



Santa says

If you can, then JUST DO IT!

Meyer Du Toit was my Assistant PGA Professional at Pezula. He has been my good friend for nearly 22 years and he is one of South Africa's leaders in the golf industry.

Meyer has been the GM at San Lameer for a number of years. Along with his wife, Vickey, they reshaped the look and feel of the club. I mean that in a number of ways. Meyer got stuck into the playability of the course, recommending changes that would also improve the beauty as well.

They were involved when the club was re-modelled and the improvements make the club much more comfortable. Add the pizza oven, the concerts, the special events, the upgrades to the par 3 course, night golf and much more and you have a vibrant club and great golfing destination. Oh, did I mention the mountain bike track; that works too!



Team Grace



PGA Professional of the Year



Just married!

Meyer was named PGA Professional of the Year for his great leadership,

innovative skills and contributions to the great game of golf. He's on a diet as much as me and has probably gained and lost as many pounds as me, as well! Meyer is the host with the most, providing great memories for everyone he has ever met.

His love for the game and those who play has helped to develop a long relationship with **Branden Grace**. Vickey and Nieke are also great friends. They have travelled to the Majors together (Meyer once had to lose a few kilos to earn a "free ride" and he did). They went to the Open Championship, The Presidents Cup and The US Open. Meyer carried Branden's bag at the Par 3 Tournament before the Masters at Augusta and now they are going to take their relationship to another level. Meyer is becoming part of Branden's management team and will relocate to America with Vickey. His decision was backed by his Club Chairman, who Meyer said could not have been more supportive. They part ways amicably and I am sure the Du Toits will be sorely missed.

Meyer's first real assignment was to meet the team in JHB and assist with things at the SA Open. I don't think he gave Branden any putting advice, that came from coach Brad Faxon. Branden rolled in putt after putt to win South Africa's Major coming from behind. He followed up this week with a T-17 performance in the desert. Meyer will join Gracie for the Waste Management Open (formerly the Phoenix Open) next week.

Good luck, you two! We are all proud of you!

Golf Digest



The Number 1 Jack Nicklaus course in Africa!

Now rated number 5 in SA

South Africa (450 courses)

- 1.) Fancourt Hotel & C.C. (Links) (*pictured above*), George, Western Cape ★
- 2.) Leopard Creek C.C., Malelane ★
- 3.) Gary Player C.C., Sun City, North West
- 4.) Durban C.C.
- 5.) St. Francis Links, St. Francis Bay, Eastern Cape
- 6.) Pearl Valley at Val de Vie Estate, Paarl, Western Cape
- 7.) Arabella G.C., Hermanus, Western Cape
- 8.) Fancourt Hotel & C.C. (Montagu), George, Western Cape 9.) Glendower, Johannesburg, Gauteng
- 10.) George G.C., Western Cape
- 11.) Royal Johannesburg & Kensington G.C. (East), Johannesburg, Gauteng
- 12.) Zimbali G.C., Ballito, KZN 13.) Humewood G.C., Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape
- 14.) Pinnacle Point Beach and G. Resort, Mossel Bay, Western Cape 15.) East London G.C., East London, Eastern Cape
- 16.) Lost City C.C., Sun City, North West 17.) Fancourt (Outeniqua), George, Western Cape
- 18.) Pezula Championship Cse., Knysna, Western Cape
- 19.) C.C. Johannesburg (Woodmead), Gauteng 20.) Simola G.C., Knysna, Western Cape

Changes at Augusta?

The folks from Augusta sweetened the coffers at Augusta GC when they purchased some more land from their neighbours. The Google Earth photos of a dormant Augusta National reveal an additional piece of land at the top of the left-hand picture. From what appears to be a new tee complex, the carry can now be as much as 340 yards.



Additional land behind 13



They can add plenty!

Big Points – Big WIN!

Wednesday School

Call it the new slope system or just call it pure talent, but when Dr Danie Cronjé “assisted” his partner, Mel Maubec, with SEVEN points you wouldn’t think much of it; however, Mel made 44 points on his own – giving them 51 Betterball points. The boys had been sitting quietly on the deck sipping their cool drinks waiting patiently for prizegiving, without tipping their hand until the results were read.

Check out the rather smug expressions in the winners’ pic (left) and the look on Hein’s face (right) when the names and scores were announced!



All in a day's work



You scored what?

