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## Santa says

**King Koepka**

**You gotta believe!**



Brooks Koepka will not be over-looked ever again. If he walks into the gym with his buddy, Dustin Johnson, he won't be missed by the fans. In fact, he won't be able to hide.

It has been said that he has Dustin's power with Tiger's brain - that's quite the combo. The fact is that Bethpage Black was a brute and only he could find the fairways and greens. 63 for the second time in the PGA

Championship; 63 at Bethpage, come on! Have a word with Thinus who caddied there for really good players. Let him tell you how good his 63-65, 36-hole record is. Dustin got his attention on Sunday and he was human, dropping 4 shots in four holes. But, he never stopped believing, parring in for a two-shot win. That was a great tournament to watch.

From the PGA tour:

**Brooks Koepka makes a statement on No. 18 at PGA Championship**

*Farmingdale, N.Y.* – Brooks Koepka had a few heart palpitations late, but ultimately finished off his inevitable victory at the PGA Championship on Sunday. It was major championship number four in his last eight major starts. Here are some more notes and numbers to help put his incredible play in perspective.

First, let's look at the traditional statistics:

Fairways hit: 32 of 56 (T44)  
Driving distance: 304.9 yards (3rd)  
Greens hit: 53 of 72 (1st)  
Proximity to the hole: 30', 1" (2nd)

And now, the Strokes Gained statistics:

Tee-to-Green: +17.354 (1st)  
Off-the-Tee: +6.694 (2nd)  
Approach: +9.533 (1st)  
Around-the-Green: +1.128 (31st)  
Putting: +1.148 (46th)  
Total: +18.502 (1st)

He moves to second in the FedExCup and Wyndham Rewards Top 10 standings and returns to world No. 1.

These notes should help put Koepka's performance in perspective:

Is the seventh different player (Tiger Woods twice) to successfully defend the PGA Championship, the first since Woods did so in 2007. Just the fifth wire-to-wire winner of the PGA Championship (no ties) with Bobby Nichol (1964), Jack Nicklaus (1971), Raymond Floyd (1982) and Hal

Sutton (1983).

His 36-hole score of 128 is the lowest 36-hole score ever shot in a major championship. The previous record was 130.

He now holds the PGA Championship's 18-, 36- and 72-hole scoring records.

Koepka set the 18- and 36-hole records this week. He established the 72-hole mark in last year's victory at Bellerive.

His seven-shot lead through 54 holes was the largest in PGA Championship history.

Koepka's seven-shot 36-hole lead was the largest in a major since World War II. The largest 36-hole lead in PGA Championship history was five strokes by Nick Price in 1994.

His 65 on Friday was the lowest second-round score from a player who opened a major with 63. The previous record was 69.

His 63 was the 37th round of 63 or lower in a major. Branden Grace (2017 Open) is the only player to fire 62 in a major.

It was the ninth first-round 63 in a major. He joins Raymond Floyd (1982 PGA) and Jack Nicklaus (1980 U.S. Open) as the only players to go on to win from that point.

Koepka's opening round was the lowest in a major at Bethpage Black. The previous record was 64, set by Lucas Glover and Mike Weir in the 2009 U.S. Open.

This continues his incredible recent play in majors, as well:

Is the first player to defend both the PGA Championship and U.S. Open in a career.

Is the seventh player to win multiple titles at both the PGA Championship and the U.S. Open joining Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Tiger Woods.

The PGA Championship is Koepka's fourth victory in his last eight majors.

The last person to do that was Tiger Woods in 2005-2006.

Is the 29th player to win four or more majors – the first since Rory McIlroy at the 2014 PGA Championship.

He has held at least a share of the lead after 10 of the past 20 rounds in the U.S. Open and PGA Championship.

He's held at least a share of the lead after 13 of his last 35 rounds in majors. He didn't record his first bogey until his 28th hole this week. That ended a streak of 41 bogey-free holes in the PGA Championship and 51 holes without a bogey on the PGA TOUR.

He totalled 11 consecutive under-par rounds in a major (through the

second round) and seven consecutive rounds in the 60s at the PGA Championship.

