2015

DECEMBER

22nd. Kleinmond
Better Ball / Combined

Results:
68 Geoff and Gary
62 Sam and Ian Newman
59 Mike (guest) and Glen (guest)
55 Jon and Ian Wilks (guest), Johan and Koos
54 Andre F and Trevor, Art and Tony H
51 Lawrie and David R
47 Deon (guest) and Richard R
46 Andre (guest) and Jan (guest)
43 Hugh and Peter Ther
42 Richard B and Ian Van der Merwe (guest)

15th. Kleinmond
5 Clubs - Individual Stableford

Results: 37 Arne Andersen; 35 Sam Seal, Lawrie Tonner; 34 Ian Newman, David Rade; 33 Andre Franken, Ian Wilks, Richard Ridge; 31 Art Rae; 30 David Naylor, Gary Wentzel; 29 Koos Roelofse; 28 Geoff Crowther, Tony Wreglesworth, Dave Brittain; 27 Alan Smith, John Horobin; 24 Richard Bentz; 23 Jon Forsyth.

8th. Kleinmond
RSA v ROW

9 pairs against 9 pairs. 18 holes per match. 162 points at stake.

And the result? 81 each, a tie for the second time in three years.

The odds against are enormous. Some matches were decided by a point, others by as many as seven but the overall team result was a draw which caused a certain amount of relief in the ROW captain, his team having been massacred the previous year. On the other hand, the post-match talk was full of “what ifs”, “if onlys” and “it was only a two-footer” but if my aunt had been a fella she’d have been my uncle!
As one player remarked though, the true winners were the DOGS and more winners were to come at the end-of-year function in the evening.

Over 70 DOGS and their kennel-maids assembled at Molteno's in Onrus to hear that the society reached a membership of 50 in 2015 for the first time and had also passed the R50,000 mark in terms of the amount raised for charity since the start. This year, support to the tune of at least R12,000 will be given to Izibusiso, a foster home in Zwelihle.

The annual trophies were presented, thanks were given, glasses were raised, toasts were drunk, people got drunk and everyone looked forward to another successful year in 2016.

| Landlord’s Cup | Jon Forsyth / Dave Robinson |
| Annual Alliance | Jon Forsyth / Pat Dewil / Dave Brittain / Dave Robinson |
| 4BBB Overall Winners | Peter Thomas / Koos Roelofse |
| Annual Medal: DOGS B Div. | Trevor Vaughan |
| JP Franken A Div. | Peter Theron |
| Best Swallow | Tony Hackett |
| Most Improved Player | Dave Robinson |
| Best Average | Andre Franken |
| Annual Matchplay: Plate | Peter Theron |
| Main | Ian Newman |
| Annual Log | Jon Forsyth |
| Jenny Jones Trophy: | |

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3rd. Kleinmond

Matchplay.

Main: Ian Newman beat Andre Franken 6&5
Plate: Peter Theron beat Art Rae 3&1

1st. Kleinmond
Final Log / 4BBB

Cruiser Thomas’ boat finally came in on the final log day of the year. His staggering 46 points clinched not only the Blue Ribbon for the day but also took the annual 4BBB trophy for him and his crew, Prof. There were some other ship-shape scores too although the Star of David had a few problems navigating with two ponies on board. Not for the first time recently, DOGSbody found himself up the creek without a paddle. In his defence, he was savagely attacked by a South African bee in a thinly disguised attempt to influence next week’s big international. The 19th. saw several choruses of “what shall be do with a drunken sailor?”

Stableford: 46 Peter Thomas; 41 Trevor Vaughan; 39 Gordon Wilson; 38 Hugh Frangs, Chris Martin, Mannes van Zyl; 37 Dave Brittain; 36 Ian Newman; 35 Arne Andersen; 34 Dave Robinson; 33 Gary Wentzel, Alan Calder, Peter Theron; 32 Tony Jones, Jon Forsyth, Art Rae, Tony Wreglesworth; 31 Richard Bentz, Dave Rade, Doug Ross, Alan Smith; 30 Michel Maury, Koos Roelofse; 29 John Cheesbrough, Geoff Crowther, David Naylor, Lawrie Tonner; 28 Sam Seal; 27 Tony Hackett, John Tunstall; 26 Richard Ridge; 25 Johan de Jager; 21 Dave Smith

4BBB: 51 Peter Thomas / Koos Roelofse

NTP: Tony Wreglesworth        LD: David Naylor

NOVEMBER

24th., Kleinmond
Annual Medal

A Division:
The golfing gods conspired to chuck all 4 seasons at the DOGS on Tuesday: sun, rain, wind, calm, warm and “Ooh it’s getting a bit chilly”. Some proved to be A Man for All Seasons and even at the head of the board A Granny for All Seasons as the Ex-Used-House-Salesman beat A 7 Iron for All Shots in a thrilling countout. They were just one point ahead of A Banker for All Seasons who managed a season’s best of 40. Others failed to weather the conditions especially Oupa Wenzel whose new family responsibilities were weighing heavily on his wallet.

Stableford: 41 Ian Newman (c/i), Johan de Jager (c/o); 40 Chris Martin; 37 Gordon Wilson, Richard Ridge; 35 Jon Forsyth, Pat Dewil, Doug Ross, John Tunstall; 34 Dave Brittain, Richard Bentz (guest), Trevor Vaughan, Alan Smith; 33 Art Rae, Peter Theron; 32 Michel Maury, Tony Jones; 31 Koos Roelofse; 30 Sam Seal, Arne Andersen, Alan Calder, Tony Hackett, Lawrie Tonner; 29 Dave Rade, Deon Pheiffer; 24 Dave Robinson, Geoff Crowther; 23 Dave Smith; 22 Peter Thomas; 21 Gary Wentzel
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10th. Kleinmond

Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

The largest field of the summer so far combined with the high scoring made DOGSbody’s job even tougher than usual this week. He first of all got the number of players wrong and therefore made a complete hash of the sweepstake.

When no less than 5 players contrived to score 38 points he then needed his laptop to separate them all, finally working out that Chopper Rae had taken the honours thanks to a brilliant last six. Brucie came last in the count-out in an attempt to reclaim his original nickname.

