



ROYAL JOHANNESBURG &  
KENSINGTON GOLF CLUB



# *The Royal News*

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## From the Clock Tower

The Wanamaker Trophy delivers & Phil Mickelson is once again the talk of the golf world. Almost a year ago, he turned 50 and soon after, made his PGA TOUR Champions debut. At 50, Mickelson is now the oldest ever to win a major championship, by almost three years. Julius Boros won the 1968 PGA Championship at the age of 48 – what a remarkable sporting moment!

The Professional Golfers Association of South Africa continues to produce experts in all aspects of the golf industry. At the time of writing this month's column and as proud PGASA member, I have just completed my lecturing contribution at the annual PGASA residential. The PGASA residential serves as the foundation for the future club professional, teaching pro and club manager. I must say it takes me back to my own apprenticeship some 12 years ago, with this year's students showing exceptional excitement to start their careers in the business of golf, serve club golfers and continue to grow the game.

Year to date, the Club's financial results and assumptions remain well on track to deliver a break-even financial year (before capex) 30 June 2021 (regulations dependant). Over the past 10 months the Club has welcomed over 300 new members with a nett gain of 176. Club membership currently stands at a total of 1555 members. The courses have produced near 55 000 rounds of golf thus far and we forecast to close the year at 60 000 rounds. Overall participation and income shows an increased member contribution of 55%, with visitors, corporates and other, contributing the remaining 45%.

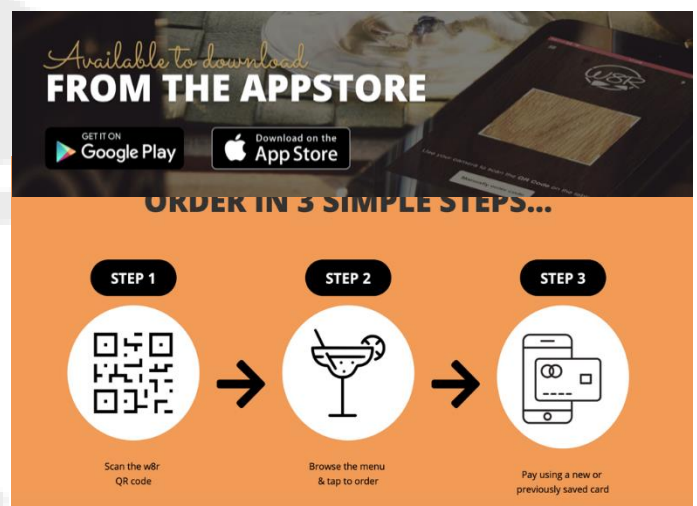
The Club has recently distributed the annual renewal advice, for the new financial year starting 1 July 2021. In this murky climate, the office has taken great care to consider the related impact on members, their personal and disposable income and all the other factors that influence future pricing.

Striking an appropriate balance between member satisfaction, value for money and the capital required to continue running the Club successfully, is always a difficult challenge. However, due to the prudent decisions taken and positive trading environment, it has allowed us to adjust favourably for the new financial year. Subscription fees will only increase by an average of 5% and member green fees by an average of 3% respectively. Please take the time to study the renewal advice, member incentives and settlement options. Should you wish to make changes to your membership category or golfing requirements, this needs to be done in writing by 15 June 2021 and can be emailed to [membership@royaljk.co.za](mailto:membership@royaljk.co.za).

If you haven't downloaded the Club Master app, we

encourage you to do so. The Club Master app allows you to view tee sheets, make bookings, view statements and self-check-in for golf. We also encourage members to please load money and utilise their club account (5% discount), which greatly assists with payment congestion at the various point of sales (social distancing). If you have any trouble with the app please ask any of us at the Club and we can assist you.

We are pleased to be introducing the W8R app ([w8r.co.uk](http://w8r.co.uk)) which will be available at the Club from 8 June 2021. The app allows us to enhance our food & beverage experience by providing an alternate platform for ordering food & drinks. The app is designed for you to order directly from your smart phone without needing the assistance of an actual waiter. Not only will you get to order faster than usual, but because payment is immediate on the app, your order is automatically accepted and additionally you don't have to sit waiting for your bill when you're finished.



