SENIOR GOLFERS UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

5-9 May 2014
Royal Durban Golf Club
Durban Country Club

National Tournament
Men's programme

Sunday 4 May
Registration at Royal Durban Golf Club – 14h00 to 16h00

Monday 5 May
Mixed Golf competition at Royal Durban Golf Club
Tee off from 10h30. See draw on page 38.
Practice rounds at Durban Country Club.
See Information – Golf
Registration at Royal Durban Golf Club – 09h00 to 16h00
Cocktail Party – 19h00 to 20h30
• Venue: Greyville Race Course
• Dress: Senior Golfers tie and Blazer
• Address: Gate 15, Mitchell Crescent, Greyville, Durban. Pass RDGC on the left and proceed through the gate to the venue
• Parking: on site

Tuesday 6 May
Registration at Royal Durban Golf Club – 08h00 to 09h00
Alliance Stableford - 2 Scores to count
• See draw on pages 16 & 17

Wednesday 7 May
Inter-Society Foursomes Stableford – Pinehurst
• 40% of handicaps rounded up
• Both players tee off, exchange drives and select best second after which alternative shots are played.
• See draw on pages 18 & 19
Annual General Meeting
• The Meeting of the Members of Societies will take place at the Royal Durban Golf Club at 18h00. See Notice on page 48.
Evening Function at Royal Durban Golf Club
• Lamb on the spit with live entertainment

Thursday 8 May
Championship of the Senior Golfers Union of South Africa and Individual Stableford Competition (First Round)
The Championship is played for by 9 and lower handicap entrants on a medal stroke play basis over two rounds. The remainder of the field competes for Class competitions on a Stableford basis.
See draw on pages 20 & 21. Leading 12 players will be seeded on Friday.

Friday 9 May
Championship of the Senior Golfers Union of South Africa and Individual Stableford Competition (Second Round)
See draw on pages 22 & 23
Combined Gala Dinner – 19h30 Pre dinner drinks. 20h00 Dinner
• Venue : Greyville Race Course
• Address: As for the cocktail party
• Parking: on site
• Dress: Formal or Dark jacket, dark pants and Seniors tie or bow tie.

Men’s programme organisers contact details
Jelli Jelliman – 072 8267141 – Local Tournament Chairman and Functions
Richard Erasmus – 082 7807726 – Local Tournament vice-Chairman and Functions
Robbie Wright – 083 7872299 – Chairman Sub-committee General Purposes
John Mackinnon – 083 4523205 – Chairman Sub-committee Golf and Liaison
John Winton – 082 8098345 – Chairman Sub-committee Sponsorship & Fund Raising
Sheila McCarthy – 0824914652 – Chairman Sub-committee Ladies Entertainment
Frank Agg – 082 8046402 – Chairman Sub-committee Finance

Alistair Forbes – 2013 Champion
Acknowledgement
Royal Durban Golf Club and Durban Country Club will host the 75th Annual 2014 National Tournament. To the Office Bearers, Management, Captains and Members of these prestigious clubs, we extend our sincere thanks for making their courses and facilities available to us.

Annual General Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of the Senior Golfers Union of South Africa and the members of all associated Societies will take place at the Royal Durban Golf Club on Wednesday the 7th of May 2014 at 18h00. See page 48 for the Notice of the meeting.

Cocktail Party
- Venue: Greyville Racecourse
- Address: Gate 15, Mitchell Crescent, Greyville, Durban. Proceed past RDGC to parking area.
- Date: Monday the 5th of May 2014
- Time: 19h00 to 20h30
- Dress: Blazer, Seniors tie and name badge
- Parking: On site

Gala dinner and presentation of trophies
- Venue: Greyville Racecourse
- Address: As for cocktail party
- Date: Friday the 9th of May 2014
- Time: Pre dinner drinks at 19h30
  - Dinner at 20h00
- Dress: Formal dinner suit or Dark Jacket, Dark pants and Seniors tie or bowtie and name badge
- Parking: On site

Banking
There are no ATM facilities in the Clubs. Both Clubs accept credit cards.

Car Parking
There are good parking facilities at all social venues in the programme.

Dress code
- After play AM – Casual
- After play PM – Blazer, Seniors tie and name badge
- Cocktail Party – as above
- Gala Dinner – as above

Map of Durban
Maps to assist you in finding the key venues will be included in the welcome bag as well as a detailed map of KZN and surrounds.