To cap it all he nearly had to go through the same process at the bottom of the field until he was saved from ignominy by guest Richard.

Some DOGS thought that perhaps his mind was elsewhere.

Stableford: 38 Art Rae (c/i), Doug Ross (c/o), Trevor Vaughan (c/o), Geoff Crowther (c/o), Jon Forsyth; 37 Pat Dewil; 36 Johan de Jager, Peter Theron; 35 Gordon Wilson; 34 Arne Andersen, Deon Pheiffer, Tony Hackett, Andre Franken, Sam Seal; 33 Dave Rade, Gary Wentzel; 32 Alan Smith, Ian Newman, Mannes van Zyl; 31 John Tunstall; 30 Richard Ridge, Dave Brittain, Lawrie Tonner; 29
Koos Roelofse, Peter Thomas; 28 Chris Martin, Alan Calder, John Cheesbrough; 26 Tony Jones, Brian Oosthuizen, Dave Smith; 22 Richard Bentz (guest)

4BBB: 48 Geoff Crowther / Dave Smith

3rd. Arabella
Individual Stableford (Log) / Landlord’s Cup

On Saturday, a DOGS fourball won The Captain’s Day at Arabella. On Tuesday, Arabella got its own back with a convincing 23 – 1 victory.
That the players from the lower leagues found the going tough at this level is understandable but more was expected of those from the Premier Division. Only striker Chatty Spurfowl came away with any glory having managed to score his team’s only success. Several players competed to play left back including Chopper Watson and Big Huge but it was Welly Jones who got the nod.

Stableford: 36 Andre Franken; 31 Ander Hattingh; 30 Jon Forsyth, Art Rae; 29 Dave Robinson, Chris Martin, John Tunstall; 28 Tony Hackett, Arne Andersen, Johan de Jager; 26 Peter Theron; 24 Koos Roelofse, Doug Ross; 23 Simon (guest), Gary Wentzel, John Cheesbrough, Lawrie Tonner; 22 Dave Smith, Deon Pheiffer; 20 Peter Thomas; 17 Pat Dewil; 16 Gordon Wilson, Hugh Frangs, Tony Jones

Landlord’s Cup:

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OCTOBER

27\textsuperscript{th}. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

PHEW WOT A SCORCHER!
We thought the previous week was warm but Tuesday proved to be even hotter both in terms of weather and scoring.
With temperatures and scores soaring into the thirties and above, the DOGS lost almost as many handicap strokes as kgs.
Brucie excelled with a staggering 45 individual points and a gross of 76. Together with his partner, the Star of David, they hit a record-equalling better-ball total of 50! Nice to see it, to see it nice.
The Great Dane, recently arrived from the frozen North, couldn’t take the heat though and failed to save his bacon.
The pack took a long time to restore fluid levels at the 19\textsuperscript{th}.

Stableford: 45 Jon Forsyth; 39 Andre Franken; 38 Richard Ridge; 37 Dave Smith, Gordon Wilson, Trevor Vaughan, Gary Wentzel, Peter Theron; 36 Ian Newman; 35 Art Rae, Koos Roelofse, Sam Seal; 34 Dave Rade; 33 Deon Pheiffer; 32 Lawrie Tonner; 30 Pat Dewil; 28 Hugh Frangs, Johan de Jager; 27 Alan Smith; 26 Dave Robinson; 24 Chris Martin; 23 Peter Thomas; 22 Arne Andersen

4BBB: 50 Jon Forsyth / Dave Rade

20\textsuperscript{th}. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Tuesday saw the first really hot day of the season and the scores were equal to it with no less than 18 out of a field of 22 scoring 30 points or more and an average of over 32.
Hot DOG with a sizzling 40 points was the Star of David and hot on his heels were Mfundisi and Brucie. Even guest Chicken was more Nando’s than KFC.
Chopper Rae failed to warm-up properly and abandoned his putter at reception forcing DOGSbody to come to his aid with a heated cart dash from the first green.
Although Mr. Security was keen as mustard he only got luke-warm.

Stableford: 40 Dave Rade; 37 Andre Franken, Jon Forsyth; 35 Chicken Basson (guest), Alan Smith, Pat Dewil; 34 Richard Ridge, Ian Newman; 33 Sam Seal; 32 Dave Robinson, Koos Roelofse, Gordon Wilson; 31 Peter Theron, Art Rae, Dave
Now that The Presidents Cup is over, the next big international team event is less than 2 months away.

On a windy day at Kleinmond, psychological preparations were already underway, some cunning, others debatable.

Prospective RSA leader, Mfundisi, was tempted by pretender to the throne, Brucie, to put in a performance which put individual aspiration before responsibility to the team. Of course, in doing so he achieved an exceptional score which could affect his handicap and cost the team dear. It may even cost him his place.

He was pushed by the English Penpusher – a clever tactic as the latter is not available for the ROW side.

At the other end, ‘7-iron’ and more especially Annie Lawrie put their teams first.

In a dazzling display of bladesmanship, the Three Musketeers battled against fierce competition from the old regime to come out on top. But it was not a case of “one for all and all for one” as the three had to be separated to decide who got to drink “un peu de rouge”. Aramis Pour Homme won the honour thanks to the sharp ending to his campaign, beating Atheist and Port Salud.

Meanwhile, D’Ougtagnan, returning to the fray after a couple of months of exile, discovered that his rapier was blunt and rusty through lack of use. Touché.
SEPTEMBER

29th. Hermanus
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

It was a day of surprises at Hermanus on Tuesday. First, the Sporting Cock ascended from the depths of despair to the heights of ecstasy in what is believed to be his maiden victory. Secondly, a Frenchman beat an Englishman (admittedly on “le countback”) for the first time since Harold took one in the eye in 1066. (St. George has admittedly been recently badly burned by the dragon.) And finally, DOGSbody revealed the new sponsors of his legs, Dulux paints, as part of the promotion of their new “lily-white” range.

There was no surprise lower down though as the Hanging Judge jetted in from the north to reclaim what he believes to be rightfully his.