Now has six PGA TOUR wins, four of which are majors. Also has one European Tour win and two Japan Tour wins, plus four European Challenge Tour wins.

Koepka is one of three players in the last 30 years to win three majors before the age of 30. The others are Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy. He is just the fifth American to do it all-time with Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen.

Koepka's 15 top-20s in majors since the 2014 U.S. Open are the most on TOUR, two ahead of Jason Day.

Koepka had a 69.98 scoring average in majors since the 2014 U.S. Open, the lowest in that span (minimum 40 rounds played).

Koepka is the third player to shoot multiple 63s in majors, joining Greg Norman and Vijay Singh. Koepka is the first player to shoot two 63s in the same major, and the first to do so in consecutive years.



## St Francis Ambassadors

Our newest (and returning) Ambassadors



## Coming soon

Put these in the MUST DO column



# May at St Francis Links ...

<p><b>Curry Night Special</b></p> <p><b>15</b> Cape Malay Lamb Curry Yellow Thai Chicken Pakora Veg Fritters with Raita</p> <p><b>22</b> Beef Chana Gosht Panang Fish Curry Spinach and Chickpea Koftas</p> <p><b>29</b> Bengali Chicken Korma Beef Do Pyaza Onion bhajis, mint and honey raita</p> <p>R138 for 3 curries incl naan, sambals &amp; poppadums</p> <p><b>FISH FRYDAY LUNCH</b> Calamari or Fish with Chips only R79 with lemon &amp; tartare sauce incl a glass of wine or local beer</p>	<p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b></p> <p><i>Treat Dad THIS FATHER'S DAY</i></p> <p><b>SUNDAY LUNCH 16 June</b></p>	<p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b></p> <p><i>Hermanuspietersfontein</i></p> <p><b>FOOD &amp; WINE PAIRING 21 June</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Dinners</b> Our weekly Monday dinners are individually and affordably priced. Call us for detailed menus and pricing</p> <p><b>6</b> Starter: Beef Carpaccio with truffle mayo R35 Cauliflower Soup, blue cheese &amp; crispy bacon R35 Main Course: Lamb Moussaka, lemon potatoes &amp; feta salad R115 Pork Bangers &amp; Mash, gravy and roast veg R85 Gnocchi with broccoli, cream cheese, sundried tomatoes and toasted pine nuts R75 Dessert: Vanilla Panna Cotta R35 Italian Crispy Cannolis R50</p> <p><b>13</b> Starter: Waldorf Salad with blue cheese dressing R35 Asian Prawns with chili and pineapple R85 Main Course: Slow Braised Oxtail with baby marrow &amp; baked potato mash R125 Crumbed Tonkatsu Pork Chop with egg noodles R120 Brown Mushroom Stroganoff, egg pappardelle R85 Dessert: Classic Crème Brûlée with almond shortbread R45 Crisp Suzette with vanilla ice cream R45</p> <p><b>20</b> Starter: Spiced Pork Rice Noodles in gem lettuce cups R65 Roast Tomato Soup R40 Main Course: Lamb Tagine with lemon scented cous cous R135 Pan Roast Kingfish with peri peri sauce &amp; rice R140 Pumpkin Penne with goats cheese &amp; pecorino R65 Dessert: Malva Pudding with Amaretto custard R45 Cheese board with preserves, lavache and a glass of port R100</p> <p><b>27</b> Starter: Sundried tomato &amp; feta salad, crispy bacon R40 Peri peri chicken liver, roasted ciabatta R40 Main Course: Beef Filled Ragu with parmesan polenta &amp; jus R120 Ouma's Slow Braised Venison Pie, mash and roast veg R100 Goats cheese &amp; spinach ravioli R 75 Dessert: Mississippi Mud Pie R60 Caramelized Apple Tart Tatin with ice cream R45</p>
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**Wed 12 June** **OPEN WEDNESDAY GOLF DAY**  
R1000 WORTH OF MEAT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

