The format of six holes best ball, six holes aggregate and six holes multiply both scores had some in a complete spin, especially when they heard they could choose which option to take after completion of the hole. Partners Batman and Haggisbasher were seen on numerous occasions in conference arguing the toss about which option was the best. Granny, the spreadsheet boffin, realized he got it all horribly wrong when he and his partner My Little Pony suddenly discovered they only had multiplication options left for the last six holes of play. No wonder My Little Pony was heard muttering “neigh man!” when his four point birdie was multiplied by Granny’s ring!

Cheesy Wonder thought he and his guest and playing partner were in with a great chance of winning the day when he tried to multiply their gross scores on one of the holes.

It was left up to the feathered wonders, Spurfowl and Red Breast to flock together and show the rest how it should be played, with the Red Breasted one returning a fine personal best 41 points, thereby lending credence to his most improved player status.

Betterball Stableford 6.6.6


“Brucie”

Kleinmond
12th December 2017
Alliance Stableford

After the previous week’s white knuckle format of greensomes and foursomes, the pack was relieved to have a more relaxed format in an alliance with 2 scores to count. The marvelous weather was also conducive to good scoring but what followed was nothing short of incredulous with most of the teams achieving target of 90 points, and more than fifty percent of the field beating their handicap. Of the individual scores, most notable was the garrulous Spurfowl who sported a grin on his chin as big as his eagle putt on the par 5, 15th which helped him to a massive 43 individual points. Not surprising then that he and his playing partners Le Cock Sportif, Square Pants and Wordsmith Snith compiled an almost disrespectful 99 points in the alliance, and vanquished the hopes of Granny, Bow n Arrow Man, Grumpy and Mr Plant Hire in their quest for glory and a bottle of red. A 16 point contribution from Casper did little to cheer up the likes of the Cabbage Patch Kid, Batman and Cheesy Wonder, who collectively heaved a sigh of relief at not having to wear the dreaded “hat”, but that was only by virtue of the fact there is only one!
Alliance 2 Scores:
99 – Andre Franken, Michel Maury, Ian Wilks, Dave Smith
94 – Ian Newman, Trevor Archer, Jon Forsyth, Gary Wentzel
91 – Johan De Jager, Dave Rade, Gordon Wilson, Robin Clacher
90 – Alan Calder, Sam Seal, Chris Martin, Koos Roelofse
89 – Dave Brittain, Richard Bentz, Doug Ross, Brian Rhodes
78 – Tony Jones, Arthur Farrell, John Cheesbrough, Ghost “Brucie”

5th December 2017
Kleinmond
RSA vs RoW

The blustery conditions that greeted the two sides did nothing more than ensure the plethora of flags on display blew briskly and proudly in the hope they would bring success to their bearers. In an event that is looked forward to for twelve months, there was also a widely held belief that the Saffers would walk away with it as easily as some of our politicians do after being caught with fingers in the gravy train coffers. In an event that comprises a mixed format of 6 holes aggregate, 6 holes greensomes and 6 holes of foursomes, the Rest of the World side put up a spirited resistance but eventually succumbed to a determined SA side and lost by a mere 3 point margin.

The end of year function at Moltenos afterwards was as usual a festive affair, with many a postmortem on errant shots, “what ifs” and “if onlys” which, while interesting to some, mattered not in the end, as the true winner was camaraderie and golf!

Honours List for the year:

Jenny Jones Trophy: RSA 60 – RoW 57

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| Andre Franken / Ian Newman | 11 | 7 | John Cheesbrough / Dave Robinson
| Gordon Wilson / Richard Ridge | 7.5 | 10.5 | Doug Ross / Tony Hackett
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Kleinmond
28th November 2017
Annual Medal

With rain having once again disrupted two Tuesdays in a row (as well as the year end tour to Knysna) the guys were keen to get back onto the course, shake off the cobwebs and impress the selectors for the upcoming RSA vs Rest of the World. However the format for the day was for some, a bit on the daunting side as it was a good old medal – something the pack only play once a year. Consequently there was many a white knuckle to be seen, more sweat on brows than is usually associated with humid conditions and together with sighs, expletives and slumped shoulders they nevertheless managed, with mixed results, to complete the round, some more successfully than others. Notable double digit scores were from the Cabbage Patch Kid, Uber Scuba Diver and Le Cock Sportif who impressed the selectors with their resilience if nothing else.

