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## From the Founder's Desk

It's our Founder's Day today, having welcomed our first 7 students on 2 February 2004, 18 years ago. We started off at the Verwey Driving Range near Fourways, offering a 1-year high-performance, holistic golf training programme for aspiring professionals. It was the first of its kind in South Africa, and we still run that programme today. Along the way, we've become an education provider at both college and high school level and ventured out into other sports.

We've also changed the lives of hundreds of students who are now spread across the world doing their own great work. It's been an amazing journey, with plenty of ups and downs along the way. The keys to our longevity have been innovation, perseverance, and continually striving to improve. If you have a dream, don't wait until you have it perfected, just make a start and keep learning along the way.

*MJ BALDERSTONE*

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Improve your strike on putts for better distance control

## This Week's Performance Tip

Brought to you by Chris Wright, BSI coach:



Checking in with our rising stars

## Student Spotlight

Congratulations to **Bernard Meyer** on signing for Columbus State University. Bernard will join the CSU Cougars in August 2022 after spending 3 years in our Junior Academy. Bernard won last year's BSI Golf Player of the Year Award and will, for the first half of this year, be training and competing in our Elite Academy.

Well done Bernard! It has been a pleasure to be part of your journey and watching your undivided commitment and dedication to work with your coaches in order to get you to this point in your life. We will continue to support you and watch you progress as you strive for your goals.



Bernard Meyer

See how we did

## Internal Tournament Results

### BSI Junior Academy Medal

Congratulations to **Tawriq Abrahams** for winning the Junior Academy Medal played on Friday 28 January, with a 75 on Royal Johannesburg and Kensington East Golf Course. Tawriq has continued with the good form that he finished off last year with and maintains winning on a regular basis. Excellent consistency and form!



Tawriq Abrahams

## Personal bests of the day

Connor Olfen (84) Tylah James (85)

## BSI PGA Diploma Medal

Well done to Titouan Tregouet, Myles Harel and Alex Lane on winning last week's BSI Golf Premier Medal with scores of 75 on Royal Johannesburg & Kensington East Course. All three gentlemen are all in the BSI Boarding House and must have enjoyed the fantastic home-cooked meal and had a great night's rest before the event.



*Titouan Tregouet, Myles Harel & Alex Lane*

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We've got a lot to be proud of

## External Tournament Results

### Gauteng North Open

Congratulations to **Bernard Meyer** for his T42 finish and **Jamie Senekal** for his T54 finish at the Gauteng North Open played at Waterkloof GC.

## NWGU Sandy Lane Junior Open

Well done to **Jay Borchers** for his 3rd place finish in the U19 division in the North West Golf Union Junior Open at Sandy Lane GC.

## Gauteng High School League

Well done to the team of **Tawriq Abrahams**, **Grant Labuschagne**, **Vuyisani Makama** and **Pieter-Andre van der Merwe** for their consistent team performance, scoring 52 points on Monday, 31 January 2022 as they beat Trinity House in a count-out. The boys all shot within three points of each other and won the count-out by 6 points. Our team has won their last 4 of 5 league games. Well done!



*Grant Labuschagne, Tawriq Abrahams, Vuyisani Makama and Pieter-Andre van der Merwe*

## Central Gauteng SA Stroke Play Pre-Qualifier

Congratulations to **David Harrold**, **Alex Lane**, **Tawriq Abrahams**, **Jamie Senekal**, **Grant Labuschagne** and **Vuyisani Makama** for qualifying in the Central Gauteng SA Stroke Play Pre-Qualifier at Randpark Golf Course. These players will tee it up on 21 February 2022 at the SA Stroke Play Championship. Well done and good luck to you all!

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# Staff Spotlight and Value Pillars

This week we interview Tyrone Gibb, BSI Coach, in our staff spotlight.



*Tyrone Gibb*

We get an insight of Tyrone's time at BSI, starting out as a student, becoming a high level amateur golfer and then becoming one of our main coaches in the Academy. Tyrone also touches on the BSI value of Continual Growth and how he uses it to coach his students and in his personal life.



# Graduate Testimonial

Meet Ryan Estment: PGA Diploma Graduate 2020 and Elite Academy 2021

*"I was keen on a future in the game, as I had always had a passion for golf and improving. I did some research and came across BSI. I got in touch via email and the rest is history. I was part of the Diploma group graduating in 2020 and did a post-grad year concentrating even harder on my playing aspect of the game and turning Pro in December 2020.*

*BSI and the facilities – It's a great environment to practise and spend your days working hard at your game and fitness. I was older than most coming into the Diploma, and even at my age (27 in 2018), you learn how to respect yourself and become responsible for all the decisions around you and your game.*

*I can't thank the team I had around me enough: my Swing coach, Christopher Wright, Mental and Performance coach, Mark Fairbank (Kopdokter) and Fitness and Conditioning coach, Renée Reinecke (especially through lockdown), as well as the other coaches that were all willing to help if you needed a touch-up and your coach was busy. The team helps you if you need the help, without hesitation (but it is up to you to seek the help you desire).*

*With the work that I put in, and my team put in around me, I believe I have successfully matured as a person and a golfer, turning professional in December 2020. Swing changes were probably the hardest thing to get through, I came into the Academy as a 10-handicap golfer (and invincible) and by following the processes, I have left (as stated above), as a Professional with the aspiration of playing on tour in the near future.*

*Friendships and family – this is a massive part of your time at BSI. I have met some amazing people along the way, obviously a lot that you may not keep in contact with after your time at the Academy, but a lot more that have become an essential part of who I am today. There are very few sports or career paths that allow for a lot of socialising whilst working hard at your game and training. The team will always be my team, and I will forever be grateful for the help and guidance the team provided.*

*If I have to single out one moment I will never forget, it will have to be the 36-hole Matchplay final that I played in last year against fellow Elite Player, Jules Helary. It was a phenomenal day of ups and downs (excuse the pun), being 5 down through 19 holes and managing to make a 45-ft eagle putt on the 36th hole to take the match to a playoff. Unsuccessfully for me, I lost in the play-off hole. It was an extremely mentally draining day and one that taught me a lot about never giving up the fight and playing until the ball drops for the last time in a round of golf.*

*Thank you very much for a great journey and I look forward to sharing my successes with the team.”*





## Kickstart your career in golf

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The BSI Football Junior Development Programme for U8-U13 provides the opportunity for young, aspiring footballers to experience a professional training environment modeled on the leading football academies in Europe. The age-specific programme combines football training and athletic development to build well-rounded young people with long-term success in life and on the football pitch. Training involves 3 weekday afternoon sessions and teams will play weekend fixtures during the annual football season. The programme takes place at the exclusive BSI Football Campus in Modderfontein, Johannesburg, providing a unique learning environment all in one place.

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The flyer is for the BSI Football Academy Junior Development Program for U8-U13 players. It features a red background with a soccer ball and a goal net on the right side. The text is in white and yellow. The BSI Football Academy logo is in the top left corner. The text reads: "BSI FOOTBALL ACADEMY", "JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM", "U8 - U13", "Are you ready?", "ENQUIRE BY CONTACTING", "FOOTBALL@BSISPORTS.COM", "TRAINING STARTS 8 FEBRUARY", "16:00", "(MONDAY/TUESDAY/THURSDAY)", and "BALDERSTONE SPORTS INSTITUTE FOOTBALL CAMPUS, 1 CASINO ROAD, MODDERFONTEIN".

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