The 2020 Calendar

THE FIRE WORKS
BRAAIS AND FIREPLACES



**SELECTIVE
LIGHTING**



This year, we will be seeing more weddings, fewer golfing National events (due to rotation) and more member functions as our member play is the fastest-growing category in golf. We look forward to more sponsored days with ITEC and Selective Lighting/The Fire Works and the addition of a new partnership between Pam Golding Properties and Village Square SuperSpar.

January

4-5 – *The Pam Golding Annual, SFBGC Champions, Series tied 7 all –*

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7-8 – *Men's Member-Member Partnership, Roger Smith & Charlie Gilmore, Champions –* **Roger Smith and Charlie Gilmore, Champions**

8 – *ITEC Open Wednesday –* **Dr Danie Cronjé and Mel Maubec, winners on 51pts**

18 – *Windhoek Pairs qualifying –* **Geoff Garratt and Ernest Müller, winners on 49 pts**

29 – *Pam Golding/ Village Square SuperSpar Alliance*

February

7 – *Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp*

12 – *ITEC Open Wednesday*

14 – *Valentine's Day Dress-up Golf; Dinner with entertainment*

26 – *Pam Golding/ Village Square SuperSpar Alliance*

March

6 – *Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp*

12 – *ITEC Open Wednesday*

25 – *Pam Golding/Village Square SuperSpar Alliance*

27 – *Ernie Els for Autism Golf Day*

April

5 – *Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp*

8 – *ITEC Open Wednesday*

24-26 – *Club Championships*

May

1 – *Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp*

13 – *ITEC Open Wednesday*

21-22 – *Woodlands Dairy Charity Days for HOSPICE*

27 – *Pam Golding/Village Square SuperSpar Alliance*

June

5 – Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp

6 – The Bard'au Ladies' Invitational

10 – ITEC Open Wednesday

17-19 – Nomads National Order of Merit* – Juniors earning International points

24 – Pam Golding/Village Square SuperSpar Alliance

July

3 – Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp

8 – ITEC Open Wednesday

17-19 – Men's Invitational, Bryce Dakin and Darryl VD Vyver, Champions

29 – Pam Golding/Village Square SuperSpar Alliance

August

1-2 – EP Amateur Championships (course closed)

7 – Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp

8-9 – EP Amateur Championships – Matchplay finals

20-3 September – Closed for Spring Programme

September

4 – Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp

9 – ITEC Open Wednesday

25-27 – LINKS CUP South Africa (Ryder Cup at Whistling Straights)

30 – Pam Golding/Village Square SuperSpar Alliance

October

2 – Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp

3 – Stulting Golf Day

14 – ITEC Open Wednesday

28 – Pam Golding/Village Square SuperSpar Alliance

November

5 – Eastern Province SENIORS

6 – Selective Lighting/FireWorks 9-Hole Comp

11 – ITEC Open Wednesday

16 – Men's Muirfield Day (3rd Annual)

22 – "The Trophy" – St Francis Links sponsored Amateur Champs

25 – Pam Golding/Village Square SuperSpar Alliance

25 – Members' Oscars

December

5 – Ladies' Member-Member

9 – ITEC Open Wednesday

12 – Ultimate Par-3 Championships

16 – The Kromme-Enviro Trust Amazing Race

January 2021

5-6 – Men's Member-Member Partnership

Events



Happy New Year from all at the Links

Visitors most welcome at the Club and Bard'au Spa! TEL 042 200 4500 | info@stfrancislinks.com

Valentines Dinner

Dinner & Dance



Save the Date
Fri 14 Feb | Live Music with
Joe van der Linde and Claire Vorn
Contact us for further info

TAKE NOTE: Our restaurant will be closed from 20 to 23 January 2020 for a well-deserved staff break. The bar will however be open for the best cappuccinos!

Each Friday



CALAMARI OR FISH WITH CHIPS
and lemon & tartare sauce incl a glass of wine or local beer
Lunch Only
only R85
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Saturdays



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SIT DOWN ONLY | BETWEEN 12PM AND 5PM
NO TAKE AWAYS | FROM 11 JAN

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our property owners, St Francis Bay residents, friends and visitors who supported us this holiday! A special thanks to our dedicated team of staff who work so hard! Please call on us for all your special events, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and more! Here's to 2020! May it be safe, prosperous and happy!

