

Captain Zee's Golf bag: News letter no. 2 6th November 2011 - Ref#63550998

Ivan Swaffield posted:

Some news on the golfing front this past week:

The KZN Inter-Club tournament was held last weekend at the 'Upper' south coast courses of Umdoni, Selborne and Umkomaas. Prince's Grant entered two teams, one 'B' division and one 'Frog' division and I'm pleased to report that the 'Frog' team excelled by leading the field of 51 clubs at the end of the qualifying rounds only to lose in the match play semi-final to San Lameer, two games to one. Well played Steve Easton, Danny Dawar and Bruce Reid.

This tournament grows from strength to strength with a Seniors category now added and we hope to field more teams next year.

For those that may not be aware, Vryheid GC beat the favourites Mount Edgecombe CC in the 'A' division final. A great achievement.

Prince's Grant together with Zimbali, Umhlali and Durban Country Club hosted the World Golfer's Championships tournament these past four days. Unfortunately the numbers were well down on expectations and we fielded approximately 55 players per day from the 80 expected.

The contestants handicaps ranged from 0 to 36 in 5 different 'flights' and conditions were rather tough on those players who had not experienced windy conditions which Prince's Grant is renowned for and scores returned were not very flattering. The 6th, 7th and 15th holes saw some big numbers and will long be remembered by some of our international visitors.

Just for the record ... and for those who are generally branded as slow players take heart, it could never be a bad as a 7 hour round!!

The tournament was successfully organized and compliments to all concerned especially Frans and the pro shop staff, starters, marshals', spotters and the lodge catering staff who just added that extra polish.

The final outing for the Dolphin Coast Inter-Estate Challenge Trophy was hosted by Prince's Grant today in some inclement weather ... there was doubt at one stage as to whether we would play at all but needless to say, come rain or sunshine the game goes on.

The final results of the five outings are recorded. Well done Prince's Grant.

Team scores for 2011

- 1) Prince's Grant 1106 pts.
- 2) Zimbali 1059 pts.
- 3) Umhlali 1016 pts.
- 4) Simbithi 977 pts.
- 5) Mount Edgecombe 824 pts.

This event is normally followed by a light dinner and I have to add that the Lodge catering staff did us proud.

I need to endorse the praise echoed by many international visitors on the state of the course. They all found the layout incredible and the course very well prepared. If there was a downside it was the wind, which unfortunately, we have no control over.

Congratulations to Danie and the ground staff for all the hard work and preparation.

On the local scene, we congratulate Jane Harries on achieving that magic 'fluke' by holing out on the 8th hole at Friday club a week back and here I could get into trouble as Jane records it as being the perfect shot! I understand that David's pocket was duly emptied that afternoon.

Upcoming events:

November:

North Coast Senior league -- PG, 10/11.

North Coast league -- Umhlali, 12/11

Founders Trophy -- PG, 19 & 20/11.

December:

North Coast Senior League -- Umhlali, 14/12 Baiocchi Cup -- PG, 16/12 North vs. South -- PG, 23/12

January:

PGNAIT -- 16/17/18 -- Course closed.

Good Golfing

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