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Santa says

The Masters - I'm soooooo excited

Too many to choose from...



Food was generic and inexpensive



Louis lost to Bubba on the 1st extra hole ...you remember!



The Legend was feet away in deep thought



We never stopped smiling!

Louis Oosthuizen will lead the charge for 6 South Africans in the Masters' field this week. He will be joined by qualifiers, **Branden Grace**, **Justin Harding** and **Jovan Rebula** (British Amateur Champion) and tournament champions, **Trevor Immelman** and **Charl Schwartzel**. I was hoping Ernie would be there to support his nephew, Jovan, whose swing is as silky smooth as Easy's, but from his recent comments about Augusta and the

tournament he came so close to winning, I doubt it. **Dustin, Rory, Jordon, Bubba, Kooch** and so many others will have the game to play the ever-evolving course. The 5th hole, already a beast with a beast of a green, has been lengthened by 40 yards. That will require a 313-yard drive to carry the bunkers. The members of Augusta have literally added a par-5 in length to the course over the past few years. It was lengthened by 300 yards after Tigger blitzed the field in 1997; then again and again.

From SPORT24 with Tigger on the changes in length:

The motive behind most of the changes was making Augusta a more challenging test for modern players, and as far as Woods is concerned, the alterations have succeeded in their aim.

In fact, Woods reckons playing Augusta used to be downright easy for him when he first arrived, which may explain his runaway 12-shot victory there as a 21-year-old back in 1997.

Woods also captured further Masters wins in 2001, 2002 and 2005.

"When I first went there, there were no bunkers," Woods said, according to Yahoo Sports.

"I drove it into the crosswalk on one. I hit a nine-iron into two. Drove it on the green on three. Had a sandwedge into five. Sandwedge into seven. Eight I had a four-iron.

"Nine was a sandwedge. Eleven was a wedge. Thirteen was a three-wood and an eight-iron. Fourteen was a three-wood and a sandwedge.

"Fifteen was a driver and eight-iron, driver-pitching wedge sometimes. Seventeen was a driver sandwedge and 18 was a driver-sandwedge.

"It really wasn't that hard."

I guess we better include The Tigger as a potential favourite. Who are your favourites? Ryan Dodds put me onto a POOL called **Golf Champs** where you pick four players (their combined world-ranking must exceed 100). It's fun and simple to play. We will also have our Club Pool in the Golf Shop.

US MASTERS

MAKE YOUR PICKS

SORT BY [SURNAME](#)

CURRENT RANK TOTAL

Rank
1
Cuts Made
11/12
Greens in regulation
68.9%
Scoring average
68.12

JUSTIN ROSE

Rank
2
Cuts Made
13/14
Greens in regulation
72.53%
Scoring average
69.74

DUSTIN JOHNSON

Rank
3
Cuts Made
10/11
Greens in regulation
66.7%
Scoring average
69.74

RORY MCILROY

105

Submit entry

MY PLAYERS

Louis Oosthuizen
Rory McIlroy
Matt Kuchar
Aaron Wise

Rank
4
Cuts Made
11/11
Greens in regulation
68.6%
Scoring average
70.72

BROOKS KOEPKA

Rank
5
Cuts Made
10/11
Greens in regulation
68.4%
Scoring average
69.68

JUSTIN THOMAS

Rank
6
Cuts Made
9/15
Greens in regulation
61.7%
Scoring average
72.34

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU

Rank
7
Cuts Made
9/10
Greens in regulation
65.8%
Scoring average
70.15

FRANCESCO MOLINARI

Rank
8
Cuts Made
11/12
Greens in regulation
61.9%
Scoring average
69.92

JON RAHM

Rank
9
Cuts Made
11/11
Greens in regulation
74.1%
Scoring average
68.33

RICKIE FOWLER

Rank
10
Cuts Made
8/10
Greens in regulation
56.8%
Scoring average
70.23

XANDER SCHAUFFELE

Rank
11
Cuts Made
8/10
Greens in regulation
66.9%
Scoring average
70.08

PAUL CASEY

Rank
12
Cuts Made
7/10
Greens in regulation
61.1%
Scoring average
72.79

TIGER WOODS

Masters POOL - Now you have the tools

Golf Champs is a fun, easy to use and free fantasy golf game which requires you to select 4 golfers playing in a weekend's tournament whose combined world ranking adds to 100 or more.