Construction for the much anticipated 'Family Centre' (old halfway house) and the Royal Fitness Club (current conference entrance, Birkdale & Blackheath rooms), will officially start on 1 June 2021. The estimated grand opening is set to take place in November this year and all members will be invited to attend.

The Board continues to shape the 'masterplan' which will form part of a new proposal for member consideration - one which will satisfy the majority members, meet all objectives, eliminate risks, undoubtedly retain 36 premium holes and firmly insulate the Club's future as a family destination. All of this whilst still offering capacity for further opportunities and growth down the line. We plan to present the draft and proposal in July/August - this ahead of the resolution requirement at the Annual General Meeting in September.



As we enter this next uncertain phase of the pandemic and understand that any meaningful vaccine impact is far into the future, we all need to remain extremely vigilant and play our part in managing the spread of the virus. Members are reminded that upon entry into the Club, all individuals are required to complete the Covid-19 temperature scan before access is granted and to kindly adhere to all Covid-19 prescripts. These include regular hand sanitising and the compulsory social distancing and wearing of a face mask/buff when not eating or drinking. We continue to ask that should you display any of the commonly recognized symptoms, to please refrain from visiting the Club and isolate until a proper diagnosis is established. Golf RSA has updated the Covid-19 regulations for level 1 ([www.golfrsa.com](http://www.golfrsa.com)) and the major change is that the flag stick may now be attended or removed. Please note though, that the removal of the flagstick is at the discretion of the golfer. We encourage you all to carry hand sanitizer in your golf bag so that you can regularly sanitize your hands when out on the course. Covid and golf ethics share a similar approach as you

proceed through your day or your round - constantly keep those around you front of mind!

The impact of the environment both personally and in business is noticeable and it's clear how stressed society is in general. We continue to appeal to all members to please assist the Club in upholding the high calibre and expectations, especially in these times. It is the members and staff who shape our wonderful Club culture and this must be maintained.

We urge members to keep safe, continue to use the Club, bring your family, play golf and enjoy your wonderful facilities.

Warm regards,

Chris Bentley

Chief Executive Officer





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Sunrise is a little later, sunset a bit earlier, morning golfers donned in their jackets and beanies, cappuccinos in hand, misty mornings hamper your view of the course and small bouts of frost ice up the kikuyu – all sure signs winter is officially here! Although the frost seems to have arrived a little later this year (a result of the wet summer and ground moisture still around). Still, there is no doubt that winter is certainly upon us and it is increasingly becoming colder as we work our way towards June.

In this month's article, I will be detailing the work the course team have already begun and will be performing during the next few months, with monthly progress reports on these projects in the newsletters to come over the course of the winter period. As mentioned in previous articles, the turf growth has slowed down dramatically as the kikuyu enters dormancy and this has allowed the team to begin much need work in other areas. It is also the season where the course staff begin their annual leave cycles during the quieter periods.

Before beginning any work, we drafted a specific plan prior to autumn/winter (May – August), allocating an estimated timeframe for completion of the following jobs over this season:

1. Tree pruning and stump removal on East and West
2. Re-levelling of certain par 3 tees on East
3. Mowing of "veld" grass pockets and out of play areas on East and West (which has not been done for two years). A crucial practice as these become potential fire hazards when dry and are also full of unwanted weeds such as khaki-bos, blackjacks etc.
4. Sweeping of leaves on East and West
5. Bunker probing on East
6. Thinning out of wetlands and plants along waterways
7. Cleaning up of compost yards on East
8. Tree planting on West
9. Machinery servicing

The list goes on ... but the team do still have general daily maintenance to perform in between the items which is still as important, albeit winter.

If you had played recently, you would have noticed we have already begun with the sweepers on course, tee box re-levelling on East, bunker probing on East, mowing of veld grasses, tree pruning and more. These are the most important items for the course currently and projects that will take considerable amount of time to get through without affecting daily maintenance. Once these projects are complete, the team will move on to other tasks such as wetlands clearing closer to spring. Timing of projects is crucial depending on the season and the reason why we started some prior to others.