Medical
Our National Trauma Co-Ordinator will notify relevant hospitals and make arrangements for standby personnel as requested by yourself below:

- Dentist
- Optometrist
- Chiropractor
- Physiotherapist

Our National Trauma Co-Ordinator will also be your point of contact should you require any medical assistance during the event to provide you with seamless service delivery.

National Trauma Co-Ordinator –
Nicky Baltoucos Cell : 082 600 5272
Telephone : (0)11 489-1132
Email : Nicky.Baltoucos@netcare.co.za

Name badges
You and your partner are asked to wear your name badges after golf and at all social functions.

Raffle and two clubs
The KZN Society will be holding a raffle on three days. The entry fee has been prepaid and you will participate in all the draws. Winner’s lists will be posted at the golf clubs.
Two clubs are paid to you when handing your scorecards in to the ladies.

Refund policy
For cancellations advised to the Tournament Director before the 15th of March – a full refund will be paid. Refunds after the 15th of March will only be granted due to major illness or exceptional circumstances.
Where the KZN Society has had to pay a deposit for tours or functions, no refund will be made.

Registration
Registration will take place at Royal Durban Golf Club:
- Sunday 4 May 14h00 to 16h00
- Monday 5 May 09h00 to 16h00
- Tuesday 6 May 08h00 to 09h00
On registering, the following information is required:
- Your current handicap
- Your cell number or local contact telephone number
Please check your tee off times and function bookings.

Security
The Clubs cannot be held responsible for the loss of any valuables. Please DO NOT leave any personal items of value in the locker rooms or in your golf bags.

Telephone numbers
There will not be a designated Help desk, but if you require help or assistance, please call your nearest golf club who will assist you.
Royal Durban Golf Club – 031 309 1530 or 031 309 1373
Durban Country Club – 031 313 1777
DCC Pro-Shop – 031 313 1716
Practical rounds – Monday 5 May
Practice rounds are available at Durban Country Club and you are requested to make your own arrangements by booking directly on the following number:
Durban Country Club: 031 3131777
DCC Pro-Shop: 031 313 1719

Prizes
- No player may receive more than one prize for events, excluding team events, on any one day. Should a tie occur in any of the events, including the Championship, those senior in age, or in combined ages, shall be the winners.
- Winners of the Tuesday competition will receive their prizes at the end of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 7th of May at the Royal Durban Golf Club.
- Presentation of prizes for the Pinehurst and Championship and related events will be held during the Gala Dinner on the Friday evening.

Score cards
Score cards and any local rules will be issued to you by the Starter on the tee at whichever course you are playing. Please complete and hand in your card immediately on completion of your round.

Slow play
Recent National Tournaments have been adversely affected by periods of slow play, particularly on Wednesday and Thursday. Please assist in eliminating this problem by:
- Speeding up your own play and that of your playing partners.
- Picking up in a Stableford competition, if you are not able to score or improve your partner’s score.
- Making sure you keep up with the group in front. Course Marshalls, who have given up their own golf to assist, will be in attendance throughout the tournament and will act strictly against those causing slow play.
Please respect their requests. Offenders may be penalized two strokes under Rule 6.7 in the stroke play Championship and two points in the Stableford events.

Spikes and socks
Both courses insist on soft spikes. If wearing shorts, both long stockings and Seniors short socks are allowed.

One set of tees
The Tournament will be played off one set of tees.
Starting tees
Play will start from the 1st and 10th tees at Royal Durban Golf Club, 1st and 10th at Durban Country Club, morning and afternoon, throughout the tournament. See pages 16 to 23.

Tee off times
- Last minute changes to your published tee off times may be necessary, mainly due to withdrawals and replacements. You will receive notification of changes when you register for the tournament.
- It is your responsibility to check the day before whether any changes have occurred. These changes will be posted on the tournament notice boards.
- IMPORTANT, those players with handicaps of 9 or less who are playing in the Championship are to note that the draw on the Friday afternoon will be redrawn to seed the leaders. Please ascertain your tee off time early on Friday morning, as changes will have occurred.
- Where possible changes to tee off times printed in the Brochure will be advised by SMS to those who have provided cell phone numbers.
- Revised starting times will be displayed daily.
- When you arrive to play each day, please check in at the Tournament Desk at least 20 minutes beforehand.
- Please report to the Starter on the tee at least 10 minutes before your tee off time.

Two clubs
- The KZN Society is running a two club competition on each day. Entry fee for the 4 days was included when you prepaid for the Raffle and two club.
- Prize – one ball per two club – collect from the Tournament Desk when returning your scorecard.

