



## Santa says

### Have you Noticed?

Work of the course and the Estate is always on the go. **Charl, Thinus and I** meet regularly to discuss the condition of the course – that is a given. But we also look at the entire course aesthetically and from the stance of playability. This extends to the Range and the Estate.

As we grow and mature, play more rounds and see more traffic, the overall condition of our tees, greens and fairways are challenged. Add warm, humid (like Durban) days and the course comes under stress. Many who play this great course take it for granted, not always appreciating what goes on behind the scenes to ensure a pleasant day on our links.

But most of you do and now, many have raised their hands to help keep our great course great! More on that later.



*Balanced with Nature*

Monday was our 1st Quarter Review and second Board Meeting of the year.

Our focus this year remains conservative, as there are going to be fewer revenue producing opportunities due to Covid. Yet, even with reduced budgets, we are working hard to keep everything in good working order and top condition. People like **Johan** in the workshop and the guys who do daily maintenance are so important for us all. Charl always provides me with a report for the Board, outlining the projects completed and those on the go.

## **The Course -** *(Charl's Report)*

### **Projects completed:**

- Pop-up sprinklers added to the left of the range tee to protect the homes from receiving unexpected irrigation water.
- Signage was updated and added throughout estate
- New steps added on all the trails. We replaced the old steps with sleepers.
- Continued irrigation fixes as the old fittings have rusted and deteriorated
- **Extension of the 12th path onto the fairway with additional landscaping**
- Built some owl boxes and nests for smaller birds for the environmental side of the estate.
- Adding drainage to roads where water dams



*New bent surface on 18 white tees*



*Cart path extension at 12 and enhancement*

#### **Planned projects:**

- Extending the 10th club tee to the left to help the golfers aim right towards the fairway and away from the houses.
- Hollowtining of tees
- Continued solidtining of greens
- Cutting back the bush on all verges
- **Re-levelling of 18th club tee**
- Remove reeds from dams
- Fixing poles on the fence (alien eradication team)
- Adding wood chips to the road around the fence as we use the chipper.

***Our course and estate look great because the work never stops!***

## **All hands-on deck!** *(greens and fairways)*

Where I grew up in IOWA, we had a campaign called “*Adopt a Highway*”, where the Boy Scouts, Lion’s Club, Rotary, churches and other groups would adopt a mile of highway and keep it clean. Our members, led in part by Norman (the) Rock, have come together to “*Adopt a Hole*” **AAH!**

***More than 40 members have signed up to keep our great playing surfaces great!***

**Charl** opened some eyes when he explained how to properly repair a divot and fix a ball mark. I have always worked on the preface that if I fix my mark and at least one other, I’ll make more putts – that’s why I’m a great putter! Charl showed everyone how to use their divot tool to work the fresh turf in from the side, closing the mark, then tapping it down.

See the video –





*Showing the way*



*Attentive members*

Bins with sand have been placed on the course for the members to use. The maintenance team will continue to look after the tees with seed mix and green dyed sand.

# TOP 5

**Golf Digest**  
2010 - 9th  
2012 - 9th  
2014 - 8th  
2016 - 7th  
2018 - 6th

**SA TOP100 Courses**  
2021 - 5th

## Meet Bongani Beville



**Bongani** is our Irrigation Technician and has been working at St Francis Links for three years. He is a big asset to the Links team, as irrigation on our golf course (derived from boreholes and treated effluent water) is vital to keep the course in great condition.

Bongani says: *"Before I moved to St Francis Bay, I lived in Knysna and worked at Pezula golf course for nine years. I love working on a golf course because you learn something new every day. I work outside every day*

*surrounded by nature, and it feels good to know that my role contributes to the number 5 best-ranked course in the country.*

*I am married and have two children, a boy and a girl who I love to spend time with. I teach them to be hardworking and never give up on your dreams. I love working for St Francis Links, my second family away from home. I want to retire at St Francis Links and hopefully my son can follow my footsteps. I quote Petros 5:7: "Casting all your care upon Him; for He cared for you.""*

***Thank you, Bongani! You are accomplished and we are so happy you are part of our valuable team!***

## Golf Stars

**Yan Coesens** and **Hein Spangenberg** marched to victory again in a large field who supported ITEC Wednesday. Their 47pts were enough to beat our host, **Scott Keevy** and **Paul Spencer**. **Scott** rang the bell after aching the 17th (note: in his next game, he hit it inside a foot!).

**Robert Simpson, Russ Norman, Keith Simpson and Ashley Parker** eased past **Danie Cronjé, James Bredenkamp, Percy Owen and Norman Pretorius** to win the Alliance on Saturday, 89pts to 87pts.