The tee box re-levelling is going well but the recovery of turf and sods will take a bit longer as growth is hampered by the cold weather. We kindly ask golfers to be reminded of this and thank you for your patience during this project. Members are also reminded that the tree planting project on West will be taking place in September this year and we have already begun sourcing the trees which will be purchased from funds that were donated by the members in 2019.

In closing, this is a friendly reminder that we are drying out the kikuyu as much as possible to minimise the spread of poa-annua (although the spread is caused by many other factors and cannot completely be eliminated).

Until next months' article - stock up on your winter gear, neon golf balls, enjoy the different playability of the courses, practice those "links" shots and warm up the putter- the greens are getting fast!

Stay warm and stay safe.

Shaun Brits  
Course Manager





# Member Calendar

## JUNE

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## DATES TO NOTE

Ladies Comp - Ind. Stableford	Tue 1 June
Club Comp - Better Ball Stableford	Sat 5 June
LGG Sunday League Vs Bryanston 2 Away	Sun 6 June
Junior League Round 4	Sun 6 June
Club Closed	Mon 7 June
Ladies Comp - Ladies Open Day	Tues 8 June
Greg's Day	Wed 9 June
New Member Evening (Postponed)	Fri 11 June
Club Comp Betterball Bonus Bogey	Sat 12 June
LGG Sunday League Vs Modderfontein - Away	Sun 13 June
Club Closed	Mon 14 June
Ladies Comp - Ind. Medal or Stableford	Tue 15 June
Public Holiday - Youth Day	Wed 16 June
Captain Day - East Course - PM (TBC)	Wed 16 June
Club Comp - Ind. Medal	Sat 19 June
Mid Amateur League Round 6	Sat 19 June
Father's Day - Father's Day Lunch @ Royal	Sun 20 June
Club Closed	Mon 21 June
Ladies Comp - Better Ball Stableford Trophy	Tues 22 June
Club Comp - 4 Ball Alliance	Sat 26 June
Scratch League Round 2	Sun 27 June
Club Closed	Mon 28 June
Ladies Comp - Durban July Fun Day 3 Ball Alliance	Tue 29 June

## JULY

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## DATES TO NOTE

Club Comp - Better Ball Stableford	Sat 3 July
Junior League Round 5	Sun 4 July
Club Closed	Mon 5 July
Ladies Comp - Ind. Stableford - Trophy Event	Tues 6 July
Greg's Day	Wed 7 July
LGG Weekday League Vs Kyalami away	Fri 8 July
Club Comp Betterball Bonus Bogey	Sat 10 July
Mid Amateur League Round 7	Sat 10 July
Senior Betterball League R 2	Sun 11 July
Club Closed	Mon 12 July
Ladies Comp - Ladies Open Day	Tue 13 July
Club Comp - Ind. Stableford	Sat 17 July
Scratch League Round 3	Sun 18 July
Mixed Open - West - AM	Sun 18 July
Club Closed	Mon 19 July
Ladies Comp - Ind. Medal or Stableford	Tues 20 July
Winter Club Championships - West	Sat 24 July
Club Comp - 4 Ball Alliance - East	Sat 24 July
Winter Club Championships - East	Sun 25 July
LGG Sunday League vs Southdowns - West AM	Sun 25 July
Club Closed	Mon 26 July
Ladies Comp - Under 65's vs Over 65's, BB Stableford	Tues 27 July
Club Comp - Betterball Stableford	Sat 31 July





# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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# The Captain's Note

*To all the long-suffering Royal members*

*(playing in autumn)*

The dreaded falling leaves..... with at least 4 golf balls lost in clumps of leaves during my last two games, I know exactly how you all feel. It is interesting to know that the leaves are scooped up by the maintenance staff at least once a week but hopefully we are nearing the end of this now.

Two topics that I am sure everyone has been talking about is the new handicap system and the 2021 PGA Championship. I had the privilege of attending the Central Gauteng Golf Union's AGM with Liam Brown last week along with club captains and golf directors from all around Gauteng and by far the most discussed topic by all in attendance, was the revised handicap system.

Clubs have reported all their queries, concerns and members feedback to CGGU and have asked that they take it forward to Golf RSA regarding the new world handicapping system. CGGU will revert back to all the Clubs and in turn, our golf department will report back to our members.