Muscling their way into selection were B Division winner Vapour Sam on net 70 and A Division winner Square Pants with an impressive 66 net. Batman Arthur is still licking his wounds in the waiting room for selection.
A Div Best Gross; 80 Jon Forsyth

B Division Net Scores: 70 Sam Seal, 73 Dave Robinson, 74 Chris Martin, Arne Andersen, Trevor Archer, 75 Dave Smith, 76 Koos Roelofse, Robin Clacher, 78 Ian Newman, 80 Tony Jones, Tony Hackett, Michel Maury, 86 Arthur Farrell.
B Div Best Gross: 97 Sam Seal

“Brucie”

7th November 2017
Bredasdorp
Individual Stableford / 4Ball Betterball

It was Bredasdorp's turn to welcome the DOGS which they did so with their usual friendly and accommodating service. In the betterball stakes, The Haggisbasher teamed up with Grumpy and amassed an astonishing 27 points in the first nine holes. Alas, their ebullience was all but snuffed out in the second nine, with Grumpy suffering back pain and the Haggisbasher losing his sporran along with his chipping skills and sense of humour. Frankie “give me the moonlight” had an inspired round and positively sang his way to an impressive 41 points. He edged out Ole 7 Iron whose ego on the way home was as deflated as the tyre on his newly acquired bakkie, when he discovered that the wheel brace did not fit the nuts. The offer of assistance from the passing convoy of DOGS was no assistance at all, as none of them were equipped with a compatible nut displacer, which begs the question “how many dogs does it take to change a tyre”?
Judge Dredd not only claimed the floppy hat, but also suggested he may be a candidate for most improved golfer, having lost 3 handicap strokes in a month. A closer inspection revealed 3 penalty calculations.

Betterball: 47 John Cheesbrough, Trevor Vaughan
NTP: not won, Longest Drive: Jon Forsyth

31st October 2017
Kleinmond
Single Stableford, 4 BBB, A J Cup

The motley pack gathered in their droves to take advantage of a 3 for 1 format for the day, resulting in the biggest field so far this year. Top of the pops was Sporran MacOlder who easily equaled half his age in points, and pairing up with Grumpy, slayed the baying pack in the Betterball stakes. Not content with that, he went on to grab the “hot dog” individual honours with a fine 40 pointer and an exceptional round, as well as claiming the A J Cup with hidden pairs.
partner Uba Scuba McDiver. Returning swallow Gulf Oil, evacuated his Catalan homestead to seek refuge in the
peace and tranquility of Southern African shores, but alas, like the domestic SOE's, failed to produce the goods and
ended up with a floppy hat and a roll of toilet paper, that by and large, reflected his and our SOE’s performances. The
humid weather brought out a plethora of flying insects, but the sartorially elegant Prof managed to handle the gnats
as easily as he was able to do so when he was a political correspondent prior to the mid-nineties.
Granny still thinks we are playing for the A J Cup next week.

Single Stableford: 40 Alan Calder, 38 Jon Forsyth, Koos Roelofse, 37 Ian Wilks, Doug Ross, 35 Dave Robinson,
John Horobin, Richard Ridge, Robin Clacher, 34 Billy McCall, Michel Maury, Dave Rade, 33 John Cheesbrough,
Peter Theron, Trevor Vaughan, 32 Dave Kell, Andre Franken, Tony Hackett, Johan De Jager, 30 Sam Seal, 28 Dave
Smith, Trevor Archer, Gordon Wilson, 27 Ian Newman, Dave Brittain, 26 John McKay, Brian Rhodes, 25 Lawrie
Tonner, 24 Gary Wentzel, 21 Peter Thomas, 19 Dave Murphy, 18 Ian Wilson.
Betterball: 51 Alan Calder, Jon Forsyth
A J Cup: Alan Calder, Richard Ridge

24th October 2017
Kleinmond
Single Stableford and 4 Ball Alliance

The greens were rolling true and slick, and for once devoid of any Stevie Wonder pin placements. It was therefore
surprising that the scores were generally on the low side. However, there was a welcome return to form for plant hire
Mr Nursery who also managed to achieve something no one else has this year, and that is to lose a count out to
Grumpy. The alliance team comprising Wordsmith Snith, Sporran MacOlder, the Dachund Whisperer and Star of
David pooled their skills and came last, but at least got a bag of marbles for their efforts. The Star of David’s day
turned into a “Disastar” as he also came last in the singles. The Cheese was overjoyed on two fronts as he narrowly
missed donning the floppy hat and had his precious ball marker returned to him after it was discovered in the staff tip
jar!

Individual Stableford: 38 Jon Forsyth, Gary Wentzel, 37 Ian Newman, Andre Franken, 36 Trevor Vaughan, Koos
Roelofse, 35 Ian Wilks, 34 Johan De Jager, Doug Ross, 33 Peter Theron, 32 Sean Beamish, 31 Dave Robinson, 30
Richard Bentz, 29 John Horobin, Michel Maury, 28 Tony Hackett, Sam Seal, Dave Brittain, 26 Gordon Wilson, Robin
Clacher, 25 Peter Thomas, Richard Ridge, Alan Calder, Dave Smith, Trevor Archer, 22 John Cheesbrough, 21 Dave
Rade.

Alliance 2 scores to count: Trevor Vaughan, Richard Bentz, Jon Forsyth, Dave Robinson.

