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Members and Guests

Please remember that the Covid-19 pandemic is not over.

The virus is still around and it is as dangerous as before.

Please wear your mask to the extent possible.

Please maintain social distancing.

Please protect yourself and others from infection at all times.

Please be sensible.

Dear Member,



The Club

We have already received a great response on the member's survey this past week. This survey will give us important insight into the member experience and what we must focus on going forward.

[Click here](#) to take part in our Member Survey and stand a chance to win a lunch for four at The Fairway Hotel's Balata Restaurant. The survey will close on 19 August and the winner will be announced on 23 August.

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 ceo@randpark.co.za or our Club Captain, Derek McGowan at captainslog@randpark.co.za.



Mutual Respect: The Key to a Great Randpark

(Written by Randpark Member, Grant Winter)

No power at home so I couldn't send emails. Frustration. But I needed to enter my latest 18-hole score for handicap purposes. I phoned the club. "Hi, Gugu here," said the very cheerful lady on the other end of the line, "what can I do for you?" I told her my problem. "Don't you worry, I'll sort it out," she replied. A moment's pause and then she added, "Actually, I see you have two open rounds." Another moment's pause and then she said: "All done. I've already fixed everything." I had been speaking to Head Concierge Gugu Sikhosana and she couldn't have been more friendly, more efficient and more gracious. It was such good service. All in less than a minute. Yes, a small gesture in a big organisation like Randpark, but a gesture that summed up the "Mutual Respect" ethos that CEO Francois Swart and his team are implementing at the club.

"It all comes down to the club being a place of enjoyment," says Francois. "With so much happening with Covid and the chaos that's been happening around us, it's natural to feel stressed, threatened, frustrated and angry whether it be because of crime, the economy or challenges at work or whatever. The pressure builds up and you need a release. So that's why we are striving to make Randpark your favourite place – your home from home. When you drive through the club gates, you can leave your anger and stress behind and enter a world that goes well beyond golf. Randpark is indeed a place for golfers, but also a place for families and friends to gather in a warm and friendly environment that strives to offer personal attention and added extras to create what is hopefully an unforgettable experience. We want to create an atmosphere and facility

you can be proud of – where you can meet for golf, or just re-unite and re-connect with friends over breakfast, lunch or dinner, have some fun and leave your troubles and frustrations behind. And if there's all-round mutual respect so much the better as we're all in this together."

Francois feels strongly that members need to respect the club's staff.

"Times have been tough for them, work-wise. One week the club is closed, then it's open, then it's closed again. It's been difficult for them to adapt and they're trying their very best. The last thing we want, when staff are trying to observe protocols, is for people to bite off their heads with some uncalled for, nasty comment. How much better things can be if you show mutual respect."

Men's Club Captain, Derek McGowan has no trouble in buying into all this.

"If you are feeling stressed don't take it out on your wife (or husband) and kids. Rather come to the club and let off some steam here on the golf course. Have a drink afterwards and enjoy the camaraderie. It's a place to release your tension. And remember, just like you've chosen your family, so you've chosen this club. You can't be treating your family or the club or its members or staff as your punch bag, no matter what your frustrations are. Again, it all comes down to mutual respect. Yes, in golf and at the club and indeed in life there are rules and regulations but one rule pretty much covers all of these and that is to treat others like you want to be treated yourself."

One player who can identify with our CEO's desire for people to leave their stress behind when driving through the club's gates is 27-year-old Zethu Myeki, who played for South Africa as an amateur before turning professional at the beginning of 2020. *"I think our club is doing a great job with all its facilities and also for observing all the protocols necessary in this time of the 'new normal', so you can feel safe,"* she says. *"Yes, we may get frustrated out there in the world but we're so blessed here at Randpark to come through the gates and, as Francois says, feel at home among our fellow members. And as far as facilities go, by the way, the Inrange facility is absolutely fantastic if you want, like me, to work hard on your game and know exactly where you stand, whether it be how far you're hitting the ball, or whatever. It literally does everything you need to improve your game."* And Zethu's hours of Inrange practice is clearly paying dividends in tournament play as she takes part each month in the Standard Bank Pro-Am Series for the lady professionals and won the June edition of the

competition with a sizzling 67 at Parkview. This coming week she's at Glendower.

