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NUUSBRIEF / NEWS LETTER

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VIEW OF HOLE NUMBER 1 AT KILBARCHAN GOLF CLUB

GOOD DAY TO ALL THE SAGES GOLFERS.

BEFORE WE START, SEEING THAT IT IS WOMEN`S MONTH, LET ME WISH ALL THE LADIES, PLAYING AND THOSE WHO IS NOT BUT ALLOWING THEIR HUBBIES TO, A VERY BEAUTIFUL AND HAPPY WOMEN`S MONTH. I HOPE THAT YOU WERE WELL SPOILED ON WOMEN`S DAY

SO, WE HAVE COME TO ANOTHER END OF AN ERA IN HISTORY WITH THE CLOSING DOWN OF OUR "HOME CLUB" KILBARCHAN GOLF CLUB. 34 YEARS AGO, A YOUNG AND AGILE GOLF PLAYER BY THE NAME OF GORDON DOWSETT HAD A VISION TO ESTABLISH A SAGES BRANCH HERE IN NORTHREN NATAL. THE RESULT WAS THAT IN MARCH 1992 THE DRAKENBERG BRANCH WAS FOUNDED AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING AT KILBARCHAN GOLF CLUB. MANY GOOD AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS AND SWEET MEMORIES WERE MADE HERE. AS THIS WAS OUR LAST GAME AT KILBARCHAN WE SINCERELY WANT TO THANK THE MANAGEMENT ESPECIALLY JOHAN HUGO AND HIS TEAM FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDSHIP. AGAIN THE COURSE WAS IN A GOOD CONDITION BUT LOOKING AT THE SCORES IT SEEMS THAT SOME OF US HAD DIFFICULTY IN READING THE GREENS. THE MISS PUTS WAS ATTRIBUTED TO GREEN SPEED. THANKS TO PHATBOYS FOR SUPPLYING THE MEAL. LAST BUT NOT LEAST TO THE 24 PLAYERS INCLUDING OUR GUESTS WHO JOINED US. A SPECIAL THANKS FROM ALL OF US AT DRAKENBERG BRANCH GOES TO GORDON DOWSETT, WHO AT THE AGE OF 92 YEARS, ALSO JOINED US FOR A ROUND OF GOLF.



We played the 3rd leg of the interclub competition for the Cas Venter Trophy. The format was an IPS and the winners was as follows.

Individual scores

1 st	Adriaan Dippenaar	37 pts
2 nd	Maruis van Niekerk	32 pts
3 rd	Coenie Munro	31 pts
4 th	Aurette Boardman	30 pts c/o

Team scores (Best 3 players score)

1 st	Newcastle	91 pts
2 nd	Ladysmith	89 pts
3 rd	Vryheid	83 pts
4 th	Dundee	77 pts

Ater three round the results are as follows

1 st	Vryheid:	1 st Leg	95 pts	2 nd Leg	45 pts	3 rd Leg	83 pts	Total	223 pts
2 nd	Ladysmith:	1 st Leg	83 pts	2 nd Leg	108 pts	3 rd Leg	89 pts	Total	280 pts
3 rd	Dundee:	1 st Leg	63 pts	2 nd Leg	100 pts	3 rd Leg	77 pts	Total	240 pts
4 th	Newcastle	1 st Leg	22 pts	2 nd Leg	94 pts	3 rd Leg	91 pts	Total	207 pts

Two Clubs

Andrea Sirchia, Arthur Scharpe

Whiskey draw

Chris Booysen

Well done to you all. Those of you who missed this game, come guys you are missed by your friends. We hope to see you all there .
Please remember our next game is again a home game.

Next game

10 September	Vryheid/Dundee/Ladysmith	Rudi Rathman Trophy	IPS	08H30 for 09h00
22 October	Ladysmith	CANSA DAY	IPS	08H30 for 09h00
10 November	Estcourt	DKR vs Midlands	B/Ball	09H30 for 10h00
12 November	Vryheid/Dundee/Ladysmith	4th leg Inter club	IPS	08H30 for 09h00
10 December	Vryheid	X-Mast function	TBA	08H30 for 09h00

Dagboek die datums. Ons sien daarna uit om almal daar te sien.

IN DIE SKADUWEE

Ons dink aan Adriaan Dippenaar wat vir die volgende paar weke buite aksie sal wees.

Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS FOR September

We wish the following members a happy birthday during September

Roy Harrypersadh (New)	29 September	0824401710
Arthur Scharpe (VHD)	05 September	0834917095
Smuts van der Nest (VHD)	27 September	0824424986