Catering
- Breakfast and light refreshments are available from 06h00.
- Both clubs have excellent catering facilities and good lunches are available.

Championship play
On Thursday and Friday competitors with handicaps of 9 or less will compete for the Championship proper on a stroke play basis (gross only), as well as competing in the Net Stableford competitions which will be contested by all other players.

Class competitions
The Class competitions during the Championships on Thursday and Friday will be decided on a Net Stableford score basis. There is also a Gross Stableford winner for each class.

The age divisions are: A – 55 to 59; B – 60 to 64; C – 65 to 69; D – 70 to 74; E – 75 and over all calculated on the final day of the Tournament.

Control
- The main Control Room for the Tournament will be located at Royal Durban Golf Club.
- Please report to the Tournament Desk at the Clubs at least 20 minutes before your tee off time.
- Results will be provided regularly throughout the tournament and will be displayed on the notice boards at both clubs.

Golf carts
- Golf carts have been arranged for all those players who requested them, on medical grounds, when submitting their entry application forms. A list of golf cart allocations, which may or may not provide for sharing, will be displayed at Registration. The carts will be issued by the Pro shop staff at a fee of R220. Privately owned carts are not allowed at DCC.
- Players requiring golf carts on Monday should make their own arrangements directly with the club.

Mixed golf competition –
Monday 5 May
This competition for Senior Golfers and their lady partners is being played at Royal Durban Golf Club.

The format is a Four Ball Better Ball Stableford one score to count, teeing off from 10h30. Those players who entered and prepaid for this competition with their entry application, will be included in the draw. Any late entries or withdrawals, to contact Jetske Kingma on 083 271 4360. If you have entered for the Mixed Golf without a partner, the Tournament Organising Committee will endeavour to find you a lady partner and her green fee will be for your account.

Halfway house
To assist speeding up the completion of rounds, there will not be a half-way house. A grab-and-go will be available after the completion of nine holes.

PLEASE NOTE that if a two club is scored in the Pinehurst competition, both players will receive a prize.

Travel directions
If you are in any doubt as to how to find Royal Durban Golf Club (RDGC) or Durban Country Club (DCC) you can phone them at the following numbers.
RDGC: 031 3091373 or 031 3091530
DCC: 031 3131777

Disclaimer
You are reminded that neither the Union nor the KZN Society, nor any person engaged on both their behalves, in the administration of the tournament or any of its associated activities, will be liable, whether negligent or not, for any injury loss or damage, however sustained.

Bunkers
Rakes are provided in all bunkers. You are requested to leave bunkers in the condition in which you would like to find them.

Caddies
Based on the information provided on the Entry Application, sufficient caddies should be available but you are advised to bring your own caddie cart. The minimum caddie fee is R180 plus a tip.

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Situated in the heart of Durban and confined within the boundaries of Greyville Racecourse, Royal Durban Golf Club (RDGC) is the city’s oldest golf club, dating back to June 1892. “Royal” status was granted in 1932 following a visit and a round of golf in 1925 from the then Prince of Wales.

In 1932, Bob Grimsdell, a leading golf course designer was commissioned to rebuild the course.

Because of its positioning within the racetrack there is out-of-bounds on the right hand side of nine of the eighteen holes. This aspect, together with sometimes punishing rough, contribute to the “toughening up” of the course, coupled with the prevailing northerly winds, and sometimes southerly winds, can result in what looks like a “walk in the park” into a challenging round of golf.

Gold Circle, which owns and manages the surrounding racetrack, began the process late in 2013 of constructing a new all-weather synthetic racetrack. This construction yielded some 30 000 cubic metres of soil, which has been made available to the club and has been distributed at various areas around the course to assist with improved drainage. In addition, tees have been extended, both to the front and back, to either lengthen or shorten the course, while mounds and cart paths have been constructed to give the course a better look and make is more player friendly.

Royal Durban is the home of the Senior Golfers’ Society of KZN and the club boasts a long warm relationship with the Society. The Society’s office is situated in a building adjacent to the eighteenth green and the honors board is positioned in the main entrance of the clubhouse.

In 1911 the first SA Open championship, in Natal, was played RDGC, then known as “Durban Golf Club”. The next championship to be played at RDGC was in 1919 and another fifty-one years later in 1970, when Tommy Horton, became the first overseas visitor to win the SA Open. In 1985 the “Open” came back to RDGC and quite a stormy occasion it turned out to be. A body of professionals publically criticised the course, claiming the “rough” to be too severe and the fairways too narrow. The winner was Gavin Levenson.

