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From the Founder's Desk

Last Thursday afternoon we had a particularly severe storm in our area, which flooded our classroom and gym at the academy as well as the clubhouse at our home club Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC. Despite the inconvenience and slight damage caused, it was heartening to see and hear of our students jumping straight in to assist the mopping up process at both facilities. I received the following letter of thanks from Royal J & K CEO Chris Bentley:

"I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the students who jumped in and assisted us when the flood hit. They were completely selfless and an immense help. Please extend our gratitude."

MJ BALDERSTONE

Performance Tip of the Week

Green reading skills - Choose your pace first!

By Michael Balderstone, BSI Founder and PGA Master Professional

On a breaking putt there are multiple 'correct' lines depending on the pace. Therefore, you must choose your pace first, then the line.

Ask yourself the question;

At which pace do I want to hole the ball?

1. Ball just dropping in.
2. Nice pace (ball would go 18" past).
3. Firm pace (would hit the back of the cup)

This question keeps your intentions positive and systemises the pace-first approach.

After choosing the pace, now you can go ahead and read the line based on that pace.



| Up your green reading skills

If you would like to improve your green reading skills, or if you want to improve any other aspects of your game, our PGA Professionals can help.

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Tournament Results

BSI Premier Medal

Congratulations to **David Harrold** on his win in the BSI Premier Medal with a score of 71 played on Thursday, 20 October 2022 at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC East Course.

This is David's third 18-hole medal win this year with his last win 7 months ago at the end of March. It is good to see David back on the winner's podium and may he continue his great form going forward. We hope to see his name a bit more regularly in the top spot.

Personal bests:

Owami Chimanyi 73 – Owami has certainly shown a great rise in form these past few weeks, as only last month he shot his personal best of 74.



David Harrold

BSI Junior Academy Medal

Well done to Dowoo Kim on winning the BSI Junior Academy weekly medal with a score of 72 played at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC East Course on Friday, 24 October 2022. Dowoo has won five BSI Junior Academy Medals this year and shows his consistent form through his dedication and commitment to the process.

Personal best:

Dowoo Kim 72

Max Malcher 78



Dowoo Kim

Both David and Dowoo are being coached by Tyrone Gibb and he had to say this about the two young golfers:

"David has put work into changing his lifestyle which directly translates into his scoring. Having a consistent clearer vision off the course will help him find his consistency on the course."

"Dowoo is really coming into his own now. The hard work is paying off between the whole team and we just have to keep him consistent."

External Results

Mpumalanga Women's Open Championship – Middelburg Country Club:

Cara Bosman – 1st Women's Silver Division & Junior Women's Silver Division

Cara won by an astounding 9 shots to claim top spot after two rounds.

Notable placings:

Stacey-Lee van Gent – 4th Junior Women's Silver Division & 10th Women's

Silver Division

Samantha Conradie – 22nd Women's Championship Division



Cara Bosman receiving her prize

Gauteng High Schools – Super League

Well done to the team of Eric Ncube, Lefa Maseng, Dowoo Kim and Tawriq Abrahams who finished tied on 51 points with St. Alban's, but unfortunately lost on a count out to take 2nd place in the Gauteng High Schools Super League played at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington West GC on Tuesday, 18 October 2022.



Tawriq Abrahams, Dowoo Kim, Lefa Maseng and Eric Ncube

Bushveld Tour – True Sport Series #2 – Irene CC

19th: Jules Helary

31st: Reece Mckain

Ladies European Tour – Hero Women's Indian Open – DLF
Golf & Country Club

43rd: Nobuhle Dlamini

External Events

BSI Srixon Junior Golf Tour – CCGU

The final BSI Srixon Junior Tour for 2022 will be held on Sunday, 30 October 2022 at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington East GC in conjunction with the Central Gauteng Golf Union.

We look forward to welcoming all the up-and-coming junior golfers to this event. A huge thanks to our partners Srixon Golf for their continued support in sponsoring and promoting junior golf in South Africa.

Golferade will also be there to ensure our players are properly hydrated.

Register now for this event.



CGGU / BSI Junior Championship

Sunday 30th October
at Royal J&K East (PM)





The Series Conditions:

- Open to all Juniors (under the age of 19) with a valid HNA handicap of 12HI or less
 - 2 divisions A Division (+HI - 4HI) B Division (4.1HI - 12HI)
 - Format - Individual Strokeplay
 - Gross and nett prizes for both divisions
 - Entry is R250 per player
- Entries are limited to 64 players and no late entries will be accepted
- All entries and payments are done online @ www.cggu.co.za
- Entries close on Friday the 21st of October 2022 at 12h00

Enter online at www.cggu.co.za and complete the online entry



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Final Year PGA Student Spotlight

This week we spotlight the ever-smiling Mangezi Maswanganyi, and learn about his time at BSI so far.



BSI: How did you find out about BSI?

MM: A friend of mine went to the school and advised that I join after playing a round of golf together. The 3-year PGA Diploma was the selling point.

BSI: During your 3 years at BSI, what do you feel you can take away from here in terms of your golf?

MM: BSI has given me a clearer path to making my goals a reality. The conversations I've had with Mark Fairbank have truly made me think about who and where I want to be and how to achieve it. My mental and physical golf game has improved most at my time in BSI. Mark Fairbank has been the 'Sergio Busquets' (unsung hero) to me understanding my own game and benefit from swing changes I've gone through. My swing changes have been quite alarming to see when I look back at how I used to swing and how I am currently swinging it, so that has been a happy, but glaring improvement over the years.

BSI: Have you made good relationships and who has been influential in your time here?

MM: Yes, many great relationships. Mark Fairbank feels like a friend who always knows what to say. Samantha, Jonathan (Williams), Sean and Mark (Fairley) are the notable peers who feel like family and people who I will want to continue my life journey with.

BSI: So where to in 2023?

MM: Elite Academy programme at BSI and then I will see how the game is, to weigh up my playing / working options.

Next week sees the start of the end of year exams for our PGA Diploma students and the final exams for our third years. We would like to wish all our students good luck for exams!

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