

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 Denis Barrett.

BIRTHDAYS

There were 27 Birthdays in October 2014. There were five in the eighties and none in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties:

Graham Thompson turned 80 on October 21st. He was born in 1934.

Robin Palframan turned 84 on October 10th. He was born in 1930.

Chris Taylor turned 84 on October 20th. He was born in 1930.

Chris Saunders turned 85 on October 20th. He was born in 1929.

Alan Robertson turned 89 on October 9th. He was born in 1925.

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

NEW MEMBERS

We have great pleasure in welcoming two New Members to our ranks. We wish them many happy years of golf with the KZN Seniors.

Name	Home Number	Cell Number
Frans Kemper	031 266-2052	082 454 6902
Ken du Toit	032 538-1851	072 603 0824

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COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 7 October 2014 - Foursomes Trophy (Pinehurst) at Durban Country Club

Despite a long, dry winter, Durban Country Club was in excellent condition for the fourth and last of our annual trophy events - the Pinehurst foursomes. Generally fairway lies were tight and the greens slick and fast. The weather was perfect for golf which contributed to good golf on the day. Three pairs returned the winning score of 45 points and as usual the oldest combined ages were declared the winner of our magnificent Foursomes Trophy.



Gavin Brown and Mike Leppan - Winners of the Foursomes Trophy (Pinehurst) Event on a count out from Alistair Forbes and Dumpy Dyer.

Results of the day were:

1 st	Mike Leppan and Gavin Brown (By 3 341 Days) (54 865 Days Old)	45 Points
2 nd	Alistair Forbes and Dumpy Dyer (By 5 211 Days) (51 524 Days Old)	45 Points
3 rd	Roger Mentzel and Bruce Dunlop (46 313 Days Old)	45 Points
4 th	Alan Tennant and Roy Carrick	44 Points

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Dumpy Dyer and Alistair Forbes with the Senior Golfers' Society' President, Charles Severn.

Tuesday 21 October 2014 - Alliance Stableford Waiting List Game at Umdoni Park Golf Club

The weather didn't look promising during the en-route journey south to the Umdoni Park course, however, the Golf Gods once again smiled favourably upon our Senior Golfers. We stayed dry. Just to make it interesting, we had a constant light to medium breeze under overcast skies. Almost 100 members played on the day which shows that Umdoni is a favoured venue and coupled with that, the popular 4 ball alliance was the format for the competition.

Considering the fact that the first spring rain was late this year, the course was in good condition. The blemish-free greens were a little slow but the ball ran true as they usually do at Umdoni.

The scores were good and a number of teams only just missed out on the prizes. Naturally, on reflection, there will be members of those teams who will be rueful of that missed putt! But that's golf.

It's noteworthy to mention that the winning team had an 8 pointer on two occasions.

At prize-giving, Captain Alistair Forbes mentioned that it is always a pleasure to play golf at what he called "the Gem of the South Coast".

A good day was had by all, especially Phil Harvey who managed to complete his round for the second successive year without getting bitten by a snake!

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Results of the day were:

- 1st Charles Severn, Rick Hardy (Waiting List Candidate), Bob Rickards and Neil MacNeillie 94 Points
- 2nd Doug Aitken, Corrie Meintjes (New Member), Jonathan Hallowes and Mike Seligmann 93 Points
- 3rd Rob Brett, Bryan Edmondson, Harold Horsley and Ted Maybery 92 Points
- 4th Tex Murray, David Hardy, Jens Frolich and Richard Erasmus (By 4405 Days) (105 699 Days Old) 89 Points

On a Count Out From:

- Stan Carruthers, Gavin Brown, Dave Henry and Gerald FitzGerald (101 294 Days Old) 89 Points
- Dave Ward, John Russell, Jebb McIntosh and Dave Sawers (100 458 Days Old) 89 Points
- Roger Mentzel, Robb McCann, Dave Johnson and Robin Firth (99 875 Days Old) 89 Points
- John Allan, Ken du Toit (Waiting List Candidate), Graham Burnett and Peter Comrie (97 092 Days Old) 89 Points
- Alistair Forbes, Frans Kemper (Waiting List Candidate), James Dixon and Bruce Dunlop (90 913 Days Old) 89 Points

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

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

The 16 members to represent the KZN Team in the Triangular Match are:

No.	Name	No.	Name
1.	Frank Agg	9.	Ray Ramandh
2.	James Dixon	10.	Bob Rickards
3.	Alistair Forbes (Captain)	11.	Dick Ridgway
4.	Barry Kramer	12.	Mike Seligmann
5.	Peter Ledger	13.	Charles Severn
6.	Bob Martin	14.	Brian Stokoe
7.	Kiruban Naidoo	15.	Bob Thomas
8.	Mike Norton	16.	Allan van der Veen

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

Entry Form on the website under "Fixtures". Tee off 10h30.

