

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

On behalf of the Committee and Secretariat, welcome to the latest edition of our Society's Newsletter and sincere apologies for the delay in sending it out to you all. It has been a busy few of months so happy reading.

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Braam Matthee (NP), Puck Addison (AM), Ralph Pearson (AM), David Ward (PF), Ian Wicks (PF) and Miki Baranyay (NP)

Our heartfelt condolences to their family and friends.

NEW MEMBERS

New members who have joined our Society in the past few months are Roy Agar, John Gatherer, Tony Kennedy and Keith Draper. On behalf of the Committee and Members we welcome you to The Senior Golfers' Society.

We welcome Peter Volck and Dave Fox to our Society. Both are transfer members from Gauteng and we wish them a long and happy association with us here in Natal.

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WAITING LIST MEMBERS

We currently have the following gentleman on the waiting list for membership.

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| Bob Daya | Paddy Goss | John Mackinnon |
| Nige Hemming | Roger Don-Wauchope | Peter Comrie |
| Anthony Greene | A J McEwen | C A Becker |
| Tony Antonic | Stan Carruthers | Barry Kauffmann |

Proposer

Should any member have comments on the prospective members, please let the Secretary know in writing no later than 20th November 2017.

COMPETITION RESULTS Zimbali Country Club – Tuesday 13 June 2017 Competition – Better Ball Bonus Bogey

Winners: Paddy Goss & Ray Ramandh +10 2nd Place: Peter Powell & Michael Moore +9

Winning the Count Out on (52027 days)

3rd Place: Robbie Wright * Peter Comrie +9

(51734 days)

Nearest the Pin: Hole 5 Wouter Le Roux

Hole 14 Les Orchard

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Mike Bradfield Whynotte Service Station Cash Wash: Les Orchard Attendance Draw: Peter Almond

82 plyers teed it up at Zimbali Country Club the day was enjoyed by all and made especially special with the after golf snacks kindly sponsored by John Allan, Paul Botha, Mike Du Toit, Neill Edwards, Malcolm Fick, John Hewlett, Blaize McIntosh, Michael Moore, Johan Steyn, Richter Van Niekerk, Graeme Winterbach and John Winton.

Roy Agar was inducted as a member and presented with his tie and book, and Murray Leydon was welcomed back into our membership.

SOUTHBROOM COUNTRY CLUB Thursday 29th June and Friday 30th June 2017

Thursday 29th June 2017

Competition – Better Ball Stableford

Winners: Karl Steiner & Duncan Poynton 49pts 2nd Place: Neil Gerber & Malcolm Fick 48pts 3rd Place: Rae Stewart & Mike Silberman 46pts

(53611 days counting out Gerald Fitzgerald

and Rae Stewart on 53356 days)

Ladies Winners: Sue Evans, Angela Erasmus and Leigh

Dunsdon 70pts

Nearest the Pin: No 8 Kim Elgie

No 14 Frank Agg

Friday 30th June 2017

Competition - Better Ball Stableford

Winners: Frank Agg & James Dixon 49pts 2nd Place: Richard Evans & Duncan Poynton 45pts

3rd Place: Peter Volck & Brian Stokoe 44 pts

Ladies Winner: Leigh Dunsdon 34pts 2nd Place: Sue Evans 32 pts



UMDONI PARK GOLF CLUB Tuesday 18th July 2017 Competition 4 Ball Alliance Stableford

Winners: Pat Smythe, Steve Rees, Des Jones & John

Winton 97pts

2nd Place: Hugh McGibbon,Trevor Beuthin,Bob Clark

(GP) & Rob McCann

3rd Place: Arrol Paterson, Jack Bassage, Peter Powell,

& Tony Kennedy (102854 days)

Counting Out Blaize McIntosh, Frans Kemper,

Alan van der Veen & Neill Geber (99986

days)

Nearest the Pin: Hole 3 Jack Bassage

Hole 16 Gavin Brown

Gowrie Farm Lucky Draw: Steve Rees Whynotte Service Station Car Wash: John Swain

Attendance Draw: Duncan Poynton

A good field of 82 competed in perfect, almost windless, sunny conditions on this magnificent golf course. The scoring was close and the winning score of 97 was 10 better than last year!

The fellowship afterwards with the magnificent views was as good as ever.

UMHLALI COUNTRY CLUB 8th August 2017 Competition – Better Ball Stableford

Winners: John Winton & Doug Aitken 46pts 2nd Place: John Cole & Alan Tennant 45pts 3rd Place: Gavin Brown & Vaughan McDonnell 43pts

(54219 days)

Counting out Dumpy Dyer & Bruce Hopewell

(53941 days)

Elton Chatterton & Michael Moore (53459

days)

Rob McCann & Graeme Winterbach (49765

days)

Nearest the Pin: Hole 4 James Dixon

Hole 11 Alan van der Veen

Gowrie Farm Prize: Arrol Paterson Whynotte Service Station Car Wash: Tony Carnecky

Attendance Prize: Roger Don-Wauchope

KLOOF COUNTRY CLUB Tuesday 20th August 2017 Competition – Better Ball Stableford

Winners: Gavin Brown & Rob Becker 48pts 2nd Place: Graham Dyer & Brian Allison 47pts

(55740 days)

3rd Place: Richard Evans & Peter Almond) 47pts

(51702 days)

(Counting Out Frank Agg & Derek Kerr

(50341 days)

Nearest the Pin: Hole 2 Michael Moore

Hole 18 Bruce Pringle

Gowrie Farm Lucky Draw: Peter Ledger Whynotte Service Station Cash Wash: Mahin Karson

Attendance Draw: Richard Pemberton

A good field of 81 competed in near perfect warm conditions on this deceptively challenging golf course, which was in good condition.

