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Excitement, excitement

One of my favorite sayings in golf is that there is no remarks column, nobody cares how the ball got into the hole, just as long as it gets in the hole for the least amount of shots...

Nobody cares how the Bokke made it if it was pretty, if Faff kicks too much and Willie can't catch the ball... Hey we are in the final and in 2007 we beat the English 15 – 6. For those loyal readers of mine you will remember me saying earlier this year in 2007 the Cheetahs won the Currie Cup and later that same year we went on to win the William Webb Ellis Trophy. By now you all know that the Cheetahs did their part – so now it balls to the wall – as South Africa takes on the English Saturday at 11h00 in the Rugby World Cup Final. Did you just get goooooooooose bumps!

We'll be teeing off at 06h30 on Saturday with a shotgun start so we can all enjoy the rugby at 11h00. If you are not playing bring the whole family as South Africa unites to support the boys in green & gold! **GO BOKKE!**

R2 000 000, now that's a BIG number

Indeed it is, it's the amount we have spent on the cart paths from 2014 to

2019. WOW – yip, I say the same, it has surely changed the appearance / look of this already beautiful golf course. As a smoker I wrote about all the cigarette butts on the course and asked my fellow smokers to be more considerate and not just throw their butts everywhere... We are definitely not there yet, but we are going to keep on trying and the golfers around me are on board each with their own ashtray.

Back to the R2 000 000 that the club has invested in cart paths with only a limited number of golfers “making” use of them. Why is making in inverted commas, because everywhere I look I get the feeling the cart drivers go out of their way to miss the lovely paths. I will be honest, the one that broke me yesterday was the 15th hole. What an amazing result after the construction of the new complex from behind the 14th green, a new 15th tee box finishing the complex off on the 16th tee box. Making the hole even more special, the cart path for the 14th green to the 16th fairway.... And by now you have guessed it, the golfers in front of me go and drive onto the tee box from the 14th green side. Why, why, why I asked myself? With the best part being that the same golfers complain about the tee box not being level – well it does not help driving over it. So now I am making a call not only to my fellow smokers but, also to my fellow golfers who play golf for their enjoyment, in other words, they drive like me and go to gym between 5am and 6am in the morning – PLEASE make use of the cart paths. You don’t want to look back and know you could have done better.

Saving you time. Saving you money. Putting you First...

What a great end we had to the Nashua Winelands Series last Wednesday. It was a bit emotional as I did the prize-giving in the evening with Stafford standing next to me and my Dad’s words popped into my mind of what he used to say to me as a youngster: “Remember my boy, you have to say good bye to hallo again” and with that I pulled myself together and congratulated the winners on the day: **Brain Stolk & Schalk Burger** with 81 points in the 4 Ball Stableford Six’s format. Then it was time to announce the big winners of the series. Scoring a magical 426 Stableford points during the 7 events (6 best counting), **Nieuwoudt Heerschap & Dries Horn** were crowned the overall champions. Ladies and gentlemen, please put your hands together for our champions and our wonderful sponsor for this series, **Nashua Winelands** - Saving you time. Saving you money. Putting you First.

Already looking forward to 2020...



Brian & Schalk smiling with Stafford Harding



Stafford with series winner Nieuwoudt Heerschap

Cheese and wine (and a bit of golf)

Fast forward to yesterday (Wednesday) when we hosted the annual ODD BIN Golf Day in conjunction with Ladismith Cheese (and don't forget the format 4 Ball Alliance Yellow Ball Stableford). If you missed, it you missed out! How good was that winning score of 125 Stableford points? Our

champions **Annalise Roelofse, Andre Kruger, Eon Venter and Rhynie Greeff**, fantastic score indeed. I was truly loving the format with my team grinding it out for our 120 Stableford points, to sadly end nowhere in what I thought was rather challenging conditions. Checkers, through Gerrie Jonas, has been a wonderful friend and sponsor for many years of the club and I can say it's my shop of choice in Stellenbosch by far. Checkers from all of us at Stellenbosch GC, we would like to thank you for your continued support over many, many, many years. May there be many, many, many more! I mean who does not love golf, cheese and wine all conveniently under one roof at the best prices at your local Checkers store...



The winning 4 ball with Riaan van der Merwe & Gerrie Jonas (sponsors)

Annual Festival Week

I hope you have all booked your spot for next week as we enjoy our Annual Festival Week – yes on Tuesday we start with the Abacus Eikestad Classic – the first event of the week being the Ladies Member & Guest. Wednesday, we have a special day for the members, on Thursday we say thank you to our friends and sponsors of the club for their support through the last 12 months and then on Saturday it's the big one! As always. it promises to be another one to remember. Breakfast from 6am and the first golfers going off at 06h30 and in 2019 you will be enjoying our "special" layout again, so don't stress Clive Reid if the strokes or the par on the holes do not make sense... Our charity for our birdie run for the week, Birdies for Balls, yip that's right! We are supporting Love your Nuts this year, so for every birdie you make you get to donate R50 to this wonderful cause – let's make plenty! Love your Nuts is to make people more aware of prostate cancer. Can't wait to see what the number on the cheque will be that we will hand over at the

Captain's Day in December. Keep your eye on the club's social media pages next week, to make sure you don't miss out.

Boys on tour

So, we all go on these little golf tour, once, twice, ok three or four time a year, your wife or husband loving every minute of them. NOT! But we do and that is important too. I went on such an excursion last week with a couple of members and colleagues and it was, as always, one for the memory books. We enjoyed rounds at Kleinmond, Arabella and Hermanus, staying in world renowned winemaker Beyers Truter's house and yes it has a cellar, a very special cellar. The winner on a tour is always the late-night stories and sharing of moments in life with the conduit being golf and wine. No better way to sum it up than with my favorite saying **#livingthedream**



Spending time with a "special" group of people...

Best of luck to Justin playing in the WGC-HSBC Championship in China this week, he did not have the best of starts this morning, but we do know he loves the weekend. Play well my man, we are all rooting for you!

With less than 48 hours to go before the big game on Saturday, what better way to pass the time than at your favorite place – Stellenbosch GC!

See you soon,

Louis

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