17th October 2017
Kleinmond
Ind. Stableford and 4BBB

With a “cluck cluck” here and a “cluck cluck” there, poor Chicken Licken and his half- brother Pickin Chicken thought
the sky was going to fall on their heads, so they beat a hasty retreat back to the comfort of their coop. The rest of the
field valiantly battled on in the benign conditions, having to contend with divesting themselves of outer garments,
sheathing umbrellas, and applying sun screen. Oh what a hardy bunch they are!
Granny’s return to the pack was, for him, a memorable one insofar he only had to take relief once, the naked chef
brandished his putter like a sledge hammer and the Spurfowl scratched his way to an ignominious 30 points which
curbed his usual sesquipedalian loquaciousness. My Little Pony had to withdraw at the last moment as he was expecting an erection, which as it turns out was nothing more than an innocuous garden shed. The Haggisbasher massaged his way to a fine 42 pointer but still fell woefully short of the mark. Tail gunners for the day were “ole 7 iron” and “the dachund whisperer” with the latter being presented with the floppy hat and a lollipop.

Bow and arrow man was inducted as a member.


Betterball: 49 Doug Ross, Ian Wilks “Brucie”

10TH October 2017
Kleinmond
Single Stableford and 4BBB

After an absence of 3 months, our Jock of the Bushveld came loping through the dust of the arid plains of the hinterland to engage the Star of David in a match play duel that promised much but produced little other than a result. The leaping leprechaun’s recent return to form was halted after 9 holes by a sore back, seemingly because he had to carry his partner Frankie in the better ball stakes. Sammy the seal improved on his previous round, but again got his flippers in a twist trying to fathom the intricacies of scoring. By the time the card was made available the winning bottle of wine had matured to a less acceptable vintage, but that did not seem to worry the Spurfowl as he took more delight in the fact that he had once again pulled the cork on Grumpy, who he pipped in the count out. Cruiser was re-acquainted with the dog eared hat.

Match Play: D Rade bt P Dewil 1 up, J Forsyth bt K Roelofse 5&3, D Brittain bt R Clacher 6&4
Better Ball: Andre Franken, Sam Seal

“Brucie”

3rd October 2017
Theewaterskloof
Ind. S/Ford and 4BBB

The stiff northwester that whipped up the sand on the dried out banks of the “geenwaterskloof” dam had no effect on the leaping leprechaun hacker who, after a forty minute consultation with his auditing firm, produced a scorecard reflecting a winning score of 39 points. It is of course still not clear whether the accuracy of the card can be relied
Poor Sammy the Seal got his flippers in a twist and was left high and dry, and had to be comforted with a floppy hat and a lollipop.

Betterball – 45 Dave Smith, Richard Ridge

“Brucie”

Kleinmond
26th September 2017
Ind. S/Ford and 4BBB

Brucie thought it would be fun to pit Spurfowl and Grumpy against each other but at the same time partner the two of them up in the better ball. What ensued was a veritable point scoring spree, with both protagonists carving out 39 pointers on greens still recovering from their bi annual hollowtyning. The upshot of this classic duel was that the scratcher pipped Grumpy on the count out for individual honours and the pair of them demolished the field in the better ball stakes. At the bottom end the red breasted one traded his feathered crown for a floppy hat.

In a match play encounter, wee Tinkerbell flittered from bush to bush but nevertheless succeeded in beating circus man Wilkie 2/1

Betterball – 49 Andre Franken, Jon Forsyth

“Brucie”

19th September 2017
Kleinmond
Individual S/Ford and BB

One could easily describe the efforts of the pack on any given day as being as close to a riotous assembly as you can get. So returning to Kleinmond to eventually play a full 18 holes of golf,(thanks mainly to the weather), was in a sense a wee bit surreal given the shenanigans that have occurred in the town the past few weeks.
However, our very own Pontius Pilot Charlie, evaded all the perils of a hollowtyned course, and went on his own looting spree and was hell Bent on stealing every imaginable point that the course had to offer. At the bottom end, we had returnee swallow Mr Hackitt, who in his first outing back, had more rings on his first nine than points, but luckily recovered sufficiently to give way to Tinkerbell, who found himself cleaning up more debris than points.
Better Ball Winners: 48 Gordon Wilson, Robin Clacher

“Brucie”

12th September 2017
Bredasdorp
Ind. Stableford and 4BBB

After many weeks of being confined to their kennels due to adverse Tuesday weather, the pack took advantage of summer conditions and loped cross country through to Bredasdorp. Except for the odd pin placing, which had a decidedly Ray Charles signature to it, the course was in good nick and the greens rolled true. The scores consequently were relatively high, and it was My Little Pony who fended off amorous advances from the feral Farrell and the Naked Chef to take top pooch honours.
Alas, plant hire Mr Nursery was once again left panting at his empty water bowl.
Individual Stableford:
Better Ball: 48 Andre Franken, Gordon Wilson

8th August 2017
Kleinmond
Individual S/Ford and BB

The pack was entirely focused on proving that their lack of “confidence” in their swing could be easily overcome, which proved to be as hopeful as the aspirations of an opposition party.

All said and done it was the aberrant sporran wearing and non-SA political MacDougal, who was able to concentrate sufficiently to take the honours, whilst the Cruiser at least had the Lions, the Proteas and the no confidence vote to blame for his lack of concentration.

To round off the day My Little Pony introduced his Benoni cousin, and the Star of David introduced a ghost.


