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# THE GOOD LIFE

*On the Course | Off the Course*



## MEMBERS AND GUESTS

It is important to keep members and guests informed as we see the second wave of Covid-19 cases rising and impacting on all households and businesses. The Club has not been

unaffected as we have received numerous reports from members about positive cases, after self-isolating. We have also seen positive cases amongst the staff during this last period, which was dealt with, as per the Covid-19 regulations, and Club policy. The Club will continue to put all measures in place to sanitize the Club, but we need each and every member, guest and staff member to do their part. Please wear masks at all times when walking through the Club, especially in halfway house before you dish up. Masks may only be removed once you are seated or on the tee.

## THE CLUB

Dear Member,

It was a jam-packed weekend and great to see the Club in full swing. The courses played tougher than normal due to the lush, thick rough. This will settle as long as we are able to follow normal cutting practices and we don't have more rain delays. With that being said, the greens are softer than normal, which means you can play a bit more aggressively. Overall, the conditions were ideal for a true test of golf, enjoying the courses as they were presented to us.

I would like to remind members to please fix pitch marks and divots, as you play. We are still seeing a lot of rounds coming through and it will require the effort from everyone to ensure we keep the presentation of our courses in great condition. We know that the grass clippings along the rough is not ideal, but please bear with us. This happens when we are on the back foot with cutting and it is simply not possible to remove this from the courses. As we cut more regularly (no more rain delays), you will see the clippings disappearing. This is a short-term problem and one that all courses experience.

## MEMBER TEE TIMES

We have been very fortunate to see golf being revived during this pandemic. Rounds country wide are on the up and this great game is back in full swing. This obviously comes with a new set of challenges and it is important that we respond accordingly. Over the last couple of months, we have noticed that the Saturday time sheet, especially morning tee off times, are in higher demand than usual. This is a trend that is also being seen by all our peer clubs and we believe that this is mainly due to the impact of the current restrictions on social and sporting events. Obviously, we do hope

that this trend will become the new norm, which is why we are adding a few steps to ensure members are being looked after.

We will strictly only allow members to book and play on Saturday AM, PM and Sunday AM for the foreseeable future. This has been our focus for the past few months, but we do find that we get a lot of requests from members to allow guests or visitors to play. As per the bye-laws, guest of members and visitors will only be allowed to book 48 hours before the weekend, if there are any available tee times. No guest of a member will be allowed to play if they are replaced with a member slot, unless it is arranged with the Golf Director or CEO. We understand that last minute cancellations happen and sometimes you must look outside of your member group for a replacement but, unfortunately, we have also seen this being used as a loop hole.

Members must please take into consideration that we are not always able to accommodate your requested tee off time, every week. All members have access to these times and we cannot allow set times for certain members. We have already implemented a few changes to help manage the demand for Saturday mornings. The first tee off time will be opened at 06h22 and the last time will be 08h38, on both courses. This change allows us to accommodate 16 more players in the morning and it does mean that the first afternoon tee off time moves to 11h38.

Please remember that the Central Gauteng Golf Union 2021 Leagues are underway. These fixtures are in fact for members and they do fall over weekends. The tee times are booked off, well in advance, on all our booking platforms. Betterball and Scratch Leagues will be reserved on Sunday mornings, as per the CCGU fixtures list, and Junior League will be booked on Sunday afternoons. The Mid-Am League will be booked to play on Saturday afternoon. These bookings are treated as Club events and will only be moved in an event of Club Championships, planned hollow-tining or if the courses are closed due to flooding or they are unplayable.

In closing, we were unable to hollow-tine Firethorn after the SA Amateur due to the rain. We are scheduling the hollow-tining to happen on the following days:

1st to 3rd of March 2021. The course will be closed for play, this includes Sunrise and Sunset golf.

## SA WOMEN'S AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

The Championship got underway yesterday and we wish Lauren Clough, Cara Ford, Valda Ford, Kim Turgut and Casey Twidale all the very best!

## BUSHWILLOW GREENS ARE BEING VERTI-DRAINED THIS MORNING

Bushwillow is finally getting some long overdue aeration. The biggest challenge is creating enough surface disturbance to allow air into the soil profile and alleviate compaction, while still keeping the greens rolling acceptably for the following day's play. Our process involves a heavy dusting followed by a 10mm spike with a kick that loosens the soil. The times are set to 125mm deep which is the key growing area for the turf roots. We will follow this up with a drag mat to smoothen the sand and work it into the turfs canopy. It will then be rolled and irrigated to get them as smooth as possible for the next day's play.

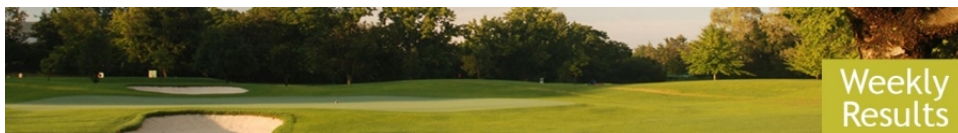
[Click here](#) to view a quick 30 second video on the Verti-drain process and importance of aeration.



