

KPA Golf Day Attracts a Field Of Over 170 Golfers At The Nyali Golf and Country Club

Majority of Golfers are businessmen and women or connected in a significant manner in some way or the other to the business world.

All businesses need to move their goods and products which is where Kenya Ports Authority comes in, exporting those goods and products or importing things those businesses need to carry on their activities and therefore all golfers need KPA and KPA need golfers.

Such was the syllogism, or deductive logic to similar effect, by which Captain Jon Stokes explained the immense popularity of the Kenya Ports Authority Golf Day when welcoming the sponsors and guests at the close of the competition at Nyali Golf and Country Club on Saturday 11th November 2017.

Katherine Mturi- Wairiri, the Managing Director of KPA echoed similar sentiments in her welcoming address to the players and guests, noting the synergy between golfers and KPA which drew one of the largest number, a total of over 170 players.

Katherine also noted that her organisation which is strongly represented by A teams in many other sports does not contribute

in the same way to the game of golf where it is under represented.

She promised to make amends by producing a strong golfing team in future although she recognised there were notable exception who take a keen interest in the game, such as Yobesh Oyaro, Japhet Obonyo, Charles and Teresia Odoo, some of whom are in fact known to be more active members of Nyali Golf and Country Club than of KPA!

Katherine also reiterated her promise to take up the game herself, following the example of KPA's Public Relations Manager, Bernard Osero who regaled the audience with tales of his efforts at coming to grips with the game, starting with acquiring the right clothing and equipment, realising much to his dismay that as a leftie he needed a different set of clubs from what he had been looking at and had to procure one from abroad at some considerable expense!

Having finally kitted himself up and started with serious and persistent training, he discovered there were many slips between him and a handicap and almost thought of giving up in despair.

He may take some consolation from the knowledge that this is

the experience of an average golfer who finds his/her game is never the same, that there are massive swings to their swings from day to day!

Things go effortlessly smooth one day while nothing seems to work the next time, or sometimes, maddeningly in the course of the same round.

There was one player in the entire field of 170 plus players for whom it was a sort of day when nothing went wrong, everything work.

That was the young lady Alyssa Jamal who soared above all with a great score of 41 stableford points.

It started with the 2nd hole, a double stroking where she picked up a surplus point with one over and then another to a par on the 3rd.

There was a bit of down slide as she immediately dropped both extra points to a triple bogey on the double stroking 4th and double bogey on the 5th but with regulation 2 points then on and a surplus point earned off a par on the closing ninth, she ended the first nine with 19 points.

It was on the back nine that Alyssa struck a rich vein of 3 points, collecting a huge surplus of six points with a string of pars, on the 10th, 12th, 14th and 15th and one over on the double stroking 13th and 16th.

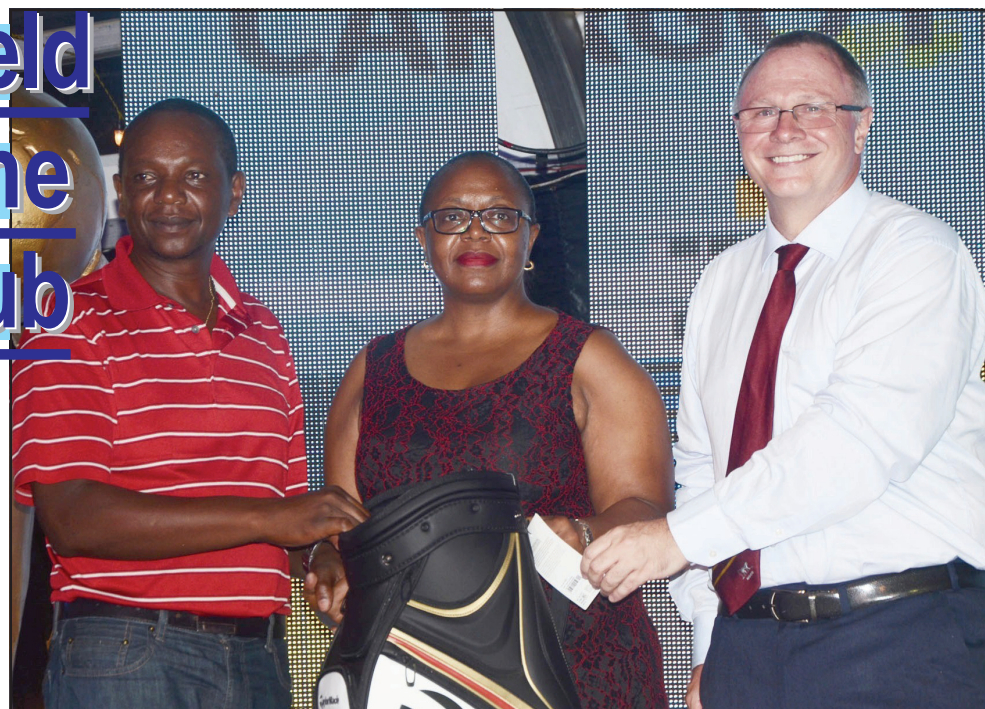
However, on the two par fives, the 11th and the 17th where, both being double stroking holes and being within easy reach with her length, she would expect to reap more dividends, she came to grief, losing out two points through very uncharacteristic triple bogeys.

