



Santa says

SA, SA, SA!

South Africa WINS! Gerda qualifies for the Olympics!

Wherever you were and whoever you were with, it had to be one for the memory books. I will never question the value of a good scrum; I will cherish the nearly flawless game plan and I will remember the spirit of the nation. Why can't we get our politicians to unite and play together like this team?



Even my friend, Dan Nicholl wanted to name his sister's new arrival after the Boks. Here is a few of them.

Dan Nicholl @dannicholl · Nov 3

My little sister @KateNicholl's first baby is due in just over a week. With enough retweets, I reckon we can convince her to name the child Siya Cheslin Handre Pieter-Steph Faf Makazole Duane. What better start to life could a little girl ask for.

On Friday night, I had the privilege to, once again, be the emcee for Gideon Du Plessis' Charity Golf Day and Dinner for Child Welfare. After handing over another cheque for RIM, Liezl and I stayed on for the rugby and I stayed further to play in two Pro-Am events. I must say that I would have preferred to pace between screens in Jack's Bar with everyone here, but the vibe was good there as well.



Check out our three Championship Webb Ellis Cup "hoists" in the video below.



On a final note, the Japanese really put on a show. We all know it is expensive for us, but they really got behind the event and supported South Africa in every match...great stuff!

JOHANNESBURG -

Athletics South Africa (ASA) on Monday announced a 56-member 'Preparation Squad' for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

A notable inclusion was Gerda Steyn who finished 11th at the New York Marathon on Sunday. The 29-year-old bettered her previous best by over three minutes to take 11th place overall in the women's race time of 2:27:48.



Muirfield Day returns



St Francis Links "The Muirfield"

Monday, 02 December 2019



For the past 13 years, Jeff has participated in a special day played annually at Pezula in honour of the traditional "member's day" at the great course, known as Muirfield. We now bring this golf tradition to St Francis Links Gentleman Members.

Note that the field is limited to so please book now to secure your spot



The course, called Muirfield, was designed by Tom Morris and within a year it hosted the Open Championship.

The ethos of golf for the Club is two-ball Matchplay, either singles or foursomes, other forms being discouraged but permitted on occasion. The Club hosts several formal dinners each year at which foursome matches are arranged by Members, wages are placed, and all participate in the betting.



Format of play:

Two-person teams will compete in a 36-hole foursomes matchplay.

Arrive in jacket to the Club (tie not required at this point) and you start the day with a cup of coffee or tea. Move on to the locker room and dress for golf. Carry on to the first tee after a few putts and start the traditional matchplay competition, playing foursomes. No handicaps in the match, but if a side does get to 3 up, they give their opponents a stroke a hole until the lead has been reduced to one. In Jeff's match, he and his partner got to three-up twice and finally closed out their opponents on the 17th - it proved to be a fantastic way to keep play going for longer. You then return to the Clubhouse where you shower and dress for the luncheon (jacket and tie required).

Luncheon Menu

Starter

"Culen Skink"

Smoked kingklip, parmesan and dumplings,
leek and potato soup, parsley and crispy onions.

Main course

"Roast saddie of lamb"

Haggis Bon-Bon, crispy neeps, asparagus finished with
Lamb and rosemary Jus.

Dessert

"Strawberries and shortbread"

Spiced strawberries, vinalla malt mousse
shortbread biscuits.

The Day

Two Tee start at 07h30

Sit-down 3-course lunch will be served at 12h00 after the first 18 holes
Jacket and tie required for lunch

Second 18 holes start at 13h40

The second 18 holes are played solely for walking of lunch!
Prizegiving at 17h00 at the amphitheatre by the 18th green

Entry fee per participant

R270 per member

for a day of golf, food, friends and fun!

What's coming up?

Don't miss out!



Events at St Francis Links

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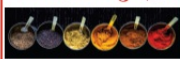
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NO TAKE AWAYS

ROGER GILSON & NEIL THOMSON
with The Centrestage Band



Old Friends
Simon & Garfunkel
16 NOV
7.30pm
R180pp
A la carte dinner optional
Tickets via [Quicket](#)

famous curry night



20 NOV Indian Butter Chicken
Lamb Rogan Josh
Vegetable Pakora with mint raita

4 DEC Lamb Tikka Masala
Thai Yellow Chicken Curry
Onion Bhajis with danya raita

R145 for 3 curries incl naan, sambals & poppadums

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FRI 27 DEC | R200pp | Show at 8pm
Dinner Optional | Tickets via [Quicket](#)

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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, 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 Slogrove and Margo McGregor |
| 9 | Feb | Windhoek Pairs qualifying, Norman Pretorius and MJ 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 | Club Championships , Boetie Zietsman and Dr Lynn Slogrove, 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 'au Ladies' Invitational Elmarie Maarschalk and Heilie 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 Darryl 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 | LINKS CUP South Africa 23 ½ - 18 ½ |
| 4 | Oct | Stulting Golf Day |
| 9 | Oct | ITEC Open Wednesday |
| 1 | Nov | Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp |
| 7 | Nov | Eastern Province SENIORS |
| 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 Kromme-Enviro Trust Amazing Race |
| 19 | Dec | NSRI Golf Day |

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When you just miss the green and need to get it up and down, the C-shaped 58° - 60° wedge will do the trick.

Trust your wedge

Most amateur golfers hit the ball near the toe. They know what it's like to see their ball fall short and right of the green. But with a sweet spot that extends to the toe, the CBX 2 makes it easier for you to trust your club.



