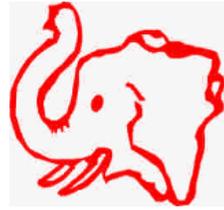


# Senior Golfers Society of E P



## Newsletter - September 2013

Our website address is: [www.epseniorssociety.com](http://www.epseniorssociety.com)

### **Game Results:**

Gentlemen remember that our game results are published on our website - all the games for the year.

### **Membership News:**

The new "Member Proposal Guidelines" are being revised to expand mainly on the Proposers responsibilities and Society ethics.

Welcome back to Derek Kemp after a long layoff. Derek started the year with an age breaking score of 74, four below his age!! Also, well done Alan Jackson for breaking your age with a fine 83. Both scores were recorded at our game with SAGES.

We look forward to the return to active golf of sick-list members Andre Bekker, John Lynch, Val Saunders and Peter Thorp

### **Birthdays:**

**Dave Garrett joins the octogenarian ranks in October while Mike Legg, Lionel Fowles, Rob Burton, Bill Colston and Clive Stander celebrate birthdays in their seventies. Three younger members also have a special day. Congratulations gentlemen, may you have many more.**

### **Handicap News:**

Well, you must all be happy with the latest Handicap Network Africa's newsletter as to why you may need to take two strokes off your handicaps when playing in Club competitions - as Blenkie has not received a single

comment from those who disagree!!! Unfortunately there are still a number of clubs which have not bothered about their older members and forward tees and wonder why their rounds are down.

### **Change of members contact details:**

A reminder to all members to please notify the Secretary via our website if their contact details change during the year, i.e. home telephone number, cell number, e-mail address, etc. We will soon be starting the update our Membership & Fixtures Book

### **Active Member Playing Commitment:**

A few members who had fallen below their playing commitments were contacted by the secretary to make an effort to improve their participation in the latter half of the year, thus saving a reprimand early next year!!

### **Slow Play:**

What can we do to speed up play? The answer is mostly common sense and begins with:

1. Be ready to play when it is your turn. Sounds simple, but if you are one of the types that walks away from the cart and hasn't pulled a club until you've checked the yardage, wind and dusted up every loose impediment within a 10 foot radius, then consider yourself a slow player.
2. Loosen up your group's strict etiquette code. Before you tee off, discuss how tightly you want to restrict common sense behaviour. Here are some things you can try if the situation allows:
  - a) First-to-last cart rule on the tee—the first one(s) to arrive at the tee, plays first. Last cart, plays last.
  - b) During the play of the hole, where reasonable, allow players closer to the hole to play when ready. Particularly, if they are not in your way and they are waiting for you.
  - c) Let the guy in the fairway (or green-side) bunker play first, then he can be smoothing the sand while somebody else plays on.
  - d) If somebody skulls one over the green, either have somebody else play/putt while he makes his way to his ball and/or consider having someone else rake the bunker if that was the spot of his last stroke.

- e) Find ways to minimize the number of times you mark your ball on the green. Either encourage continuous putting, or state you have no problem with someone with soft spikes or comfort shoes standing on your line of putt. Really, guys, it won't make a difference 99% of the time.
  - f) Help police the green as you depart, looking for towels, clubs, ball retrievers, etc. You never want to have to return for a lost item. (Blenkie has been known to take the flag with him!)
  - g) Get moving! - Do your score keeping on the tee or even during the play of the next hole, not adjacent to the putting green.
3. If you are sharing a cart with another player, you will have many an occasion where one of you should be walking. Either you leave the cart and walk to your ball, or you drop the passenger off and he walks to catch up. Anybody who insists upon driving or being driven everywhere is slowing down play.
  4. Speed up your routine. Once it is your turn, if that ball is not underway in 30 seconds, you are slow. It should only take 14 seconds. Stop right now and watch a second hand click through half a minute. See if it doesn't seem like an eternity while you imagine a typical golf swing.
  5. Do all your green reading, gardening and ball mark repair work while others are performing similar tasks. As long as what you are doing does not irritate a fellow player, get all that stuff out of the way so that when you replace your ball, you are ready to make the stroke.

## **Parting Shots:**

There is an annual contest At Bond University, Australia, calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term. This year the chosen term was "political correctness". The winning student wrote: "Political correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and promoted by mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end."

A teacher in Pretoria asked her standard four class how many of them were Bulls fans. Not all of them knew what a Bull fan is but most of them wanted to please the teacher so all of them, except Johnny, raised their hands. The teacher asked little Johnny why he was being different.....again. Little Johnny said "Because I'm not a Bulls fan."

The teacher asked "Why aren't you a fan of the Bulls?" and Johnny said "because I'm a Sharks fan." The teacher asked why he was a Sharks fan and Johnny answered "Well, my Mum's a Sharks fan and my Dad's a Sharks fan, so I'm a Sharks fan."

This annoyed the teacher who then asked, "If your Mum was a moron and your Dad was an idiot, what would that make you?"

With a smile little Johnny replied: "That would make me a Bulls fan"

### **Classified ad actually placed in a U.K. newspaper:**

For sale by owner:

Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes.

Excellent condition. \$400-00 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

### **Statement of the century.**

Thought from the greatest living Scottish thinker - Billy Connolly: "If women are so bloody perfect at multitasking, how come they can't have a headache and sex at the same time?"