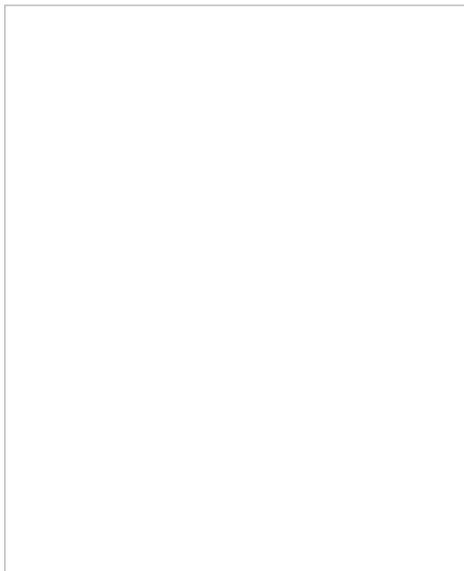




Santa says

TK, TK, TK wins for the 2nd year in a ROW!



Santa



TK, TK, TK

It's not proper to write about myself so I'll start by heaping my praise on **Thinus and our great TEAM here at St Francis Links!** The PGA members of Southern and Eastern Cape have seen fit to nominate and award him as their (our) **Professional of the Year for 2020**. Only last Monday, he received his award for 2019 at Simola.

So, to be sure, **he has done it again** and is now up for the **National Award**.

This was the first time I was awarded as **Club Manager of the Year** as it is the result of the PGA modifying the awards and the selection process. I was

blessed to be the National Club Professional of the Year three times in the past years. Thinus and I are all about TEAM and we have strong people around us who all understand our philosophy that you, our members, are royalty and your friends who come and visitors we attract, are treated as “members” for the day. At the Links, we focus on the experience and try to see that everything is in place from the daily course set-up to fresh towels on the cart when the rains come. We love hosting events for the members, our visitors and guests. We have a course that is one of the best on the planet and we have worked hard, over the years, on playability for better enjoyment. We also strongly believe that every person who comes through our gate is a potential new homeowner, ambassador or returning guest. Our world is all about hospitality, and providing it around a game we all love. For me, 1 September marked the start of my 30th year in SA. I am American by birth, and South African by choice!

We have spent the last 14 years building the “brand” known as St Francis Links. It’s working!

Our congrats to all nominees and winners!

PGA Regional Awards – Southern and Eastern Cape

PGA Management

Brendon Timm, Humewood

Francois De Lange, Pezula

Jayde Tannous, The Pro Shop – George

Jeff Clause, St Francis Links

Nic Grundtvig, Fancourt

Peter Berman, Scratch Golf – Knysna

Ryan Reid, Fancourt

Club Professional

Cliff Barnard, Plettenberg Bay GC

Francois De Lange, Pezula

Jamie Kietzmann, Simola

Justin Roux, St Francis Bay GC

Quintin Byleveldt, Pinnacle Point

Thinus Keller, St Francis Links – 2 Years in a ROW!

Wynand Myburgh, Fancourt

Other Categories

Coach

Cliff Barnard, Nic Bakker, Peter Berman (winner), Roelof Roeloffze, Val Holland

Grow Golf

Cliff Barnard, Nic Bakker, Peter Berman, Roelof Roeloffze (winner)

Entrepreneur

Adam McKinlay (winner), Graeme van der Nest, Jayde Tannous, Peter Berman, Roelof Roeloffze

Meet Rauzhea Buys

St Francis Links Sous Chef



Rauzhea started working at the Links in 2017 as a student and he has an incredible story to tell below:

“My journey at the Links started when I took one faithful leap and relocated from Pretoria to Port Elizabeth in 2017. I had decided that being a chef was my career, so I enrolled at the South African Academy of Culinary Arts, headed by none other than world renowned pastry chef, Ralph Gottschalk. Under the tutelage of chef Ralph, I developed a great interest in the world of culinary arts. I was then introduced to chef Jon Hodder at the Links for the December season that year, and the rest, as they say, is history. I am very proud to be the Sous Chef here today!

