



SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our AGM

This was held on 12 March 2019 and the following Committee was elected:

President:	Allan van der Veen
Captain:	Bruce Dunlop
Vice-Captain:	James Dixon
Past President:	Rae Stewart
Committee:	James Dixon Frank Agg Frans Kemper Graham Burnett Paddy Goss
Hon Treasurer:	Doug Aitken
Hon Secretary:	Hugh McGibbon
Assistant Secretary:	Meg Mottram

Our Revised Constitution was adopted at the AGM.
You can view it on our website <https://www.kznseniors.com/>

COMPETITION RESULTS

SELBORNE GOLF ESTATE

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize:	Tony Kennedy
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:	Bruce Dunlop
Attendance Draw:	Roy Agar
Number of 2's:	7
Nearest The Pin:	
Hole 4	Frans Kemper
Hole 15	Steve Rees

Results

1 st	Rick Hardy / John MacKinnon	44
2 nd	Richter Van Niekerk / Dave Fox who counted out by 3113 days	43
3 rd	Allan van der Veen / Billy Pritchard	43

Another perfect South Coast Golf day was enjoyed by the 61 participants at the beautiful Selborne Golf Estate. The Course was looking magnificent, but the scores (on average 5 lower than last year) perhaps indicate the putting conditions. Certainly there was no wind of note and Golf Weather rated the day as 4 star.

The treatment provided by the club was 5 star this year, with complementary tea & coffee on arrival, very reasonable rates, an excellent buffet meal choice at half way, immaculate cool change rooms, and the usual excellent atmosphere at prize giving.



One of the winners at Selborne – John MacKinnon. Rick Hardy was his partner but could not stay for prize giving. They had 44 points.

Kloof 12 Feb 2019

February started with record rainfall. By 12 February, Kloof had already received 121 mm (twice the Monthly average for February). 60 mm had fallen the previous 48 hours. The grounds staff worked tirelessly and although some bunkers were firm, there was no water in any of them.

The rest of the course was in great summer condition with the greens running true, although a bit on the slow side. Needless to say the course was playing very long. Despite the extremely generous tee positions, the top score was only 43 (last year September the winning score was 47 at Kloof).

A good field of 84 players enjoyed a warm dry day with lots of fellowship in the pub afterwards. At the prize giving a new member, John Herselman was inducted.



John Herselman being inducted into our Society



Winners at Kloof – Ant Greene and Wouter le Roux on 43

Mt Edgecome 26 Feb 2018

There was a good turnout for the Seniors inaugural match on Mount Edgecombe's Lakes Course (No.2). Complimentary tea/coffee and shortbread were on hand on arrival which was a nice and appreciated touch from MECC.

The course was in good condition, challenging and a 1st time experience for many of our members. Something different for a change.

The fact that it was carts only course was a blessing in disguise given the hot and humid weather which was quite uncomfortable.

Well done to the winning combinations who posted some excellent scores.

The results:

Trevor Beuthin / Mike Mun-Gavin	45 Pts
Keith Draper / John Terry-Lloyd	42 Pts
Who counted out	
Lynton Beckett / Bob Rickards	42 Pts

Royal Durban Golf Club 12 March 2018

Under heavy grey clouds, the 2019 KZN Senior Golfers Society Championships teed-off at 7am on the morning of 12 March. With the threat of rain on the day, those that teed-off early benefited from near perfect conditions with little wind and despite some heavy showers later in the morning, all 87 participants completed their round in the hot and humid conditions. The course was set up to be both challenging and fair to all classes of golfers on the day, and the course condition was superb with excellent greens.

Royal Durban management and staff, together with the Greens staff and Bleu Berri /Royal Fig catering, ensured that the 2019 Championships was another successful event. The lunch was enjoyed by all and the AGM that followed, was smoothly managed. The tireless efforts of Hugh McGibbon and Meg

Mottram – the Senior Golfers Secretariat - in organising this annual special event, was much appreciated by all the members of the Society.

The results:

Society Champion Trophy Winner: Alistair Forbes	76 Gross
Runner Up: Bob Thomas	79 Gross
Seniors' Annual Trophy Winner: Bob Rickards	38 Pts
Runner Up: Ricky Hardy	37 Pts
who counted out: Dave Rossler	
Graham Pearson Memorial Trophy: Kim Elgie	33 Pts
Category A&B	
Best Golfer: Dave Rossler	28 Pts
Best Stableford Score: Frans Kemper	35 Pts
Category C	
Best Golfer: Henny Heyns	28 Pts
Best Stableford Score: Neil Edwards	33 Pts
Category D	
Best Golfer: Mike Bradfield	23 Pts
Best Stableford Score: Trevor Beuthin	36 Pts
Category E	
Best Golfer: Blaize McIntosh	24 Pts
Best Stableford Score: Dave Gardyne	34 Pts
Oldest Competitor: Kim Elgie	



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Category C

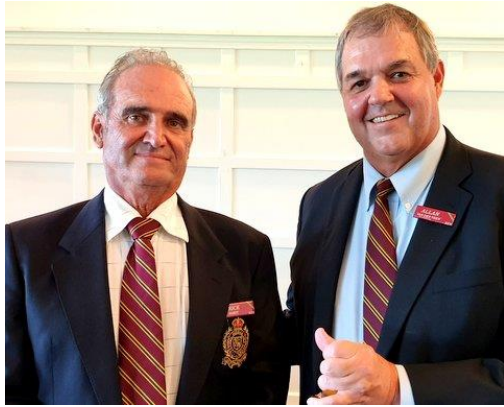


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Category A&B



Seniors' Annual Trophy

Runner Up: Ricky Hardy

Winner: Bob Rickards



Society Champion Trophy

Runner Up: Bob Thomas

Winner: Alistair Forbes

NEWS ITEMS

- Obituaries

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

Denis Logan (joined the Society in 2005)

Peter Powel (joined the Society in 2013)

Alan Robertson (joined the Society in 1983)

- Current Membership

We have 152 Active Members (our Quota is 175), 19 Non Playing Members, and 45 Associate Members making a total of 216 Members.