I was so proud of our professional golfers playing in last week's PGA Championship with 11 players from SA participating - the third most representatives behind the USA and England with 12 players and 6 of our players made the cut! Pity Louis Oosthuizen's putter wasn't hot on the last day – had it been, I think we might have had a different outcome. He has a grand slam of finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in all 4 majors!

Masters            2012 – second

US Open            2015 – tied second  
                         2020 – third

The Open            2010 – winner  
                         2015 – tied second

PGA                    2012 – second  
                         2021 – tied second

Well done to all the league sides who have helped elevate RJKGC to a position of being the 'Club to beat'. A special mention must go to the West betterball league side who had a 'top of the log clash' with our closest rivals, second placed Eye of Africa, (both unbeaten going into the clash) and managing to beat them, 6-2. Well done guys.

With that in mind I decided to look for a funny anecdote regarding golf to finish off my letter. Bob Hope loved golf more than anything.

"If you watch a game, it's fun.  
If you play at it, it's recreation.  
If you work at it, it's golf." – Bob Hope

Golf should be fun and let's never forget that. We play golf to have some banter and a chat with our mates and playing partners.

I leave you with these words:

"The most important shot in golf is the next one." –

Ben Hogan

Happy golfing

Nick Watt-Pringle

Club Captain





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By Theo Bezuidenhout



*Theo is a psychologist, guest-lecturer and self-confessed sports nut. He is the founder of BVP Sport Psychology as well as the current High Performance Psychologist for GolfRSA. Theo has a professional philosophy that performance (good or bad) is not co-incidental. He therefore encourages clients to maintain both physical and mental processes and routines that lead to consistent performances and a consistent life.*

RJK Swing Thoughts: May 2021: Why you shouldn't fear distance

Distance is certainly one of the most controversial aspects of the modern game of golf. Whether it is on the TV on the PGA Tour (thanks a LOT Bryson), the club manufacturers bombarding us with information on how "their new club" gives you more distance than "ever before" or if it is just the juniors bombing drives on Royal West on any given Sunday. You cannot out run the distance debate.



An interesting aspect about distance that is not so readily discussed is the impact it has on golfers and their approach to the game. So to add (just a wee bit) more petrol to the debate this month's RJK Swing Thoughts focuses on some suggestions on how to approach the game when you do not have the distance, if you are

working on getting distance or if you are lucky enough to have distance in your game.

If you do not have distance focus on this instead

Let's be honest very few of us can be Bryson DeChambeau. All bulging biceps and 300lb+ carries that render even the longest of courses toothless. I certainly do not have the time or inclination to pick up 20kg of muscle mass and increase my swing speed exponentially (I did however pick up weight during Lockdown but most of it non-muscle related unfortunately!). So if we cannot go the Bryson route is there any hope for those of us who do not hit the ball prodigious distances?

The answer is unequivocally yes. Just ask Mark McNulty, Zach Johnson, Bernhard Langer and Tom Watson. These are only a few names that I can think of that have given the bombers a few grey hairs in the past and even more recently. Bernhard for one does not subscribe to the par 67 Bryson theory around Augusta and he even outperformed Bryson at the most recent Masters for a few days. So what is the secret to how these "shorter" hitters have combated not having monstrous drives? The mind and their short games is the simple answer.



Their approach is best summed up by a quote I recently heard from the legendary Zimbabwean Mr. Mark McNulty: "I wasn't ever the longest off the tee but I was always excited to get closer to the green because I knew I was playing towards my strength and they (longer hitters) were playing away from theirs."

And therein lies the rub (and the psychological trump card). Name me one long hitter who would rather putt and chip than hit bombs on the range and I will meet you on the deck at Royal and buy you a drink. You see long hitters are often a bit narcissistic in that they just work on what they are good at. This gives the rest of us the opportunity to practice those shorter shots that deliver more value with less work. Think less hours on the range trying to add distance and more work on getting the ball



in the hole. Besides, it also looks like a lot less effort than adding 20kgs of muscle?

If you are working on getting more distance

In working with players trying to add distance to their games I often get the feeling that distance is like speed. The more you have the more you want but as a well-known Italian tyre manufacturer once reminded us: "power without control is nothing." It is a fool's errand to think that by just simply adding 20-30m to your game everything else will just fall into place.