Better Ball Winners: 46 Charlie Bent, John Tunstall
N.T.P. 12th ... John Tunstall

“Brucie”

1st August 2017

Hermanus

Individual S/Ford and BB

The pack trusted the weather reports, all of whom promised a mere 23kph wind for their outing at Hermanus, and sallied forth to a course they always look forward to playing, only to be faced with upwards of 60kph gusts and an average 40kph wind. Not surprisingly, they were the only mugwumps to play in the prevailing conditions and apparently were the only golfers on the course! At this time of the year, one can expect the weather to be as unpredictable as a U.S. President, but more alarmingly, the weather gurus these days are as believable as pollsters in the U.K and the Americas!

All said and done, the cold and blustery conditions brought a heavy sweat to many a brow vying to avoid the floppy hat, none the least of which was our erstwhile pilot Pontius, who, despite getting an extra two handicap strokes and scoring an abysmal 22 points, was out gunned by both plant hire Mr Nursery, and recently returned Cruiser, who came off the course looking like he had been dragged through a bramble bush!

Wordsmith Mr Smith played his normal game (scaring the runner moles) and successfully negated the wind, whilst his partner, the effervescent resident scratcher, defied the odds, and topped the field with a noteworthy performance that, given the conditions, sparkled like a diamond in a goats arse. However, his sanguine approach to the day’s proceedings paled into insignificance compared to his largesse at the local pub and grill!


Better Ball Winners: 45 Dave Smith, Andre Franken

“Brucie”

18th July 2017

Kleinmond

Individual Stableford and Better Ball
The resident scratcher Spurfowl thought he had it all sewn up with his reasonably praiseworthy 39 points, but alas, his moment of glory was but a mere baked bean moment (all wind and no performance) and he was beaten by the sheer class of a well-constructed 40 pointer.

Granny was particularly grumpy today, which may have to do with having lost his match play tie against the bearded wonder (who swears blind it was not him who removed granny’s ciggies from his bag).

The notable performance of the day (we do pride ourselves in recognizing achievements from the widest possible spectrum) goes to plant hire Mr Nursery who grunted and groaned his way betwixt sensational and most times less than sensational shots, but nevertheless completed his round with a semblance of a sense of humour and a floppy hat.


Betterball: 45 Koos Roelofse, Doug Ross.

"Brucie"

11th July 2017

Kleinmond

Individual Stableford and Better Ball

The icy chill that greeted the pack on their arrival had them scrambling in their bags to retrieve additional cladding to warm themselves before the sun broke through.

The polar conditions did not deter haggis basher MacRoss, who adroitly tossed the opposition aside like a caber in the wind, and came through with a fine 38 points. Another surprising performance in arctic conditions was that of My Little Pony who proved that numbing the brain with copious quantities of pressed grape the night before is a sure fire way of taking one’s mind off all and any adverse conditions.

The cold air was no good for guest Ryan who failed to take off and remained grounded on 22 below.

Ind. Stableford:

Better Ball: 44 Ian Newman, Brian Rhodes

“Brucie”

4th July 2017

Kleinmond

Two Ball 6:6:6
The nature of the competition format meant that players had to keep their wits about them in deciding whether to add or multiply their scores. Most got it horribly wrong with the realization that four points times no points equals nought, zip, nada, nothing and niks.

Thankfully the reputation of the pack was saved by four players who managed to produce some creditable scores with Mr Security producing a mind boggling personal best of 42 points teaming up with the Spurfowl to come in with 81. Not to be outdone, a collective effort from the barrel chested Bojax and the Grumpy Granny, contrived 83 points to claim first spot and remove the grin from the Spurfowl chin.

Tinkerbelle’s devastating form was enough to secure last spot for him and his partner.


“Brucie”

27th June 2017
Kleinmond
Individual S/Ford and BB - 4 Clubs only

Another so-called “Fun Game” in our so-called “Winter Break”, as decreed by our previous Dogsbody, who is happily still holidaying overseas. Hopefully his “over the pond sojourn” is both happier and more successful than his revered B & I. Lions in their so-called quest to prove that they can successfully operate with just 4 out of 15. Eerily, the DOGS once again put themselves on the line to prove the point that using only 4 clubs out of the 14 that you are normally entitled to, is by no means a recipe for success! However, when one brings a recipe into the mix, one can never rule out the power of “the naked chef” who today honed his 4 iron and deboned his opposition to run out a clear winner, without the ignominy of losing a count out to the ageing resident scratcher Spurfowl for a “poultry” (eish!) second spot.

Being a 4 club only competition, it was not that surprising that two of the pack retired from ill health due to iron deficiency, but what was a surprise, was that the doughty MacDougallassRoss still managed to escape the “hat” after posting only 3 points in the first 9 holes, graciously giving way to ‘he who never get a mention” that today would rather not have had a mention!


