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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

2019 FIXTURE LIST

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KZN				
FIXTURE LIST 2019				
Venue	Day	Date	Month	Playing Format
Selborne Golf Estate	Tuesday	22	Jan	Better Ball Stableford
Kloof Country Club	Tuesday	12	Feb	Better Ball Stableford
Mount Edgecombe Country Club.	Tuesday	26	Feb	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban Golf Club	Tuesday	12	Mar	Society Championships
Maritzburg Golf Club (Bill Edmonds Trophy) **	Tuesday	26	Mar	Better Ball Stableford
SGUSA Nationals in George *	7-11 Apr			National Championships
Gowrie Farm - Inland vs Coastal	Monday	29	Apr	Better Ball Stableford
Bosch Hoek GC	Tuesday	30	Apr	Better Ball Stableford
Chilean Tour Zimbali / Royal / DCC		10-17	May	Matches
Victoria Country Club	Tuesday	21	May	Better Ball Stableford
Zimbali	Tuesday	11	Jun	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club	Tuesday	25	Jun	Alliance Stableford
Southbroom Country Club	Thursday	18	Jul	Alliance Stableford
	Friday	19	Jul	Better Ball Stableford
Bosch Hoek GC - match vs Midlands Sages	Tuesday	30	Jul	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban (President's Putter Trophy) **	Tuesday	13	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Umhlali Country Club	Tuesday	27	Aug	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club (Pinehurst Foursomes Trophy) **	Tuesday	17	Sep	Pinehurst Stableford
Umdoni	Tuesday	8	Oct	Alliance Stableford
Kloof Country Club	Tuesday	22	Oct	Better Ball Stableford
Annual Triangular Match (OFS/KZN/GAU)	Sat/Sun	2-3	Nov	Matches
Royal Durban Golf Club	Tuesday	19	Nov	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club (Charity Day) **	Friday	6	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				

COMPETITION RESULTS

CLUB: **BOSCH HOEK GOLF CLUB**
DATE: **TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2018**
COMPETITION: **KHEHLA TROPHY**
BETTERBALL STABLEFORD MATCH VS MIDLAND SAGES

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Brian Edmondson
Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Steve Rees
Attendance Draw: Des Jones
Number of 2's: 3
Nearest The Pin: 16th Chris Bailey
5th Des Jones

KHEHLA Trophy: Sages 39.07 vs Seniors 37.67

1 st	Rob Salmond / Ian Leyenaar (SAGES)	45
2 nd	Peter Wood / John Riby-Smith (SAGES)	45
3 rd	Alan van der Veen / Nigel Hemming Who counted out Arnold Boettinger / Dave Reynolds 43 (SAGES)	43

Both sides were oversubscribed, as the field was limited to 60 players, for our annual match against the Midland Sages. We had a number of reserves.

The day was ideal for golf with a gentle breeze at times cooling the summer heat. As usual the course was in pristine condition.

The competition was close and the comradery was so good on the patio outside the clubhouse after the match that prize giving was held outdoors.

Unfortunately Sages took almost all the honours including the Khehla Trophy. The Seniors Golfers' Society only managing 3rd prize by a count out, otherwise it would have been a clean sweep.

Nevertheless we all went home feeling privileged to have played in such beautiful surroundings and having made new acquaintances.



The comradery after the game was great



The Sages winners Ian Leyenaar & Rob Salmond

CLUB: DUBAN COUNTRY CLUB
DATE: TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2018
COMPETITION: PINEHURST STABLEFORD

RESULTS

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Moosa Allee
 Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Richter van Niekerk
 Attendance Draw: Arrol Paterson
 Number of 2's: 6
 Nearest The Pin: Hole 4 Robin Firth
 Hole 15 Steve Rees

1 st	Alastair Forbes & Dumpy Dyer	39
2 nd	Bruce Dunlop & James Dixon Who counted out by 2072 days	38
3 rd	Allan v d Veen & Paddy Goss	38

A field of 43 pairs competed in this year's Pinehurst Foursomes trophy event at the Durban Country Club. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful sunny day with a slight breeze. It was good to see quite a few members taking advantage of the free practice range facility run by Don Gammon.

The course maintenance crew have been very active in the past few months clearing away quite a bit of the silver leaf bush which has encroached on most of the course. This has made the course easier and assisted in speeding up play. It has also opened up views of the course that were previously hidden. Generally, players have reacted positively to the project. On the day of our event some of the tees were moved forward and the pins were fairly accessible. Nonetheless most of the competitors found scoring difficult.

Golf is hard enough as it is without adding the pressure of not wanting to let your partner down, which makes foursomes such a good test. It helps when you have a sound knowledge of your partner's game and in the end this is what probably what enabled Alastair Forbes and Dumpy Dyer (39 pts) to run out narrow victors by a point over the pairs of Bruce Dunlop/James Dixon and Allan v d Veen/Paddy Goss.

The staff at DCC always put on a good show and judging by the banter in the pub afterwards everyone enjoyed the day.

CLUB: **HARRISMITH GOLF CLUB**
DATE: **3 -- 4 NOVEMBER 2018**
COMPETITION: **TRIANGULAR MATCH**
AGAINST GAUTENG & FREE STATE



Allan receiving the Trophy from Rob Wassenaar of Gauteng

The Harrismith Triangular Match Play tournament was played over two days from 2nd to the 4th of November 2018, between Gauteng, Free State and KwaZulu-Natal Seniors, at the Harrismith Golf Club. The selected 16 member team travelled up on Friday, 2nd November 2018 with a temperature of 11°C but it warmed up to 20-25°C on Saturday and Sunday.

All enjoyed the Friday night braai and a Formal dinner was held on the Saturday night.

