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Sunday, April 28, 2024

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Members and Guests

It is important to keep members and guests informed as we see the second wave of Covid-19 cases rising and impacting on all households and businesses. The Club has not been unaffected as we have received numerous reports from members about positive cases, after self-isolating. We have also seen positive cases amongst the staff during this last period, which was dealt with, as per the Covid-19 regulations, and Club policy. The Club will continue to put all measures in place to sanitize the Club, but we need each and every member, guest and staff member to do their part. Please wear masks at all times when walking through the Club, especially in halfway house before you dish up. Masks may only be removed once you are seated or on the tee.

Dear Member,

We continue to face the spread of Covid-19 throughout South Africa and it is clear that 2021 will once again be a challenging year for all. There is no doubt that we are all responsible for reducing the risk of spreading this disease on a daily basis. The Club will continue to focus on maintaining a safe environment and we ask for members to please respect and support

the rules that are in place for your safety and ours.

Ongoing training is being done with staff to remind members and visitors to wear masks and make sure social distancing is adhered to. Saul Stiglingh (Security Manager) is the appointed Covid-19 Compliance Officer and he will continue to do his rounds to make sure that rules are adhered to. Please do not take it out on the staff if you are asked or reminded to adhere to the rules, it is their job and also their safety. The Club will take the necessary steps, for non-compliance, to ensure the protection of all.

With that being said, golf rounds are fantastic. It is still one of the best sports to play with your friends, while adhering to the rules of social distancing. We ask for members to please support the Club post golf for a non-alcoholic drink and a great meal, as this is the only way to finish the round, with your friends.

With the increase in rounds, we are experiencing a few problems with carts being fully booked more regularly. This problem is unfortunately exacerbated by the delay in repairs of a few carts that need maintenance as we are waiting for parts. Please make sure you book your cart in advance via the Club or online. Alternatively, support the caddies or use a trolley and enjoy a brisk walk.

The planning for 2021 has started and I am excited about the ideas coming forward to ensure that we continue to improve the Club, despite the challenge of Covid-19. We have always been able to adapt during difficult times and this is no different. The new golf calendar will be released this week, followed by some great new golf and lifestyle initiatives to keep families entertained and to ensure that we drive exciting golf events for all.

The Club received some great news recently from GolfRSA. Our ongoing efforts to apply for relief funds in support of our staff and caddies paid off. The Caddies will receive much-needed relief for the next four months, which goes a long way in helping them.

The Club's sustainability is vital and a lot of work is being done to ensure that standards are being maintained and that Randpark remains the Club of choice.

Lastly, welcome to all the new members. It is great to see that we continue

to attract like-minded members to join the Randpark family.

**Happy golfing,
Francois**

We always encourage communication between our members and the Club. If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to either contact our CEO, Francois Swart at ceo@randpark.co.za or our Club Captain, Derek McGowan at captainslog@randpark.co.za.



Jonathan Bell	Nandi Mahlangu
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Caleb Ethan George	Janine Brien
Alan Eksteen	Ryan Van Manen
Cathy Eksteen	Anrich Odendaal
James Dewey	Akira Okamoto
Marthinus Willem Jordaan	Tai-Chun Allen Lin
Tumelo Stewart	Julie Kuan
Jacques Stevenson	Jake Lin
Mark Milne	Aiden Lin
Guy Mantel	Leader Yeh
Yusuke Toda	Kate Tsao
Kyle Silvestre	Austin Yeh
Craig Mchachlan	Daniel Yeh
Bongani Zulu	Andy Potter
Philani Zulu	Jaco Da Silva
Siboiso Zulu	Tyron Horne
Mpoliso Lokotho Zulu	Jurie Potgieter
David Xue	Nelly Njoki Kamau
Edwin Weyers	Bradley Cowling
Byron Clatterbuck	Michael Tucker
Marnis Boersma	Michael Ching-Chung Kan
Naazheef Ayob	Sindy-Ann Quaker
Ndumiso Zulu	Evan Fennell
James Blain	Derek Fennell

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Layla Blain	Christopher Mark Nel
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Jayson Carlos Serrao	Bahia Patel
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Lara Karam	Devon Johnson
Alecha Thops	Francois Koch
Joseph Kariuki Njoroge	Trevor Fitz
Shillan Kisten	Brent Anthony Claassen
Sibusiso Mahlangu	Asanda Vundla

As we welcome new members and their families to Randpark, we must also say goodbye to 17 members, who unfortunately resigned during the month of December.



