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THE CLUB

Dear Member,

We are hearing more and more about the 3rd wave of Covid-19 approaching and it is, therefore, important that we all take care and ensure that we take the necessary precautions, to avoid spreading the virus. We will continue to manage the key areas of the operation with care, to look after members and visitors, but we ask for your support to ensure that you comply with the rules and regulations we put in place. It is everyone's responsibility to create a safe environment.

We are super excited about the new golf shop experience being launched on the 30th of March.



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Happy golfing, Francois

We always encourage communication between our members and the Club. If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to either contact our CEO, Francois Swart at <u>ceo@randpark.co.za</u> or our Club Captain, Derek McGowan at <u>captainslog@randpark.co.za</u>.



THE GOLF DEPARTMENT

Autumn is slowly approaching us here in the Highveld. The biggest impact during this time of the year is the trees losing their leaves, especially on the Bushwillow course. This does impact the pace of play, as searching for a ball in the rough becomes very difficult. As we move closer to winter and the leaves become more and more, we will have a spotter to assist on certain holes. The best advice is to ensure all players within the group keep a close eye on any ball going towards the rough. Limit your search time to three minutes as per the rules of golf and when in doubt, hit a provisional ball off the tee to help speed up play.

Here are a few helpful tips to help find your lost ball:

• Keep watching your ball until it lands or stops – yes this does sound obvious, but failing to keep a close eye on the ball will make the search even harder.

• Ensure you know your distance – knowing how far you hit the ball will make the searching area a little bit smaller and improve your odds to find the ball.

• Get a good line on where the ball finished – the tip here is to pick out something on the horizon or a notable feature, like a tree or distance marker that is easily identifiable and specific as possible, so that when you get into the area you can search close to that spot.

• Mark your ball - by marking your ball, it will make it easier to identify your ball when found and will also avoid you playing the wrong ball.

• Ask your playing partners to assist – having a few extra sets of eyes will help to find a lost ball.

• Move grass and leaves when searching – as per the 2019 updated Rules of Golf, there is no penalty if a ballif moved while searching. If you do move the ball by accident, you must ensure you replace the ball to its original position and you may continue to play without a penalty.



HANDICAP NEWS

Penalty Rounds:

Under the USGA and R&A Rules of Handicapping, a penalty round is a round that was not submitted on time or a score that was not submitted correctly and a penalty was submitted by the Handicap Committee. A player must ensure they close their rounds straight after their round, or before midnight to ensure that the round is not marked as a penalty round. Under Rule 7.1b:

7.1b Applying a Penalty Score in a situation where a player fails to submit a score from an authorized format of play in a timely manner, the Handicap Committee should investigate the reason and take appropriate action.

(i) If there is a valid reason for a score not having been submitted. The Handicap Committee of the player's home Club has the authority to determine whether a player's reason for not submitting a score is a valid reason.

Valid reasons for not submitting a score can include:

- Sudden injury or illness
- Emergency
- Dangerous weather conditions
- Any other reason for stopping play that is considered valid by the Handicap Committee

When the home Club or the Committee considers that a player has a valid reason for not completing a round, there are two options:

Option 1 - The score must be posted

If the player does not complete their round, but has completed the minimum number of holes determined by the Authorized Association for an acceptable 9-hole or 18-hole score, the score must be posted for handicap purposes.

Option 2 – The score must not be posted

If the player does not complete their round and has not completed the minimum number of holes determined by the Authorized Association for an acceptable 9- hole or 18-hole score, the score must not be posted for handicap purposes.

(ii) If there is no valid reason for a score not having been submitted. The Committee has the authority to determine whether a player's reason for not submitting a score is a valid reason.

Invalid reasons for not submitting a score can include:

- Preventing a low score from causing a Handicap Index to decrease.
- Preventing a high score from causing a Handicap Index to increase.

• If the player's score is identifiable and they stopped their round after having completed at least the minimum number of holes determined by the Authorized Association for an acceptable 9-hole or 18-hole score, the score should be posted for handicap purposes.

• Where a Handicap Committee subsequently becomes aware of the score the player actually had after it has already posted a penalty score, the actual score should also be posted to the player's scoring record.

• The Handicap Committee has discretion to leave the penalty score on the player's scoring record or to remove it. I If the Handicap committee concludes that a player failed to submit a score for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage, it should consider withdrawing the player's Handicap Index, and/or applying an appropriate penalty score (high or low depending on intent). The Handicap Committee or the Authorized Association should consider disciplinary procedures for players who repeatedly fail to submit their scores or who fail to complete rounds.



	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	29-Mar	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A							
Tue	30-Mar	Course Closed			Social	Std fees apply	N/A							
Wed	31-Mar	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60							
Thu	01-Apr	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A							
Fri	02-Apr	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60	Social	Std fees apply	N/A							
Sat	03-Apr	Club Comp Combined Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp Combined Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35							
Sun	04-Apr	Club Comp Combined Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Social & Junior League	Std fees apply	N/A							

FIRETHORN COURSE											
Day	Date	Activity - AM	Cost	Comp Fee	Activity - PM	Cost	Comp Fee				
Mon	29-Mar	Course Closed			Course Closed						
Tue	30-Mar	Senior Comp - Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 25	Social	Std fees apply	N/A				
Wed	31-Mar	LADIES OPEN	Std fees apply		Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60				
Thu	01-Apr	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A				
Fri	02-Apr	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60	Social	Std fees apply	N/A				
Sat	03-Apr	Club Comp Combined Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp Combined Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35				
Sun	04-Apr	Club Comp Combined Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A				

Everyone that played in the **Newbee Golf Day** on the 26th of February must please re-book.









Please <u>click here</u> for the Easter lunch menus.





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Have a great weekend Stay Safe, Healthy & Happy! The Randpark Team



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