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*"Golf is the closest game to
the game we call life. You get
bad breaks from good shots;
you get good breaks from bad
shots - but you have to play
the ball where it lies"*
- Bobby Jones

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Captain's Report 3rd Quarter 2026

Dear Members,

The dreaded scenario of SLOW PLAY once again reared its ugly head at the game held at SELBORNE. It creates a lot of stress on the EXCO committee as well as members waiting for prize giving, rash decisions are made which ends up not pleasing everyone.

I have highlighted some data on slow play as well as ways documented to overcome slow play.

Slow play in golf refers to a group falling out of position—specifically losing ground on the group ahead—and typically turns a round into 5+ hours instead of the standard 4–4.5 hours. It is caused mainly by delays between shots, poor preparation, and inefficient movement rather than slow swings. Courses and players can reduce slow play through ready golf.

How Golfers Can Prevent Slow Play

Core Habits

- Play ready golf: hit when safe and ready, not strictly by honor order. Saves 20–30 minutes per round.
- Prepare early: pick your target, club, and wind read while others play.
- Walk with purpose: most time is lost between shots, not during them.
- Limit practice swings: one purposeful rehearsal is enough.
- Keep up with the group ahead: the most important pace benchmark.

On the Tee

- Be ready with a ball and tee.
- First player ready should hit.

From Tee to Green

- If sharing a cart, drop off one player with a club before driving to the next ball.
- Start walking toward your ball immediately after watching your shot.

On the Green

- Read your putt while others prepare.
- Putt continuously when close to the hole if safe and appropriate.

Quarter three has been fairly busy with our three games for the quarter at Zimbali Lakes, Selborne Golf Club and Windsor Park Golf Club.

The Regionals is coming up on the 12th and 13th October to be played at Margate Country Club. We are hoping to bring the trophy back which Midland took from us last year at Maritzburg Golf Club.

Our 13th July 2026 game was held at the prestigious Ernie Els signature course, which is Zimbali Lakes Resort, we were blessed with awesome weather. Winning the Open Division was Shan Maistry on 38 points, followed by Adrian Munsamy on 35 points and third was Sanjay Dhanook on 31 points. The B division was won by Imraan Smerdon on 31 points, followed by Cyril Ramgath on 30 points and Ujen Naidu on 30 points.

Our next game was played at Selborne Golf Club on the 28th August, we had exceptionally good weather with a light wind blowing. Winning the Open Division was Adrian Munsamy on 38 points, followed closely by Paddy Sookdeo on 36 points and third was Steve Chandrabhaon on 34 points. The B division was won by Somar Sitlu on 38 points, followed by Ujen Naidu on 37 points and third was Johan Boshoff on 36 points.

Our next game was played at Windsor Park Golf Club on the 21st September and once again we were blessed with awesome golfing weather. The course played exceptionally well and the good scores reflect this. Winning the Open Division was the popular figure of Morgan Subramany on an impressive 43 points, followed closely by the evergreen Babs Govender on 41 points and third was Ulric Gous on 39 points. The B division was won by the impressive Pat Moodley on 44 points, followed by Ujen Naidu on 42 points and third was Bridg Rambujan on 40 points.

I wish all those playing the Regionals a great tournament and pray we have awesome golfing weather for those 2 days. Please make every effort to get to know your opposition as we look to forge stronger bonds between the different Sages groups within KZN.

Lastly, as you are all aware, our CHOC cancer day was postponed to 15th November 2026, we need to fill our quota of 30 x 4 balls to make the golf day a huge success, and this needs the help of all members to play and support this great initiative.

Summer seems to be approaching really fast, so ensure you have plenty of sunblock and ensure you keep yourself well hydrated whilst playing.

Kind regards

Patrick Fowler

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Jul 26

OPEN DIVISION		Position
Shan Maistry		1st
Adrian Munsamy		2nd
Sanjay Dhanook		3rd
B Division		
Imraan Smerdon		1st
Cyril Ramgath		2nd
Ujen Naidu		3rd
NEAREST TO PIN		
4th	Vijay Maistry	
7th	Sherwin Ramlall	
14th	Pradeep Hanuman	
17th	Manoj Hanuman	
Long D	Sherwin Ramlall	
Lucky Draw		
Whiskey	Gus Hore	
Wine	Cyril Ramgath	

Aug 26

OPEN DIVISION		Position
Adrian Munsamy		1st
Paddy Sookdeo		2nd
Steve Chanderbowan		3rd
B Division		
Somar Sitlu		1st
Ujen Naidu		2nd
Johan Boshoff		3rd
NEAREST TO PIN		
4th	Lols Ramjith	
6th	Ujen Naidu	
11th	Johan Boshoff	
15th	Paddy Sookdeo	
Lucky Draw		
Whiskey	Nem Ganesh	
Wine	Steve Chanderbowan	

Sept 26

OPEN DIVISION		Position
Morgan Subramany		1st
Babs Govender		2nd
Ulric Gous		3rd
B Division		
Pat Moodley		1st
Ujen Naidu		2nd
Bridg Rambujan		3rd
NEAREST TO PIN		
4th	Cyril Ramgath	
6th	Lennie Subbiah	
11th	Ricky Govender	
15th	Lennie Subbiah	
Lucky Draw		
Whiskey	Vishnu Kistasamy	
Wine	Pat Moodley	

Next fixture:

12/13 Oct 26	Margate CC	KZN Regionals	
26 Oct 26	Kloof CC		
15 Nov 26	CHOC fund raising	Umdoni GC	R700(inc. cart)

**"The most important shot in golf
is the next one"
- Ben Hogan**

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Alec Puckree	01 Oct	Imraan Smedon	02 Nov	Chris Govender	05 Dec
Mthoko Mtshali	03 Oct	Magga Moodley	03 Nov	Bridge Rambujan	10 Dec
Pradeep Sookdeo	08 Oct	Loll Ramjith	06 Nov	Gus Hore	12 Dec
Daya Chetty	25 Oct	Abdul Kadwa	07 Nov	Bala Naidoo	16 Dec
Brendan Toohey	27 Oct	Morgan Subramany	21 Nov	Goolam Raiman	26 Dec
		Patrick Fowler	23 Nov		

Until we meet again on the fairways; stay safe, take care and god bless.