

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL



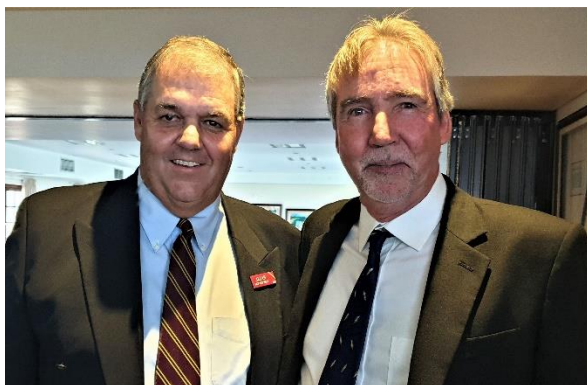
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Mike Jones of Kloof CC as an Active member in our Society. He was inducted at the Charity day prize giving.



**Mike Jones being welcomed by
Allan van der Veen into our Society**

Rob Cloete (Mt Edgecombe CC) and Keith Hales (Umhlali CC) played their second game with us as Provisional Members at the Charity Day Fixture.

Should you have any comments regarding proposed membership of Provisional Members please discuss this with a committee member. If you would like to propose a suitable candidate, please contact the Secretariat.

COMPETITION RESULTS

DCC – BEACHWOOD COURSE (WAS ORIGINALLY ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB) 19 NOV 2019 BETTERBALL STABLEFORD

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize:	Richard Erasmus
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:	Geoff Henebrey
Attendance Draw:	Allan vd Veen
Number of 2's:	4
Nearest The Pin:	Hole 2nd Gavin Bissict
	Hole 18th Les Orchard

1st	Bob Martin & Lynton Beckett	45 Pts
2nd	Tony Rocke & Doug Aitken by 2017 days	42 Pts
3rd	Graham Burnett & Bob Voogt by 3566 days from Geoff Henebrey & Keith Hales	42 Pts

The fixture was scheduled for Royal Durban Golf Course but wet conditions necessitated a switch. Fortunately and with good co-operation from all concerned we managed to arrange the Beachwood course by Monday midday – with times only 26 minutes later than the published timesheet. Amazingly all players, except one lost soul who went to DCC first, got the message and nobody arrived at Royal.

One weather forecast said there would be “a fair breeze blowing” and with gusts of over 40km/hr conditions were tough for the inland players! Fortunately the rain held off and all finished dry. The course was in great condition with the greens a little slow but true.

Even though the catering staff only found out on the Tuesday morning that they had to cater for a good field of 83 players, we were looked after very well. The atmosphere in the pub at prize giving was excellent. This may well be the last Seniors’ game at Beachwood which will be a pity as it is a fine challenging course.



<p>Bob Martin & Lynton Beckett Better Ball Winners 19 Nov 2019</p>

DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB -- CHARITY DAY
6 DECEMBER 2019
ALLIANCE STABLEFORD

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| Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: | Michael Moore |
| Whynotte Service Station Attendance: | Brian Stokoe |
| Attendance Draw: | David Cousins |
| Number of 2's: | 11 |
| Nearest The Pin: | |
| Hole 2nd | Simon Chetwynd-Palmer |
| Hole 4th | Barry Beningfield |
| Hole 12th | Alistair Forbes |
| Hole 15th | Mike Mun-Gavin |

1st	Brian Stokoe, Neill Edwards, Paul Botha, John McKinnon	95 Pts
2nd	David Hardy, Peter Almond, Roy Armour, Rob Becker	90 Pts
3rd	Frans Kemper, Alistair Forbes, Les Orchard, Bob Rickards Oco 2917 days	89 Pts
4th	Alan Strang, Dave Rossler Pregi Moodley, Bob Daya	89 Pts

Our Charity day is one of the most popular events of the Seniors' calendar at Durban Country Club. A good field of 76 golfers were present and we were blessed with good golfing conditions.

