

# SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Obituaries

Sadly, the following Members passed on:

Paddy Goss – Past President joined Seniors in 2010

Robbie Best – Joined Seniors in 2010

### New Members

We welcomed the following Active Members at recent fixtures:

Lennie Botha of Durban CC

Greg Bishop of Athlone GC

Gordon Rechner of Kloof CC

### New Provisional Members

Brian Harvey of Durban Country Club

Tony Enslin of Mount Edgecombe Country Club

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.

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## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Kloof Country Club – Alliance Stableford 27 August 2024

Whynotte Service Station Attendance:

John Gatherer & Leigh Mann Photography Book:

House of Golf Voucher:

Number of 2's

Nearest The Pin:

2nd

18th

Tony Graham

Richard Barker

David Hardy

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Richard Barker

Dave Rossler

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Thomas, Murray Leyden, Simon Chetwynd-Palmer, Macco Addison	90 Pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hugh McGibbon, Darrol Crouch, Francois Scholtz, Deryck Willans	83 Pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Rickards, Jeff Leaver, Mickey Tramontino, Bob Daya	81 Pts

Fifty-five players enjoyed a very warm afternoon at Kloof Country Club. There was a stiff breeze at times which helped to keep us cool.

The greens were excellent as usual, and the carry very long due to the dry conditions the past three months. The bunkers were an extreme challenge to say the least! KCC are working on improving the condition of the bunkers, but most are still very compacted.

The day flowed very smoothly with Prize giving finished before 5pm. The now enclosed pub veranda resulted in a very relaxed and jovial mood after the game.



**Winners Simon Chetwynd-Palmer, Macco Adison, Murray Leyden & Bob Thomas**

**ROYAL DURBAN GC – Pinehurst Greensomes Stableford  
Pinehurst Trophy  
10 Sep 2024**

Whynotte Service Station:	Murray Leyden
John Gatherer Book:	Graham Burnett
House of Golf R500 Voucher	Rodney Robb
Number of 2's:	3
Nearest The Pin: 6 <sup>th</sup>	- Peter Almond
14 <sup>th</sup>	- Frank Agg

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greg Hughes & Andre de Valence	45 Pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Macco Addison & Simon Chetwynd-Palmer onco	43 Pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daryl Francois & Craig Massey	43 Pts

Fifty-four players tee'd up at Royal Durban Golf Course on 10 September. Pinehurst Greensomes is a lot of fun and enjoyed by all. Scores were competitive with a number of pairings just outside the prizes.

Afterwards we had a good attendance at Prize Giving where Frank Agg welcomed Greg Bishop and Lennie Botha into our Society as Active Members.



**Winners Greg Hughes and Andre de Valence**



**Greg Bishop & Lennie Botha being welcomed into our Society by Frank Agg**

**Kloof CC -- Alliance Stableford  
8 October 2024**

**Whynotte Service Station:**

**John Gatherer & Leigh Mann Photography Book:**

**House of Golf Voucher:**

**Number of 2's**

**Nearest The Pin:                   2nd  
  18th**

**Mike Jones**

**Brian Stokoe**

**Greg Stott**

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**Macco Addison**

**No Finisher**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Hugh McGibbon, Francois Scholtz, Errol Taylor, Jack Bassage</b>	<b>71 Pts</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Mike Jones, Mike Mead, Bob Rickards, Greg Bishop</b>	<b>69 Pts</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Les Orchard, Murray Leyden, Greg Hughes, John Gatherer</b>	<b>67 Pts</b>

Forty-six players arrived for the fixture at a very overcast drizzly day. The captain of the day, Les Orchard, in consultation with the Secretary decided the rain was not bad enough to cancel. Mist delayed the start a bit, and eventually Twenty-eight players set off. Unfortunately, the rain did not stop and a cold wind came up. In the end twenty very wet players finished.

The course was in good condition but obviously the weather affected the scores. The smaller than usual pub crowd enjoyed the usual festive occasion of prize giving, conducted by Vice Captain Les Orchard in the Captains absence. Bob Rickards, as a President handed out the prizes.