Entries close on Friday 31 October 2014.

Sponsored by Arno Becker, Dave Frankish, Phil Harvey, Bob Martin, Alan McEwen, Mike Norton, Steve Rees, Terence Rockey, Andrew Smythe and Rowly Waller.

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

Entry Form on the website under "Fixtures". Tee off 11h00.

Entries close on the website on Friday 14 November 2014. Sponsors to be advised.

Monday 8 December 2014 - Charity Day Alliance at Durban Country Club - BEACHWOOD

Entry Form on the website under "Fixtures". Tee off 10h30.

Entries close on Friday 28 November 2014. As this is our year end Charity Day event, you may choose your four ball if you wish.

This annual event at the end of each year is in aid of the three hospices that the Society supports, namely Highway Hospice in Durban, Msunduzi Hospice in Pietermaritzburg and Lighthouse Hospice (trading as Khanya Hospice) which is located in Port Shepstone. The donations received from our members are essential to assist with much needed equipment required for patient care and very much appreciated by the Hospices. **Please be generous with your donations, either on the day or by means of a cheque or EFT. Our target this year is once again R30 000.00, which will give each hospice R10 000.00.**

This event is sponsored by Dumpy Dyer, Mike Hankinson, Murray Grindrod and Alistair Forbes.

There will be a Starting Sheet for all the above events.

All our competitions are kindly sponsored by:



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NEWS ITEMS

2015 SGUSA National Tournament - Important Notice

The Entry Form and Accommodation Lists for the National Tournament to be held in Bloemfontein next year have been emailed to all our Full Playing Members. The Entry Form and Accommodation Lists will be published on the KZN website. Please ensure that you complete your Entry Form and return it to the Secretariat by no later than **Monday 24 November 2014**. **Please remember to include the R80.00 for the 2-club raffle in your total.**

We encourage all Full Playing Members who wish to enter to do so as the number of entries we receive will determine the KZN quota allocation for the tournament. The two courses on which the tournament will be played are well worth a visit to Bloemfontein and the ladies programme provides the opportunity for our partners to experience the wonderful Bloemfontein hospitality.

Change of Membership Category

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, there comes a time when active playing members reach the stage in their golfing activities when, due to advancing years, illness, or other extenuating circumstances, they wish to change their membership category. If any member is contemplating making such a change to his membership category, please can you inform the Secretariat before the end of October 2014. This will ensure that when we all receive an invoice at the beginning of January we will be billed with the appropriate subscription and save Colleen an enormous amount of admin work.

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.

PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

The Senior Golfers' Society of KZN (the Society) is affiliated to the Senior Golfers Union of South Africa. The total number of Active (Full Playing) members of the Society shall not exceed the quota allocated to the Society by the Governing Body of the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa.

The object of the Society is the promotion of the game of golf, particularly amongst those golfers who have attained the age of fifty-five years. It is an honour to be a member of the Society which has as one of its prime objectives, the promotion of the game of golf amongst those that play it for the love and spirit of the game.

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Requirements of a Senior Golfer:

- Members are required to play a minimum of 8 games per annum. Good seniors play upwards of 12 games per annum.
- Members are required to conform to our dress code on course. Seniors shirt, cap or hat and senior socks when short pants are worn.
- The off course dress code is blazer and seniors tie. Blazers must be worn during prize giving.
- Name badges must be worn off course and preferably on course as well.
- Members are required to attend all prize giving ceremonies. In exceptional circumstances where attendance is not possible an apology to the Captain, Vice-Captain or Secretary is a strict requirement.
- The practise of betting is not permitted.
- A player withdrawing from a drawn game at short notice is required to inform the Secretariat and to find a replacement.
- Slow play is frowned upon as it negatively impacts on other players and delays the prize giving ceremony.
- The Society plays under the rules as authorised by the R&A.

