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Santa says

Our future Golfers and Residents

"The Game of a lifetime" is best learned when you are young (or young hearted)





Micah Van Eyssen, trophy winner!

I was one who was exposed to golf at a young age (4) and could not get enough of it as a junior. My first golf course was from tree to tree and yard to yard (fortunately, we did not have fences).

So here I am nearly 60 years later still loving (and hating) the great game of golf. I am sure I peaked as a player at about 15 when I could play all the shots without fear. Today, I am sure that I have forgotten more than most people have ever learned. As frustrating and challenging as the game can be, we all come back for more. The biggest challenge for adults who play the game is

managing failure. We make mistakes in life and we learn from them, adjusting and modifying our actions to avoid making them again. Success seems to be measured in achievement, no matter what the size. Happiness comes from solving problems and we all know that life gives us enough problems to solve.

Golf can seem like one giant problem that sometimes has no solutions - **but**, maybe we are simply forgetting to be kids when we play. **Kids only cry when someone is watching.** When they fall and no one is watching, they simply brush themselves off and go again. For a kid, giving up is not on the cards. And with any form of success, the success is the result of commitment. Practice leads to paralysis; perfect practice leads to success.

I am reading a very clever book called *The Art of Not Giving a F^&%*. Don't be put off by the title as it's not what it seems. This bestseller emphasises that one should embrace the journey, embrace the fact that there will be problems along the way. It's up to us to make sure the problems we face are those we can solve - and solving problems brings happiness. This book comes at a good time for me as **golf** seems to be the problem, yet I am not embracing the journey by going to the range and working it out. As a kid, I practised and practised some more. As a golfer with a great future behind me, I need to play like I did when I was young, focusing on "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can" rather than "I hope I don't". As a kid, I set goals for improvement and scoring. I played games from the greenside for hours and it paid off. As adults, few of us dedicate our time to "the scoring shots" and that is what this course is all about. When I was young, my first scoring goals were based on averaging 5s. If I could average 5s I could shoot 90. Then I moved on to 4s on the 3-pars and 6s on the 5-pars. That brought my target down to the low 80s. By the age of 12, my short game was steller and although I couldn't reach some of the par-4s in regulation, I could chip or pitch and putt.

As we reopen the course after a superb spring programme, I look at this time as the start of a new season. In Iowa, where I grew up, the new season followed about 5 months of snow and cold. I could always start with a clean slate and a great attitude. Let's all be kids again and approach the great game with commitment and baby steps to little successes. I need to hear my own words, Every great shot in **golf** (and in life) starts with a **smile**. Play one great shot at a time.

Christo is great with the kids and one of his students is Fred and Kelly Van Eyssens' son, Micah. They started together when Micah was four and now he is six and swinging the club beeeautifully!

Christo posted this...

Those who frequent our practice facilities will know Micah van Eyssen. He has been a committed junior golfer for a few years already and now he has the competitive "itch".

Congratulations, Micah, on finishing third in the annual SA Kids Championship hosted by San Lameer Country Club. Just as an important part of the team, Fred (super dad), was with him on the bag. Looking forward to seeing more achievements from this young golfer.



Micah signing his card and properly dressed in SFL apparel!

The Links Cup

September 27-28 | Sign up!





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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.



The show unit, comprised of 1 two-bedroom unit and 2, one-bedroom units will be complete for the season.

The Hotel will consist of **60** one and two-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.

launched recently. The clubhouse will be home to reception, bar and 27,7, 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. Email Neil Fox on neil.fox@pamgolding.co.za. **Saria Blaauw** is assisting and they are dividing their time at The Links.

Events to take part in



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, 14:30 in the cooler season and 15:30 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 Wednesdays

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.

Major events and winners



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| 3 | Jan | Men's Member-Member Partnership , Ernest and Jordan Bendeman, Champions |
| 9 | Jan | ITEC Open Wednesday |
| 12 | Jan | Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Lynn Slagrove and Margo McGregor |
| 9 | Feb | Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Norman Pretorius and MJ De Bruyn |
| 13 | Feb | ITEC Open Wednesday |
| 13 | Mar | ITEC Open Wednesday |
| 14 | Mar | Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Percy Owen and Norman Dyer |
| 5 | Apr | Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp |
| 10 | Apr | ITEC Open Wednesday |
| 24-28 | Apr | Club Championships , Soefie Zietman and Dr Lynn Slagrove, Champions |
| 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 Bard 'ou Ladies' Invitational Elmarie Maarschalk and Helle Uys, Champions |
| 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, Jordan Duminy |
| 5 | Jul | Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp |
| 10 | Jul | ITEC Open Wednesday |
| 19-21 | Jul | Men's Invitational , Bryce Dakin and Danyl VD Vyver, Champions |
| 1 | Aug | Victory School Golf Day |
| 2 | Aug | Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp |
| 4-6 | 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 | Stutting Golf Day |
| 9 | Oct | ITEC Open Wednesday |
| 1 | Nov | Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp |
| 7 | Nov | Eastern Province SERVICES |
| 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 Kottme-Enviro Trust Amazing Race |
| 19 | Dec | NSRF Golf Day |

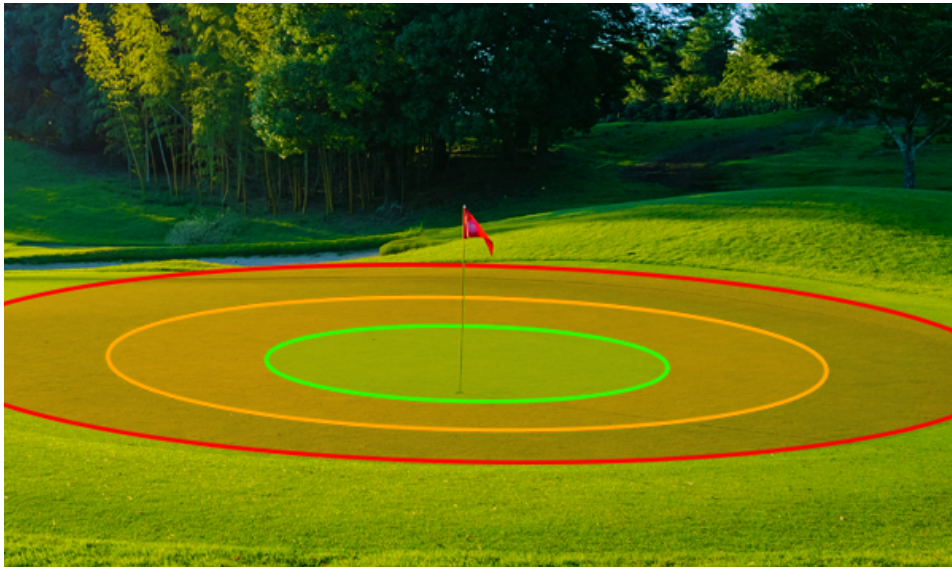
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