There was a true Christmas spirit and we must thank and congratulate Julian and his team from DCC for the great condition of the course and hosting us. Once again the generosity of all our members was most appreciated and we managed to raise over R27,000.00 for charity. If you would still like to contribute, contact Meg.

The committee would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in the day. We would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a blessed and festive Christmas. If you going away please travel safe and love to all your families.

All our competitions are kindly sponsored by:

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SOCIETY NEWS

- **Current Membership**

We have 151 Active Members (our Quota is 175), 16 Inactive Members, and 48 Associate Members making a total of 215 Members.

Stats for this year:

Deceased	3
Resigned	8
New Members	6
Provisional	4

There are a few more possible members being approached, so given the economic climate, our membership looks stable.

- **Subscriptions and Competition fees for 2020**

As the club will end the year with a healthy surplus, and sponsorships have been secured for 2020, Subscriptions and Competition fees will be kept unchanged next year. You will receive an invoice for these in the next month.

- **Floppy Hats**

With the assistance of Judy van der Veen we have sourced a local manufacturer who is prepared to make these for us at our low volumes. An order has been placed and we should receive them early in the New Year.

- **Harrismith Triangular feedback**

Unfortunately it appears as if our team may have enjoyed the social aspect a bit too much and we lost – Gauteng took the Trophy.

- **Sponsorships**

In December we gave R10,000 each to the three Hospice Charity Organisations we support based on our Charity day proceeds.

- **Donations**

We received R10,000 from SGUSA for the development of Golf in KZN on the provision that we contributed an equal amount. This will be dispersed to Junior Golf and the Caddie Foundation.

- **Nationals 19-23 April 2020 in East London**

We had 56 entries which was excellent. Our allocation was 46 and those who made the acceptance / reserve list based on the new criteria published in our August newsletter have been notified.

If we have the usual number of withdrawals we will probably be calling for more participants, so let the secretariat know if you may be interested in playing the wonderful East London course.

Pinehurst Partners and Travel groups need to be entered by 22 March 2020.

Mixed Golf is on Sunday the 19th April followed by the opening Cocktail function

The Alliance is on Monday 20th April

The Pinehurst is on Tuesday 21st April

The Championship is on Wed/Thur 22/23 April

The Gala Dinner is on Thursday 23 April

- **Future Nationals Venues**

North Gauteng will host Nationals in 2021 for the first time, and KZN will host in 2022.

During 2020 we will constitute a committee to start organising this major event.

- **Your Committee**

Steve Rees was recently co-opted onto the committee. He will be a welcome voice for the inland members.

- **2020 Fixtures -- please enter via the web: <https://www.kznseniors.com/>**

In order to encourage more participation at fixtures we are trying a few different things in 2020:

- two more choose your partner games were added
- an earlier January fixture was added
- the charity game has been moved from a Friday to the Tuesday

The full list for 2020 is:

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FIXTURE LIST 2020				
Venue	Day	Date	Month	Playing Format
Mount Edgecombe Country Club **	Tuesday	14	Jan	Better Ball Stableford
Kloof Country Club	Tuesday	28	Jan	Better Ball Stableford
Selborne Golf Estate	Tuesday	18	Feb	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban Golf Club	Tuesday	3	Mar	Society Championships
Maritzburg Golf Club (Bill Edmonds Trophy) **	Tuesday	24	Mar	Better Ball Stableford
SGUSA Nationals in EL *	19-23 Apr			National Championships
Durban Country Club **	Tuesday	12	May	Alliance Stableford
Victoria Country Club	Tuesday	26	May	Better Ball Stableford
Zimbali	Tuesday	9	Jun	Better Ball Stableford
Gowrie Farm - Inland vs Coastal	Monday	22	Jun	Better Ball Stableford
Bosch Hoek GC	Tuesday	23	Jun	Better Ball Stableford
Southbroom Country Club	Thursday	16	Jul	Alliance Stableford
	Friday	17	Jul	Better Ball Stableford
Mount Edgecombe Country Club.	Tuesday	28	Jul	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban (President's Putter Trophy) **	Tuesday	11	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Umhlali Country Club	Tuesday	25	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club (Pinehurst Foursomes Trophy) **	Tuesday	15	Sep	Pinehurst Stableford
Umdoni	Tuesday	29	Sep	Alliance Stableford
Kloof Country Club **	Tuesday	20	Oct	Better Ball Stableford
Annual Triangular Match (OFS/KZN/GAU)	Sat/Sun	31&1	Oct/Nov	Matches
Royal Durban Golf Club	Tuesday	10	Nov	Better Ball Stableford
Bosch Hoek GC - match vs Midlands Sages	Tuesday	24	Nov	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club (Charity Day) **	Tuesday	8	Dec	Charity Day Alliance
* Nationals will not be counted towards the member's annual playing commitment				
** You may choose your own partner or 4 ball				

