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From the Founder's Desk

BSI Golf

I was far more interested in the Solheim Cup this week than the FedEx Cup, and judging by my tweeter feed, I wasn't alone. Throwing ridiculous amounts of money at extremely wealthy golfers is no match for the raw excitement of team matchplay. Congratulations to Team Europe for winning. It served as the perfect build-up for the Ryder Cup in a few weeks time, and hopefully inspired many young girls to take up the game we love.

MJ BALDERSTONE

BSI Tournament Results

Premier Academy Weekly Medal

Well done to **Jordan van Niekerk** on winning Friday 03 September 2021 BSI's Golf Premier Medal with a score of 69 on Royal Johannesburg & Kensington East Course.

Jordan has won two in a row – is this de ja vu? Dare I say 3 peat, treble, triple again? Unfortunately, we will only know on Friday 03 October 2021 as this week, is the Cycle 3 72-hole medal Championship, and then the PGA Diploma students have a short break. I'm not sure how we are going to handle the tension and wait for 3½ weeks but, the question is, Jordan, is the challenge on?

This Friday's win also sees Jordan taking top spot in the Order of Merit as he climbs above Reece Mckain who has held the top spot for five weeks.



Jordan van Niekerk

Junior Academy Weekly Medal

Congratulations to Vuyisani Makama on winning Friday 03 September 2021
BSI Golf Junior Academy Medal with a score of 69 on Royal Johannesburg &
Kensington East Course.



Vuyisani Makama

External Tournament Results

Well done to Junior Academy students **Bernard Meyer** (T11) and **Grant Labuschagne** (T47) for their finishes in the Mpumalanga Open at Witbank GC which took place from Friday 03 to Sunday 05 September 2021.

Well done to Junior Academy student **Lefa Maseng** on winning the Mooionoos Junior Open U15 division and the lowest overall score in all divisions with a round of 74. It is the second time now that Lefa has gone to play an external tournament and out-played all the other competitors across all age groups – Keep the focus and intensity, Lefa.



Lefa Maseng

Student Spotlight

Players of the month

College Player of the Month

August's BSI College 'Player of the Month' went to **Jordan van Niekerk**.

Jordan is part of our Elite Academy programme and was nominated, based on his performance during internal and external tournaments throughout the month by his BSI Golf Coaching Team. He won three medal tournaments during the month with two of them being part of his treble-run which started at the end of July, with a stroke average of 71.

Part of Jordan's exceptional month was also his 16th place finish in the Bushveld Tour Event at ERPM GC. Even though Jordan played very well in August it all is a culmination of his hard-work, dedication and commitment everyday over the past few months.

Well done Jordan!



Junior Academy Player of the Month

In the last month of winter, with the relaxing of Covid laws and the ability to travel out of Gauteng, **Bernard Meyer** took every opportunity of this and decided to compete and show his talent along the beautiful coast-line of South Africa.

His August of 2021 started with his weekly BSI medal competition at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington East Golf Course, then travelling to the fairest Cape, where he competed at Devonvale Golf Course, Stellenbosch, moving onto Mossel Bay Golf Course to take part in the Southern Cape Golf Union Open, to finishing his coastal leg at Durban Country Club at the Kwazulu Natal Qualifier, and playing his final August competitive round back home in the BSI weekly medal held at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington West Golf Course.



During this mini tour, Bernard started with a score of 77 and taking 5th place at home, then onto his coastal leg, he placed T7 in the Friends of Engelberg Challenge at Devonvale, he finished T11 in the Southern Cape Open. A remarkable joint 1st place in the KZN Amateur Qualifier at Durban CC with scores of 66 and 68 for 10 under par, which resulted in Bernard qualifying for the Matchplay tournament where he reached the quarterfinals of the knock-out section.

With these results, Bernard has reached 27th position on the Golf RSA National Open Amateur rankings a jump of 37 places in 5 weeks.

Below is a short synopsis of Bernard Meyer's incredible August of 2021.

