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## Santa says

### The US Open

*Brace yourselves for Pebble Beach!*

A Pebble Beach US Open is a highlight-maker.

That Nicklaus 1-iron. Watson's clutch chip-in. Kite's mastery in gale-force winds. Tiger's utter dominance. McDowell's Major breakthrough. What will be next?

The tradition continues this year when Pebble Beach hosts its sixth US Open on **10-16 June 2019!**





When I die, you can throw my ashes behind that green, Number 7 at Pebble Beach, where I made TWO on my last visit. Bucket List!

I watched **Jack** win in '72 with his amazing 1-iron on the 17th; **Tom Watson** in '82 with the perfect pitch from behind the green on 17. In '92, the most consistent golfer in the game, **Tom Kite**, overcame very difficult conditions to win; **Tiger's** awesome performance in the 100th US Open played in 2000 left runner-up Ernie Els 15 shots behind. Woods opened with 65 and closed with 67 en route to a record -12. The rest of the field was over par. In 2010, G-Mac, **Graeme McDowell**, made history as the first European winner in years; Ernie finished two shots back.

It's one of those courses that you must see to believe. It is open to the public and the public goes through there like cattle to the dairy. When you drive the coastal highway from San Fran to LA, do the 17-mile drive and visit the courses. Then pop into Clint Eastwood's Bar, Hogsbreath in Carmel.

100 <sup>TH</sup> U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP																			
		HOLE																	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
LEADERS	PAR	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5
WOODS		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	11	12	12	12	12	12	65	69
ELS		2	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	74	73
JIMENEZ		2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	66	74
HARRINGTON		2	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	5	73	71
OLAZABAL		4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	5	6	7	70	71
MICKELSON		4	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	8	9	71	73
FALDO		6	5	5	4	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	6	69	74
WESTWOOD		5	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	71	71
HUSTON		6	7	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	67	75
CAMPBELL M		7	7	6	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	71	77
THRU 17		TOTAL																	

## TRACKING TIGER: RELIVING THE GREATEST U.S. OPEN PERFORMANCE EVER

Posted in [Golf, Centennial](#) on June 4, 2019 | 3 min read

The 2000 U.S. Open has no peer. Tiger Woods did not three-putt all week, while one-putting 34 of the 72 greens. He tied the all-time scoring record at a U.S. Open when nobody else in the field broke par. He also opened the tournament with a 65, the lowest U.S. Open score ever shot at Pebble Beach.



## 4 Saffers make it through Qualifying

Cape Town - Dean Burmester booked his place at Pebble Beach after

winning US Open Sectional Qualifying - by a full four strokes - at Walton Heath Golf Club.

The South African, who celebrated his 30th birthday on Sunday, opened with a round of 63, nine-under par, which he followed with a round of 65.

On the back nine of his second round, Burmester carded six birdies, including five in a row from the 12th to the 16th holes, to secure his second appearance at the US Open.

*"I guess it's just one of those days when you roll out of bed and the putts go in the hole. The nine under was solid, I had a few bad shots but managed to get up and down and roll in the putts,"* said Burmester.

*"I had a nervy start in the afternoon, one over through the first five, but then the momentum kicked in after rolling in a few and it was like how things were in the morning."*

This year's US Open start will be Burmester's second in his career after finishing T56 at Shinnecock Hills last year.

Meanwhile, South Africa's Justin Walters and Merrick Bremner also qualified at Walton Heath GC and booked their spots in the June 13-16 tournament.

Erik van Rooyen finished T7 and earned his spot at this year's third major at the sectional qualifying in Columbus, Ohio.

Will's foursome will join three of their compatriots - Branden Grace, Justin Harding and Louis Oosthuizen - who had all already qualified thanks to the world golf rankings.

**I love it when a plan comes together**

**Charity done the right way!**

20 years ago I teamed up with **Peter Klews** and Knysna Rotary to start a fundraiser for the local ROTARY CLUB. The event has simply grown and grown and grown in every way over the years. Peter has been involved in them all. This year, he invited Liezl and me to be there for the celebration. Scheduling didn't permit, but I am honoured just the same. After enjoying 7 years with him while I was at Pezula, I came here and tried it again with our local Club and the Bay course. We called it The Bash in the Bay and it had moderate success, but nothing like the event in the Garden Route.

Well done to all...maybe it's time to try it again!



*Incoming Knysna Rotary Prez, Julie Staub and my friend Peter Klews*

*"The basis of the success is the fact that Nico du Plessis, who brought 12 golfers from the Overberg region in 2001, spread the word, also through SAGES. The 12 he brought spread the word amongst friends in that region. I remember well that we battled 2001/2/3 to get a full field at Pezula from locals. Every year more visitors came. Except on Saturday at KnysnaGC the other fields are 90% visitors who on average play 3 rounds during their visit." - Peter Klews*

## Rotary Knysna Charity Golf

### Event Timeline

**1980s** President & Mayor Lucky Dimopolous started Knysna GC Saturday

afternoon casual competition to raise funds.

