



SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

New members who have joined our Society this month – Bob Daya who was presented with his tie on 21st November 2017. On behalf of the Committee and Members we welcome you to The Senior Golfers' Society.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

We currently have the following gentleman on the provisional membership list.

	Proposer	Second
Anthony Greene	A J McEwen	CA Becker
Ron Hewat	Peter Powell	Bob Martin
Tony Antonic	Stan Carruthers	Barry Kaufmann
Nigel Hemming	Roger Don-Wauchope	Peter Comrie

Should any member have comments on the prospective members, please let the Secretary know in writing no later than 10th February 2018.

2018 FIXTURE LIST

[Please enter them into your diary.](#)

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Playing Format</u>
Selborne Golf Estate	Tuesday	30	January	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban (President's Putter Trophy)	Tuesday	13	February	Better Ball Stableford
Royal Durban Golf Club	Tuesday	13	March	Society Championships
Maritzburg Golf Club (Bill Edmonds Trophy)	Tuesday	10	April	Better Ball Stableford
SGUSA Nationals in Johannesburg **	15 to 20 April			National Championships
Gowrie Farm - Inland vs Coastal	Monday	7	May	Better Ball Stableford
Bosch Hoek GC	Tuesday	8	May	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club	Tuesday	22	May	Alliance Stableford
Zimbali	Tuesday	12	June	Better Ball Bonus Bogey
Umdoni	Tuesday	26	June	Alliance Stableford
Southbroom Country Club	Thursday	19	July	Alliance Stableford
	Friday	20	July	Better Ball Stableford
Umdlali Country Club	Tuesday	7	August	Better Ball Stableford
Kloof Country Club	Tuesday	28	August	Better Ball Stableford
Victoria Country Club	Tuesday	11	September	Better Ball Stableford
Mount Edgecombe Country Club.	Tuesday	25	September	Better Ball Bonus Stableford
Bosch Hoek GC - match vs Midlands Sages	Tuesday	9	October	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club (Pinehurst Foursomes Trophy)	Tuesday	23	October	Better Ball Stableford
Annual Triangular Match (OFS/KZN/GAU)	Sat/Sun	TBD	November	
Royal Durban Golf Club	Tuesday	20	November	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club (Charity Day)	Friday	7	December	Charity Day Alliance

COMPETITION RESULTS

CLUB: **DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB**
DATE: **TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2017**
COMPETITION: **PINEHURST STABLEFORD**

RESULTS

NUMBER OF 2's: 6

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NEAREST THE PIN: HOLE NO : 4 Steve Rees
HOLE NO : 15 Graham Winterbach

ATTENDANCE PRIZE: Pregie Moodley

LUCKY DRAW – GOWRIE FARM: Roy Agar

LUCKY DRAW – WHYNOTTE CAR WASH: Chris Immelman

1 st	Paul Botha & Blaize McIntosh	45 PTS
2 nd	Roy Agar & Malcolm King	43 PTS
3 rd	Bob Rickards & Mike Seligmann	43 PTS

Match report

An excellent field of 108 took part in the Pinehurst Foursomes trophy event at DCC. Earlier in the day the weather had looked ominous with large, dark storm clouds about. However, by the time the field teed off these had dispersed leaving cloudy and cool conditions which were perfect for golf. The course maintenance staff have been very active over the past 6 months clearing away many areas of bush, making the course a lot easier. The fairways and greens were in immaculate condition and the greens were running fast and true. In addition to these ideal conditions, Don Gammon, had moved most of the club tees well forward. Despite this, many of the pairings battled to produce good scores. In the end it was the very experienced stalwart, Blaize McIntosh, with his younger partner, Paul Botha, who took the honours on a very good score of 46 points. The staff were very accommodating throughout the day and ensured a successful event. We all look forward to the next visit.



