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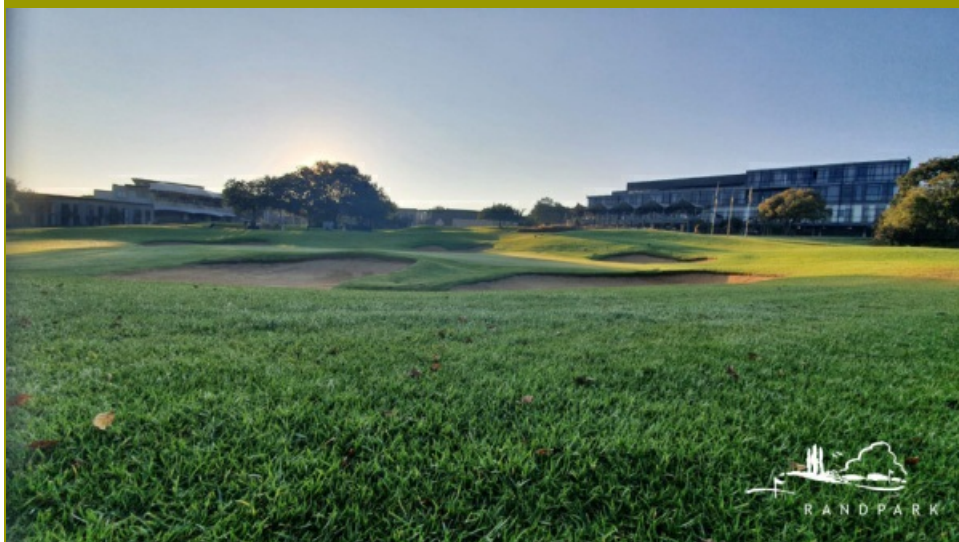
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THE GOOD LIFE

On the Course | Off the Course



Members and Guests

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.

The Club

Dear Member,

Membership Renewal

We have seen a phenomenal renewal of membership since the invoices were sent in April, but we still have outstanding fees, which have not yet been paid. We kindly request for all members, who have not yet been in contact with the Club, to please settle their accounts before 30 May 2021. If you have already made a payment that is not reflecting on your statement, please send the proof of payment to membership@randpark.co.za. It does happen regularly that incorrect references are used and we simply cannot allocate the payment to your account.

It is important to remember that the Club Constitution states that annual subscriptions are due and payable before 31 March each year. We would appreciate the ongoing support from all members of the Club, as it will allow us to continue growing, from strength to strength, and to ensure we deliver the Club experience our members deserve.

The Club offers multiple easy ways to pay your subscriptions:

- Direct EFT
- Credit card at the Club reception
- Using the Randpark Club App
- Signing up for a debit order

Please use your Member number as a reference and send proof of payments to membership@randpark.co.za.

Best Practice – Dusting of Greens

I am sure that many members wonder if the regular dusting of the greens is necessary and why do we do it? Well, dusting greens is probably the most important cultural practice for putting greens. In recent years, the

USGA has recommended a heavier weekly or bi-weekly sand topdressing with finer sand than what was originally recommended. They found that more sand could be applied thus being more beneficial for the control of thatch build-up, the number one putting green enemy. Greens that develop excessive thatch tend to hold moisture and form big pitch marks. Although the greens will hold an approach shot easily, green speed and smoothness can be negatively affected. Thatchy greens tend to have shallow roots and are far more prone to heat and drought stress as well as poor traffic resistance. The grass will also be more susceptible to fungal diseases. We top-dress on a bi-weekly basis and adjust sand levels to the time of year and will also add a bit extra if we need to catch up on our programme. We use the finest sand possible, but supply can sometimes be a bit erratic and if the sand has larger particles, they tend to hang around a bit longer, especially in winter. Moving into winter, we will continue to do bi-weekly applications, but rates will be far lower as the grass is growing very slowly.

Training & Development

We are pleased that both training and development for Randpark staff members are well underway in all departments. Training took place throughout the Club the past few months, which included:

1. Ciro coffee service training
2. Sanitech best hygiene practices training
3. Basic rules of golf training
4. Industrial relations/HR training
5. F&B product knowledge training
6. Health & safety representative training
7. Customer service training
8. Popi act training
9. General machine maintenance and course presentation training

18 of 20 employees enrolled on the online training platform and Flatter Ncube and Tinah Mathe have already completed their first course. We have also identified nine employees who will be doing the MID (Manager in Development) course, which is the start of a journey to grow in their respective roles.

