

SENIOR GOLFER'S SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome all Senior Golfer's Society members

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

There were 28 Birthdays in January 2014. There were four in the eighties and two in the nineties.

Birthdays in the Eighties:

Allen Alderton turned 81 on January 21st. He was born in 1933.

Terry Pace turned 81 on January 19th. He was born in 1933.

Tim Worthington turned 83 on January 16th. He was born in 1931.

Andrew Fanning turned 88 on January 14th. He was born in 1926.

Birthdays in the Nineties:

Robbie Small turned 91 on January 5th. He was born in 1923. Well done Robbie!

Alan Hankinson turned 92 on January 11th. He was born in 1922. Well done Alan!

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	Bus Number	Cell Number
Ian Catt	032 947-0954		083 251 1358
Bruce Dunlop	031 765-1431	032 439-4301	083 251 4963

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COMPETITION RESULTS

Tuesday 28 January 2014 - Charity Day Alliance Stableford at Durban Country Club

This event was scheduled to be played on the 9th December 2013. Unfortunately the event had to be postponed at the last moment as our home course Royal Durban was unplayable due to heavy rains.

The Committee has agreed that the Charity Day event will in future be played at Durban Country Club - Beachwood Course. The date for the 2014 Charity Day remains the same, which is Monday 8 December - only the venue has been changed.

A good field of 120 Seniors teed it up at Durban Country Club on a hot humid January day. A stiff north east wind offered some relief from the intense heat.

Apart from the greens, the course was in immaculate condition since it was only a couple of weeks after the prestigious European Tour Volvo event. A week before our Charity Day, the greens had undergone the annual spring treatment which is usually carried out in October, but was understandably delayed until after the Volvo Tournament. This was unfortunate for our Senior members but, it's the same for everyone, as they say.

The scores generally were a few points lower than usual but it's always a pleasure to play at DCC and of course a good day was had by all.

Curiously, all four members of the winning fourball hail from Victoria Country Club in Maritzburg where they have arguably the best putting surface in the province.

Each year the proceeds from our Charity Day are donated to three Hospice organisations. This year we raised a record amount of money and our members should be congratulated for their generosity. For the first time the idea of a liquor hamper came from big-hearted Committee member Robbie Wright who donated the contents of the hamper.

The fact that Colleen was at the reception desk coaxing members to dig deep also had an impact on the amount of money raised.

Results of the day were:

1st Terence Rockey, Jack Bassage, Mike Norton & Jonathan Hallows 91 Points

2nd Duncan Poynton, Ron Nienaber, Dave Karon & Graham Burnett 90 Points
(By 517 Days) (99 836 Days Old)

On a Count Out From:

3rd Bruce Hopewell, Dennis Logan, Brian Wilkie & Tony Carnecky 90 Points
(99 319 Days Old)

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4th Malcolm King, Dave Ward, Richard Pemberton & Brian Allison 89 Points

5th Rob Becker, Malcolm Hamlin, David Hardy & Tim Hitchins 87 Points
(By 599 Days) (103 252 Days Old)

On a Count Out From:

6th John Allan, Barry Beningfield, Neil MacNeillie, John Hewlett 87 Points
(By 4 143 Days) (102 653 Days Old)

On a Count Out From:

John Winton, Dumpy Dyer, Neill Edwards, Allan van der Veen 87 Points
(By 4 556 Days) (98 510 Days Old)

John Terry-Lloyd, Brian Atwood-Smith, David Suddards & Paddy Goss 87 Points
(93 954 Days Old)

All our competitions are kindly sponsored by:



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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Monday 10 February 2014 - President's Putter Trophy at Royal Durban Golf Club

Entry Form sent out with the November/December 2013 Newsletter and the Entry Form is also on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h30.

Entries close on Friday 31 January 2014.

This event is sponsored by Brian Stokoe, Roger Don-Wauchope, John Terry-Lloyd, and the five sponsors detailed below.

Please note that as this is a Trophy Event, entries are restricted to Full Playing Members only. You may nominate your own partner for this event if you wish.

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Tuesday 25 February 2014 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey Waiting List Game at Princes Grant Golf Club

Entry Form sent out with the November/December 2013 Newsletter and it is also on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 10h00.

Entries close on Friday 14 February 2014.

This event is sponsored by Martin Rotteveel, Peter Bailey, Barry Kramer and the five sponsors detailed below.

Tuesday 11 March 2014 - Better Ball Bonus Stableford at Kloof Country Club

Entry Form attached and on the website under "Fixtures". First tee off time 11h00.

Entries close on Friday 28 February 2014.

This event is sponsored by Kim Elgie, Ted Maybery, Andy Goodman and the five sponsors detailed below.

The five sponsors for all the above events are Sanlam Private Investments, Grants Whisky, South African Breweries, Gowrie Farm and Grindrod Asset Management for golf balls for 2's.

There will be a Starting Sheets for all the above events. We are encouraging members to check their tee off times on the new KZN website. Don't forget the website is accessed by entering www.kznseiors.com into your computer search engine (Google) and select the first option which is "Senior Golfers' Society KZN - Home". This will open the website. It is our intention to start phasing out e-mailing the Alphabetical Lists and Starting Sheets for all our games. For the time being we will however continue to e-mail you Alphabetical Lists and Starting Sheets.

