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Greetings from the Dog,

Listening to one of my favorite bands, Queen, this morning in the gym I could not but smile as the greatest singer of all times, Freddie Mercury, sang Barcelona in my ears... This great singer would have been 74 yesterday. Quite special to celebrate one's birthday so close to your favorite singer! I would like to thank everyone for the special wishes, messages and phone calls you all really made my special day even more special.

The boys are coming back to our town... and I can't wait for the end of the month!

The Vodacom Origins of Golf is coming to Stellenbosch GC, some of you might have noticed some markings on the golf course during your last couple of rounds.

Reciprocity will be arranged at the following courses – Paarl, Pearl Valley, Devonvale, De Zalze, Strand, Somerset West and Erinvale - for the duration that the course is closed for the event. **(30 September till 5 October)**



Jean Hugo will be back to defend his title he won in 2010!

Thank you to our sponsors!

Before I start with our Harcourts Wednesday competition's results and winners, I would like to give a BIG applause to all the partners we have at Stellenbosch GC making member competitions so special. Every Wednesday till the end of the year is sponsored – Wow! Please support these guys the way they support us!

I just love this format, ok I love most formats, baring Betterball Stableford. As we all pegged it up in the penultimate round of the Harcourt Winelands Series with its very unique format, 4BBB Bogey Bisque. **Our champions Koos van der Merwe and Stefan Blommaert** making +15 on the day, what a great score for two low handicap golfers. Admittedly they did win on a count out against prof Johan De Villiers and Riaan Gerber, who also made +15 on the day.



Koos & Stefan with Eberhart from Harcourts

Action beats Crime

ABC SECURITY was up next where Action Beats Crime. Thanks for the great day Stephen Nelson and at least this time I got the slogan right. Sadly, our champions went home early as they played as a three ball in the Alliance Format, but and I love a "but", they had a ghost who was on fire, he was so hot they won the day! The ghost appeared for the photo with the sponsor and was all smiles when he saw his prize (BIG BOX of meat). Well played to EJ Langer and the rest of his team Piet Le Grange, Billy Cooper and Harry Ludwigs making 98 Stableford points.



Stephen Nelson with the (ghost) EJ Langer

Monthly Mix Comp

The Sunday in between these Wednesdays, it was a quick pop over to Mother Russia, for our Monthly Mix competition proudly presented by **Thorburn & Alert Security**. I had the pleasure of spending the afternoon with the Club's Ladies Captain and Ladies President - we are very fortunate to have these two very special ladies. Hats off to you both for what you do and mean to the club.

As always there was a couple of "straf dops" handed out for those members who misbehave a bit. Jannie and Wouter enjoyed their time in the golf cart while their female partners strolled along pushing their own carts – oops boys! At least on the uphill holes they pulled their carts for them... For that I spoiled them both with a little vodka from Mother Russia – lekker man. Our winners on the day with a great score of 89 in the 4Ball Alliance Stableford Waltz (who does not like a dance) was (drum roll please), **Carel and Pia Nel joined by Eon and Kalla Venter**. Great round and a great win.

I can't wait for the next mix on the **22nd of September**, I hope you have booked your 4Ball? [Check out the poster](#) and there is a quiz – who doesn't like a quiz?



A great day in Mother Russia for our August Mix competition!

Annual Spring Cup

So, after the ABC security Wednesday it was time to play my favorite competition of the year, not because it's my birthday, but because you really have to use your imagination and skill in the Annual Spring Cup, proudly presented by Cluver & Markotter. Where you only get to use three clubs and a putter. Choices, choices, choices it was all about choices. My choice seemed to be in the park as I shot level on the back nine including three birdies. Our General Manager had a putt on the last to also shoot 36 on the back nine.

Scary to think he can't do it with 14 clubs in his bag. What will everyone do with their extra clubs? Never did I imagine that 46 Stableford points would be the winning score, but it was **Hanu Potgieter & Chris Theron** who was crowned the **2019 Spring Cup champions**, beating Pietie Carinus and Mossie Mostert by one shot. Pietie made a "little" two for five on the 16th hole, holding his second shot. Great golf gentleman and thank you to **Cluver and Markotter** for your great sponsorship...



Hanu & Chris our Champions!



The almost champions...

2019 Boland Mid AM Team

The Boland Golf Union are proud to announce the below players who have been selected for the 2019 BOLAND MID AM team. The tournament takes place from:

7 - 11 October 2019 at King David Mowbray Golf Club.

Cedric Rooi - Worcester Golf Club

Anton Oosthuizen - Stellenbosch Golf Club

Andre Ficks - Robertson Golf Club

Robert Oosthuizen - Stellenbosch Golf Club

Phillip Spies - Stellenbosch Golf Club

Anton Pieters - Pearl Valley Golf Club

Clement de Bruin - Ceres Golf Club

Jaco Pieters - Devonvale

Stellenbosch GC is proud of our three members **Anton, Robbie and Phillip** who has been included in the team – congratulations gentleman!

Annual Ladies Spring Cup

I love September... As it's a month of celebrating the day I got to join the world.

So, Tuesday I got to spoil the ladies a little in their annual Spring Cup and yes you guessed it, with three clubs and a putter. Stellenbosch GC does not have one of the best ladies' sections, they have the best ladies section! I just love these ladies. The spirit, joy and energy they bring to the club is something very special. Thank you for spoiling me also ladies, I really, really appreciate it and can't wait to join you all on the **22nd of September** for the **Annual Spring Cup Mix Competition**.

And the winner is **Thalina Roos & Luana Shaw** with 42 Stableford points, our Ladies Spring Cup Champions.



Living the dream with the ladies!

Have a super weekend, it's almost time to support the Bokke as the play Japan and tomorrow we will enjoy the Currie Cup Final. The last time Transvaal played the Free State was in 2007, the Free State won and later that year South Africa was crowned the Rugby World Champions!

Go Bokke,

Louis

In die skroewe met Riaan Gerber

Arne Cederval

There is always lots of fun and banter around when Arne Cederval is part of a golfing group. Arne has seen and experienced a lot of the golfing world. He was Jean Hugo's caddie in 1999 in Europe and was the producer of a famous video about Jean's exploits in Europe. Arne has also served for many years as a panelist on Golf Digest Top 100 Courses of South Africa. Herewith my interview with him

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