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2022 WP Mid-Amateur Open

Ford 'cruises' to victory



The Steenberg Golf Club is located in the foothills of the Constantiaberg Mountain Range, surrounded by 59.5 hectares of vines, some of the most notable being Sauvignon Blanc (64% of total plantings).

In this year's WPG Mid-Amateur Championship, 64 mid-amateur players competed for the prestigious trophy.

Despite adverse weather conditions, the players' spirits were high and they competed fiercely with all guns blazing.

There is no doubt that the Cape Town winters have a reputation for presenting players with four seasons in one day. As a result, players are obliged to maintain concentration at all times. As the course teeth were evident, especially on the greens, there was no room for error. The lush fairways and the glassy greens were the most prominent features, revealing the beauty of the course.

Only eight shots separate the winner from the player finishing in 10th place. The quality of the golf was extremely competitive and in a very healthy state.

The 10th place finisher **Michael Knoetze** (Rondebosch) posted a steady 73 in the first round, but a shaky start in the second round, which included three bogeys and one double bogey on the front nine, severely hindered his fortunes.

Three players tied for seventh place with a gross total of 148 (+4). A few notable names (in no particular order): **Philip Taberer** (Erinvale) 72 and 76, **Geno Belfiore** (Milnerton) 74 and 74, and **Chris Helmbold** (Westlake) 72 and 76.

Dirk van der Merwe (Bellville), tied for fifth, and a regular in the Senior Series, posted the low round of the afternoon round with a score of 70 (-2). A different script would have played out if it had not been for the semi-meltdown in the morning round, when three bogeys and one double bogey were made from holes 14-17. In tied fifth place was **WP Botha** (Stellenbosch), who carded rounds of 74 and 73.

Wayne Melle (Rondebosch), tied for third, displayed his class and will be one to keep an eye on in the months to come after carding rounds of 72 and 73. It is evident that after posting 5 birdies, 6 bogeys, and 25 pars, it is apparent that the player possesses an exceptional level of skill.

During an up and down round, **Anton Pieters** (Hermanus) made nine bogeys and eight birdies, preventing him from gaining a foothold in the race. A score of 72 and 73 earned him a tie for third place.

Riaan Lewis (KD Mowbray) accomplished everything every golfer dreams of, and that is to entertain his playing partners by acing the 14th hole. His consistent performance throughout his career is one of the reasons why he

is recognised as a WPG Top Mid-Amateur player. His performance on the day was evidence of this when he carded rounds of 71 and 72 and finished in runner-up position.

Adrian Ford (Durbanville) emerged victorious with a professional performance that surpassed his competitors to win the 2022 WP Mid-Amateur Open. In the morning, Ford shot an impressive low round of 68 that left him three shots ahead of the field. In spite of opening his campaign with a bogey, he birdied holes 7,8,10,11, 13 and 18. Despite holding a four-shot lead with four holes remaining, Ford lost two strokes to the course as a result of an unforced error on hole 15. As he regained his composure, he switched into cruise control, finishing with three pars to post a final round of 73, securing the win by two strokes.

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 PAT Tour

Metropolitan Open - Cooper outperforms his competitors



Metropolitan Golf Club boasts sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean framed by Signal Hill and Lion's Head as a backdrop.

Cold weather and slow play did not deter players from partaking in the Metropolitan Open 2022.

Matthew Cooper (Clovelly), who is ranked third on the PAT Tour, won for a second time this season with a final score of 137 (67 and 70). He carded 29 pars, 5 birdies and only two bogeys. There is no doubt that his performance demonstrates why he has been selected to represent WP Golf at the 2022 SA Premier Inter-provisional Tournament.

By placing runner-up in his first tournament after a successful trip to the United Kingdom, Jack Buchanan (Milnerton) demonstrated why he currently holds the number one position on the PAT Tour. With scores of 68 and 70, he completed the tournament with 138, one shot short of a play-off spot.

The young Jurie Mostert (Bellville), age 21, proved why he is a force to be

reckoned with and a name to remember after his low round of 66 in Round 2. In round 1, a dissatisfactory 74 impeded his chances of winning his first PAT Tournament. Mostert finished third with a score of 140 (74 and 66).