This year 2 of our members passed away, 3 have resigned and we have 2 new members -- Leigh Mann and John Herselman.

The following three provisional members have been / will be playing their first few games with us:

Richard Barker – Handicapped at Durban CC

Lynton Beckett -- Handicapped at Royal Durban GC

Gavin Bissict – Handicapped at Zimbali CC

Should you have any comments regarding their proposed membership please discuss this with a committee member.

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

We had 42 Applications, and a quota of 32. We were then allocated two more slots, so we have 34 playing.

- Tour from Chile -- May 2019
This year KZN will be hosting a touring group of 12 Senior Golfers from Chile. They arrive on 11 May and play three games at Zimbali, Royal and DCC. Various Social events have been arranged including a trip to the Nambiti game reserve, which will be on their way to Johannesburg.
- Society Apparel
Please call Meg at or send an email if you would like to purchase any items of clothing. We now have golf shirts sizes L, XL, and XXL back in stock.

New Golf Rules 2019

Many of us are still unfamiliar with the many rule changes that came into effect this year. Here are a few of them:

- You may now putt with the flag in, and Ready Golf is encouraged. Some clubs have measured a reduction in round times of 15 minutes, primarily due to these two changes. However despite the rule listed as 20 below, if your ball rests against the flag, but no part of the ball is below the ground, you must take it as the ball is NOT in the hole, and replace it next to the hole.
- You MUST now drop from knee height and the ball must come to rest within the drop area. There is a 2 shot penalty if you drop from higher and play the ball. If you are warned before playing, you may re-drop the ball with no penalty.
- You may not have your caddy / partner stand on your line from the moment you start to take up your stance. Your line extends beyond the flag. There is a 2 shot penalty for this. If you notice your caddy / partner standing on your line, you may step away, ask them to move and retake your stance with no penalty.
- There is no penalty for you ball accidentally striking yourself / caddy / partner or equipment.

The full list of the most important changes:



THE 20 MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF 2019

1. SEARCH TIME - REDUCED FROM 5 MINUTES TO 3 MINUTES
2. BALL MOVED DURING SEARCH - REPLACE NO PENALTY
3. EMBEDDED BALL - FREE RELIEF ANYWHERE THROUGH THE COURSE
4. MEASURING A DROP - USE LONGEST CLUB (EXCEPT PUTTER)
5. DROPPING - DROP FROM KNEE HEIGHT RATHER THAN SHOULDER
6. TAKING STANCE ON WRONG GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED
7. BALL UNINTENTIONALLY HITS PLAYER OR EQUIPMENT - NO PENALTY
8. DOUBLE HIT - NO PENALTY. NOW ONLY COUNTS AS THE 1 STROKE
9. TOUCHING SAND IN BUNKER INCIDENTALLY IS PERMITTED
10. LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS CAN BE REMOVED ANYWHERE INCLUDING HAZARDS
11. DROPPING A BALL OUT OF BUNKER - 2 PENALTY STROKES
12. WATER HAZARDS - NOW CALLED "PENALTY AREAS"
13. TOUCHING GROUND IN PENALTY AREA - NO PENALTY
14. BALL MOVES ON GREEN AFTER BEING MARKED - REPLACE WITHOUT PENALTY
15. BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN - REPLACE NO PENALTY
16. ALL DAMAGE TO GREEN CAN NOW BE REPAIRED
17. POSITIONING A CLUB FOR ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED
18. CADDIE ASSISTING WITH ALIGNMENT IS NOW NOT PERMITTED
19. PUTTING WITH FLAG STICK IN HOLE IS NOW PERMITTED
20. BALL WEDGED AGAINST FLAG STICK AND SIDE OF HOLE IS DEEMED AS HOLED

Completion of the Cards

At our recent Kloof fixture we managed to have labels with the correct information now required on your card. Beside the Format, date, tee. Time and name you need to specify what tee you have elected to play off, your Handicap Index and your Course Handicap. All cards will over time migrate to this format

This is essential for our Handicap Officer, Frans Kemper, to check compliance of scores entered. While overall compliance is good, he does find the following occurrences which are viewed in a serious light if the same person does it more than once:

- Not opening a round and then not entering a good score
- Entering a score higher than achieved.

Ensure you comply, otherwise don't be offended when Frans has to send you a note!

Upcoming Fixtures

Maritzburg Golf Club (Bill Edmonds Trophy) - - you may choose your partner	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 (Morning game)	Tuesday	30	Apr	Better Ball Stableford
Chilean Tour Zimbali / Royal / DCC Participants chosen by the Captain		10- 17	May	Matches
Victoria Country Club	Tuesday	21	May	Better Ball Stableford

Please enter via the web: <https://www.kznseniors.com/>

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

An Interesting Sporting Observation

The poor play Soccer
The Maintenance staff go bowling
The front-line workers enjoy rugby
Supervisors play cricket
Middle management play tennis
Executives play golf

What is so interesting is that the higher one rises in life the smaller your balls become.....

..... Parliamentarians must play marbles!

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