Pearson turned 85 on December 9<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1930.

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

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Tuesday 10 November 2015 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey at Victoria Country Club

On arrival at the picturesque Victoria Country Club in Pietermaritzburg the weather was overcast, misty with an accompanying light rain. In this "photographers light" the greens in the vicinity of the clubhouse took on a verdant green sheen while the fairways looked lush and rain soaked. In other words, except for the absence of the sun, the golfing conditions were 5 star. The weather remained the same throughout and the condition of the course was pristine. The format for the day was a Better Ball Bonus Bogey and the winners came home with a very creditable score of +9 which was only just ahead of the second place +8 score, which in turn was only one ahead of third place on +7.

The field on the day was 59 which considering the venue, the clubhouse facilities and the welcome we received, was disappointing.

#### Results of the day were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Johnson and Rob McCann	+ 9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rae Stewart and Bob Martin	+ 8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dan Sterling and Tony Rocke	+ 7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Stokoe and Kevin McComb (By 5 338 Days) (53 980 Days Old)	+ 6

#### On a Count Out From:

5 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Perry and Corrie Meintjes (48 642 Days Old)	+ 6
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### Tuesday 24 November 2015 - Better Ball Stableford at Zimbali Country Club

We have come to expect that our annual outing at Zimbali Country Club will manifest excellence and we were not disappointed again this year. From the welcome that we get from the bag and cart staff at the entrance to the enthusiasm and efficiency of the club management to the luxurious club facilities to the marvellous golf course in such great condition, etc., it was all truly excellent.

The weather also played its part with a lovely warm and sunny day and a gentle breeze all of which produced mostly good scores.

The best score on the day was contributed to by Dave Rossler playing off an 11 handicap and shooting a gross 73. His personal score of 46 points would have won the competition! He and Allan van der Veen with a better-ball score of 48 beat the field by 3 points.

**Results of the day were:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Allan van der Veen and Dave Rossler 48 Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Stokoe and Jonathan Caldow (By 3 608 Days) (53 800 Days Old) 45 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ronnie Nienaber and Robbie Wright (50 192 Days Old) 45 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kim Elgie and Vaughan McDonnell (By 6 358 Days) (57 012 Days Old) 44 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Tony Bolt and Alan Tennant (97 907 Days Old) 44 Points

**Friday 4 December 2015 - Charity Day Alliance at Durban Country Club - Beachwood Course**

Overcast skies and showers greeted us as we arrived at the Beachwood course. It seemed that for our last Seniors fixture of 2015, we were in for an afternoon of umbrellas and the wearing of waterproofs. But it wasn't the case. The clouds disappeared and it turned out to be quite a hot and sticky afternoon. We had a good field of 95 players and the course was in great condition. The scores were generally high and there were 17 2-clubs recorded.



Charity Day winners: Tony Bolt, Brian Allison. Dave Gardyne and Alan Tennant

**Results of the day were:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Bolt, Alan Tennant, Dave Gardyne, Brian Allison (By 1 004 Days) 97 Points  
(105 535 Days Old)

**On a count out from:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Alistair Forbes, Neill Edwards, John Winton, Dumpy Dyer 97 Points  
(104 531 Days Old)

3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Seligmann, Geoff Henebrey, Les Orchard, John Terry-Lloyd 94 Points

4<sup>th</sup> Peter Walker, Karl Steiner, John Mackinnon, Jonathan Hallows 93 Points  
(By 5 559 Days) (107 655 Days Old)

**On a count out from:**

5<sup>th</sup> Johan Meyer, Trevor Coppen, Frans Kemper, Dalton Bibby 93 Points  
(102 096 Days Old)

6<sup>th</sup> Dennis Drysdale, Graham Dyer, Dave Weir-Smith, Roy Macpherson 92 Points  
(By 5 379 Days) (107 831 Days Old)

**On a count out from:**

Ian Klintworth, Bruce Hopewell, Pregi Moodley, Kiruban Naidoo 92 Points  
(102 954 Days Old)

Rob McCann, Duncan Poynton, Dave Karon, Graham Burnett (102 452 Days) 92 Points

**FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

**Tuesday 19 January 2016 - Better Ball Stableford at Selborne Country Club**

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

Sponsors to be advised and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 8 January 2016.

**Monday 8 February 2016 - Inland versus Coastal - Lal Greene Trophy at Gowrie Farm**

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

Sponsors to be advised and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 29 January 2016.

**Tuesday 9 February 2016 - Midland SAGES versus KZN Seniors at Bosch Hoek Golf Club**

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

Sponsors to be advised plus our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 29 January 2016.

**There will be a Starting Sheet 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](http://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 Sunday 17 April to Friday 22 April 2016 and members may wish to diarise these dates.

There is now a link on our web site to the official 2016 National Tournament site. You can access this link by opening our web site and clicking on S.G.U.

### **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.

### **Change of Details**

We urge all of our members who are on email to please log onto the Society's website and check that your cell number and email address are up to date and correct. If it is necessary to change or up-date any details please advise the Secretariat as soon as possible.

## Payments

With the year-end approaching we wish to remind members that when making payment for their 2016 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.

## 2016 Gowrie and Bosch Hoek fixtures

Next year we are trying a new arrangement for our Gowrie and Bosch Hoek fixtures. We have scheduled Monday 8 February for the Gowrie (Coastal vs Inland) fixture to be followed the next day by our annual Seniors/Sages fixture at Bosch Hoek. The idea is to give those members travelling from the coast the opportunity to arrange an overnight stay in the Midlands on the Monday night.