In working with the golfer who is adding distance I will often work on scenario games with them that emphasize being more accurate with wedges from distances that are either uncomfortable or that they are not used to. The reason is that over many years they may have gotten used to not being able to hit the ball far and they need to make the conscious and sub-conscious adjustments to increased distance.

This approach also causes them to think more seriously about distances they have in to greens and to not just "bomb and gouge" there way as close to the green as possible. Which as we have often seen with longer hitters doesn't always work (think Bryson looking for his ball in every corner of Augusta). So if you are successfully adding distance make sure you figure out a way to hit your wedges closer from more considered distances because distance without accuracy is a lot like power without control.

If you already have distance practice patience

It must be nice to hit the ball far. Not many of us have that capability but with every blessing comes a curse. Many longer hitters never practice their short game like they should to gain maximum value out of their booming tee shots. The reasons for this are many but one aspect (and this is very much a South African thing) is that we love watching the ball fly though the air. That's probably why we have long-driving competitions and not long-putting competitions!

I am not advocating dialling back on distance if you have it, it doesn't hurt to be able to reach every par 5 in two. However it is imperative that you pick your battles. As we saw with Tiger even at the height of his physical and mental domination of the game he was well-known for more than a few errant driver swings. The solution? Swing aggressively to conservative targets and ALWAYS play the context. A great example was Tiger's Open victory at Hoylake in 2006 when he hit only one driver the whole week because the fairways were so dry.

In summary it is not whether you hit the ball short, medium distances or long. The crucial element is finding a way to get the ball in the hole quicker. It has always been and will continue to be the most important thing in golf. Even if Bryson says that smash factor is more important.







Top Left; Vereauxs Owl | Top Right; Barn Owl

(Photographer: Trevor Barnett)

Bottom Left; Black Shoulder Kite | Bottom Right; Slender Mongoose





## League Results

What a fantastic month it was for our Mid Am league as both teams played 2 games this month and both teams won both their matches and very convincingly, may I add.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our Betterball West team is waving the Royal Flag high and are still sitting very pretty at the top of their log.

- Betterball East vs Meyerton (loss)
- Betterball West vs Eye of Africa (won)
- Mid Am A vs Glenvista (won)
- Mid Am B vs Parkview (won)
- Mid Am A vs Krugersdorp (won)
- Mid Am B vs Jackal Creek (won)

*After this month, the standings look as follows.*

- Betterball East (lying 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Betterball West (lying 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 points ahead of Eye of Africa)
- Mid Am A (lying 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 point behind Randpark)
- Mid Am B (lying 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 points behind CCJ)

Good luck once again to our Senior Betterball and Scratch league sides who play their first game on the 30<sup>th</sup> May.

## Important Dates

- Round 3 of interschool Challenge: 26<sup>th</sup> June
- The Open Championship: 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July
- The 5 Royals: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July
- Winter Club Championship: 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July

## Pace of Play

Over the last month, the golf department have issued pace of play matrix sheets on all score cards as well as an introduction of a strict pace of play policy to our marshals. Barring a few members who have already been issued with warnings, the golf department can see an improvement and we would like to thank the members for the assistance in maintaining their pace of play. I think we can all agree that a good pace of play will always create a better experience for everyone in the field.

## Flag Sticks

As from Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, Golf RSA have stipulated that players, (at their own discretion), may

decide to remove the flag stick when putting. Royal have implemented this rule and have stipulated this on the daily information sheet.

The pool noodles remain inserted at the bottom of the hole for members that choose not to touch the flag stick.

## Member Member Tournament (28 August)

With great interest and much anticipation from members, the golf department were super excited to get the new Member Member Tournament under way. Unfortunately the weather Gods were not on our side and we were forced to call the morning field off.

But don't despair, the new date for the Member Member tournament will be on Saturday **28<sup>th</sup> of August** - more information will follow closer to the time.

Just a reminder that all competition fees for the 8<sup>th</sup> of May have been reversed and put back onto members spending accounts.

## The Golden Putter

With a format that includes foursomes, betterball and singles matchplay over 3 days with a few nights in between to let loose, it is no wonder that this never disappoints the Royal Durban members when taking on our members.

