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Men's Section

WP doubles up with unbeaten Koro Creek feat

WP celebrates their successful title defense with another unbeaten run in the South African Premier Inter-Provincial

Western Province retained the South African Inter-Provincial at Koro Creek Golf Club in Limpopo with yet another dominant performance in the premier national team tournament. The team from the Cape ended the week with a perfect record by defeating old foe, Central Gauteng 7.5 – 4.5 in the final round, successfully defending the title they won at San Lameer last year.

"I'm so proud of the team. We knew going to Koro Creek as the defending champions would add extra pressure, but from the first session on day one the guys were calm and in control. The mark of a champion team is playing the clutch moments well, and our players executed incredibly well under pressure. Kudos to the team and their manager Cameron Johnston on their successful campaign. They did themselves and Western Province Golf proud on and off the course."

– Western Province Golf President, **Mike de Swardt**

Province began with a closely-fought 7 – 5 win over newly promoted Eastern Province, having trailed 2.5 – 1.5 after the morning foursomes. The Cape side edged out Gauteng North 7.5 – 4.5 in the second round, and comfortably beat Ekurhuleni 9 – 3 in round three but were made to fight for their fourth round win over North West.

"We pulled that one through 7 – 5 to move to eight points in the standings, two points clear of Central Gauteng. We came into the final round knowing that we needed at least to halve the tie to retain the cup."

– Johnston

Province laid a solid foundation in the foursomes to secure a 3.5 – 0.5 lead, but Central rallied early in the singles to win two games and close the gap. **Sean Howell** birdied the 16th and 17th holes to secure Province's first point of the afternoon session. **Jack Buchanan** halved the 17th and won 1-up on the last hole, which meant the defending champions had 5.5 points in the bag. **Andrew Georgiou** then won 3 & 2 and **Phil Taberer** came through at No. 1 on the last to secure the win.

"We had three rookies on the team this year, and they equipped themselves brilliantly, which is a nod to the great team culture and the attitudes of the more experienced guys. It's a credit to each and every member of the team that they went out there and did the job, against our historically biggest rival, Central Gauteng. We are not a team of superstars, but every player fought for the team and our Captain, Andrew Georgiou once again did an impeccable job of leading the team."

Province Captain **Andrew Georgiou**, a four-time All American on the collegiate circuit and former Sunshine Tour player, regained his amateur status in 2021. He explained that his return to amateur golf has been far more satisfying than expected, primarily due to the incredible team environment the amateur circuit in South Africa provides.

"I have to say it's awesome to be able to 'give back' and I thought that winning the IPT last year felt good, but man, this one might feel better. To come here under the pressure of being the defending champions, playing an inland golf course and having three rookies on the team, this one means the world to us."

– Andrew Georgiou

Central Gauteng, who could have claimed the title if they had beaten Province comprehensively on the final day, finished in second position on the log, with newcomers Eastern Province in third. Ekurhuleni finished in fourth, leaving Gauteng North and North West to battle it out to avoid relegation. In the end, it came down to a games count-out, with North West edging out the Daisies for the fifth spot by 4.5 games points. Gauteng North tee it up in the B-Section next year, with Free State having secured promotion to the A-Section for the first time since 2018.

A-Section final log

(Pos-Union-Played-Won-Drawn-Lost-Points-Matches won)

1	Western Province (5, 5, 0, 0, 10, 38)
2	Central Gauteng (5, 3, 0, 2, 6, 32)
3	Eastern Province (5, 2, 0, 3, 4, 31)
4	Ekurhuleni (5, 2, 0, 3, 4, 27.5)
5	North West (5, 1, 1, 3, 3, 28)
6	Gauteng North (5, 1, 1, 3, 3, 23.5)

To view the final logs – click [here](#).

To view the MVP results – click [here](#).



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WP Foursomes: Lewis and Helmbold triumph at Milnerton Golf Club



The 2022 WP Foursomes were held at Milnerton Golf Club, situated next to the Atlantic Ocean and offering spectacular views of Table Mountain.

A total of 39 teams (78 players) participated in one of Western Province Golf's most prestigious tournaments.

A cold and blistery morning greeted the players, as rain swept across the course, making it a challenging start to their campaign. As the rain gradually dissipated, the players faced yet another element Mother Nature throws at Milnerton, the wind.

Milnerton's links-style design enabled it to hold its own while the back nine offered a variety of challenges for players of all skill levels. The tucked-away pin placements on the day prevented many birdies, resulting in only three subpar rounds being recorded, indicating that the conditions on the course were challenging.