Philip Taberer (Erinvale), winner of the Strand Open earlier in the year, displayed a fine performance, accumulating 9 birdies (25%). Taberer's chances of winning a second time were derailed by 3 double bogeys and 3 bogeys. His score of 140 (68 and 72) gave him Mid-Amateur Open bragging rights.

Women's podium was dominated by new faces. The women's section was won by **Ashley Huysamen** (Durbanville) by two strokes over **Lize-Mari Prinsloo** (Bellville). The victory marks Huysamen's first victory of the season with rounds of 77 and 73. With rounds of 75 and 77, Prinsloo finished as runner-up.

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Clovelly Open - Home victory for Cooper!



Located in a picturesque valley overlooking False Bay and surrounded by mountains, Clovelly Country Club is considered one of Cape Town's hidden gems. This year's Clovelly Open was graced with a star-studded field of 80 players. Over the course of the day, the leaderboard changed hands several times as a result of intense competition.

A confident **Matt Cooper** (Clovelly) retained his winning momentum from Metropolitan and took advantage of home turf to triumph by two shots over **Jungwi Lee** (Royal Cape) and **Travis Procter** (Durbanville).

The first round was a slow start for Cooper, as he posted a score of 71 (-1). Hole 19 – 27 were a completely different story, with Cooper shooting the low 9-hole round of 32 (-4). A clean score was marred by two bogeys on holes 10 and 13. He finished the final five holes one under par to post the lowest round of the day, a 69 (-3).

A youngster with few words and one of the hardest-working golfers, Jungwi Lee (Royal Cape), are beginning to show signs of promise. He finished the tournament with a 142 (-2) score with six birdies, four bogeys, and 26 pars, and finished runner-up. Procter (Durbanville), a familiar face on the podium, was seeking his second win of the season, but his efforts fell short. He reported that his putter was cold and therefore, he did not take advantage of many opportunities on the greens. With rounds of 71 and 71, he finished with a gross score of 142 (-2).

As one of the most dominant players in the Senior Series, **Brian Mampies** (Royal Cape) showed the young guns that he remains a force on the course. Mampies, who is widely regarded as a birdie machine, carded eight birdies on the day, but seven bogeys and one double had an adverse effect on his score. The Mid-AM Section title was awarded to him with rounds of 71 and 73, two shots ahead of **Shaun le Roux** (Westlake).

Six ladies competed for the title in the Women's Section. The competition appears to be intensifying each week, which is a positive sign of things to come. A new winner emerged with a staggering margin of 8 shots. A first-class performance by **Lize-Mari Prinsloo** (Bellville) was highlighted by rounds of 76 and 77 (153) to outperform the competition.

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Somerset West Open - Three-peat for Cooper!



Somerset West Golf Club is located in the foothills of the Helderberg Mountains and prides itself on being one of the region's most friendly clubs. Its wide variety of holes welcomes players of all abilities, including traditional tree-lined (parkland) holes and links holes inspired by the Scottish coast.

Cooper's reputation for winning on the Premier Amateur Tour has become his hallmark. His three consecutive wins and four for the year put him 11,50 points ahead of Jack Buchanan on the PAT Order of Merit.

Matthew Cooper (Clovelly) prevailed over Elmo Barnard (Strand) in a three-hole play-off.

The first play-off hole was played in typical par fashion. As the second play-off hole progressed, both players struck identical tee shots, however, their approach shots resembled scenes from a fairy-tale. Despite hitting his tee shot way right and encountering tree issues, Barnard found his way to six feet by manoeuvring between two overhanging branches. Cooper was required to control the trajectory of his ball and spin out of moist rough,

hitting a career-best shot to one foot, almost holing out for an eagle. Making birdies on the second play-off hole, both players were pumped up and marched back to the 18th, not showing any signs of defeat.

