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Friday, April 26, 2024



Dear Member,

## The Club

We would like to congratulate Dr. Gerrit Sandrock and Cliff Reid for being elected as President and Vice-President respectively.

## A Message from the President's Desk

South Africans have had a challenging two years, with the economy struggling under the vagaries brought by the Covid-19 pandemic. For many, the hardships are still a part of their daily lives. We are, therefore, fortunate in having a Club like Randpark, where we can relax and enjoy some social respite from the pressures of daily life under often trying circumstances.

Randpark Club is special. It is for that reason that I am humbled by the confidence placed in me, after serving for so many years on the General Committee, to now be elected as President of the Club. I also am very happy to see Cliff Reid elected as the Vice-President, as well as Arthur Heinrich and Erwee Botha as Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. Added to these people, there is also the rest of the General Committee, and its members, who collectively bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the task of leading the Club.

I am determined, as are the members of the General Committee, to work on the base provided by our predecessors with a clear goal of making Randpark even better and more resilient in the coming years. There is much to be done to improve our Club, especially the relationship between members, shareholders and the management of the Club. We all are proud of Randpark, and we all share the common vision of being part of a really excellent Club.

Finally, I must thank Francois Swart for what he has done for Randpark, and we wish him well in his new life adventure.

Kind regards,

*Dr. Gerrit Sandrock*

### The Captain's Chirp!

Well, they say a change is a good as a holiday. Four new Committee Members and a new President and Vice-President is certainly change.

Fortunately, we have a few wise heads who are still around to keep us newbies in check. It would be remiss of me not to thank the outgoing Committee for all their hard work over the last year and your selfless service. You have set us up for success into the future. Your new Committee is very energised and excited to be servicing the almost 2500 Randpark members, who are making the good life on the course and off the course one of the best family and golf destinations in the country.

We played the Modderfontein Mid-Amateur side this past Saturday, and their Captain asked, "are you always this busy?" It was actually a reasonably quiet Saturday evening on the terrace, but it just shows how evident our "gees" is at Randpark. We are indeed very blessed to have such a lovely venue and Club to enjoy.

The Joburg Open is upon us, and my ask of all members is to take extra care with the course (please fill divots and fix pitch marks that you may come across). It will really help our course staff in their preparation for the week. We are hoping for some rain in the coming weeks to just push the course to the next level. Please keep a lookout for any updated information surrounding the event. As we get more information, we will share it with you.

Francois will be leaving us this week, and we are very sad to see him go. His energy and passion for the Club will be sorely missed. Our loss is Atlantic Beach's gain. We will be bidding Francois a proper farewell when he returns in the new year to do his handover.

Hope to see as many of you on the fairways in the weeks and months that lie ahead.

Kind regards,  
*Arthur Heinrich*



We are extremely excited to have been awarded the Joburg Open at Randpark from the 25th to 28th November 2021.

1. We understand the impact the preparation and the tournament have on members, which is why we have gone above and beyond to look after you the week before and the week of the tournament. Please note that Firethorn will now only close after the morning field on Saturday, the 20th November, and will remain closed until Sunday, the 28th November. As communicated last week, Bushwillow will be open from the 18th November until the 21st November, and it will be for members only. We will not be able to book all members on the Saturday or Sunday, so please try and arrange to play the Thursday or Friday, if you are flexible and can assist the Club and other members by playing on another day.

2. Last year we offered a special arrangement for the week, where the Club paid for one (1) complimentary game for all paid-up members with unlimited tickets at selected peer clubs during the tournament week. We are extending the same offer this year. The Club will once again pay for one (1) complimentary game for all paid-up members with unlimited tickets.

3. It is important to note that the Club will book tee times for members, at one of the agreed clubs, subject to availability for a weekday or weekend round. Only green fees will be covered, any additional costs like carts, halfway, etc. will be for your own account.

4. Please [click here](#) for more information on reciprocity.

5. No carts will be allowed on Firethorn from Monday, the 15th November.

6. Any members wishing to assist this year with the marshalling during the Joburg Open can please add your name to the sheet at the reception desk. There will be a limit of only 20 marshals per day, and we kindly request when completing the sheet to please tick the boxes of days you are able to assist. For any additional information, you can contact Rikert on [golf@randpark.co.za](mailto:golf@randpark.co.za).