The WP Foursomes Trophy was won by Riaan Lewis (KD Mowbray) and Christian Helmhold (Westlake) after they defeated Sean Howell

Christian Helmbold (Westlake) after they defeated Sean Howell (Durbanville) and Matthew Cooper (Clovelly).

Both teams scored 71 and 75 respectively.

A playoff took place on the 18th hole, a challenging par four, with water running right along the fairway and bunkers begging for miscalculations.

Having drawn the longer stick, Cooper had the honour of teeing off first. Cooper avoided the water entirely by pulling his tee shot and finishing on the fairway of the 1st hole. Helmbold, following Cooper's lead, decided to follow the same course of action.

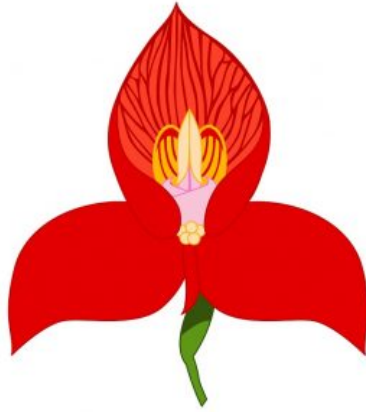
With a stiff ocean breeze blowing across their faces, both partners had tricky second shots from 160 meters away. Howell attempted to trap his second shot below the wind due to the ball lying below his feet, but it was struck off-centre, leaving his partner with a difficult 30-meter pitch shot. Lewis had an excellent opportunity to put pressure on their opponents. However, they were unable to capitalize on the opportunity, and the ball was left just short of the green after being under clubbed.

Despite Cooper's best efforts, his pitch shot was misdirected, resulting in his ball soaring over the flag and landing more than ten meters away. It was Helmbold's perfectly timed chip shot, which ended up three feet away, that provided his team with a significant advantage.

In an attempt to extend the match, Howell faced a tricky slider, but missed it by a narrow margin. A confident Lewis hammered his putt into the back of the cup, securing a resounding victory.

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2022 Men's Mid-Amateur IPT Team Announcement



We are proud to announce the following team to represent WP Golf at the forthcoming Mid-Amateur Inter-Provincial Tournament taking place at Devonvale Golf Estate, Stellenbosch, Western Cape from the 10 to 14 October 2022.

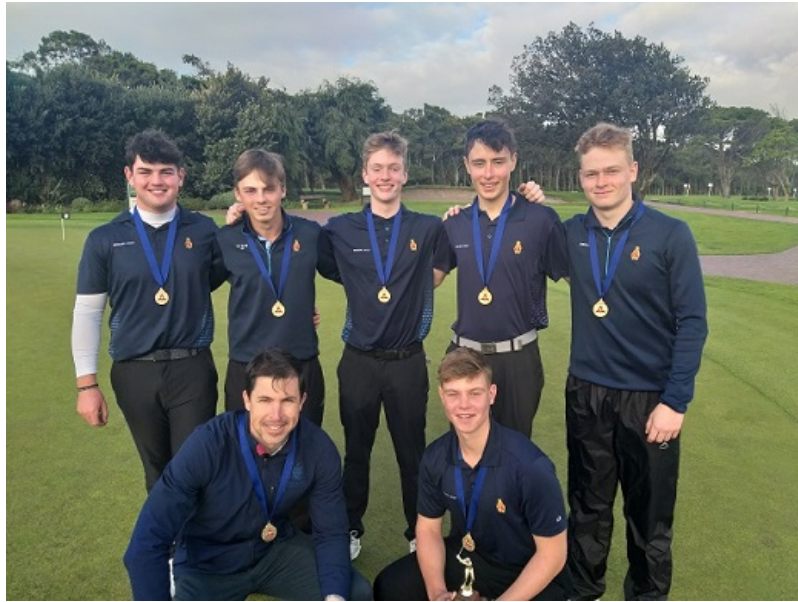
- Belfiore, Geno – Milnerton Golf Club
- Burger, Roux (Captain) – Milnerton Golf Club
- Helmbold, Christian - Westlake
- Laurie, John – KD Mowbray
- Lewis, Riaan – King David Mowbray Golf Club
- Melle, Wayne – Rondebosch Golf Club
- Thompson, Dave – Clovelly Golf Club
- Truter, Ian – Somerset West

Manager: Richard Nell

Congratulations to all the players and their clubs on their selection. We are confident that those selected will represent Western Province Golf with pride and to the best of their ability.