Limited Club Iron deficiency retired hurt – P Thomas, H frangs

Better Ball Winners: 39 D Ross, J Forsyth

“Brucie”

20th June 2017
Kleinmond

4Ball Scramble

The pack geared themselves up for a fun day in the sun fully cognisant of the fact that we were privileged to play in such fine weather conditions in the knowledge that the region is in dire need of much more rain. Regrettably the lack of rain did not dampen their spirits as much as the news of one of our stalwarts Mr Halifax, aka David Naylor, who hung up his dog tag in the great kennel in the sky. The DOGS will miss him sorely as will the many businesses in and around the Overberg that were the beneficiaries of his largesse, which was appreciably larger than his girth.

Rest in peace mate!

To the days play – 4 four balls engaged in an alliance scramble format. All 4 teams, evenly weighted in terms of handicap, driving ability and current form, sallied forth and produced an eerily disparate set of results! Thankfully, the intervention of 3 handicap guest Chunky Charlie, aided and ably abetted by both Granny and Frankie saved Dogsbody the ignominy of defeat by default to the cuckolding Spurfowl, who, despite his puerile protestations, lost the count out! Ja Nee and c'est la vie!

Four ball Scramble:
65.5 Gary Wentzel, Gordon Wilson, Morgan O’Kennedy, Arthur Farrell
64.2 Douglas Ross, Koos Roelofse, Richard Bentz, Peter Thomas
60.1 Andre Franken, Robin Clacher, Richard Ridge, Ryan Ridge
60.1 Charles Bent, Ian Newman, Trevor Vaughan, Jon Forsyth

6th.
13th June 2017

Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

The departure of our much revered and beloved Bearded Wonder to administrative retirement did not in any way dampen the spirits of our pack who, in their own inimitable style, sniffed, wagged, scented and scratched their way around a previously well-walked track. However, judging by the scores, they must have collectively been in mourning! Eish! The results are therefore not worthy of commentary.

One cannot but help muse that there has to be a parallel with golf and UK politics – our Bearded Wonder lost his majority (albeit voluntarily) as did the Tories (apparently involuntarily) but both resulted in a “hung” thingy situation which methinks our DOGS will resolve sooner than May gets to Christmas. Very simple ….. the pack now has a committee of four blokes – apparently, they have the biggest “equipment” necessary to take on the job of looking after the pack! Moi, who is considerably the lesser of the “equipment” gurus lost the toss and the countback, and was suborned into Dogs body status! Nog ‘n Eish!
From the DOGS and the numerous charitable institutions - Thank you Dave Smith for your considerable efforts the last ten years!


**4BBB**: 42 Gordon Wilson / Robin Clacher

“Brucie”

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Theewaterskloof

Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Scores were very modest on what started off as a beautiful golfing day by the dam. Perhaps it had something to do with the very slick greens and one learned theory that, because the dam is so empty, there is less gravitational pull on the ball which, therefore, rolls differently. One or two flying pigs were also spotted. My Little Pony eventually squeezed in on 36. The wind picked up towards the end heralding the arrival of the big storm. Frankie was so tied up battening down hatches that he forgot he had some golf to play. DOGSbody would have preferred to go out with more of a bang on his last day, after 10 years, of trying to organise the pack. As a result, he will no longer be writing this report. Thanks for reading it.

**Individual**: 36 Rich Bentz; 35 Jon Forsyth; 34 Ian Newman, Andre Franken; 33 Dave Smith; 32 Johan de Jager; 31 Robin Clacher, Rich Ridge; 30 Dave Rade, Arthur Farrell; 29 Brian Rhodes, Charlie Bent (guest); 28 Koos Roelofse; 27 Geoff Crowther; 26 Gordon Wilson; 21 Trevor Vaughan

**4BBB**: 43 Jon Forsyth / Johan de Jager

May

30th.

Kleinmond

Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Christmas came early on Tuesday for The Star of David as it rose in the East again for the first time in a long time. Many followed The Star and wondered. From near, Big Rich and 7-iron, from afar, Oh-no and Mr. Security, but they were unable to capture the spirit of Christmas. Guest Allan Graham Allan joined in the festivities by introducing a party game called Name Change. For TinkerBell it was more like Christmas in the turkey shed.
Scores were relatively modest on Tuesday until the last group came in and provided the leader-board top three. Spurfowl did it again having scratched around on the sandy greens to collect a hefty 42 points. Whilst hanging on to every word of the shot-by-shot account of his 77 gross afterwards his loyal fans were shocked to hear that he had, in fact, blown out on the 9th. (or possibly the last depending on which version of the tale you prefer). The Prof. preferred not to talk about his round.

There was a tense stand-off between Spurfowl and My Little Pony for the honours on Tuesday with Spurfowl clinching it on countback. He was assisted in his battle by his experience of being in elevated positions both from his early pole-dancing days and his recent trip to The Kingdom in the Sky. Getting used to less elevated positions is Dougal MacBikeride who was saved yet again from total ignominy this week by 7-Iron and The Naked Chef who couldn’t hit a barn door with his frying pan.
DOGSbody took advantage of some notable absentees and finally held his game together for (almost) 18 holes to come out on top on Tuesday.
Dougal MacBikeride was suffering from calf and buttock problems and thought he had hit rock bottom but he was saved by Tinkerbell who seemed to have returned to Never Never Land.
Sparrow managed third place after his recent travels and entertained his mates at the 19th. with an exciting 4-hour exposé on “Lesotho and its people”.


