



Santa Says

Nearly every home was occupied, the Clubhouse rocked and the course played smoothly and stayed great!

It started late and ended early (schools in session early) but this holiday was busier on The Links than ever before. We hosted weddings, charity days, played the Annual with St Francis Bay GC, featured music from ABBA and Watershed, a comedy with Gino and Ian, hosted a full house for Christmas lunch and New Year's Day and did it all with one amazing team of employees and great casuals!

By the numbers

Overall

- 1 Thirty day - Holiday Period
- 1 Well-attended and well-received Links AGM
- 2 Successful Charity Days
- 3 Beautiful Weddings
- 4 Great shows for nearly 1100 guests - ABBA ruled!
- 4 Point margin (average) in the victory over SFBGC in capturing the Friendship Trophy
- 7 Hours of non-stop food and beverage service on New Year's Day!
- 82 Lemons handed out to homeowners in residence on Christmas Eve -
"If life hands you a lemon, make lemonade"
- 128 9-hole rounds of golf played
- 959 parkrunners (record)
- 2100 Cart rounds by guests
- 3069 18-hole rounds of golf played
- 4500 Used balls sold



Food and Beverage

- 0 Days closed
- 2 Great Team leaders in Eugenie and Chef Jon



Breakfast at the Club

8 Poached eggs with Avo and bacon for one guest
 106 Eggs St Francis
 155 Eggs Benedict
 190 Cafe Lattes
 221 Champions Breakfasts
 855 Variations or extras ordered

 1890 Total Breakfasts
 2448 Cuppaccinos
 4317 Total drinks served at breakfast
 7070 Total items and drinks served

1/2 House for 3000+ golfers

212 1/2 way burgers (new item)
 469 Chicken Mayo (best seller of the toasties)
 572 1/2 way breakfasts
 919 Side orders of chips
 4880 Total items and drinks served

Kiddies

302 Milkshakes
 923 Kiddies meals
 1,67M Bounces on the jumping castle

Lunch

279 Salads
 346 Snack platters
 566 Milkshakes
 585 Toasties
 690 Burgers
 728 Mains
 997 Desserts
 6868 Total items served

Drinks (other than coffee and tea)

359 Rums
 364 Creme Sodas (I wonder why?)
 472 Juices
 479 Coke Lights
 649 Coke Zero
 1080 Shooters (with no NYE)
 1176 Whisky (Jamieson No.1)
 1383 Brandies (Richelieu 888)

1870 Gins! (up 60% from last year!)

2158 Cokes

2395 Tonics, sodas and lemonades

3389 Waters

51 651 total items and drinks served in the holiday period - with only a few delays, a couple of impatient guests and 1000's of happy customers. Quality food, good service and one great team where everyone overlapped and helped each other!

It's a family affair

The Bendemans lead from the front! Ernest and Jordy captured the **2019 Men's Member-Member** Partnership. Daughter Kate earned 5 distinctions at Woodridge College with 95% in Accounting and 94% in Mathematics. Nikki, not to be outdone, opened the popular Bruce's Coffee Shop, heading into the holiday season and turned it into the best new meeting place in the Village.



Fathers and sons dominate the Member-Member

Ernest and Jordy Bendeman set a record for the highest winning score as they combined for 38 points in the final nine holes to out-distance the hard-charging **Barry and Ross Henebrey** who also charged through the field with 40 points in the combined Stableford. Defending Champions, **Chris and Jandre Lessing**, seized 3rd place with Club Champion, **Brent**, and **Theo Vos** coming 4th!

Ernest Bendeman	Jordan Bendeman	21	19	40	25	38	63	103
Ross Henebrey	Barry Henebrey	20	21	41	21	40	61	102
Chris Lessing	Jandre Lessing	21	22	43	18	38	56	99
Brent Vos	Theo Vos	22	14	36	18	44	62	98
Barry Davis	Mel Maubec	17	20	37	25	36	61	98
Norman Rock	Brett Wilson-Jones	23	20	43	20	35	55	98
Gregory Darke	Martin King	22	21	43	23	31	54	97
Scott Keevy	Darren Hammond	26	21	47	20	29	49	96
Vlam Michau	John Hanley	22	20	42	23	29	52	94

The St Francis Links Hotel by Mantis

The St Francis Links Hotel by Mantis was launched in the Holiday. Development of the hotel is based on the sale of suites. The Hotel will consist of 60 1 and 2-bedroom suites modeled after the successful hotel development at Pearl Valley, where the 2nd phase was launched recently. The Clubhouse will be home to reception manned 24/7, the Food and Beverage services, AquaSpa and of course the home of the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course! Pam Golding Properties will handle the sales for the Hotel. **Neil Fox** (neil.fox@pamgolding.co.za) is the lead person. Saria Blaauw is assisting and they are dividing their time at The Links.





What to look forward to

St Francis Links

Happy New Year

VALENTINE'S
Dinner and Dance

14 February 2019
live music by
Pete the Greek

with
Bubbly on arrival
Amuse-bouche and 3 Dinner Courses
R395 p/p

CONTACT US FOR THE DETAILED MENU
Bookings Essential | Advance notice of allergies or special requirements please

**THE LINKS IS OPEN FOR
BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER**

**VISITORS
MOST
WELCOME**

ENQUIRE ABOUT OUR
GREAT GOLF PACKAGES
INCL ACCOMMODATION!