**Winners Hugh McGibbon, Errol Taylor, Jack Bassage, & Francois Scholtz**

## **Mount Edgecome Country Club -- The Woods -- Betterball Stableford 21 October 2024**

Unfortunately, the course was closed due to rain and the fixture was cancelled.

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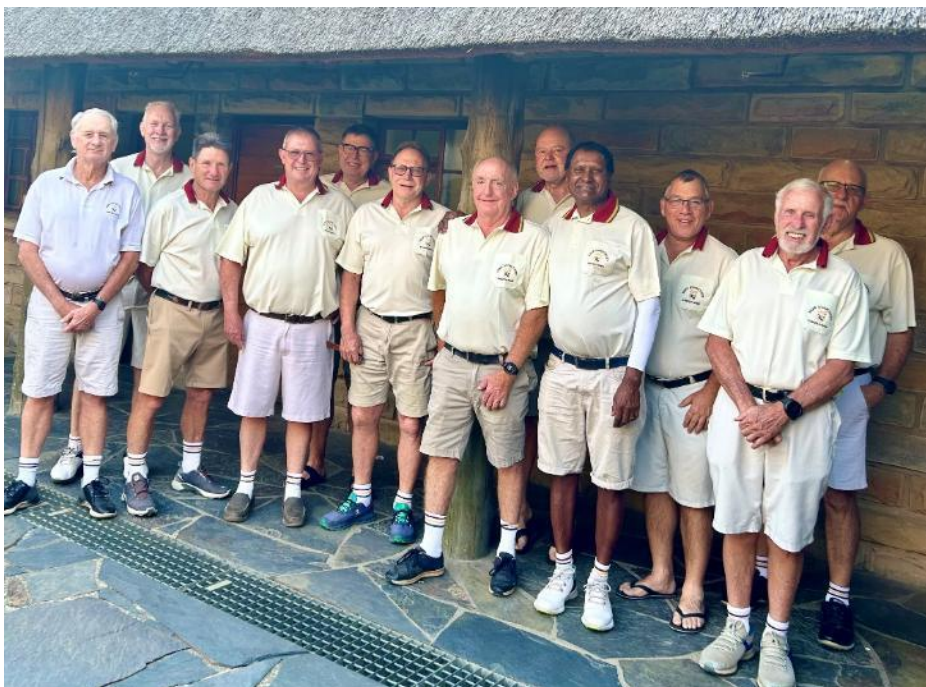
## **Annual Triangular Match (OFS/KZN/GAU) – Matches Harrismith Country Club 1-3 November 2024**

Our 12-man team included 8 enthusiastic players who were new to the event held, once again at the historic Harrismith Country Club, the oldest course in the country. The team enjoyed lunch at The Green Lantern Inn at Van Reenen, followed by a 9-hole warm-up round at the scenic Harrismith Country Club and a very enjoyable evening braai with our fellow seniors from Free State and Gauteng.

The weather on Saturday was sunny and hot and the challenging course was in good condition. Our team enjoyed a successful Pinehurst competition ending the day with a narrow 2-point lead over second placed Gauteng. The formal dinner on Saturday evening was a grand success with all participants enjoying the good camaraderie and fellowship that exists amongst the players from all three teams. Weather conditions on Sunday were equal to Saturday and there was strong competition between players in the Individual Matchplay. Unfortunately, the KZN team struggled to rise to the same heights as they had on the previous day and the Gauteng team excelled in this format, winning convincingly. The players enjoyed an excellent curry and rice lunch before departing home in the early afternoon.

Trophy winners were Gauteng on 47 points, Free State on 31 points and KZN on 30 points.

KZN Seniors were responsible for hosting the event this year and by all accounts the organization proceeded smoothly.