Jock Wellington, a relatively new member of Randpark, has for the last 20 years been a dominant player in South African Senior Amateur Golf. He is a multiple winner of the SA Senior Amateur and long-standing member of the over-50s national side, has been No 1 in the rankings for a good chunk of the last two decades and has been a stalwart for Central Gauteng in the annual Senior Amateur Interprovincial.

"Mutual respect? Of course, it's needed," says Jock who still plays scratch golf at 70. "Especially in these difficult times, we need to be far more tolerant. Here at Randpark some of the people have been months without a proper income. So, there's definitely no need to jump down someone's throat if there's no ice in your drink. As golfers, we should just be extremely grateful that we are allowed to tee it up and play this wonderful game on two fine courses at such a great club. Yes, there are issues out there with lockdown and the frustration it has brought, but let's not translate that into aggro at the club."

And yes, there have been stress-induced aggro and unfortunate and unnecessary altercations. There is no need for this in golf. Yes, times have been hard during the pandemic, but all the more reason to show gratitude that we can at least enjoy our passion for the game away from what's happening out there in the world.

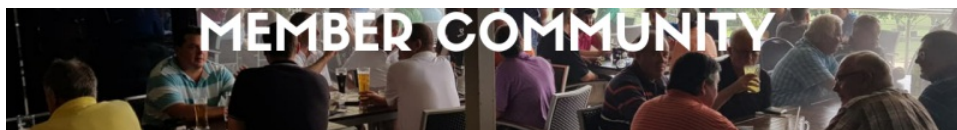
Long-time member Otto Knabl feels that one very important way of showing mutual respect is to get vaccinated. Otto, an Austrian, but a permanent resident in South Africa, is a regular visitor to his country of birth and was there in May and June. *"In Austria and Europe generally, they won't let you on the golf course if you haven't been vaccinated. I know that for practical reasons this can't happen here just yet but ideally, it should also be the case. In that way, we can all be safe and isn't that what we all want? You know, in Europe, of every 100 people that die of Covid, 99 haven't been vaccinated. So Randpark golfers, get vaccinated if you can so you and anyone else you come into contact with can be safe. That's how you can show mutual respect to other golfers."*

Another member, Richard Way, agrees: *"I've been playing golf regularly at the club week on week and thoroughly enjoying it here at Randpark, but*

since June last year I haven't been either into the halfway house or into any other part of the club. Okay, it could be argued that this isn't good for the club finances as I haven't been buying drinks! But I just think it's the responsible thing to do in order to ensure social distancing and avoid being with a crowd of people as we all know this is how the pandemic spreads. So, as Otto says, get vaccinated and be responsible."

Lady members, Jacqui Jones and Janene Matsukis are fairly new to golf, describing themselves as "learners" (although they're far from hackers and already hold down handicaps in the low 20s). They have a different take on mutual respect: *"What does happen some of the time is that because we're still learning, we might find a fourball behind us getting irritated because we're holding them up,"* says Janine. *"Here again is where mutual respect can play a part. They perhaps need to be more patient and for our part, we must be ready to let them through and we make sure to do this,"* adds the former Zimbabwe squash and basketball international. Says Jackie: *"Janine and I both own technology companies and out there in business we're in opposition to each other. But we're such good friends and we team up well on the golf course. Yes, times have been difficult. But let's be thankful we can actually play this game and feel safe and at home here at Randpark when so many other people are struggling. Be patient with others and there's no need for irritation."*

With a good deal of mutual respect here at Randpark we can make a great club even better. Thanks Francois, thanks Derek, thanks Gugu, thanks everyone!