Pinehurst Trophy Winners Blaize McIntosh & Paul Botha with President – Roger Mentzel

CLUB: **ROYAL DURBAN GOLF CLUB**
DATE: **TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2017**
COMPETITION: **BETTERBALL STABLEFORD**

RESULTS

NUMBER OF 2's: 6
NEAREST THE PIN: HOLE NO : 2 Frank Agg
HOLE NO : 14 Brian Attwood-Smith
ATTENDANCE PRIZE: Mike Norton
LUCKY DRAW – GOWRIE FARM: Murray Leyden
LUCKY DRAW – WHYNOTTE CAR WASH: Michael Moore

1 st	Doug Aitken & Mike Du Toit	50Pts
2 nd	Bob Martin & Richard Evans	49Pts
3 rd	Frank Agg & Mike Houston	48Pts

Match Report

Royal Durban Was in excellent playing condition for our recent fixture and well supported with 91 players including two special guests. President of SGUSA, Corne Kruger and Arthur Clayton from Sanlam Private Investments joined us on the day. We also welcomed Bob Daya into the Society. Mr Kruger also presented us with our certificate for finishing in 3rd place behind Gauteng and Border in the 2017 Inter Society Championships.

Final Results of the 2017 Inter Society Championships which we played at our Kloof Fixture in August (average of all players Individual Stableford scores)

Gauteng	34,5
Border	33,8
Kwa Zulu Natal	32,56
Free State	32,42
Western Province	32,20
Southern Cape	32,17
Eastern Province	31,43
Northern Cape	30,5
Gauteng North	30,33



New member Bob Daya receiving his tie from Roger Mentzel. Also in the picture making up the 4 Ball is Peter Bailey & Corne Kruger (President SGUSA)

CLUB:
DATE:
COMPETITION:

DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB
FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2017
CHARITY DAY ALLIANCE (TWO SCORES TO COUNT)



Rae, Michelle and Roger hard at work on Charity Day

RESULTS

NUMBER OF 2's:

7

NEAREST THE PIN:

HOLE NO : 4

Ron De Villiers

HOLE NO : 15

Rob McCann

ATTENDANCE PRIZE:

Tim Hooper

LUCKY DRAW – GOWRIE FARM:

Peter Almond

LUCKY DRAW – WHYNOTTE CAR WASH:

Tony Bolt

1 st	MALCOLM KING, DUMPY DYER, ROY AGAR & NEILL EDWARDS	93 PTS
2 nd	ROGER DON-WAUCHOPE, ANT GREENE, PETER WALKER & MURRAY LEYDEN	86 PTS
3 rd	ROB McCANN, GRAHAM BURNETT, BRUCE PRINGLE & DUNCAN POYNTON	83 PTS
	Counted out-- RAE STEWART, BOB RICKARDS, LES ORCHARD & ALISTAIR FORBES (BY 3576 days)	83 PTS
	Counted Out -- JOHN TERRY-LLOYD, PADDY GOSS, ALLAN van der VEEN & MIKE SELIGMANN (BY 8750 days)	83 PTS



The winners Roy Agar, Dumpy Dyer, Malcolm King & Neill Edwards

Match report

After a week's postponement because the course was water-logged, we managed to get our annual Charity Event played at Durban Country Club on Friday the 15th December. Not a good day to hold the event as quite a few members were involved in business Xmas parties or had already left on holiday. Sadly, as a result, our numbers reduced from 108 entrants the 8th, to only 71 on the 15th.

The course was in excellent condition, the wind didn't blow too hard, the rain held off and everyone seemed to really enjoy their outing.

Despite the excellent conditions, the "Old Lady" put up a good fight and, except for 1st place, the scores were surprisingly low. The winning score was an excellent 93 points, 2nd place scored 86 points and there was a 3-way tie for 3rd place on 83 points.

Considering the postponement and the reduced numbers on the day, Seniors were extremely generous and we managed to still raise R33,835.....with possibly a bit more still to come in. Thanks to thank Robbie Wright for the raffle Hamper which was won by Ray Ramandh.

"Thank you" Senior Golfers, your generosity is hugely appreciated and the money raised will go to 3 very deserving Hospices in the Durban area.