But her total of 22 points added on to the 19 points in the first nine turned out to be the best score of the day.

Best score of the day did not however qualify Alyssa for the Overall Prize, her youth going against her, Alyssa could only take the Best Junior prize.

But youth is the time of life when such small disappointments are taken as part of the learning curve, quickly overcome and on to the next challenge to be taken head on.

That next challenge was thrown at her immediately.



Philip Mbugua, [left], overall winner during KPA Golf Day with 38 points at Nyali Golf and Country Club, receives a prize from KPA Managing Director, Mrs. Catherine Mturi-Wairi and NGCC Captain Jon Stokes. GOLF PHOTOS BY GILBERT ONCHOKE

In recognition of her achievement, the Captain called upon Alyssa to tell how she did it and she responded well with words of appreciation for her playing partners who supported and encouraged her through the 18 holes and for the sponsors for a super competition.

For the Overall Prize there were two contenders with identical scores of 38 points, Philip Mbugua and Vanessa Peris.

Philip did not allow his sense of chivalry to come between himself and the KPA Golf Day title, falling short on chivalry but gaining on count back with a break down of 17 and 21 points over Vanessa's steady score

of 19 points for each nine.

Philip started steadily with 2 points a piece on the first four holes but lost a point on the 5th to a bogey and further down 2 points to the blanked 7th but then steadied himself again, playing a par game from 8th through to the 13th, four of which, the 8th, 9th, 12th and 13th yielded 3 points each which brought his tally for the first nine to 17 points and left him with 2 surplus points up to that point on the back nine.

Things got even better with a 2 club birdie on the 15th yielding 3 more points followed by a birdie on the stroking 16th adding 4 points to earn him a total of 5 surplus points.

The dream however came to an end and reality kicked in on the last two holes which he bogeyed to lose a point each

ending with a total of 21 points for the back nine.

In her two even nines of 19, Vanessa had her ups and down in the first nine, dropping a point on the 1st but more than making up with two holes worth 4 points each, through a 2 club birdie on the 3rd and a par on the double stroking 4th, followed by a less spectacular par on the 5th worth just 3 points!

However, she dissipated the advantage of 4 surplus point by blanking the 6th and dropping 2 more on the 7th and 9th through bogeys.

In between the two, having parred the 8th she finished with a surplus of one for the first nine.

The back nine started badly with a blank but which she made up with 3 points off two pars, on the 13th and the 15th.

The 14th took a toll with a double bogey costing her a point but made up with 3 points on the 16th and a par on the concluding 18th put her in a surplus on one for the back nine as well.

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Golf Report by THE DRIVER



Alyssa Jamal, junior winner with 41 points during Kenya Ports Authority Golf Day at Nyali Golf and Country Club, Receives a prize from KPA Director Steve Lokedi.

KENYA TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, November 17 - 23, 2017

FRIDAY High Water - 3.4 m. at 03.28 hrs. (3.28 a.m.) and 3.1 m. at 15.49 hrs. (3.49 p.m.). Low Water - 0.4 m. at 09.42 hrs. (9.42 a.m.) and 0.5 m. at 21.39 hrs. (9.39 p.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 3.5 m. at 03.59 hrs. (3.59 a.m.) and 3.1 m. at 16.20 hrs. (4.20 p.m.). Low Water - 0.3 m. at 10.13 hrs. (10.13 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 22.09 hrs. (10.09 p.m.) **NEW MOON.**

SUNDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 04.29 hrs. (4.29 a.m.) and 3.1 m. at 16.20 hrs. (4.20 p.m.). Low Water - 0.3 m. at 10.43 hrs. (10.43 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 22.38 hrs. (10.38 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 04.58 hrs. (4.58 a.m.) and 3.1 m. at 17.20 hrs. (5.20 p.m.). Low Water - 0.3 m. at 11.13 hrs. (11.13 a.m.) and 0.5 m. at 23.08 hrs. (11.08 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 3.5 m. at 05.27 hrs. (5.27 a.m.) and 3.0 m. at 17.50 hrs. (5.50 p.m.). Low Water - 0.3 m. at 11.43 hrs. (11.43 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 23.37 hrs. (11.37 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.4 m. at 05.56 hrs. (5.56 a.m.) and 2.9 m. at 18.21 hrs. (6.21 p.m.). Low Water - 0.5 m. at 00.14 hrs. (12.14 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 3.2 m. at 06.27 hrs. (6.27 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 18.56 hrs. (6.56 p.m.). Low Water - 0.7 m. at 12.08 hrs. (12.08 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 00.47 hrs. (12.47 p.m.).

NOTE: Standard Port is **Kilindini**. ADD 40 minutes for **Lamu** and ADD five minutes for **Malindi**. 'No Change' for **Kilifi** and **Diani**.

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