Our Inland members should also be happy to play on both days as the entry for Bosch Hoek is limited to a maximum of 32 of our members, whereas we can accommodate 64 for the Gowrie game.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

### Financial matters

It's August in a small town on the South Coast of France. Holiday season should be in full swing but it's raining so there isn't too much business happening.

Just about everyone however is in debt.

Fortunately, a rich Russian tourist arrives in the foyer of a small hotel. He asks for a room and puts a Euro 100 note on the reception counter, takes the key and goes to inspect the room located up the stairs on the third floor.

The hotel owner snatches the banknote and rushes to his meat supplier to whom he owes €100.

The butcher takes the money and races to his supplier to pay his debt.

The wholesaler rushes to the farmer to pay €100 for the pigs he purchased some time ago.

The farmer triumphantly gives the €100 note to a local prostitute who gave him her services on credit.

The prostitute goes quickly to the hotel, because she owed the hotel for her hourly room used to entertain clients.

At that moment, the rich Russian comes down to reception and informs the hotel owner that the room is unsatisfactory and takes his €100 back and departs.

There was no income or profit but nobody now has any debt and the small townspeople look optimistically towards the future.

Is there anything we can learn from this?

## Womens' Magazine advice column.

'ABBY' admitted she was at a loss as to how to answer the following questions:  
(You can't make this stuff up?)

Dear Abby,

A couple of women moved in across the hall from me. One is a middle-aged gym teacher and the other is a social worker in her mid-twenties. These two women go everywhere together, and I've never seen a man go into or leave their apartment. Do you think they could be Lebanese?

Dear Abby,

What can I do about all the Sex, Nudity, Foul Language and Violence on my VCR?

Dear Abby,

I am a twenty-three year old liberated woman who has been on the pill for two years. It's getting expensive and I think my boyfriend should share half the cost, but I don't know him well enough to discuss money with him.

Dear Abby,

I've suspected that my husband has been fooling around. When confronted with the evidence, he denied everything and said it would never happen again.

Dear Abby,

Our son writes that he is taking Judo. Why would a boy who was raised in a good Christian home turn against his own?

Dear Abby,

I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get out?

Dear Abby,

My forty year old son has been paying a psychiatrist R50 an hour every week for two and a half years. He must be crazy.

Dear Abby,

My mother is mean and short tempered. I think she is going through mental pause.

Dear Abby,

You told some woman whose husband had lost all interest in sex to send him to a doctor. Well, my husband lost all interest in sex and he is a doctor. Now what do I do?

Dear Abby,

I have a man I can't trust. He cheats so much, I'm not even sure the baby I'm carrying is his.

Remember and beware, these people walk amongst us, they vote and even reproduce...

## **Japanese Banks**

Following the problems in the Euro-zone, uncertainty has once again hit Japan. In the last 7 days Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday, Karaoke Bank announced that it's up for sale and will likely go for a song while today shares in Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose-dived.

While Samurai Bank is soldiering on following sharp cutbacks, Ninja Bank is reported to have taken a hit, but remains in the black. Fuji Bank has a mountain to climb if it is to survive this crisis and statements from the Sudoku bank have been quite puzzling.

Furthermore, 500 staff at Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal.

## **The Hardware store**

An old man went into a hardware store and asked for a bottle of Methylated spirits. The shop assistant looked at him suspiciously and said, "There's no way I'm selling you a bottle of meths, you'll drink it." "No I won't protested the old man. I'm starting my own painting and decorating business." The assistant said, "I don't believe you, you're the old drunk who sits on the bench in the park." "I used to be", admitted the old man, "but I've turned over a new leaf. It's people like you who won't let me forget or give me a chance in life"

The assistant was suddenly overcome with guilt. "Okay", he said, "I'm sorry, here's your bottle of meths."

The old man asked, "You haven't got a cold one have you?"

## **Granddaughter**

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

During dinner, my eight-year-old granddaughter sat opposite me watching my every move. The little 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 staring at me. I tried my best to ignore her but finally I asked, "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone had noticed her behavior and the table went quiet waiting for her response.

My little granddaughter said, "Grandpa I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."

## **Good old days**

Old Fred was reminiscing about the good old days in the North of England... "When I were a lad, me mother would send me down to t'corner shop wi' a shilling, and I'd come back wi' a bag o' potatoes, two loaves o' bread, three pints o' milk, a pound o' cheese, a packet o' tea, an' 'alf a dozen eggs. Yer can't do that now. There's too many bloody security cameras."



### **Hair remover**

My neighbour found out that her dog (a Schnauzer) was going deaf, so she took it to the vet. He found that the problem was hair in the dog's ears. He removed hair from both ears and the dog was fine.

The vet told the lady that she should buy some "Nair" hair remover to rub it in the dog's ears once a month.

The lady went to the pharmacy and bought a tube of "Nair".

At the register, the pharmacist said, "If you're going to use this under your arms, don't use deodorant for a few days."

The lady said, "I'm not using it under my arms."

The pharmacist said, "If you're using it on your legs, don't shave for a couple of days."

The lady replied, "I'm not using it on my legs either. If you must know, I'm using it on my Schnauzer."

The pharmacist says, "Well stay off your bicycle for a week or so."

### **At the 19<sup>th</sup> hole:**

Three Senior 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, "Six months ago I joined a gym, now I now weigh one thousand two hundred Rand less".

Harry said, "I love cooking with wine, sometimes I even put some in the food"

Fred said, "What's the difference between a fish and a mountain goat?"

One of them mucks around in fountains."

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