**Mid 90s** Des Wearne made it a proper competition at Knysna GC with sponsors and prizes.

**2000** - Sparrebosch (later Pezula) was added through the initiative of Jeff Clause (Director of Golf and son of a Rotarian in Jefferson, Iowa, D 6000) who approached Des Wearne and offered Rotary the golf course and carts free of charge on any Sunday in off-season.

**2000** - Peter Klews became chairman and wrote to all 65 Rotary Clubs in our district – one responded, see 2001.

**2001** - Nico du Plessis President RC Bredasdorp brought 12 players.

**2007** - Sesel Hartshorne became Chairman as Peter Klews was elected Club President 2008/09 - Simola added on Sunday and alternated with Pezula.

**2008** - Friday added at Simola, Saturday Knysna GC and Sunday Pezula and became known as an "event" as opposed to a "golf day".

**2009** - Friday became two fields, choice of Simola or Pezula, Saturday became full-day event at KGC and Sunday became two fields choice of Simola or Pezula.

**2010** - Variety of accommodation added, wives/partners invited.

**2013** - Pinnacle Point introduced on Thursday.

**2014** - Goose Valley introduced on Saturday to ease pressure on Knysna GC.

**2019** - The event netted just over R 2 Million since inception in 2000!

## Course closure dates

The course will be closed on the following dates due to large tournaments:

**26 June** - Only morning field available due to Junior National Order of Merit  
Practice Day

**27 & 28 June** - Junior National Order of Merit Tournament

**2, 3, 4 July** - SA Boys u/17 Championships

*Our golf pros will arrange away games. Please touch base with them.*

# Coming soon...

Put these in the MUST DO column



## June at St Francis Links ...

### Curry Night Special



**5** Thai pork curry with toasted peanuts and lemongrass  
Moroccan beef curry  
Bombay potatoes with spinach and yoghurt

**12** Lamb biryani  
Thai red chicken curry with litchees  
Buttermut and lentil bobote

**26** Butter chicken  
Malaysian beef with tamarind  
Onion Bhajis with mint riat

R138 for 3 curries incl naan, sambals & poppadums

**AND NOW! 10% OFF**  
on club menu meals and drinks on Wednesdays in June!

### MONDAY CLUB MENU SPECIAL

Members get 20% off

**GET 10% OFF**  
on all meals and drinks every Monday night in June

BURGERS \* DRINKS \* PIZZA \* STEAKS \* SALADS

between 5pm and 7pm VISITORS WELCOME | KIDDIES TOO!

### FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

16 JUNE

Free glass of wine or beer for Dad PLUS a voucher for a complimentary 20min men's back, neck & shoulder massage courtesy of

**bard'au & Co**  
at the Links

Bookings Essential | R215p/adult  
Kiddies menu also available  
Special dietary requests by prior arrangement please

### FISH FRYDAY LUNCH



Calamari or Fish with Chips

with lemon & tartar sauce incl a glass of wine or local beer

only R79

### Hermanuspietersfontein FOOD & WINE PAIRING

Bookings Now Open 21 June



### ASIAN NIGHT

19 June

R138 per person

MONGOLIAN LAMB RIBS with chilli and pineapple as well as SWEET AND SOUR HONG KONG CHICKEN with sesame and spring onion  
VEG CHOW MEIN and prawn crackers

### SELECTIVE FIGHTING THE FIVE WORDS

**9 Hole Golf Competition**

14 June 5 July

Meat prizes & Happy Hour Once a month on a Friday

VISITORS WELCOME

Wed 12 June 10 July

**OPEN WEDNESDAY GOLF DAY**

R1000 WORTH OF MEAT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

### ITS

ITEC TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

R275 greenfee + R35 competition fee

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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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# FATHER'S DAY



# LUNCH



16 JUNE 2019

*Our Gift to  
DAD\**

Free glass of wine  
or beer PLUS  
a complimentary voucher  
for a 20 min men's  
back, neck & shoulder  
massage courtesy of

## *Slow Braised Oxtail*

Creamy mashed potatoes  
Pumpkin fritters with butterscotch sauce  
Honey roast beetroot with feta and thyme  
Broccoli mornay baked with cheese sauce

### Dessert

Irish coffee **or** Don Pedro of your choice  
**or** Chocolate Creme Brulee

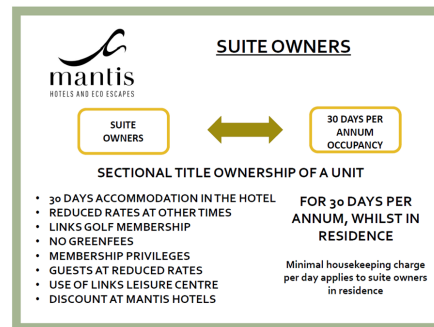
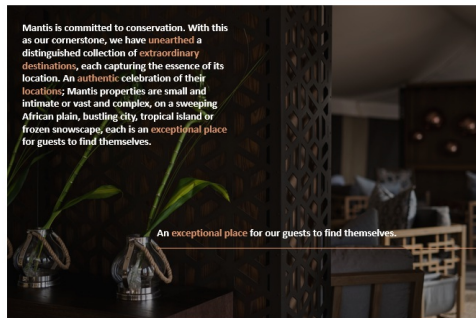
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& Co  
at the Links*

