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US Open 2019

It's time for the second major of the year and it's being played at what most players will refer to as a little piece of heaven on earth. **Pebble Beach Golf Links** is a public golf course on the west coast of the United States, located in Pebble Beach, California.

Widely regarded as one of the most beautiful courses in the world, it hugs the rugged coastline and has wide open views of Carmel Bay, opening to the Pacific Ocean on the south side of the Monterey Peninsula. In 2001, it became the first public course to be selected as the No. 1 Golf Course in America by Golf Digest. Greens fees are among the highest in the world, at \$525 (plus \$40 cart fee or \$92.50 caddie fee for non-resort guests) per round in 2018.

Four of the courses in the coastal community of Pebble Beach, including Pebble Beach Golf Links, belong to the Pebble Beach Company, which also operates three hotels and a spa at the resort. The other courses are The Links at Spanish Bay, Spyglass Hill Golf Course and Del Monte Golf Course.

The PGA Tour and PGA Tour Champions play annual events at Pebble Beach, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the First Tee Open. It has hosted six men's major championships - five U.S. Opens and a PGA Championship. It also hosted the 1988 Nabisco Championship, now known as the Tour Championship, the season-ending event on the PGA Tour.

I spoke to Justin on Sunday as he landed in California and our Stellenbosch Member is looking forward to his time at Pebble Beach. He has taken a bit of a break after a rather busy start to the year. All the best, Justin, it's going to be a tough week but at least you get to enjoy it on one of the most beautiful golf courses!

Reminders

Don't forget to book for **Father's Day** on Sunday, we have limited space available please book by mailing Gerhard at <u>chef@stbgolf.com</u>.

<u>Click here</u> to see the menu.

While we are busy with the reminders – please also remember to join us for the **Special General Meeting**, **Wednesday 12 June** at **18h30**, just after prizegiving.

Rules are rules

This one I'm adding to my tale especially for my good friend **Jannie Franzsen**. I can see this happening to him... Actually, it might have happened already to him on the 14th, if I recall it correctly. But why is it important now you might ask, because the rule has changed – that's why!

<u>As you can see</u>, the ball ended one yard behind the spot where he played from. Not too good for his driving-distance-statistics....

Rule 6.2 allows him to tee the ball (without penalty) within the teeing area and play his second stroke – last year (2018) he did not have that option (or rather - he did have that option, but it would cost him a one stroke penalty).

Hopefully the second stroke will be better than the first...

Good luck, Jannie!

Stellenbosch Members standing out from the crowd

One great achievement after the next, this time I would like to congratulate **Meyer Pauw** who was selected as Captain of the Boland Inter Provincial side.

They will be playing from the 16th to the 20th of September at Mbobela Golf Club. **Jaco Spies** will be managing the team, well done to both the members.

Also flying the flag high is **Gerard Hartman** and **Rynhardt van Zyl**, they will be representing Boland in the U14 Invitational Tournament and this side will also be managed by a Stellenbosch GC member, none other than, **Karl Ochse**.

2019 Honourable Gentleman of Stellenbosch

Monday the 17th will be the day that the **2019 Honourable Gentleman of Stellenbosch** will tee it up. Who is going to win...? The draw has been done for the first round and as always, I am looking forward to an epic day on and off the golf course.

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HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF STELLENBOSCH 17 JUNE 2019

PRESIDENT		-	CAPTAIN		TIME
GERHARD BEUKES	DEWALD CLOETE	vs	ADRIAAN VLOK	NIEL VAN STADEN	07:45 AM - 1ST TEE
JIMMY DEANE	STEVEN BOWLEY	vs	ALLEN HODGKINSON	AVRIL VAN DER RHEEDE	07:45 AM - 10TH TEE
JACQUES DE VILLIERS	JOHAN DE VILLIERS	vs	LYNTON KAISER	DU PREEZ NELL	07:53 AM - 1ST TEE
THEO VAN WYK	JOHAN GELDENHUYS	vs	JACQUES VAN WYK	PHILIP ROBINSON	07:53 AM - 10TH TEE
LEON DE WIT	GERRIE JONAS	vs	PETER HILL	ANDY ALLMAN	08:01 AM - 1ST TEE
HANNES SMIT	STANLEY DU PLESSIS	vs	ALBERT VISSER	GRAHAM WALKER	08:01 AM - 10TH TEE
STEVE STEYN	JANNIE FRANZSEN	vs	LOUIS DESTROO	JACO LAUBSCHER	08:09 AM - 1ST TEE
ANDRE CRAFFORD	THEUNS KOTZE	vs	WESSEL KOTZE	CONRAD MARAIS	08:09 AM - 10TH TEE
MANIE DE KLERK	CHRIANTO OOSTHUIZEN	vs	MARCUS OOSTHUIZEN	WILBAR ROBBERTS	08:17 AM - 1ST TEE
DEWALD BOTHA	TIENIE HENDRIKSZ	vs	NIEL HOOGENHOUT	JOHAN CARINUS	08:17 AM - 10TH TEE
JOHAN VAN ZYL	PIETER ODENDAAL	VS	MARK PHILP	DONALD BROWN	08:25 AM - 1ST TEE
PETER CYSTER	REEVE CYSTER	vs	GORDON SCHULTZ	RUPERT SCHULTZ	08:25 AM - 10TH TEE

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Now I might be able to sneak one or two more 2balls in for the day, so don't delay – pop me a personal email – <u>dog@stbgolf.com</u> and maybe you will

What's good and bad this week?

Golf cart etiquette, just as much as I felt comfortable talking about cigarette butts on the course as a smoker (and I feel "we" are doing better), I feel comfortable talking about cart etiquette.

Most of you would know that I play golf for my pleasure and not for exercise that I do early in the morning in the gym with a swim. I play golf to spend time with all of you and of course drive my golf cart. But here's the problem my fellow cart lovers, the club (this includes walkers), both members and visitors have contributed over a million rand during the last couple of years to add cart parts to the course. This project continues annually and takes up a rather large portion of our capex.

So why would the cart users not use it? Vivian, our previous General Manager spent a bit a time with me a while back and he could not stop to talking about the difference the cart path has made to our golf course. To name but a few areas where people **seem to see paths** – The 6th hole, on Tuesdays, Sundays and most Friday mornings the path runs behind the back of the green. On Wednesdays and Saturdays there is a path to the left of the 15th green and right of the 18th green...

Come on most of you must have seen them? Oh, oh the best one for me is the 15th tee box, luckily now under construction, just how many players have the urge to drive almost onto the tee box! Come on my fellow cart lovers, let's stop embarrassing ourselves in front of the walkers and show them we drive for our enjoyment and show the course the respect it deserves.

I have always wanted to do this (just like a journalist). If we don't start driving better, I have in my possession, names and photos of members seeing paths that don't exist. Oops!

So, ending on a positive note this week is easy.... **Be happy, it drives** people crazy and drive like a gentleman and a lady!

Have a great week,

Louis

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