

# SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Obituary

Sadly, Bobby Moore, who was an Associate Member, passed away on 22 October after several years of health issues.

### New Member

We welcome the Mike Mead of Umhlali Country Club as an Active Member at Prize Giving on 14 November 2023.



**Mike Mead being welcomed into our Society by Frans Kemper**

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## COMPETITION RESULTS

### ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB – Pinehurst Stableford

### THE PINEHURST FOURSOMES TROPHY

**12 September 2023**

Whynotte Service Station: Macco Addison  
John Gatherer Book: Dave Rossler  
Errol Taylor Belgium Chocolates John MacKinnon  
Number of 2's: 4  
Nearest The Pin: 6<sup>th</sup> Greg Hughes  
14<sup>th</sup> Brice Pringle

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Thomas / Richard Pemberton	44 Pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paddy Goss / Bruce Dunlop	44 Pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Daya / Pregi Moodley Oco from Craig Massey / Daryl Francois	43 Pts

A cold and blustery day welcomed 60 Senior Golfers to Royal Durban for the Annual Pinehurst Greensomes Trophy fixture.

The course was presented in a fair condition for this time of the year despite the lack of the expected spring rains. Firm fairways and excellent greens made for good scoring on the day with Bob Thomas and Richard Pemberton winning on a good score of 44 points.

Notwithstanding the popular bar at Royal undergoing renovations, the temporary bar facility on the enclosed veranda did not hamper the camaraderie of the members as they enjoyed refreshments and the prize giving after the game.

All in all a good day was had by all.



**Winners Richard Pemberton & Bob Thomas**

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### **MOUNT EDGECOMBE COUNTRY CLUB -- Betterball Stableford 3 October 2023**

Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Mike Jones  
John Gatherer Book Attendance: Rob Cloete  
Number of 2's 3  
Nearest The Pin: Hole 3 Daryl Francois  
Hole 15 Les Orchard

1 <sup>st</sup>	Trevor Beuthin & Roy Agar	44 Pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Rossler & Doug Aitken	42 Pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hugh McGibbon & Brian Stokoe CO Murray Leyden & Peter Almond Tony Graham & Les Orchard	41 Pts

Sixty players were fortunate to be able to play The Woods revamped course on a Tuesday. It had only been open a week after months of rebuilding, and there were

several changes to some holes. However, the character is the same and it is undoubtedly the best condition course we play on currently.

Perhaps it was the stiff breeze, or some of the pin placing which led to rather poor scores. Only 6 teams recorded forty or more, and the average score was in the low thirties.

We could only start at 11:16, and with a very well attended prize giving with snacks provided by one of our members who had a birthday, most left as the sun was setting.



**Winners Trevor Beuthin & Roy Agar**

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## **INTERPROVINCIAL AT HARRISMITH**

**KZN – Gauteng – OFS**

**20-22 October 2023**

A good weekend was had in Harrismith by the twelve-member team, which included watching the Rugby Semi-final.

KZN managed to retain the trophy with the results as follows:

KZN	42
Freestate	39
Gauteng	27

**Frank Agg receiving the  
Trophy on behalf of KZN**







**Some of the Harrismith Team**

**KLOOF COUNTRY CLUB -- Alliance Stableford  
24 October 2023**

Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Bob Rickards  
 Attendance Draw: Darrol Crouch  
 Number of 2's: 3  
 Nearest The Pin: 2nd Bruce Dunlop  
                           18th Gavin Brown

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greg Stott, Rob Cloete, Jens Frolich, Harry Voorma	83 Pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Rickards, Mike Mead, Craig Massey, Simon Chetwynd-Palmer (Counted out by 6046 days)	83 Pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank Agg, Les Orchard, Frans Kemper, Mike Jones	81 Pts

A blustery wind greeted the disappointingly small field of 46 players at Kloof Country club. A memorial service on the same day, and illness resulted in many late withdrawals.

The wind stayed all day and together with some challenging pin positions, resulted in a low average score of 76, even though the tee placements were very generous.

