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BSI Tournament Results

BSI Premier Medal

Congratulations to Jacques van der Merwe on an exceptional round of 7-under 65 to win the BSI Premier Weekly Medal on Wednesday, 9 November 2022, played at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington – East GC.

This is the 7th win of the year for Jacques and he amassed 13 000 points for the Order of Merit, which leap frogs him into second place.

Jacques will be playing in the pre-qualifier for the SA Open and we wish him all the best.



Jacques van der Merwe

BSI Junior Academy Medal

Well done to Connor Olfen and Mogale Baas on their joint win in the BSI Junior Academy Weekly Medal with scores of 75, played at Huddle Park GC on Friday, 11 November 2022.

It is the third BSI Medal win for Mogale and he has shown a vast improvement and more consistency in the latter part of this year. Mogale has gone from a 7.2 in January to 0.6 (as of 11/11/2022).

This is Connor's first BSI Medal win and it was only a matter of time before his first top podium placing, as he has been posting some excellent golf scores these past few months. His handicap shows this, as he's dropped from a 10.8 at the beginning of the year to a 4.8 (as of 11/11/2022). Keep up the great work young men.



Mogale Baas & Connor Olfen

External Tournament results

Central Gauteng Open – Kyalami CC (11 – 13 November 2022)

Huge congratulations to Grant Labuschagne who finished tied 2nd in the Central Gauteng Open played at Kyalami CC, with a score of 3-under.

As the leading player from the Central Gauteng Golf Union, Grant was also awarded the Closed Division Trophy for being the number one placed golfer in the Union. This result also propels Grant to 75th in the Golf RSA Open Amateur rankings.



Grant Labuschagne

Three of our Junior Academy golfers finished in the Top 20. Well done boys!

Notable scores:

T2: Grant Labuschagne

T11: Eric Ncube

T17: Mojalefa Nale

T32: David Harrold, Owami Chimanyi, Michael Coertzen, Vuyisani Makama and Reece Mckain

T48: Jules Helary

Harry Oppenheimer – Maccaulei Golf Club (7 – 9 November 2022)

7th: Reece Mckain

11th: Liam van Deventer (Mental Coaching client)

T14: Jonathan Williams

T19: David Harrold

T25: Jules Helary

T27: Sean Paxton

33rd: Jamie Senekal

T34: Keagan Rollinson

T46: Pieter-Andre van der Merwe

Aramco Team Series – Royal Greens Golf & CC, Saudi Arabia
(10 – 12 November 2022)

Congratulations to mental coaching client **Cassandra Alexander** and **Team Garcia** who won the Aramco Team Series – Jeddah event. This is a Ladies European Tour sanctioned event and puts 3 Lady Professional Golfers with one amateur over 2 rounds. Cassandra holed a birdie putt in the first play-off hole to clinch the title for her team. Cassandra also finished T21 in the individual competition.



Cassandra Alexander (far left) and Team Garcia

Alumni news

Our graduates continue to do great work in the golf industry, both locally and internationally.

Here are a few examples of recent appointments:

- Congratulations to 3rd Year PGA Diploma student **Divan Visagie** on having already gained employment as **Assistant Professional** at **ERPM Golf Club**. Divan is also on course to be our youngest ever PGA Diploma graduate in December.
- Congratulations to PGA Diploma graduate **Ludovic Bax** who is the **Sales, Marketing, Events & Pro Shop Manager** at **Anahita Golf Resort** in **Mauritius**.
- Congratulations to PGA Diploma graduate **Reynardt Olivier** who has recently taken over the position of **Junior Golf Coordinator** at **Ekurhuleni Golf Union**.
- Congratulations to PGA Diploma graduate **Ismaeel Randeree** on his recent appointment as **Retail Manager & Custom Fit Specialist** at **Arabian Ranches GC** in **Dubai**. Ismaeel's career pathway since graduating in 2018 shows exactly what can be done with a PGA Diploma from BSI:

- Golf Intern at Frenchman's Creek Beach & CC, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA
- Golf Operations at Fresh Meadows CC, Lake Success, New York, USA
- Retail Manager & Custom Fit Specialist, Arabian Ranches GC, Dubai, UAE



Ismaeel Randeree

Performance Tip of the Week

Improve your golf game through better equipment choices

Part 2 - Different clubheads...know which one is the best for
your game! (2/6)

by Michelle Steyn, BSI Coach



Michelle Steyn

Do you walk into a pro shop and feel completely overwhelmed by all the technology and different clubs surrounding you? We've got you.



Out of all 14 clubs in your bag, irons are the majority and therefore it is important to make sure you've got the right clubhead designs that suit your game the best.

Cavity-back irons – These types of clubheads have their weight more to the sole and edges of the club which makes these irons much easier to hit. When ball striking is slightly off-centre it allows more “forgiveness” to still produce a decent shot with a good outcome/ result. These clubhead designs are recommended for players with a mid to high handicap that will benefit from a larger sweet spot, which will reduce the loss in distance. Cavity-back irons are not only for the average golfer. Tour players Brooks Koepka and Shane Lowry also play with cavity-back irons to keep their game more consistent!



Blade irons – These types of irons are really hard to hit and mostly designed for the low handicaps and the best players of the game. Featuring a thin top line and face, the hitting area (sweet-spot) is very compact.

With a slightly off-strike, players will not have the forgiveness of the cavity-back irons and will face bigger consequences. Although, with solid ball striking, blade irons have some great advantages, such as allowing players to shape the ball better.

Most tour players' play with blade irons, such as Hideki Matsuyama and many others.

More often, we see great players with a combo set of irons in their bags, playing with blade irons from PW – 6i and cavity-back or semi blades with their longer irons 5i-3i. The main reason for a set like this is because the longer the club gets, the more difficult it is to control, therefore having some “forgiveness” and a bigger sweet-spot will improve the player's game. Dean Burmester uses a combination (Z-Forged 5i-PW blades and cavity backs in the longer irons).

Now that you've got more insight on which clubhead design will suit your game better and produce better results, go try some different clubs out or visit your nearest PGA custom club-fitter.



| Need some help?

Do you need some help with your irons choice? Click the button below for one of our PGA professionals to assist.

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| Not Just Golf

BSI Football Academy – winners of the SAPCC ‘Best New Business of the Year’

Congratulations to our BSI Football Academy who were honoured by the South African Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and awarded the ‘Best New Business of the Year’.

Watch Zeca Marques, in this video link produced by the SAPCC, highlighting our Football Academy:



Ubungani Cup (Ubungani = Friendship)

BSI Football will be hosting our annual elite U20 football tournament, the Ubungani Cup from **3-4 December**. This Invitational Youth Friendship Tournament provides players with an opportunity to showcase their skills in a competitive environment in front of the Head of Scouting from Portuguese club SC Farense.

Participating teams:

1. BSI Football Academy
2. University of Johannesburg (2021 Cup holders)
3. Kappa Invitational
4. Mamelodi Sundowns FC
5. Orlando Pirates
6. Black Bulls (Mozambique)
7. Kafue Celtic (Zambia)
8. ELFA (Eastern Local Football Association) Invitational



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