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It's a special time of year with cool, crisp mornings and wonderful days. Come and enjoy our forever green fairways (sorry Northerners) and play some golf with no pressure at all.

There is no better view than from our **Veranda**, and the **winter menu** has just what you are looking for.

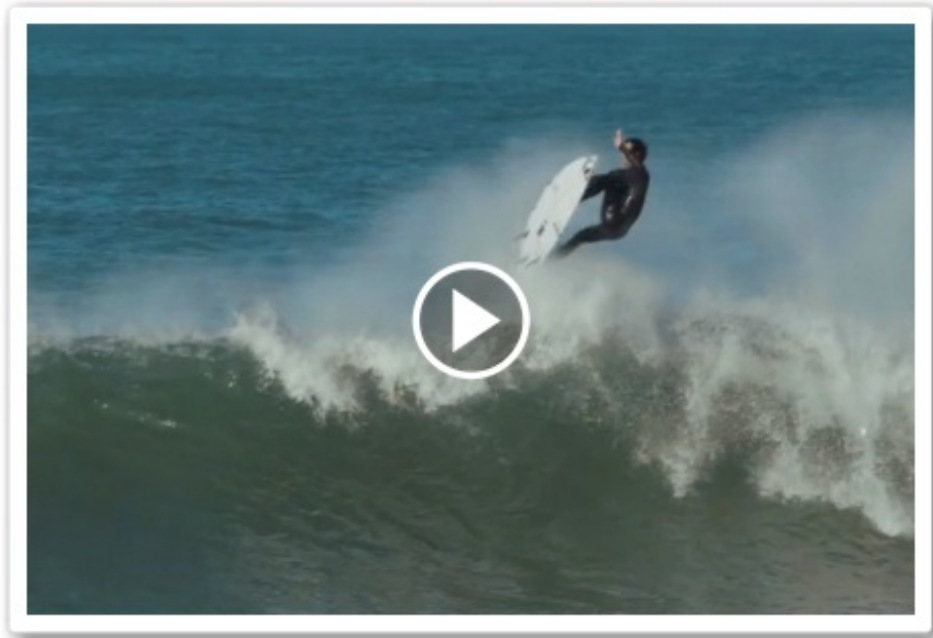
The new **Spa** is offering cool-season specials and, take it from me, they know what they are doing!

Next up is the **Men's Invitational** next weekend, with **Barry Hilton** leading the laughs on **Saturday the 20th**. It's going to be a ball. So, don't miss out!

A ride with the waves at Winterfest!

The **Winterfest** is on in J-Bay, and it will feature the best surfers in the world. Can you believe that before last week, **Jordy Smith** had never surfed Bruce's?

Check out this video below to see how it's done on our front row! (Thanks Nick Christy)



Jordy Smith show us how it's done.

Corona Open J-Bay 2019

July 9-22, 2019

When they are not in the water, the top golfing surfers (like Kelly) will be here! Take a look at the intro video to the Corona J-Bay 2019 below:



Corona J-Bay Pro Intro

We got our money's worth at the Nomads National Boys Championship

Congratulations to **Jordan Duminy**, who did even better than his high finish last week and claimed the winning **1st place** this week.



Duminy goes wire-to-wire in Nomads SA Boys U-17

- Lali Stander writes

ST FRANCIS BAY, 04 July 2019

Mossel Bay junior **Jordan Duminy** slept on the lead for two straight nights and on Thursday, he claimed a dominant **seven-shot victory in the Nomads SA Boys Under-17 Championship at St Francis Links.**

The 16-year-old put the South African golfing fraternity on alert in March, when he chased former number one ranked **Wilco Nienaber** all the way to the 36th hole in the **South African Amateur Match Play** final in March.

He impressed with a **top 14** finish in the **East of Ireland Open Amateur at County Louth**, and again when he reached the match play stage in **The Amateur Championship at Portmarnock** in June. But, never has the **GolfRSA** National Squad member been more impressive than over 54 holes at the Jack Nicklaus signature course.

Duminy accelerated through the field with a stunning seven-under-par 65 on day one, improving the 13-year amateur course record by one shot and setting a new junior course record.

The **Louis Oosthuizen Junior Golf Academy** member kept his five-shot overnight lead intact with a level par 72 in the second round and capped off the week with a final-round two-under 70 for a truly magnificent wire-to-wire victory on nine-under 207.

Duminy credited the recent GolfRSA National Squad Tour to Ireland and Scotland for his good run of form.

"I'm really so pleased with this win and with the way I managed my game this week," he said.