THE BILL EDMONDS TROPHY 2017 WINNERS



Bruce Pringle and Neil Gerber receiving their Bill Edmonds Trophy at the DCC Fixture on 15 December for their 2017 win at Maritzburg earlier in the year

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

- **Selborne Golf Club – Tuesday 30th January 2018 – Betterball Stableford**
- **Royal Durban Golf Club – Tuesday 13 February 2018 – President's Putter Trophy (Choose your partner)**

Please get your entries into me as soon as possible

A Starting Sheet will be emailed to all members

ANNUAL COMMITTEE DINNER

The Annual Committee Dinner was held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at Royal Durban Golf Club in the Gavin Bernstein Room. It was a grand affair with an excellent supper. Bob Rickards was awarded his Honorary Life Certificate at this special occasion attended by many Past Presidents of our Society. Below is the citation for Bob Rickards prepared by Roger Mentzel.

R.W.K 'Bob' Rickards

CITATION

Bob joined the Society in 2008, and was soon recognized as a potential member of the committee, which he became. Serving as a member and then as Vice Captain, Captain and President.

Bob excelled in all these positions and navigated the society, through change, when the long serving secretariat retired in 2016. His term also involved touring groups, which he handled with aplomb.

In many ways Bob epitomizes what it means to be a member of this Society.

Bob would achieve his ambition of playing golf every day if he could. He seldom misses a senior's game and is one of the most popular members of the Society; he is a thoroughly decent man and an asset.



Immediate Past President, Bob Rickards receiving his Honorary Life Certificate from current President, Roger Mentzel

NEW METHOD OF COMPETITION FEE PAYMENT IN 2018

Below is copy of an email sent to all members regarding the change in the competition fee process for 2018. Please read through the letter.

Dear Member,

Change in Competition Fee Process for 2018 – Senior Golfers' Society of KZN

In line with National trends, your Committee has decided to do away with the cash collection of Competition Fees at the reception table at each event.

By doing so we'll avoid all the risks, costs and administration associated with the handling of cash.

The existing Competition Fee will however, remain in place for the remainder of this year, but from 2018 will be charged on an annual basis. It will be shown as a separate item on your annual subscription invoice.

The calculation of the new annual Competition Fee will be based on Active member's annual games commitment viz:-

- Members residing in the greater Durban area (8 games) - R320 pa
- Members residing outside the 50 km radius of Durban (5 games) - R200 pa

Should Non-Playing or Associate Members participate in a fixture they will be billed retrospectively for the game competition fee.

We trust that members will appreciate the reasons for making the above change and accept it accordingly.

Many thanks and best regards

Rae Stewart
Captain

New Member Orientation

Some members have not had the opportunity to enjoy an orientation chat, and so we thought the newsletter is an ideal platform to share the following document that has been prepared as a guide for new members:

1. Seniors History & Tradition

Seniors Golf started in the USA in 1905 where the first tournament, exclusively for men aged 55 and older, was played. In 1917 the US Seniors' Golf Association was formed. Exclusivity was, and still is, achieved through Invitation and Limited Numbers. Currently the US Seniors' Golf Association pegs its membership at a maximum of 1000.

The concept of a Senior Golfers' Association then spread to Canada, the UK (where the importance of Colours and the Crest Emblem started), Kenya, Northern and Southern Rhodesia and South Africa.

In South Africa the first Association was formed in Johannesburg in 1935. The Senior Golfers' Society of Natal was formed in 1935 at a meeting held at Royal Durban Golf Club. The History of the Natal Society is documented in a book written by Charles

Severn (a current Seniors Member). In the pre-war days members were mostly drawn from the more exclusive Clubs such as Durban Club, Durban Country Club, the PMB Club, Rand Club, Kelvin Grove, etc.

The Senior Golfers Union of South Africa (SGUSA) is the national umbrella organisation and has nine Senior Provincial Golfers' Societies as its affiliates. SGUSA arranges the SA Annual Seniors National Tournament and all Senior international tours to and from SA.

SGUSA decides on membership quotas for each of the 9 SA Societies and that quota may not be exceeded. KZN's quota is currently 180 active players.

We recognise Veteran (>20 years membership) and Hon. Life members.