- **More changes to handicap rules for 2020**

With regard to the changes coming in 2020, we have decided NOT to implement the Playing Handicap initially as it is only a recommendation.

Effectively you won't therefore have to change anything you do, but the explanation of the changes below may help you to understand how your handicap is changing at times.

1. The introduction of the Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC):

Course Ratings are based on normal playing conditions, yet the difficulty of a golf course can vary substantially from day to day, due to course conditions, weather conditions and course set-

up. The playing conditions calculation (PCC) determines whether playing conditions, or course set up, on the day, are easier or more difficult than normal – and whether an adjustment to the Course Rating is needed to compensate. The PCC adjustment to the Course Rating can be -1, 0, 1, 2 or 3. The PCC will be calculated overnight on the HNA system and will automatically adjust your handicap differential for the round played, and reflect on your scoring records.

It is important that players enter their scores on the system immediately after playing, so that as many scores as possible are taken into consideration by the PCC calculation, which will improve its accuracy.

2. Low Handicap Index and a cap on the movement of an Index over a 12-month

period The Low Handicap Index represents the demonstrated ability of a player over the preceding 365-day period and provides a reference point against which the current Handicap Index can be compared.

Limits on Upward Movement of a Handicap Index Limits (or caps) on upward movement of a Handicap Index ensure that a player's HI does not increase too quickly. To ensure this, there are two triggers within the cap procedure:

(i) **The soft cap.** This is triggered when the difference between a player's newly calculated Handicap Index and their Low Handicap Index is greater than 3.0 strokes. When a calculated Handicap Index increase is greater than 3.0 strokes, the value above 3.0 strokes is restricted to 50%

(ii) **The hard cap.** The hard cap triggers to restrict the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can increase, after application of the soft cap, to no more than 5.0 strokes above their Low Handicap Index.

There is no limit on the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can decrease.

3. Playing Handicap Calculation The Technical Committee of the World Handicap System has analysed millions of scoring records and it has arrived at a recommended set of allowances that may be applied to competitors' Course Handicaps by competition organisers and clubs. The application of a Handicap Allowance is intended to give all participants a fair chance of winning. These are only recommendations, and it is up to each competition organiser to decide whether to implement the recommended allowance or any other allowance. It is important to note that the Playing Handicap is only used in determining competition scores and golfers must always use their Course Handicap when entering Adjusted Gross or Hole-by-Hole scores into the system.

The Playing Handicap is calculated as follows: *Playing Handicap = Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance*-- The calculated Playing Handicap is rounded to the nearest whole number, with .5 rounded upwards. Below is a table of recommended allowances. Note: some of these competition formats, where players don't play their own ball for the whole round, like Foursomes, Greensomes Pinehurst/Chapman and Scramble, are not valid handicap scores, and are not acceptable for handicap score entry purposes.

Format of Play	Type of Round	Recommended <i>Handicap Allowance</i>
Stroke play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Four-Ball	85%
	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
Match play	Individual	100%
	Four-Ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%	
Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%	
4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%	

The Committee and Secretariat wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2019



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