All in all, we have gotten off to a great start and look forward to more

training, in each department, more development to grow our team, which will ultimately grow the club and create opportunities for everyone.



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.



World Golf Awards

We are proud to have once again been nominated for **SA's Best Golf Course 2021 in the World Golf Awards!** World Golf Awards™ serves to celebrate and reward excellence in golf tourism, world-class courses, and golf destinations. Please [click here](#) to vote for your Club.



Easy Reference

We have created some additional pages on our website if you have missed any of our Podcasts or Weekly Newsletters:

[Podcast Catch-up](#)

[Newsletter Archives](#) (work in progress)



The Club Championships for 2021 is done and dusted, and it was definitely one for the record books. With that being said, the next major event is the Weekday Club Championships.

The **Weekday Club Championships** will be played on Thursday, the 1st of July, and Friday, the 2nd of July. The 36-hole event is played over both courses in the morning field; the first round will be played on Bushwillow and the final round on Firethorn. There will be two divisions in the Championships – Nett and Stableford points. This is really a fun and competitive event enjoyed by all. Entries will open soon for the event.

Please click the links below for:

[2021 Club Champs Memories](#)

[All Divisions – Prize Winners](#)

[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](#)

Rule of the Week

The embedded ball – what to do, when is a ball embedded and what are my options?

The definition of an embedded ball as in the Rules of Golf is when a player's ball is in its own pitch-mark made as a result of a player's previous stroke and where part of the ball is below the level of the ground. Unfortunately, players still get this wrong and a good example of this was Patrick Reid during the Farmers Insurance Open that raised a lot of questions regarding the ruling. Players must be certain that the ball is below the surface and "Plugged". A good point that was raised with the golf office the other day: *"what if my ball is lying in an unrepaired divot, may I get free relief?"* The answer is NO, the exception will be if the ball broke the playing surface within the divot, only then will a player be able to take free relief.

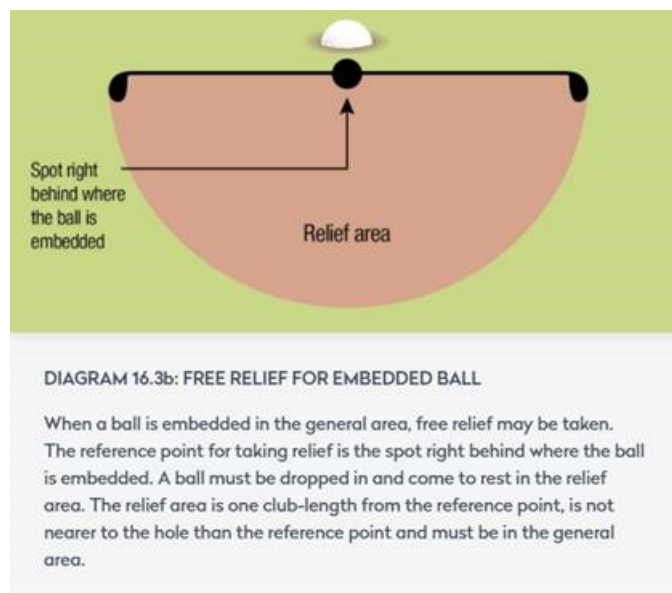


Procedures to follow to determine if a ball is embedded or not:

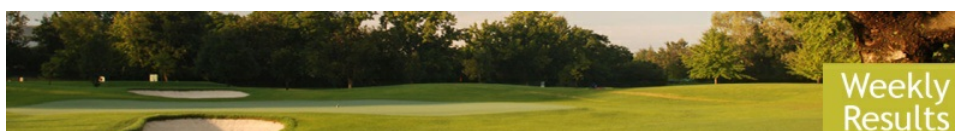
- Always mark the position of the ball before checking.
- Inform your playing partners that you will be checking if the ball is embedded or not and ask for their opinion before taking relief under Rule 16.a.
- If the ball is below the surface, the ball is thereby embedded and the player may take free relief.
- Relief may only be taken in the general area and NOT inside a penalty area – this includes bunkers.

When taking relief under Rule 16.a the player must:

- Determine the correct reference point. This is the spot right behind where the ball is embedded.
- The size of the relief area is measured from the reference point. The relief area is ONE club-length (as per the picture below).
- Limits on the location of relief area:
 - o Must be in the general area – cannot be dropped in a penalty area.
 - o Must never be nearer the hole than the reference point.



