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THE GOOD LIFE

On the Course | Off the Course



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,

THE CLUB

Only a year ago articles were flying all over the place about golf being a dying sport and all of a sudden golf is making a 360-degree turn as the sport of choice. The increase in rounds is not only a Randpark trend, even though the new membership model is proving to be a great success, but a positive trend of increasing rounds is showing at all clubs in South Africa and around the world.

This is great but we can also not become complaisant about the need to make this sport more sustainable. There are some interesting articles being shared around the boom of golf, due to the pandemic, the new appreciation for green spaces all around us, and the importance of how we think about golf and the club industry moving forward.

<https://www.growinggolf.com/news/news/golf-booming-usa>

<https://www.growinggolf.com/articles/features/new-value-golfs-green-spaces>

<https://www.growinggolf.com/articles/features/rethinking-golf>

The sustainability of Randpark has been at the forefront of the club's strategic plan for many years and we have certainly made great progress, but we still need to face many challenges before we get to the point where we can celebrate. The impact of Covid-19 has set us back and we must realign our plan to move forward. All areas of the operation are currently being assessed and changes will be implemented to ensure we get back on track.

Randpark continues to be seen as a trend-setting club, in many ways, but the value members receive has most certainly drawn more new members to the club in the past year than ever before:

- 1 Club with 2 championship courses
- All-inclusive/pay-as-you-play golf packages
- Member rates at Creek 9 mashie course
- Preferential rates for golf carts
- Discount on food & beverage
- Family lifestyle membership included (excl. Junior & Little Pro)
- Our newly installed Inrange® now included with every bucket of balls at the driving range and discount on multiplayer packages
- Unlimited use of practice facilities
- Reciprocity at local and international courses
- Access to various golf and social club events – [Club Calendar](#) / [CGGU](#)

[Fixture List](#)

- 40% Discount at The Fairway Hotel on accommodation rack rates
- 30% Discount on your final bill in the hotel's Balata Restaurant
- 25% Discount on your final bill of R500 or more at The Fairway Spa (excl. packages promotions)
- Bag space rental and club locker rooms
- Access to the Health & Wellness Centre, which includes:
Members rates at Powerblast Training - Sport Conditioning Specialists
Physiotherapy & Functional Health Therapy
Discovery Vitality
- 2 PGA Professionals to assist with all your golfing needs:
Various coaching options
Club fittings
- Member only golf shop specials
- Free use of tennis courts
- Free use of running track
- Kids play area
- Kids club (under 12)
- 24-Hour security and ample parking
- Unlimited Wi-Fi access
- Access to online platforms:
Tee-time bookings via the website or Randpark App
Range bookings via MyClubAccount
Top ups, balances, payments via MyClubAccount

Overall great value for money and a unique offering to Randpark members. There is one thing that we are missing at the moment (due to restrictions) and it is most probably the biggest drawing card and adds the most value to your membership. It is without a doubt the atmosphere! The comradery and friendship that is created, and enjoyed, when members get together after a round of golf is one of our biggest differentiators of any club in South Africa and it is something we can truly be proud of.

**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.



OPERATING HOURS

Please take note of the amended operating hours for the Terrace Bar & Baobab Terrace:

Monday – Friday: 9am – 8pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8am – 8pm

SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE - OUR UNITY FUND

The Draw will take place on the 31st of January – don't miss out on your chance to win an amazing prize worth R3000. 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.



**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

Ts & Cs Apply



FESTIVAL OF GOLF

We are very excited to announce our Festival of Golf to celebrate the 80th Birthday of the Club, to be hosted over both Bushwillow and Firethorn golf courses from **22 to 28 February 2021**.

COMPETITION BREAKDOWN

Monday 22 February – Sunday 28 February: Driving Range – Shrinking Target Challenge

Tuesday 23 February: Bushwillow - Battle of the Toppies – AM Field

Wednesday 24 February: Bushwillow - Captain's Invitational/Ladies Open – AM Field

Wednesday 24 February: Firethorn – Member Guest Day – PM Field

Thursday 25 February: Firethorn – Captain's Charity Cup – PM Field

Friday 26 February: Firethorn – Newbee Golf Day – PM Field

Saturday 27 February: Bushwillow – BOS – AM & PM Field

Saturday 27 February: Firethorn – Regular Saturday Golf – AM & PM Field

Sunday 28 February: Bushwillow – Mixed Open – PM Field

SOUTH AFRICAN STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

We are only 3 days away from hosting the South African Stroke Play Championship on our Championship course **Firethorn**. Roger and his team have really dedicated a lot of time to get the course in pristine condition for

next week, but it is still up to each and every one of us to ensure we look after our beautiful courses. We have communicated in the previous newsletter that the responsibility lies with all golfers playing on our courses and we would like to encourage all members to continue to play their part.