**Gavin and Jaunita Gobby** defended their Valentine's Day title scoring 41 points on the day!



## March madness

*[Click to enlarge](#)*



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# What's Happening at the Links

Visitors most WELCOME! | Open for a la carte breakfast, & lunch (+ golf) 6 days a week! (Closed on Mondays)

## Curry Night

take - away *අපේමා*



*always best basmati rice & naanbrot*

<b>WED</b> <b>24 Feb</b> <b>R80 pp</b>	Cape Malay Chicken Curry with Naan
<b>WED</b> <b>3 Mar</b> <b>R85 pp</b>	Goan Fish Curry with Naan
<b>WED</b> <b>10 Mar</b> <b>R95 pp</b>	Cape Malay Beef Curry with Roti
<b>WED</b> <b>17 Mar</b> <b>R85 pp</b>	Chicken Tikka Masala with Naan
<b>WED</b> <b>31 Mar</b> <b>R80 pp</b>	Durban Chicken Curry with Naan

Place your order on Wednesday before 10h00  
Collection from the Clubhouse  
from 16h00 - 18h00 on Wednesday

## SUNDAY LUNCH IS BACK!



**2 Course Plated Sunday Roast**  
Meat (Chicken or Beef) • Two Vegetables  
Potato Wedges • Rice • Red Wine Gravy  
Dessert

Take in our amazing views whilst  
enjoying delicious food, a glass  
of wine and great company!  
**ALSO AVAILABLE AS TAKE-AWAY**

\* All down bookings essential! | Take away orders by 17th please

Beef Roast  
R145pp  
Chicken Roast  
R135pp

## FISH FRYDAY LUNCH



calamari or fish  
(or try our combo)  
with chips

only **R85**

and lemon & tartar sauce  
R20 extra supplement

Add a  
bottle of  
house wine  
for only  
**R50**

## ASIAN TAKE - AWAY

**WED, 24 MARCH**

**BEEF LO-MEIN**  
WITH EGG NOODLES  
R98 per person

Please order on  
Wednesday before 10h00  
Collection from the Clubhouse  
between 16h00 - 18h00

## ST FRANK'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Visitors Most Welcome  
R35pp comp fee

- Fourball Alliance
- Two tee start | all day competition
- Dress in Green
- Food and Drink Speciale after golf

**Wed 17 March**

## a FREE cappuccino on us!

Buy 4 Cappuccinos & get your  
5th Cappuccino **FREE**!

Present your card to the waiter for a stamp.  
The offer is applicable to regular and decaf cappuccinos.

**WED FREE**

## Wednesday 31 March

**R2000 WORTH OF PRIZES UP FOR GRABS**

ST FRANCIS LINKS  
SUPERSPAR  
PAM GOLDING  
monthly fourball alliance

## Wednesday 10 March

**OPEN WEDNESDAY GOLF DAY**

R295 greenfee  
+ R35 competition fee

ITEC

## PIZZA SATURDAY

**BUY 1 PIZZA GET 2 FREE**

buy a signature pizza  
and get a classic pizza **FREE**

SIT - DOWN OR TAKE-AWAY | 12PM TO 8PM



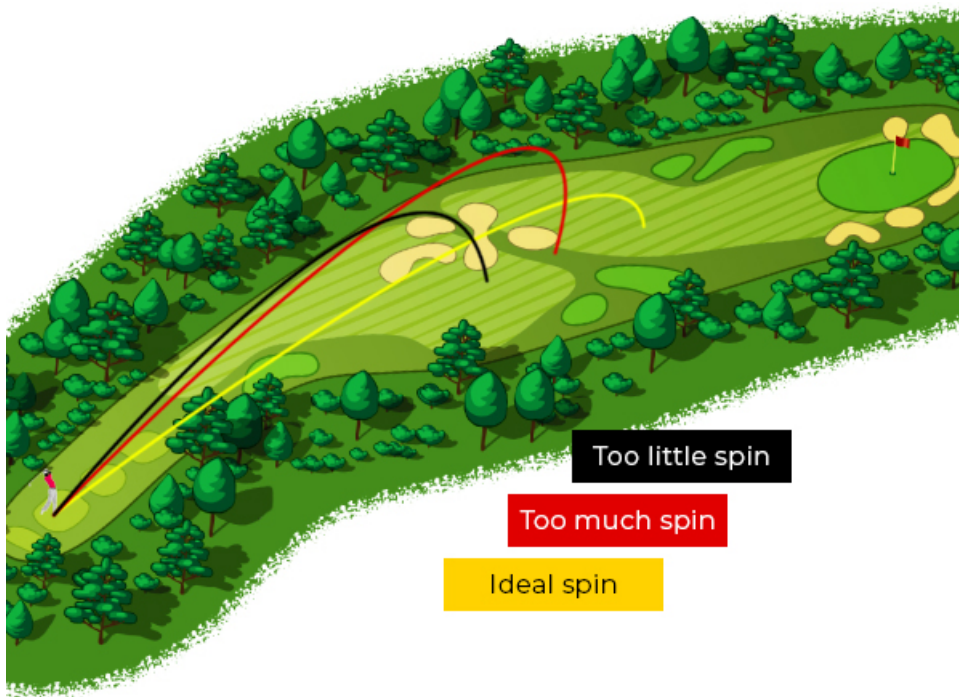
## The 2021 Calendar and Results

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.