7. The Driving Range will close on Sunday, the 21st November at 16h00 – the last bucket will be sold at 16h00.

8. We will also host a Play it like the Pro's Competition on the Monday, post the tournament, if the tournament finished the Sunday. As before, members will have first option to play on Firethorn, on the 29th November. Bushwillow will be open for social play.

9. Obviously, we know that there are still restrictions on spectators and how this tournament will be run, due to the Covid-19 regulations. First and foremost, there will be 2000 spectators allowed during the tournament. The Club will receive a member allocation of tickets per day, and these will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis when available. There will be no members or spectators allowed in the clubhouse, as the restrictions limiting the number of people in the clubhouse to 750 makes it very difficult, given the fact that we must accommodate the players, caddies, all officials, together with the European Tour, Sunshine Tour, media and TV crew.

10. From the beginning of November, you can expect to start seeing the erection of tournament structures. There will be a lot of traffic around the course and construction taking place. We apologise for the noise levels around these areas. In the event of the contractors interfering with play, please make it known that you wish to play by whistling or shouting "Fore",

so that they are aware that you want to play. We are trying to limit their presence on the course as much as possible, but your cooperation would be appreciated.

11. We will keep members informed as more information become available.

In the meantime:

12. We ask that all players appreciate the significance of this event, and show the necessary consideration to the below requests:

- Cart users to please drive on the fairway as much as possible and not in the rough. From approximately 20m from the green, we ask that you proceed directly to the cart path, park your golf carts on the path, and walk to the green to finish the hole.
- We want to keep our courses clean; please don't litter or flick cigarette butts into bunkers or around the green.
- Pitch marks on the greens do influence the smoothness of the greens, so we kindly ask that you repair your pitch marks, even if it is just a small dent from a shorter approach.
- Divot repairs are quite scarce in these modern times, but we ask that you do make use of your sandbag to fill your divots in the fairway. It drastically speeds up recovery of that damaged area.
- Please don't forget to rake the bunkers, as this is probably the biggest challenge we are facing at the moment.

A planned schedule will be shared with our members of the operational side of the event, when venues, like the Pro Shop will be closed, and our plans to work around all of the areas that will be affected over the next couple of weeks.

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 Acting General Manager, Albert Clack at [clubops@randpark.co.za](mailto:clubops@randpark.co.za) or our Club Captain, Arthur Heinrich at [captainslog@randpark.co.za](mailto:captainslog@randpark.co.za).



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Joker Draw



Our Saturday AM and PM Joker Draw lucky winners were Sarah Dorey and Duane du Toit respectively. Unfortunately, both Sarah and Duane were unsuccessful, but walked away with R300 credit loaded onto their membership cards. Well done!



Members are reminded that you can buy your tickets during the week. You just have to be present when the draw takes place. The AM draw will take place after the morning field prize-giving (14h00), and the PM draw will take place after the afternoon field prize-giving (18h00).

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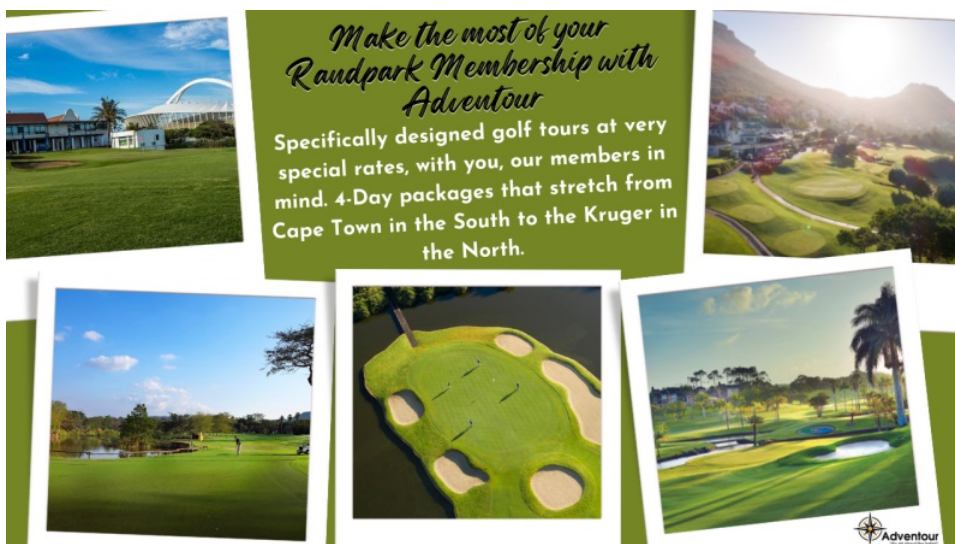
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[Click here](#) for more information or contact Brendan Mills: 082 849 5372 or

David Meiring: 071 137 0092 / [sales@africanadventour.com](mailto:sales@africanadventour.com).