NEWS ITEMS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Contributions on the Charity Day at Durban Country Club realised just over R39 000. This amount is by some margin the best we have ever generated and I greatly appreciate your generosity. We support three hospices viz. the Highway Hospice in Durban, the Msunduzi Hospice in Pietermaritzburg and the Khanya Hospice in Port Shepstone. Each has been invited to send a representative to our prize giving after the President's Putter fixture, during which cheques will be presented to each of them. My thanks go also to Robbie Wright for compiling and donating the liquor hamper.

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The UK Seniors have been invited by SGUSA to undertake a tour of South Africa in 2015. We have appointed a sub-committee to coordinate arrangements for their anticipated visit to KZN. We've rolled out the red carpet during previous visits by our United Kingdom fellow Societies and we'll do so again in 2015. You will be kept advised of developments and assistance if needed, as they occur.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to the Presidents' Putter at Royal Durban on Monday 10th February.

High Tea and Comedy Review on 7th May 2014



High Tea, High Comedy It's Bobbertlicious

Forget the chores - come and laugh yourself silly with the Queen of Comedy - Lisa Bobbert

Meet Charmaine the perpetually disappointed botoxed Sandton Kugal, Delphine the car guard with anger management issues and even Tina Turner who hasn't attended her weekly AA meeting and has fallen off the wagon. These are just some of Bobbert's larger-than-life lasses who feature in this not-to-be-missed comedy review.

When? Wednesday 7th May 9.30 for 10 am
Where? Durban Country Club
Cost? R250 pp includes High Tea

To book contact Sheila
E-mail: Sheila@Latoscana4.co.za
Cell: 0824914652

All members' wives and friends are encouraged to attend this special occasion.

Organised by the SGUSA 2014 National Tournament Ladies Entertainment Committee.

Should the entrance fees supersede the cost of this comedy review, the surplus will be donated to charity.

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2014 Zimbabwe Senior Nationals

There is an open invitation for members of the South African Societies to attend the 2014 Zimbabwe Senior Nationals to be held over the weekend of Saturday 31st May to Monday 2nd June at Borrowdale Brooke Golf Course.

Our Zimbabwean colleagues have assured us that on-site accommodation can be arranged for those who may be concerned about travelling at night or on poor roads etc.

Chris Nourse and his team will be sending out more details at a later date. This notification is for planning purposes only.

World Senior Golf Championships in the USA

We have received an invitation to the World Senior Golf Championships in the USA.

DATES: 22nd to the 30th of August 2014

VENUE: Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa - golf on Twin Warriors Golf Course

DEADLINE DATE: Tuesday the 25th of March 2014.

Attached is the Entry Form for this Tournament. Please note that entries close on Tuesday 25 March 2014. The Entry Form is also on our website.

2014 Fixture List

A reminder that the Schedule of our 2014 Fixtures is now on our new website under the heading "Fixtures".

Subscriptions For 2014

Invoices detailing Subscriptions for 2014 were e-mailed to those members who are on e-mail and posted to those members who do not have e-mail during the first week of January 2014. Payment of your 2014 Subscriptions is due on receipt of your invoice and must be received by the Secretariat by the end of January 2014. Your co-operation in this regard will be most appreciated. Payment on time will avoid us having to remind members that their subscription is overdue. We are sure that you will appreciate that this is time consuming and embarrassing.

Electronic Fund Transfers

We would like to remind members who make payment to the Society using the Electronic Funds Transfer method, to please ensure that they use their SURNAME AND INITIALS AS A REFERENCE. This will alleviate the problems we have had in the past when attempting to allocate certain payments. This is especially relevant at this time of the year when payments of subscriptions are being made. Your assistance in this regard will be most appreciated.

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Change of Members' Contact Details

A reminder to all members to please notify the Secretariat if any contact details change during the year, ie home telephone number, cell number, e-mail address, etc.

PARTING SHOTS

She's Singing our Song

She's singing our song...you have got to hear this. Have a great laugh.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/HzSaoN2LdfU?fs=<http://www.youtube.com/embed/HzSaoN2LdfU?fs=1> 1>

The New Laws of Golf

LAW 1:

No matter how bad your last shot was you should have Inner Peace knowing that a shittier one is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2:

Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3:

Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water. Expensive clubs have been known to be partly made with this most unusual natural alloy.

LAW 4:

Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5:

The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 6:

A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a rugby player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and a Tax Inspector -- or some similar combination.

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LAW 7:

All 3-woods are demon-possessed. Your Mother in Law does not come close.

LAW 8:

Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water. See LAW 3.

LAW 9:

The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

LAW 10:

Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 11:

All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until sunset.

LAW 12:

Since bad shots come in groups of three, your fourth consecutive bad shot is really the beginning of the next group of three.

LAW 13:

If it isn't broke, try changing your grip.

LAW 14:

It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 8.

LAW 15:

Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

LAW 16:

Nonchalant putts count the same as chalant putts.

LAW 17:

You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.

LAW 18:

Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make a double or triple bogey to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

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LAW 19:

If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to use it to lay up just short of a water hazard.

LAW 20:

A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.

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