It's clear Barnard had a strategy in mind hitting his tee shots within 6 feet of one another. Following a hook shot around the trees, his second shot to the green ended up at the back of the green, leaving him with a downhill putt. Cooper's least successful drive ended up in the rough on the left side of the fairway, presenting him with an extra club into the green. A tentative over-the-top swing left his second shot pin high but right of the green. Cooper hit a well struck chip shot to two feet. The opportunity for Barnard to seal the deal presented itself, but he misjudged the pace of the downhill slope and rolled the putt 15 feet beyond the hole. Barnard lined up his second putt, in an attempt to force a fourth play-off, but he was unable to maintain his poise and missed his putt, resulting in Cooper's victory.

The round of the day belonged to **Donovon Liddicoat** (Stellenbosch), who carded a 67 (-5) in round 2, but had his chances dashed by an uncharacteristic 77 in round one.

Former Springbok player **Ralph Fransman** (Somerset West) displayed impressive skill as he won the Mid-Amateur Section by an unprecedented eight shots. Fransman shot 72 and 69 (141), one shot short of forcing a play-off against the young guns after recording seven birdies and one eagle during his rounds.

Isabella Crafford (Strand), who carded respectable rounds of 78 and 78 (156), finished nine shots ahead of her nearest rival **Candice Woodbridge** (Atlantic Beach) with rounds of 81 and 84.

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2022 Bradshaw Foursomes

Durbanville successfully defended their title



Congratulations to the Durbanville team for defending their title and winning the 2022 Bradshaw Foursomes.

Final Pairing Scores:

- Nicol Van Wyk and Adrian Ford 5 up against Josh De Klerk and Robin Falken
- Travis Procter and Wesley Du Plessis A/S against Alee Solomon and Idrees Saban
- Well played to the Royal Cape 1 team for making it through to the finals.

Thank you to all the clubs and their players for taking part in the tournament this year.

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Senior Series

King David Mowbray



The fifth installment of the Senior Series was held at the King David Mowbray Golf Club on Friday, 5 August 2022.

With 56 players participating, Western Cape Senior Golf has good prospects for the future.

It was one of the most anticipated tournaments of the year, with an exciting line-up of competitors.

Several improvements have been made to the course by the maintenance crew in order to enhance scoring opportunities.

A home course advantage in their favour saw King David Mowbray members take the show, finishing 1st and 2nd.

A familiar face on the podium, Craig Poulton (KD Mowbray) won his second Senior Series Event of the year by carding a round of 71 (-1). He birdied holes 6, 11, 12, 13, and 17. The unforced double bogey spoiled his round, preventing him from carding 69.

A blistering start was made by runner-up, **Francois de la Lat** (KD Mowbray) who made birdies on holes 6, 10 and 16 and an eagle on hole 14. The last four holes were evidently impacted by nerves, as bogeys were recorded on holes 15, 17 and 18, resulting in a round of 71.

Mr. Steady, aka **Greg Woodbridge**, reaffirmed his status as the province's number one senior player with 5 birdies on holes 4, 6, 9, 11 and 12. A total of three bogeys on holes 14, 15 and 17 prevented him from earning his third victory of the season.

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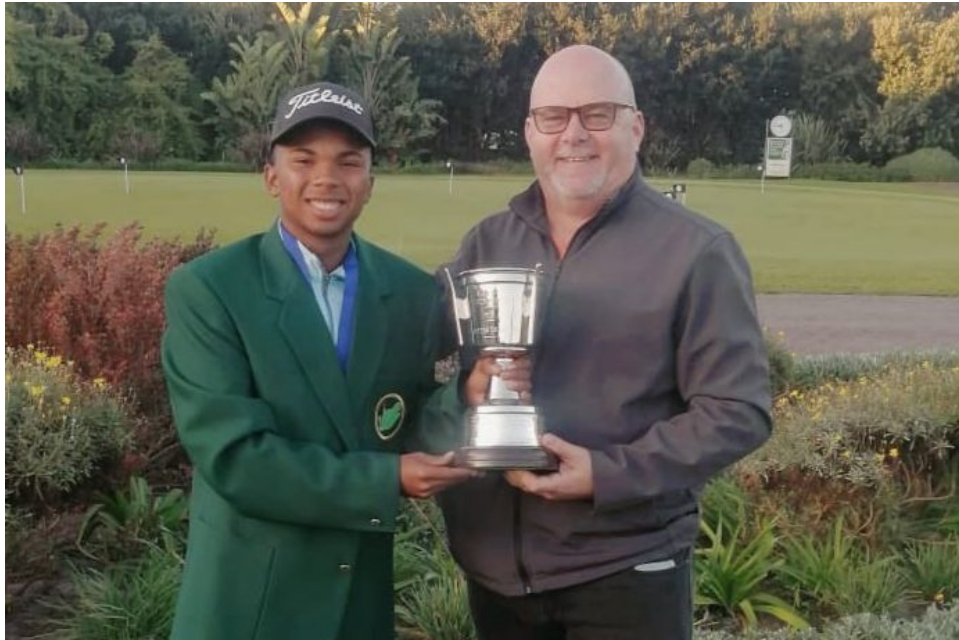
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Junior golf

