



From the Founder's Desk

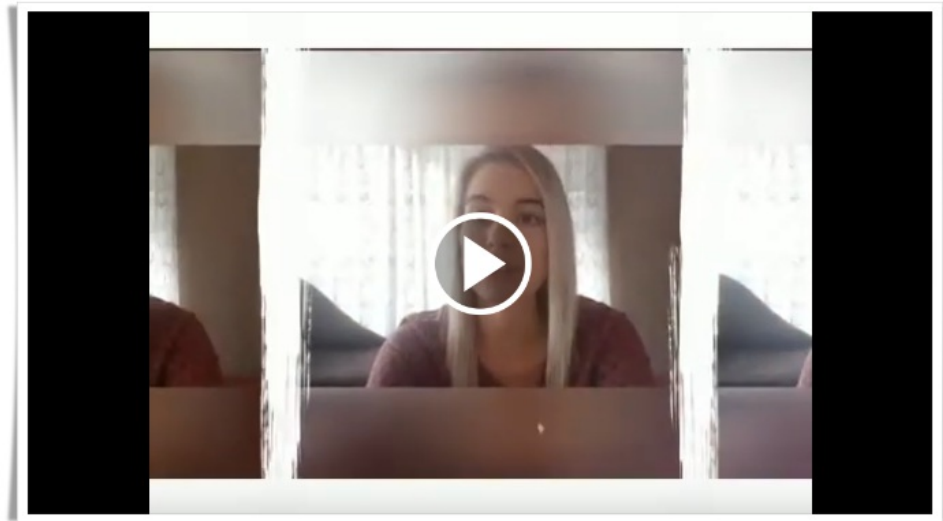
We kicked into action yesterday with Academy Cycle 2. The lockdown restrictions mean that we are supporting the students remotely in every facet of their programmes, and I am very proud of the plans and structures that we have put in place to support them in this situation. It has also been a delight to see our students rise to the challenge. In all situations, you have those who work hard and those who make excuses. I'm glad to see the former coming to prominence amongst our students.

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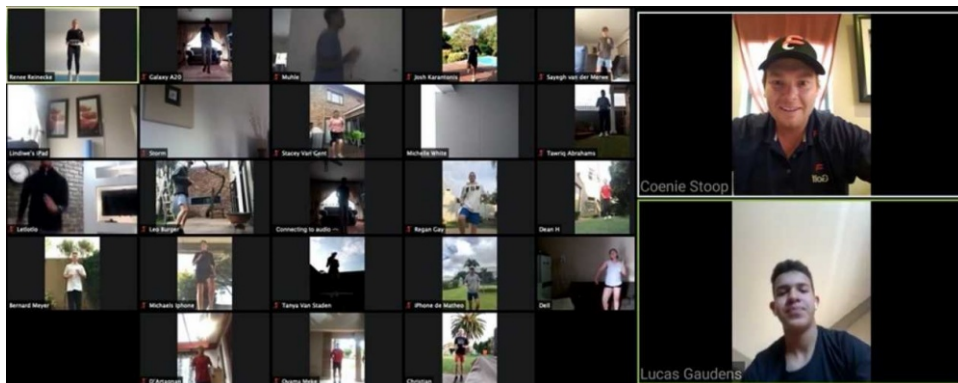
Remote Support

Your guideline to remote learning

Check out this video showing the support structures that our Study Centre academic team have put together for the learners;



Here are some more examples of remote learning in action in all departments;



Morning Energizer Session

Coach/Player Discussion



Mental Session

*PGA Diploma Fitness
Session*

Remote Lesson

Student Spotlight

How about this for improvement?
A massive 16,67 stroke average improvement in just 1 year!

Josh Pretorius from Kwa-Zulu Natal, joined our Junior Academy in January 2019. In his first cycle, he averaged 91.00 in 10 tournament rounds. Throughout his first year he improved nicely and averaged 81.41 in the last cycle of last year. This year, he's stepped up the pace of development even more, with a cycle 1 stroke average of 74.33. You can see from the statistics below that he has improved in all areas and there is still much more to come from Josh, who has recently turned 16 years old.