Picking your team takes as short as two minutes (and can take a lot longer for those of you who like your research and stats) and after you've made an entry then simply sit back, enjoy the golf and let your four selections do the work for you.

If they are good selections then you stand a chance of winning incredible prizes which include anything from a free fourball at the prestigious Jack Nicklaus designed St Francis Links to Titleist drivers, Puma/Cobra shoes and even a week-long trip to Mauritius (in the main pool) with a partner of your choice.

If they are poor selections. Then you face ridicule in our daily email.

So take the two minutes to make your free entry now and stand a chance of winning incredible prizes

<http://www.golfchamps.net/users/welcome>

Most important - to enter the St Francis Links POOL, the pool code is


13387290

Join me!

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St Francis Bay



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Rotary St Francis Bay Wine Auction Fundraiser

The Rotary Satellite Club of St Francis is holding a wine auction with a difference on the evening of **Saturday 20 April 2019** at the Cape St Francis Resort. Styled as the “**Nederbeach**” wine auction because of its location, the auction is a first for the Club and the intention is to make it an annual event on the St Francis social calendar.

St Francis is a relatively small community and there are many areas of need which require ongoing support. In order to sustain our existing community upliftment and development projects and meet increasing new demands, it is necessary for Rotary to intensify its local fundraising efforts. By holding the wine auction over Easter, we will attract both locals as well as the many holidaymakers in St Francis over this busy period.

The theme of the wine auction is a Beach Party so the dress code for the evening is casual beach attire. Tickets which are on sale at Kouga Print or from Rotary St Francis (contact@rotarystfrancisbay.org – **082 777 5624**) cost **R250** per person and include a welcome drink, food, wine during the evening and music and dancing after the auction. A cash bar will also be available.

In excess of 50 lots of wine sourced from well-known and boutique cellars will be auctioned by our guest auctioneer Jeff Clause of St Francis Links and bidders will be able to source top quality wines for their personal wine collections/consumption. In addition, there will a custom-built surfboard, accommodation and collectable items auctioned.

All proceeds from this event will be for the benefit of F.O.S.T.E.R (Friends of St Francis Nature Areas), The St Francis Kromme Enviro Trust and the local NSRI base located in the St Francis harbour.

Don't miss this exciting event.

Worth every minute! PJ Powers and Tigger "killed it"

New show with new tunes and some of her best as well! If you saw her before and thought you had been there and done that, wrong! We would also like to thank **Michael Kimmings** and **Tersia** from **Rock Lily Productions** for another big effort!



Coming soon

Put these in the must do column!



April at St Francis Links ...



Wine Pairing Dinner
Thu 18 April 2019
5 fine wines
5 delicious courses
R450 per person
Limited seating | Reservation Required

EASTER
Sunday Carvery Lunch
Sunday, 21 April 2019
Adults R200 | Kids u/12 R95 | Kids u/4 R45
Everyone welcome to the free ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT courtesy of Village Square Super Spar at 10am. Lunch bookings from 11:30 onwards.



தரமம் ரிஷ்தை ஐதெலா

3	Pork Vindaloo Chicken Tikka Masala Lahori Veg Curry
10	Red Thai Chicken Madras Beef Veg Korma
17	Chicken Biryani Malaysian Beef Curry Panang Veg
24	Bengali Chicken Korma Spicy Cape Malay Beef Curry Onion Bhajis and Raita

R138 for 3 curries incl naan, sambals & poppadums

FISH FRYDAY LUNCH
only **R79**
Calamari or Fish with Chips with lemon & tartare sauce incl a glass of wine or local beer