"My ball-striking was great and the putter was hot, but mostly, it was course management that got me to the winner's circle.

"We played on top-ranked courses and I learned a lot from watching the Brits. You can't put a price on what I learned from competing over there.

The course was a lot tighter and the wind didn't blow half as much as what we had to face in Ireland and Scotland. It definitely helped me here. I played the course far more strategically this week than I've ever played this course before."

A steady front nine, highlighted by a trio of birdies, kept him clear of the chasing pack, led by Dimension Data Junior Open champion Christiaan Maas.

"I had quite a big lead, so I knew if I could make a few birdies and keep my card clean, I could pull it through," Duminy said.

"I didn't need to do anything fancy. I birdied two, five and six, but I had a soft bogey after I hit my drive short of the bunker at the par-three (7th) and two-putted."

Duminy started the homeward loop with a seven-shot lead. He voided a drop at the par-five 13th with a huge birdie putt at 14, and boxed a 12-footer at the 17th to go eight shots clear on 10-under.

"I had 150 metres flag after a decent drive the par-five (13th), but I misjudged the wind and hit my 4-iron into the water.

"At 15, I drove it a bit too far right and I couldn't see the flag. I hit a knock-down sand-wedge from 117 metres in. The ball pitched into the hill and sat down. I had 25 feet to the hole and I aimed it a foot left and rolled it in."

His tee shot into the par-three 17th pitched 12 feet from the hole and he made the birdie putt to move to 10-under.

"On 18, my second pitched short of the green. I chipped it, trying to use the slope at the back of the green, but it didn't quite come off and I left

myself with a 10-foot downhill putt. I barely touched the ball, and it ran straight past the hole. It wasn't great finishing with a bogey, but I'll take it."

Just before he started the final round, Duminy received news that set him up for a great day.

"I am hoping to make the 12-man team International Team for the Junior Presidents Cup in December and I found out that I've moved into 12th place after the amateur golf world rankings were updated on Wednesday," he said. "Hopefully this win will boost my rankings a bit more. It's still a long way to the cut-off in September, but I am really hoping I will get to represent South Africa in Australia with the other GolfRSA juniors."

Pretoria Country Club's Maas returned an even-par 72 to finish in second on five-under, **CJ van Wyk from Fancourt** carded 73 to take third on two-over and former Sun City Challenge Under-15 champion Jaden Deltel finished a further stroke back in fourth after posting 71.

GolfRSA National Squad duo **Yurav Premhlall** (73) and **Nash de Klerk** (71) rounded out the top five, with **South African Golf Development Board member, Rori Nkosi** (70) from **Pecanwood**, and **Pretoria Country Club's Tobias Jan de Flamingh** (74).

Final Results

207: Jordan Duminy - 65, 72 70
214: Christiaan Maas 73 69 72
218: CJ van Wyk 68 77 73
219: Jaden Deltel 73 75 71
222: Yurav Premhlall - 76, 73, 73; Nash de Klerk - 74, 77, 71; Rorisang Nkosi (Jnr) - 73, 79, 70; Tobias Jan de Flamingh - 71, 77, 74
223: Jonathan Wilsenach - 75, 73, 75; Hannes Strooh - 72, 78, 73; Malan Potgieter - 72, 78, 73; Tom Addy (AUS) - 72, 76, 75
227: Casey Jarvis - 78, 75, 74; Mitchel Hampson - 73, 78, 76
228: Jordan Jung (AUS) - 78, 77, 73; Jaime Clive Lewis - 73, 77, 78
229: Eddie Ward (AUS) - 78, 74, 77; Kayle Wykes - 76, 71, 82; Dylan Melville - 71, 81, 77
230: Herman du Plessis - 78, 76, 76; Amilkar Bhana - 76, 80, 74
231: Brandon Weir - 75, 82, 74; Ian Pienaar (AUS) - 75, 76, 80

Jordan Duminy's Course record with 9 birdies!

