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A Dog's Tale





Dear Members, Clients and Friends,

Wow this is a cold winter! In fact, there was a layer of ice on my car's windscreen this morning, not sure when last I saw that! As alluded to in my previous newsletters, they will now start containing less of what I say and more of what my clients have to say about my modern way of coaching post-lockdown.

To bring you up to speed again - about halfway through the lockdown I embarked on a mentorship programme out of California which is busy revolutionizing golf coaching worldwide, and I can certainly see why, as it has definitely already made me a much happier coach - but that is not the most important part - the most important part is whether the members and clients are happier, and I think the following is just the tip of the iceberg in this regard, with so much more still to follow - it is so exciting that I would have difficulty describing how happy it is making me!

Please don't let the words modern and revolutionary frighten you - it is still coaching, with the only difference that it firstly guarantees better results, and secondly it helps you to relax more on the course so that you can enjoy the experience more - is golf not supposed to be a fun experience in the

"Thanks for today. Was really good. Combination of technique and oncourse management is really worthwhile." - Martin Lesch

"Thanks Erich, vanoggend was nou baie lekker. Dit was n career best 9 vir my, kan nou uiteindelik resultate begin sien van laaste paar maande se werk. Sien volgende Dinsdag." - Niel Morrison



My 100-Shot Challenge - Results, results!

Instead of receiving accreditation by just attending some classes here and there with this great programme, I am held accountable and actually have to show the results that will be proof that I am learning enough by doing it myself! To this end, I have to complete an initial 100-shot challenge - I must prove that I have taken 100 shots off my students / players! I can hear you asking how many it has been after only just over a month post-lockdown? Well I am very pleased to report that I am already closing in on 30 shots from just four students, and that's only from those that I know of so far!

I also hear you asking how it is measured!? Well that's an easy question - when my student and myself set out his / her goals on a written improvement plan after their on-course assessment, we determine a 5-shot range at which the player has mostly been scoring over approximately their last 10 scores. Once the student starts moving out of that zone downwards with their scores, we can very easily measure, not only from the score itself, but more importantly also the exact reasons for the improvement, which acts as feedback for more improvement to come about via a clear, written,

purposeful practice plan. The player also learns how to set up this practice plan themselves using the data from their last round.

This purposeful practice plan is designed with the clear purpose of helping the student improve in their next round of golf! This way, the player also learns to pinpoint the exact reasons for a "non-improved" round, hereby eliminating the up-and-down scores we see so often without knowing why it is happening! This is the essence of *The Scoring Method* which is an incredibly well-designed and simplified improvement system. In a nutshell and as mentioned earlier, it reduces tension on the course and makes a player (at any level I must add) much more aware of what they do not have to do in order to score better! The result? Players out there with much less frustration and much more enjoyment and satisfaction! Have I told you that I love my job!?

Well there I went again saying a bit much, but it was too tempting! I leave you with my official acceptance of the challenge as well as a beautiful scene from yesterday morning's on-course session. Look out for many more great results coming your way! Any feedback, comments or questions are always welcome by **clicking here**.





Stunning scenes, with others on the course receiving world-class coaching on how to score better - what a winning combination!

Keep it on the fairway,

Erich



Erich Kliem Stellenbosch Golf Club

The price of success

We keep reading about the need to "rein back the golf ball" to ensure it doesn't go as far, and that it should become more susceptible to a slice or hook. Apparently, the golf ball is now a rocket destined to fly true and straight.

Watch the video >



So, has your golf ball been going too far? Has your golf ball been going too straight?



Do you want that problem?

If you do, then apparently the latest generation Srixon Golf Balls go too fast, too far, and too straight. It's time you check them out.

Help them remember

Golf has so much to offer

A lot of people who played golf through their teens and twenties, stop playing as career and family commitments put pressure on their time.

Some come back to the game in middle-age. But many don't come back at all. Let's find these ex-golfers and remind them why golf is such a great pastime.



Golf keeps them active

18 holes equals at least 10,000 steps, matching daily health guidelines.



Golf is a very social game

It's a great way to build a strong circle of friends.



Good for relationships

It's the perfect way to spend the day together outdoors with a loved one, sharing healthy competition and joy.

Get them back into it

Have you got a friend, colleague or family member who has forgotten the positive influence golf has on their life? Let's schedule some time at the club together and help them remember.

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