4BBB: 48 Dave Smith / Andre Franken

2nd.
Hermanus
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

It was a game of two halves as the pack attacked the Hermanus course on Tuesday with the greens on each nine being in a differing state of maintenance.
7-iron, The Naked Chef and Grumpy coped particularly well with the challenge, especially 7-iron who was cut for his efforts – one of the few smiles to come out of the day.
The middle order plodded along but others struggled including Dougal, Frankie and, worst of all, Mr. Bojangles who decided to make an impression before he leaves on his forthcoming trip – another smile.

Individual: 41 Johan de Jager; 39 Gordon Wilson; 37 Jon Forsyth; 34 Dave Rade; 33 Gary Wentzel, Ian Wilks; 31 Arne Andersen; 30 John Tunstall; 29 Koos Roelofse; 28 Ian Newman, Richard Ridge, Arthur Farrell; 27 Dave Smith, Richard Bentz, Hugh Frangs; 26 Mike Graham (guest); 24 Doug Ross, Trevor Vaughan; 19 Sam Seal

4BBB: 47 Gordon Wilson / Arne Andersen (c/i)

April

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

There was a tight finish in the Handicap Stakes on Tuesday.
My Little Pony looked strong but faded in the last two furlongs to let Geordie Boy pip him at the line. Granny limped in third looking like she might soon be unwell.
The rest of the field was well strung-out behind except in 9th. place where six runners crossed together.
The ninth saw a faller with an injured back – Ohhhh Nohhhh – which meant that Tinkerbell, trained by Peter Pan and in the colours of Barbara Cartland, came in last.


4BBB: 44 Arthur Farrell / Tony Jones

NTP: 1st. Jon Forsyth

18th.
Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Predictive hypochondria, real-time hypochondria (aka man flu), a bad back, a gammy shoulder, the aging process in general, family commitments, religion, all these elements combined to decimate the field on Tuesday.
One of the fine achievements of those young, fit and healthy pups who did make it was that the whole field managed to miss the 12th green let alone get near to the pin – a new DOGS' record.
Poor old Fruit & Veg suffered from the fact that he has been off the leash for a week, much to the relief of Mr. Hacker.
Oh and by the way, Grumpy and Spurfowl didn’t have bad rounds.

Individual: 43 Jon Forsyth; 41 Andre Franken; 36 Dave Smith; 35 Koos Roelofse, John Cheesbrough, Sam Seal; 34 Gary Wentzel, Geoff Crowther; 33 Rich Ridge; 32 Johan de Jager, Pat Dewil; 31 Robin Clacher; 30 Arthur Farrell; 29 Hugh Frangs; 28 Trevor Vaughan; 27 Gordon Wilson; 23 Tony Hackett; 20 Tony Jones

4BBB: 48 Jon Forsyth / Trevor Vaughan

Longest drive: 14th. Jon Forsyth

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

Either golf is getting easier or the DOGS are getting better. Both concepts are hard to grasp but it appears that the latter might be the case.
Certainly, on Tuesday, the pack indicated that they have got this game cracked.
Having taken time off to chase white feathers over a net Rich “icanhittwayoverthe” Ridge resumed chasing white balls around a field and came in with a superb 43 points and, together with DOGSbody, his partner, a shocking 52 points better-ball.
Robin the Fisher has not quite got it cracked yet and we’ll see next week whether the game will bite back as it usually does.
The pack escaped the usual weekly routine and took a trip to a brand new venue on Tuesday – that mecca of the golfing world, Bredasdorp. Thanks to a warm welcome from the club and despite a stiff breeze out on the course, it was a pleasant day out for most, especially My Little Pony who wore his dapper red pants especially for the occasion. His 37 was enough to win the day even though it was the lowest winning score of the season so far.

It was an ideal day for golf; not too warm and with very little wind. And the DOGS certainly took full advantage, posting some high scores which produced an impressive overall average of 33.3 points. But amongst all the good performances there was one which stood out like a beacon. It was a joy and privilege to be on the same course as this outstanding display of skill, accuracy, touch, control, feel and overall golfing prowess. Yes, Geoffrey "Oh No" Crowther came bottom of the pile but still managed to win his matchplay.
Tuesday’s stage of the Cape Epic was shortened because of the heat. It may have been too hot for the Peloton but the Pack insisted on completing the whole course even if the thermometer did register 38. But 38 was nothing compared to the two blistering 39s recorded by Mssrs. Bojangles and Fruit & Veg. It was the former who won the heat on countback. The Hanging Judge adjourned after 9 when he discovered a muscle in his back which he didn’t know he had thus leaving Tinkerbell’s 21 feeling a little tepid.