SMS - Update of Member Information

Communication is really important and we would appreciate if members can please support our calls/SMS for information, which will in turn assist us in communicating better with you. A SMS was sent yesterday asking you to please add randpark@greensidegolfer.retailtribenews.com to your email contacts. Retailtribe is our service provider that sends out the weekly newsletters. The reason for this request is to ensure you receive these newsletters and they are not blocked by your company's firewall.

Please [click here](#) to update your details.

Junior Golf Clubs

Do you have any second-hand junior clubs that are lying around the house that you would like to get rid of? Please kindly donate them to the Club - contact Leanne on clubevents@randpark.co.za or **011 215 8600**.

Unity Fund

Support a very worthy cause, our Unity Fund, and stand a chance to win an amazing prize worth R3 000.

Purchase your raffle ticket today through MyClubAccount. [Click here](#) > Members: Login or register > Click Events & Take-Aways > Scroll to Randpark Club Unity Fund Raffle Draw. The Draw will take place on the 31st of January.

A promotional banner for the Unity Fund Raffle Draw. The banner features a collage of three images on the left: a spa treatment room with a massage table, a hotel room with a large bed, and a hotel room with a large bed. The text on the right reads: "UNITY FUND RAFFLE DRAW", "Support the Randpark Club Unity Fund", "Buy your **R50** Raffle Ticket(s) and stand a chance to win this **AMAZING PRIZE** at The Fairway Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort:", "◦ 1 Night stay for two in a Luxury Room (incl. breakfast)", "PLUS", "◦ 2 x 60 Minute massage treatments", and "Ts & Cs Apply". There are two logos: the Randpark Club logo (a circular seal with a cheetah) and the Unity Fund logo (a green circular logo with a cheetah).

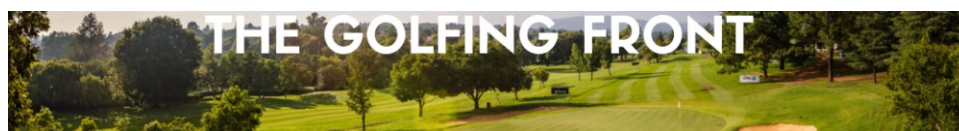
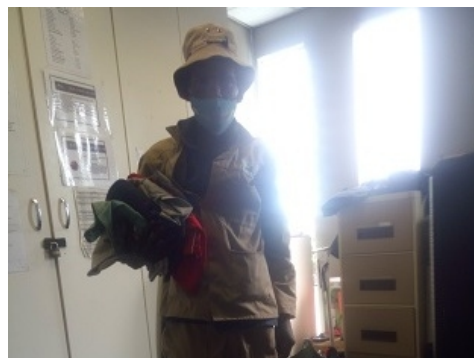
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A big **THANK YOU** to the **Cheetahs** for donating the clothes for our Caddies. We did the handover yesterday and below are extremely happy recipients!



It has been a very busy start to 2021. We noticed a big increase in weekday golf over the last couple of months. One-tee starts will remain in place

during the week, on both courses, to ensure that the maintenance team can get ahead of the players.

Having a one-tee start does, unfortunately, impact on available carts as carts cannot be turned from morning to afternoon, as in the case of a two-tee start. Therefore, it is once again important to please book your cart in advance.

We would like to reassure members that the marshals are doing their best to ensure that pace of play is followed at all times, but it is also up to the golfers to manage their pace and to ensure that they keep up with the fourball ahead of them. Below are a few easy steps to follow as a golfer, which will in no way impact on your game, and will ensure a better experience for all.