**KZN Team To Annual Triangular vs Gauteng and Free State 2024.**

Mike Norton, Leigh Mann, Greg Bishop, Daryl Francois, Charles Reid, Deryck Willans, Mike Wooldridge, Jeff Leaver, Victor Govender, Andre de Valence, Colin Everson, Mike Graham

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## **Amanzimtoti Golf Club -- Betterball Stableford November 2024**

**Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Lennie Botha**  
**John Gatherer Book Attendance: Colin Everson**

**House of Golf voucher:**

**Hole-in-one:**

**Number of 2's**

**Nearest The Pin: Hole 12<sup>th</sup>  
Hole 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Jeff Leaver**

**Neill Edwards**

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**Tony Rocke**

**Neill Edwards (hole-in-on)**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>James Dixon &amp; Tony Rocke</b>	<b>42 Pts</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Simon Chetwynd-Palmer &amp; John Terry-Lloyd</b>	<b>41 Pts</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Bob Thomas &amp; Gavin Brown onco Leigh Mann &amp; Mike Bradfield Bob Rickards &amp; Richard Barker</b>	<b>39 Pts</b>

36 of the society's members tee'd it up on an overcast looking day at Toti Golf Club, fortunately the rain stayed away and ultimately a great day was had by all.

Quite a few members had not played at the course for some time and were in for a few surprises, in that the revamped course has had a few changes. There is only one bridge on the course which traverses the Umbogintwini River, and as a result 14 holes are played prior to stopping at the "half-way". There are now 5 par threes including a new look par three 15th. As a result of the course now being set up this way, we could only have a one tee start.

Overall, the scoring was relatively low, with the winning score being 42 points. Well done to James Dixon and Tony Rocke on winning the day.

On of our stalwart members, Neill Edwards, had the perfect fluke on the difficult 17th and the rest of the members enjoyed a celebratory drink with him on the 19th.

We look forward to returning next year and hopefully we will have a bigger turn-out.



**Winners James Dixon & Tony Rocke**



**Neill Edwards Hole-in One Presentation**



**Gordon Rechner was welcomed into our Society at Amanzimtoti**

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**ROYAL DURBAN GC – Alliance Stableford -- Charity Day  
26 November 2024**

**Raffle Winners:**

**Magnum of wine: Jeff Leaver  
Case of Wine: Bruce Pringle  
Hamper 1: Gavin Brown  
Hamper 2: Les Orchard  
Pezulu week: Trevor Beuthin**

**Whynotte Service Station:**

**John Gatherer & Leigh Mann Book;  
House of Golf;  
Belgium Chocolates;  
Number of 2's:**

**Alistair Forbes  
Walter Grindrod  
Bruce Forrest  
Mick Forder  
2**

<b>Nearest The Pin:</b>	<b>Hole 2</b>	<b>Ron Hewat</b>
	<b>Hole 6</b>	<b>Lennie Botha</b>
	<b>Hole 12</b>	<b>Dave Atwood-Smith</b>
	<b>Hole 14</b>	<b>Darrol Crouch</b>

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Hugh McGibbon, Mike Bradfield, Roy Carrick, Mahin Karson</b>	<b>89 Pts</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Greg Hughes, Jeff Leaver, Errol Taylor, Colin Everson</b>	<b>86 Pts</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mike Jones, Frank Agg, Mickey Tramontino, Dave Rossler oco Richard Barker, Mike Graham, Tony Graham, Charles Reid</b>	<b>85 Pts</b>

The Society's Annual Charity Day Alliance competition was held this year at Royal Durban Golf Club on Tuesday 26th November.

A lovely warm clear day with a light south westerly breeze welcomed 64 senior golfers on a course that was presented in fine condition despite recent flooding following heavy rains and spring treatment to the greens.

The course was fairly set up which resulted in some very good scores being recorded on the day.

Thanks must go to the 'Divots' and Kensington Super Spar for their generous donations of 2 wonderful hampers that were raffled on the day, as well as the Mahin Karson for the great week at Pezulu, which, together with other donations received enabled the Society to raise in excess of R 35,000 towards the charities that we support.

Snacks were provided prior to prize giving by the Society and the camaraderie enjoyed by the members in the packed Royal pub was again plainly evident.



