



SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF KWAZULU NATAL

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS – September 2018

Assistant Secretary

At our Mt Edgecombe fixture on 25 September we said goodbye to Michelle Burmester, who has been in this role for the past 2 years. We wish her well with her new ventures in George.

Meg Mottram was introduced as our new Assistant Secretary from 1 October. She has been overlapping with Michelle in September and is already involved in all the activities. Meg will be working Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as any other day as required.

Meg can be contacted on 074 897 9939.

2018 FIXTURE LIST

Dates for 2 fixtures are incorrect in the Booklet

We slipped up on two dates. The correct ones are:

Tuesday 20 Nov 2018 – Royal Durban GC – BB Stableford
Friday 7 Dec 2018 – Durban CC – Charity Day Alliance

Remaining Fixtures on the calendar this year are below, please enter them into your diary.

Venue	Day	Date	Month	Playing Format
Durban Country Club (Pinehurst Stableford Trophy)	Tuesday	23	October	Better Ball Stableford
Annual Triangular Match (OFS/KZN/GAU) Harrismith	Sat/Sun	2-4	November	Match
Royal Durban Golf Club	Tuesday	20	November	Better Ball Stableford
Durban Country Club (Charity Day)	Friday	7	December	Charity Day Alliance

HOW TO ENTER FIXTURES

We encourage all our members to enter for fixtures on our web site. It is easier than you think and you can be sure your entry will not go missing.

The web site is accessed by entering

www.kznseniors.com

into your computer / tablet / phone browser (Google, Firefox, Internet Explorer or which ever way you look at the Internet)

and select the first option which is "Senior Golfers' Society KZN – Home". This will open the web site.

Then select Fixtures, choose the fixture you would like to enter

and then select Entry Form.

You enter you Name, Handicap, Cart, Own Cart or No Cart and comment where you can ask for an early / late tee time etc.

Then submit it and you are done! (No email, no phone call, no sms can then go missing)

Competition Results

Zimbali Country Club Tuesday 12 June 2018 Competition Four Ball Bonus Bogey

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize		Bruce Hopewell
Whynotte Service Station Attendance		Wouter Le Roux
Attendance Draw		Vaughan McDonnell
Number Of 2's:	9	
Nearest The Pin:	No. 5	Dave Cousens
	No. 14	Bruce Dunlop

1 st	John Cole & Allan Tennant	+9
	On Count Out By 3190 Days	
2 nd	Ray Ramandh & Bruce Dunlop	+9
3 rd	Micky Tramontino & Graham Burnett	+8



The Winners Alan Tennant & John Cole



John Gatherer receiving his Club Tie from President Rae Stewart

A good field of 75 enjoyed Zimbali in excellent conditions with a little wind. As usual the organisation was slick with Tea/ Coffee laid on before the game. There were a few grumbles about the Bonus Bogey competition as it appears it is not the most popular format.

Afterwards we gathered in the member's bar which was buzzing! John Gatherer was formally welcomed into the Society by our President.

Umdoni Country Club Tuesday 26 June 2018 Competition Four Ball Alliance



Stef Nel & John McKinnon enjoying the wonderful surrounds of Umdoni

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Duncan Poynton
 Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Tony Kennedy
 Attendance Draw: Malcolm King
 Number Of 2's: 7
 Nearest The Pin: No. 3 Paul Botha
 No. 14 Roy Carrick

1 st	Allan Van Der Veen, Mike Atter, Les Orchard, Neil Gerber	91 Pts
2 nd	Trevor Beuthin, Richard Pemberton, Barry Kramer, Graham Burnett	90 Pts
3 rd	Peter Ledger, Richard Erasmus, Peter Volck, Ron De Villiers On A Count Out (3680 Days)	88 Pts



The winning 4 ball of Allan van der Veen, Mike Atter, Neil Gerber & Les Orchard

A field of 70 competed in good, slightly breezy, sunny conditions on this magnificent golf course. The scoring was close and the winning score of 91 was a little down on the previous year.