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NOMADS SA BOYS U17 CHAMPIONSHIP

54 Hole Stroke Play

St Francis Links Golf Club

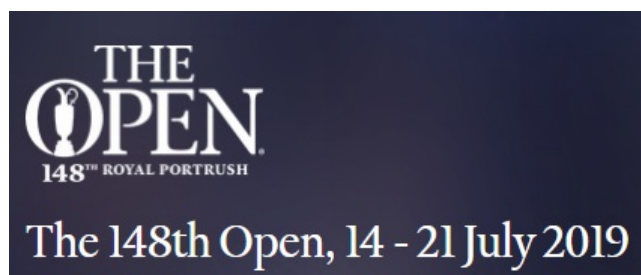
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Rank	Name	Club	Union	Hole	+/-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	ST FRANCIS LINKS GOLF COURSE	White (m)				4	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	
1	Jordan Duminy	Pinnacle Point Golf Club	Southern Cape Golf Union	18	-7	4*	4	5	2	4	4	2	3	5	4	5	3	4	3	3	4	2	4
2	C.J. van Wyk	Fancourt Country Club	Southern Cape Golf Union	18	-4	4*	4	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	3	4	2	6	3	3	4	2	4
T3	Jordan Westsels	Leopard Park Golf Club	North West Golf Union	18	-1	5*	4	5	4	4	7	2	4	4	4	3	4	4	2	2	5	3	4
T3	Dylan Melville	Oubaai Golf Club	Southern Cape Golf Union	18	-1	3	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	7	3*	3	3	4	3	4	6	3	4
T3	Tobias Jan de Flamingh	Pretoria Country Club	Gauteng North Golf Union	18	-1	4*	3	6	2	4	5	3	4	6	4	3	3	4	3	4	5	3	5
T6	Hannes Strooh	Randfontein Golf And Cc	Central Gauteng Golf Union	18	0	3*	3	6	3	4	5	4	6	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	5	2	4
T6	Tom Addy	Joondalup CC		18	0	5	4	5	3	4	6	3	4	4	4*	3	3	5	4	3	5	3	4
T6	Malan Potgieter	Kirkwood Golf Club	Eastern Province Golf Union	18	0	5	3	5	2	3	5	2	3	4	5*	4	4	4	3	6	5	4	5
T9	Jaime Clive Lewis	Bryanston Country Club	Central Gauteng Golf Union	18	+1	3*	3	5	3	5	3	3	5	6	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	2	6
T9	Christiaan Maas	Pretoria Country Club	Gauteng North Golf Union	18	+1	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	4*	4	6	5	3	4	5	3	4
T9	Jaden Dettel	Bryanston Country Club	Central Gauteng Golf Union	18	+1	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4*	5	4	5	3	4	6	3	4
T9	Rorisang Nkosi(Jnr)	Pecanwood Golf & Country Clu	North West Golf Union	18	+1	5*	5	5	3	3	5	3	3	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	5	
T9	Mitchell Hampson	Umdoni Park Golf Club	Kwa-Zulu Natal Golf Union	18	+1	4*	3	5	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	6	3	4	5	3	5	
T14	Nash de Klerk	Pecanwood Golf & Country Clu	North West Golf Union	18	+2	4*	4	6	3	4	6	2	3	6	3	4	3	6	4	4	5	3	4
T14	Thobelani Magwaza	Umhlali Country Club	Kwa-Zulu Natal Golf Union	18	+2	4*	4	5	4	4	6	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	2	4	4	4	5

Would you like to see the stats? Click [here](#) to check out how the course played with three days of westerly's

Next week I'll be reporting back from the OPEN Championship at Royal Portrush



(It is back in Northern Ireland for the first time in 50 years!)



July is a special month for us!

Be sure to put these in the must-do column

Click on the image to enlarge.

July at St Francis Links ...

WEEKLY WINTER SPECIALS!

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Monday
GET 10% OFF
ON ALL SIT DOWN MEALS AND DRINKS
BETWEEN 5PM AND 7PM
MEMBERS GET 20%
BURGERS • PIZZA • STEAKS • SALADS

Wednesday
दालमयु गोश्त इष्टदोत्रे
R138 for 3 curries incl
naan, sambals & poppadums
3 South Indian Chicken Curry
Lamb Korma
Spinach and Chickpea Koftas
10 Parsi Fried Lamb Koftas
Paneng Chicken Curry
Onion Bhajis with coriander rista
17 Chicken tikka masala
Beef madras
Bombay potatoes
24 Beef Balti
Punjabi Fish Curry
Vegetable Pakora with Rista
ALSO ON WEDNESDAYS
GET 10% OFF
ON A LA CARTE MEALS AND DRINKS

Friday
CALAMARI OR FISH WITH CHIPS
and lemon & tartare sauce incl
a glass of wine or local beer
only R79
Lunch Only
ASIAN NIGHT 31 July
THAI BEEF WOOLE BOWL
with pak choy, ginger and
spring onion as well as
PORK AND SHRIMP FRIED RICE
and prawn crackers
R138 per person
OPEN WEDNESDAY GOLF DAY
10 July
14 Aug
R1000 IN MEAT PRIZES
R275 g/fee + R35 comp fee