Congratulations to Greg Barnard for his hole-in-one on the 15th Firethorn.



*Erwee Botha & Greg Barnard*



An Update on the Race to the Masters

Thank you to all our members who registered for the competition.

Unfortunately, the number of entries with members and member guests wanting to play did not reach the required target to run the competition successfully. After looking at several options to try get more interest, Adventour has taken the decision to withdraw the event. Adventour can still assist anyone interested in purchasing the package to go to the Masters. Please feel free to contact David Meiring on [david@africanadventour.com](mailto:david@africanadventour.com) / 071 137 0092.

### Member Attendance Lucky Draw

Congratulations to Wim Morland who was the lucky winner of four bottles of Johnny Walker Black in last Saturday's Member Attendance Lucky Draw.



*Erwee Botha & Wim Morland*

Don't forget to hand in your scorecards on Saturday and stand a chance to be one of the lucky Johnny Walker Black winners! We will be doing Member Attendance Lucky Draws during prize-giving.

AM Prize-giving – ONE bottle of Johnny Walker Black!

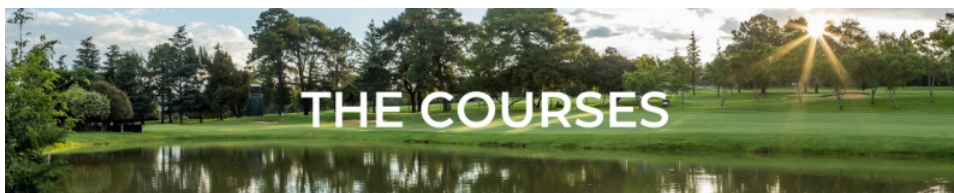
PM Prize-giving – THREE bottles of Johnny Walker Black!

*You must be present during prize giving to be eligible.*

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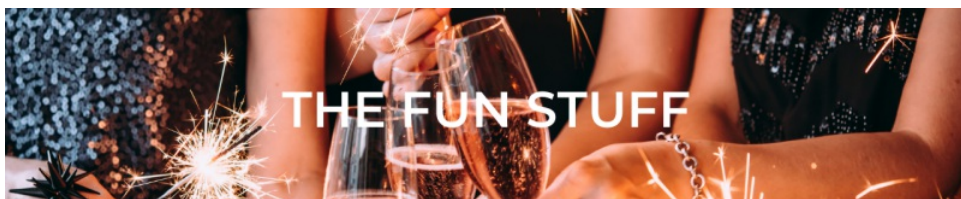