The fellowship afterwards with the magnificent views was as good as ever.

**Southbroom Country Club
 Thursday 19 July 2018
 Competition Four Ball Alliance**

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Brian Stokoe
 Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Peter Volck
 Attendance Draw: Jack Bassage
 Number Of 2's: Nil
 Nearest The Pin: No. 5 Doug Aitken
 No.14 Rae Stewart

1 st	Neil Edwards, Tim Hitchins, Malcolm King, Peter Ledger	87 Pts
2 nd	Wouter Le Roux, Duncan Poynton, Bob Thomas, Waller Butcher On A Count Out By 13081 Days	86 Pts
3 rd	Allan Van Der Veen, Mike Silberman, Jack Bassage, Ray Ramandh	86 Pts
	Ladies Barbara Dixon, Anne Gatherer, Judy Van Der Veen, Jenny Edwards Ladies Nearest The Pin On 14 th Glorianne Le Roux	86 Pts

**Southbroom Country Club
 Friday 20 July 2018
 Competition Better Ball Stableford**

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Not Presented
 Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Not Presented
 Attendance Draw: Not Presented
 Numer Of 2's: Nil
 Nearest The Pin: No. 8 John Allan
 No.14 Ray Ramandh

1 st	Arrol Paterson & Malcolm King	47 Pts
2 nd	Doug Aitken & Rick Hardy On A Count Out By 2691 Days	45 Pts
3 rd	Allan Van Der Veen & Corne Kruger	45 Pts
	Ladies June Allan, Barbara Dixon, Sue Evans, Glorianne Le Roux Ladies Nearest The Pin No 2 – Jenny Edwards	80 Pts

43 players on the Thursday and 37 on the Friday (including 2 Northern Gauteng members) enjoyed a wonderful two days. Specifically notable was the enjoyable braai on the Thursday evening at the club house.

Umhlali Country Club
Tuesday 7 August 2018
Competition Better Ball Stableford

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Dave Hardy
 Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Bob Martin
 Attendance Draw: Trevor Beuthin
 Number Of 2's: 3
 Nearest The Pin: No. 11 Peter Comrie
 No. 4 Roy Carrick

1 st	Rob McCann and Elton Chatterton	49 pts
2 nd	James Dixon & Dave Attwood-Smith	47 pts
3 rd	Bob Voogt & David Yeo	46 pts

77 players arrived at Umhlali with a number of late withdrawals. Umhlali were in the process of redoing their tee boxes so we had 6 temporary tees to play off which meant the course was overall a bit shorter than the usual course.

However a testing wind prevailed making it a challenging day and in particular, the elevated short hole over the water off the back tee which was extremely difficult. Some tricky pin placings also tested our members which made the course more difficult than expected.

We were once again made to be felt most welcome by the Club and their relaxing bar area made it another enjoyable outing for the Seniors.

Kloof Country Club
Tuesday 7 August 2018
Competition Better Ball Stableford

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize: Dennis Milford
 Whynotte Service Station Attendance: Duncan Poynton
 Attendance Draw: Jack Bassage
 Number of 2's: 14
 Nearest The Pin: No. 2 Bruce Dunlop
 No. 18 Bruce Pringle

1 st	Roy Armour & Bruce Dunlop	47pts
2 nd	Moosa Allee & Brian Allison	46pts
3 rd	Peter Comrie & Bruce Hopewell Counted out James Dixon & Ron Hewat (3180days)	46 pts



Winners Roy Armour & Bruce Dunlop

Complementary Tea / Coffee and biscuits warmed up the excellent field of 84 players on arrival. The day then turned out to be glorious for golf.

As per the time of the year, the fairways were not at their best but recent rains had perked them up and they were very playable. The usual lightning fast greens had been slowed slightly by a very light dusting so were conducive to good scoring.

After a good days golf the cosy pub was filled to capacity and the mood was merry!

