

# 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 Nellie Nel and Andy Hayward.

### BIRTHDAYS

There were 27 Birthdays in October 2016. There were eight in the eighties and one in the nineties.

#### Birthdays in the Eighties:

Olly Ransome turned 80 on October 1<sup>st</sup>. He was born in 1936.

John Pluke turned 80 on October 7<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1936.

Denis Hopewell turned 80 on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1936.

Gavin Gormley turned 80 on October 29<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1936.

Dan Sterling turned 81 on October 18<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1935.

Graham Thompson turned 82 on October 21<sup>st</sup>. He was born in 1934.

Chris Taylor turned 86 on October 20<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1930.

Chris Saunders turned 87 on October 20<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1929.

#### Birthdays in the Nineties:

Alan Robertson turned 91 on October 9<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1925. Well done Alan.

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

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Tuesday 27 September 2016 - Better Ball Stableford at Victoria Country Club

Dan, who was unable to play, and Colleen travelled up from Durban to man the reception table which was really appreciated. Charles Severn who is slowly getting back to golf also assisted.

Due to the number of sponsors who funded the day two additional prizes were contested for on the short holes.

Only 60 members enjoyed the VCC golf course which was in pristine condition after the welcome rains and received many accolades especially from those who had travelled from outside the Midlands area. The weather was perfect and we were joined by the Club Captain, Sandy Davidson.

### Results of the day were:

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Weeden and Alan Fourie 49 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Jens Frolich and Jack Bassage (By 1 351 Days) (49 424 Days Old) 45 Points

#### On a Count Out From:

3<sup>rd</sup> Richter van Niekerk and Des Jones (By 1 572 Days) (50 996 Days Old) 45 Points

#### On a Count Out From:

4<sup>th</sup> Dave Rossler and Chris Immelman (48 073 Days Old) 45 Points

### Tuesday 11 October 2016 - SAGES vs KZN Seniors - Better Ball Stableford Match - Khehla Trophy at Bosch Hoek Golf Club

The magnificent facilities of Bosch Hoek Golf Club, the outstanding offering and welcome they provided and the lovely warm weather added to the pleasure of a sound thrashing of Midlands Sages this year. Hence we are back on the winning road after suffering our only loss last year since it was first played in November 2000.

There was great camaraderie between the SAGES and ourselves, and all who attended this event will certainly look forward to being at the next one

We fielded 32 golfers on the day with everyone arriving in good time.

Each winning match was worth 2 points and a draw 1 point resulting in final tally of KZN Seniors 21 -- SAGES 11. The Khehla Trophy was duly handed back to Roger Mentzel by their captain, Trevor Scheepers.

Prizes were awarded to the best individual better ball scores on the day which were as follows:

**Results of the day were:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	KZN Seniors	21 Match Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Midland SAGES	11 Match Points

**Individual Better Ball Stableford Results:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Neville Hodgson and Ian Leyenaar (Sages)	45 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Garth Charlton and Rob Salmond (Sages)	45 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Des Jones and Kevin McComb	45 Points

**Tuesday 18 October 2016 - Foursomes Trophy (Pinehurst) at Durban Country Club - Beachwood Course**

Scheduled for Durban Country Club, this trophy event was moved to Beachwood as the Country Club course had not fully recovered from recent rains.



Winners of the Foursomes Pinehurst Trophy for 2016  
Paddy Goss and John Terry-Lloyd with President Bob Rickards

Beachwood was immaculately presented with the course setup perfect for Pinehurst golf. Ninety-six members participated on an afternoon when the north-easterly blew up to a three club strength. Scoring was made difficult because of the wind with only Paddy Goss and John Terry-Lloyd able to master it. The Beachwood management under Don Gammon are thanked for their presence and attention to detail all afternoon. A festive prize giving followed golf in a full bar, but it is sad to contemplate that this might be one our last fixtures at this magnificent and friendly facility."