Responsibilities of the Proposer and Seconder and Joining Procedure

The candidate for membership must be well known to both the proposer and seconder both of whom shall have been a member of the Society for at least 4 years. The candidate must be a registered member of a golf club within the province of KwaZulu-Natal that is affiliated to the South African Golf Association (Virtual Golf Clubs are specifically excluded). Having identified a candidate, the proposer and seconder must write to the Secretary and provide a motivation for the acceptance of their candidate as a member. The motivation must:

- Explain on what basis the candidate is known to them and for what length of time.
- Record details of the candidates work history.
- Record any involvement on the part of the candidate in golf administration.
- Detail any sporting achievements of significance.
- Put forward any other information which is relevant to demonstrate the suitability of the candidate as a prospective member.
- Generally vouch that they know of no reasons why their candidate should not be accepted as a member.

The Secretary, in conjunction with the President, and Captain must then decide whether the motivations warrant the issuing of an application form to the Proposer and Seconder. If in doubt, they should refer the motivation to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

Once the candidate is considered acceptable, the Proposer and Seconder will be sent a Proposal for Membership Form. Thereafter the duly completed application form must be returned to the Secretariat supported by the signatures of 4 other members who know the candidate and are able

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to vouch for his suitability as a member. The Proposal for Membership form will then be forwarded to the Special Selection Committee (the Scrutineers) for approval. Finally when the form is returned to the Secretariat it will be tabled for final approval at the next Committee meeting. The candidate will then be placed on the Waiting List awaiting a vacancy in our membership quota.

Once the candidate has received the Committee's approval his proposer/seconded will be encouraged to invite their candidate to participate in the next available Waiting List fixture so that after the game he can be introduced to the President and other members of the Committee. This will give the Committee the opportunity to personally interact with him and tell him about our Society, what constitutes a "good" senior, our history and how the concept has spread from the USA to Europe, Africa, Australia and latterly South America. At the same time the candidate has the opportunity to ask any questions that he may have regarding our Society.

If, the proposer and seconded have difficulty in finding four other members who are able to vouch for the candidate, the Committee may arrange for the candidate to meet with members of the Committee in lieu of the obtaining of signatures from four other members. In such circumstances it will not be necessary to meet with the candidate after his Proposal for Membership has been approved by the Committee.

Notice of pending applications for memberships should be given in the newsletter and, any members objecting to the acceptance of any prospective member should submit their objections in writing to the Secretary.

The Committee shall have the right to call on any member objecting to a proposed member to substantiate any grounds of objection put forward.

Once these processes have been completed, the Committee is then in a position to grant or refuse the application

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A Little Trivia

1. "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand
2. "Lollipop" is the longest word typed with your right hand.
3. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
4. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
5. Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
6. The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
7. The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).
8. There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous

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9. There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."
10. TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
11. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
12. A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
13. A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
14. A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
15. A snail can sleep for three years.
16. Almonds are a member of the peach family.

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

PARTING SHOTS

1. Six fellows go on a hunting trip, sharing two to a tent. Nobody wants to share with Daryl because he snores so badly. They decide it's fair that each should take a turn at sharing with him.
The first to sleep in Daryl's tent comes to breakfast next morning with his eyes bloodshot. "Daryl snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."
The next night it's a different chap's turn. Next morning he's a wreck. "Daryl shakes the roof. I just sat and watched him all night."
The third night it's the turn of a burly ex-rugby front ranker. He comes to breakfast next morning bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. "How did you manage to sleep?" his friends ask. "We got ready for bed, I tucked Daryl in and kissed him goodnight. Then he sat up and watched me all night."

2. *Speech*
A Priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish.

A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner. However, he was delayed, so the Priest decided to say his own few words while they waited: Thank Goodness we Catholics have a wonderful sense of humour!

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents; embezzled from his employer; had an affair with his boss's wife; had sex with his boss's 17 year old daughter on numerous occasions, taken illegal drugs; and was arrested several times for public nudity. I was

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appalled that one person could do so many awful things. But as the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the Priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk:

"I'll never forget the first day our parish Priest arrived," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honour of being the first person to go to him for confession."

Moral of the Story: Never, Never, Never Be Late

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