

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU-NATAL



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Obituaries

- Mike Atter who joined in 2001

New Member

We welcome the following new members who will be inducted at the next suitable opportunity

Mike Graham – Durban Country Club
Tony Graham – Mount Edgecombe Country Club

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2021 Fixtures

With the Cancellation of Nationals in April we have added another fixture at Royal Durban Golf Club on 20 April 2021.

Next Fixture:

Please get your entries in early for the 23 February fixture at Victoria Country Club.

COMPETITION RESULTS

DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB

12 JANUARY 2021

2020 PINEHURST FOURSOMES TROPHY

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize:	Brian Allison
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:	Doug Aitken
Attendance Draw:	Brian Attwood-Smith
Number of 2's	8
No nearest The Pin due to Covid regulation	

1 st	Malcolm King / Roy Agar	41 Pts
2 nd	Neill Edwards / Mike Mun-Gavin oco by 3130 days	40 Pts
3 rd	Tony Graham / Mike Graham	40 Pts

This was the postponed 2020 Pinehurst Trophy event. Due to the renewed Covid surge the fixture was played under the strict Covid Regulations. There was no prize giving. The Trophy will be presented at the next suitable prize giving.

The two new members participating in their first game as Active Members, Mike and Tony Graham, took 3rd prize.

A decent field of 40 players had ideal golf conditions, with the gentlest of breezes. It did get a bit hot at times which is to be expected at this time of the year. The course has dried out considerably and was in excellent condition.

The winning scores were the same as our last Pinehurst at DCC in 2019, with both occasions dominated by DCC members. Over the two years there was perhaps one player in the top three positions who is not a regular DCC player.

MOUNT EDGECOMBE COUNTRY CLUB

26 JANUARY 2021

BETTERBALL STABLEFORD

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize:	Mike Mun-Gavin
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:	Neill Edwards
Attendance Draw:	Trevor Beuthin
Number of 2's	3
No nearest The Pin due to Covid regulations	

1 st	David Hardy / Mike Graham oco by 325 days	44 Pts
2 nd	Kiruban Naidoo / Ray Ramandh Oco by 8722 days	44 Pts
3 rd	Leigh Mann / Glen Passmore	44 Pts

Despite the threat of rain due to the cyclone in the North, the weather turned out to be near perfect with hot conditions and gentle variable breeze.

52 player tried out the new Handicap Allowance application for the first time, where 85% of the course handicap is applied. This is to even the playing field depending on the format. Surprisingly to some, there were no complaints, no issues and the winners handicaps were all checked to see they had applied it correctly, which they had. Also not surprisingly, the scores of the first three places were all equal on 44! Last year same time, same course and conditions the winning scores were 48 (from high handicap players), 44 (one high one low handicap) and 43 (low handicap players). Admittedly only one example, but stats from the golfing world prove that higher handicap players are winning more often if the Allowance is not applied.

Due to the Covid Protocols the event was played off one tee with 10min intervals, so the field stretched from 10:40 to 12:40 with no prize giving or socialising.

Those playing will agree the course was in immaculate condition and it is a real privilege to play our excellent courses in KZN with our Society.

SELBORNE GOLF ESTATE

9 FEBRUARY 2021

BETTERBALL STABLEFORD

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize:	Bruce Forrest
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:	Mike Jones
Attendance Draw:	Bob Thomas
Number of 2's	1
No nearest The Pin due to Covid regulations	

1st	Bob Thomas / John Gatherer	44 Pts
2nd	Simon Chetwynd-Palmer / Frank Agg	41 Pts
3rd	Dave Rossler / Stef Nel	40 Pts

Overcast weather made for near perfect golfing conditions at Selborne Golf Club. The course was in excellent shape and the management and staff made us feel most welcome. A relatively small field of 31 players, which included Selborne Captain Billy Pritchard, participated on the day. There were 4 late withdrawals due to medical conditions.

John Gatherer and Bob Thomas won on 44 points, 3 points clear of second placed Frank Agg and Simon Chetwynd-Palmer.

It was our first prize giving of 2021, after the lock down prevented the previous two from being held. Changing for prize giving was optional but that did not prevent the usual enjoyment after the game.