**Bookings Essential | R215p/adult | Kiddies menu also available**

## The St Francis Links HOTEL by Mantis

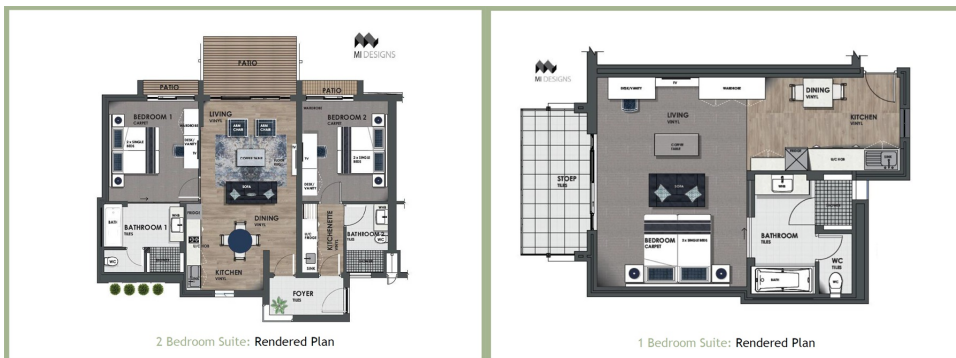
**Show unit starting now!**

The proposed St Francis Links Hotel by Mantis is being sold as a sectional  
title scheme.



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, spa 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/ Fireworks Friday Comp

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 whatsapp 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.

## **Majors**

**12 June** ITEC Open Wednesday

**14 June** Selective Lightning/ Fireworks 9-hole

**26-28 June** Nomads National Order of Merit - Juniors

[Click here](#) to view the schedule for the rest of the year.

## **Results**

**8 June 2019**

**Sanlam Cancer Challenge**

*Individual Points Stableford*

## **Ladies**

### *Division A*

1st- Lynn Slogrove 36 points

### *Division B*

1st- Margot McGregor 33 points

2nd- Alison Bosch 31 points

### *Division C*

1st- Gillian Hammond 26 points c/i

2nd- Sandy Cunningham 26 points c/o

## **Men**

### *Division A*

1st- Brent Vos 42 points

2nd- Brett Wilson-Jones 37 points

3rd- Boetie Zietsman 36 points

### *Division B*

1st- Percy Owen 43 points

2nd- Lesley Krause 36 points c/i

3rd- Norman Pretorius 36 points c/o

### *Division C*

1st- Derek Knight 19 points

[Click here](#) for the full results.

# **And to end off...**

**Every great shot starts (and ends) with a smile!**



# Could you save 5 shots per round?

## Let's get that putter working for you

If you struggle to make enough 6, 8, 10 and 12-foot putts on a flat lie, there's a real possibility that your putter is getting in the way of your fun. If you're struggling, then set up as shown below and try 10x10 foot putts (on a flat surface).

If you're feeling uncomfortable in this setup, or you're still struggling to sink enough straight-forward, flat putts, then try a putter with a shorter shaft. What happens then? You might be very surprised.



*Is 35" too long for you? The average shaft length on a putter is 35". That's too long for the majority of golfers. It's longer than the average putter length on the PGA Tour. Can you get into a posture that allows you to setup correctly and deliver the putter face square at impact with 35"?*

## Get a check-up

Improving your ability to square the putter face at impact will take up to 5 shots off your scorecard. There are some simple keys to that improvement.

Set up and putter are part of that equation. So come and see us.

[Book a check-up >](#)

## The Srixon Z 585: Distance and feel



A compact look. A great sound. A soft, buttery feel. But the Srixon Z 585 is an iron we'd recommend for golfers looking for improved consistency and distance.

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**Enjoy the journey**



**IT DOESN'T  
MATTER  
HOW OLD  
YOU ARE**

**AND BOY  
OR GIRL,  
WOMAN, OR  
MAN, IT'S  
THE SAME**



**BETTER IS GREAT**

Better is more enjoyment. Better is more excitement. Better is more rewarding. Better is a look of surprise on your playing partner's face. Better is a challenge faced and an accomplishment made.



## Start a journey

Golf is even more fun when it's a journey somewhere. It's more than playing. It's about improving and mastering a new skill. Speak to us about our 'Personal Assessment' and we'll show you a pathway to better.

Contact us >



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