Stableford: 39 Michel Maury (c/i), Dave Smith (c/o); 37 Deon Pheiffer, Johan de Jager; 36 Trevor Vaughan; 34 Andre Franken; 32 Pat Dewil, Alan Smith, Koos Roelofse; 31 Gary Wentzel; 30 Rob Welton, Richard Ridge; 28 Gordon Wilson; 27 Peter Thomas; 25 John Cheesbrough; 24 Sam Seal; 23 Dave Rade; 18 Hugh Frangs; 16 John Tunstall; 15 Dave Robinson

4BBB: 47 Trevor Vaughan / Richard Ridge

22nd. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

After a recent spell of bad form, Brucie finally put together a good performance to seal a comfortable win over his nearest rival, a reborn DOGSBODY, proving that it is still possible to score well even if you can’t chip. Once again it was a guest who spared the blushes at the other end. This time it was the Sporting Cock who escaped, having gone round slashing and hacking like a Japanese flanker.

Unusually, the post-match analysis focused not on golf but on what Heyneke Mayer should do. Of the printable suggestions, take up golf was the favourite as, especially in DOGS’ circles, a bunch of old crocks hopefully smacking the ball high in the air is a perfectly acceptable tactic.
Stableford: 41 Jon Forsyth; 38 Dave Smith; 36 Johan de Jager; 35 Sam Seal, Richard Ridge, Gary Wentzel; 33 Hugh Frangs, Andre Franken, Alan Smith, Peter Theron; 31 Koos Roelofse; 30 Lawrie Tonner, Trevor Vaughan; 29 Gordon Wilson; 27 Peter Thomas; 26 Andre Hattingh; 24 Michel Maury; 21 Barry Marshall (guest)

4BBB: 47 Andre Franken / Dave Smith

NTP: Dave Smith   LD: Lawrie Tonner

15th. Cancelled

Fred without Ginger, Romeo without Juliet, Napoleon without Josephine, Victor without Bakkies.
Tom without Jerry, the Lone Ranger without Tonto, Laurel without Hardy, Jacob without Nkandla.
Strawberries without cream, eggs without bacon, fish without chips, a pub without beer.
Yin without yang, king without kong, ding without dong, ping without pong.
Tuesday without golf, a DOG without a bone.

8th. Hermanus
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Tuesday’s outing at Hermanus resembled an edition of WWE with two massive bouts taking place at both ends of the bill.
At the top end was the battle of the heavyweights as Mr. Bojangles took on Ironman de Jager in an attempt to end his current winning streak. Bojangles danced around the back nine to claim a rare victory on points.
At the other end there was a 3-way elimination match between The Naked Chef (not a pretty sight in a wrestling ring), “Frankie” Vaughan and Deputy Dawg. The Naked Chef was first to go leaving Frankie and Deputy to slog it out. Much to the consternation of his Vermont fans, Deputy scraped through as Frankie lay defeated on the canvas.

Stableford: 39 Sam Seal (c/i), Johan de Jager (c/o); 37 Koos Roelofse; 35 Art Rae; 34 Jon Forsyth, Michel Maury, Alan Smith; 33 Andre Franken; 31 Dave Smith, Peter Theron; 29 Dave Rade, Gary Wentzel; 28 Gordon Wilson (c/i), Ian Newman (c/i), Trevor Vaughan (c/o)

4BBB: 48 Sam Seal / Koos Roelofse
1st. Cancelled

One of the many requirements of a successful DOGSBODY is the ability to predict weather accurately at least 24 hours in advance. The calls, SMSs and WhatsApps start to arrive late Monday morning: “what’s it looking like tomorrow, are we on or off?” and a decision must be made. In the old days, which regrettably I remember, it was relatively easy: check the seaweed hanging in the porch, see if the cows were standing up or lying down and assess the state of the arthritis in the right knee. These days a plethora of TV channels, web-sites and Android apps just serve to make the process a whole lot more complicated – and how does BjØrk in Norway know whether it will rain in Kleinmond tomorrow anyway? Get it right and you’re a hero. Get it wrong and the guys are either wet outside out on the course or wet inside in the pub. I called it off this week and by the time you read this you’ll know whether or not I am in the DOGhouse.

AUGUST

25th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

At dawn on Tuesday morning, as the heavens continued to release a deluge of liquid life-force, only the sage gurus of golfweather.com and their faithful disciples believed that the pack would be striding the fairways just 3 hours later admiring the aerial acrobatics of the swallows swooping after a breakfast feast of plump, juicy midges. Only slightly less surprising and poetic was “7-iron” de Jager’s performance as he demolished the rest of the field albeit losing some of his credibility – would you trust a builder who just posted a score 10 shots lower than handicap? His Better Ball partner in crime, Huge, unselfishly sacrificed his individual ambitions for the benefit of the team. Golfing mathematicians will be able to calculate his contribution.

Stableford: 44 Johan de Jager; 38 Dave Rade, Andre Franken, Lawrie Tonner; 36 Richard Ridge; 33 Michel Maury, Sam Seal; 31 John Tunstall, Gordon Wilson, Art Rae; 30 Jon Forsyth; 29 Koos Roelofse; 28 Gary Wentzel; 27 Dave Smith, Peter Theron; 22 Hugh Frangs

4BBB: 45 Johan de Jager / Hugh Frangs

11th. Theewaterskloof
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

You can lead a DOG to water but you can’t make him drink – it’s low scoring and frustration which has that effect and it’s not usually water which relieves the pain. For the first couple of holes it was impossible to even see the water as the thick morning mist from the dam concealed players, balls and duffed shots alike. Only a few emerged with any sort of respectability with “7-iron” Johan pipping the Dachsund Whisperer in a countback to claim his maiden win. Gary glittered in his fluorescent pink shirt but he may have done better to remain hidden.

Stableford: 34 Johan de Jager, Peter Theron; 33 Andre Franken; 32 Andre Hattingh; 31 Richard Ridge, Deon Pheiffer; 30 Ian Newman; 29 Art Rae; 28 Koos Roelofse, Pat Dewil; 27 Jon Forsyth; 26 Dave Smith; 25 Alan Smith, Gordon Wilson; 24 Dave Rade; 23 Trevor Vaughan; 16 Gary Wentzel

4BBB: 42 Art Rae / Andre Franken

JULY

28th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford / 4BBB

To echo the words of that great sports theorist and philosopher Forrest Gump “Golf is like a box of chocolates”. At least this week the scores were more Quality Street than Black Magic but sometimes you put your hand in the box and the same old orange cream comes out first every time - sweet and tasty occasionally but sooner or later it gets a bit hard to stomach again, particularly over a few drinks at the 19th. Second was “Frankie” who is hard to figure out. Some weeks he’s nut brittle but this week he was smooth as caramel. The Jolly Green Giant was lucky to pass quality control and got himself into a bit of a walnut whip.