JANUARY 2020

TUE 7	Moroccan Beef Curry Pork Vindaloo Cape Malay Veg Curry
WED 15	Beef Balti Indian Butter Chicken Bombay Potatoes
WED 29	Bombay Chicken Curry South African Lamb Curry Butternut & Lentil Bobotie

R145 for 3 curries incl naan, sambals & poppadums

Wednesday 15 January

OPEN WEDNESDAY GOLF DAY
R1500 WORTH OF MEAT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

VISITORS MOST WELCOME

R295 greenfee + R35 competition fee





Valentines Dinner

Dinner & Dance

Fri 14 February 2020

Amuse bouche

Chicken liver parfait, sherry jelly, toasted brioche

Goats Cheese Mousse

confit beetroot, raspberry, balsamic and gingerbread

Roast Fillet of Beef and Braised Short Rib

lovage, black garlic & roast onion, crispy bone marrow
potato mille-feuille and red wine jus

or

Fillet of Sole (en papillote)

prawn mousse, asparagus, prawn bisque cappuccino

or

Roasted Vegetable Tian

crispy mayonnaise, vierge dressing, basil, olives & tomato

Chocolate Tasting Plate for Two

tiramisu, white chocolate & Galliano panacotta, amaretto
coffee and chocolate
milk chocolate crème brulee, hazelnut and milk sorbet

LIVE MUSIC BY THE WONDERFUL

Joe van der Linden and Claire Venn

R425pp incl bubbly on arrival

Bookings Essential

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ERNIE ELS
ELS FOR AUTISM

St Francis Links

Fri 27 March 2020

R5600 per 4 ball

Shotgun start 11h30

Betterball Stableford

2020 DRIVE TO LOST CITY ELS FOR AUTISM SERIES SUPPORTED BY IMPERIAL KWS LOGISTICS



Els for Autism Golf Day at St Francis Links
supported by Jendemark



PRICE INCLUDES: A direct Charitable contribution to the centre. Plus an Ernie Els goodie bag with Cap, wine, various gifts and a sleeve of Srixon balls. Halfway house, dinner, prize-giving and an opportunity to participate in some exclusive Ernie Els auction items. Carts for own account.

Winners at E4A Final will play in SA Open 2021 pro-am.



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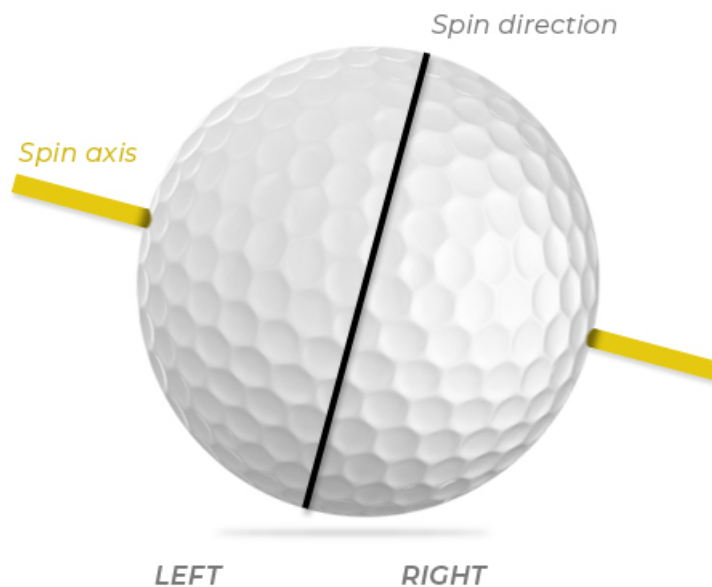
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**TECHNOLOGY
THAT HELPS**

One of the challenges too many golfers have is an iron fitted incorrectly. The incorrect lie angle causes the face angle to twist as the toe hits the turf first.



*That means the spin axis of the ball becomes tilted.
The ball goes right.*



Give yourself the best chance to send a golf ball on its way with a horizontal spin axis. You'll have better results.

Could you be getting better?

Don't settle. Golf has so much more to offer each of you. Technology that makes you longer, with a fitting that makes you stronger, means your best golf is ahead of you.

Act on your feelings

Sustaining COMMITMENT

We have talked about how craving the joy, satisfaction, and accomplishment from better ball striking on approach shots should motivate an action.



You play 120-160-metre approach shots so often. They have a material impact on your scorecard, but more importantly on your experience.



How much would you like to improve your experience on short and mid-range approach shots?



Is that desire enough to take some action?



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