*Machine in action on Bushwillow greens*



*The course team Verti-draining Bushwillow greens*



Golf Department - Weekly Competition Schedule							
BUSHWILLOW COURSE							
COURSES & COMPETITION FORMAT MAY VARY							
Day	Date	Activity - AM	Cost	Comp Fee	Activity - PM	Cost	Comp Fee
Mon	15-Feb	Course Closed			Course Closed		
Tue	16-Feb	SAGES GROUP			Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Wed	17-Feb	LADIES COMP	Std fees apply		Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 60
					I.P.S		
Thu	18-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Fri	19-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Sat	20-Feb	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35
		PRESIDENTS CUP - I.P.S			PRESIDENTS CUP - I.P.S		
Sun	21-Feb	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
		I.P.S					

FIRETHORN COURSE							
Day	Date	Activity - AM	Cost	Comp Fee	Activity - PM	Cost	Comp Fee
Mon	15-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Tue	16-Feb	Senior Comp	I.P.S	R 25	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Wed	17-Feb	LADIES COMP	Std fees apply		Club Comp Combined Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60
Thu	18-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Fri	19-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Sat	20-Feb	Club Comp PRESIDENTS CUP - I.P.S	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp PRESIDENTS CUP - I.P.S	Std fees apply	R 35
Sun	21-Feb	Club Comp I.P.S	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A



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## FOOTJOY SHOE PROMO

**WHEN: FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY**  
**WHERE: RANDPARK GOLF SHOP**  
**TIME: 06H00 - 17H30**

GET 15% OFF IF YOU PURCHASE/ORDER ON THE DAY




If you purchase or order a pair of FJ Shoes on Friday the 19th of February, you automatically qualify for a 15% discount off the pair of shoes. Ask one of the shop staff for assistance on the day.



# Festival of Golf

## 22 - 28 February 2021

Bookings : Contact 011 215 8600 or  
admin@randpark.co.za

### Shrinking Target Challenge

Randpark Range

We know you can hit a great shot - but can you do it again, and again and again?  
It's time to see how accurate your game is!

FEB  
22-28

### Battle of the Toppies

Firethorn - AM/PM  
Betterball Stableford

Enter a team of 6 players - Best 4 scores to count

Member : Green fee as per member category / Comp fee & HWH voucher - R80  
Cart - R100 (sharing)  
Visitor : Green fee, Comp fee, HWH voucher & Share of a cart - R375

\*R10 donated to Unity Fund

FEBRUARY  
23

### Captain's Invitation/Ladies Open

Bushwillow - AM

Fourball Alliance - 3 to count on par 5's, 2 to count on par 4's and 1 to count on par 3's

Member : Green fee as per member category / Comp fee & HWH voucher - R105  
Visitor : Green fee, Comp fee, HWH voucher - R365

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FEBRUARY  
24

### Member Guest Day

Firethorn - PM  
Betterball Stableford

Member : Green fee as per member category / Comp fee & Pizza to share with BB partner - R115

Visitor : Green fee, Comp fee & Pizza to share with BB partner - R465

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FEB  
24

### Captain's Charity Cup

Firethorn PM

Fourball Alliance - 2 Scores to count

Member : Green fee as per member category / Momento, Comp fee, Snacks on arrival, HWH voucher & Dinner - R680

Visitor : Green fee, Momento, Comp fee, Snacks on arrival, HWH voucher & Dinner - R1 060

Cost of a 4 Ball - R4 000

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FEB  
25

### Newbee Golf Day - 26 Feb

Firethorn PM

BOS - 27 Feb

Firethorn & Bushwillow AM/PM

Regular Golf - 27 Feb

Firethorn & Bushwillow AM/PM

Mixed Open - 28 Feb

Bushwillow PM



## **Upcoming Golf Events March 2021 Save these Dates**

6 March  
Beckwith Trophy (Ladies)  
7 March  
Mixed Knock-Out Round 1  
12 March  
Odyssey Sponsored Putting Competition Series  
14 March  
Randpark Foursomes  
20 March  
BOS Round 2  
27 March  
Betterball Knock-Out Round 2 | Mid-AM League  
28 March  
Betterball League | Junior League | Mixed Open  
31 March  
Ladies Open

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## TEAM BUILDING

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RANGE**

Did you think the range is just for working on your golf game - think again - it is perfect for **TEAM BUILDING!**

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CLUBEVENTS@RANDPARK.CO.ZA**



Purchase any of the below wines and stand a chance to win a



# **Titleist Tour Bag**

Louis 57 Crispy White	Boschkloof Sauv Blanc
Louis 57 Smooth Red	Opstal Chenin Blanc
Boschkloof Cab Sauv / Merlot	Opstal Cab Sauv / Cinsault

Drop your receipt in the Tour Bag on display | Visitors please include your contact details  
The draw will take place on Friday, 26 March 2021



R10 of every bottle purchased will be donated to the Randpark Unity Fund

Have a great week

Stay Safe, Healthy & Happy!

The Randpark Team



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