**Winners Bob Thomas
and John Gatherer**

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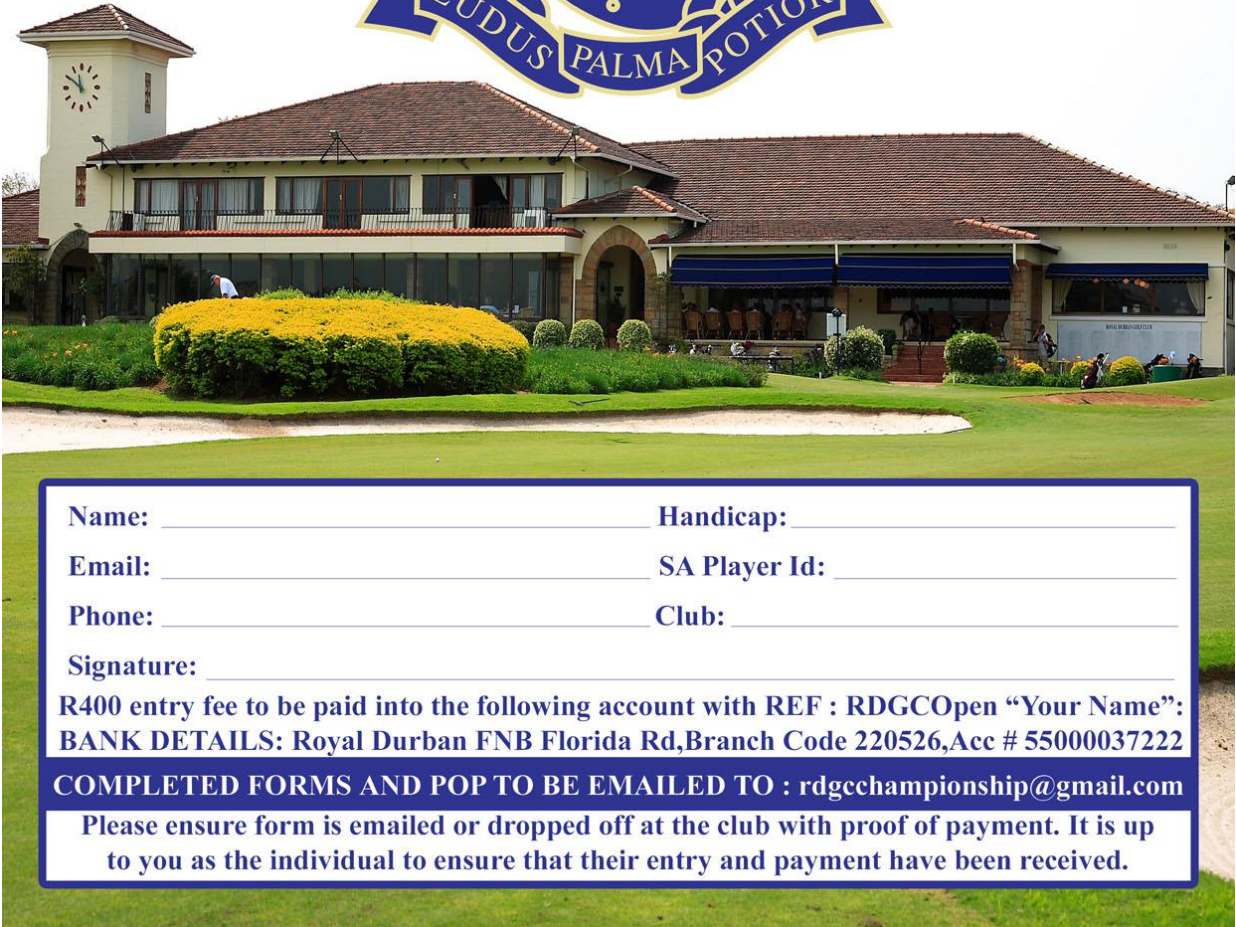
Our Home Club as a Society is Royal Durban Golf Club and they assist us in many ways. Please consider entering their Open Championship which is advertised below

2021 RDGC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

28th March 2021 - 36 Holes Strokeplay

A DIV, B DIV AND SENIORS - R400pp

(Includes a light lunch and snacks afterwards)



Name: _____	Handicap: _____
Email: _____	SA Player Id: _____
Phone: _____	Club: _____
Signature: _____	
R400 entry fee to be paid into the following account with REF : RDGCOpen "Your Name":	
BANK DETAILS: Royal Durban FNB Florida Rd, Branch Code 220526, Acc # 55000037222	
COMPLETED FORMS AND POP TO BE EMAILED TO : rdgcchampionship@gmail.com	
Please ensure form is emailed or dropped off at the club with proof of payment. It is up to you as the individual to ensure that their entry and payment have been received.	

SOCIETY NEWS

- **Nationals at East London 18-22 April 2021 -- CANCELLED**

Due to the Covid situation this has been cancelled for the second year in a row.

- **64th Deauville International Meeting July 2021 -- CANCELLED**

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- **Handicap Allowance**

The committee had decided to apply the Handicap Allowance as of January 2021. Even though it was successfully applied at the first two fixtures, it was decided to revert to the Course Handicap until it becomes mandatory on a National basis.

It has now been communicated that all competitions in South Africa will have to apply the Handicap Allowance from 1 March 2021. Hence our Society Championships on 9 March will be the next fixture where we apply it. As Champs is an Individual Competition, players will apply 95% to their Course handicap for the Championships. Full details and a table to calculate it will be provided on the day.

- **Current Membership**

We have 133 Active Members and 22 Inactive Members, making 155 out of our Quota of 175. We also have 29 Associate Members making a total of 184 Members. Stats for this year:

Deceased	1
Active Resigned	0
Inactive Resigned	1
Associate Members retired	0
New Members	0
Provisional	1

- **CV Template for potential new members**

We have a number of Potential members who are being approached. Please be on the look-out for suitable potential members.

As some members had difficulty compiling a short CV for potential members, we developed a CV Template which has all the essential information required. The first step in proposing a new member is to fill in this template and email it to the Secretary. A copy of this is attached at the end of this newsletter.

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Club Details

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“CV” Template for Motivation of Potential Members

The proposer or seconder for any candidate must email this one page motivation supporting their candidate to the Honorary Secretary. It must include at least the following information:

- Name of the candidate:
- Proposer & Secunder:

(These must have been members for 4 years and each can propose / second up to 3 potential members a year. They may not be current Committee Members)

- Basic details of the candidate
 - Age: (must be 55-70 years of age)
 - Residential area
 - Golf club membership history:
 - Club where he is currently handicapped

(The candidate must have been a member at a recognised Golf Club for at least 10 years and must currently be a member at such a club in KZN)

- What length of time has the Proposer / seconder known the candidate and in what capacity (social, golf, work, etc).
- Current Occupation or things like travel pressure that may impact the ability of the candidate to meet the playing commitments
- Why do you feel the person would make a good Senior and acceptable by all members?
- Optional Information in brief
 - Details you may feel are relevant.
 - Any involvement on the part of the candidate in golf administration.