The course had undergone extensive spring treatment 4 weeks prior to the game and the greens had a light dusting but were true and speeding up.

Mike Mead was introduced at Prize giving as it was his first game as a provisional player – he was also in the prizes. The atmosphere in the pub was great and the tough conditions on the course were soon a faint memory.



**Winners Rob Cloete and Bob Scott**

**KLOOF COUNTRY CLUB -- Betterball Stableford  
14 November 2023**

Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Hugh McGibbon  
John Gatherer Book Attendance: Mike Graham

Number of 2's 3  
Nearest The Pin: 2 Mike Jones  
18 Jeff Leaver

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Graham & Charles Reid	43 Pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andre de Valence & Bob Daya	42 Pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Stokoe & Alastair Forbes	40 Pts

It was drizzling and on the chilly side when the early arrivals got to Kloof, but exactly as the weather forecast had predicted, it turned out to be perfect golf weather soon after we tee'd off.

The fixture was moved to Kloof a week before after the low entry for Cotswold Downs indicated clearly that our members are not partial to playing there. We got more entries for Kloof but with numerous late withdrawals only 37 players enjoyed a faster than usual round on a course that is really looking good. The greens were slick and excellent.

At prize giving we welcomed Mike Mead, from Umhlali, into our Society. The banter in the pub was unusually boisterous and enjoyed by all.



**Winner Tonay Graham (Charles Reid apologised)**

**ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB – Alliance Stableford  
CHARITY DAY  
28 November 2023**

Hamper won by	Bob Thomas
Pezulu week won by	Mike Mun-Gavin
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:	Lynton Beckett
Attendance Draw:	Richard Pemberton
Number of 2's:	6
Nearest The Pin:	Lynton Beckett
Hole 2	Brian Stokoe
Hole 6	Bruce Dunlop
Hole 12	Darrol Crouch
Hole 14	

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Macco Addison, Malcolm Hughes, Simon Chetwynd-Palmer, Bob Thomas	88 pts
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Richard Barker, Tony Graham, Charles Reid, Mike Graham	87 Pts
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Brian Attwood-Smith, David Attwood-Smith, Mike Mun-Gavin, Keith Hales Counted out: Frans Kemper, Alastair Forbes, Les Orchard, Bob Rickards Frank Agg, Lynton Beckett, Dave Rossler, Mike Bradfield	85 Pts

Royal Durban Golf Club was host to the Society's annual Charity Day on Tuesday 28th November on a humid summers day which was accompanied by a strong north easterly breeze. Evidence of the breeze was the fact that the nearest to the pin in the 14<sup>th</sup> was over 20m from the pin and was the only ball to land on the green in the whole field!



The encouraging turnout of 70 Society members made for a pleasant day on a course that, despite the evidence of damage caused by the recent heavy rains, was presented in fine condition.

With the renovations to Royal's Club house nearing completion prize giving was able to be held in the pub again, where despite a hiccup with the p.a.system, members enjoyed refreshments, with snacks supplied by our Society.

The raffle raised R35,500 which will go to the three Hospices we support.

The Hamper, donated by some of the Divot Members, was won by Bob Thomas, and the week at Pezulu, donated by Mahin Karson, was won by Mike Mun-Gavin.



**Members relaxing in the Royal Durban GC pub – most in Society shirts**



**Winners Malcolm Hughes, Simon Chetwynd-Palmer & Bob Thomas  
(Macco Addison apologised)**



**Bob Thomas winning the Hamper**



**Mahin Karson congratulating Mike Mun-Gavin on winning the Pezulu week**

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## **Fixture List for 2024**

There are a few changes in venues.

We return to Durban Country Club who have agreed to host us at two fixtures in addition to the four-day Nationals in May.

In the distant past we used to play Amanzimtoti, and we have included them this year.

We did consider Umkomaas and Princes Grant, but we felt the travel distance would not attract enough members for a fixture.