Hopefully 2014 will bring good weather and you will all enjoy the experience of playing this old course in pleasant conditions not finding the rough too “tough” and the fairways too “narrow”.

Royal Durban Golf Club
Opened in 1922, the Durban Country Club golf course has been considered to be one of South Africa’s finest layouts and for many years was the only South African course rated among the 100 best courses in the world.

It is not surprising that this magnificent course has been chosen to host the South African Open championship more than any other—a total of 17 times, including the centennial championship in 2010. It has also hosted many other professional golf tournaments, the most recent being the 2014 Volvo Champions. The South African Amateur Championship has been played at Durban Country Club on 6 occasions and it has also been a popular venue for many KwaZulu-Natal Amateur Championships. It can arguably call itself the course on which most of South Africa’s golf champions have found fame, including professionals Bobby Locke, Gary Player, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Tim Clark and recently Louis Oosthuizen, as well as amateurs Murray Grindrod, Reg Taylor and David Suddards.

As with all classic coastal courses, the wind plays an important role in determining just how stern a golfing test the layout really is, and when the prevailing north-easterly blows, the opening holes are extremely tough, and when it blows from the south, the closing five holes bare their teeth. Every hole is worthy of a mention but the par five 3rd is perhaps the finest of all. Rated in The World Atlas of Golf as the best 3rd hole in the world, the drive must split the narrow fairway which is well protected by indigenous bush. The rolling fairway calls for a safe second shot towards a relatively flat landing area over which a cavernous bunker lurks. The green is not protected by any bunkers but approach shots are intimidating prospects, and played into the wind the 3rd hole has probably spoiled more score cards than any other. There are several other beautifully designed Durban Country Club holes, notably 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 12th, 16th, 17th and 18th. All make for an enjoyable experience no matter how one plays. Measured at 6157 metres off the championship tees and 5910 metres off the club tees, Durban Country Club may be shorter than most by modern standards, but as Louis Oosthuizen said after winning the 2014 Volvo Champions: “This is a great traditional golf course on which all the shots have to be played”.

The golf course will provide a true test of every shot to all who compete and only the straightest off the tees with the softest hands around the greens will reign supreme at the end of the week.
Monday 5th May

Mixed Golf competition
- Tee off from Royal Durban Golf Club – Draw on page 38
- Golf carts R220 per cart. Book direct with the Club if required.
- Prize giving at the opening Cocktail Party
Organiser: Roger Mentzel 082 806 7575

Tuesday 6th May

Golf at Zimbali
- Bus departs from RDGC @ 6.45am
- Tee off from 9am
- Golf carts are included for all players
- Halfway for own account
- Light lunch provided with prize giving
- Draw available at registration
Organiser: Brenda MacNeillie 0824437495

OR
Hawaan Forest Walk (approximately 2 hours)
- Meet at Hawaan Forest gate (Umhlanga Rocks) at 10am (directions provided at registration)
- Own transport required
- Tea and snacks provided
Organiser: Corrie King 0832812437

OR
Antiques and High Tea with Sandy Day (10 – 12am)
- Meet at Sandy Day’s house (Durban North) at 10am (directions provided at registration)
- Own transport required
- High Tea provided
Organiser: Joy Terry-Lloyd 0834630699

Wednesday 7th May

A Morning of laughter – High Tea and the Queen of Comedy Lisa Bobbert
- 10am – 12.30pm
- Meet at Durban Country Club at 9.30am
- Own transport required
- High tea provided
Organiser: Joy Terry-Lloyd 0834630699

OR
Birding at Shongweni followed by lunch at Makaranga Lodge
- Bus departs from RDGC @ 7am
- Lunch included
- Bus arrives back approximately 2.30pm
Organiser: Martie Jelliman 082 4875383
Friday 9th May

Tour of Ushaka Marine World, meet with Umthombo
- Meet at Ushaka Marine World (Durban Point) @ 9am
- Tour of Ushaka and lunch and demo included at Daruma Japanese Restaurant
- Meet children from the "Street Kids to Surfers" charity (Umthombo)
- Organiser: Martie Jelliman 082 4875383

OR
Bridge
- Meet at Durban Country Club at 9am
- Own transport required
- Organiser: Paddy Barker 0824959697

NB: Please advise any changes of function bookings to your local society secretary and not the function organiser!