

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY 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 2017.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of John McCarthy and Rowly Waller.

BIRTHDAYS

There were 19 Birthdays in November 2016 and there are 12 in December 2016. There were three in the eighties and none in the nineties in November. There are three in the eighties and none in the nineties in December.

Birthdays in the Eighties in November:

Barry Beningfield turned 82 on November 24th. He was born in 1934.

Len Lowe turned 85 on November 29th. He was born in 1931.

Roy Wise turned 88 on November 11th. He was born in 1928.

Birthdays in the Eighties in December:

Des Woodroffe turns 85 on December 9th. He was born in 1931.

Winnie Jones turns 85 on December 19th. He was born in 1931.

Ralph Pearson turns 86 on December 9th. He was born in 1930.

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

COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 08 November 2016 - Alliance Stableford at Umdoni Park Golf Club

Perhaps the smallest field the Society has ever had entered for this competition. 54 members teed it up on this magnificent golf course on a sunny and slightly breezy day. The scoring was close with an 87 alliance score for the winners being only one shot better than the second that was one better than third place.

There were other engagements that meant that several members could not enter for this event. In previous years we have had fields of 100. Hopefully next year we will have a more enthusiastic turn out.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Bruce Hopewell, Peter Comrie, Peter Almond & Tony Roche	87 Points
2 nd	Eugene van Zuydam, John Hewlett, Barry Kramer & Des Jones	86 Points
3 rd	Paul Botha, Pieter Oosthuizen, Waller Butcher & Kim Elgie (By 9374 Days) (112 687 Days Old)	85 Points

On a Count Out From:

Robbie Wright, Malcolm Fick, Les Orchard & Victor Govender (103 313 Days Old)	85 Points
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Tuesday 29th November 2016 - Better Ball Stableford at Royal Durban Golf Club

With so much rain and dull cloudy days during November, it was an absolute pleasure to play Royal on a hot sunny day. As usual, the fairways were excellent and the greens were fast and true. It was nice to see the rough cut down which helps to speed up play (and find your ball). A light breeze made the conditions just about perfect. As expected with a golf course in good condition, the scores were high.

We had a good entry with just over 100 players. A few additional members arrived for a small ceremony after prize giving to say farewell to Dan and Colleen Sterling who will be retiring at the end of the year.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Frank Agg and John Terry-Lloyd (By 1 452 Days) (50 270 Days Old)	49 Points
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On a Count Out From:

2 nd	Andy Goodman and Hennie Heyns (48 818 Days Old)	48 Points
3 rd	Mike Bradfield and Neill Edwards	48 Points

4 th	Duncan Grant and Karl Steiner	47 Points
5 th	Neil Gerber and Robbie Wright (By 29 Days) (52 134 Days Old)	46 Points

On a Count Out From:

Rae Stewart and Bruce Hopewell	46 Points
Rick Hardy and Tony Hallett	46 Points
Trevor Coppen and John Hewlett	46 Points
Bruce Pringle and Allan van der Veen	46 Points
Bob Voogt and Alan Tennant	46 Points

Tuesday 6th December 2016 Charity Day Alliance at Durban Country Club - Beachwood Course

It was only a week since our previous fixture and the playing conditions were similar although at Beachwood we had to contend with more of a stiff breeze than a light one. The course condition was very good as usual and to consider that this could be our last outing on this course.....well it doesn't bear thinking about.

The 4 ball alliance format is always popular for this event particularly because we can choose our partners.

The Charity Day is our annual fund raising event and our generous members contributed over R30 000! The KZN Senior Golfers' Society supports three Hospices each year, namely: Highway Hospice in Durban, Msunduzi Hospice in Pietermaritzburg and Khanya Hospice in Port Shepstone. The proceeds will be divided equally between the three Hospices.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

A very big thank you must go to Robbie Wright who kindly donated and assembled the fantastic raffle hampers.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Alistair Forbes, Neill Edwards, Dumpy Dyer and Malcolm King	96 Points
2 nd	Chris Taylor, Dennis Drysdale, Roy Macpherson and Graham Dyer	90 Points
3 rd	Brian Allison, Richard Pemberton, Dave Gardyne, and Dave Henry - (By 5 380 Days) (Days Old 107 468)	89 Points

On a Count Out From:

Richard Evans, Arrol Paterson, Hugh McGibbon and Trevor Dunsdon	89 Points
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Farewell Dan and Colleen

Dan and Colleen Sterling accepting a gift from the KZN Senior Golfers' Society; presented by President Bob Rickards

As we approach the end of December and as this is my final Newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity of saying how much I have enjoyed the last 12½ years in the Secretariat with the KZN Seniors. It has been an absolute pleasure to have been a part of the society and I will certainly miss my interaction with everyone.