See list on the next page:



**SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KZN  
FIXTURE LIST 2024**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Playing Format</b>
Royal Durban Golf Club **	Tuesday	16	Jan	Alliance Stableford
Victoria Country Club	Tuesday	30	Jan	Better Ball Stableford
Kloof Country Club **	Tuesday	20	Feb	Alliance Stableford
Royal Durban (Society Champs)	Tue am	12	Mar	Society Championships
Durban Country Club	Tuesday	9	Apr	Better Ball Stableford
Nationals in Durban	Mon-Thur	6-9	May	National Champs
Maritzburg Golf Club (Bill Edmonds Trophy) **	Tuesday	21	May	Better Ball Stableford
Selborne	Thursday	13	Jun	Alliance Stableford
Umdoni	Fri am	14	Jun	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban (President's Putter Trophy) **	Tuesday	25	Jun	Better Ball Stableford
Umdlali	Monday	15	Jul	Better Ball Stableford
Gowrie Farm - Inland vs Coastal	Monday	12	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Bosch Hoek GC (SAGES)	Tuesday	13	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club **	Tuesday	27	Aug	Alliance Stableford
Royal Durban Golf Club (Pinehurst Foursomes Trophy) **	Tuesday	10	Sep	Pinehurst Stableford
Kloof Country Club	Tuesday	8	Oct	Alliance Stableford
Mount Edgecome Country Club -- The Woods	Monday	21	Oct	Better Ball Stableford
Annual Triangular Match (OFS/KZN/GAU)	Sat/Sun	2-3	Nov	Matches
Amamzimtoti Golf Club	Tuesday	12	Nov	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban Golf Club (Charity Day) **	Tuesday	26	Nov	Charity Day Alliance
* Nationals will not be counted towards the member's annual playing commitment				
** You may choose your own partner or 4 ball				

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## NEWS ITEMS

- **Membership Subscriptions for 2023**

The Society's finances are in a very healthy state, so subscriptions will remain unchanged for 2024.

Invoices will be emailed in January.

- **Nationals in KZN – 5-9 May 2023**

The KZN Nationals will be held in KZN in 2024. Our Local Nationals Committee with the leadership of Frank Agg has been hard at work over the past six months, and plans are going well.

We have secured Royal Durban Golf Club and Durban Country Club as the two courses. The venue for the functions has been arranged as has a lady's program. We will be communicating lots more on this early in the new year and will be calling for volunteers to assist during the event.

Entries will be open from 2nd to 31st January 2024. Active members will be getting emails from SGUSA with details, and we will have a KZN entry form for those who do not enter directly on the SGUSA web site.

We are looking for sponsors. This can be in the form of placing an ad in our Nationals brochure (full page R50k, ½ page R25k, ¼ page R12.5k), advertising on a tee or green (R5k) or supplying products.

Members willing to contribute or know of a company who may should contact Frank Agg, Paddy Goss or Hugh McGibbon.

- **Analysis of attendance at fixtures**

The road construction and general reluctance to travel is leading to a disturbing drop in numbers at fixtures. The committee will be focussing on this in the coming year.

Our average attendance at regular fixtures was 53 players with a max of 70 at Charity Day, which was encouraging. The average attendance at back-to-back overnight fixtures was 27 players. Those attending have a wonderful time and we encourage you to join in.

Of our 121 Active Members, 52 members played their full commitment and more, with Bob Rickards and Les Orchard topping the list at 17 fixtures played!

There were 13 Active Members who never attended any fixture. While most of these have valid health reasons, we are not sure why others are not participating.

We have introduced the Society Shirt to be worn at all non-Trophy fixtures. If you have further suggestions for the committee on improving attendance, please let us know.

- **Current Membership**

We have 121 Active Members and 12 Inactive Members.  
We also have 28 Associate Members making a total of 161 Members.

The committee agreed to reduce our Quota of Active Members to 132.

Stats for this year:

New Members	5
Obituaries	3
Transfers out	0
Transfers in	1
Resignations / Terminations from A	5
Resignations / Terminations from I	1
Resignations / Terminations from AM	1
Provisional Members	1

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**Senior Golfers' Society of KZN**

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*The Committee wish you all a Happy Christmas and a  
healthy 2024*