WiFi
at our clubhouse

**DRIVE TO LOST CITY
ELS FOR AUTISM
SERIES 2019**

28 FEBRUARY 2019
SAVE THE DATE AND SUPPORT
THIS SPECIAL CAUSE!

ERIN ELLS
TEL 042 200 4500

PRICE INCLUDED: 6 Direct Donatable contribution to the charity. Please drive to LOST CITY with caps, wine and dinner table. Refreshments, before, after game and an opportunity to participate in same included. Erins (the auctioneer) table. Gifts for own account. Refreshments and quality to please to the best of our ability.

Curry Night
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R138 per person
Kiddies menus available

Bengali Chicken Korma
Beef Balti
Butternut & Lentil Bobotie

9 Jan

Moroccan Beef Curry
Pork Vindaloo
Cape Malay Veg Curry

23 Jan

Bombay Chicken Curry
South African Lamb Curry
Onion Bhajis & Mint Raita

30 Jan

Thank You

What an excellent Festive Season! Thank you to all our property owners, St Francis Bay residents, friends and visitors who support us so well each year! A special thanks to our dedicated team of staff who work so hard! Please call on us for all your special events, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and more!

Here's to 2019! May it be safe, prosperous and happy!

**Wednesday
9 January**

OPEN WEDNESDAY GOLF DAY
R1000 WORTH OF MEAT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

**VISITORS MOST
WELCOME**

Monday Dinners

Our weekly Monday dinners are individually and affordably priced.
Call us for detailed menus incl pricing

21 Jan

Starter Choices
Shrimp Cocktail or West Country Terrine

Main Course Choices
Herb Crusted Pork Chop
Halibut and Chops with mushy peas
Caramelised Onion & Goat's Cheese Tart

Dessert Choices
Eton Mess
Tiramisu Tart with ice cream

28 Jan

Starter Choices
Piri Piri Chicken Livers
Bokchoi Springrolls with mint raita

Main Course Choices
Ox Liver with Caramelized Apples & Onions
Cornish Chicken Pie with Feta Salad
Veg Stuffed Mushroom on tagliatelle

Dessert Choices
Pumpkin Crisp Tart
Amaretto Creme Brulee

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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ITEC are our sponsors for **OPEN Wednesday** (2nd Wednesday of every month) with meat and added prizes. Invite your friends to enjoy SA's best with special rates for golf, snacks after the game and great prizes. Hey, sometimes Curry Night follows – stay or take away!

Monday Roll-up: Pitch up and play (9 holes or 18 Par-3 from 2pm).

All day Saturdays: Morning and afternoon fields. The afternoon field will be booked from 12 noon backwards with emphasis on "ready golf".

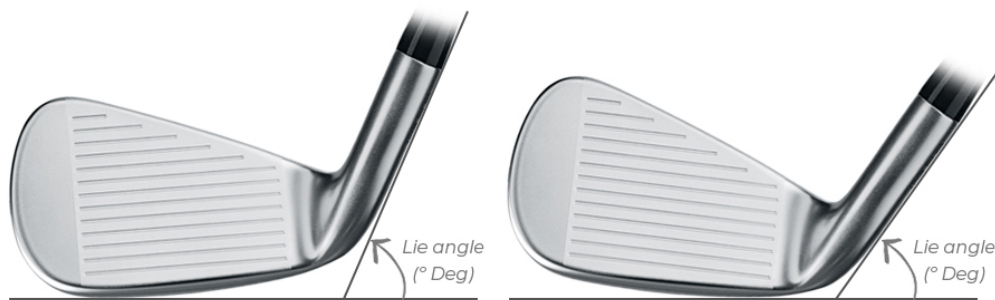
Monday Men's Book Club: 5pm in Jack's Bar (no reading required).

Ladies' Tea (and Coffee): Every Tuesday at 10am on the Veranda.

Revealing the lie

It does impact accuracy

Test after test conducted by golf magazines, club fitters, and even those trying to “bust” myths, substantiates the fact that you'll hit more accurate approach shots if your lie angle is a perfect match to your golf swing.



Irons toe down

Strike the ball with the toe slightly down and your ball will go right of the target (right-handers).

Iron heel down

Strike the ball with heel down and your ball will travel left of the target (right-handers).

The mechanics of this are obvious really. Make contact with the turf with the toe of the club and the club face will open. Make contact with the heel and the face closes. It's how imperceptible it feels to most of us, and how large the impact is, that surprises everyone.





Are your clubs telling a lie?

Do you think you've hit a solid shot but missed on one side? Is it your setup; your swing path and face angle; or your lie angle? You'd be blown away to discover how many golfers play with a lie angle that makes the game harder than it should be. **The best for you** handles it all for you. **Get fitted >**

An improvement **changing your game**

If you want to go from experiencing an average golf game to a better golf game, where you take more frustration-free walks down fairways and then step with an excited bounce towards a green full of opportunity after a sweet approach shot:



Then often a small change, from steering the golf ball to releasing the clubhead through the golf ball, results in:



*Certainly extra distance.
More than you might
imagine. A surprise
to everyone
you play with.*

*Definitely straighter tee
shots and approach
shots. More fairways
from the tee. More
greens on approach.*

*More solid, more
consistent ball striking.
More satisfaction at
the end of every round.*

*Forget winning. Forget
trophies. Hitting better
golf shots makes the
whole world a better,
happier place.
Golf should be the
therapy for life!*

Get a better experience

What would cause you to smile more often on the golf course? What would give you cause for celebration?

If “greater consistency” of ball striking will help deliver a smile or celebration,

Contact us >

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