

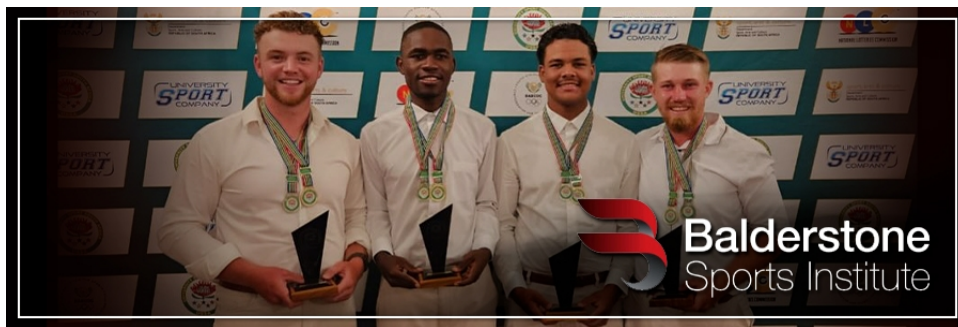
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## From the Founder's Desk

What wonderful news last Friday for us to be able to reopen the golf industry. A huge thank you once again to Golf RSA, PGA of South Africa and CMASA for their tireless work behind the scenes to bring this about. To think that golf was originally scheduled to return only in lockdown level 1; this is a major achievement.

Our students have flocked to the courses since Saturday, despite the cold weather. Our academy schedule has just started a mid-year break, but we're going to be cutting the break short to get back to training next week.

*MJ BALDERSTONE*

## Student Gratitude Video

### A message of appreciation

Gratitude is one of the common traits of successful and happy people. Our Study Centre students embodied this last week when they expressed their appreciation to the BSI staff for their support during lockdown. You can view the lovely video here;



For information on our Study Centre, [click here](#). We've been very busy with enquiries for new students to join us starting in our next cycle on July 6th.

## Father's Day Gifts and More

### Looking for a special Father's Day gift?

You can now purchase a better game for dad or yourself with our private lessons, mental sessions, golf evaluations and more on our new online store. [Click here](#) to view the options. Our Coaching Staff will get you playing your best golf yet.

## Global Medal

### Lucas Gaudens showed us how it's done!

With many of our international students currently at home in countries where golf is open for play, we have introduced the BSI Global Medal. The event is taking place each Friday in place of our normal medals at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC. Applicable students can play at any course that is open and meets the minimum distance criteria.

Last week Junior Academy student **Lucas Gaudens** won with a score of 78 at Golf Du Bassin Bleu in Reunion Island. You can listen to the interview with Lucas below.



## Alumni Profile

### The building blocks of a successful career in golf

**Loic Csizmadia** from Mauritius graduated through our PGA Diploma programme in the class of 2014. Since then, he's amassed a solid resume of work experience around the world in various aspects of the golf industry.

His career started when he was accepted on our internship programme for a year, working predominantly as an Assistant Coach and assisting with our events. After a brief spell of coaching back home, he landed a position as Golf Operations Assistant at Frenchman's Creek Beach & Country Club, in Florida, USA.

In 2017, he moved back to Mauritius to take up a position as Assistant Operations Manager at the newly-opened Avalon Golf Estate. While in this role, he also co-founded The Islander Golf Academy (TIGA) at the same venue, which remains his current focus.



**Here's what Loic had to say about his experience at our academy;**

*"I loved the overall experience. I made a lot of friends and made contacts in the golf industry in South Africa. The hours of intense training with my coach as well as physical and psychology sessions to prepare for a playing career. The weekly competitions and monthly ranking. Access to provincial and national events.*

*The PGA Diploma course taught me everything and gave me a career in the golf industry. We gained great practical experience such as organising a charity event, Special Olympics coaching and coaching kids. I also had a great coaching internship to log in my PGA hours with cool colleagues.*

*The academy gave me the tools to be the best as I can be at my job. It gave me good work ethic and the knowledge to be respected by clients and co-workers. Join BSI for an experience you'll never forget!"*

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. Spaces are limited. Contact us to start your journey.

**Your journey starts here >**

# Performance Tip

## How positive self-talk can help you achieve optimum performance

As we welcome you back to the golf course, it's a great time to revisit this video from BSI Founder Michael Balderstone on the importance of positive self-talk for optimum performance.



For more on positive self-talk and self-compassion,

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