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## From the outdoor office of Alfie Payne

Dear Members,

I trust that you are keeping well. Please see the latest update from GolfRSA regarding progress made around the re-opening of golf clubs in South Africa. It is a positive step forward and we look forward to the response from the National Coronavirus Command Council. We will keep you posted.

[Click here](#) to view letter.

## Course update

We are now two weeks on from our last communication regarding course maintenance, and although the status quo remains unchanged regarding course play, the one positive we can hold onto is that our course remains in a very healthy condition. This despite the reduced amount of inputs as far as man hours and chemicals/fertilizers are concerned.

The attention to detail items such as cart path edging continue to remain untouched but our focus currently lies with key turf areas.

As per previous communication, our methods regarding irrigation remain unchanged. The course has started to dry out somewhat and we will be

running intermittent irrigation cycles to ensure no loss of turf but our initiative is to slow down growth as much as possible to alleviate the mowing pressures.

Since Tuesday, we have been verti-draining the greens to a depth of 175mm. Decompaction is a vital part of any healthy greens programme and given our current amount of freedom to undertake such operations, we have to take advantage of the given time.

Other than this we have begun with a general tidy up of all bunkers with holes 1 to 4 completed at the time of writing.

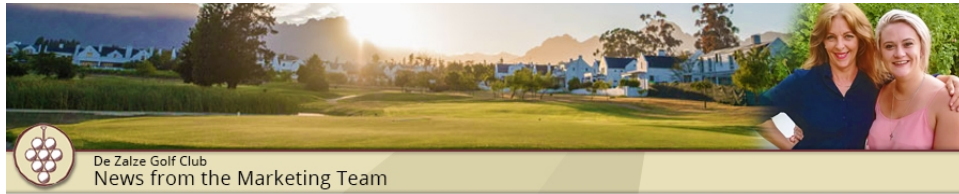
On behalf of the golf club and course maintenance team, we would like to thank the members and greater De Zalze community for the daily positive feedback received and the continued support in these trying times.





Stay well,

**Alfie Payne**



## Clubhouse take away deliveries

I trust that you are all keeping well. Just a reminder that the clubhouse deliveries are closed as from **13th May**. Details have been sent out on a broadcast message. We would like to thank all our members and residents again for their support.

The winter cold is slowly setting in and such a pity we missed out on some perfect weather for playing golf. I am certain that there were many big sighs! We look forward to the feedback as per Alfie and Golf RSA. Judging by what is happening in the rest of the world around golf, we can hope that S.A. will follow suite. We have an insert from Murray Smit that will provide you with a few inspiring tips to keep you golf nourished.

## Our delicious and slightly soft fudge recipe

*With compliments from Craig Cormack*



**Ingredients:**

- 1 x 385g can condensed milk
- 110g butter
- 450g granulated white sugar
- 140ml milk
- 15ml red Alea salt – or you could use any quality salt if you don't have this varietal (I stock this salt under the Amoleh brand, my salt range).

**Method:**

- Add all the ingredients to a pot and stir over a medium heat until the sugar has dissolved. Bring the mixture to the boil, and stir continuously for 15–20 minutes until it has reached 118 °C on a sugar thermometer.
- Take it off the heat and leave to cool slightly for approximately 3 minutes, then beat it vigorously for a further 10–15 minutes until it starts to 'fudge' on the sides of the pot and becomes very stiff.
- Empty the still-liquid fudge into the prepared tin, pressing it into the corners and smoothing it out.  
Sprinkle the salt over the fudge. Leave it to cool and set before removing from the tin and cutting it into squares.

Enjoy!

I know that we can't bring Craig Cormack's popular Chef and wine evening to De Zalze right now but click on the link to see his specially made menu for deliveries. Craig is based in Stellenbosch.

[Click here](#) to see the delivery menu and contact Craig for any cooking tips and food queries at [craig@thegooseroasters.co.za](mailto:craig@thegooseroasters.co.za)



## Escaping the beach

While we can't get out on the course, we can certainly work on some keys at setup and in our backswing to encourage great bunkerplay once golf

returns.

### Setup

- Ball forward - encourages a shallow angle of attack
- Wide stance - this adds stability and also encourages the club to come in nice and shallow
- Open face - this creates the loft that we are going to need to get the ball coming out high and soft

### Backswing

Maintain the loft - we want to maintain the loft that we have created at setup in the backswing. A great way to practice this is demonstrated in the video below, we can use a coin to replace the sand while in the garden at home.



We are available for online coaching for anyone who is interested. We have had some awesome lessons already and can't wait to help everyone stay at the top of their game for when we can return to our beautiful course!

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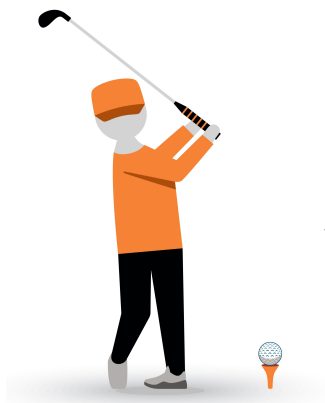


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*If you have any question or queries, please get in touch so that we can help you with all your golfing needs.*

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*\*Pick-up and delivery will be done when lockdown restrictions have been lifted.*

## Step out and enjoy. Chip your troubles away.

With schools and public life closed down and social distancing and confinement encouraged, it's a tense time to say the least. In times like this, golf can be your solace. Coming down to the course to work on your game is a safe, effective and fun reprieve. And if you have children, bring them along too.





*"Every recommendation about healthy lifestyles has exercise high up on the list. Playing a round of golf gets you 10,000 steps out in the open air, not to mention loads of fun."*

## Sharpen your short game

Why not leave every club but your wedge and putter behind and play a "short-game round"? It's a fun and simple way to improve your short game, get some fresh air and exercise. Have you tried the par 18 challenge?

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