Josh Pretorius

<i>Josh Pretorius</i>	<i>Cycle 1 2019</i>	<i>Cycle 2 2020</i>
Stroke Average	91.00	74.33
Drives in Play	66.43%	76.19%
Greens in Regulation	35.56%	61.11%
Putts per Round	33.80	30.67
Scrambles	25.00%	42.86%

Parents; give your child the opportunity of a lifetime and enrol them in our Junior Academy. To quote Josh Pretorius' dad;

"Best decision we ever made."

Your golf journey starts here >

Alumni Profile

Murray Smit: Head Teaching Professional, De Zalze Golf Estate

Murray graduated from our PGA Diploma class of 2012, which laid the foundations for him to now become one of the most highly regarded young coaches in South Africa.



Murray initially pursued a playing career whilst still training at BSI. At the same time, he joined our internship programme to complete his work hours, which introduced him to the practical side of coaching. Murray had always been a hard worker and keen learner; and coaching soon overtook playing as the career of choice for him. We employed him as a full-time coach at BSI after his internship was completed and he became a big hit with our junior students.

Keen to gain more experience, he took a coaching position with SwingFit at De Zalze Golf Estate in Stellenbosch, before becoming Head Coach at EOGA Erinvale GC. When the teaching rights came up for grabs again at De Zalze, he was offered the position of Head Teaching Professional and the opportunity to open Murray Smit Golf.

Here's what he had to say about his BSI journey;

"I was very privileged to attend BSI Golf for 4 years. It gave me the opportunity to pursue my dream of playing golf for a living under the guidance of some fantastic coaches, while getting a great academic grounding. It also afforded me the chance to gain experience in various avenues within the golf industry before settling on coaching, which has ultimately become my passion and career. I would highly recommend the academy to anyone who is interested in pursuing a career within the golf industry."

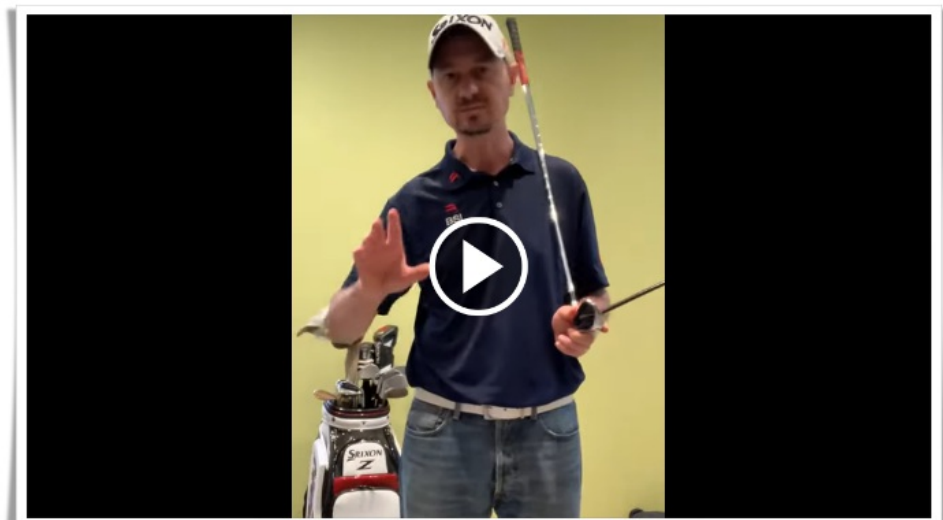
If you dream of pursuing a career in golf with international opportunities, then the PGA Diploma or Greenkeeping programmes at BSI are the perfect college options for you. Contact us to start your journey.

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Performance Tip

Lockdown lesson: how to hit effective shots from uneven lies

Here is why the ball curves the way it does from uneven lies, and how you can adapt to improve your results.



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