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Hough's It

Well, where do I start?

The Springboks, of course!



Another Rugby World Cup win was the highlight of a busy week at Houghton.

We had around 250 people wearing their green and gold, eating and drinking and singing and shouting their way to SA's marvellous win over

England, watching on the big screens, as well as the massive 3m² screen we put up for the occasion.

The weather hadn't exactly read the script for the weekend, and lots of fourballs cancelled as the very welcome overnight rain continued into the early morning and disrupted the 6am shotgun start, but those who did brave the light drizzle early for just a hole or so were rewarded with near perfect conditions for the majority of the round.

There's 2 videos attached showing the spectators singing Shosholoza and the joy of victory at the final whistle.



Ladies League

Then on Sunday, in another tense final, **Robyn Gering's Sunday League ladies** beat Modder 4-2 at Royal to add another Ladies League win for Houghton, after the Thursday Bronze girls won their league last week.



Denise, Yvonne, Robyn, Sue, Lesley, Eileen and Terri are the Sunday League champions!

Knockout Knews

Then also on Sunday was the **Men's Singles KO Final**, and the contest between **Fred Sebogoane** and **Marc Snaid** was unbelievably tight, with Fred eventually beating Marc on the 22nd hole after some amazing golf was played by the two of them.

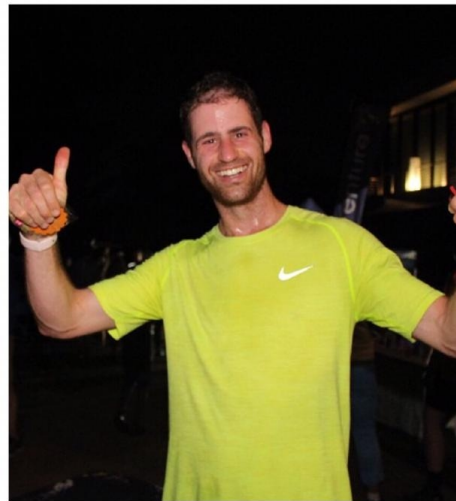


Well done Fred, the 2019 Men's Singles KO Champion

Halloween Knight Run/Walk

The club organised a very successful night run and walk last Thursday, with over 250 members and visitors taking part in the Halloween-themed evening. Club member **Dan Stillerman**, more known for his running prowess now than his golfing exploits, won the 10k race in a time of 48 mins and 35 secs. **Captain America** didn't win the 5km walk with his leisurely stroll of 58 mins, although he finished a comfortable 8 secs ahead of **Superman**!

The **Yung Fah family** were the best dressed (ghouls), and the chow afterwards was delicious and got hammered by all, and we even managed to get **Charl Brett** and his girlfriend out for the evening!



Also on the night, our CEO (Chief Entertainments Organiser) **Roxanne Reeves**, who actually celebrates her birthday on Halloween, and **Chef Alpheus** managed to rustle up something special to help her enjoy the occasion.



*Rox and her girls enjoying
Alf's chocolate cake*

Events @ Houghton

1. This Saturday and next, the 9th & 16th, is the last Men's Major of the year, the **Jack Gorley Trophy**. It's Fourball Alliance Stableford with 2 scores to count, and you must have the same team both weekends to qualify for honours.
2. Then, Saturday the 7th of December is my **End of Year Bash**, which will be a shotgun start Betterball Stableford, with a braai on the verandah afterwards, and lots of lekker prizes, as we end off the annual calendar before heading off for the annual summer holidays.

PGA Tour Knews

The 2019 PGA Tour Player of the Year, **Rory McIlroy**, won the WGC-HSBC event in a playoff with Xander Schauffele, getting him his 4th title of the year, and firmly setting the scene for a rivalry next year with Brooks Koepka, even though Koepka doesn't believe that Rory is a rival to him.

There's no doubt that a free-wheeling Rory is almost impossible to beat when he's on, but then he hasn't managed to do it in the Majors for 5 years now, so until he shows up again in one of the four big 'uns, Brooks is still the man.

And there will be even more heat on Rory at Augusta now – only some 22 weeks, 1 day, 21 hours, 23 minutes and 50 secs away, but then who's counting? – as he yet again will attempt to complete his Grand Slam by winning the Green Jacket.