Bernard played ten competitive rounds of golf over 21 days. With scores of 77, 74, 78, 72, 74, 74, 69, 66, 68 & 68 which saw him EVEN PAR for August 2021 and more impressively his last four rounds he is 17-under par.

This is truly an extraordinary achievement for such a young gentleman, who at the same time is working hard academically preparing for his Cambridge AS Level exams in a few months. We look forward to being part of his success story as he continues long into, and throughout all four seasons.

Go Champ!

 Alumni News

Congratulations to BSI Intern coach and 2020 graduate, **José da Mota** for passing his Teaching Ability Test with the PGA of South Africa and becoming a fully qualified PGA Professional! Well Done José!

We wish you all the best in the next step in your future golfing ambitions and endeavours.

We have also featured José in our 'Performance Tip of the week'.



José da Mota

| Performance Tip

Performance Tip of the week is brought to you by **José da Mota** – BSI Intern Coach

Weight transfer through the swing



BSI Golf Open Day

Saturday 09 October 2021

 <p>Balderstone Sports Institute</p> <p>BSI GOLF OPEN DAY</p> <p>Saturday 09 October 2021 Huddle Park, Linksfield, JHB</p>	
	<p>Junior Golf Academy with International Study Centre (Gr 8-12) 8am Registration</p> <p>College Programs: PGA Diploma, Greenkeeping, Sports Management 10am Registration</p> <p>Please RSVP to info@bsisports.com by 07 October to secure your place</p> <p>www.bsisports.com</p>

The first steps towards your dream career in sport

Come through to our Open Day on Saturday 09 October 2021 and find out more about our:

- Junior Golf Academy (grades 8-12)
- PGA Diploma (post-matric)
- Greenkeeping (minimum requirements grade 11)
- Sports Administration (post-matric)
- Elite Academy (post-matric)

Junior Golf Academy

A full-time programme for grades 8 to 12, including high-performance golf training and academics in our Cambridge Study Centre. With smaller student numbers than a traditional school we are able to comply comfortably with COVID safety guidelines, therefore have remained safely open. The Cambridge curriculum provides an internationally recognised qualification, delivered in a modern, fully personalised learning environment, allowing more time and flexibility for golf training. We open up multiple pathways for graduates, including scholarship opportunities at US colleges or moving onto our own college programmes.

PGA Golf Diploma

Our PGA Diploma has been the most successful college golf programme in South Africa over the last 12 years. Learners receive 3-years of high-performance training, whilst studying golf-focused subject streams such as business, coaching, sports science, events, equipment and much more. Our students play tournaments at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC every week, and have the flexibility in schedule to compete in national events and pro mini tours. As well as providing an amazing experience and world class training, the programme offers an internationally recognised qualification. Our alumni have spread successfully across the globe working in the multi-billion dollar business of golf.

Greenkeeping

For those who seek a career in the outdoors, this 1-year programme provides extensive practical experience on the golf course alongside the theory component of the qualification. The entry requirement is a completed grade 11. This career pathway can be one of the highest paid in the golf industry.

Sports Management

This 1-year programme opens the pathway to a career in the ever-growing multi-billion dollar business of sport. With the continued advancements in the professionalism of sport, the industry in South Africa and beyond is in need of qualified, competent and ethical sports managers, administrators and industry personnel. Students on this program can custom make a golf training program from our high-performance training options with BSI's team of experts.

Elite Academy Programme

For aspiring professionals who wish to concentrate on training and playing without academics, we custom make a high-performance training programme to suit all budgets and goals. Our highly qualified and experienced coaching staff provide a one-stop shop for technical, skills, mental, fitness and tactical training.

Visit our website www.bsisports.com to view details of each programme and download an application form.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Not Just Golf



BSI Football Academy had the privilege of playing against Ubuntu Sports Development U16 team and it was an absolute pleasure to host them at our Football Campus. Their fantastic initiative brings together players from Ebony Park and provides them with a safe and enjoyable environment to develop their skills and grow as players. We take our hats off to the work they do.

In case you missed it

Catch up on our previous newsletters and re-familiarise with our performance tips.

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