Stableford: 39 Andre Franken; 38 Trevor Vaughan; 36 Koos Roelofse; 33 Jon Forsyth, Pat Dewil; 32 Johan de Jager, Alan Smith; 30 Richard Ridge, Ian Newman; 29 Hugh Frangs, Dave Smith, Peter Theron; 27 Mike Graham (guest), Gary Wentzel, Michel Maury; 26 Dave Rade; 25 Art Rae; 21 Lawrie Tonner; 18 Deon Pheiffer

4BBB: 46 Mike Graham (guest) / Trevor Vaughan
There was a mysterious sense of déjà vu on Tuesday at Kleinmond. Admittedly it was not quite as cold as the previous week but the results were similarly poor. Mfundisi didn’t make a bad effort bearing in mind his swing problems but there was a mysterious sense of déjà vu on Tuesday at Kleinmond. At the other end, The Naked Chef, The Star of David and “Give me the Moonlight” Vaughan fought out an epic battle promoting a mysterious sense of déjà vu on Tuesday at Kleinmond. There was a mysterious sense of déjà vu on Tuesday at Kleinmond…….

**Stableford:** 36 Andre Franken; 33 Johan de Jager, Pat Dewil; 32 Koos Roelofse; 31 Jon Forsyth; 30 Alan Smith, Ian Newman; 29 Lawrie Tonder; 27 Art Rae; 26 Peter Theron; 25 Dave Smith, Gary Wentzel; 24 Hugh Frangs; 22 Deon Pheiffer; 20 Gordon Wilson, Dave Rade; 19 Trevor Vaughan

**4BBB:** 42 Andre Franken / Lawrie Tonder

One must ask how 21 grown men can go round a golf course and only score 514 points between them! Admittedly it was cold enough to freeze your Srixon Soft Feels and there were one or two pin positions which were more “Putt-Putt” than “putting” but the only explanation is that it was one heck of a party on Monday evening. Of course it may have been incompetence but that’s unlikely. Mr. Bojangles was the only one to post a decent score thus losing his maidenhead (for those of you who never found their Maidenhead it’s on the M4 west of London half-way to Reading). The story at the bottom of the leaderboard is too gruesome to tell in a paper meant for family reading.

**Stableford:** 39 Sam Seal; 33 Dave Smith; 32 Richard Ridge, Doug Ross; 31 Andre Franken; 29 Dave Rade, Art Rae; 26 Alan Smith, Deon Pheiffer, Koos Roelofse; 24 Johan de Jager; 23 Ian Newman, Jon Forsyth; 21 Peter Theron; 19 Richard Hacking (guest), Michel Maury, Deon Perry, Gary Wentzel; 15 Trevor Vaughan, Lawrie Tonner; 14 Hugh Frangs (DNF)

**4BBB:** 41 Alan Smith / Dave Rade

**NTP:** Jon Forsyth  **LD:** Peter Theron
DOGSBODY is back from his fact-finding tour of Europe where he identified that rich vein of talent available for the ROW team which is currently in the middle of preparations for The Open (buying the beer, deciding on menus etc.). Tuesday gave him a chance to compare what he saw with the enigma that is the RSA squad. Mfundisi is indeed in fine form although he needs to sort out the flaws in his very upright swing if that is to continue. The Dachshund Whisperer too is showing promise but his new responsibilities in golfing administration may affect his game. On the other hand, Huge looks like he has no small problems and Enzo has lost a lot of his speed.

Stableford: 40 Andre Franken; 39 Peter Theron; 35 Ray Calitz (guest); 34 Art Rae, Doug Ross, Dave Rade, Johan de Jager; Clyde (guest); 33 Fred Garrett; 31 Alan Smith; 30 Gordon Wilson, Gary Wentzel, Ian Newman; 29 Dave Smith; 28 Richard Ridge, Jon Forsyth, Deon Pheiffer; 27 Trevor Vaughan, Deon Perry, Sam Seal; 26 Brian Oosthuizen; 25 Koos Roelofse; 24 Michel Maury; 18 Hugh Frangs, Mannes van Zyl

4BBB: 46 Peter Theron / Dave Rade

JUNE

30th. Kleinmond
Alliance Multiplier

135 Ian Newman, Art Rae, Richard Ridge; 131 Jon Forsyth, Brian Oosthuizen, David Rade; 131 Hugh Frangs, Andre Franken, Lawrie Tonner; 128 Koos Roelofse, Gary Wentzel, Alan Smith, Deon Pheiffer; 123 Johan De Jager, Sam Seal, Doug Ross, Trevor Vaughan.

23rd. Kleinmond
Combined Stableford


9th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford / 4BBB
It is so long since Tuesday’s winner was on the podium that he probably had a different nickname at the time. Let’s still call him the Ex-Pub-Landlord who this week made a rare sortie from talking to his lettuces in the valley to show the field that he still has it in him even though he has “not played for months” (honestly officer). With his usual modesty he did not mention his victory in Tipples even to his wife but word somehow still got around. Encouraged by his upcoming appearance as part of FynArts, The Star of David decided to put on a spectacular show of trick shots including one whereby the peg is rocketed towards the hole and is replaced on the ground by the ball. In the battle of the two Deons, the little one lost.