**Results of the day were:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paddy Goss and John Terry-Lloyd	46 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Houston and Bruce Hopewell	42 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Taylor and Dennis Drysdale (By 9 755 Days) (59 215 Days Old)	39 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Evans and Mike Weeden (49 460 Days Old)	39 Points
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**On a Count Out From:**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Pemberton and Brian Allison (By 697 Days) (53 568 Days Old)	38 Points
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**On a Count Out From:**

	Dave Henry and Rae Stewart (52 871 Days Old)	38 Points
	Neil Gerber and Rob Becker (51 869 Days Old)	38 Points
	Malcolm King and John MacKinnon (51 035 Days Old)	38 Points
	Dave Rossler and Tony Rocke (47 037 Days Old)	38 Points

**Saturday 22 October 2016/Sunday 23 October 2016 - Annual Triangular Match - Free State, Gauteng and KZN at Harrismith Golf Club**

This annual event was played at Die Buite Klub on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. The majority of the Team arrived on Friday evening to find the club in some disarray the electricity was out due to a sub-station shorting out. The news was indeed bad and the electricity would be out for the entire week end. As a consequence there would be no hot water, the catering was compromised for lack of heating, golf carts could not be charged and worst of all would there be cold beer? We need not have worried, the management and staff rose to the occasion and navigated their way through the week end with aplomb.

The Annual dinner was a most convivial affair assisted by some fine wine sponsored by Bobby Johnson of the Gauteng Society. The food was outstanding and typical of Free State hospitality.

As far as the golf was concerned and following the Pinehurst match play the scores were:

Gauteng	21
Free State	14
KZN	13

Much work was needed for the singles. There was much excitement in the club house as the scores came in, eventually and only after an incredulous Gauteng had audited the results, provided by KZNs fleet of accountants headed up by Rae Stewart and Doug Aitken, were KZN declared the winning Society.

KZN	55
Gauteng	49
Free State	40

Well done to the KZN team on a magnificent fight back!

As far as the individual results are concerned they don't matter but the facts are your President and Captain got themselves a pair of spectacles and one player James Dixon got a full house.

### **FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

#### **Tuesday 8 November 2016 - Alliance Stableford at Umdoni Country Club**

Entry Form sent out with September Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures".  
First tee off time 10h30.

Kindly sponsored by Tony Hallett, Stef Nel, Roger Mentzel, Bob Thomas and Peter Thomson as well as our seven regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 28 October 2016.

#### **Tuesday 29 November 2016 - Better Ball Stableford at Royal Durban Golf Club**

Entry Form attached and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 09h30.

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

Entries close on Friday 18 November 2016.

**Tuesday 6 December 2016 - Charity Day Alliance at Durban Country Club -  
BEACHWOOD COURSE**

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

**Entries close on Friday 25 November 2016. 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 R33 000.00, which will give each hospice R11 000.00.**

This event is sponsored by: To be confirmed as well as our seven regular sponsors listed below.

**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**

**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 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 inform the Secretariat before the **end of October 2016**. 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 an enormous amount of admin work.

### **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 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. Your assistance in this regard will be most appreciated.

## **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

### **Walk today**

I went to an Inter-Religion Integration Seminar.

The Bishop came,

laid his hands on my hand and said, "By the will of Jesus Christ, you will walk today!"

I smiled and told him I was not paralysed.

The Rabbi came,

laid his hands on my hand and said, "By the will of God Almighty, you will walk today!"

I was less amused when I told him there was nothing wrong with me.

The Mullah came,

took my hands and said, "Insha Allah, you will walk today!" I snapped at him, "There's nothing wrong with me"

The Buddhist Monk came,

held my hands and said, "By the will of The Great Buddha, you will walk today!"  
I rudely told him there was nothing wrong with me.  
The Hindu Swami came,  
touched my hands and said, "By the will of the Supreme Brahma, You will walk today!"  
After the Seminar, I stepped outside and found my car had been stolen.  
I believe in all Religions now, equally.