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

8	Starter: Sundried tomato, bacon, feta & pine nut salad OR Tempura Prawns with Asian slaw Main Course: SA Lamb Bredie with mash and veg OR Aubergine Parmigiana Dessert: Cannoli with pistachio & white chocolate OR Cheese board with homemade biscuits, preserves and a glass of port
22	Starter: Baby spinach, Apple & Celery Salad OR Pan Fried Mozzarella in Parma ham Main Course: Cottage Pie OR Chicken Testadex OR Grilled Mushroom with Veg Dessert: Peppermint Crisp Tart OR Pancotta
29	Starter: Shrimp Cocktail & Malva Toast OR Minestrone Soup Main Course: Crumbed chicken breast with pumpkin, pork & chili stuffing OR Middle Eastern Lamb Shank OR Artichoke, Olive & Lemon Tagliatelle Dessert: Crepe Suzette OR Chocolate Hazelnut Semi Freddo

SELECTIVE LIGHTING
THE FIREWORKS
5 April
Meat prizes & Happy Hour
Once a month on a Friday
9 Hole Golf Competition
Visitors WELCOME

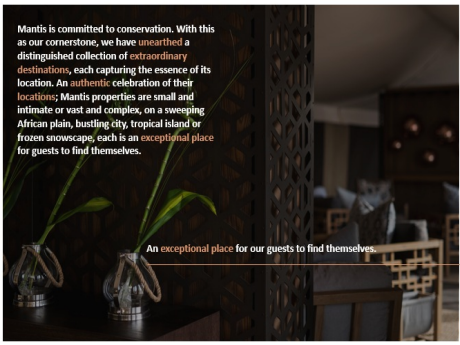
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The St Francis Links Hotel by Mantis

1st unit starting NOW!


The proposed **St Francis Links Hotel by Mantis** is being sold as a sectional title scheme. Commencement is based on the sale of the units.

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An exceptional place for our guests to find themselves.



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30 DAYS PER ANNUM OCCUPANCY

SECTIONAL TITLE OWNERSHIP OF A UNIT

- 30 DAYS ACCOMMODATION IN THE HOTEL
- REDUCED RATES AT OTHER TIMES
- LINKS GOLF MEMBERSHIP
- NO GREENFEES
- MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES
- GUESTS AT REDUCED RATES
- USE OF LINKS LEISURE CENTRE
- DISCOUNT AT MANTIS HOTELS

FOR 30 DAYS PER ANNUM, WHILST IN RESIDENCE

Minimal housekeeping charge per day applies to suite owners in residence

The Hotel will consist of 60 1 and 2-bedroom suites, modelled 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 are handling the sales for the Hotel. Neil Fox is the lead person. Neil Fox (neil.fox@pamgolding.co.za) & Saria Blaauw are assisting and they are dividing their time at The Links.

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Results

5 April 2019 - [View here](#)

6 April 2019 - [View here](#)

Our events



Ernie and Linda Müller and their Team from **Selective Lighting** want to make Fridays extra special at St Francis Links. Once a month, they will host

the **Selective Lighting/Fireworks Friday Competition**. We will shotgun start the players for 9 holes. Starting times will be based on the season, 14h30 in the "Cool Season" and 15h30 in the summer months. Be a part of growing the Club and join us for nine and some good times after golf!

Please enter in advance for numbers.

ITEC are our sponsors for OPEN Wednesday (2nd Wednesday) 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) let's add you to the What's app group

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

Major Events and Winners

3	Jan	Men's Member-Member Partnership , Ernest and Jordan Bendeman, Champions
9	Jan	ITEC Open Wednesday
12	Jan	Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Lynn Slogrove and Margo McGregor
9	Feb	Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Norman Pretorius and MJ De Bruyn
13	Feb	ITEC Open Wednesday
13	Mar	ITEC Open Wednesday
16	Mar	Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Percy Owen and Norman Dyer
5	Apr	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
10	Apr	ITEC Open Wednesday
26-28	Apr	Club Championships
3	May	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
8	May	ITEC Open Wednesday
17-19	May	Annual St Francis Bridge Tournament
24	May	Aqua Gym Golf Day
30-31	May	Woodlands Dairy Charity Days for HOSPICE
1	Jun	The B'ardeau Ladies' Invitational (1 Member- 1 Guest)
12	Jun	ITEC Open Wednesday
14	Jun	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
26-28	Jun	Nomads National Order of Merit – Juniors
1-4	Jul	SA Boys Championships
5	Jul	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
10	Jul	ITEC Open Wednesday
19-21	Jul	Men's Invitational
1	Aug	Victory School Golf Day
2	Aug	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
4-5	Aug	EP Amateur Championships
10-11	Aug	EP Amateur Championships – Matchplay finals
19-3	Aug/Sep	Closed for Spring Programme
6	Sep	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
11	Sep	ITEC Open Wednesday
27-28	Sep	LINKS CUP
4	Oct	Stulting Golf Day
9	Oct	ITEC Open Wednesday
1	Nov	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
7	Nov	Eastern Province SENIORS
13	Nov	ITEC Open Wednesday
27	Nov	Members' Oscars
7	Dec	Ladies' Member-Member
8	Dec	Ultimate Par-3 Championships
13-14	Dec	The Pam Golding Annual
16	Dec	The Kromme-Enviro Trust Amazing Race
19	Dec	NSRI Golf Day