- Always arrive on time – starting on time will not only take away the pressure of playing catch up golf, but it will not have an effect on the players behind you and the rest of the field.
- Play ready golf. This means you play your shot when you are ready to do so and not waiting for other players.
- If you are making use of a golf cart during your round try and cart clever. One player can be dropped off next to his/her ball with the correct club selection and the other player can proceed to his/her ball.
- Your position on the golf course is immediately behind the group in front, NOT immediately in front of the group behind you – keep up with the fourball in front of you.
- Please limit your time in halfway house to 10 minutes – if you are out of position after 9 holes, please Grab and Go to make up the lost time.
- Do not stand next to the green to fill in your scorecard, proceed to the next tee box once you have finished the hole and complete your scorecard at the next tee box.

Members would have noticed that the white lines and cart signs are back in front of the greens on both courses. Carts are not allowed to go past these lines or signs – please divert your cart to the cart path when approaching the greens and tee boxes. Always drive with caution when making use of the golf carts, especially when driving in the rough.

Bunkers and Rakes

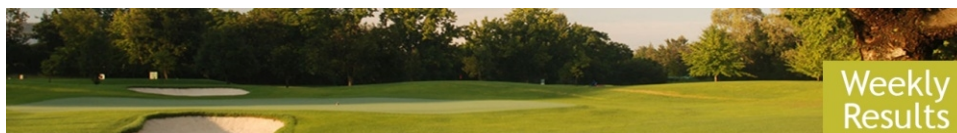
As per Level 3 regulations, all rakes have been removed from the courses. Players are requested to smooth out the area as best possible by using the Eazi-Rakes, your club or foot before leaving the bunker. Please be considerate of the players behind you at all times. Our golf carts will each have a rake on the back of the cart; we would remind members to please leave the rake on the cart and not leave them next to the bunkers after you have made use of the rake.

The current local rule is that the bunkers are in play and no placing or relief may be taken inside the bunker. In an event of heavy rain, the Club might impose relief/placing in the bunkers as we did over the last weekend.

Individual, Betterball and Mixed Knock Outs

The entries for the following knock outs will be available on the notice boards from Friday, the 15th of January. Entries will close on Friday, the 5th of February. Please enter your name when you at the clubhouse again:

- Men's Individual Knock Out
- Men's Betterball Knock Out
- Ladies Individual Knock Out
- Ladies Betterball Knock Out
- Mixed Knock Out



Hollowtining

Please note that Hollowtining on Firethorn will take place from Monday, the 15th until Wednesday, the 17th of February 2021.

Bushwillow will not close for hollowtining – we will do a vertidrain on the course, which will fall on a normal Monday when the course is closed for maintenance.

Weekly Calendar

Golf Department - Weekly Competition Schedule							
BUSHWILLOW COURSE							
COURSES & COMPETITION FORMAT MAY VARY							
Day	Date	Activity - AM	Cost	Comp Fee	Activity - PM	Cost	Comp Fee
Mon	18-Jan	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Tue	19-Jan	Senior Comp	I.P.S	R 25	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Wed	20-Jan	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35
Thu	21-Jan	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Fri	22-Jan	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Sat	23-Jan	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35
Sun	24-Jan	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A

FIRETHORN COURSE							
Day	Date	Activity - AM	Cost	Comp Fee	Activity - PM	Cost	Comp Fee
Mon	18-Jan	Course Closed			Course Closed		
Tue	19-Jan	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Wed	20-Jan	LADIES COMP	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Thu	21-Jan	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Fri	22-Jan	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Sat	23-Jan	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35
Sun	24-Jan	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A

Randpark's Massimo Mbetse is Big on Brains and Birdies

(Written by Lali Stander and Randpark member, Grant Winter)

On the golf course he can score in the 60s and in the classroom, he shoots in the 90s. We're talking about 21-year-old Massimo Mbetse who is a member at Randpark, but is in his third year studying for a Business Marketing degree at the University of South Florida, where he has excelled in college golf events with some top finishes and a best round of 68 albeit still seeking his first win.