Out of Stock Beverage Items

We are currently experiencing out of stock on the following beverage items:

Castle Lite Draft

Guinness Cans 440ml

Heineken 0.0 Blade Draft

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We look forward to catching up with you at the club in the near future.

Regards,

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1. Add Randpark as a contact on your phone **082 052 4767**.
2. WhatsApp us your first and last name. If you ever want to stop receiving event news, simply send us a WhatsApp with the message "STOP".

Please note this WhatsApp number is operated from a computer and, unfortunately, unable to receive any phone calls. Please contact the Club on **011 215 8600** for assistance.

SAVE THE DATES

Please diarise the below dates for the Ladies AGM, Company AGM and Club AGM.

We look forward to seeing you there:

Ladies AGM – Saturday, 28th August 2021

Company AGM – Monday, 13th September 2021

Club AGM – Monday, 20th September 2021



Just as we thought the winter was something of the past, we are expecting a big cold front to hit us over the weekend, so for all those playing this weekend, ensure you are dressed nice and warm, as we are in for a few cold and windy days. The “August” winds over the last couple of days have made scoring on the courses a little bit more difficult than normal, as Gauteng golfers are not accustomed to playing in windy conditions. One small tip I can give is don’t try and overpower the wind. Swing at an easier tempo; the easier you swing, the less spin the ball will generate. More spin on the ball equals more shape in the air, and with the wind playing a factor, it can lead to either big draws or big fades.

With the wind making conditions a little bit harder and leading to more strokes being played members are still advised to maintain a good pace of play. It is still your responsibility to ensure you keep up with the recommended pace of play, as on the scorecard, to make the round enjoyable for your fourball and the rest of the field. We wish you a great golfing weekend.

Rule of the Week

Provisional Ball:

This question was asked by a few members this week on when a provisional ball may be played and when you can’t. The 2019 R&A Rule of Golf under rule 18.3 gives a clear understanding of when a provisional ball is

allowed and when not.

In the description of Rule 18.3 it states the following:

"If a ball might be LOST outside a penalty area or be out of bounds, to save time the player may play another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 14.6)."

For a ball that might be lost, this applies:

- When the original ball has not been found and identified and is not yet lost and,
- When a ball might be lost in a penalty area, but also might be lost somewhere else on the course.

BUT if the player is aware the only possible place the original ball could be lost is a **penalty area**, a provisional ball is **NOT ALLOWED** and a ball played from where the previous stroke was made becomes the player's ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance.

If a provisional ball itself might be lost outside a penalty area, or be out of bounds:

- The player may play another provisional ball.
- That provisional ball then has the same relationship to the first provisional ball as the first one has to the original ball.

A general reminder that if you are playing a provisional ball, it is the player's responsibility to announce to his marker that he/she is playing a provisional ball. The player must use the word "Provisional" or otherwise clearly indicate he or she is playing the ball provisionally under Rule 18.3.



Entries will be limited to the first 120 paid entries. Participants must be 50 years and older on the day of the tournament. Entries close on the 6th of September and the draw will be done on the 7th of September.

Entry Fee: R200 (incl. hospitality stations at registration, comp fee, gift and warm-up buckets at the Range)

Tee Times: Sat, 11 Sept, Bushwillow PM Field 11h14 – 13h06 off both tees;

Sun, 12 Sept, Firethorn AM Field 06h30 – 08h30 off both tees

Halfway House: Grab & Go – Players own account

Sunday Prize Giving Lunch: Optional at an additional cost of R150 pp

Registration: [Click here](#) or contact Leanne on **011 215 8600** |

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Enter the **Windhoek 5 Star National Pairs at Randpark** on Saturday, 28th of August and stand a chance to win an entry into the Regional Playoff.

