



On the tee with Trevor

Qualifying School

First held in 1976, Qualifying School has been providing players from all over the world with a platform to make it to the European Tour. The tournament, which is held between September and November each year, is arguably the toughest test in golf. It consists of three stages, 252 holes, and 25 cards.

Only the top 25 players – and ties – at the end of the six-round Final Stage will make the grade and earn European Tour cards for the following season.

Competitors from around the world travel to venues in Austria, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Sweden in a bid to make it on to Europe's top tier.

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

HNA News

Please take note of the important changes that have come into effect as from the 1st of October.

As part of the transition to the [World Handicap System](#), we will be changing our maximum score allowed per hole, effective from the **1st October 2019**, to a Net Two Over Par (sometimes referred to as a Net Double Bogey).

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 the 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:

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. 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.

If 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. 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.

No more preferred lies/placing from 01 October 2019:

Preferred lies/placing will only be in play should the golf officials or tournament committee deem a certain area on the fairway as GUR and allow preferred lies/placing for a day or a season.

It has been decided by the Committee of Bloemfontein Golf Club that we will continue with placing until such stage that the fairways are good enough to warrant no preferred lies.

It is important to note that if it has not been communicated to you that there are preferred lies/ placing in certain areas, you assume that there is no preferred lie/placing.

Please take note:

Due to the installation of a new telephone system, we have dropped one of our incoming lines. The only landline number we currently have in use is:

051 4470906

Raubex development

Bridging the gap

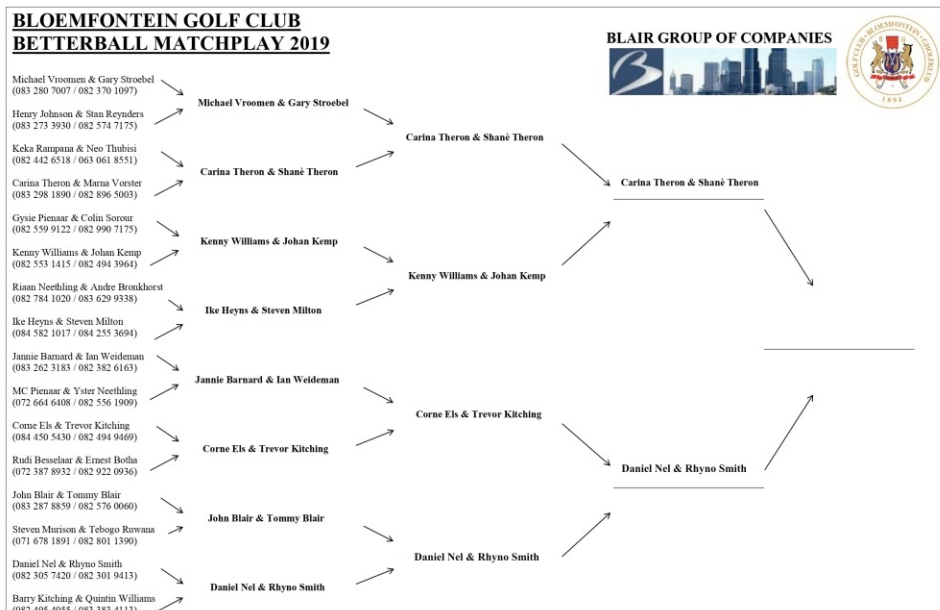
We're excited about the new developments underway. A big thank you to Raubex, who has made it possible to rebuild the bridge! The rain can no longer stop us from playing our beloved sport.



Betterball Matchplay

Meet your match

A big thank you to the **Blair Group of Companies** for their sponsorship. Please note that round 3 is to be completed by the end of November.



Upcoming events

On **Tuesday, 1st October 2019** we moved across to summer times.

- **All Social Days**, 1 Tee start from 06h30
- **All Wednesdays**, 11h00 to 13h00, Except for Business League & The Race to Sun City which remain from 10h30 to 12h30 (Winter Times)
- **All Saturdays**, AM – 06h30 to 07h40, PM – 11h00 to 13h00

Saturday, 23rd November 2019 is The Nations Cup. There are still times available in the morning field. The afternoon field has however been reserved for The Nations Cup.

Tuesday, 26th November 2019 November is the Seniors Year End Function.

