



Santa says

The Trophy - The start of something special!

The inaugural Links Open will now be known as "**The Trophy**", with our commitment to grow the event in years to come. The Individual Medal format, played over 36 holes, was won by EP standout **Dillon Germshuys**. While Mother Nature and her spring energy were teaming up to blow the boys away, Dillon took no notice. He was in his own world, on a day where par was closer to 77 than 72. His opening 72 led the field by 3, and his closing 71 for a total of 143 was a perfect score for the first event. Well played Dillon.



*Special thanks to **Greg DeDonker** for his organization and sponsorship efforts, along with the additional prizes sponsored by St Francis Links.*

Update on The Trophy at St Francis Links CC

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The tournament, held yesterday, proved to be an absolute success, given that this was the inaugural tournament. I believe that despite the breezy conditions, the players thoroughly enjoyed the course, especially the condition thereof which allowed us to play no preferred lies.

I firmly believe that this tournament will become the most sought after tournament to participate in on the EPGU OOM calendar, and will only get bigger and better. We look forward to engaging with you to discuss your possible future involvement, in what will become the flagship event within EP Golf.

Thanks again.

Regards,

Greg

Every day is Ladies' Day

Every Tuesday, our resident ladies gather for a cuppa and a catch-up! Sometimes with a guest speaker. They are known as the **Links Ladies Coffee Club**, but also referred to as our Links Ladies Lift Club. They help each other source things, sell things, lean support, or simply lift each other to and from the airport. How special is that? On this day, they celebrated their annual breakfast, and welcomed a couple of new residents. They love the support and camaraderie. Thank you Links ladies!

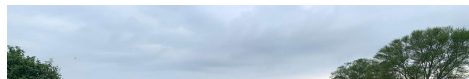




Danny is following Charl's lead!



Danny Mhlabeni, Charl's right hand and long-time employee, is spending the week at Leopard Creek, where he is assisting in the course set-up for the **Alfred Dunhill Championship** which will be played there. I am sure that he will return with new insights to course maintenance and presentation. Don't expect us to adopt the "Australian" method to bunker raking. However every opportunity to improve our knowledge through seeing how others do it, will prove worthwhile.

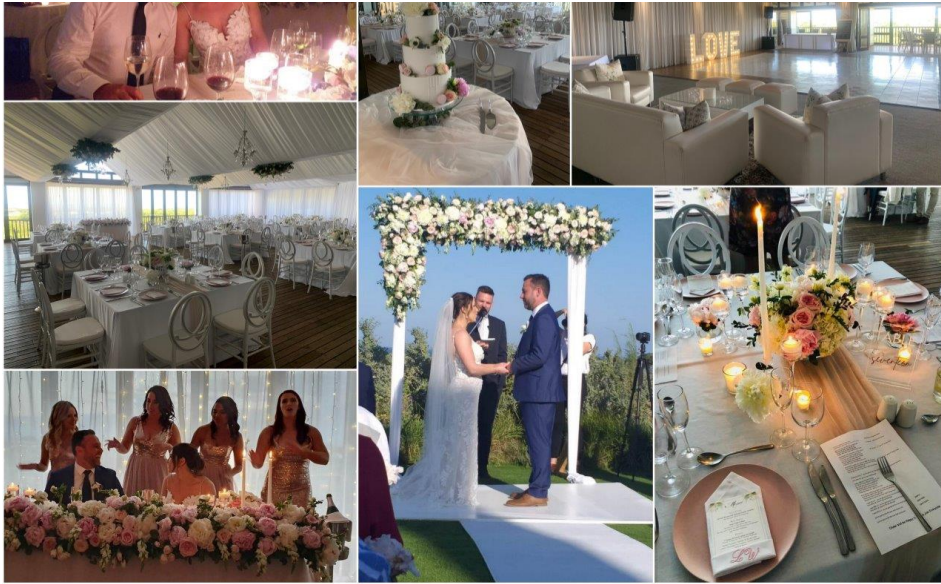




Another Amazing Wedding!

Kelly Schroeder and **Cameron Harvey** said their vows, overlooking the Village, and then danced the night away with their family and friends! **Eugenie, Chef and the team** did themselves proud, as this was a big event, with the first two courses plated and perfected for more than 160 happy guests. Note: the chef handmade more than 500 tortellini's for the starters – don't ask for that anytime soon!





What to look forward to

Great "Hutchie Tribute" coming to SFL and the community!





**DALE HAYES WILL BE HOSTING A
TRIBUTE
EVENT FOR
Denis Hutchinson
SAT 4 JAN 2020**

The "Voice of Golf" and "Mr Golf" in South Africa invite you to enjoy an evening with them as they discuss their incredibly interesting involvement in this wonderful game. Between them, Denis and Dale have over 100 years' experience in golf as they have played and commented on millions of holes on thousands of courses and associated with hundreds of thousands of players and characters around the world. Relax with a refreshment and delicious table snacks whilst these Golf Hall of Famers regale their stories and answer a few of the questions posed to them.


St Francis Links
Enquiries 042 200 4500

R180pp incl snack platters
7.30pm for 8pm
Bookings via Quicknet
and then call the Links to book your table together with your friends

- Please get your Knockout matches played, and remember, it's a double-elimination event!
- Ladies - do you have your Member-Member Partners?
- The Annual – Ultimate Par-3 Champs are on December 8 – get out on the Par-Three-course!

Muirfield Day returns – with 24 playing!