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Add 10 Metres  
How much spin is enough?



Many golfers could add more than 10 metres to their tee shots with a setup that gives them the right launch conditions. You could be one of those golfers. How much distance could you gain?

Let's find out >



**85mph at < 2200 RPM**

When spin rate is too low, your ball flight will have a briefer apex and a sharper descent. Poor contact and a driver CoG that doesn't match your swing can cause this.



**85mph at >3500 RPM**

When spin rate is too high, your ball balloons and drops with very little run out. This issue can be caused by incorrect loft settings and driver shaft.



**85mph at 2500-2600 RPM**

*Get your spin rate just right, and you'll enjoy ball flight with more lift,  
longer carry, a flatter angle of descent, and longer run out.*

### **Start on a positive note**

Your drive sets the tone for the rest of the hole. By fine-tuning your driver setup, we can get you further down the middle of the fairway, more often.

**Go 10 metres further >**



## Distance or feel? **Now you can have both.**

More aggressive swing speeds need a high compression golf ball that delivers distance off the tee without losing any control into the green.

For this type of golfer, we trust the new Srixon Z-STAR XV to provide massive performance gains. Come and pick up a sleeve in the shop and experience the difference it can

make to your game.

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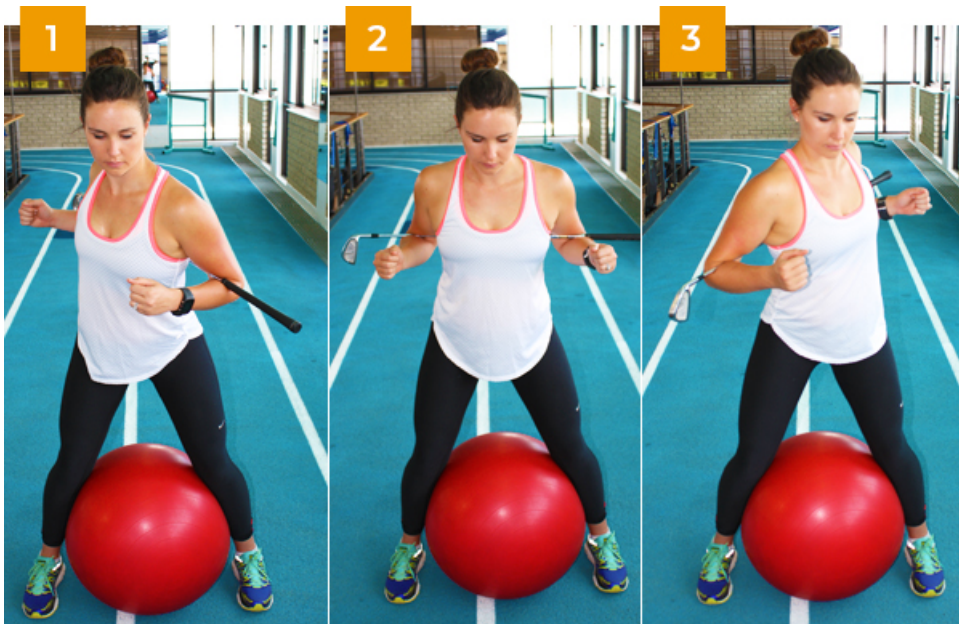
### *Set Your Foundation* **How's your separation?**

Full mobility enables you to 'separate' your upper body and hips during the golf swing. This allows you to make a full shoulder turn with good hip rotation, helping you hit longer golf shots. But as we age, we can lose the ability to rotate fully at all, never mind make this separation.



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This exercise can be performed by young and old alike and is a great way to improve your separation and upper body rotation.



Squeeze an exercise ball between your legs as you rotate slowly side-to-side with your arms hooked around an iron. You can also do this exercise without an exercise ball; just make sure your knees aren't collapsing inward.

*If you're unsure how to perform this exercise, please ask a fitness professional.*

## **How's your mobility?**

A swing assessment can help us identify any areas where you might be restricted. Then we can decide whether a change in technique or a recommended visit to a physical trainer or both, would be best for you.

**Get moving >**



Long approach  
shots are  
**now within  
your reach**

The Srixon ZX Utility Iron.

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