Individual: 39 Sam Seal (c/i), Tony Jones (c/o); 38 Jon Forsyth; 37 Arthur Farrell, Tony Walker; 36 Dave Smith; 35 Dave Rade, Ian Newman, Alan Calder, John Horobin; 34 Johan de Jager, Ian Wilks, Rich Bentz; 32 Geoff Crowther, Doug Ross, Koos Roelofse; 30 Rich Ridge; 29 Hugh Frangs, Chris Martin; 28 Robin Clacher; 27 Trevor Vaughan; 26 Tony Hackett, John Milburn (guest); 24 John Cheesbrough; 21 Brian Rhodes; 10 Dave Robinson (DNF)

4BBB: 45 Sam Seal / Koos Roelofse (c/i)

After the fastlane that was last week’s winelands tour, it was good be back to the real world that is Royal Kleinmond even if it was tough to readjust from greens like glass to greens like grass. It was fitting that one of the returning swallows should show a last wriggle in what will be his last game with the DOGS for some time. Other swallows are off too but guest Richard found his first outing hard to swallow. At the 19th., Granny and the Prof. were seen to don their respective fleeces – winter drawers on!


4BBB: 49 Jon Forsyth / Gary Wentzel
February 28th.

Kleinmond

Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

It was wonderful to see a wee Rangers supporter from the rough end of Glasgow achieving his golfing dream with a fine and long-awaited win at Royal Kleinmond.

Being the devoted socialist that he is, Sporran McCaldar gladly shared his winnings with his caddy whom he hires as part of a work creation and wealth distribution scheme.

And talking of Sweaties, there were some sweaty palms at the other end of the leaderboard until the last group came in and Frankie “give me the moonlight” Vaughan managed to nudge Coldplay’s lead singer out of last place.

Golf can be both funny and scary.

Seeing a snake in the bush is scary except when it’s Bob the Snake on the 18th, and then it becomes funny.

It’s scary that time flies so quickly that the swallows are starting to get ready to leave but funny to think of Shanksy getting on his pony.

It’s scary when the Star of David retires early with a dizzy spell and very funny that not a drop of Olof had passed his lips.

It’s both funny and scary to see “7-iron” in a chicken hat.

Oh, and by the way, Grumpy won again – not funny!
Individual: 41 Jon Forsyth; 40 Tony Wreglesworth; 39 Alan Calder; 37 Doug Ross, John Horobin, Ian Wilks; 35 Dave Smith, Trevor Vaughan, Tony Hackett; 34 Gary Wentzel, Morgan O'Kennedy, Gordon Wilson, Richard Bentz, John Milburn (guest); 33 Keagan Seal (guest), Bob Barton; 31 David Naylor; 30 Sam Seal; 29 Richard Ridge, Paul Martin, Geoff Crowther, Koos Roelofse; 28 Brian Rhodes, Tony Jones, Don (guest); 27 John Tunstall; 26 Robin Clacher, Dave Robinson, Dave Brittain, John Armitage; 24 Tony Walker; 23 Ian Newman, John Cheesbrough; 22 Johan de Jager; 16 Dave Rade (RTD)

4BBB: 49 Jon Forsyth / Doug Ross

14th.
Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

There was more magic than romance in the air on Valentine's day at Kleinmond. The magic, of course, came from Tinkerbell, the DOGS very own Never Never Land flutterby, who waved his wand to produce a spellbinding 40 points. Only 4 others had the wizardry to beat their handicaps. Guest Sean yet again got the rough end of the magic stick. The romance came later as the pack rushed to the nearest OK or Spar to see if they had any flowers left.

Individual: 40 Brian Rhodes; 39 Johan de Jager; 38 John Cheesbrough; 37 Tony Wreglesworth, Doug Ross; 35 Bob Barton, Rob Welton; 34 Ian Newman, Tony Hackett, Gary Wentzel; 33 Geoff Crowther, Art Rae, Dave Rade, Sam Seal, Tony Walker; 32 Jon Forsyth, Alan Calder; 31 John Horobin, Keagan Seal (guest); 30 Dave Robinson, Dave Smith, Tony Jones, John Milburn (guest), Ian Wilks; 29 Dave Brittain, Richard Bentz; 28 John Armitage; 26 David Naylor; 25 Robin Clacher; 24 Paul Martin; 19 Richard Ridge; 12 Sean (guest)

4BBB: 46 Rob Welton / Doug Ross

7th.
Hermanus
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

It was a hot and sultry Hermanus which greeted the pack on Tuesday and the course was playing long. The scores were far from hot and most were sultry at best with only one player beating his handicap. Long or not, the course was set up perfectly for someone who favours a particular club and so it was to be as “7-iron” de Jager powered home with a mighty 41 points. It was very humid and sweaty at the other end and there was a tense wait to see who would have to wear the dreaded hat. Young Sean eventually took the honours much to the delight of old “oohhh nohhh” Crowther.

Individual: 41 Johan de Jager; 36 Andre Franken, Bob Barton; 34 John Horobin, Jon Forsyth, Arthur Farrell; 33 Dave Rade; 32 Paul Martin; 31 Dave Brittain, John Armitage, Ian Newman, Gary Wentzel; 30 Dave Smith; 29 Hugh Frangs, Koos Roelofse, David Naylor, Jason (guest); 28 Tony Hackett; 27 Tony Jones, Gordon Wilson, John Tunstall, Rob
January

31st.
Kleinmond
Individual Stableford (Log) / 4BBB

Those who know no better may have thought they saw a hint of the beginnings of a glimmer of the outbreak of a smile on Grumpy’s face as he posted a smug gross 76 to record an obscene 43 points. All such thoughts were, of course, obliterated as he returned to his normal cheery self on realising that he was about to be cut by at least one stroke.

