



From the Founder's Desk

One of the things I'm very proud of about BSI, is the number of graduates who still have an involvement with us long after their student days are over. One such example is Christopher Wright, who spent five years as a student with us and is now closing in on four years as a staff member. He's turned into a fantastic coach and mentor to our current students. You can read more about his journey in our Alumni Profile below, as well as some feedback on his time as a student. Speaking of which, we've had some wonderful feedback from parents on our support during lockdown operations. See some examples below.

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Parents' Feedback

Here's what our parent's had to say:

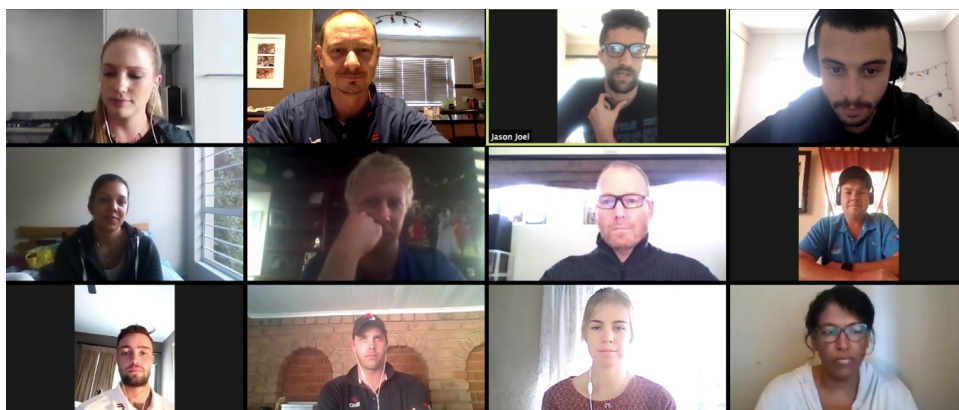
"I am so impressed with all your staff. The constant communication with the teachers and Stacey and us as parents. All we can say is thank you for all your help. This was not easy for all of us and the kids. Well done especially goes to Cindy and to Skye. Not forgetting the early bird fitness lady Renee that gets Stacey out of bed." ~ Jenny van Gent

"We are highly impressed and thankful at the same time for the utmost

quality and professional way you and your staff handled the situation of Lockdown teaching from the start! You can be proud of the whole BSI Team. Well done!" ~ Tharina Meyer

"Your team has been doing a sterling job so well done to everyone!"
~ **Nicki Wallace**

"From our perspective, BSI has been great, and the teachers/coaches have been great, both in terms of adapting and in terms of attitude."
~ **Luis da Silva**



Alumni Profile

Meet Chris, your expert guide to better golf

Christopher Wright joined us in 2007 and spent two years training on our Elite Academy programme. He then enrolled for our PGA Diploma, graduating in our class of 2011.

He spent over two years as Assistant Coach at **Country Club Johannesburg**, before moving back to his home town of Newcastle to open up the Chris Wright Golf Academy. In 2017 he re-joined **BSI** as a Coach and has flourished ever since, currently looking after the development of 25 of our full-time students. He also lectures the coaching subjects on our PGA Diploma programme, and is the Boarder Master at our Boarding House.



Here is what Chris had to say about his experience as a student and what he learned;

"The best things were the lasting friendships I made and the interesting people I have met. Still to this day, I meet these people all round South Africa, thus the golf industry feels like a family. I also really enjoyed having the opportunity to travel and play tournaments during my time at BSI and having a great team behind me supporting me with my game.

BSI supplied me with the building blocks to make my career blossom.

Teaching me everything in theory and in real life experiences that I needed to develop myself and make decisions going forward in life. They helped give me direction. They have also provided great support after my studies were done with job opportunities provided on the BSI Alumni page and they also provided friendly advice whenever I needed help.

Joining BSI was one of the best decision I have made, my golf improved tenfold, I managed to develop a career out of my passion and I have met people that I will remember for the rest of my life."

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.

Your golf journey starts here >

Ask BSI

How to increase clubhead speed for more distance

In the latest edition of Ask BSI, **Mohit** from Kenya asked:
"What are the best ways to work on swing speed without speed sticks?"

BSI Founder and PGA Master Professional **Michael Balderstone** provides an answer. Take a look in the video below.



Your questions answered

We'd love to hear your questions on training or performance related to golf, fitness, mental game, football (we run a football academy too) or youth development.

[Start a conversation now >](#)

Performance Tip

Five key habits for sports that parents can adopt

Parental involvement is a vital element of success in youth sports. Here are some key habits that successful sports parents adopt.



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