**bard'au & Co**  
opening soon at the Links  
STYLE | BEAUTY | WELLNESS

**SELECTIVE LIGHTING**  
THE FIRE WORKS  
**9 Hole Golf Competition**  
VISITORS WELCOME

**14 June**  
Meat prizes & Happy Hour  
Once a month on a Friday

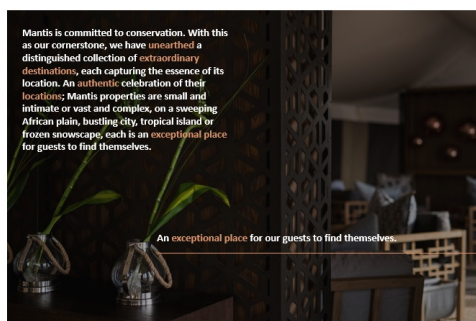
**ITEC**  
R275 greenfee + R35 competition fee


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## The St Francis Links Hotel

By Mantis - Show 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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30 DAYS PER ANNUM OCCUPANCY

**SECTIONAL TITLE OWNERSHIP OF A UNIT**

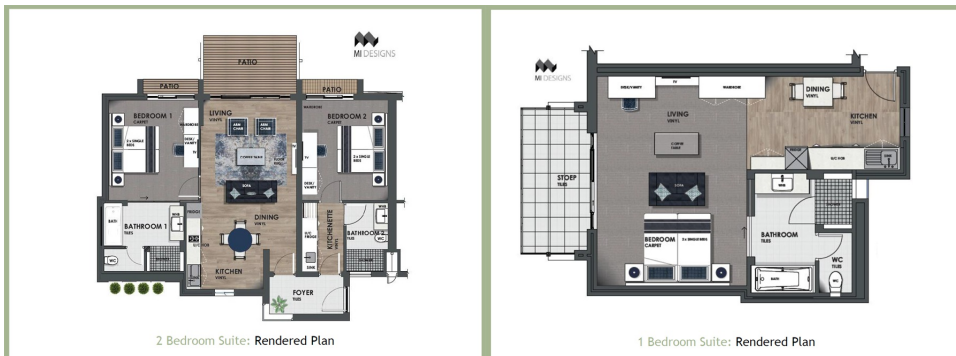
- 30 DAYS ACCOMMODATION IN THE HOTEL
- REDUCED RATES AT OTHER TIMES
- LINKS GOLF MEMBERSHIP
- NO GREENFEES
- MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES
- GUESTS AT REDUCED RATES
- USE OF LINKS LEISURE CENTRE
- DISCOUNT AT MANTIS HOTELS

**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](mailto:neil.fox@pamgolding.co.za); Saria Blaauw is assisting and they are dividing  
their time at The Links.



## Our events



### Selective Lighting Friday Competition

**Ernie and Linda Müller and their Team** from **Selective Lighting** are making Fridays extra special at St Francis Links. Once a month, they host the **Selective Lighting/The Fireworks** Friday Competition. We shotgun start the players for 9 holes. Starting times are 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.

## Open Wednesday

**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.

# Results

**15th May 2019**

*ITEC Open Wednesday – Better Ball*

**1st** – Norman Rock

Hein Spangenberg 22 Points c/i

**2nd** – Louis Boag

John Barnes 22 Points c/o

**3rd** – Ronnie Nienaber

James Bredenkamp 21 Points

## 18th May 2019

*Saturday School – 4 Ball Alliance, 2 to Count*

**1st** – Norman Pretorius

Flip Van Der Merwe

Adrian Vd. Vyfer

Carl Lonn 80 Points

**2nd** – Pete Maskew

Rex McGregor

John Wilson

Norman Dyer 78 Points

## 22nd May 2019

*Wednesday School – Ladies (left and right)*

**1st** - Alison Bosch 39 pts c/i

**2nd** - Margot McGregor 39 pts c/o

**3rd** - Madeleine Barry 38 pts c/i

**4th** - Sandra Cunningham 38 pts c/o

## 22nd May 2019

*Wednesday School – Progressive alliance 123*

**1st** – Barry Phillips

Neil Mulder

Brett Wilson Jones

Norman Rock 89 Points

**2nd** – Norman Pretorius

Jeff Clause

Thinus Keller

Christo Krugel 88 Points

View the full results by [clicking here](#).

