



# **GOLF CAPTAINS SOCIETY OF KZN**

## **REPORT ON THE 2016 GERRY SHUTTLEWORTH MEMORIAL TROPHY HELD AT KLOOF CC ON 09.05.2016.**

The 2016 Gerry Shuttleworth Memorial Tournament was held at Kloof Country Club on May 9th in near perfect conditions. This was amazing, as Durban had received record rainfall on the two previous days. Unfortunately the KCC green keeper decreed that golf buggies would not be allowed on the course, as it was "too wet". This announcement caused some entrants to cancel and some intrepid entrants to walk the rather hilly course. All the way round we noticed that the course was in fact not very wet, with no water-logged areas at all. The greens staff were gaily whizzing about on all the green keeping vehicles, no problem at all. There really was no reason for the cart ban. A pity, because we lost some players and Kloof CC lost revenue.

Thanks to the loyal Members who entered and participated on the day, in spite of some sore legs and feet we all got round and a good day was had by all. The course was in very good condition, although some bunkers had some water in them. The scores on the day told the story:

1st 93, 2nd 92 and 3rd 91. Four-ball Alliance, two to count.

The winners were Kloof CC No1, who lifted the trophy. 2nd Central Durban GC and 3rd, last year's winners, Bosch Hoek CC. Nearest the pins were won by Messrs. Ken Elms, Adrian Thenadu, Kiruban Naidoo and Martin Corfe. We had 40 players in the field. This after some late cancellations and non-participation by three of the biggest golf clubs in Durban. The support of the outlying clubs of Eshowe, Richmond, Ladysmith, is especially appreciated.

Thanks go to Red and Dave Shuttleworth, for the continued sponsorship of this event and also for participating in the day, being in the team from Cotswold Downs GC.

Thanks to Dave Shuttleworth for his warm speech and for handing over the prizes.

Thanks to Stephen van den Heever, KCC Golf Operations Manager, for logistics, Andrea and her KCC catering team for the excellent dinner and to Natalie Singer, who very ably took care of registrations, regalia sales, prize-table and the score-cards.

As is tradition, the AGM was an informal affair with the Captain giving an overview of the Society, it's (healthy) finances and its current status, the latter is cause for concern, mainly due to lack of support and even lack of interest. Our Secretary, Dudley Randall, passed away on 26th December 2015 and no-one has stepped up to the plate to take his place. The Captain confirmed his intention to stand down, but as there was no-one prepared to make themselves available for this position, he agreed to stay on for the time being. Pier Turconi has agreed to stay on as Vice-Captain, but as he is Ladysmith-based his availability is limited. Andy Goodman proposed a toast to and thanked the Captain, for his efforts for the Society over the past 7

years. It was agreed that a questionnaire would be sent out to all Society members, to canvas their opinions and suggestions, on what the future (if any) of the Society should be. Without the support and participation of the Members there will be no Society, which was founded in 1960. This would really be a shame.

Please look out for this questionnaire in your email, fill it in and return it, please.  
It's really up to the Members now.

Yours in golf,

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Captain; GCSKZN.