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From the Founders Desk

BSI Golf

Our coaching team conducted over 330 separate Performance Assessments last week, during a very busy and very hot assessment week with our College and Academy players. We've now settled down into a normal schedule for all of our golf programmes and the development work begins again.

Tomorrow marks 19 years since I opened The Golf School of Excellence (TGSE) with half a dozen full-time students at Verwey's Driving Range in Fourways. The journey since then has been amazing, with a full spectrum of emotions along the way. It's great to look back at the accomplishments, but I honestly feel like our best years are ahead.

MJ BALDERSTONE

Happy FOUNDERS DAY

02 FEBRUARY 2023



19 years ago Michael Balderstone started what we know today as the Balderstone Sports Institute.

From the modest facilities on a driving range in Johannesburg, on the 2nd February 2004, TGSE was established. 19 years later and it has grown into a high-performance, multi-sport training and educational institute, we now know today as the Balderstone Sports Institute.

We are proud to say that we have put hundreds of students, across the globe into the business of golf and various careers in sport.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been part of the voyage, from our outstanding coaches, tutors, students, parents and sponsors, we are forever grateful. May you all continue with us, as we grow and meet new 'family' on the way and all experience the journey together.



Balderstone
Sports Institute

On Thursday 02 February we celebrate Founder's Day. It is 19 years since Michael Balderstone first opened his full-time golf academy, The Golf School of Excellence, which has evolved into Balderstone Sports Institute. Here's to the next 19 years of training and educating youth athletes and changing lives for the better.



Performance Tip

Awkward lies – How to play a downhill lie

By Christopher Wright, BSI Golf Coach

[Click on the link below to learn how to play a downhill awkward lie](#)



BSI Tournament Results

BSI Premier Medal

Well done to Harry Llewellyn for taking the first win for 2023 in the BSI Premier Division 18-hole medal with a score of 1-under (71) at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington GC East Course on Friday 27 January. Harry won this first event for the year but we are definitely sure that the rest of his Premier Academy colleagues are also 'chomping at the bit' for a win.

Personal Bests:

JD Ungerer 76

Karl-Heinz Meinke 77

Shaun Mofokeng 87



Harry Llewellyn



Shaun Mofokeng, JD Ungerer & Karl-Heinz Meinke

BSI Junior Academy 18-hole medal

Congratulations to **Dowoo Kim**, on winning the BSI Junior Academy 18-hole medal played at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington GC East Course on Friday 27 January. Dowoo shot a 2-under 70 on a very hot Highveld morning.

Personal Best:

Dowoo Kim 70



Dowoo Kim

Order of Merit

2022 Junior Academy Order of Merit Champion **Vuyisani Makama** had a custom-fitting last week for his new Srixon clubs as part of the sponsored prize provided by Srixon Golf SA to our Order of Merits winners.



Vuyisani has been playing with a mix match of clubs, many of them borrowed, that has put him at a severe disadvantage. Despite this he won our Junior Golf Academy Order of Merit, numerous other individual tournaments, gained selection for the Golf RSA National Squad, and earned selection for the victorious Central Gauteng U19 IPT team.

Thank you so much to Srixon for your generous ongoing support. This will assist Vuyisani tremendously.

By the way, the master fitter on duty was Srixon Tour Fitter and BSI alumni Alfred Sutton. It's a delight to watch Alfred in action, he brings so much enthusiasm and knowledge to his fittings.

The 2023 Order of Merit winner for both our Premier Division and Junior Academy will once again receive:

1. Srixon Irons and wedges
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Alumni

Former BSI Junior Academy student **Yurav Premalal** has turned professional. Yurav broke a number of records while a BSI student, including becoming the 2nd youngest player ever to win an official world ranking professional event when he won a Big Easy Tour event at Observatory aged 15 years old. He was also the youngest player ever to qualify for the SA Open (also when aged 15), and he then went on to make the cut in the European Tour event, breaking that age record too. We wish Yurav and his family all the best in this next step of his journey.

See article below.

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External Results

Highveld Junior Open – Middelburg CC (29 January 2023)

Congratulations to BSI Junior Academy student **Dowoo Kim** on winning the Highveld Junior Open with a score of 68 at Middelburg CC on Sunday 29 January 2023.



Doowoo Kim

Gauteng North Open – Wingate Park CC (27 – 29 January 2023)

Well done to Reece Mckain (T35), Tawriq Abrahams (T46) and Mojalefa Nale (T63) in the Gauteng North Open - Wingate Park CC (27 – 29 January 2023).

DP World Tour Hero Dubai Desert Classic, Emirates GC, Dubai, UAE (26 – 30 January 2023)

Well done to BSI Mental client, Jacques Kruyswijk who finished tied-28 in the DP World Tour Hero Dubai Desert Classic played on the Emirates GC in Dubai from 26 to 30 January 2023. This finish sees Jacques move 46 place up in the Race to Dubai and he is now ranked 79th.

Player of the Month

Junior Academy Player of the Month – January

Congratulations to **Dowoo Kim** who was voted as BSI Junior Academy Player of the month for January.

Dowoo won 1 BSI medal during the month with a score and personal best of 70 at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC, East Course. Dowoo also beat his previous personal best on the West Course with a score of 75.

His stroke average for the month was 72,5.

Dowoo won the Highveld Junior Open at Middelburg CC with a fantastic score of 68.

Well Done Dowoo!



Doowoo Kim

■ Welcome

We are delighted to welcome **Karl Lehmacher** to the BSI Golf Coaching Team as an Intern Golf Coach.

Karl graduated from BSI with a PGA Diploma in 2015, and our Greenkeeping Course in 2017. He then pursued a playing career for a few years on the IGT and Big Easy Tours. For the last 4 years he has been caddying on the Sunshine Tour and Ladies European Tour.

He is now using the performance knowledge gained to help the next generation of aspiring professionals. We believe this knowledge will be a great asset to our team and players.



Karl Lehmacher

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BSI Football Academy

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@09:00

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AGES FROM U8 TO U13 YEARS

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