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 places, 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 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, vanilla 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

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Entry fee per participant

R270 per member

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

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Events at St Francis Links

Visitors most welcome at the Club and Bard'au Spa! TEL 042 200 4500 | info@stfrancislinks.com

- THE ULTIMATE 80's DANCE PARTY!**
Centrestage | FRI 27 DEC | R200pp | Show at 8pm
Dinner Optional | Tickets via Quicket
- Food & Wine Paired Dinner**
DOOLHOF WINE ESTATE | Friday 13 Dec 2019
9 Wines | 4 Courses | 1 Night
Limited Seating
Contact us for information and the menu
- St Francis Links CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH**
with Santa & Live Music
CALL US FOR THE MENU & BOOKINGS
Bookings Now Open
- BOTTOMLESS COFFEE BAND**
Multi-instrumental folk-pop duo, Lourens and Esté are back, playing 12 instruments between them ... over Sunday Lunch!
29 Dec | Show at 13h00 | R120 pp | Optional Lunch
Tickets via Quicket
- 5th Annual Food & Wine Festival**
19 December 2019
28 Farms
Artisan Food
R150 pp
14h00 - 20h00
Tickets via Quicket
- Radio Kalahari Orkes**
with Ian Roberts
23 Dec
Show at 20h00
R150 pp
Optional Dinner
Tickets via Quicket
- THE MAGNIFICENT 7**
The Beatles, Don Gos, Rolling Stones, Beach Boys, Abba, Creedence & Queen
Centrestage | FRI 3 JAN | R200pp | Show at 8pm
Dinner Optional | Tickets via Quicket
- KARAOKE 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
11 DEC: Beef Madras, Panang Fish Curry, Chickpea Koftas with creamy curry sauce
R145 for 3 curries incl naan, sambals & poppadums

19 Dec – **Annual Food & Wines Festival** – Buy tickets [here](#)

23 Dec – **Radio Kalahari Orkes** – Buy tickets [here](#)

27 Dec – **Ultimate 80's Show by Centrestage** – Buy tickets [here](#)

29 Dec (Sunday Lunch) – **Bottomless Coffee Band** - Buy tickets [here](#)

3 Jan – **Magnificent 7 Show by Centrestage** - Buy tickets [here](#)

The Village - 060 665 1907
The Links - 042 200 4511



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bard'au & co
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For more information on our upcoming events, [contact us](#).

The St Francis Links Hotel by Mantis

SHOW UNITS are being furnished!

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 one, two-bedroom unit and two, one-bedroom units will be completed for the season.

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, **Bard'au**, the Spa and of course, the home of the **Jack Nicklaus** Signature Course!

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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 competitions and events

2 December: Men's Muirfield Day (2nd Annual)

7 December: Ladies' Member-Member

8 December: Ultimate Par 3 Championships

13-14 December: The Pam Golding Annual

16 December: The Kromme-Enviro Trust Amazing Race

19 December: NSRI Golf Day

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Major Events and Winners

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, <i>Percy Owen and Norman Dyer</i>
5	Apr	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
10	Apr	ITEC Open Wednesday
26-28	Apr	Club Championships , <i>Boetie Zietsman and Dr Lynn Slogrove, Champions</i>
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 <i>Elmarie Maarschalk and Heille Uys, Champions</i>
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, <i>Jordan Duminy</i>
5	Jul	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
10	Jul	ITEC Open Wednesday
19-21	Jul	Men's Invitational , <i>Bryce Dakin and Darryl VD Vyver, Champions</i>
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
7	Nov	Eastern Province SENIORS
13	Nov	ITEC Open Wednesday
15	Nov	Selective Lighting/Fire Works 9-Hole Comp
27	Nov	Members' Oscars
2	Dec	Men's Muirfield Day (2nd Annual)
7	Dec	Ladies' Member-Member
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16	Dec	The Kromme-Enviro Trust Amazing Race
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What matters most to you?

Answer one **QUESTION**

Without us influencing you in any way, please click on the link below now and answer just one (required) question about your relationship with the game of golf.

Answer now >





This is a genuine attempt in collaboration with hundreds of other clubs and PGA Professionals to have a better understanding of what golfers want out of the game.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHARE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION

While we'd be interested to read the specific answer you've given (to help us to a better job of delivering more value to you), we won't be sharing



your name with anyone. You will remain anonymous.

If you haven't already done so

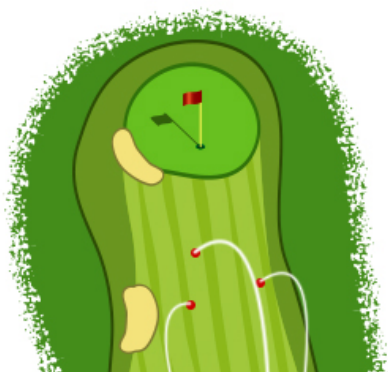
Now you know this is a very short and very private survey – no personal details required. So go on,

[Answer now >](#)

Think about your golf

What makes the ***BIGGEST IMPACT?***

Discovering what has the most impact on your scorecard is a fun start to your improvement journey. It's the first step on the way to shooting new lows. So, we want you to keep some simple statistics over your next 4 rounds and then we want you to come see us for an assessment. We'll start with fairways found off the tee.



You might be surprised by
some of ***THE RESULTS.***

If you compare your fairways



hit over 4 rounds, does a higher number hit, translate into a lower score?



"The number of fairways found off the tee box is an important performance measure. And by the way, improving this statistic also influences how much you're likely to enjoy your round, as well as offering an opportunity to get you below 90."

Book your skills assessment

Get an insight into your game. Discover what you could improve quickly.

Let's plan an improvement journey together.

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