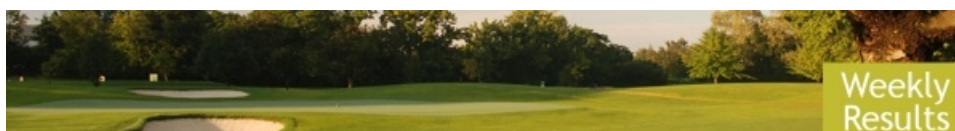
Format: Betterball Stableford

Cost: Normal Saturday Competition Fee will apply

Prizes: Stand a chance to win an entry into the Regional Playoff worth

R5000. The winners of each Regional Playoff will be flown to Cape Town to play in the Final at Pearl Valley Golf Estate

- One overall winner per course
- All day through the field competition
- Normal Club Prize-giving will be at 14h00 (morning field) and 18h00 (afternoon field)
- Saturday booking procedures will apply. Please ensure you and your playing partners are both available, if required, to take part in the regional final (date to be confirmed)



Golf Department - Weekly Competition Schedule							
BUSHWILLOW COURSE							
COURSES & COMPETITION FORMAT MAY VARY							
Day	Date	Activity - AM	Cost	Comp Fee	Activity - PM	Cost	Comp Fee
Monday	16-Aug	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Tuesday	17-Aug	Course Closed			Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Wednesday	18-Aug	Ladies Comp	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
		TBC					
Thursday	19-Aug	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Friday	20-Aug	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Saturday	21-Aug	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35
		4ball Alliance			4ball Alliance		
Sunday	22-Aug	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35	MIXED OPEN	Std fees apply	R 35
		Betterball Stableford			TBC		

FIRETHORN COURSE							
Day	Date	Activity - AM	Cost	Comp Fee	Activity - PM	Cost	Comp Fee
Monday	16-Aug	Course Closed			Course Closed		
Tuesday	17-Aug	Senior Comp	Std fees apply	R 25	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
		TBC					
Wednesday	18-Aug	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 60
					Betterball Stableford		
Thursday	19-Aug	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Friday	20-Aug	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Saturday	21-Aug	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35
		4ball Alliance			4ball Alliance		
Sunday	22-Aug	Club Comp	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
		Betterball Stableford					

Golf Day at *Randpark Golf Club*

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9th September 2021

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DEREK MCGOWAN
CAPTAIN'S GOLF DAY & DINNER

GOLF ITINERARY

Friday, 17 September - Firethorn
Registration from 09h30 in Baobab Terrace
Shot Gun start at 11h30
Format : Fourball Alliance 2 Scores to count

Members : R350 pp / Visitors : R590 pp
(Incl. Green Fee, Competition Fee, Gift, Fantastic Prizes,
On Course Activations and Dinner)

DINNER ITINERARY

Friday, 17 September from 17h30 - Terrace Bar
Take a trip around the world and experience cuisines from across the globe
Bring the Family!
R290 pp / R120 for Children U/12

RSVP

Leanne - clubevents@randpark.co.za
Gaby - events@randpark.co.za
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Thursday's Curry Night Specials

Sit down or take-out from 5 pm to 8 pm. Take-outs must be ordered with your service host.

Lamb Meatball Curry - R110

Served with pilaf rice and topped with cucumber raita

Thai Turkey Curry - R90

Simmered with red capsicum, green beans, sweet potato and coconut milk, served with fragrant rice

Chickpea & Broad Bean Curry - R60

Served with fragrant rice

All curries served with sambals, chutney, desiccated coconut, mango achaar and spiced tomato chutney

You can also order your Club-favourites from Monday to Saturday between 11 am and 7 pm and Sunday between 11 am and 4 pm for take-out collection. [Click here](#) to view our take-out menu. Contact **011 215 8600** to place your orders.



If you are looking for some fun in the sun this weekend, join us at the Driving Range for putt-putt or an unforgettable experience with Inrange, test some used equipment or simply just sit, snack and enjoy a cold beer at Gimme Café. It's time you started having more fun!



[Click here](#) to book your table and [click here](#) to view the menu.



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



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