I really wish I could say that the Golden Putter was staying on our home soil but unfortunately the Royal Durban players were just too good, taking the win by 2 points.

Hopefully next year our members can bring the Putter home where it belongs.

## The 5 Royals (23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July)

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the entry list is still up on the notice board as well as inside the Pro Shop. If anyone would like to take part in this fun filled event down in Port Alfred, please put your name down. The golf department will be in touch with all the information needed.

## April Rules Question:

### True or False

When playing in a competition that has more than 30 players, players need to convert their Handicap Index first to their Course Handicap and then convert their



Course Handicap to the Players Handicap. You can do this by either using the correct conversion table or looking at your starter slip after checking in.

Answer: True – When checking in, your slip that you receive from the Pro shop will have both your Course Handicap as well as your Players Handicap calculated for you already.

### **May Rules Question**

Jane unfortunately slices her drive into the rough playing the tough 4<sup>th</sup> hole on East. Steven decides to

help look for her ball but accidentally steps on Jane's ball while searching for it.

What is the ruling?

Answer will be in June's newsletter.

Jayde Rademeyer

Club Operations Director







# MIXED OPEN

SUNDAY 18 JULY  
MORNING TIMES  
WEST COURSE

R 450

(Visitors & members  
without a pre-paid round)

R 150

(Members using a pre-paid round)

Fourball bookings please  
(Two gents, two ladies)

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# LADIES OPEN

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EAST COURSE - AM

R 450

(Visitors & members without a pre-paid round)

R 150

(Members using a pre-paid round)

Includes competition fee, halfway house voucher &  
pizza voucher (One per fourball)

**Fourball bookings please**

No prize giving will be held but prize winners will be notified

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Although I'm sure most of the country was hoping for Louis to pull off a victory in the 2021 PGA Championship, huge credit must go to Phil Mickelson for his victory and for being the oldest man in history to win a Major Championship. What wonderful golf it was to watch and we now look forward to the US Open that will be played at Torey Pines from 17 to 20 June. Let's hope we have as many South Africans qualifying to play in that Major as we did this past week.

Closer to home, our lady golfers have also been playing some lovely golf. Seven Royal ladies competed in the Pro Shop Gauteng Open, Nomads Junior and Cenotec Mid-Am and Senior Championships and there were some wonderful results recorded. In the A Division (54 hole strokeplay), Carmen Taljaard and Eleonora Galletti tied for tenth place and Paolo Sakota was placed thirty seventh. In the B division, (36 holes strokeplay), Shannon Berry finished in second position with Sam Hudson finishing in twelfth position and Lelane Straw, twenty third. In the C Division, (36 holes stableford), Sherida Stevens was placed third! Carmen and Eleonora are members of the elite Gauteng squad which is a wonderful achievement and I am sure it won't be long before both young ladies are regular members of the provincial team. The number of players in each provincial team was decreased this year for the IPT due to COVID but good luck to the Gauteng teams who are playing at the Kingswood Golf Club this week.

We had a lovely Ladies Open Day on Tuesday 11 May and have decided that moving forward, we will no longer have any prize giving's at the Ladies Open Days but will continue with the pizza vouchers after the game, which has proved to be most popular. Our next Ladies Open Day will be played on the East Course on Tuesday 8 June and all bookings can be made through me.

Our league teams have had mixed fortunes this past month but players from both teams continue to represent Royal with much passion and pride. Our weekday team, under the captaincy of Lynn Gardner, sadly lost two consecutive games against CCJ (away) and Bryanston (home) but recorded a halved match when they took on Eagle Canyon at home on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May – congrats ladies!. Our Sunday team, under the captaincy of Sandra van den Berg, recorded a good victory over CMR at home a couple of Sundays ago, so congratulations to the players. Thank you to all our league players for the continued loyalty and support you give Lynn and Sandra.

The scores recorded by the ladies on both Tuesdays and Saturdays have been very impressive of late and I think we are all enjoying the extra run we are now getting. Cilla Hewitt showed the members how to play golf when she won the Club monthly medal competition on Saturday 15 May on the West Course with a fine 70 nett and Shannon Berry was fifth in the same competition on 72 nett! Well played ladies!