[Image source](#)



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	24-May	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Tues	25-May	Course Closed			Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Wed	26-May	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Thu	27-May	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Fri	28-May	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Sat	29-May	Club Comp BOS RND 3	Std fees apply	R 60	Club Comp BOS RND 3	Std fees apply	R 60
Sun	30-May	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60	Social	Std fees apply	N/A

FIRETHORN COURSE							
Day	Date	Activity - AM	Cost	Comp Fee	Activity - PM	Cost	Comp Fee
Mon	24-May	Course Closed			Course Closed		
Tue	25-May	Senior Comp TBC	Std fees apply	R 25	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Wed	26-May	LADIES OPEN	Std fees apply		Club Comp Combined Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60
Thu	27-May	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	Social	Std fees apply	N/A
Fri	28-May	Social	Std fees apply	N/A	GOLF GROUP		
Sat	29-May	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60
Sun	30-May	Club Comp Betterball Stableford	Std fees apply	R 60	MIXED OPEN	Std fees apply	



If you haven't been down to the Driving Range recently, then you've been missing out ...

Inrange+™ Courses are now available and the bays are getting busy.

Some players enjoy a few quick holes in their lunch break, while others get together with friends after work and play a full 9 or 18. That's one of the great things about **Inrange+™ Courses**: they're playable day or night, rain or shine.

And that means you can now 'get out on the course' any day of the week. This virtual golfing experience is a game-changer.

Join us on Friday, 28th May from 09h30 – 19h30 for our Member **Inrange+™ Courses Demo Day!**

We will have a variety of winter soups and rolls available to purchase on the day plus beverages to warm the cockles of your heart and keep you cosy!



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**FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY:
TUESDAY,
1 JUNE, 2021**

DATE & VENUE	COMPETITION	ENTRY
Randpark Club, Firethorn Course Tuesday, 1 June, 2021	Betterball Stableford Nearest the Pin: 5 Longest Drive: 14	Your R3 600 includes: • 4 ball entry • Halfway house • Dinner and Prizes
FOR YOUR OWN ACCOUNT: Golf cart: R380 Caddies: R260 per caddie Drinks		

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25 JULY 2021**

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FIRETHORN & BUSHWILLOW

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(incl. Golf & Prize Giving Dinner)

BOOKINGS and/or SPONSORSHIP ENQUIRIES:
Debbie Gillings 082 327 1725 | Jeanne de Power 083 391 3910

PQWA



Winter is slowly gaining momentum. We are receiving light frost every morning now and the grass will start going brown in the longer areas very soon. Golf carts will start leaving tracks of black-grass as they drive through the frosted leaves causing them to get crushed.

The drainage project has started on the 5th hole on Bushwillow. Progress has been slow as the area is incredibly wet and it is very easy to get

machinery stuck resulting in a lot of hand work. The clay is also very sticky and heavy, which also slows progress.



Our CURRY NIGHTS start tonight with Four Delicious Flavourful Dishes to choose from:

- Chili Beef & Tomato Curry served with basmati rice **R110**
- Thai Chicken Curry with coconut milk, red bell peppers and beans, served with basmati rice **R90**
- Mild and Spicy Cauliflower, Pea and Potato Curry served with basmati rice

R65

- Tamarind Sauce Fish Curry tangy and sweet curried fish served with basmati rice **R90**

All curries served with sambals, chutney, desiccated coconut, sliced bananas, cucumber raita, mango achar and spiced tomato chutney.



Wine Pairing

Thursday, 27th May 2021
18:00 for 18:30
Jacaranda Room

FOUR COURSE TASTING MENU
WELCOME DRINK
AMUSE BOUCHE
STARTER
MAIN COURSE
DESSERT PLATTER

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Pre-payment is required



Please [click here](#) to view the menu. Visit [this link](#) to make a booking.



Father's Day Lunch
Sunday, 20 June 12h00

Starters For The Table
Assorted Artisan Bread, Bread Sticks & Cheese Straws served with homemade Dips
Greek Salad with Olives & Danish Feta, served with a mild Vinaigrette

Main Course
250g Marinated Rib Eye Steak topped with a Jalapeno Popper stuffed Mushroom,
served with Cajun Potato Wedges accompanied by a Béarnaise Sauce

Dessert
Trio of Ice Cream, Vanilla, Cappuccino & Amarula, served with Hot Chocolate Sauce
Or
Cape Brandy Pudding served with Warm Custard

Price includes
4 People - 1 Bottle | 2 People - 2 Glasses

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To Book Contact Leanne or Tracy on 011 215 8600
clubevents@randpark.co.za or functions@randpark.co.za



Visit [this link](#) to make a booking.

Have a great weekend

Stay Safe, Healthy & Happy!

The Randpark Team



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