Now that would change things, wouldn't it?

BTW, I saw this pic of the big crowds in Shanghai last week following Rory, and it reminded me of a similar one taken from the Tour Championship 2018, where Tiger won - he actually played with Rory in that last round – and so I put the two pics together for effect.

I suppose I'm just showing you who really moves the needle in golf.



And we'll know on Wednesday (from Ernie) and Thursday (from Tiger) just who their 4 Captain's picks will be for the Presidents Cup next month in Melbin.

The money's on Tiger picking himself!

The Euro Tour heads to Antalya in Turkey this week for the Turkish Airlines Open, the start of their last 3 events in the Race to Dubai, and remember that next week is the Nedbank Challenge at Sun City, before they get to

Dubai for their Tour Championship.

Away from the playing side of the PGA Tour, I was saddened to hear last week that CBS have 'fired' Gary McCord, the remaining TV commentator of the famous and extremely popular Feherty/McCord combo that really lightened up CBS' broadcasts.

CBS said that things had gone 'stale', yet barely a day had gone by when they announced Davis Love III as McCord's replacement. Now I'm sure DL3's gonna bring experience, knowledge and good insight to their team, but he's certainly no entertainer in the mould of the extremely funny Mac/Feherty duo.

Who knows, you now might even have me looking forward to those clowns from Fox who do the USGA stuff!

Lastly, this week marked the 1st time in 1354 weeks/26 years that Phil Mickelson will NOT be in the Top 50 in the World Rankings!

That is some record!

Of the current and active streaks of remaining in the Top 50, Rory is on 572 weeks, Matt Kuchar on 513 and DJ on 509.

Rory is only 15 years behind Phil!

To beat Phil's run, he'd have to stay in the World's Top 50 every week until October 2034.



That's about all for this week.

**Hope you have a good one,
Kappy**

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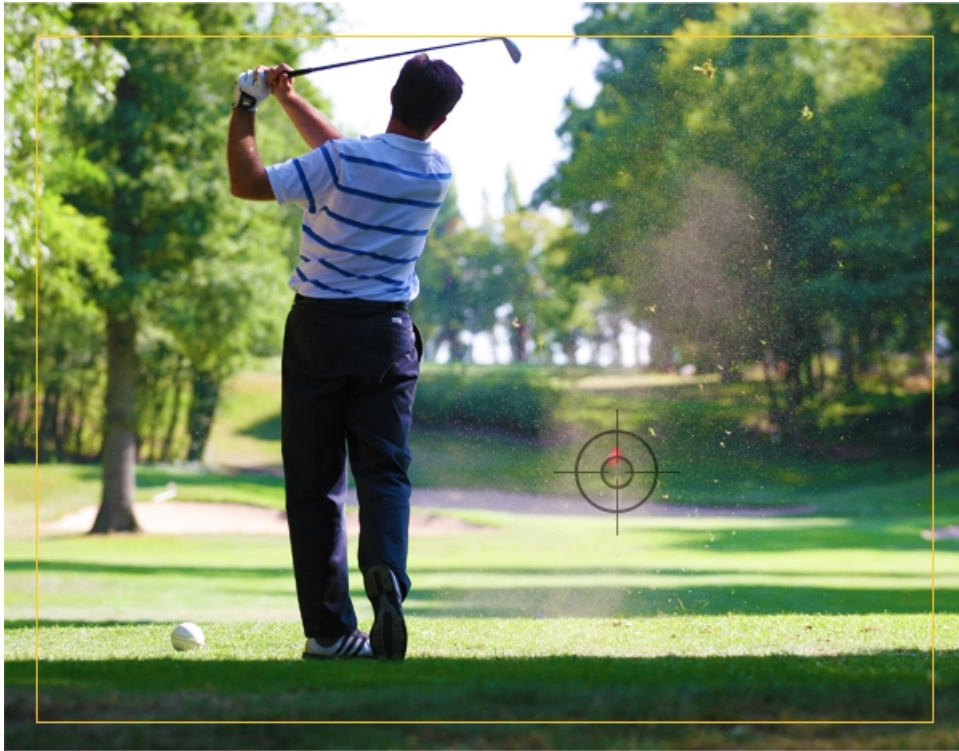


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Fix par 3 mistakes



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.

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