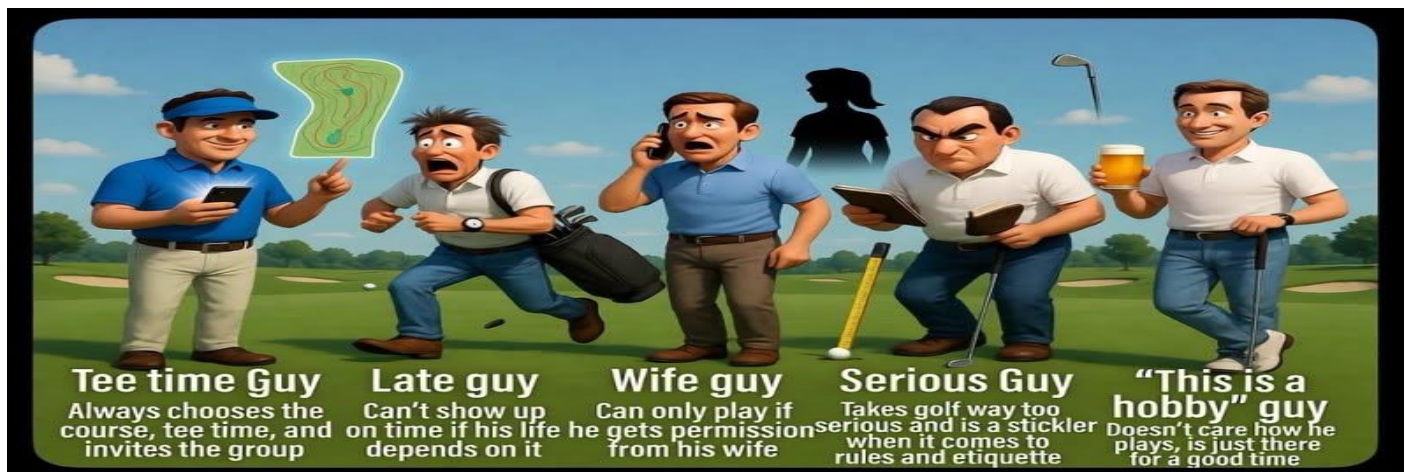


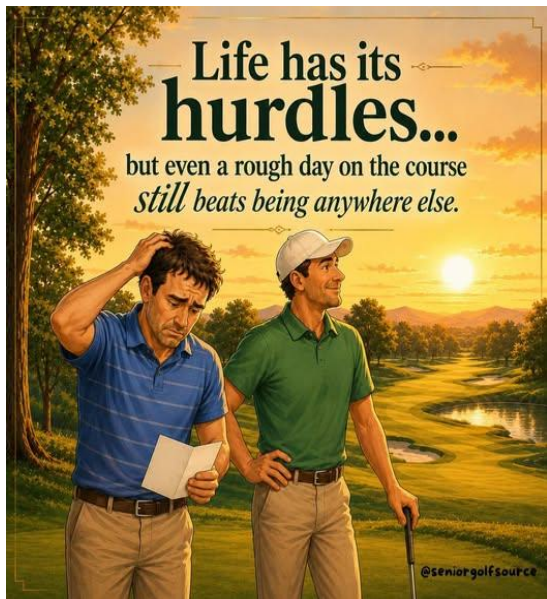
GENERAL NEWS/ALGEMENE NUUS

Natal Regionals 5 – 6 October 2026

It is with great regret that we have to inform you that KZN Regionals which was planned to be hosted by Drakensberg Branch at Dundee Golf Club have been cancelled. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to advise NMC that we cannot carry on with the arrangements. NMC have accepted our request and they will approach the coastal branches to find a replacement venue.

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SGT SCRATCH GOLF TIPS

SIGNS YOU'RE ADDICTED TO GOLF

- 1** YOU SET YOUR ALARM EARLIER TO GET 9 HOLES IN.
- 2** YOU PLAN YOUR LIFE AROUND TEE TIMES.
- 3** YOU CHECK THE WEATHER MORE THAN THE NEWS.
- 4** YOU TALK ABOUT GOLF EVEN WHEN NOBODY ASKS.
- 5** YOU ALWAYS HAVE EXTRA GOLF BALLS.
- 6** YOU GET MAD WHEN YOU CAN'T PLAY, NOT WHEN YOU SHOOT HIGH.
- 7** YOU TRACK STATS THAT NOBODY ELSE CARES ABOUT.
- 8** YOUR "GOLF FUND" IS NEVER EMPTY.
- 9** YOU'D RATHER PLAY GOLF THAN DO ALMOST ANYTHING.

★ IT'S NOT A PROBLEM IF YOU'RE SMILING. EMBRACE THE ADDICTION.

GOLF ETIQUETTE 101

- BE QUIET DURING SWINGS** (Illustration of a golfer swinging with others watching)
- DON'T WALK IN SOMEONE'S PUTTING LINE** (Illustration of a golfer putting with others standing nearby)
- REPLACE DIVOTS & REPAIR BALL MARKS** (Illustration of a hand repairing a divot)
- KEEP PACE WITH THE GROUP AHEAD** (Illustration of a group of golfers walking)
- CONGRATULATE GREAT SHOTS (YES, EVEN YOUR OPPONENTS!)** (Illustration of two golfers shaking hands)
- PLAY ANYWHERE. WITH ANYONE. RESPECT THE GAME.** (Illustration of a golf bag)



BEING TERRIFIED OF 40 YARD WEDGE SHOTS

SGT

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

- THIN SKULL INTO THE NEXT FAIRWAY
- CHUNK IT 10 YARDS
- BLADE IT OVER THE GREEN
- SHORT SIDE INTO THE POND
- HIT THE FLAG... ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

40 YARDS

IT'S JUST A PITCH SHOT, DUDE.

THE SCARIEST SHOT IN GOLF DISTANCE: 40 YDS SUCCESS RATE: MYSTERY

SGT



Quote of the Month

"Placing the ball in the right position for the next shot is eighty percent of winning golf." – Ben Hogan
Swing easy!



WENNERS VAN DIE DAG

1st



Adriaan Dippenaar

2nd



Maruis van Niekerk

3rd



Coenie Munro

4th



Aurette Boardman

’n Terug blik op 34 jaar se verbintenis met Kilbarchan Gholf Klub



Gordon Dowsett (stigters lid en eerste voorsitter) lewer ’n kort oorsig oor ons verbintenis met Kilbarchan Gholf Klub



Gordon (92 jaar) geniet nog vir oulaas nog ’n potjie gholf

Die volgende reeks fotos gee 'n kort oorsig van 'n klein gedeelte van ons verbintenis met Kilbarchan Gholf Klub en strek van 2022 tot 2026

2022



2022



2023



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2024



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Regards

CHRIS BOOYSEN

