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From the Founders Desk

Our College and Academy students start their 2023 schedule

This week we welcomed all our post-matric College and Elite Academy students and got them busy straight away with a comprehensive evaluation week. We are excited that our College and Elite Academy students are now training at The Golf Village Gilloolys, and the students are already thoroughly enjoying the facility.

We have a great group of new students. There were many nervous grins and shy introductions when they introduced themselves to their fellow students and the coaching team, but that awkwardness soon fell away when they had the opportunity to show their golf ability during testing. We are certainly blessed with some talented individuals this year and look forward to assisting them on their pathway to success in golf.



Our new PGA Diploma intake above:

Jaden Jamneck, Gilbert Chalwe, Keegan du Plessis, Berman Richter, Martin Papworth, Etienne Bedeker, Estienne Terblanche, Pieter-Andre van der Merwe, Jonathan Henry, Malachi Schulz, Harry Llewellyn, Stacey-Lee van Gent, Andre Goosen, Jason Simmonds & Greg Sundstrom. Students still to arrive: Adrian Andrade, Danny Chelogoi and Kelvin Kiplenge.

This group includes international students from England, Zambia, Seychelles and 2 from Kenya, along with South African's from across the country. We have 2 spaces left for the 2023 intake, which will fill soon so don't delay if you want to join. We have just under 50 students on our PGA Diploma program this year, including our 2nd and 3rd year students.

We also welcome new students Dianah Nambalirwa (Uganda) and Seth Sarlie to our Greenkeeping program. 2022 PGA Diploma graduates Sam Conradie and Daniel Macdonald have also enrolled in the 1-year Greenkeeping course. We are especially excited to have 2 women on that program this year.



Dianah Nambalirwa

Seth Sarlie

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A new student in our Elite Academy is Cade Goodgall. He is joined on the program by returning students Chang Sung Nam (South Korea), recent Junior Academy graduates Pranay Kapur (India) and Yaone Mokgatle (Botswana), and recent PGA Diploma graduates Mangezi Maswanganyi and Sean Paxton. This program focuses purely on high performance golf training without academics.



Evaluation week is all about benchmarking the current technical, skill and ability level of each student, to assist the coaching team with forming an individualised performance development plan. We identify where the performance gaps are, and put energy into filling those gaps.



Throughout the week the students undergo testing and screening in swing technique and ball flight (using FlightScope radar and K-Motion 3D technology), putting skills, short game skills, pitching accuracy, TPI golf fitness, equipment check, pre-shot routine, and finally the ultimate test being a strokeplay tournament at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC.

Performance Tip Awkward lies – How to play an uphill lie

By Christopher Wright, BSI Golf Coach

Click on the link below to learn how to play an uphill awkward lie





Congratulations to **Connor Olfsen**, on winning the BSI Junior Academy 18hole medal played at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington East Course on Friday 20 January. Connor shot a level par 72 on the Beast, which saw Connor better his last week's Personal Best by 4 shots. Connor has won a medal before but it was a joint win in 2022, so this is his first stand-alone win.

Personal Best:

Connor Olfsen 72

Well done Connor. The future is bright for this 14-year old.



External Results

Free State Levin Open – Heron Banks GC (16 – 18 January 2023)

Well done to **Reece Mckain** who came 15th and **Martin Papworth** (T26) in the Free State Levin Open played at Heron Banks GC from 16 to 18 January 2023.

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Congratulations to Tshepo Simata (BSI Athletics Program), Tristan Bairos and Samukelo Nyathi (both BSI Football Academy) for successfully completing their GED exams with some outstanding results for 2022.





Tshepo (a talented sprinter from Zimbabwe) is looking to further his studies and athletics career at College in USA. Samukelo is currently in Portugal with a small group of BSI Football Academy players who were invited to training with Sporting Clube Farense. Tristan is currently deciding on his next steps.

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