Apart from our scheduled Betterball Stableford, we played in the "National Challenge" against all other Senior Golfers' Societies in South Africa. This is the idea of the incoming SGUSA president, where every Society will choose a fixture in August or September, and compete virtually against the rest. The highest average Stableford points to per Society wins. Our average on the 29th was 32.56.

The fellowship afterwards was enhanced by our first attempt at boosting sales of our sponsor's Famous Grouse – we donated one bottle and offered 3 tots for 2 tots purchased. Needless to say the mood was merry.

VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB Tuesday 12th September 2017 Competition – Better Ball Stableford

Winners: Jonathan Hallowes & Peter Walker 46pts 2nd Place: Bob Rickards & Ken Ladbrooke 45pts 3rd Place: Mike Houston & Alan Fourie 44pts

Nearest the Pin: Hole 6 Eugene Van Zuydam

Hole 17 Bob Martin

Gowrie Farm Lucky Draw: Mike Weeden Whynotte Service Station Car Wash: Bob Rickards Attendance Prize: Gavin Hepburn

On arrival at the picturesque Victoria Country Club in Pietermaritzburg the weather was pleasant. In spite of having been through a drought and a week after spring treatment, the greens in the vicinity of the clubhouse took on a verdant green sheen while the fairways looked lush. In other words, the golfing conditions were 5 star. The Pro Shop and bar staff gave us good service and the Club's Management produced delicious pizzas for everyone at no cost. The green and cart fees were very reasonably priced.

There was a disappointing turnout of approximately 60, perhaps due to certain coastal members not keen to travel and a number of members in Scotland for the Autumn competitions. Consideration should be given by the committee for holding this event in the future at least three weeks after Spring treatment and the return of members from the Scottish competitions

On the lighter side of the fixture – JT had a particularly bad day with regards to his after golf attire! One brown shoe: one black shoe and no dress shirt! He was forced to wear his playing shirt for the prize giving and

his car pool buddy had to endure the long drive home with him in his sweaty playing shirt!



MOUNT EDGECOMBE COUNTRY CLUB Tuesday 26th September 2017 Competition – Better Ball Stableford

Winners: Kiruban Naidoo & Des Erasmus 45pts

(On a count out 53154 days)

2nd Place: Tim Hitchins & Mike Mun-Gavin 45pts

(52269 days)

3rd Place: Bob Thomas & Denis Logan 44pts

Nearest the Pin: Hole 3 Michael Moore

Hole 11 Rob Becker

Gowrie Farm Lucky Draw: Barry Beningfield

Whynotte Service Station Cash Wash: Tony Hesp Attendance Prize: Denis Logan

Despite early morning rain, which resulted in a number of cancellations, 68 members teed off in relatively dry but cold conditions. Fortunately the rain held off and despite the chill factor, the members were able to enjoy Mount Edgecombe - course 1, which was in good condition.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Royal Durban Golf Club Tuesday 21st November 2017

Annual Charity Day Friday 8th December Durban Country Club

Please get your entries into me as soon as possible

A Starting Sheet will be emailed to all members

Society 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

61th International Meeting of Deauville, France-- July 23 to July 28 2017

A separate report of this tour is attached to the Newsletter

Dress Code

With regard to the dress requirements, your committee will continue with the tradition of dress (collar tie and blazer) for all events of the society, the only exception being on the final day of both the Southbroom and Midlands swing when casual attire will be accepted.

Please ensure proper playing attire is worn at all our events. Stone coloured golf shorts or trousers are to be worn.

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.

Register your round

There has been a significate increase in compliance of our members registering their rounds on the SAGA handicap system. However there are still a few members who do not input their scores. Please make every effort to record all your games on the handicapping system.







ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Ed and Linda met on a singles cruise and Ed fell head over heels for her. When they discovered they lived in the same city, only a few miles apart, Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home.

Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Linda to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Linda was indeed his soul mate and true love.

Every date seemed better than the last. On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Linda to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues. So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I

eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you'd better say so now!"

Linda paused, then responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've been a hooker."

Ed said, "It's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."

It was back in the 70's and a soon-to-be prominent (and rather arrogant) golfer (Ray Floyd) was playing at Augusta in his first Masters.

Back then the players could not bring their own caddies. They had to use one of the locals.

Floyd told the Caddy Master he wanted a big fellow who could handle his bag, but who also would keep quiet, no advice needed.

The caddy who was assigned Floyd said, "Hello Mr. Floyd."

Floyd said "Hello." And followed with, "That's the last I want to hear from you unless I ask you a question."

Everything went well until the 10th hole when Floyd pushed his drive into the right trees on the par 4. After surveying the scene, he said out loud, "I'm going to hit a low fade out through that opening to carry and land mid green and then roll over the crest down near the hole."

Surprisingly he pulled it off exactly and turned to his caddy and said, "How's that?"

The caddy spoke for the first time and said, "That wasn't your ball."

Golf Lesson !!!!!



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