Christian MacGregor and **Ryan Wingrove** will be participating in the Championship next week and we would like to wish both of them the very best!

FLEET OF GOLF CARTS

As we previously mentioned in the newsletter our fleet of golf carts have been effected by the shortages of parts from our suppliers. [Click here](#) to view a letter from Yamaha in this regard and the problems they are facing when it comes to getting stock for golf carts. Currently we do have a lot of carts that are not operating due to this dilemma but we are in the process of getting additional carts in to assist with the current situation. Please note that some of the carts within our fleet does not have GPS units installed and we can't guarantee that if you book a cart that a GPS unit will be on the cart.

We would like to take this opportunity again to remind our members that our golf carts are limited so please ensure you book your cart when making your bookings.

HANDICAP NEWS

In the December HNA newsletter they mentioned how important it is to play off the correct handicap and also some of the most commonly asked questions when it comes to entering scores and the symbols that might appear next to your handicap index.

Entering scores – All scores must be submitted within 24 hours after the completion of the round. Failing to do so will result in a penalty round against the player's profile. If a player is playing two days in a row they must enter their score before 21h00 – failure to do so could mean that the player can play off the incorrect handicap on the next day and could lead to disqualification.

If a player does enter the incorrect score, this excludes a penalty round, they can contact the golf department and we will be able to correct the

scores.

Members would have noticed that a symbol might be next to your handicap index or within your score history, mostly a “S” or a “H”, below is the breakdown of the symbols and what they represent.

Symbol	Represents
p	Penalty Differential
e	Exceptional Score Adjustment
S	Soft Cap
H	Hard Cap
c	Competition Round
*	Registered Round

**This was copied from the HNA December Newsletter*

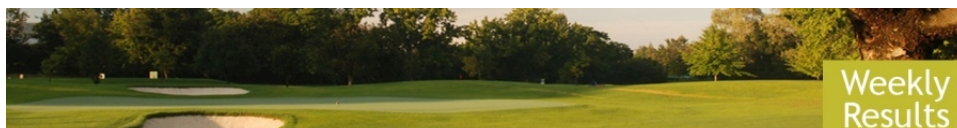
What is my Low Handicap Index (LI)? - You can find your Low Handicap Index on the left-hand corner of the landing page of the HNA Handicap System App or website. Essentially, this is the lowest HI you have achieved over a rolling 365-day period. The Low HI is determined after a player has submitted 20 scores and is used as the basis for determining the maximum that your HI can increase over a period of 365 days (this maximum is 5).

In order to slow down the rate of an HI increase, or to put a cap on the increase, there are two mechanisms used in the WHS system:

Soft Cap (S): This is a mechanism that has been introduced to prevent a player’s Handicap Index from increasing too rapidly. Should the player submit a score that would see his/her Handicap Index increase by more than three strokes above their Low HI, the Soft Cap will kick in – limiting the increase above 3 by 50%.

Hard Cap (H): This is another mechanism that will limit by how much a player’s Handicap Index can increase. Kicking in after the application of the Soft Cap, the Hard Cap is an upper limit that prevents a player’s Handicap Index from increasing to more than five strokes greater than their Low Handicap Index.

It is important to note that there is no limit on the amount by which a player’s Handicap Index can decrease.



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	01-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Tue	02-Feb	Senior Comp	I.P.S	R 25	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Wed	03-Feb	LADIES COMP	Std fees apply		Club Comp I.P.S	Std fees apply	R 60
Thu	04-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Fri	05-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Sat	06-Feb	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35
Sun	07-Feb	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	01-Feb	Course Closed - SA Strokeplay Championship			Course Closed - SA Strokeplay Championship		
Tue	02-Feb	Course Closed - SA Strokeplay Championship			Course Closed - SA Strokeplay Championship		
Wed	03-Feb	Course Closed - SA Strokeplay Championship			Course Closed - SA Strokeplay Championship		
Thu	04-Feb	Course Closed - SA Strokeplay Championship			Course Closed - SA Strokeplay Championship		
Fri	05-Feb	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Sat	06-Feb	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35
Sun	07-Feb	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 35	Social	Std fees apply	N/A

OUT OF THE WAY BRYSON. STEP ASIDE BROOKS. TAKE A SEAT RORY.

