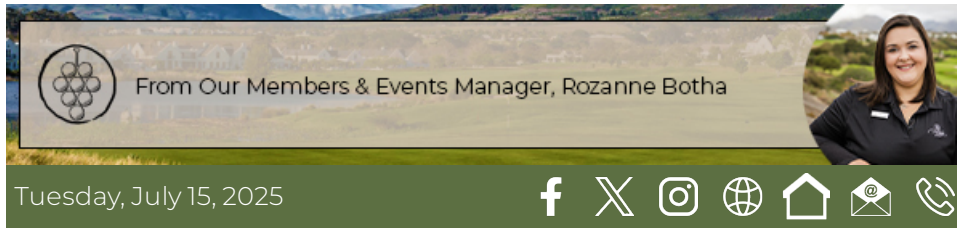


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Dear Members,

As promised earlier in the year, De Zalze has begun various development projects and upgrades to further our vision and improve our members' experience. This includes the renovation of our reception area, which will soon hopefully embody a clean, fresh look and feel while retaining the historic integrity of the building.

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## Exciting news

There have been many new and exciting additions to our club including the appointment of our new receptionists, Leandre, and Stacey, who I trust will help enhance our members' and visitors' experience by streamlining the administrative and organisational responsibilities of not only the front of house, but also of the Finance and Admin departments. They have already exhibited their experience and initiative, and we are looking forward to them becoming seasoned members of our team.

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## Clubhouse upgrades

Following our AGM last year and more recently, the members engagement session, we are confident that the proposed upgrades to our clubhouse will be welcomed by all. The kitchen is one of our key focus areas, and although the overall revamp projects has yet to be finalised, we believe it in the best interest of our Club to ensure optimal working spaces, which in turn result in a more functional restaurant.

Furthermore, the options we are considering as part of the upgrades, will certainly be beneficial in comfortably managing the influx of visitors in future, as January this year saw De Zalze experience one of the busiest periods in many years. We are grateful to our members for the ongoing support, confidence in our vision and for being so welcoming of our foreign guests.

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## Course projects

Our winter course projects will commence with consideration given to Fairway Bunkers, Irrigation instillation and drainage concerns being top of the team's priority lists. The removal and reshaping of the old fairway bunker at 18 is just one small example of what the teams are capable of and we thank all of the partners who are working hard to follow our Course Blueprint Vision and improve our experience on our wonderful course.

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## An amazing opportunity lies ahead

Management would also like to make another mention of the departure of Murray Smit our resident Golf Pro, who has been offered an outstanding opportunity to coach the Singapore National Team. Murray will be joining us for some golf and dinner on the 29th of March where he will be able to say a farewell to everyone.

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## The future of the Pro Shop

Our most significant change is upcoming at the beginning of April, namely the outsourcing of our pro shop to Pro-Shop Express – a business boasting a repertoire of 25 pro shops countrywide. This partnership is a wonderful opportunity for our current pro shop staff to pursue a promising career in the industry and equip them with a new leader with excellent credentials and expertise to train and guide them.

Hanko Bothma, the incoming De Zalze Pro Shop Manager, will oversee this transition at our club and will ensure our staff are well taken care of and pushed to their full potential. Hanko comes with an extensive amount of Managerial and Retail experience and has for the past 4 years been running the very successful Clovelly CC Pro Shop.

Extensive changes of this nature generally come with a few teething problems and associated challenges, so we ask you all to bear with us while we manage this process. We are very excited about this collaboration with Pro-Shop Express and are all confident that their efforts will be beneficial to both staff and members alike. As of today, we are hosting an exciting Clearance sale! Visit our pro shop and take advantage of the fantastic offerings.

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 Also on the horizon

Members are encouraged to keep an eye out for the upcoming SA Top 100 digital magazine issue, which will include a feature of De Zalze to boost our visibility and reach. The changes to our course have been the talk of the town so to speak so this will be a good way to share with the golfing fraternity our latest achievements and vision for the future.