2. The Senior Golfers' Society of KwaZulu-Natal Constitution

It is essential to read our Constitution which governs everything we do in Seniors, apart from some additional rules as detailed below.

3. The Seniors' Colours

- Wearing a Jacket & the Seniors Tie at prize giving is a worldwide tradition.
- The Seniors tie and badge are international, and are worn by affiliated Senior Golfers Clubs around the world.
- The Colours of "port and the sere and yellow leaf" come from Shakspeare's Macbeth and mean "the Autumn of life".
- The Motto on the badge translates to "They can because they think they can"

4. Dress Code

4.1. On the Course:-

- KZN Seniors golf shirt
- Golfing shorts (or longs) – which must be a beige colour
- Seniors hat or cap
- Seniors socks
- Seniors maroon jerseys – both long and short-sleeved

N.B. The KZN golf shirt and the Seniors hat, cap, socks and jerseys are all obtainable from the KZN Seniors office

4.2. At Prize-Giving:-

- Blazer with name badge. (Seniors blazer pocket badge is not mandatory)
- Seniors tie

5. National Tournament

Normally, in March / April every year, SGUSA arranges a week-long SA National Tournament which rotates around the country. Numbers are limited, and as one of the larger Societies, our quota is normally between 50 and 60 players. If we have more entries than the allowed quota, the Committee decides who goes to the Nationals, and this is normally based on member's participation in local fixtures during the preceding year.

6. Local Rules

- 6.1. The annual Fixture KZN Fixture List, excluding Nationals, consists of 18 games at different golf courses, mostly in and around Durban, but also as far South as Southbroom, as far North as Prince's Grant, and as far inland as Nottingham Road.
- 6.2. Members are required to play a minimum of 8 games per annum (5 games for those residing outside a 50 km radius of Durban). A good Senior will play upwards of 12 games per annum.

- 6.3. Members are required to conform to our dress code both “on course” and at prize-giving. See para 4 above.
- 6.4. Members are required to attend all prize giving ceremonies. In exceptional circumstances where attendance is not possible, an apology to the President, Captain, Vice-Captain or Secretary is a strict requirement.
- 6.5. The practise of betting is discouraged.
- 6.6. It is customary for each player to pay for their own half-way
- 6.7. A player withdrawing from a drawn game at short notice is required to inform the Secretariat and to try and find a replacement.
- 6.8. “Slow play” is frowned upon as it negatively impacts on other players and delays the prize giving ceremony. Players are expected to keep up with the fourball in front of them.
- 6.9. The Society plays under the rules as authorised by the R&A.

7. Administration

7.1. Management

As per our Constitution we are managed by a committee including the officers of the Society, viz, Immediate Past President, President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and not more than seven other members.

7.2. Office

Our Office is located at Royal Durban Golf Club. We employ an Assistant Secretary (Michelle Burmester) who is normally at the office from 09:00 to 12:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. However, before visiting the office, please call Michelle to make sure she is there. Michelle 074 589 2774, Office 031 309 2206

7.3. KZN Website and Email

Members are encouraged to use the electronic interfaces to enter and query fixtures.

KZN Seniors Website: <http://www.kznseniors.com/>

You can use this site to look at the Committee details, membership lists, fixtures, entry to fixture, starting sheets and lots more.

Our Email which is managed both by the Honorary Secretary and the Assistant Secretary is office@seniorgolf.co.za

7.4. Senior Golfers Union of South Africa (SGUSA)

SGUSA Website: <https://sgusa.co.za/>

All Members are required to register on the National SGUSA system. You will be sent a handbook on the use of this system.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack!

"Help me dear," she groans to her husband.

The husband calls 911 on his mobile phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter and lines up his putt.

His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him. "I'm dying here and you're putting?"

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, "they found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you."

Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" she asks feebly.

"No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."

A young man and a priest are playing together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son? "

The young man says, "An 8-iron, father. How about you?"

The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray."

The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young man says, "I don't know about you, father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down."

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?"

The man replied: "Got here in two, didn't I?"

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*The Committee and Secretariat wish you all a Happy
Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2018*