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Peaceful Christmas.

Colleen

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Tuesday 24th January 2017 - Better Ball Stableford at Selborne Golf Estate

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

Kindly sponsored by: To be confirmed and our seven regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 13 January 2017.

Tuesday 14 February 2017 - Presidents Putter Trophy - Better Ball Stableford at Royal Durban Golf Club

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

Kindly sponsored by: Brian Stokoe, Alistair Forbes and Bob Rickards well as our seven regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 3 February 2017.

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 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

King Leopold Challenge - 10 to 13 July 2017

The next King Leopold Challenge will be played from 10 to 13 July 2017 at the Limburg Golf and Country Club, one of the very best golf courses in Belgium.

The format of the competition will remain the same as the previous years. It is open to teams of 4 players of the same senior golfers Association.

Should you be interested in participating in this event, please contact the Secretariat. The detailed programme and all useful information will be available shortly.

Change of Details

Likewise 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 2017 Subscriptions to please ensure their payments are referenced correctly. Please use either 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. Your assistance in this regard will be most appreciated.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Who shot the lion?

An 80-year-old golfer was playing golf with his doctor. The old guy said, "My 28 year old wife is pregnant, what do you think about that Doc?"

The Doctor passed and said, "Let me tell you a story. A hunter in a hurry grabs an umbrella instead of a gun. He moves into the jungle, sees a lion, lifts the umbrella, pulls the handle and bang... The lion drops dead!"

The old man said, "That's impossible, someone else must have shot the lion."

The Doctor said, "Well, that's my point exactly."

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Back from shopping

The wife said, "Hi honey, I'm back from doing the shopping, will you come and help me unpack?"

"Good grief", said the husband, "What on earth did you buy?" The wife replies, "4 cases of beer, 2 cases of brandy, a case of rum, 4 boxes of wine, 2 cases of coke and 3 loaves of bread." "Are we having visitors?" asked the husband. "No why?" asked the wife.

The husband asked, "Why did you buy so much bread?"

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Circus couple

A couple who worked at the circus went to an adoption agency. The social workers there raised doubts about their suitability.

The couple produced photos of their massive motor-home, which is equipped with a beautiful nursery. The social workers then are doubtful about the education that the child would receive. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the normal subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills."

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

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

The social workers finally are satisfied.

They ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

The couple reply, "It doesn't really matter, just as long as he fits into the Cannon"

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Amazing sentence

This is a sentence where the first word is one letter long; the second is two letters long; the third word is three letters long and so on. The twentieth and final word is twenty letters long!

"I do not know where family doctors acquired illegibly perplexing handwriting; nevertheless, extraordinary pharmaceutical intellectuality counterbalancing indecipherability transcendentalises intercommunication's incomprehensibility."

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One of those rare days when nothing goes wrong

There are many things in life that cannot be explained and some are more mystifying than others. In golf for instance, nobody can explain how a golfer, who has played the game for many years off an average handicap, can suddenly shoot a score 10 under his handicap. These things do happen from time to time and it happens to most golfers at some time in their golfing lives. We say, "When it's your day, it's your day". If you haven't had one of those days yet, don't worry, the golf gods haven't forgotten you, it will happen sometime.

Good fortune happens in all sports but with golf there just so many possibilities and so much can go wrong, in fact, it's remarkable that good luck can continue for 18 holes.

Ask anyone who has had 'one of those days' and he will tell that it wasn't a round without incident. He probably 'chipped in' twice, he drove the ball into the trees twice and each time the ball ended up in the middle of the fairway. There may have been a couple of bounces out of the rough onto the fairway and even a terrible wedge shot that he hit in the teeth and the ball would have over-shot the green by 40 metres, but it hit the pin smack-bang in the middle and came to rest on the edge of the hole. He even had the nerve to complain that the ball didn't finish at the bottom of the cup. In addition there were a couple of very long putts that were holed as well. Now, most golfers try to analyse their game after such a fluke round. This means searching for answers as to how and why and can it be repeated? It's true that fortune favours the brave and bad luck stalks the timid but these are not tangible explanations. The only thing to do is just accept it in the same way you have to accept a nightmare round.

Yes, when it's 'your day' soak it up and enjoy it! But please also remember those days don't come along too often.

Preferred Lies: Charles Severn - *The Witness* April 7th 2011

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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, "There are three stages of man: You believe in Santa Claus, you don't believe in Santa Claus and you are Santa Claus.

Harry said, "I hate being old. First you forget names; then you forget faces. Next you forget to pull your zip up and finally you forget to pull it down.

Fred said, "Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off."

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