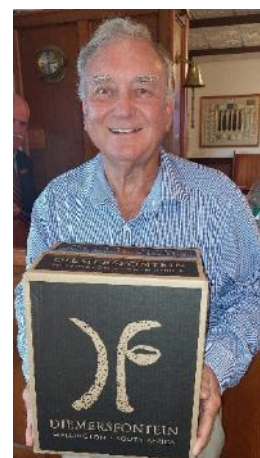
**Winners Mike Bradfield, Roy Carrick, Mahin Carson, Hugh McGibbon**



Jeff Leaver winning the  
magnum wine



Trevor Beuthin winning the Pezulu  
week sponsored by Mahin Karson



Bruce Pringle winner  
of the wine



Les Orchard winner of a hamper



Gavin Brown winner of a hamper

**SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KZN  
FIXTURE LIST 2025**

Venue	Day	Date	Month	Playing Format
Royal Durban Golf Club **	Tuesday	21	Jan	Alliance Stableford
Victoria Country Club	Tuesday	11	Feb	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban (Society Champs)	Tue am	4	Mar	Society Championships
UK Tour (Royal, DCC, MECC)		11-16	Mar	
Kloof Country Club **	Tuesday	25	Mar	Alliance Stableford
Nationals in Bloemfontein	Mon-Thur	31-3	Mar-Apr	National Champs
Mount Edgecome Country Club -- The Woods	Monday	14	Apr	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban (President's Putter Trophy) **	Tuesday	13	May	Better Ball Stableford
Umlhali Country Club	Monday	3	Jun	Better Ball Stableford
Kloof Country Club	Tuesday	24	Jun	Better Ball Stableford
Amanzimtoti Golf Club **	Tuesday	15	Jul	Alliance Stableford
Gowrie Farm - Inland vs Coastal	Monday	11	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Bosch Hoek GC (SAGES)	Tuesday	12	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Simbiti	Tuesday	26	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban Golf Club (Pinehurst Foursomes Trophy) **	Tuesday	9	Sep	Pinehurst Stableford
Mount Edgecome Country Club -- The Lakes	Tuesday	30	Sep	Better Ball Stableford
Kloof Country Club **	Tuesday	21	Oct	Alliance Stableford
Annual Triangular Match (OFS/KZN/GAU)	Sat/Sun	1-2	Nov	Matches
Maritzburg Golf Club (Bill Edmonds Trophy) **	Tuesday	11	Nov	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban Golf Club (Charity Day) **	Tuesday	25	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**

**1. Playing shirt design**

Your committee is busy investigation alternative designs / colour for our playing shirts. If you have any ideas regarding this, please pass them onto a committee member.



## 2. KZN Development Funds

Senior Golfers Society provided sponsorship of R15,000 this year (half from SGUSA) to each of the following:

- KZN Junior Golf to be used for Junior Golf Competitions run by KZN Golf Union.
- The KZN Caddie Foundation to be used for KZN Caddie Competitions. Competitions will be held at Kloof for KZN Caddies every two months on a Monday – organised by Kloof CC.

## 3. Charity Donations for 2024

We raised over R35,000 with our Charity Day Raffle, and with top-up from our Society funds we donated R15,000 each to the following:

- Highway Hospice (Durban)
- Khanya Hospice (South Coast)
- Msunduzi Hospice (Pietermaritzburg)

## 4. Subscription for 2025

The Society's finances are in a very healthy state, so subscriptions and competition fees will remain unchanged for 2025. Invoices will be emailed in January.

### • Current Membership

We have 110 Active Members and 13 Inactive Members.

We also have 25 Associate Members making a total of 148 Members.

Our Quota of Active Members to 132.

Stats for this year:

New Members	4
Obituaries	5
Resignations / Terminations from Active	3
Resignations / Terminations from Inactive	1
Resignations / Terminations from Associate	2
Provisional Members	2

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**Senior Golfers' Society of KZN**

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*The Committee wish you all a Happy Christmas  
and a healthy golfing 2025*

