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Please remember that the Covid-19 pandemic is not over.
The virus is still around and it is as dangerous as before.

Please wear your mask to the extent possible.

Please maintain social distancing.

Please protect yourself and others from infection at all times.

Please be sensible.

Your Week Ahead - Correction

Dear Member,

We apologise for the incorrect information that was published in yesterday's club newsletter.

The article stated that Carl Mwale came second, when in fact the fate of the 2021 Club Championships came down to the last hole when only one-shot separated Darren Quirk and David Ryan, who in fact was the runner-up. Below is the correct article.

All the results have been uploaded onto the website. Please click the links below.

[All Divisions – Prizes](#)

[Club Champs 2021 Men A & B-Divisions Final Results](#)

[Club Champs 2021 Ladies A, B & C-Divisions Final Results](#)

[Club Champs 2021 Stableford Divisions Final Results](#)

Quirk and Ford come out tops in Club Champs

Accountant-in-the-making, Darren Quirk got his numbers spot on, and it was pocket rocket Cara Ford's turn to beat her arch-rival and friend, Kim Turgut, and pick up the women's A-Division win in the Randpark Club Championships held at the weekend.

"I was so nervous I couldn't breathe coming down the 18th, as there was only one shot separating myself and David Ryan," said 23-year-old Quirk, who closed with a fine two-under-par 70 on Firethorn in Sunday's second and final round. Half-a-dozen players were in contention with nine holes to go, but the fate of the 2021 Club Championships came down to a 10-foot putt holed on the last hole by Darren.

But the UNISA student used a hot putter to break out of the pack. He made crucial up-and-downs to save par at 16 and 17, and then hit the green in two

off the backmarkers at the demanding 464m par-4 18th and two-putted to post a one-under-par 143 aggregate.

Day one saw Quirk shoot 73 on Bushwillow when his putter wasn't as hot, yet he ultimately won the A-Division by one shot from up-and-coming David Ryan (72-72). Carl Mwale (72-74) was third, with Jared Botha, Thomas Ryan, and Christian MacGregor next best on 148, with the overnight leader on 70, Gary Baynham, slipping to a 79 to finish on 149.

"Conditions weren't easy in round two because we played in a tricky wind and there were some tough pin placements. I putted well though and picked up shots at the third and sixth holes, and then went on a birdie run at 9, 10, 11, and 12," said Quirk. "I did bogey 13 and 14 but managed to hold on after that. In the end, my putting was the key."

The trainee numbers man, who works part-time at a vet to keep himself in golf, has entered four GolfRSA events this year, making three cuts out of four, and is clearly going places with his handicap index plus 2.1. He paid tribute to the course staff: *"Condition-wise, the fairways, and greens were amazing,"* he said.

The women played round one on Firethorn and 19-year-old Ford, who plays off a 2.5 handicap index, carded a 76 to put her alongside Turgut on that same score. On Bushwillow in round two, Cara dropped at the first hole and then made double-bogey six at No 2. *"So that was a bad start but I bounced back by hitting a drive, six-iron to within a metre and a half from the cup at the par-5 third,"* she explained. *"I just missed the eagle putt but made a tap-in birdie and also picked up a shot at the sixth with a two there. I dropped at eight to be out in 38 then played 'boring golf' – lots of fairways and greens – to be home in level-par 36 for a round of 74. Her 150 total saw her edge out runner-up Turgut by two.*

"Last year Kim beat me by one for the title and in 2019 I beat her by one to win the Club Champs. So, it's always close between us. This year was my turn though. We're good friends but fierce rivals on the golf course," added Ford who represents Ladies Golf Gauteng at an inter-provincial level and is ranked 13th in the country. She wants to one day turn professional but plans to keep playing amateur golf for a good while still and in this year's second semester will start studying for a degree in criminology.

There was a buzz at Randpark all weekend what with the players and their supporters out in force, the courses in fine shape and a festive atmosphere in the clubhouse surrounds. Club CEO Francois Swart was “delighted” to reveal that no less than 448 players took part in the golf, which raises the question as to whether this could be a South African record for a club championship. The men’s C-Division attracted a mammoth 225 entrants. Golf booming at Randpark? You bet.

2021 Club Championships Results

B-Division Results (Index 4,0 - 9,0)

Nett

6th - JC Stoltz	144
5th - Paul de Chaud	144
4th - Niel Venter	144
3rd - Selwyn Freese	142
2nd - William Rudling	142
1st - Luke van Vuren	142
B-Division Nett Trophy	

Gross

6th - Sabelo Ndabazandile	162
5th - Russel van Vuren	162
4th - Clive van der Mescht	162
3rd - Keegan Daws	158
2nd - Randal Chetty	157
1st - Dion Hasell	153
B-Division Gross Trophy	

A-Division Results (Index +6 - 3,9)

Nett

6th - Arthur Heinrich	147
5th - Gary Baynham	145
4th - Phillip van Sittert	145

3rd - Christian Bester	144 Net c/o
2nd - Thomas Ryan	144 Net c/o
1st - Rian de Bruyn	142 nett
A-Division Nett Trophy	

Gross

6th - Johan Aucamp	150
5th - Christian MacGregor	148
4th - Jared Botha	148
3rd - Carl Mwale	146
2nd - David Ryan	144
1st - Darren Quirk	143
A-Division Gross Trophy	

Daily Nett Prizes (Men)

C-Division
Sanjay Jivan
Riley Eager
B-Division
Jason Basterfield
William Kekane
A-Division
Duane du Toit
Johan Bredenkamp

C-Division Results (Index 9,1 + - Individual Stableford)

10th - Rudolph Scott	36 & 37 = 73 pts
9th - Vic Hoops	38 & 36 = 74 pts
8th - Wayne De Vos	43 & 31 = 74 pts
7th - Vittorio Greeff	36 & 40 = 76 pts

6th - Jacobus Hamilton	36 & 40 = 76 pts
5th - Francois Bedeker	41 & 37 = 78 pts
4th - Maruis Swardt	44 & 35 = 79 pts
3rd - Michael Fuhri	41 & 38 = 79 pts
2nd - Grant Palmar	49 & 31 = 80 pts
1st - Jarred Theron	42 & 38 = 80 pts
C-Division Trophy	

Ladies' Championships

Daily Prizes

Stableford - Day 1	Penny Bissell
Stableford - Day 2	Heather Vogt
Best Nett - Day 1	Jeanne de Power
Best Nett - Day 2	Carol Primes

Nett Prizes (A, B & C-Div Only)

Overall Nett - 2nd	Lee-Ann Lee (oco)	148
Overall Nett - Winner	Danelle van Rensburg	148

D-Division Results (Index 18,0 +)

Stableford - 1st	Ashani Petersen	66
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C-Division Results (Index 13,1 - 17,9)

2nd (Gross)	Les Rule	192
Winner (Gross)	Renate Sauter	188

B-Division Results (Index 8,1-13,0)

2nd (Gross)	Alice Taylor	177
Winner (Gross)	Kyla Elsey	176

A-Division Results (Index 0-8,0)

2nd (Gross)	Kim Turgut	152
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Winner (Gross)	Cara Ford	150
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Club Championships Results

Miscellaneous Prizes & Trophies

President's Putter - Oldest Player - Jock Hawthorne 84
Veterans - Best Nett Cup
Dion Hasell 140
Veterans - Best Gross Cup
Arthur Heinrich 156

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The Randpark Team

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