There were smiles all round though when Tinkerbell inadvertently offered to buy yet another round of drinks in celebration of his previous week’s triumph.

Cruiser wasn’t smiling however as sea-sickness set in yet again even before he sets off on his next voyage.

Individual: 43 Jon Forsyth; 40 Hugh Frangs; 38 Bob Barton; 37 Ian Newman; 35 Andre Franken, Doug Ross, Dave Robinson, Robin Clacher; 34 Brian Rhodes; 33 Art Rae, Koos Roelofse, Alan Calder, Richard Ridge; 32 Tony Wreglesworth; 31 Dave Brittain, Ian Wilks, Dave Smith, Rob Welton, Richard Bentz, Tony Jones; 30 John Armitage; 29 Gary Wentzel; 28 Tony Hackett, Dave Rade, Keagan Seal (guest), John Horobin; 26 Geoff Crowther, David Naylor; 25 Arthur Farrell, Trevor Vaughan, Johan de Jager; 22 Sam Seal, John Tunstall, Jason Welton (guest); 19 Peter Thomas

4BBB: 48 Jon Forsyth / Rob Welton

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

It was the day when Tinkerbell left Never Never Land, sprinkled fairy dust on his 7-iron and shot a sparkly hole-in-one on the twelfth. Unfortunately, concerns about the less-than-magical strain on his bank account had a similarly draining effect on his play for the remaining 6 holes.

The English summer-like drizzle made some of the foreigners feel at home and Bob the Snake splashed in with another 41 points causing yet another emergency meeting of the handicap committee.

Yorkshire Shanksy however, sank drowning to the bottom claiming that it never rains in Cleckheaton.

Individual: 41 Bob Barton; 38 Dave Smith; 35 Morgan O’Kennedy, Koos Roelofse; 36 Richard Bentz, Jon Forsyth; 35 Tony Jones, Sam Seal, Andre Franken, Gordon Wilson; 34 Richard Ridge, Ian Newman; 33 Dave Rade, Brian Rhodes, Geoff Crowther, Gary Wentzel, Robin Clacher; 31 Dave Robinson, John Tunstall, Arthur Farrell, David
The biggest field for a while was back on familiar territory at Royal Kleinmond – familiar greens, familiar pin positions and the familiar swirling south-easter which kept most scores low.
The top of the leader-board had an unfamiliar look though with Bob the Snake (who is tall, thin and with hair) and Dougal the Haggis (who isn’t) battling it out on an impressive 41 points. The SAGA-handicapped skirt-wearer justifiably won the day against the convolutedly-CONGU-handicapped ex-bobby-on-a-bike.
Another visitor with a CONGU handicap also recognised the system’s weaknesses as he studied his card from the bottom of the heap.

Individual: 41 Doug Ross (c/i), Bob Barton (c/o); 37 Jon Forsyth, Andre Franken; 36 Dave Smith, Trevor Vaughan; 35 Dave Rade; 34 Hugh Frangs, Dave Brittain; 33 Pat Dewil, Ian Wilks, Richard Bentz; 32 Gordon Wilson, Geoff Crowther, Richard Ridge; 31 Tony Hackett, Ian Newman; 30 Ian Wilks; 29 Tony Wreglesworth; 28 Art Rae, Robin Clacher; 27 Johan de Jager, Gary Wentzel; 26 Lawrie Tonner, Keagan Seal (guest), Tony Jones; 25 Peter Theron, John Armitage; 23 Arthur Farrell; 21 Peter Thomas, Koos Roelofse; 20 Rob Welton

4BBB: 46 Pat Dewil / Trevor Vaughan

The DOGS started a new year and a new log with dreams of new beginnings and individual hopes of a shelf-load of trophies!
After the excesses of the festive season, the pack tried to shed some of those extra pounds by playing a round on the course by the dam which at times felt more like a sauna than a golf course.
Another year added to already decrepit bodies however ensured that resolutions and dreams of a brighter golfing future fell by the wayside. In fact, most of the scores were worse than in 2016.
Only “7-iron” and The Prof. managed to beat their handicaps and Cruiser carried on where he left off last season.
Another thing which did not change was the increase in turnover of the TWK bar.

Individual: 40 Johan de Jager; 37 Koos Roelofse; 36 Tony Jones; 34 Trevor Vaughan, Robin Clacher, Michel Maury, Tony Hackett; 33 Brian Rhodes, Gordon Wilson, Dave Brittain; 31 Andre Franken, Peter Theron, Dave Smith, Dave Rade, Ian Newman; 30 Ian Wilks; 29 Geoff Crowther; 27 Arthur Farrell, Lawrie Tonner; 26 Richard Ridge, Gary Wentzel; 24 Gustav (guest), Jon Forsyth, Richard Bentz; 20 Peter Thomas