Stableford: 37 Andre Hattingh; 35 Lawrie Tonner; 34 Alan Smith; 33 Jon Forsyth, Tony Hackett, John Tunstall; 32 Dave Smith, Pat Dewil, Ian Newman; 31 Hugh Frangs; 28 Johan de Jager, Fred Garrett, Koos Roelofse; 27 Peter Theron, Dave Rade, Art Rae; 26 Andre Franken, Gordon Wilson; 25 Trevor Vaughan; 24 Richard, Ridge; 18 Deon Pheiffer; 14 Deon Perry

4BBB 45 Lawrie Tonner / Hugh Frangs

Sometimes the weather is too bad for even the most foolhardy DOGS to venture out on to the fairways. So what else to do? First of all, because it was he who cancelled the golf – and wrongly denying the pack its weekly 4 ½ hours of torment is a potential capital offence – DOGSBODY gingerly opens the curtains and thanks Ceylon, the goddess of tees, and Teazer, the god of clubs, that the sky is leaden and the rain is falling like the rand on a bad day. The rest put away their hatchets and resignedly prepare for another showing of The Longest Day. There’s that list of things to do around the house but that would be a bit like money-changing on the Sabbath. So it’s back to sulking around, kicking the cat and wondering why SS1 is not showing highlights of last weekend’s European Tour.

As noon approaches, perhaps a trip out would kill some time and so off to buy a newspaper. Hang on. Isn’t that Brucie’s car in the car park? Where can he be? He couldn’t be in the pub could he? Best just check. And The Yorkshire Ripper! And, just a minute, here comes the Ex-Used-House-Salesman. Slowly but surely they drift in one by one and soon, after a brief exchange about the weather, the conversation turns to… you’ve guessed it! And so the DOGS vicariously enjoy what, for most, is a much better round than might otherwise have been.
MAY

26th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

The Hardy Boys showed their usual perseverance and stamina on Tuesday, gaily chanting “Never mind the weather, as long as we’re together....” as they bravely strode out to face the second nine.
The Secret Seven, on the other hand, slipped away at the turn to sulk and skulk in whatever local taverns and places of ill-repute would accept them.
It was The Prof. who told the best tale and he continued to lecture on his theme well into the evening.
The Jolly Green Giant’s story was more of the horror variety.

Stableford: 41 Koos Roelofse; 36 Peter Theron; 35 Art Rae, Jon Forsyth; 32 Gordon Wilson; 30 Dave Smith; 29 Tony Hackett; 25 Johan de Jager; 24 Ian Newman; 19 Deon Pheiffer; DNF: 15 Sam Seal; 14 Gary Wentzel, Richard Ridge, Alan Smith; 13 Trevor Vaughan; 12 Hugh Frangs; 8 David Walker (guest)

4BBB: 45 Art Rae / Gordon Wilson

19th. Hermanus
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

After taking a week to recover from his antipodean trip, his jetlag has now gone, the friction burns on his nose caused by fraternising with the locals have healed and Mfundisi, like some Indian mystic, is back at the top of his pole. His playing partners were again enthralled by his fascinating sermons on particle physics, the chaos theory and how he has made his golf swing more upright.
At the sinners’ end of the leaderboard, DOGSBODY yet again just managed to avoid purgatory. For some weeks it has been guests who have saved him, raising concerns about potential back-handers, but this time it was Mr. Security and so there was no foul play suspected there.

Stableford: 39 Andre Franken; 36 Alan Smith; 35 Johan de Jager; 34 Gordon Wilson; 32 Lawrie Tonner; 31 Sam Seal, Koos Roelofse; 30 Jon Forsyth, Ian Newman; 29 Fred Garrett, Gary Wentzel; 28 Tony Hackett, Michel Maury, Peter Theron, David Walker (guest); 22 Deon Perry (guest); 21 Trevor Vaughan, Dave Smith; 18 John Tunstall

4BBB: 45 Andre Franken / Tony Hackett

12th. Kleinmond
After a long absence, The Prof. was back in front of his pupils on Tuesday. He chose as his topic the "Hallelujah" theory which explores the probabilities of propelling a small white sphere into a seemingly tiny hole in the ground from unlikely distances with a metal stick and only one shot. Brucie was baffled by the theory and, experiencing the end of his 4-week reign as head boy, sulked at the back of the class. Mr. Security had to go to see Matron in the sick bay and guest David wore the dunces cap and was made to sit in the corner.

Stableford: 41 Koos Roelofse; 39 Richard Ridge; 38 Michel Maury; 36 Andre Franken; 35 Jon Forsyth; 34 Deon Pheiffer; 33 Art Rae, Gordon Wilson; 32 Peter Theron; 31 Deon Perry (guest), Fred Garrett; 30 Lawrie Tonner, Ian Newman; 29 Alan Smith; 27 Dave Smith, Sam Seal, Tony Hackett; 25 Trevor Vaughan; 21 David Walker (guest); 14 John Tunstall (DNF)

4BBB: 46 Michel Maury / Deon Pheiffer

APRIL

28th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

A lot of people out there think that golf is a very boring game. Golfers try to refute this idea mainly by wearing outlandish clothing. Even the DOGS wear pink shirts (although this is mainly for the colour's slimming effect) and, of course, there are always the hours of interesting analysis at the 19th. However, the game can get extremely tedious when the same person wins week-in-week-out. 4 in a row for Brucie has spurred on the campaign not only to remove his statue but also a patella or two. "Frankie" Vaughan came back from the dead to raise a bit of interest in second place and the leader-board looked more like an old end-of-the-pier show with Brucie and Frankie topping the bill. It’s nice to see it, to see it nice.

Stableford: 40 Jon Forsyth; 39 Trevor Vaughan; 37 Gary Wentzel; 35 Tony Hackett; 33 John Cheesbrough, Koos Roelofse, Colin ? (guest); 32 Ian Newman, Michel Maury; 31 Deon Pheiffer, Doug Ross; 29 Chris Brandt (guest), Johan de Jager; 28 Hugh Frangs, Gordon Wilson, Alan Smith; 27 Dave Smith, Denys ? (guest), Art Rae, John Tunstall; 26 Lawrie Tonner, Morgan O'Kennedy; 21 David Walker (guest)

4BBB: 46 Ian Newman / Trevor Vaughan

21st. Kleinmond
The Countback King finally relinquished his title after suffering an ignominious victory in a count-out on Tuesday. This follows a glorious reign of defeats stretching back years. His statue has been removed from its plinth. His re-branding as “Brucie” is not going well and has already prompted a “Brucie Must Fall” campaign.