Saturday
BUY A SIGNATURE PIZZA AND GET A CLASSIC PIZZA FREE
SIT DOWN ONLY | BETWEEN 12PM AND 5PM
NO TAKE AWAYS
Saturday 20 July
BARRY HILTON
LIVE AT THE LINKS | 8PM
A LA CARTE DINNER & DRINK SPECIALS
Tickets R120pp | Prepaid & Table Bookings Essential

ST FRANCIS LINKS ANNUAL BREAK
The Course and Clubhouse will be closed
for our annual staff break, hollow-firing
and maintenance from 19 August
until 3 September 2019 (incl.)
9 Hole Golf Competition
5 July
2 August
Meat prizes & Happy
Hour once a month
on a Friday
Venues Welcome

St Francis College 100 Clubs Monthly Lucky Draw

Limited to 100 people! You must be present! Yes, I am showing support for the St Francis College, as we do for all the area schools with special events and fundraisers. The College has grown to more than 160 learners. The programmes are excellent, and has been a drawcard for investment by young families in the area!

Click [here](#) for more information about the draw.

To receive a member form, please contact the school at **042 294 1395** or email info@stfranciscollge.co.za

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ST FRANCIS COLLEGE
100 CLUB
MONTHLY LUCKY DRAW

COME AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF
FUN AND EXCITEMENT

snacks will be available

ST FRANCIS BAY GOLF CLUB AT 17H45

Three prizes up for grabs on each occasion

- * The 100 Club monthly winner
- * An attendance prize
- The joker draw (half of the pot)

The 100 club of St Francis College aims to attract support from far and wide. All proceeds from the club are to the benefit of St Francis College.

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The St Francis Links Hotel by Mantis

Show units are under construction



The proposed **St Francis Links Hotel by Mantis** is being sold as a sectional title scheme. Now, three units are being built as show units to promote sales.

There will be one two-bedroom show unit and two one-bedroom show units to be completed for the season.

The Hotel will consist of 60 one and two-bedroom suites, modeled after the successful hotel development at Pearl Valley, where the 2nd phase was launched recently. The Clubhouse will be home to a reception manned for 24/7, 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. Contact **Neil Fox** at neil.fox@pamgolding.co.za. Saria Blaauw is assisting and they are dividing their time at The Links.

Get ready to open your diaries!

9-Hole Competiton

Once a month on a Friday

Next up: 02 August, 2019

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9 Hole Competition

Once a month on a Friday

5 April
3 May
14 June
5 July
2 August
6 September
11 October
1 November

End the week with a relaxing 9 holes

R1500 worth of meat prizes up of grabs
Happy hour after Golf in Jack's Bar
No competition fee | Visitors welcome (greenfees apply)

St Francis Links
Bookings essential | Shotgun start
042 200 4500 or golf@stfrancislinks.com

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.

There is no way to celebrate a victory on the course!

[Enter now >](#)

Open Wednesday's (2nd Wednesday)



This event is sponsored by **ITEC**, providing meat and added prizes. Invite your friends to enjoy SA's best, with special rates for golf, snacks after the game and great prizes.

And, hey, sometimes **Curry Night** follows. So, why not stay or take away!

Monday Roll-up!

Pitch up and play (9 holes or 18 Par-3 from 14h00). Let's add you to the Whatsapp group.

All-day Saturdays

Morning and afternoon fields: the afternoon field will be booked from 12 noon backward, with emphasis on "ready golf"

Monday Men's Book Club

17h00 in **Jack's Bar** (no reading required)

Ladies' Tea (and coffee)

Calling all ladies to come join is every **Tuesday at 10h00** on the Veranda.

Click [here](#) to view even more major upcoming events.

Every great shot starts (and ends) with a SMILE!

- Santa and the Links team.

Centre of Gravity (CoG) matters

So much written hype

How often do you read about amazing new driver crowns or faces that allow the CoG in any club to be made lower and deeper? They promise "easier launch" and "greater distance".



The authors of these shrieking product headlines are right, but the definition of deeper or lower is marginal. A Golf Spy analysis revealed that the difference in CoG location between the CoG in a Titleist D2 Driver and a Callaway GBB Epic Driver (depending on setup) was less than 2mm!

PHYSICS AND GOLF



2mm matters

But the difference in the CoG vertical location of just 2mm means that the amount of backspin imparted on the ball will be significantly different.

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A better life for them

Have we reached a crisis point?

Our children are becoming slaves to social media. A 2016 study in North America concluded that the AVERAGE number of social messages a teenage girl processes in a day is 1,700. Yes, seventeen hundred.

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