Last year he was named a Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-American Scholar, a coveted award rewarding a person who excels at both golf and in academic pursuits. He was also named to the ACC All-Academic Team. Now Massimo is currently back in America after spending most of 2020 in South Africa

during which time he joined Randpark. *"My parents live in Melrose and I came home from the States in March last year when our season wrapped. Then lockdown happened. Our NCAA season was cancelled, then the next season. I couldn't go back anyway due to the flight restrictions. So, it was nice to get back on the tee at beautiful Randpark when golf was allowed again after the initial lockdown."* ... [\[Read more\]](#)



Photo Credit: Tyrone Winfield



As promised, the Top 4 Ladies in the Longest Drive Competition:

Donnay Bowen – 239m

Lauren Clough - 210m

Cara Ford - 206m

Casey Twidale - 180m

Well done ladies!

We are delighted to announce that we now have a **Ladies Division for the Longest Drive Competition**. It's not too late to enter – The Competition runs until the end of January.

Who's going to take up the challenge?

- 1st Prize – R1 500 gift voucher from the Golf Shop, Sunday lunch for 4 at The Fairway Hotel's Balata Restaurant & Inrange+ experience for 4.
- Anyone who hits over 230m will be entered in a raffle draw for a 1 Night Stay at The Fairway Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort.

[Click here](#) to book your bay!

Login or Register, click Driving Range

For more info contact Patricia on **011 215 8600** or sales@randpark.co.za



We have already received 109mm of rain in 2021. This is great for the golf courses, but also makes things challenging keeping the rough under control. We have reduced the rough height from 50mm to 40mm to try and keep golf enjoyable and minimise lost balls. There will be some extra clipping around due to the excess grass that is being cut. Even with the reduced rough height, the grass is very thick and can be very challenging to escape from.

Rain is always welcome, but sometimes it can be a bit much, we have experienced flooding twice already this year where the river burst its banks and bunker faces got washed down. This is quite a task to repair, especially with a reduced staff compliment. There is no option but to do this work during play, so please be patient if the team are busy in a bunker; they do have just over 100 bunkers to fix after a large storm.





Some debris that ended up on the 10th bridge on Firethorn



The Range Plus So Much More

You might think the range is only about working on that grip, adding 10 metres to your driving distance or honing in that short game - but think again!

The pro golfer, the newbie, the “I’ve only ever tried golf once” person and everyone in between can now visit the range and try Inrange+, a unique golf experience that merges the real driving range with entertaining golf games. There are four different games you can play against friends or family and at the end, the winner will be crowned. It is also perfect for team building.

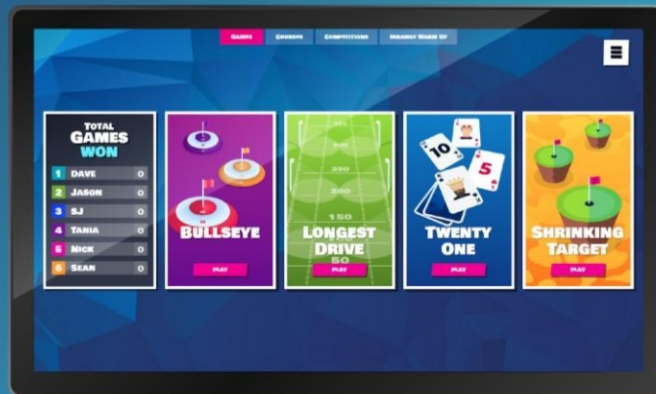
You can get up to four people per bay, so invite a few friends/colleagues down to the range and have a bit of a golf party. Inrange+ is an experience for every person, not just golfers. Come play!

Contact Leanne on **011 215 8600** or clubevents@randpark.co.za – she has some fun package available for you.

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