The contest’s loser was Mr. Hacker whose only statue is in County Cork where he is the sole survivor of the great potato famine.

Third place Dougal MacRoss was spotted having photographs taken of him and the Jolly Green Giant – thought to be preparations for a new iconic statue “Size Doesn’t Matter”.

Last place Laurie, so new that he doesn’t yet have a nickname, looks unlikely to get his own statue.

**Stableford:** 37: Jon Forsyth, Tony Hackett; 36 Doug Ross; 35 Mannes van Zyl, Dave Rade; 33 Dave Brittain; 32 Art Rae; 31 Ian Newman, Johan de Jager; 30 Alan Calder, Hugh Frangs; 29 John Cheesbrough, Dave Smith, Geoff Crowther, Gordon Wilson; 28 Koos Roelofse, Sam Seal; 27 Pat Dewil, Chris Martin; 26 Michel Maury, Deon Pheiffer, Fred Garrett; 25 Trevor Vaughan, Alan Smith; 22 Laurie Tonner

**4BBB:** 45: Jon Forsyth / Tony Hackett

**14th. Arabella**

The Arabella team put out their best squad (it looked like there were 18 on the field) and gave the Canines a pretty good thrashing on Tuesday. Only Tony “Diamond” de Beer, on loan for the occasion, managed to overcome his handicap and slip one in the net.

Frontman “Brucie” Forsyth was close a couple of times but not close enough and at times he lost count of the score.

“Chopper” Rae put in a weak performance at the back.

Another player, Noel, on loan from Kleinmond, will not be retained in the squad and trudged off the field with his tail between his legs.

**Stableford:** 37 Tony de Beer (guest); 34 Jon Forsyth; 33 Louwtjie Kruger; 32 Alan Calder; 31 Dave Rade, Gordon Wilson, Ian Newman; 30 Pat Dewil, Geoff Crowther, Koos Roelofse, Alan Smith; 29 Peter Theron, John Tunstall, George Sauerman (guest); 28 Andre Hattingh, Tony Hackett; 27 Dave Brittain; 26 Michel Maury, Gary Wentzel; 24 Dave Smith, Chris Martin, John Cheesbrough; 23 Vince (guest); 22 Boet Ventner (guest); 21 Johan (guest); 20 Art Rae, Willi Hoven (guest); 15 Noel (guest)
There are a couple of well known “Forsyths” in this world. One in particular is talented, amusing, entertaining and a pretty good golfer. Despite lacking most of those attributes, another one still managed to stage what was effectively a one-man show at Theewaterskloof on Tuesday. The Ex-Used-House-Salesman tried to put in a cameo appearance during the interval but nobody else came close. Coldplay had to retire after straining his back practicing an acrobatic act and there was a failed song-and-dance routine from Huge and the Dachshund Whisperer, the former’s failure being more “Countdown” than “Strictly”.

Stableford: 39 Jon Forsyth; 36 Ian Newman; 35 Deon Pheiffer, Tony Wreglesworth; 34 Koos Roelofse; 33 Richard Ridge; 32 Dave Smith, John Cheesbrough; 31 Art Rae; 29 Doug Ross, John Tunstall; 28 Gary Wentzel, Dave Brittain; 26 Tony Hackett, Pat Dewil; 25 Dave Rade; 24 Sam Seal; 22 Peter Theron, Hugh Frangs; 10 Chris Martin (DNF)

4BBB: 47 Deon Pheiffer / Jon Forsyth

As the swallows continue to fly away, there was still plenty of other birding activity at Kleinmond on Tuesday. The Sporting Cock put on a fine display with a personal best of 41 but it was not enough to outshine the resident Francolin (or Cape Spare Foul) who raised the roof with 43 – and this just before he departs for a while to the Land of the Long Cloud to discuss cricket with his Kiwi cousins. At the other side of the field, 3 turkeys battled it out to avoid being basted. Sporran McCalder lost out for the first time ever and became chicken of the day – who’s a pretty boy then?

Stableford: 43 Andre Franken; 41 Michel Maury; 38 Koos Roelofse, Fred Garrett, Chris Martin; 36 Dave Smith, Dave Rade; 35 Hugh Frangs; 34 Gordon Wilson, Doug Ross, Tony Wreglesworth; 33 Art Rae, Gary Wentzel; 32 Morgan O’Kennedy, Tony Hackett; 31 John Tunstall; 28 Alan Smith, Brian Oosthuizen, Trevor Vaughan; 26 John Cheesbrough, Ian Newman, Alan Calder

4BBB: 49 Tony Hackett / Andre Franken
The equinox has come and gone and so, as is customary at this time of year, the swallows are choosing to congest the airways rather than the fairways. It is perhaps fitting then that swallows dominated both ends of the leaderboard in a decimated field.

At the top, The Smooth Swinger wriggled his way to a massive 44 points, comfortably beating Mr. Hacker, a fellow swallow, into second place. Both have several weeks to go before heading north and so the pecking order still has time to change.

At the other end, Hanging Judge Robinson had to swallow his pride just a few days before taking off.

Stableford: 44 Tony Wreglesworth; 38 Tony Hackett; 37 Art Rae; 36 Jon Forsyth; 35 Koos Roelofse, Chris Martin, Dave Rade; 34 John Cheesbrough, Alan Smith; 33 Andre Franken; 31 Gordon Wilson; 30 Ian Newman, David Naylor, Geoff Crowther; 29 Richard Ridge, Deon Pheiffer, Trevor Vaughan, Gary Wentzel; 27 Fred Garrett; 26 Ronald Ridge (guest), Dave Smith; 24 Dave Robinson

4BBB: 48 Tony Wreglesworth / Trevor Vaughan

Ex-British Prime Minister Harold Wilson once said that a week is a long time in politics. It can be even longer in golf.

Last week, the Dachshund Whisperer romped home to take his seat with a very impressive 44 points and there was a 5-way battle for last place on 29 – a record high for ignominious defeat. There was also a record overall average return of over 34 per constituency.

Just 7 days later however, and on the same track, the tables were turned. Perhaps the intervening golfing tour of the Winelands, which took its toll on both weary limbs and bruised livers, had some effect on the polls but the main reason for the slump in turnout was a pumping South-Easter on the day.

