

# 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 Alan Hankinson on 1 May 2015 and Murray Grindrod on 16 May 2015.

### BIRTHDAYS

There were 23 Birthdays in May 2015. There were two in the eighties and three in the nineties.

#### Birthdays in the Eighties:

David Machen turned 81 on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1934.

Terry Field turned 84 on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1931.

#### Birthdays in the Nineties:

Bruce Lobban turned 91 on May 12<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1924. Well done Bruce.

Andre Maitre turned 93 on May 19<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1922. Well done Andre.

Hugh Hein turned 91 on May 29<sup>th</sup>. He was born in 1924. Well done Hugh.

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

## NEW MEMBERS

We have great pleasure in welcoming a Transferee Member to our ranks. We wish him many happy years of golf with the KZN Seniors.

Name	Home Number	Cell Number
Hugh McGibbon	031 764-3828	082 802 8516

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The following Membership Proposal Form has been received:

**Candidate**

Martin Holmes

**Proposer**

Dalton Bibby

**Secunder**

Roy Carrick

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Tuesday 5 May 2015 - Better Ball Stableford - Inland versus Coastal - the Lal Greene Trophy at Gowrie Farm

A bright sunny day, a temperature in the mid-twenties and a light breeze describes the conditions for our annual fixture at Gowrie Farm.

It was exactly 2 years ago that *American Golf Digest* published its golf course rankings. Gowrie Farm was listed as the fourth best short course in the world outside the USA. The course remains in excellent condition.

The Lal Greene Trophy is a 4 ball better ball event and is always played at the Gowrie Farm course. Two teams competing comprise of members of the KZN Senior Golfers' Society and depending on where they live, the teams are divided into either Coastal or Inland. The highest number of points scored (aggregate) determines the winning team. There was also the normal better ball competition.

Obviously with immaculate fairways, we played the game as it should be played; playing the ball as it lies.

We played from one set of tee markers which were generously placed forward although this didn't seem to have an impact on the scores with only 45 points as the winning total.

At prize-giving, Captain Bob Rickards gratefully accepted the Lal Greene Trophy on behalf of the victorious Coastal team.

As always at this venue, we had a most enjoyable day.

### Lal Greene Team Result:

Coastal	488 Points
Inland	478 Points

### Results of the day were:

1<sup>st</sup> Kiruban Naidoo and Tony Hesp 45 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Frans Kemper and John Allan (By 753 Days) (47 331 Days Old) 44 Points

### On a Count Out From:

3<sup>rd</sup> David Suddards and Peter Ledger (46 578 Days Old) 44 Points

4<sup>th</sup> Mike Weeden and Waller Butcher (By 723 Days) (54 240 Days Old) 43 Points

### On a Count Out From:

5<sup>th</sup> Blaize McIntosh and John Terry-Lloyd (53 517 Days Old) 43 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

John Hewlett and Peter Walker (52 832 Days Old)	43 Points
Ray Ramandh and Roger Mentzel (46 744 Days Old)	43 Points

**Tuesday 26 May 2015 - 4 Ball Alliance Stableford, 2 scores to count - Mount Edgecombe Country Club No.1**

What a pleasure it is to play golf at this time of the year, in perfect conditions, on a wonderful golf course and with (old) friends. It's a pity that some of us don't play as well as we would have liked but that doesn't detract from having a lovely day.

The Mount Edgecombe course was in excellent condition where placing the ball on the fairways wasn't really necessary.

It turned out to be a special day for one of our members. Congratulations goes to Duncan Poynton who holed his tee shot at the short 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. This was Duncan's 5<sup>th</sup> Ace!

Over heard in the bar:

The oldest player in the field was Terence Rocky. After the round, he was jokingly asked, "Well Terence, did you shoot your age today?" Quick as a flash, he replied, "Gracious no, I'm not a hundred yet!"

**Results of the day were:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Arrol Paterson, Ray Ramandh, Mike Mun-Gavin and Dan Sterling	95 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Les Orchard, Mike Seligmann, Jonathan Hallowses and Andy King	93 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Powell, Trevor Beuthin, Rob Little and Peter Walker	89 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Houston, Kevin McComb, Tony Carnecky and Dennis Logan	88 Points

**On a Count Out From:**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Rickards, Hugh McGibbon, Bruce Dunlop and Dennis Drysdale	88 Points
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**FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

**Tuesday 9 June 2015 - Better Ball Bonus Bogey at Royal Durban Golf Club**

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

Kindly sponsored by: Ian Fleming and Allan van der Veen and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Tues June 2nd 2015.

**Thursday 25 June 2015 and Friday 26 June 2015 - Alliance Stableford/Better Ball Stableford at Southbroom Country Club**

Entry Forms sent out with April Newsletter and on the website under "Fixtures". Tee off times are 10h30 on the Thursday and 08h01 on the Friday.

