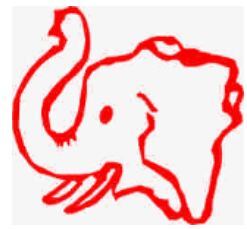


Senior Golfers' Society of E P



Newsletter - February/March 2016

Our website address is: www.epseniorsociety.com

Game Results:

Gentlemen, please remember that our meeting results are published on our website - for all games.

Membership News:

Due to ill health, our Treasurer Val Saunders has had to call it a day. We thank Val for many years of service to our Society. Fortunately Harry Bonner has accepted this onerous task. Our thoughts need to be with Val.

Arnie Schultz, Pat Phillips and Peter Muzzell have transferred to Non-Playing membership, Rob Hoar transferred to Active Veteran Senior membership, while Nic Reed and Jon Walker have transferred to Non-Playing Veteran Senior membership. Mick Tandy has been elevated to Non-Playing Veteran Senior membership along with Allan Shaw and Johan Rautenbach.

Brian Hoy (Free State) has been added to the Active membership and old friend Neville Woollgar (Border) has been placed on the Transferee wait list, to be inducted in accordance with normal wait-list processes. Dr. Julian Nel has been accepted as a new member and joins the wait-list. Welcome to Seniors golf in the E.P. gentlemen. Rob Wilmot and Zak Limbada were recently inducted and we wish them many years of fun-filled O.F.G.

Bill Smith, as can be seen in the Nationals "brochure", has been elected as Vice-President Elect of the Senior Golfers Union of South Africa, a well-deserved honour and tribute to his service to golf as a whole. We in the E.P. have been privileged to have had such dedicated and competent golf administrators as Peter Fischer, Val Saunders, Brian Blenkinsop and Bill.

We mourn the passing of John Dixie, who was inducted in 1985, Bunny Damerell (1990) Colin Reed (2006) and Sandy Sanders (1985). We extend our condolences to their families. All four contributed much to the game at club level and Bunny was our Treasurer for some years.

Ron Allin and Paddy Ball celebrate/celebrated birthdays in their eighties in March/April and Bill Smith reached that magical number. Colin Rushmere, Derek Smith, Rob Hoar, Mike Macaulay, Bobby Giles, John Askew, Rodney Upton, Derick Pape, Geoff Pearce, Peter Wilson, Norman Dyer and Chris Steenekamp were/will be celebrants in their seventies. Nine other much younger members also had/will have special days. We wish you many more to come gentlemen.

Rob Burton successfully completed the "Argus" again this year and is now level-pegging with Ron Woodin on 27 finishes. Norman Dyer has seen the light and has retired from "this nonsense".

Membership & Fixtures book errata - P1 Harry Bonner is our Treasurer. P12 and P13 - move Rob Hoar from NP on P13 to Active Veteran Senior on P12 under Burke Williams. Any other changes please let me know so that they do not perpetuate into 2017.

Nationals 2016

Aidan Cuff and his very hard-working committee deserve our thanks and approbation for a sterling job of work. Everything is in place and if the weather plays its part the tournament will be a blast. If any non-player amongst you has some spare time during the week of Nationals please furnish your name to Aidan.

Some interesting facts pulled from older "brochures" are that:

- The first championship, held in East London in 1937, was won by John Dock of E.P. on 85 (one round only).
- Other E.P. winners are:

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| 1953 | P.A. Cuthbert in P.E. on 161 |
| 1959 | B.G.R. Ryan in P.E. on 154 |
| 1983 | B. Humphrey in P.E. on 155 |
| 1985 | T. Long in Cape Town on 153 |
| 1998 | T. Long in George on 155 |
- The highest winning score over 36 holes was by D.A. Alexander in 1946 on 167; the lowest was by A. Forbes in 2009 in Port Elizabeth on 136.
- Only G. Pearson on 143 in Durban in 1992 and C. du Toit on 141 in Johannesburg in 2003 have broken par, other than Alastair.
- Derek Lunt's winning score of 157 in Bloemfontein in 2015 was 8 shots worse than his winning score of 149 in Bloemfontein in 2008.

- It was also the highest winning score since 1977.

It is interesting to note that P.D.B. Spence, champion in 1958, was a double International, rugby for England and tennis for South Africa, as was 5 time champion E.L. Dalton, cricket and golf for South Africa.

Analysis of the entries this year shows:

| Society | Division | | | | |
|---------|----------|----|-----|----|----|
| | A | B | C | D | E |
| W.P. | 1 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 10 |
| S/Cape | - | 2 | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| N/Cape | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | - |
| KZN | 1 | 9 | 21 | 13 | 8 |
| G | 2 | 7 | 27 | 19 | 7 |
| G/North | 2 | 8 | 12 | 6 | - |
| FS | 1 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| EP | 5 | 5 | 17 | 10 | 7 |
| Bdr | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 |
| | 15 | 49 | 117 | 86 | 39 |

Percentage of Total Entry.

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| | 5 | 16 | 38 | 28 | 13 |
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Percentage of Total Entry by Society

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|--------|----|----|----|----|----|
| WP | 7 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 26 |
| S/Cape | - | 4 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| N/Cape | 13 | 6 | 3 | 3 | - |
| KZN | 7 | 19 | 18 | 15 | 20 |

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|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| G | 13 | 14 | 23 | 22 | 18 |
| G/North | 13 | 16 | 10 | 7 | - |
| FS | 7 | 19 | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| EP | 33 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 18 |
| Bdr | 7 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 |

Percentage of "Own" entry

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|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| WP | 2 | 10 | 30 | 33 | 25 |
| S/Cape | - | 8 | 46 | 33 | 13 |
| N/Cape | 20 | 30 | 30 | 20 | - |
| KZN | 2 | 17 | 40 | 25 | 16 |
| G | 3 | 11 | 44 | 31 | 11 |
| G/North | 7 | 29 | 43 | 21 | - |
| FS | 3 | 30 | 30 | 27 | 10 |
| EP | 11 | 11 | 39 | 23 | 16 |
| Bdr | 6 | 13 | 31 | 44 | 6 |

Parting Shots:

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

Murphy says to Paddy, "What ya talkin' into an envelope for?" and Paddy replies "I'm sending a voicemail ya fool!"

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador". "Blow that" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

I was in the pub when I heard a couple of plonkers saying they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman. What a pair of sexists! I mean it's not as if she'd have to reverse the bloody thing.

The reason men lie is because women ask too many questions.

You are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Getting caught is the mother of invention.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because your body and your fat have become really good friends.

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