Junior golf

Bishops crowned WP Schools Golf champions



A constant swirling breeze, and a sudden mid round downpour, did not deter the 72 participants in the 2022 Western Province Schools Golf League Finals held at KD Mowbray Golf Club.

The WP Schools Golf League consists of a NORTH and a SOUTH League – both leagues are further subdivided into an A, B and C league. The WP Schools Golf League season extends from April through to August with the winners of the various leagues gathering, at the culmination of the league season, to contest the schools golf league finals. The season consists of around 160 fixtures played on a Monday afternoon at various golf courses around the Cape Peninsula.

This year's A League final was contested between Bishops and Durbanville High School. Wins by Durbanville's number 1 **Liam Adonis** and **Henru Walters** (at number 4) were cancelled out with convincing wins by **Adam Buckham** (5&4), **James Boustead** (7&6), **Michael Newton** (4&2) and **Thomas Jacobs** (3&2). In the end it was a 4-2 triumph for Bishops.

Last year saw Bishops come agonizingly close to winning, but after one of the closest finals in recent years, TGSE won on a games count. Three members of this year's Bishops side played in last year's epic final.

For 3rd place, Milnerton High School shaded the 2021 winners, TGSE, in a closely contested match winning 3.5 to 2.5. Wins by Luca Wolvaardt, Tristan Boise and Jordan Pillay saw Milnerton home.

To recap the winners of the A league for the past 6 years have been:

- 2017 Curro Durbanville
- 2018 Bishops
- 2019 Rondebosch
- 2020 Not played
- 2021 TGSE
- 2022 Bishops

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Combined Girls beat Strand High School in School League final



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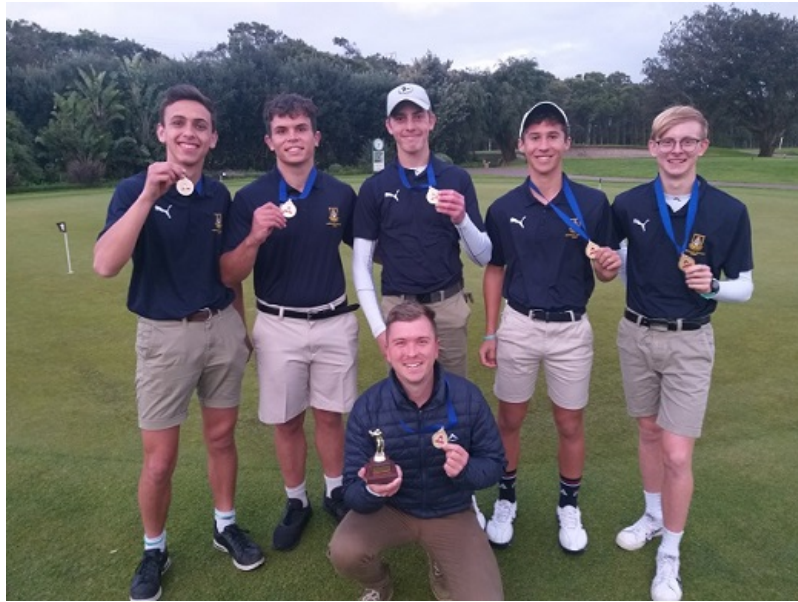
The B league final saw the Combined Girls comfortably beat Strand High School 5-1. Wins by Jaden Visagie, Isabella Williams, Zayaan Hendricks, Isabella Heber and Ruah Payle were offset by the lone Strand win of Christiaan de Jager. Bishops 'B' finished in 3rd place after a titanic clash with Curro Durbanville that finished 3 all – a games count had to decide the winner.

A great day of school golf, I am sure, enjoyed by all.

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Bellville beats Combined School team - 16 points clear



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The C league final saw Combined Schools come up against Bellville. This league is decided on the stableford points format with 4 of the 6 individual scores counting towards the team total. In the end a comfortable 16 point difference was sufficient for Bellville to win – Bellville 105 Combined Schools 89. The leading player on the day was Bellville's **Hanré le Roux** on 31 points. For 3rd place Strand 'B' scored a 105 – 90 win against a young KD Mowbray Development 'B' side.

A great day of school golf, I am sure, enjoyed by all.

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Nicolas van der Vyver wins a tight race at Strand



Fresh from his top 5 performance at Pecanwood Golf and Country Club, in the NOMADS North and South Championship, local member 15 year old Nicolas van der Vyver continued with his fine run of form by winning the Strand Junior Championship.

