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PGA National Professional of the Year for 2020!

On Monday night in a very special evening at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington, our CEO and Director of Golf, **Jeff Clause**, was called up to receive his National award for **PGA Manager of the Year**, where he was first nominated and won the regional award. From the regional award, Jeff became eligible for the **National Manager of the Year** award and a second process started and the regional candidates were voted on again. **Jeff won that award** and was invited to Johannesburg where he received the medal. At national level, the Manager of the Year, Jeff, the Club Professional of the Year, **Derek James** from Southbroom, The Grow Golf winner, **Leigh-Jane Middleton** from Bryanston, the Teacher of the Year, **Martin Breide** from Royal Johannesburg and Kensington and Entrepreneur of the Year, **Ian Eveleigh** from Global Golf, were paired against each other for the ultimate prize, **PGA Professional of the Year**.

Jeff won!



He said, "I am blessed and honoured to be a member of the PGA of SA for nearly 30 years. To be acknowledged by my peers, once again, motivates me even more to keep learning and sharing. With COVID-19, this has been a trying year, but with my great team at St Francis Links, we actually produced one of the best years in history."

We are proud of Jeff and we are all proud to be here at St Francis Links, the best Estate in SA! He has now won this award for a record fourth time. He is a true living legend!

Thinus Keller aka TK

The Muirfield

While I was in Johannesburg, **TK and the team** produced a great day of golf, food and beverage and camaraderie filled with great stories from **Keith Simpson** and a proper follow-on with **Tom Grimsley**, though we didn't have a clue what came out of his Scottish mouth! I returned in time to share a celebratory toot and hear the tales from the day!

How the day went

The morning started off with everyone arriving at the club with jackets on and there was hope that the rain would stay away. The format is traditional, foursomes matchplay. There are no handicaps, teams can play from any

tee. Once a team goes 3 up, they give their opponents a stroke a hole until the lead has been reduced to 1. Simple and effective.

The rain came down just as the last group started their round and it never stopped. Typical Scottish weather, fitting for the Muirfield day. Matches were close, many ending on the 18th hole. Players entered the locker rooms wet and a hot shower was welcomed by all. Dressed with jacket and tie, the players enjoyed a delicious 3-course meal in our restaurant.

After lunch the players got dressed in their golf gear again, luckily most have proper rain gear. The format was the same for the afternoon round with everyone playing against new opponents. It never stopped raining, conditions were wet, and the course played long. Another hot shower was needed afterwards and players moved to Jacks Bar and shared stories of the day. Despite the difficult weather conditions, all players had fun and enjoyed the format. Smiles all round.



From the Participants

"Thinus and Team, a very "Special" outing, what a privilege to be able to play the Links Muirfield annual golf day with our friends /"family". Loved the foursomes format, food and fellowship. An event I hope to be playing for years to come."

"Thanks, Thinus and Team, great day, great company, great meal, well done. Certainly, look forward to the next Muirfield."

"Came away very wet but warm within – thanks partner Pete and everyone else involved."

"Thanks, Thinus and team. Had an amazing time. Thanks to Norman my partner and all involved."

"Can only endorse the above compliments to Thinus & an amazing Clubhouse team for an outstanding event & a timely reminder for the majority of folk who live here that The Links is a very special place."

"Thanks to everyone. Lekker day."

"Thank you Thinus and all of you guys for a wonderful day yesterday. So much tradition and goodwill, love it. And thanks David, Tim and Tom for the afterparty!!!"

"Thanks, Thinus and your team for another very enjoyable Muirfield experience."

"Thanks, Keith for the history talk about Muirfield, most enjoyable."

"Thanks to everyone who played, good food, good company what else can ask for."

"WELL DONE!!!"

It was an absolute pleasure and thank you for the great feedback everyone.

Most importantly, thank you, everyone, for taking the time to play and experience the Muirfield, without you it would not be a success. Keith, thank you for sharing stories and history it was great to learn from you. **TK**

Meet the TEAM

Meet Jonita Felix



I have been working at St Francis Links since 2014. I really do enjoy what I am doing as a waitress, love meeting new people and here at The Links I have the privilege of meeting people from all over the world! I always try to give my best in everything I do, what I love the most about my job is to make sure whoever walks into the Club enjoy themselves especially the members.

I have a tight knitted family and recently lost my mother and I am responsible for my daughter, my sisters two kids and my granddaughter, who is also the light of my life!

The staff and members here at St Francis Links have been a great support system for me and my family in these difficult, sad times in my family.

ITEC, Selective and more!

Dave Micklem and Ken Noble teamed up on the course to win the ITEC Wednesday Comp with 45 pts. **Danie Cronjé and Barry Phillips** fired 26pts in the nine-hole event and **Chris Lessing, Neels Claasen, Wilfred Stephan and Maree Bester** sneaked a 1-points win on Saturday with 81 Pts.

Click the buttons below to view the full results.

[ITEC 11 Nov >](#)

[14 November >](#)

Another Group of Happy Golfers

This past Sunday, The ISUZU Golf Club (maybe they own Isuzu's!) came to

play and were treated to a great day of golf at The Links! 24 Players came from PE and surrounds! At a time when we didn't think we could host golfers, we are pleased to see the groups back!



We want to hear from you

We want to hear from you **about your golfing game**, so we have set up a **few short questions** for you to answer. It will only take 2-5 minutes to complete, so please take the time to fill it in. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

[Let us hear from you >](#)

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](#)

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Golf's FUNdamentals

What do you want for your child?

When coaching, we know that your child is going to be different to any other child, and that what they want out of the game is going to be unique. But we also know that, for every junior golfer, we need to have FUN at the core of their journey.



Even so, there has to be developmental priorities at different years.



These years are about developing fundamental movement skills in a casual and fun atmosphere. So every time they come home, they can't wait for their next lesson.



In these years, the game moves a bit more towards scoring and shot making. Regular coaching and practice is important.



This is when we start fine-tuning their skills. Personalised coaching is critical.

Give them more

The most important thing is what golf means to your child. Come and speak to us about getting your child into golf and developing their full potential, not just as golfers, but as people too.



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