**Every Great shot starts with
a SMILE!**



Santa and the Links Team

Simplify your short game

Three swings you can replicate

Do you lack confidence controlling distance with your pitch shots? Many, even most, of our golfers have one swing length for all pitch shots. They control their distance by accelerating or decelerating into the ball. That's a tough task and just adds to the challenge of the shot. It's very difficult to be precise.

Control distance with the length of your back-swing and follow-through. Work with three swing lengths using the clock face theory 9-3, 11-1 and full swing. It will help you hit it closer more often through greater distance control.



Wedge	Swing length	Yardage
60°	9 - 3	23m
60°	11 - 1	64m
60°	Full	92m
55°	9 - 3	32m
55°	11 - 1	98m
55°	Full	108m
50°	9 - 3	40m
50°	11 - 1	110m
50°	Full	122m
PW	9 - 3	43m
PW	11 - 1	118m
PW	Full	130m

Now you should create a wedge chart. An accurate recording of the distance each wedge travels depending on the length of your swing.

This will help you make better decisions on the course. This will help you hit your distance target more often.

Fill the gaps

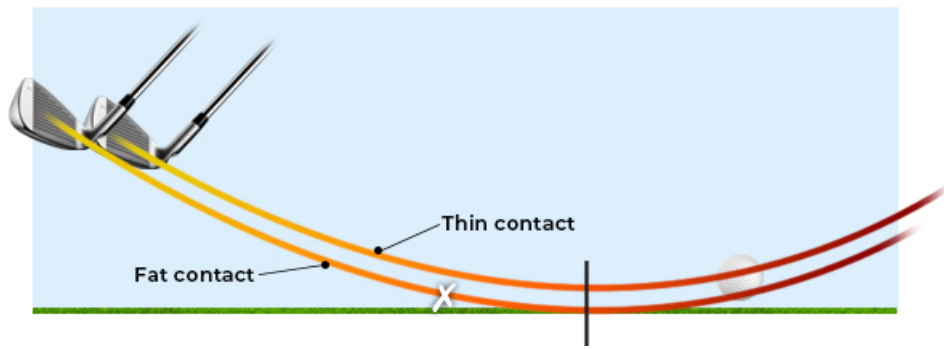
Integrating a 9-3 and 11-1 swing into your wedge game is critical to ensure you are never between clubs again. You will be shocked by the consistency and confidence you gain. It only takes one lesson.

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Better ball striking

Going the wrong direction?

We see a lot of golfers missing out on the real sweet feeling of solid iron contact because they're making either "fat" or "thin" contact.



There are a couple of quite common reasons why some golfers struggle with poor (fat or thin) contact. One is they're going in the wrong direction.

In this image, in an attempt to get the ball airborne the golfer is trying to strike the ball with an ascending blow by moving their weight away from the target (to their back foot) on the downswing.

During the downswing weight should move from the back foot to the front foot towards the target, encouraging a slightly descending, ball-first contact.



Make that shoulder turn. On the backswing don't allow the right arm to collapse. Avoid the inclination to pick the club up. Rotate your upper body, and set yourself up to make a good transition, from a good place at the top of your backswing.

Make it solid

You need to strike the ball first with a slight descending trajectory. That ensures your contact is solid and strikes the face in the hitting zone. We have drills that can help you on the practice range. We can also look at your swing and let you know how to improve your ball striking.

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