36 was the best the candidates could manage, with Pancho Wentzel pipping the Cantankerous Yank on countback.

Stableford: 36 Gary Wentzel, Art Rae; 35 Tony Hackett; 34 Tony Wreglesworth; 32 Louwtjie Kruger, Geoff Crowther; 31 Michel Maury, Pat Dewil, Dave Brittain; 30 Chris Martin; 29 Ian Newman, Arne Andersen, Doug Ross, Deon Pheiffer; 27
Dave Smith, John Horobin, Alan Smith, Ray Calitz (guest); 26 Andre Franken, Gordon Wilson; 25 John Cheesborough, Jon Forsyth; 24 David Naylor; 23 Tony Jones; 22 Hugh Frangs, Koos Roelofse; 18 Richard Ridge, Dave Robinson

4BBB: 45 Gary Wentzel / David Naylor

10th. Kleinmond
 Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Stableford: 44 Peter Theron; 41 Ian Newman; 40 Andre Franken, Tony Hackett; 39 Dave Smith, Gordon Wilson; 38 Jon Forsyth; 37 Bob Barton, Alan Smith; 36 Hugh Frangs, John Horobin; 35 Tony Jones, Dave Rade; 32 Fred Garrett; 31 Louw提je Kruger, Trevor Vaughan, Koos Roelofse, Doug Ross; 30 Arne Andersen, Richard Ridge; 29 Pat Dewil, Deon Pheiffer, David Naylor, John Tunstall, Geoff Crowther

4BBB 47 (c/i) Ian Newman / Deon Pheiffer

3rd. Hermanus
 Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Sometimes even a short report like this is very hard to write. Often it’s because of the opening sentiment. DOGSBODY HAD A NIGHTMARE!
Ok that’s that out of the way.
It was a dream performance though from The Star of David; hot and sizzling to match the weather and shattering Dougal MacRoss’s dream by just one point. More of a vision than a dream was The Jolly Green Giant’s new pink number. He may have to change his name.
Pat of the Bushveld thought he was dreaming when he avoided the hat but he still managed to get photographic evidence of Dogsbody’s embarrassment onto Facebook within seconds.

Stableford: 42 Dave Rade; 41 Doug Ross; 39 Gary Wentzel; 36 John Horobin, John Tunstall, Art Rae; 35 Alan Smith, Peter Theron; 34 Geoff Crowther; 33 Richard Edmonds (guest); 32 Hugh Frangs, Jon Forsyth, Deon Pheiffer, John Cheesborough; 30 Bob Barton, Ian Newman, Andre Franken; 29 David Naylor, Alan Calder; 28 Koos Roelofse; 27 Gordon Wilson; 26 Arne Andersen, Dave Robinson, Tony Hackett; 25 Steve ? (guest), Tony Jones; 23 Pat Dewil; 22 Dave Smith

4BBB: 48 Doug Ross / Alan Smith
FEBRUARY

24th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

It was a small step for man but for Huge it was a giant leap to the top of the leaderboard. For a short hitter, he hits it a long way. There were a number of disappointments lower down the large and high-scoring field. In particular, Constable (Traffic Division) Barfly’s rather woeful score of 39 was caused by a very poor putting display. His post-match description of it is not suitable for publication in a family newspaper. Cheeseburger, Shanks and Frankie were not disappointed, however, by the performance of the 3 guests. On a serious note, this was the last DOGS’ Tuesday for Nita and her girls at the Kleinmond half-way house. They will be sorely missed and a hard act to follow.

Stableford: 41 Hugh Frangs; 40 Gary Wentzel; 39 Bob Barton, Mannes van Zyl, David Naylor; 38 Jon Forsyth, Alan Calder; 37 Koos Roelofse; 36 Louwtjie Kruger, John Tunstall, Andre Hattingh; 35 Tony Jones, Dave Brittain, Tony Wreglesworth; 34 Dave Robinson, Art Rae; 33 Dave Rade, John Horobin, Doug Ross; 32 Andre Franken; 30 Arne Andersen, Dave Smith, Gordon Wilson, Pat Dewil; 29 Alan Smith; 27 Tony Hackett; 26 Deon Pheiffer, Ian Newman, Rob Welton; 25 John Cheesbrough, John Armitage, Trevor Vaughan; 21 Richard Edmonds (guest), Paul Martin (guest); 16 Deward ? (guest)

4BBB: 47 Bob Barton / John Horobin

10th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

The forecasted wind only really picked up in the early afternoon much to the annoyance of those still out there and the delight of those already in the bar. The Schadenfreude was not to last though as the winning score came from the final group – a guest who, in the best traditions of the game, will not be invited to play again. Thus, yet one more time, Mr Countback was denied his big chance to be counted in over little Huge. Scores in general were very high – a testimony to improving standards in both golf and creative accounting. Both Huge and Mr. Security had to leave early to attend “meetings” thereby coincidentally avoiding a rite of passage which will be held over for another time.

Stableford: 45 Paul Martin (guest); 44 Hugh Frangs, Jon Forsyth; 39 John Horobin. Gordon Wilson, Dave Smith, Alan Calder; 38 David Naylor, Tony Wreglesworth; 36 Koos Roelofse, Dave Robinson, Art Rae; 35 Mannes van Zyl, Rob Welton; 34 Bob Barton, Dave Brittain, Dave Rade; 33 Alan Smith, Ian
Newman; 32 Peter Theron, Gary Wentzel, John Cheesbrough; 30 Trevor Vaughan; 29 Pat Dewil; 27 Tony Hackett; 26 John Tunstall, John Armitage (guest); 25 Deon Pheiffer, Doug Ross; 23 Tony Jones; 17 Sam Seal; 10 Michel Maury (Rtd)

4BBB: 50 Dave Robinson / Hugh Frangs

3rd. Hermanus
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Tuesday’s field was so big it almost achieved National Park status. The man with the smoothest action in the pack ended up as Top Ranger with an impressive 40 points followed by anti-poaching boss Inspector Morse and The Dachshund Whisperer. Guest John prevented the Jolly Green Giant from getting lost in the bushveld but the achievement of the day came from Hanging Judge Robinson who smashed his own PB with plenty of game drives, some seriously close approaches and a bagful of tasty chips. He retold his tale well into the night over sundowners.