IT'S TIME TO SEE WHO CAN HIT THE

LONGEST DRIVE

RANDPARK CLUB - DRIVING RANGE | JANUARY 2021

1st PRIZE
TITLEIST STAND BAG & INRANGE+ EXPERIENCE FOR 4

RAFFLE DRAW
Anyone who hits over 230m stands a chance to win a
1 Night stay for 2 at The Fairway Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort




You only have 3 DAYS to prove you can hit the Longest Drive!

Book your bay today – [Click here](#).

Login or Register, Click Driving Range



**Upcoming Golf Events
February 2021
Save these Dates**

1 – 4 February
SA Stroke Play Championship - Firethorn
(Course Closed for Members and Guests)

6 February
Ladies Clarke Cup

8 – 10 February
Hollow Tining - Firethorn (Course Closed)

13 February
Mid-AM League Round 1

20 February
Betterball Knock-Out Round 1
President's Cup Men & Ladies

22 – 28 February
RANDPARK FESTIVAL OF GOLF 2021



**SUMMER
APPAREL
SALE**

1-7 FEB

We will be having a summer apparel sale in the golf shop from the **1st – 7th of February**. All specials will be displayed in the shop from **Monday, the 1st of February**. Looking forward to seeing you! Don't miss out.



With brands releasing new equipment in the next few weeks, we have decided to get them all together to let you try the products for yourself. We will be at Randpark Club's Driving Range on **Friday, the 5th of March** from **1pm to 7pm**. No need to book, just pitch and enjoy your favourite brand's clubs. We are excited to see you there! Please note that this event is dependent on COVID regulations being eased a bit before the date.



From a week of + 30°C days we are now experiencing cool overcast days with bouts of rain due to effects of Cyclone Eloise, Sunday night saw strong winds causing a lot of mess with broken branches and leaves spread through the course. We also had a request from some senior golfers to add some fairway at the approach of the 17th on Bushwillow. This has been mowed in but will take a little time to settle.



The willow tree guarding the green on the 16th of Bushwillow was growing too much into the fairway and impeding on playability and vision of the green. We have lifted the lower branches to open up the hole a bit more and get a little more sunlight into the fairway.





VALENTINE'S DAY

We've planned the perfect oh-so-romantic **VALENTINE'S DAY** for you, with amazing options to choose from. An unforgettable BREAKFAST experience outside on our Terrace from 07:30 – 12:30:

Harvest Breakfast

OR

V-Day Breakfast

A delectable **FOUR-COURSE VALENTINE'S LUNCH/DINNER** to celebrate the most romantic day of the year.

You have a choice of either having your meal outside on our Terrace from 13:00 – 19:00, where you can enjoy our non-alcoholic gin, beer, wine or sparkling wine with your meal

Or as a romantic meal at home (home meals will be available for collection from 12:00).

Pre-paid bookings are essential.

Contact Leanne on **011 215 8600** or clubevents@randpark.co.za. Bookings close Friday, 12 February at 2pm.

[Click here](#) for more menu information.



THE RANGE PLUS SO MUCH MORE...

You might think the range is only about working on that grip, adding 10 yards 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.

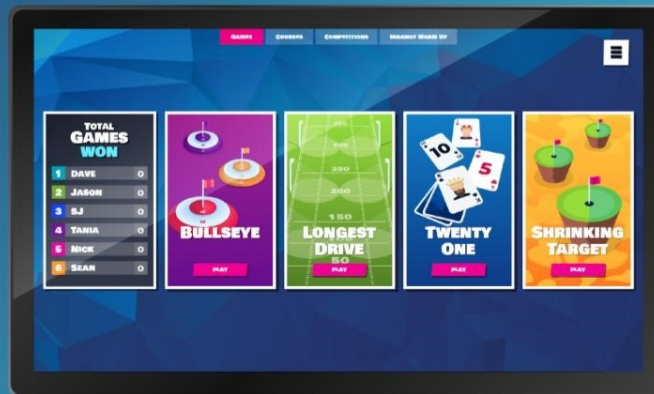
You can get up to 4 people per bay, so invite a few friends/colleagues down to the range and have a bit of a golf party. Inrange+ is an experience for every person, not just golfers. Come play!

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

inrange+



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