Wednesday, 27th November 2019 is The final round of the Race to Sun City, findly sponsored by Lindsay Saker & Sun International


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Saturday, 30th November 2019 is a B.B.S sponsored by B.Q Golf



Sunday, 1st December 2019 we have the Nomads playing. There is social golf from 12h00.

The 2019 December Holiday Green-fees package deals will be announced soon – watch this space!

Turn up the radio!



Every summer has its own stories

Treat yourself with a festive Breakaway

To book your winter retreat, call us on **051 871 4200** or
info@blackmountainhotel.co.za.

	Summer Promotion Valid from 1st September - 18th December
	For only R625* Per Person Sharing Per Night <small>Inclusive of bed and breakfast.</small>
	Get R200 off any game drive, horse ride OR spa Treatment.
	Please book early to avoid disappointment. Enjoy a famous BM Burger & chips for only R75 pp at the Pool Bar.
	You can enjoy: Jumping castle, water slide for the kids, cinema and live entertainment every Saturday night. <small>T's & C's apply</small> Tel: 051 871 4200 / info@blackmountainhotel.co.za

Anytime on a Sunday

Make golf a family activity

Pack in your whole family for a grand day out on the course every Sunday!



[Book now >](#)

Who will have the luck of the draw?

The next draw will take place on **Friday, 22nd of November.**

The rollover draw has been replaced with a 50 ticket draw @ R10.00 per ticket, the winning number drawn, will win 50% of the value of the numbers sold, and 6 Stella Artois beers.



Membership

Join the community!

Through these tough economical times, we at the Bloemfontein Golf Club have started implementing affordable ways of paying your annual membership fees. We have a monthly debit order facility that has been very successful.

Please give either **Lodia** or **Carla** a call at **051 447 0571**, who will assist you in renewing your membership, or to become a new member.

Upcoming birthday celebrations

It's time to have a par-tee!

22nd November 2019

Franché Robberts

23rd November 2019

Louis Badenhorst

Christiaan Kruger

25th November 2019

Gerald McNamara

Desmond van Viegen

Brian Nel

27th November 2019

Ken Kahts

Gilbert Gibson

Keegan Bosman



Who was driven by success?

Saturday, 16th November 2019

B.B.S kindly sponsored by N.T.T. Nissan



1st | 48pts | Sakkie Wannenberg & Klaus Overhue

2nd | 47pts | Johan Coertzen & Kenny Williams

3rd | 46pts | Willem Slabbert & Shorty Hartman

4th | 45pts | Werner Marshall & Leon Henn (c/o)

Wednesday, 13th November 2019

I.P.S sponsored by the Club

1st | 38pts | Micky Quin (c/o)

2nd | 38pts | Gert Henning

3rd | 37pts | Neo Thubisi (c/o)

4th | 37pts | Keanan Aysen

**You've come this far, now
get closer**





You don't have to trade feel
for forgiveness. The new
CLEVELAND CBX 2 WEDGE



Feel and forgiveness come together

Most cavity back wedges offer added forgiveness by sacrificing feel. Not the CBX 2. It helps you play tricky wedge shots more efficiently and more smoothly.



Got spin?



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



Getting closer now feels better

More weight has been moved to the toe, middling the center of gravity while a Gelback TPU insert reduces vibration. The result? Softer feel at impact.



It's chip-off time

If you want to have more fun around the greens, improving your wedge play is key. Test your chipping skills with us.

[Contact us >](#)

Fix par 3 mistakes



Teeing your ball up on par 3s makes clean impact a bit easier, but go too high and you lose ball speed and land short of the green.

HIGH face impact

By teeing up too high you increase the chances of striking the ball high up on the club face and losing lots of ball speed.

So even if your club selection is spot on, you would still fall short of the green.



“If you’re taking a short iron on a par 3, tee your ball up lower, think level with the blades of grass. With a long iron, you’ll want to go fractionally higher, as though the ball is lying atop a fluffy fairway.”



Do you know your numbers?

Next time you're on the range take ten shots with the same club at the same target and note your average distance and dispersion.

Use the TEEING AREA WISELY

Before you tee up at all, think about positioning yourself at a spot on the tee box that gives you the best angle into the green based on your natural shot pattern as well as the conditions.





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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