Finally, our members and visitors can look forward to our new menu which will debut on the 10th of March. Our chef, Rob Heeger, has developed various new, delicious options for lunches and dinners, including a sushi special following on the 15th of March. We trust our members will appreciate and enjoy the new menu and encourage support and feedback in the coming weeks.

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## Noteworthy dates

### Investec Invitational Series – Saturday, 11 March 2023

This year, there will be three Saturdays, sponsored by Investec. We want to thank them for their involvement and ongoing support. There will be two competitions: a Combined Stableford, and members will be able to add their two best Individual Stableford scores together to qualify for the grand prize.

## We are delighted to invite you to the 2023 Investec Invitational Series



"These three Saturday morning events will add tremendous value to our golfing calendar. There will be two competitions: a combined stableford, and members will be able to add their two best individual stableford scores together to qualify for the grand prize."

11 March

9 September

11 November

#### Conditions of Competition

1. **Type of Play:** Combined stableford, the best individual stableford score over two rounds will win the grand prize.
2. **Eligibility / Handicaps:** All members with an official handicap are able to take part. Visitors are welcome to play in the combined stableford competition, but will not qualify for the individual prize.
3. **Method of Entry:** You will be automatically entered by playing in the morning field on these dates.
4. **Groupings & Start Times:** Normal Saturday morning tee off times will apply. Golfers are entitled to play with multiple better ball partners.
5. **Scorecard:** All scorecards to be handed in at the Pro Shop after play. Failure to hand in your score card to the Pro Shop will result in a no return.
6. **Count out and winners:** The two best individual stableford points of each golfer over the two events will count towards the grand prize. Should a count-out determine a winner, an acceptable method of matching cards is to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.
7. **Bookings:** Please contact Leandré Saunderson, Stacey Jansen or the Pro Shop: [golfbookings@dezalzegolf.com](mailto:golfbookings@dezalzegolf.com)

## Sushi Special – Wednesday, 15 March 2023

You heard right, it's sushi time!

Lievens Restaurant has made sushi platters available for order, to be enjoyed next Wednesday, 15 March. There are only 30 platters on offer and we have but a few left for sale. Note, members' discounts will not be applied and bookings for platters are to be made by contacting Stacey or Leandré (021 880 7300).



*Sushi Special*

**WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2023**

A platter of fresh Salmon Roses, California rolls and Inari, served with a glass of Kleine Zalze MCC.

**FOR ONLY R 195 EACH**

*To book your platter, contact Stacey or Leandr  on 021 880 7300.*

DISCLAIMER: Members discount does not apply. Subject to availability.

Yours sincerely

Jason Bird

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Ready, Set, Go!

## Get to grips with better play



Fresh grips are important, no matter the time of year or weather conditions. They'll look good, feel great and could be the key to sweeter strikes!





### Let's fix it

When last, if ever, did you regrip your clubs? The more worn your grips become, the tighter you tend to hold on to the club. A tighter grip affects the amount of energy you're able to transfer to the ball, so you may be losing distance. Slippery grips also make it tougher to square the clubface at impact. Fixing that hook, slice or improving distance control may be as simple as a fresh set of grips.

**Regrip your clubs**



*If you're playing several times a week, it's a good idea to regrip your clubs annually to maintain performance.*

## Get a grip on ball striking

New clubs and new grips can breathe new life into your ball striking.



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Make your own luck

## Good impact isn't enough

Setting up a scoring opportunity on your approach is about more than making good impact with the right club. Use the power of observation to make your own luck and maybe you'll get even closer to the pin.



3 things to take note of



### What's your lie?

*The condition and slope of the turf will affect the club you take and the type of swing you make.*



### What's the elevation?

*If you're above or below your target you'll need less or more club than if you're level.*



### What's the wind direction and strength?

*Wind can actually work in your favour if you know how to use it.*

## | How we create luck

When you combine these observations with the knowledge of how far you hit every club and the confidence of a repeatable swing, you're going to get lucky a lot more often. Struggling with your swing? Not sure how far you hit every club? Let's go for a round or spend some time together on the range.

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