Going into Sunday, after the Pinehurst format on Saturday, KwaZulu-Natal were narrowly leading

The outcome of the winning Province is always determined on the Sunday when the 16 singles matches take place. Fortunately, KwaZulu-Natal Seniors prevailed and brought the Trophy home this year. Well done to the team who played well and for making the weekend another memorable Seniors tournament.

CLUB: **ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB**
DATE: **TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2018**
COMPETITION: **BETTERBALL STABLEFORD**

RESULTS

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize:	Stan Carruthers
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:	Robert Brett
Attendance Draw:	Rob McCann
Number of 2's:	4
Nearest The Pin:	Bruce Pringle (2nd) Dave Weir – Smith (12th)

1st	Alistair Forbes / John McKinnon	45
2nd	Dereck Lawrence / Moosa Allee	44
3rd	Dereck Lawrence / Doug Aitken On a count out from Andrew Smythe / Graham Burnett and Dave Rossler / Alan Strang	43

A stiff breeze accompanied players throughout most of the day, switching from a North Easterly to a South Westerly late in the day, accompanied by a few drops of rain. After we finished a gale blew up, so we were very fortunate with the weather we enjoyed.

The greens were firmer than most recall and rather speedy, but that did not stop the top team from scoring 45 points. John McKinnon holed out with a 7 iron at the 3rd – no wonder he was part of the winning team!

We ran a Famous Grouse promotion in the pub which added to the social atmosphere we always encounter at Royal.



Winners at Royal -- John McKinnon & Alistair Forbes

CLUB: **DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB**
DATE: **FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2018**
COMPETITION: **CHARITY DAY ALLIANCE**

RESULTS

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Robin Firth
Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Bruce Hopewell
Attendance Draw: Peter Powell
Number of 2's: 6
Nearest The Pin: Hole 4 Dave Hardy
Hole 15 Johan Steyn

1 st	John Gatherer, Robbie Wright, James Dixon, Frank Agg	89
2 nd	Brian Stokoe, Richard Erasmus, David Karon, Roy Armour	88
3 rd	Bruce Hopewell, Mike Houston, Doug Aitken, Ron de Villiers Who counted out by 6371 days Alistair Forbes, Bob Rickards, Les Orchard, Dave Atwood-Smith	87



Duncan Grant with his winning hamper



Brian Stokoe (2nd Hamper) and Paul Botha (3rd Hamper)

It is always a privilege to play at DCC. The weather was rather warm and the South Westerly 2 club wind was a good challenge. In addition there had been a slight miscommunication between the Golf Director and the Grounds staff, so we had unusually challenging tee's that were further back than we normally encounter them on a Seniors' outing. The course was in pristine condition and the greens quite friendly. Arrol Paterson got 2 two clubs!

Storms were predicted for later in the afternoon but there was no sign of rain when the last of the 80 players came in. The buzz in the pub was heightened by the three raffle prizes on offer as this was our Charity day of the year. These were generously donated by Robbie Wright, Paddy Goss, and John Gatherer. We raised R25,500 which will go to the three Hospice's we support. Paul Botha won 3rd prize, Brian Stokoe the 2nd, and Duncan Grant walked away with the big hamper!



The winning team of Robbie Wright, John Gatherer, Frank Agg & James Dixon

NEWS ITEMS

- **Obituaries**

Sadly the following Associate Members passed away in the past few months:

Terence Rockey

(joined our Society in Jan 1994)

Ant Hacker

(joined our Society in Feb 2008)

- **Current Membership**

We have 157 Active Members (our Quota is 175), 19 Non Playing Members, and 46 Associate Members making a total of 222 Members.

This year 7 of our members have passed away, 12 have resigned and we have 6 new members.

- **Subscriptions for 2019**

We will be invoicing by early January for the 2019 subscriptions which are as follows:

	Subs	SGUSA Levies	Total	
Active	R875	R195	R1,070	Plus an up-front Competition fee of R320/R200
Active Veteran	R460	R195	R655	Plus an up-front Competition fee of R320/R200
Non-Playing	R550	R115	R665	
Non-Playing Veteran	R275	R115	R390	

- 2019 Nationals at George
This will be played from Monday 8th April to Thursday 11th April, a change from the normal format.

We have 42 Applications and our quota is only 32. Playing stats was the most important criteria in choosing who attends but other factors were also considered.

- Society Apparel
Please call Meg at or send an email if you would like to purchase any items of clothing.

Ways to speed up Play

The European Tour recently experimented with time restrictions on playing shots – the results were better scores AND much faster rounds.

The new Golf Rules that come into effect on 1 Jan 2019 are aimed at speeding up play.

“Ready Golf” is now the accepted norm and you are requested to adopt this style of play.

Specific things we can all do to speed up...

☐ Focus on your next shot and prepare for it while the others in your 4 ball are playing their shots

☐ Drop off your cart partner and move to your shot as soon as he has selected his club

☐ Park your cart / trolley at the green exit point when you arrive at the green

The Captains challenge to Seniors’ is to complete your round in under 4 hr 15 mins including half way!



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The boss walked into the office one morning not knowing his zipper was 20 Percent down and his fly area wide open. His assistant walked up to him and said, 'This morning when you left your house, did you close your garage door?' The boss told her he knew he'd closed the garage door, and walked into his office puzzled by the question.

As he finished his paperwork, he suddenly noticed his fly was open, and zipped it up.

He then understood his assistant's question about his 'garage door.'

He headed out for a cup of coffee and paused by her desk to ask, 'When my garage door was open, did you see my Jaguar parked in there?'

She smiled and said, 'No, I didn't. All I saw was an old minivan with two flat tyres..'

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



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