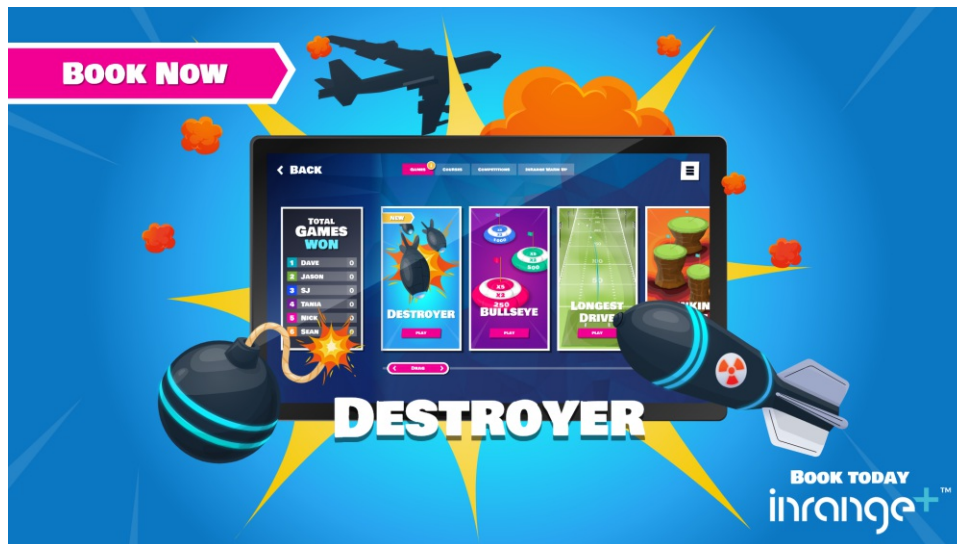
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|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------|----------|
| COURSES & COMPETITION FORMAT MAY VARY |        |                       |                |          |                       |                |          |
| Day                                   | Date   | Activity - AM         | Cost           | Comp Fee | Activity - PM         | Cost           | Comp Fee |
| Mon                                   | 08-Nov | Course Closed         |                |          | Course Closed         |                |          |
| Tue                                   | 09-Nov | Senior Comp           | Std fees apply | R 60     | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      |
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| Wed                                   | 10-Nov | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      | Club Comp             | Std fees apply | R 60     |
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| Thu                                   | 11-Nov | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      |
| Fri                                   | 12-Nov | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      |
| Sat                                   | 13-Nov | Club Comp             | Std fees apply | R 35     | Club Comp             | Std fees apply | R 35     |
|                                       |        | Betterball Stableford |                |          | INTERNATIONAL DAY     |                |          |
| Sun                                   | 14-Nov | Club Comp             | Std fees apply | R 35     | MIXED OPEN            | Std fees apply |          |
|                                       |        | Betterball Stableford |                |          | TBC                   |                |          |
| FIRETHORN COURSE                      |        |                       |                |          |                       |                |          |
| Day                                   | Date   | Activity - AM         | Cost           | Comp Fee | Activity - PM         | Cost           | Comp Fee |
| Mon                                   | 08-Nov | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      |
| Tue                                   | 09-Nov | Golf Day              |                |          | Golf Day              |                |          |
| Wed                                   | 10-Nov | LADIES OPEN           | Std fees apply |          | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      |
|                                       |        | TBC                   |                |          |                       |                |          |
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|                                       |        | Betterball Stableford |                |          | Betterball Stableford |                |          |
| Sun                                   | 14-Nov | Club Comp             | Std fees apply | R 35     | Social                | Std fees apply | N/A      |
|                                       |        | Betterball Stableford |                |          |                       |                |          |



After a very welcome 7mm of rain on Friday night, the heat has really set in. Bushwillow has taken some drought strain with a seemingly never-ending list of water supply problems. Fortunately, the new underground supply cable has been installed after the overhead lines over the 8th dam kept on failing and falling into the lake. But unfortunately, the surges damaged our pump control drive and one of the motors compounding the water situation. We have got one pump running, so our system is operating at 50% capacity. We will be irrigating during the day to try and limit the damage.

Course preparation is in full swing on Firethorn for the Joburg Open. Fertiliser has been applied throughout, and it is starting to look good. All we need is some good rain to get the rough to thicken up to make every Pro's life a little bit more difficult.





We are about to ramp up the fun to level 10. Inrange® is launching their new game 'Destroyer' at the range, so get ready to cause some mayhem. You and your friends will be transported into the future, where society has collapsed and the city is lying in ruins. Gangs roam the streets claiming blocks of deserted buildings. In fact, the only territory still unclaimed is the driving range floor. Take turns to choose weapons – from shotguns to grenades, or the highly effective nuke – and bomb the range to try and win the territorial battle against your friends. And with a virtual booster zone added in front of the bays, every shot will score points so anyone can play.

Want a sneak peek of what to expect – [click here](#) to check out the brand-new trailer. Your range experience is about to get a whole lot more fun, [BOOK](#) your multiplayer bay today, and *destroy* your competition.

Thursday Curry Night Specials



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

Thai chicken & prawn curry, simmered in a coconut curry sauce – R120

Cape Malay beef curry – R110

*All curries served with fragrant rice, sambals, chutney, cucumber raita & mango achaar.*

You can also order your Club-favourites for take-away collection (Mon-Sat 11am to 7pm and Sun 11am to 4pm). [Click here](#) to view our take-away menu. Contact **011 215 8600** to place your order (Mon-Sat 11am to 5pm and Sun 11am to 4pm).



Members:

Adults at R382.50 | Children under 12 at R191.25 | Children under 5 FREE

Non Members:

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For bookings, please call **011 215 8600** or email [enquiries@randpark.co.za](mailto:enquiries@randpark.co.za).

Have a great weekend

Stay Safe, Healthy & Happy!

The Randpark Team



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