



# Santa says

## Handicaps may change

**"The Game of a lifetime" is focusing on a new handicap system.**

The current method of determining your maximum score for the hole is a maximum of 2 over par, unless you have two Course Handicap strokes on a hole, in which case you must enter a 3 over par.

From 1st October 2019, the maximum score on any hole for your Handicap Score will be a Net Two Over Par (or Net Double Bogey), which is equal to Zero Stableford points.

(Note: a net score on a hole is your Gross Score less any Course Handicap Strokes you have on that hole, while a Bogey is a 1-over-par score.)

### Example:

- 1. If a golfer has a Course Handicap of 18, they get 1 handicap stroke per hole, so they must enter a maximum score of 3 over par on any hole where they blow out.*
- 2. If a golfer has a handicap of 9, then on stroke holes 1 to 9 they must enter a maximum score of 3 over par on those holes and, on stroke holes 10 to 18, a maximum of 2 over par.*
- 3. The following table gives a simple overview of the maximum score allowed for Handicap score entry purposes, based on the number of strokes the player receives on a hole.*

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Course Handicap Strokes on a Hole	Maximum Score on a Hole
-1	1 over par
0	2 over par
1	3 over par
2	4 over par
3	5 over par

You are in any doubt about maximum scores, please ask your club to assist you. **Alternatively, you can enter your actual gross score on each hole on your HNA Phone App, the club terminal or at [www.handicaps.co.za](http://www.handicaps.co.za). The system will automatically adjust your score to your maximum allowed on a hole according to your Course Handicap when you press “Enter Score”.**

The effect of this change to the maximum score allowed on a hole will result in Handicap Indexes, on average, going up. However, the simultaneous change of the Handicap Calculation to the average of the best 8 of the last 20 scores on the 1st of October (as covered in this previous newsletter), should ensure that the overall effect on your handicap over time will be minimal.

This change should also have a negligible effect on the speed of play because currently, most golfers continue to play until they have no Stableford points.

*If you stroke on a par-4 and cannot score a point, write down 7; if you double-stroke, write down 8...before you conclude that your handicap will go out, remember, they will now be counting the best 8 of your last 20 rounds.*

## Freshly Ground bring their best!

**Zolani Mahola** (born 19 July 1981) is a South African singer, actress and transformational speaker. She has been the lead singer of the internationally acclaimed South African music group Freshlyground since 2002. This mother of two anchors the band and really captures the ears and hearts of all who listen.

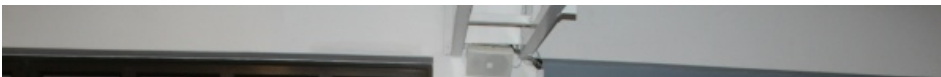




### **Inter-Estate (undefeated)**

The team from St Francis Links averaged more than 40 points per betterball on their way to winning the Inter-Estate played here on Sunday! TK and Dave Hart led the way with 46 points on the hottest day we have experienced in years. Teams representing Pinnacle Point, Oubaai, Mossel Bay and Goose Valley (12 each) came and enjoyed the day with us.

[Click here](#) to view the results.





Our Next Inter-Estate is at Mossel Bay on the **20th of September**. Please let us know if you are available. We will assist with accommodation and extra games where needed (and wanted).

## Knowing a Birdie from a Eagle

*A message from Yvonne*

*Dear Jeff,*

*Our grateful thanks once again for allowing the St Francis Bay Bird Club to visit one of our most popular birding spots in the area. You have no idea how much they look forward to visiting The Links.*

*Not only are the birds plentiful and of a wide variety, but it is also so pleasant to walk through beautifully manicured surroundings and to enjoy the tranquillity and ambience of the whole place. So much care has been taken in planning and constructing the many beautiful paths. The odd wooden bridge provided for people to cross depressions was also much appreciated.*

*We were impressed with the new security system that you organised for the birders. No longer was there a queue at the gate as our people were able to come through at their leisure to meet in the parking area. Being given a one-time pin also made access through the booms quick and efficient so no birding time was wasted.*

*The Chairman of BirdLife Eastern Cape, Corne Erasmus, attended the*

outing with us and was most impressed with the whole place. The birding was good, as usual, and finding a Long-crested Eagle made the day for several folks who had not seen this bird before. Photographers were hard at work clicking away and jostling to find the best angle.

Thank you so much.

View the list of birds seen and heard on St Francis Links 23 August 2019 [here](#).

## For your calendars

Save the date!



### September at St Francis Links

Visitors most welcome at the Club and Bard'au Spa!



