



## Santa says

### Juniors are our future – we are looking after them!

I was fortunate to be a pretty gifted golfer as a child (I have a great golfing future behind me), good enough to play with adults, but young enough to learn from them, especially those who shared the rules of the game, the etiquette the game deserves and the drive to be better. **Vince Phillips** was a barber in town and was maybe the most positive golfer I ever played with.

He reckoned if he could reach the green, he could hole the shot. He probably carried a handicap that was lower than his natural ability, but was supported by his positivity. **Al Hoy**, a grocery store man, had his sand wedge bronzed (or at least it should have been) as he was regarded as one of the best in IOWA. He taught me a lot about the short game. **My Mom** was very active in girl's golf at state level and even attracted the **Girl's State Champs** to our little nine-hole gem. I caddied for her. She and Dad played on the weekends together.



*I think the trees were knee-high when I started*



*From the Deck, you could see all 9-holes*

Golf in IOWA was a game for everyone, from the farmer to the lawyer and the teacher to the butcher. It wasn't expensive and I think my first set of clubs was **Sam Snead Juniors** (Driver, fairway wood, 3, 5, 7, 9, SW and putter). I moved up to used **Patty Berg's** which forced me to try even harder as they were ladies' clubs. Mom and I won the Mother-Son Champs when I was 12 and we beat the **Tuckers** when **Tom** was about 17. I don't think that went down well.

The bottom line was the fact that I was accepted as a young golfer. I learned about every great golfer, from **Bobby Jones** to the up and coming **Tom Watson**. I wasn't happy when **Jack beat Arnie** as Arnie was soooooo cool. I watched **Gary** win before you had TV in SA. We copied their swings, their walks and didn't take up smoking (even though they all did). **Christo and Divan** are working with some of our juniors and, to my pleasure, some of you have really embraced them, even playing with them from time to time.

Christo wanted to include a piece for the newsletter to feature our young golfers. This week we are featuring **Izzy Obray**.

**Izzy Obray**



*Age*

13 Years old.

*My journey in golf so far*

I started lessons with **Coach Brian Wessels** in 2018, at that stage, my brother and I got lessons together. Coach Brian helped me to see the fun part of golf. He taught me the basics of the game and the golf swing.

After Brian left for America, I started taking lessons with **Coach Christo Krugel** at the beginning of 2019. We continued to work on grip, aim, setup and how it affects all the facets of the game (driving, approach shots, chipping, putting and course management).

*When did you know that golf is something you would like to pursue?*

I saw that golf was a great way to spend time with my family and friends. My dad took us to the driving range often and I enjoyed it so much that we started to go more and more. I love spending time with **Stan (Uncle), Dad and Jayden (Brother)** while playing golf.

*Your favorite shot on the golf course?*

7 Iron on the 17th Hole, I almost hit a Hole-in-One, it was one foot short.

*Do you remember what your very first score was on 18 holes?*

114 Gross (2019)

*What is your Personal best score on St Francis Links?*

93 Gross (2020)

*What is your next challenge in golf?*

Focus to hit fewer shots to the left, as it costs me a lot each round.

I want to break 90 Gross by the end of 2020.

Eastern Province Junior Golf at Humewood – 2 August 2020

*Which professional golfer would you really like to meet?*

Rory McIlroy

*Who would you say is your biggest supporter?*

My dad, **Stuart O Bray**.

St Francis Links membership is very proud and supportive of our juniors and their development. With 3 teaching professionals on the team, our rising stars will have access to a variety of theories and applications on their golfing journey. Izzy has been adopted by our lady members and is now playing in our club competitions. One tends to have HUGE dreams for every golfer who shows promise at a young age, and that can put a lot of pressure on them mentally. The best way to make the best of a junior golfer's talent is to be available and supportive.

**Well done Izzy**, we are all very proud of how well you are playing, enjoying the game is the best way to improve! Good luck at the **Eastern Province Junior Golf competition** at **Humewood Golf Club** on the **2nd of August**.

## Milestones and Memories

It's always special when we can be a part of making memories – whether it's a kids party, a wedding or a birthday. Over the last couple of weeks we have hosted two parties. **Matt Carelse** turned 21 and **Leon Coetzee** hit the magic SIX-OOOOOH! While they were celebrating birthdays, **Cassie and Chanique Lötter** were welcoming their daughter **Libby** into this big new world. A very tired Dad and a much more tired Mom went through hours and hours before Libby let the world know she was here. Both Mom and daughter are healthy.



*Welcome Libby*



*The big 21*



*Aaaah, Pards - the new 40!*

## Golfing Highlights

Starting with the juniors, **Micah (7)** shot 93 (68 nett) from the forward tees and **Izzy (13)** had her best on Wednesday with 93 (69 nett). Not to be outdone, **Gavin Gobby** fired a little 82 gross, after hurting his hand on the first hole. He lightened his grip and took top honours with 66 nett – a little message there!

5 Pointers are rare, but this week we had three in the two competitions. **Carol Boonzaier** did it on the 8th, **Johan Potas** had his on the 6th with an eagle 3 on stroke 3, **Percy Owen** showed them all how with a 5-pointer on the 13th. ITEC Wednesday, sponsored by **Scott Keevy** brought a full field to the course. **Keith Simpson** and **Mark Ward** counted out **Gavin Gobby** and **Malcolm White** for the biggest prize. Saturday's Alliance (1,2,3) was won by **Boetie Zietsman, Norman Pretorius, Hermanus Potgieter** and **Lesley Krause** on 85 points.

For all results and other highlights, click the buttons below.

18 July 2020

22 July 2020

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## The 2020 Calendar and results

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.

To view the current schedule, as well as the results, click the button below.

[View the calendar and results](#)

## Go the distance.

*What is your smash factor?*

Hitting long shots requires a high energy transfer from golfer to club to ball.

Smash factor is a measure of this energy transfer.



### **Do you know what your smash factor is?**

*Many golfers are at about 1.3. Getting to 1.35 requires small changes, but adds up to 10 metres to your tee shots.*

**Challenge us to get you there >**

### **All the distance you can**

If you're swinging to your full potential using custom-fitted clubs, the distance gains can be massive. We're here to help you achieve that. Next time you're at the course, let's talk about it, or we could also,

**Start a conversation >**

### **Golf is good for your child. A game that gives them so much more.**

Children today have so many ways NOT to go outside. Whether it's TVs, PCs, tablets or smartphones; a digital world of instant streaming and gaming options is there to keep them indoors. Golf offers your child the fun of gaming with the added benefits of exercise and fresh air in a safe environment.



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### Develop their ABCs

*Golf helps to develop your child's Agility, Balance, Co-ordination and Speed. What movement experts call 'physical literacy'. Golf also has a much lower injury risk than other sports.*



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### 10 reasons why

Golf offers many more benefits for your child. We've highlighted ten of the best here.

[Learn more >](#)

### Let them enjoy everything golf has to offer

Whether it's the immediate benefits like fun, outdoor exercise and family time or long-term benefits like physical and mental development, golf has so much to offer your child. Give them the chance to experience it all.

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