Along my journey at the Links, I received an amazing offer for work at a prestigious hotel in Cape Town, an offer I gratefully accepted in March 2020, before anyone knew a pandemic would hit the world. Unfortunately, due to the rocky Covid-19 tremors, I lost my job as the hospitality industry was hit hard. Amazingly, I received a call and then a warm welcome back by the people at the Links, who extended a helping hand, which I obviously could not resist. I currently lead a team of 8 dedicated people, producing what is some of the best food in the entire St Francis Bay area. I have returned with vigor and enthusiasm, it is always good to leave through the front door, so you can also return that way! I see myself as completing my degree in Food Technology one day and finally becoming a Food Scientist (YES! that is an actual profession). This is my one great dream and I know that I am currently laying the foundation to achieve that great desire. Even though I am over 1000 kms away from my family, I am constantly surrounded by people I can call my second family. So here I am, Rauzhea Buys, current Sous Chef at the Links, ready to take this industry by storm, and turn a few heads in the process.”

Book your next meal or come down to the clubhouse and meet Rauzhea and the rest of our staff when you sit down for a meal, we can't wait to meet you.

[Meet Rauzhea >](#)

Shaun Leads the Under-11's to victory



Shaun Viljoen was the best player on the day as the Eastern Cape Under-11's beat the boys from Southern Cape and Border for the title!

I watched a rare eagle at 18!



You can click below to see all the results from the week past. But there is nothing like seeing a golfer's face when he or she has just holed out from the tee or fairway. Yesterday, **Charl** was on a mission on his first nine holes (10-18) coming to 18 level par off a 9 course handicap. He then holed his second shot with a 9-iron, spinning it back into the hole from the back edge of the green. But it was **Hein and Yan** who took "the meat" in ITEC Wednesday, counting **Charl and me out** on 44pts. **Debbie McCracken** had a big smile last Wednesday when she bettered **Dr Lynn** in the Silver Division Monthly Medal. **Sally Nienaber** took care of business winning the Bronze Division Medal. It was all **Deon Marais** on the same Wednesday when he fired a nett 67 (41pts) on his way to first place in IPS. **TK** joined **Christopher Van Rensburg, Jacques VD Walt and Dave Hart** and they won the 4-ball Alliance by 3pts on Saturday with 84pts in total.

Click the buttons below for the summaries.

07 October

07 Oct - Ladies

10 October

14 October

The 2020 Calendar and Results

We look forward to our sponsored days with **ITEC, Selective Lighting/The Fire Works, Pam Golding Properties, and Village Square SuperSpar** events.

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

View the calendar and results



Stay in play

Know your risk and work with it

Negotiating a golf course successfully is about weighing up risk versus reward. Knowing your dispersion patterns enables you to adjust your aim, so you can minimise the risk of going out of bounds and reap the rewards of staying in play.



Not sure what your dispersion pattern is? Let's get on the range and find out.

Discover your dispersion >

Scenario
1

"On a tight hole, your driver dispersion may be too wide for you to hit the shot with confidence. This is an opportunity to use a club with a tighter dispersion that might not go as far, but keeps you in the game."

Scenario
2

"Another hole might have a higher risk of you landing your drive in the rough. But you may decide to still hit your driver and get as far down the fairway as you can, because it opens the hole up for an easier approach, even from the rough."

Improve your odds

A better golfing experience doesn't only mean improving your swing. Sometimes it's simply a matter of making better choices. We're here to help you with it all.

Contact us >

A game for all

Introduce her to golf

Women account for just a quarter of golfers worldwide. But the positive benefits of golf apply to everyone, regardless of gender, age, or ability.





Health and wellness

A single round is at least 10,000 steps out in the fresh air. You're getting movement and stress relief in one.



Social connection

Golf is a great way to make new friends or strengthen existing relationships, or both. And there's also lots of opportunities to network.



Personal growth

Golf may be a challenging game, but overcoming obstacles during a round builds confidence and helps you achieve self-actualisation.

Get her involved

If you know any women you think would be interested in golf, why not gift her a lesson or invite her to the course?

Introduce her >

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