Stableford: 40 Tony Wreglesworth; 38 Dave Brittain, Peter Theron; 37 Gordon Wilson, Dave Smith, Geoff Morrison; 36 Jon Forsyth, Bob Barton, Doug Ross; 35 Alan Smith, Art Rae; 34 John Armitage (guest); 33 Fred Garrett, Koos Roelofse, Dave Robinson; 31 Morgan O’Kennedy, Dave Rade, Mannes van Zyl; 30 Alan Calder, Rob Welton; 29 Brian Oosthuizen; 28 Arne Andersen, John Horobin, Gary Wentzel, Tony Jones; 27 Trevor Vaughan, Sam Seal; 25 David Hardiman (guest), David Naylor, Paul Martin (guest); 23 John Tunstall, 22 Tony Hackett; 21 Deon Pheiffer; 17 John ? (guest)

4BBB: 47 Tony Wreglesworth / Peter Theron

JANUARY

27th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

A group of top-class golfers strode out with confidence onto the Kleinmond track on Tuesday and took the course apart. Then it was the turn of the DOGS and they didn’t do a bad job either managing to score a record average of over 33 points. Constable Barfly (Traffic Cone Division) came out on top, subject to confirmation of his handicap from CONGU. At the other end it was again the guests who came to the rescue but a lowest “members’” score of 29 opens up the net in future for a whole new breed of bottom feeders.
Stableford: 41 Bob Barton; 39 Doug Ross, Arne Andersen, Alan Calder; 38 Art Rae; 37 Dave Smith, Alan Smith, Rob Welton; 36 Tim Horobin (guest), Koos Roelofse; 35 Hugh Frangs; 34 Jon Forsyth, Peter Theron; 33 Gordon Wilson, Andre Franken, David Naylor; 32 Dave Rade, Geoff Crowther, Geoff ? (guest), Trevor Vaughan; 30 Tony Jones, John Horobin, David Hardiman (guest), Gary Wentzel; 29 Dave Robinson, Sam Seal, Mannes van Zyl; 25 John Armitage (guest); 22 Jason Welton (guest)

4BBB: 46 (c/i) Koos Roelofse / Alan Calder

20th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Conditions were difficult on Tuesday as a pumping South-Easter destroyed a large field who think that golf is tough enough already without interference from the elements and therefore should be played indoors. On occasions like this, cream normally rises to the surface but there are exceptions to every rule and DOGSBODY scraped in by a point with an average round by playing slightly less bad golf than usual. Hanging Judge Robinson perverted the course of justice by bribing 2 guests to score less than him but he was beaten by the Jolly Green Giant thus proving that size does matter. The Dachshund’s Friend has requested an interpreter the next time he is paired up with 2 Yorkshiremen.

Stableford: 37 Dave Smith; 36 Bob Barton, Andre Franken; 35 Geoff ? (guest), Mike ? (guest); 34 Hugh Frangs, Jon Forsyth, Ian Newman; 33 Arne Andersen; 32 Peter Theron, Tony Wreglesworth; 31 Brian Oosthuizen; 30 Gary Wentzel; 29 Tim Horobin (guest), Fred Garrett, Trevor Vaughan; 28 Gordon Wilson, Geoff Crowther, Art Rae; 27 John Horobin, Dave Rade, Dave Brittain; 26 Tony Jones; 25 David Naylor; 23 Koos Roelofse; 22 Sam Seal; 21 Deon Pheiffer, Mannes van Zyl; 20 Dave Robinson; 16 David Hardiman (guest), John Armitage (guest)

4BBB: 45 Dave Smith / Bob Barton

13th. Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Plus ça change…..the start of 2015 had already provided the DOGS with some interesting variations: Theewaterskloof to Kleinmond, hot and dry to chilly and damp, ugly poor scores to pretty good ones. Plus c’est la même chose……but the one other constant apart from change has been the return to winning ways of the Ex-Used-House-Salesman who
completed the double with his impression of a London bus – you don’t see one for ages then two come along at once.

Cruiser Thomas participated in his last DOGS game for 9 months, dressed suitably in (very) shocking pink for the occasion, as he departs to relax on board various Queens. He was denied the hat by an unthinking guest but made amends with a stunning, trouser-matching wig.

Stableford: 42 Ian Newman; 40 Andre Franken, Dave Smith, 39 Peter Theron; 38 Alan Calder; 37 Jon Forsyth, Koos Roelofse; 36 Doug Ross; 34 Alan Smith; 32 Hugh Frangs, David Naylor, Gary Wentzel; 31 Art Rae, John Horobin; 30 Gordon Wilson, Tony Jones, Dave Brittain, Tony Wreglesworth, Mannes van Zyl. Sam Seal; 29 Brian Oosthuizen, Dave Rade; 27 Geoff Crowther; 25 Deon Pheiffer; 23 Peter Thomas; 20 David Hardiman (guest)

4BBB: 48 Ian Newman / Peter Theron

6th. Theewaterskloof
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

A new dawn, a new log and another new year for the DOGS although, with one exception, the scores suggested that they are still recovering from celebrating the demise of the old one.

The pressures of yet another festive season of liver-bashing took their toll on all but the Ex-Used-House-Salesman who managed his first victory since 2013.

Huge ran away to “an urgent meeting” to avoid the hat after scoring what, in 2014, might have been a losing total. This year though, standards have already dropped and he finished comfortably mid-field above some previously prestigious participants.

On return from injury, The Jolly Green Giant’s knee performed better than his swing.

Stableford: 39 Ian Newman; 34 John Horobin, Ian Wilks (guest); 33 Dave Brittain, Gordon Wilson; 32 Jon Forsyth, Richard Ridge; 31 Art Rae, Peter Theron, Andre Franken; 30 Geoff Crowther; 29 Tony Jones; 28 David Naylor, Tony Wreglesworth; 27 Dave Smith, Hugh Frangs; 26 Dave Rade, Alan Calder, Koos Roelofse; 25 Gary Wentzel; 24 Peter Thomas; 18 Deon Pheiffer

4BBB: 47 Ian Newman / Gordon Wilson