**Victoria Country Club
Tuesday 11 September 2018
Competition Better Ball Stableford**

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize:	Arno Becker
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:	Peter Powell
Attendance Draw:	Alan Fourie
Number of 2's:	5
Nearest The Pin: No. 8 th	Bob Rickards
No. 17 th	Ron Hewat

1 st	John MacKinnon / Chris Immelman	46 Pts
2 nd	Alan Fourie / Nigel Hemming	45 Pts
3 rd	James Dixon / Jonathan Hallows Counted out by 243 Days Ron Hewat & Arno Becker	44 Pts



Winners Chris Immelman & John MacKinnon

Due to a number of overseas tours and two notable memorial events that day, we had a very disappointing field of 43 players. Those who did not have a good excuse for playing at Victoria this year missed a treat with "5 Star" golf weather, and a much more friendlier course than the usual tough challenge – the greens had received their spring treatment and were softer and much slower than usual.

A number of our local members who could not play for good reasons, attended prize giving which resulted in a good sociable crowd.

The Woods Mount Edgecombe
Tuesday 25 September 2018
Competition Individual Stableford

This was our game for the National Virtual SGUSA Competition where each Society scores the average of the Stableford scores of all participants.

Our average was 28.053 which will not be good enough to win.

Gowrie Farm Attendance Prize:		Robbie Wright
Whynotte Service Station Attendance:		Victor Govender
Attendance Draw:		Jack Bassage
Number of 2's:	6	
Nearest The Pin:	No. 9 th	Dave Karon
	No. 12 th	Tim Hitchins

1 st	Mike Mun-Gavin	36 Pts
2 nd	Malcolm King	35 pts
3 rd	Graham Burnett	35 pts
4 th	Mike Tramontino	35 pts
5 th	Doug Aitken	35 pts
6 th	Robby Wright	35 pts
7 th	Ray Ramandh	35 pts

The extremely small field of YY enjoyed a wonderful course with excellent greens. The weather was quite warm and new par 3 was quite challenging, with the dam on the left a popular spot!

While quite a few of our members were still on overseas travels, and the format of Individual Stableford was perhaps the main reason numbers were down. The committee will have to consider whether we participate in this National Event if it continues next year.

As mentioned above, Michelle and Meg attended Prize giving where members said farewell to Michelle and got to meet Meg.

NEWS ITEMS

Obituaries

Sadly the following Associate Members passed away this year:

Roy Wise (joined our Society in Dec 1988)
Mike Storm (joined our Society in May 1999)
Denis Barker (joined our Society in Mar 1989)
Noel Attwood-Smith (joined our Society in June 2000)
Andrew Fanning (joined our Society in Feb 1984)

Current Membership

We have 160 Active Members (our Quota is 175), 20 Non Playing Members, and 46 Associate Members making a total of 226 Members.

New Provisional Members

The following two new provisional members will soon be playing their first games with us:

Leigh Mann – Handicapped at Mt Edgecombe CC
John Herselman – Handicapped at Mt Edgecombe CC

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

Change in dates for 2019 Nationals at George

The Sunday 7th April to Friday 12th April 2019 were the published dates for the 2019 Seniors National Tournament to be held in George.

However due to constraints at Fancourt, the tournament itself has been moved back one day and **will now be played from Monday 8th April to Thursday 11th April.**

The mixed, registration and practice rounds will be held on Sunday 7th April 2019 and the Gala Dinner on Thursday 11th April.

This is a change from the traditional Tuesday to Friday tournament.

2019 Senior Golfers Society of Chile – Tour to South Africa

A South African Tour by the Senior Golfers Society of Chile will be taking place from 4th to 22nd May 2019. KZN will be hosting the participants from 10th to 17th May 2019. The planning and budget has been done and venues, etc booked.

The following courses will be played – Zimbali Country Club, Royal Durban Golf Club and Durban Country Club.

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 you 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!

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