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### **This explains a few things**

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their heads, scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Not only that, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

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### **A note from your scribe:**

Speak your own language. Don't allow clichés and catch phrases to enter your own vocabulary. Many of them are derived from American television shows and movies and they have crept into our everyday language. I call it 'Cliché Madness' and I have been collecting (not using) them for a few years. If you are not sure what this means, read on. Below is a list of only a few of the hackneyed phrases that you will immediately recognise but they should be avoided. I'll bet readers of this have unknowingly used some of these phrases at some time.

- At this point in time
- At grass roots level
- At the end of the day
- Blue sky thinking
- Come to the Party
- Get on (or off) the bus
- Leaving money on the table
- Looking at the big picture
- Singing off the same song-sheet
- Take out the positives (I really hate this one)
- Level the playing field
- Thinking outside the box
- Tick all the boxes
- Do you know where I'm coming from?



- Put a flag in the ground
- Touch base
- In the loop
- Get all your ducks in a row
- Ball-park figure
- No brainer

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### Angus bull

I recently spent an absolute fortune on a young registered black Angus bull. I put him out with the herd but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow. I was beginning to think I had paid more for that bull than he was worth. Anyhow, I had the Vet come and have a look at him. He said the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave me some pills to feed him once per day. The bull started to service the cows within two days, all my cows! He even broke through the fence and bred with all of my neighbour's cows before returning and servicing my cows yet again!

He's now like a machine! I don't know what was in the pills the Vet gave him.....but they've got a peppermint sort of flavour.

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### Classic Bob Hope quotes

On turning 70 - "I still chase women, but only downhill."

On turning 80 - "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs ironing."

On turning 90 - "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

On turning 100 - "I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

On giving up a boxing career - "I ruined my hands in the ring ... the referee kept stepping on them."

On sailors - "They spend the first six days of each week sowing their wild oats, then they go to church on Sunday and pray for crop failure."

On never winning an Oscar - "Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called at my home; 'Passover'."

On golf - "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."

On Presidents - "I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six."

On why he chose Showbiz as his career - "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, 'Congratulations. You have an eight-pound ham'."

On receiving the Congressional Gold Medal - "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

On His family's early poverty - "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother just threw on another brother."

On his six brothers - "That's how I learned to dance; waiting for the bathroom."

On his early failures - "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

On going to heaven - "I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

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### **It causes most grief?**

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Durban.

"The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here. Red meat is harmful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining and rot your teeth. High fat diets can be disastrous and none of us realise the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all, and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of silence, a 75 year-old man in the front row slowly raised his hand and softly said, "Wedding cake."

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### **Can you read this? Only Smart people can**

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### **Man's sexual stages:**

At 20 - thrice weekly.

At 30 - tries weekly.

At 40 - tries weakly

At 50 - tries and tries

At 60 - tries and cries

At 70 - tries and dies

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### **Actual quotes**

These are actual quotes taken from United States Federal Government employee performance evaluations:

Do you know anyone who qualifies for these hilarious comments?

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has now started to dig."
2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."
3. "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of definite won't be."
4. "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
5. "When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
6. "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
7. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
8. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
9. "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead"
10. "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts; the better."
11. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together."
12. "A gross ignoramus -- 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."
13. "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
14. "I would like to go hunting with him sometime."
15. "He's been working with glue too much."
16. "He would argue with a signpost."
17. "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
18. "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
19. "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."
20. "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."
21. "A prime candidate for natural de-selection."
22. "Donated his brain to science before he was done using it."
23. "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."
24. "He's got two brain cells, one is lost and the other is out looking for it."
25. "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."
26. "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."
27. "If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean."
28. "It's hard to believe he beat 3,000,000 other sperm."
29. "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."
30. "Takes him 2 hours to watch '60-minutes'."

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### Lifelong question

Went out last night for Halloween dressed as a chicken.

Met a girl dressed as an egg.

A lifelong question was answered.

It was the chicken.

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### **A Drawing of God1**

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what she was drawing. The little girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat or looking up, the little girl replied, "They will just now."

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### **Last laugh 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, "I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any."

Harry said, "My wife and I were happy for 25 years, then we met."

Fred said, "Only an Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: fat, caffeine, sugar and alcohol."

Cheers!

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