**STEAK SPECIAL**

**Fridays 13 & 27 Sept from 12h00**  
**Saturdays 14 & 28 Sept from 12h00**  
**ONLY R114<sup>90</sup>\***

200gr Ribeye, Rump or Fillet \* with roasted marrow bone, tempura onion rings, sauteed mushrooms, roast cherry tomatoes, a sauce and a baked potato with sour cream

\* R50 supp for Fillet | Upsize 300gr add R40  
Special runs from 12h00 to 19h00

**Each Friday**



**CALAMARI OR FISH WITH CHIPS**  
and lemon & tartare sauce incl a glass of wine or local beer  
Lunch Only  
**only R79**

**SUNDAY LUNCH**



**22 Sept | R135pp**

Plated Roast Sirloin & Roast Chicken Thigh with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy. Rice & Veg served family style. Cape Brandy Pudding & Ice Cream for dessert

Hidden Menu also available | Bookings Essential

**KEN FORRESTER VINEYARDS** **SAVE THE DATE**

**Dinner & Wine Pairing**  
Friday 20 Sept 2019  
One Night | Four Courses | Five Wines

**Saturday**



**BUY A SIGNATURE PIZZA AND GET A CLASSIC PIZZA FREE**

SIT DOWN ONLY | BETWEEN 12PM AND 5PM  
NO TAKE AWAYS

**ASIAN NIGHT** **R138 per person** **11 Sep\***

**CRISPY CHILLI BEEF** with Singapore noodles as well as **CHICKEN AND CASHEW NUT** with oyster sauce and prawn crackers

**RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019**

**Drink Specials • Food Specials**

**Wear Green and Gold** for more drink discounts from kick-off to the final whistle

**21 SEP 19h05** SOUTH AFRICA v NEW ZEALAND  
**28 SEP 19h05** SOUTH AFRICA v NAMIBIA

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**RUGBY**



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**21 SEP 11h45** | SOUTH AFRICA v NEW ZEALAND

**28 SEP 11h45** | SOUTH AFRICA v NAMIBIA

**4 OCT 11h45** | SOUTH AFRICA v ITALY

**8 OCT 12h15** | SOUTH AFRICA v CANADA

## BACK THE BOKS!

  
St Francis Links  
Tel 042 200 4500

## LIVE AT THE LINKS

Don't miss out!



St Francis Links

# MASSIVE GOLF SHOP CLEARANCE SALE

**Thursday 19 Sep - Sale open to members only**

**Fri 20 - Sun 22 Sep - Everyone Welcome**

**Buy 1 - 50% off | Buy 2 - 60% off | Buy 3 - 70% off**  
**Clothing, Shoes**  
**& More!**

**So much must go!**  
**Buy your Christmas gifts now!**

Spring 2019 sale  
Tel 042 200 4500  
[golf@stfrancislinks.com](mailto:golf@stfrancislinks.com)

Links Cup | September 27-28 | Sign up





Book now and tell your friends!

[Book now >](#)

## 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, the Food and Beverage services, AquaSpa and of course, the home of the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course! **Sam Golding Properties** are handling 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](mailto: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	<b>Men's Member-Member Partnership</b> , 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 M. 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	<b>Club Championships</b> , Boetie 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	<b>The Bard 'au Ladies' Invitational</b> Elmarie Maatschalk and Heille 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	<b>Men's Invitational</b> , Bryce Dakin and Daryl VD Vyver, Champions
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	<b>LINKS CUP</b>
4	Oct	Shifting Golf Day
9	Oct	ITEC Open Wednesday
1	Nov	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
7	Nov	Eastern Provinces SENIORS
13	Nov	ITEC Open Wednesday
27	Nov	Members' Oscars
7	Dec	<b>Ladies' Member-Member</b>
8	Dec	Ultimate Par-3 Championships
13-14	Dec	The Farm Golding Annual
16	Dec	The Kromme-Enviro Trust Amazing Race
19	Dec	NSRI Golf Day

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# Fitting for approach shot magic

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## Delivering a **BETTER APPROACH**

When we fit you for new irons, we can add "distance" which means a shorter club. And using a club with a shorter shaft on approach shots leads to more accuracy.



Many club makers have identified 37 as an important point in shaft length.

Above that length and most golfer's consistency of contact starts to deteriorate rapidly. So allowing you to hit a 37" #7 iron rather than a 'longer' #6 iron is a big deal.



### **THE CLUBFACE – METALWOOD OR IRON –**

*has been part of a materials and design revolution. New materials allow them to be thinner and faster. New internal design is supporting the next generation of irons to allow even more speed across more of the face.*

## **Now improve your approach**

Book an assessment with us now. Let us look at your swing and technique; your irons and how the technology helps you. Let us improve the number of magical moments you have on the course.

**Make more magic >**

# Fall in love with golf



**MASTERING**

a skill is great for

**SELF-CONFIDENCE.**

The boost, thrill, and growth we see in a child when they start to master a particular golf skill gives us tremendous fulfillment. As we start to see them fall in love with the game and find new connections with others on a similar journey, we know we're doing our job.





If we can do that, they'll be healthier, happier, and have a game and friends for a lifetime.



Sign your children up for one of our fun junior golf programmes. We'll set them on the pathway to a lifelong love affair with the game.

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