# Majors

## Major Events and Winners

3	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Men's Member-Member Partnership</b> , Ernest and Jordan Bendeman, Champions
9	Jan	ITEC Open Wednesday
12	Jan	Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Lynn Slogrove and Margo McGregor
9	<b>Feb</b>	Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Norman Pretorius and MJ De Bruyn
13	Feb	ITEC Open Wednesday
13	<b>Mar</b>	ITEC Open Wednesday
16	Mar	Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Percy Owen and Norman Dyer
5	<b>Apr</b>	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
10	Apr	ITEC Open Wednesday
26-28	Apr	<b>Club Championships</b> , Boetie Zietsman and Dr Lynn Slogrove, Champions
3	<b>May</b>	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	<b>Jun</b>	<b>The Bard 'au Ladies' Invitational</b> (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	<b>Jul</b>	SA Boys Championships
5	Jul	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
10	Jul	ITEC Open Wednesday
19-21	Jul	<b>Men's Invitational</b>
1	<b>Aug</b>	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	<b>Aug/Sep</b>	Closed for Spring Programme
6	Sep	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
11	Sep	ITEC Open Wednesday
27-28	Sep	<b>LINKS CUP</b>
4	<b>Oct</b>	Stulting Golf Day
9	Oct	ITEC Open Wednesday
1	<b>Nov</b>	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
7	Nov	Eastern Province SENIORS
13	Nov	ITEC Open Wednesday
27	Nov	Members' Oscars
7	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Ladies' Member-Member</b>
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 (and ends) with a SMILE!



# Everyone wants forgiveness

## And you want it all ways

If your handicap is over 18, then there's a good chance that you either don't get great height on your approach shots, and/or often lose the ball to a fade or slice. There's technology to help: Super Game Improvement!

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### Large profile

You'll notice that these clubs are quite thick. That moves the CoG deeper (further from the face) and lower. The launch angle of the ball will be much higher for better ball flight. The large face provides a huge hitting zone.

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### Wherever on the face

There's going to be technology that protects ball speed heel/toe, and high/low. As much of the face as possible will spring right up to the legal limits.

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#### **Offset to cure a slice**

The offset will not only help to move the CoG deeper, but it also gives you more time to square the face at impact.

That will reduce or even remove your slice.

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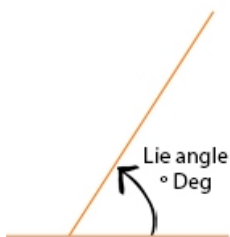
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#### **Stronger lofts**

The higher launch angle allows the designer to strengthen the loft to create added distance.

Shorter irons on approach make ball striking easier.

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*Too many of our inexperienced and higher handicap golfers miss out on the fitting process. They don't think they're skilled enough. Where's the logic? "I'm not that good so I'll play with an iron that makes the game harder!" Get fitted. Make the game easier.*

## **Changing shapes**

Super game improvement irons used to look like mini metal woods. No longer. Materials, manufacturing and smart design deliver technical assistance in good-looking models. Talk to us. Let us show you. Oh, and let us FIT you.

## Contact us > **Knock it down. Knock it close.**



Whether the wind is with you or against you, a **LOWER FLIGHTED SHOT** will be **LESS EXPOSED**.

Combine that with how much easier it is to nail your **DISTANCE TARGET** with a lower trajectory and you've got **POWERFUL MOTIVATIONS** to learn to play this shot.

Played with the right technique and this shot spins a ton. The ball stops and even reverses. Setup and ball position at address are important. So is an angle of attack that is shallower than many of you have. You'll even see the very best slightly deloft the club at impact.



*Choosing between a high 56° wedge shot or a knock down three-quarter 52° wedge approach; the best players will take the knock down every time.*

## Learn to play this shot

If you want to be more accurate from 100 metres in; setting up more birdies or a par-save; then most amateurs would benefit enormously if they could hit their wedge shots on a lower trajectory with more spin. Come on.

Be better. It's time to learn a new skill.

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