Mitch Phigeland bagged the prestigious Mini Masters Title



The Mini Masters has a proud history in WP Junior Golf with its tournament sponsor, Golfing Association of Pinelands, having been associated since its inception in 1990. The tournament has seen its winners progress to perform on the local and international world golfing stage. Just this past weekend, 22-year old **Deon Germishuys**, the 2017 Mini Masters winner, finished tied 5th in the Irish Challenge held at “*The K Club*” (part of the European Challenge Tour) recording scores of 66 72 73 68=279.

If one looks at the names of the past champions of the Mini Masters, on the Brian McCabe Trophy (Under 15) as well as the Jake Schumann Trophy (Under 19), one will see that a number of these players have progressed to reach the highest golfing accolade. A case in point is Trevor Immelman – Trevor won the 2008 Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club.

Through the years golf of a high standard has been played in this event – in 2011 talented Dylan Raubenheimer scorched around KD Mowbray Golf Club in 7 under par – rounds of 66 and 71!

Every year for the past 32 years (no event took place in 2020) the winner of the annual Mini Masters, traditionally played at KD Mowbray Golf Club, has been awarded a green jacket. This year the recipient of the jacket was 17-

year old Atlantic Beach Links member **Mitch Phigeland**. Two solid rounds of 71 and 70 – a 3 under par total that included 9 birdies and 6 bogeys over the 36 holes.

After the morning session, **Pearce Lewin** (Steenberg) led the way with a 69 – a steady round that included 4 birdies and a bogey at the par 4 17th. In close pursuit was **Boston Franks** (Steenberg) on 70, then followed **James Boustead** (Erinvale), **Mitch Phigeland** (Atlantic Beach) and **Eric Venter** (Kuils River) all on 71.

At the end of the day the tussle was between **Mitch Phigeland** and **James Boustead**. Mitch had a healthy lead going into the final few holes with James leaving himself too much to do at the end. However James tried valiantly, finishing strong with birdies at the 15th and 18th. A close 2nd by the current in-form player, 15-year old **Bjorn Nord** (Milnerton) continued with his recent impressive form to finish 3rd after a brave afternoon 69. **Matthew Lotz** (Milnerton) showed a welcome return to form shooting the afternoon low score of 68.

Top 5 in the U19 division (Jake Schumann Trophy)

1. Mitch Phigeland (Atlantic Beach) 71 70 141
2. James Boustead (Erinvale) 71 71 142
3. Bjorn Nord (Milnerton) 74 69 143
4. Matthew Lotz (Milnerton) 76 68 144
5. Boston Franks (Steenberg) 70 74 144

The Brian McCabe Trophy, for players that are Under 15, was comfortably won by 14-year old **Noah Musikanth** (KD Mowbray) with rounds of 74 and 76. Noah's morning round of 74 was spoilt with a 5 on the par 3 16th. Noah would have gained much confidence with this performance – an overall 11th position.

Top 3 in the U15 division (Brian McCabe Trophy)

top 3 in the U13 division (Brian McCabe Trophy)

1.Noah Musikanth (KD Mowbray) 74 76 150

2.Nicholas Schreider (Steenberg) 83 81 164

3.Booye Walters (Bellville) 79 87 166

Final junior series sees Francois and Arman on top



The Clovelly Junior Winter Series (CJWS) was a very apt description, a cold biting wind testing the patience of the players, in the final event of the current series. The events that were held in June and July were also played in icy cold conditions but the good scores posted suggested otherwise. These events are to promote golf amongst the Under 13 and Under 15 age groups.