Got spin?



At the end of a round, take your wedges to the practice green and check your shot dispersion.

It's also loads of fun

Having the right equipment design is not just reassuring, it opens the game up to be more enjoyable.



Fix par 3 mistakes

We love wedge play



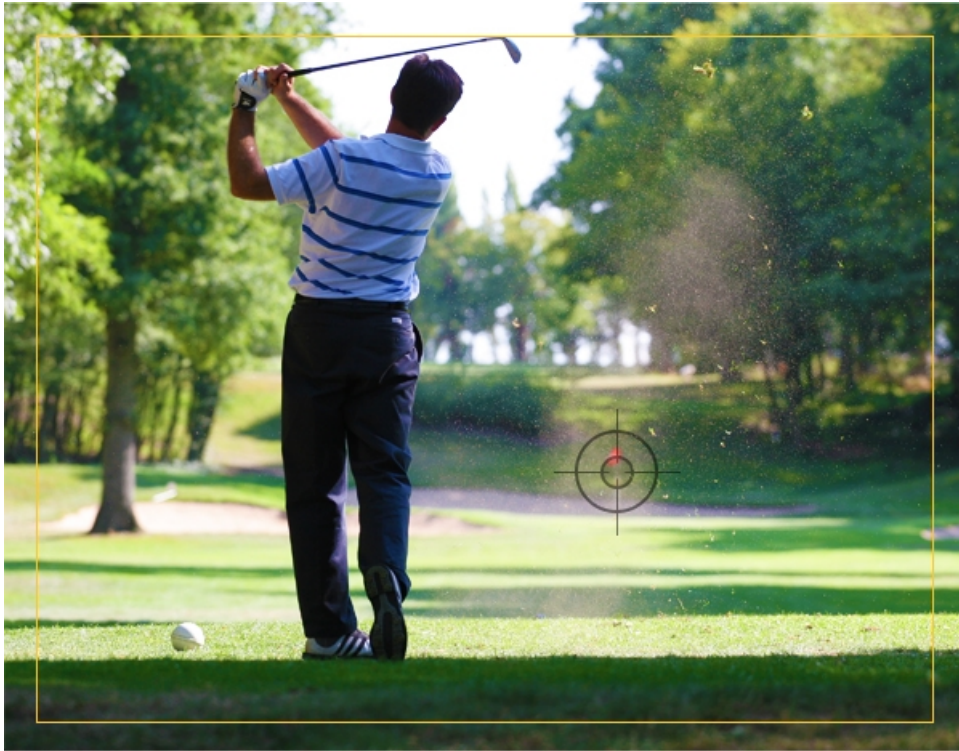
FLAG HUNTING

wedge shots
are a lot more
you need to

practice. Let's go greenside together
and help you sharpen your short
game.

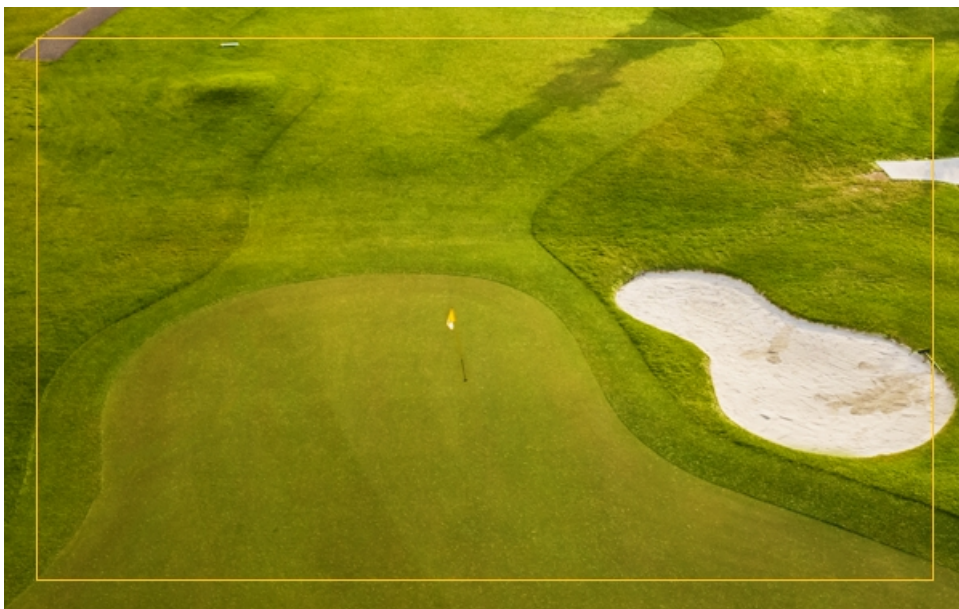
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Making the flag your only focus on par 3s, increases risk and closes off possibilities. And it often leaves you staring at double or triple bogey.

Beware of SUCKER FLAGS



“There’s a reason bunkers are often front right and left of the green; course designers know this is where amateurs usually miss.”

A chance at BIRDIE, but a SURE PAR

If you want to make more birdies, par 3s are not the holes you should be targeting. Landing your tee shot in the most achievable area on the green and leaving two putts for par is a much better approach. Flag hunting often leads to forced swings, loss of control and unnecessary bogeys.



The pros also struggle on par 3s.

Data from the PGA Tour shows that par 3s have the highest average score compared to par 4s and par 5s.

Better course management

Swing improvement takes time, but good strategy brings immediate results. We'll help you make better decisions on the golf course that will put you into more scoring positions.

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