The Southbroom fixture will take the form of an Alliance Stableford (two scores to count) on Thursday afternoon 25 June and a Better Ball Stableford on Friday morning 26 June. Members can travel down to Southbroom on the Thursday morning; play golf that afternoon, followed by a braai at the Club in the evening.

We will then stay the night in Southbroom and tee up on Friday morning for the Better Ball. This will be followed by prize giving, returning home in the afternoon. Members are asked to arrange their own accommodation for their overnight stay.

It goes without saying that wives/partners are welcome and should any of the ladies wish to play golf on either of the two days or both days, will you please enter either via the website or on the attached Entry Forms.

This event is sponsored by Ant Hacker, Tim Hooper, Peter Ledger, Andre Schoeman, Tim Hitchins and the five sponsors detailed below.

Entries close on Friday 12 June 2015.

**Tuesday 14 July 2015 - Better Ball Bonus Stableford Simbithi Golf Estate**

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

Kindly sponsored By: Mike Kieser and James Dixon and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 3 July 2015.

**Tuesday 28 July 2015 - Pinehurst Stableford Waiting List Game at Royal Durban Golf Club**

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

Kindly sponsored by: Brian Attwood-Smith, David Attwood-Smith and Noel Attwood-Smith and our five regular sponsors listed below.

Entries close on Friday 17 July 2015.

There will be a Starting Sheets 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

#### Dates to remember in 2015

- June 18-21. **US Open** - Chambers Bay - Pacific North West, Washington State, for the first time in its history.  
With 9 hours time difference, it's going to be very late TV viewing this year.
- July 16-19. **The Open Championship** - St Andrews - this is the 144<sup>th</sup> Open Championship and the 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews Links.
- August 10-16. **US PGA** - Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wisconsin.
- October 8-11 **Presidents Cup** - Songdo IBD, Incheon City, South Korea.

#### 2015 Fixture List & Members Register Booklet

The 2015 Fixture List & Members Register Booklet is available from the Seniors Office at Royal Durban Golf Club. Should you want a booklet, please arrange to collect one. Please phone the office to ensure that the office is open.

#### 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.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

#### At the barber's shop

Ed Miliband and David Cameron somehow ended up at the same barber's shop. As they sat there; each being worked on by a different barber, not a word was spoken. The barbers were both afraid to start a conversation, for fear it would turn to politics.

As the barbers finished their shaves, the one who had Miliband in his chair reached for the aftershave, Miliband was quick to stop him jokingly saying, "No thanks, my wife will smell that and think I've been in a brothel!"

The second barber turned to Cameron and said, "How about you Mr Cameron?"

Cameron replied, "Go ahead, my wife doesn't know what the inside of a brother smells like".

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### **Advice to golfers**

The Montana State Department of Fish and Wildlife is advising golfers to take extra precautions and be on the alert for bears while playing the National Forests golf courses.

They advise golfers to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on their clothing to alert, but not startle the bears unexpectedly. They also advise you to carry pepper spray in case of an encounter with a bear. It's also advisable to always be on the lookout for bear activity. Golfers should be able to recognise the difference between black bear and grizzly bear droppings on the golf course.

Black bear droppings are smaller and contain berries and possibly squirrel fur. Grizzly bear droppings have little bells in them and smell like pepper spray.

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### **Getting Old**

Wow have I got old

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, a new knee, fought prostate cancer and diabetes.

I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine.

I take 20 different medications that make me dizzy, full of wind and subject to blackouts.

Have bouts of dementia.

I have poor circulation, can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.

Can't always remember how old I am.

I've lost most of my friends..... but thank God, I've still got my driver's licence.

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### **Nile Computer virus**

I thought you would want to know about this e-mail virus. Even the most advanced programmes from Norton or McAfee cannot fix this one.

It appears to affect those who were born prior to 1965...

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice. *Yes I've done that!*
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail! *That too*
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person. *Yep!*
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you. *Oh dear!*
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment. *Not again!*
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished. *Dammit!*
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND". *And I just hate that!*
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should "DELETE". *I hate computers*

It's called the "C-NIL" VIRUS.

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### PARTING SHOT

Three senior golfers, Sam, Harry and Fred were sitting in the Clubhouse together after their weekly game of golf. These are some of the things they were overheard saying to each other:

Sam said, "Did you hear about the German vampire who became a poet? He went from bat to verse.

Harry said, "A policeman came up to me yesterday and said, "Where were you between five and seven?" I said, "Primary school."

Fred said, "I lost the pub quiz last night by 1 point.

The last question was: Where do most women have curly hair?

Apparently the correct answer is Africa".

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