In the Under 13 division 12 year old **Arman Patel** (Steenberg), playing his final event in this age category, finished on a fine 74 gross, comfortably winning by a clear 3 shots. Local member **Ollie Malyon** finished on 77 with **Kyto Tuohy** (Steenberg) recording a 78.

The overall winner of the Junior Series, in the U13 division, was local member **Evan Marais**, who posted counting rounds of 79 76 and 75 to win comfortably by 10 strokes from **Jude Samuels** (the CJWS was a series of 4 events).

The Under 13B division was won by **Joel Neethling** (Rondebosch) on a fine 39 individual points with the Under 13Cs seeing 10 year old **Luciahno Smith** (Kuils River) win with 32 points

In the Under 15 age group **Francois Steyn** (Atlantic Beach Links) showed his liking for Clovelly to post his 3rd win of the series – this occasion a well played 75. **Henru Walters** (Durbanville) on 76 and **Noah Musikanth** (KD Mowbray) on 77 completed the top 3.

The overall winner of the Junior Series, in the U15 division, was **Francois Steyn**, who posted counting rounds of 73 78 and 75 to win this division by 4 strokes from **Henru Walters**.

The next WP Junior Golf event is the Atlantic Beach Junior Championship on the 28th August.

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A case of the Big Five at Atlantic



It was a case of the Big Five at Atlantic Beach Links on Sunday – a hole-in-one, a sparkling winning gross 68, a good turnout, perfect weather and a picture perfect golf course. The Atlantic Beach Junior Championship delivered on all its promises, a tournament played in beautiful early spring weather.

The Atlantic Beach Links, offers the most spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and iconic Table Mountain, and winds its way through undulating dunes, with fairways and greens beautifully accentuated by natural local fynbos. An experience which all the juniors who participated, thoroughly enjoyed.

After recent wins at the Rondebosch Junior Championship (a gross 71) and the prestigious Mini Masters (rounds of 71 & 70), local member 17-year old

Mitch Phigeland, added another junior title to his resume. It was a tight affair but recording the only birdie on the day at the difficult par 4 17th was the defining factor – a fine 4 under par 68 which included 5 birdies and a lone drop at the par 3 3rd. **Jungwi Lee** (Royal Cape) continued with his recent fine form compiling a composed 69 – an outward half of 34 and coming back home in 35.

Rounding off the top 4 in the premier division were 13-year old **Henru Walters** (Durbanville) and 14-year old **Noah Musikanth** (KD Mowbray), both shooting 71s.

An interesting fact on the day was that Atlantic Beach Links may have given up over 60 birdies for the A division but penalised the players with double that amount in double bogeys or worse – a true test of the difficulty of the course is when the wind really blows!

The B division was won by **Megan Joubert** (Bellville) on a gross 88 with the C division winner, **Edoardo Cisari** (Metropolitan) on a fine 37 individual stableford points.

The Under 13A division saw **Evan Marais** (Clovelly) win his countless title for the year – on this occasion a fine gross 74 with **Traigh Pathon** (Royal Cape) next on 77. Then the highlight of the event – 10-year old **Louw Schoeman** (Bellville) getting his hole-in-one at the par 3 16th – securing a 5 pointer at this hole enabled him to win with 37 individual points, followed by **Aminah Hendricks** (Royal Cape) close on his heels with 36 points.

Next Sunday sees the popular Royal Cape Junior Championship take place.

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- Saturday, 10 September 2022
- Saturday, 17 September 2022
- Saturday, 24 September 2022

WPG Tournaments

- WP Foursomes, Sunday 11 September 2022

IPT

- 2022 Men's Premier IPT at Koro Creek, Monday, 19 September – Friday, 23 September 2022

Juniors

- 11 September - Strand Junior Championship
- 18 September - Junior Inter-club Teams Challenge (entries through your club)
- 25 September - Somerset West Junior Championship

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