

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Obituaries

Sadly, Ron de Villiers passed away early in December 2023. He had been an active participant in our Society with six games played in 2023, including two in November.

Neil Evans died 5 December 2023. Although he is no longer a member of our Society, he was a popular member and won the Foursomes Trophy together with Gordon Cheshire in 1995.

New Provisional Members

Deryck Willans of Kloof 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.

Our AGM

Our 88th AGM was held on 12 March 2024 and the following Committee was elected:

President:	Frank Agg
Captain:	Leigh Mann
Vice-Captain:	Les Orchard
Past President:	Paddy Goss
Hon Secretary:	Hugh McGibbon
Hon Treasurer:	Tony Graham
Committee:	Bob Daya
	Charles Reid
	Mickey Tramontino
	Dave Rossler
	Mike Wooldridge

COMPETITION RESULTS

Our first fixture at ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB on 16 January was cancelled due to course conditions. With all the rain, no other course was available.

VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB – Betterball Stableford 30 January 2024

Whynotte Service Station: Hugh McGibbon
John Gatherer Book: Mike Jones
Number of 2's: 5
Nearest The Pin: 8th Lynton Beckett
13th Tony Graham

1 st	Frans Kemper & Colin Everson	41 Pts
2 nd	Lynton Beckett & Errol Taylor	41 Pts
3 rd	Wayne Hook & Mike Norton	40 pts

Despite a few black clouds around midday, a field of 34 enjoyed very pleasant weather at Victoria Country Club. It was surprisingly cool to start and even though we felt some heat in the afternoon, a fresh breeze kept us cool.

Fifteen in the field were from Pietermaritzburg and the rest had a clear run from Durban in both directions.

After all the rain the course was surprisingly dry. It was in excellent condition and the yielding greens made the tough pin placements a little more palatable. Some bunkers were rather challenging.

As Paddy Goss and Frank Agg had to miss the fixture due to injury, our Vice-Captain Leigh Mann did an excellent job of conducting Prize Giving with Past President Frans Kemper handing out the prizes.



Winners Colin Everson & Frans Kemper

KLOOF COUNTRY CLUB -- Alliance Stableford

20 February 2024

Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Mike Norton
 Attendance Draw: Richard Barker
 Number of 2's: 2
 Nearest The Pin: 2nd Francois Scholtz
 18th Frank Agg

1 st	Richard Barker, Tony Graham, Charles Reid, Rob Cloete onco	86 Pts
2 nd	Allan van der Veen, Daryl Francois, Mick Forder, Neill Edwards	86 Pts
3 rd	Bob Thomas, Dave Rosler, Simon Chetwynd-Palmer, Mike Bradfield	85 Pts

Warm overcast weather with the threat of light rain to start greeted 51 players at Kloof Country Club. After the first hour it had cleared up nicely and we enjoyed cool weather for a bit which got very muggy by the time we got to Prize Giving. The Kloof CC Captain, Gordon Rechner joined our Captain, Frank Agg's fourball.

The course was in good condition. The greens had been slightly dusted recently and were true but much slower than the usual slick Kloof surfaces. This had a few players battling with the speed. Very generous white tee positions favoured good scores.

Paddy Goss who could not play due to injury joined us for Prize Giving, as did Dumpy Dyer who has been ill for a while. As is usual at Kloof, the pub and veranda were both packed and buzzing till late with good fellowship.



Winners Tony Graham, Charles Reid, Richard Barker &, Rob Cloete

ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB – Society Championship

Individual

12 March 2024

Society Champion Trophy – Winner	Lynton Beckett	79
Runner Up	Mickey Tramontino	81
Seniors Annual Trophy – Winner	Roy Armour	36 Pts
oco Runner Up	Frank Agg	36 Pts
Graham Pearson Memorial Trophy Best Stableford over 80	David Hardy	33 Pts
Category A B & C 55 to 69 years		
Best Golfer-Stableford Score Minus H/Cap	Kevin Curren	27
Best Stableford Score	Frans Kemper	35 Pts
Category D 70 to 74 years		
Best Golfer-Stableford Score Minus H/Cap	Pregi Moodley	21
Best Stableford Score	John Gatherer	34 Pts
Category E & F 75 years or older		
Best Golfer-Stableford Score Minus H/Cap	Bob Thomas	22
Best Stableford Score	Sheldon Jones	33 Pts
Oldest Golfer	Brian Stokoe	

The Society Championships held at Royal Durban on the morning of Tuesday 12 March in hot and humid conditions together with a stiff north easterly breeze made conditions rather challenging for the 45 participants this year.

The course was presented in fine condition with the greens staff having done sterling work in repairing the damage caused by the heavy rains last year.

Being the Society's Championships, the course was set up to ensure a fair challenge to the players and this was evident in the scores on the day.

There was an area power failure so the change rooms, Pub and dining hall, where we had lunch and the AGM, were all extremely hot. As a result the President agreed to allow the members to remove their jackets and ties for health concerns. Despite this challenge 42 Members braved the heat and stayed for a successful AGM. These included Paddy Goss and John Terry-Lloyd who were unable to participate in the Championships.

Leigh Mann successfully conducted his first Prize Giving as Captain.

The power came on after we had concluded the formalities, so several members cooled down in the pub for the afternoon.



Society Champion Trophy Winner Lynton Beckett



Seniors Annual Trophy Winner Roy Armour – Roy apologised for the Prize Giving



Graham Pearson Memorial Trophy Best Stableford over 80 David Hardy

Category A B & C 55 to 69 years



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Fixture List for 2024

Venue	Day	Date	Month	Playing Format
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
Umhlali	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
Amanzimtoti 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 2024**

Invoices were emailed in January.

The deadline for payment is 31 March 2024. Please check you have paid.

- **Nationals in KZN – 5-9 May 2024**

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 year, and plans are going well.

We will be playing Royal Durban Golf Club and Durban Country Club as the two courses. The venue for the functions has been arranged as has a ladies program.

With a good field of 220 players (59 of which are accompanied) including an excellent entry of 57 from KZN, we look forward to a great event.

We still need volunteers to assist during the event from the Sunday 5 May lunch time to Thursday evening. If you are not playing, please give your name to Hugh McGibbon even if you can only assist for one day. Partners can also assist.

- **Current Membership**

We have 111 Active Members and 13 Inactive Members.
We also have 26 Associate Members making a total of 150 Members.

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

Stats for this year:

New Members	0
Obituaries	0
Transfers out	0
Transfers in	0
Resignations / Terminations from A	3
Resignations / Terminations from I	1
Resignations / Terminations from AM	2
Provisional Members	1

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