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Wednesday, April 24, 2024



Dear Members,

## The Club

### Captain's Chirp

Happy New Year! Here's hoping for a year filled with prosperity, good health, and a lower handicap for you all.

I spent Tuesday morning last week with our greenkeepers inspecting both courses. The purpose of the exercise was to focus on playability and conditioning. Having been privileged to play The River Club, CCJ, Parkview and Houghton, I believe we have two golf courses that can compete in terms of playability, and with the exception of The River Club, conditioning. Roger joined me on two of these rounds, and we came away with some nice ideas that we will be implementing.

Some of these include:

1. Widening fairways in areas the average golfer lays up;
2. Mowing around mounds and bunkers to accentuate them;
3. Cutting back fairways to cater for shorter hitters;
4. Cutting the rough down to semi-rough height on all par 3s from tee to green.

Please look out for these changes, and we look forward to your feedback.

An appeal from our greenkeepers is that you please fill your divots and fix your pitch marks. We would also appreciate it if you could fill your divots on the par 3s. All par 3s have sand, so this should not be a problem. Our green staff will also fill these at close of play, and move the markers more regularly.

Unfortunately, our 7th green on Firethorn is not responding as we had hoped. We have hollow-tined, plugged over, seeded, and top dressed the green again. We have prepared a temporary green for play this weekend and possibly next weekend. A two-putt rule will apply. We thank you for your patience.

Way ward shots – this last weekend we had the unfortunate incident of golf balls damaging private property in the car park and surrounding properties. We are aware that shots like these are not intentional, but would like to ask our members that when something like this happen, to report it to security to assist us with getting the two parties together, and resolving the damage claim amicably.

To those of you who have taken the time to write to Gerrit and myself, a sincere thank you. We appreciate the feedback and your passion for Randpark.

Arthur Heinrich  
*Randpark Club Captain*

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## Let's Chat

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).



Help us make your experience even better

## Saturday Morning Bookings

We would like to invite members in the following categories – **Premium, Executive and Professional** – to join Dewald, Rikert and Albert to discuss concerns raised regarding Tee Time bookings for Saturday mornings, and together seek a workable solution for all. We would appreciate it if only the booking administrators of the various schools / 4-balls represent their respective groups, as well as any individual member who would like to contribute.

Save the date:

25th January – 17h30 – Jacaranda Room

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The cards are in your hands

## Take part in the Joker Draw

Members are reminded that you can buy your tickets for the Joker Raffle Draw during the week in the Terrace Bar, Baobab Terrace or the Golf Shop. Get one ticket for R10, six tickets for R50, or really increase your chances with 15 tickets for R100!

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).

We look forward to seeing you there.



Your chance to 'keep walking'

## Enter the Attendance Lucky Draw

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 – THREE bottles of Johnny Walker Black!

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

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

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Stay up-to-date with what's happening at the Club

## Join our WhatsApp Group

Receive Randpark news updates via WhatsApp in two easy steps:

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



## BOS 2022

The entries for Battle of the Schools are now closed. We have reached our limit of 20 teams for the year, and we will be finalising the pools and draws by next week. The rounds will take place on the following dates:

- Round 1: 26 February
- Round 2: 26 March
- Round 3: 23 April
- Round 4: 28 May
- Round 5: 2 July
- Round 6: 20 August
- Round 7: 1 October
- Round 8: 12 November – additional date in case one date might be cancelled

All rules and regulations will be communicated to the captains once the draw has been completed. Good luck to all our teams, and we are looking forward to some great golf and camaraderie.

Finally, some clear weather on the way. We have already received 163mm of rain up to now in January, and over 800mm from September. Last year, we only had 430mm by this time. This not only makes the rough grow much faster than normal, but it also slows down our cutting as it is often too wet to get the mowers into some areas.

Cart traffic is also a problem, especially on Bushwillow. It is always a difficult decision to make, to not allow carts on the courses, as there is a fine line between player satisfaction, revenue, and protecting the golf courses.

Players can help in this regard when they are using carts when the course is wet, by avoiding obviously wet and muddy areas, accelerating smoothly and avoiding harsh turns.

The greens on Firethorn are progressing well, cutting height is at 5mm, 1mm higher than normal to place less stress on the grass, especially during

the wet overcast days. We will be constantly sanding the greens to smooth the putting surface out and encourage lateral growth over the bad areas.

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Who's in it to win it?

## Golf Results

It's been yet another week of fantastic golf results. Thank you to everyone who took part in our competitions this week and congratulations to our winners. Take a look at the latest results.

Please note there were no competition results for yesterday.

[View results](#)

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Fill your week with golf!

## Upcoming Competition Schedule

Take a look at next week's Competition Schedule for both Bushwillow and Firethorn in the link below.

[View schedule](#)

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Play the game for a good cause

# Enter the Charity Golf Day



**More Community Foundation**  
**CHARITY GOLF DAY**

**GOING 'GREEN' FOR OUR COMMUNITIES**

More Community Foundation and Mistral Medical, with the participating support of AB De Villiers, invite you to join us for an entertaining day outdoors at the Annual More Community Foundation Golf Day.

**RANDPARK Firethorn**

**MISTRAL MEDICAL**

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Community Foundation  
Communities & Conservation

**Date:** 11th February 2022

**Time:** 10:30

**Venue:** Randpark Golf Course ~ Firethorn Course  
Setperk Road, Randpark, Randburg, Johannesburg

**Format:** Four Ball Alliance

**Four Ball Cost:** R6 000 incl VAT (includes a donation, goodie bag, green fees, golf carts, halfway house voucher of R100, dinner and entertainment)

**Hole Sponsorship:** R2 000 per hole ~ Please contact us for more information or if you would like to sponsor the main event

**Contact:** Michelle on [michelle@more-cf.org](mailto:michelle@more-cf.org) or 072 475 3355 to book your four ball





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Stay Safe, Healthy & Happy!

The Randpark Team



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