The NOMADS North and South Championship was held at the beginning of September with WP representatives Jack Buchanan (68,70&72=210) finishing runner-up, and Nicolas van der Vyver (71,71&73=215) finishing in 5th place. This was not the only recent standout performance of Nicolas – he was a member of the victorious Paul Roos High School side that captured

the SA High Schools Championship at Humewood Golf Club during August – together with his twin brother, **Andries, Gerard Hartman, and Jack Brugman.**

To quote Mike Tyson – *“Confidence breeds success and success breeds confidence...”* – currently Nicolas has this in abundance. A near faultless performance besides a bogey at the final hole – 16 pars, a birdie at the par 4 7th and the final hole drop. A fine level par 72 in testing conditions – a persistent biting cold breeze during the day. It was not all plain sailing – 13-year old **Henru Walters** (Durbanville) finishing a shot behind with **Craig Jacobs** (Atlantic Beach Links) and **Bjorn Nord** (Milnerton) completing the top 4 with 74s.

It was a case of being so close for 15-year old **Bjorn Nord**. Playing the final hole, and being level par at this stage, Bjorn recorded a double par 7 at this testing hole. In fact not a single birdie was recorded on this par 5 hole during the event. Bjorn is reaping the benefits of dedicated hard work and this has been translated into some great performances of late.

The B division was won by **Jayden Hendricks** (Fairview) on a gross 86 with **Luke Jacobs** (Royal Cape) winning the Under 13A division title on a gross 81. The U13B division saw **Kazio de Leeuw** (Atlantis) leading the pack on 32 points.

To view the final results – click [here](#).

The next WP Junior Golf events are scheduled for the **25th September** at Somerset West, **3rd October** at Westlake followed on the **7th October** at Clovelly. Three great courses that always gives much pleasure to play.

Van der Vyver twins steer Strand GC to Junior Interclub victory



The 2nd “Junior Interclub Team Challenge” for 2022 took place at Parow Golf Club – although the weather forecast for the afternoon was light rain, the players were greeted by relatively clear skies but somewhat testing windy conditions.

The 1st “Junior Interclub Team Challenge” for 2022 was held early in February at Kuils River Golf Club – KD Mowbray A was then victorious. They yet again gave a good account of themselves, finishing as runner-up. In the end a comprehensive 8 shot margin saw Strand Golf Club being crowned junior club champions.

The Strand Golf Club quartet comprised Nicolas van der Vyver (73), Andries van der Vyver (76), Matthew Arendse (81) and non-counting Canzius Erwee (85). It was the inform van der Vyver’s that provided the sparkle. A solid level par start of 36 by Nicolas, after the 1st nine, set up a firm foundation – a fighting 37 back home saw him grab the individual honours – overall 3 birdies and 4 bogeys. Brother Andries started slowly with drops at his 1st 2 holes and completed his nine in 39 shots, also a fine 37 coming home saw him post a 76.

In the individual stakes the Van der Vyvers were followed by Jungwi Lee (Royal Cape) and Luke-Daniel Pillay (Atlantic Beach), both recording 77s.

The top 5 U19 teams were – Individual top 4

1.Strand 230 1. Nicolas van der Vyver (Strand) 73

2.KD Mowbray A 230 2. KD Mowbray A 76

2.KD Mowbray A 238 2. Andries van der vyver (Strand) 76

3.Atlantic Beach Links 239 3. Luke-Daniel Pillay (Atlantic Beach)

4.Royal Cape 241 & Jungwi Lee (Royal Cape) 77

5. Steenberg 244

(teams of 4 with 3 scores counting)

The Under 13 division saw Royal Cape win by the same victory margin as in the U19 division – an 8-shot victory with Clovelly finishing 2nd. The Royal Cape pair of **Luke Jacobs** (78) and **Traigh Pathon** (85) avenged their tantalisingly close defeat of a single shot, in the 1st “Junior Interclub Team Challenge” that was held in February. In the individual stakes **Luke Jacobs** finished a clear 3 shots ahead of Clovelly’s **Evan Marais**.

The top 3 U13 teams were – Individual top 4

1. Royal Cape 163 1.Luke Jacobs (Royal Cape) 73

2. Clovelly 171 2.Evan Marais (Clovelly) 81

3. KD Mowbray 172 3.Joel Neethling (Rondebosch)

(teams of 2 with both scores counting) & Traigh Pathon (Royal Cape) 85

The next WP Junior Golf event is the Somerset West Junior Championship taking place on **Sunday, the 25th September**.

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