As the third wave of COVID hits us, my hope is that you and your loved ones keep safe and healthy and to those of you who have been affected by this dreadful virus, best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to the game we all love. Please remember to follow all COVID safety precautions for the protection of you, your fellow golfers and the Club's staff members.

Keep warm and safe and look forward to seeing you all on the fairways.

Kind regards

Wendy Huddy

Lady Captain





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## A Plea to fellow members

Being a member of this prestigious Club for over twenty years, I must applaud Chris and his whole team for the sterling work they have done so far – **TOP COURSE IN AFRICA!** In order to support him and his team, I would like to appeal to all fellow Golfers, and especially to our membership, to help them maintain the courses in a manner fitting of this prestigious award by **"NOT LITTERING"**. This is a world-wide problem, and the only way to overcome it is by setting the example.

I remember once visiting Switzerland when an OLD lady in front of me bent down and picked up a piece of paper that someone had dropped, and put it in her pocket to dispose of in the proper manner (and recycle maybe?). At that time, Switzerland used five times more "Plastic" per capita than we did in South Africa, but wherever one went there was NO LITTER to be seen in any form. Many people have said to me "Yes, but that will never happen in South Africa", and they are absolutely right, **UNLESS** we start somewhere. My plea to all is to become more conscious of "Litter", and that if you see any lying

around, to please pick it up and dispose of it in the waste-bins supplied on every tee-box. Furthermore, to those smokers out there who inadvertently discard their "Stompies" all over the courses, please refrain from doing so. If anyone of your golfing competitors or their Caddies happens to throw away his/her "Stompie" other than in the correct manner, please make them aware of what they are doing. A member told me recently that he had played at Leopard Creek recently, and there they had a "Strictly No Smoking" policy on the course, and would ask you to leave immediately should you be caught! I would not recommend this happens at our course, but it does present the course in a pristine and memorable condition – that is the type of vision that I would like all visitors to our Club to have. **Thanks for your support!**

Fellow Member  
Mark Daynes





# HEAT & EAT

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Hearty Lasagna **R220**

Steak & Guinness Pie **R210**

(Half portion **R105**)

Traditional Bobotie **R210**

(Half portion **R105**)

Butter Chicken Curry & Rice **R220**

(Half portion **R110**)

Honey Glazed Gammon **SQ**

(On request 48 hours lead time)

Moroccan Chicken & Cous Cous **R240**

(Half portion **R120**)

Chicken Schnitzel (pack of 4) **R100**

Vegetable Chilli Con Carne **R185**

(Half Portion **R95**)

*Served with tortilla wraps & rice*

Beef Wellington **SQ**

(On request 48 hours lead time)

Chicken & Mushroom Pie **R240**

(Half Portion **R120**)

## Soup for one

Butternut **R40**

Minestrone **R45**

Tomato & Basil **R40**

## Dessert for four

Malva Pudding & Custard **R125**



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# Father's Day Lunch

Sunday 20 June 2021, 12h00

R 325 | Kids 7-12 R 95 | Kids U7 Free

Kids Menu included

Please book in advance

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## Menu

### Starter

Creamy vegetable & cannellini bean soup.  
Pampoen koekies with caramel sauce.  
Crispy chicken rissoles served with a jalapeno mayo.  
Calamari bits with tartar sauce.  
Smoked chicken, sweetcorn & cream cheese pate with baguette.  
Garden salad.

### Dessert

Hot Malva pudding served with vanilla custard & vanilla ice cream.  
Dark chocolate brownie with Amarula cream.

### Mains

Roast leg of lamb from the spit served with a thyme gravy.  
Spicy chicken Madras presented in a baked potato shell with a lemon & coriander yoghurt dressing.  
Savoury frikkadels in a rich tomato & bacon gravy.  
Pap  
Seasonal vegetables  
Creamy potato bake



## Greg Jacobs Pro Shop

Our winter wear continues to arrive in small quantities. Latest to hit our shelves is the Under armour leisure jackets. There is a touch of spandex (stretch material) and very well priced in comparison to what is out there.

For the more discerning golfer, we have a full wool jersey in 3 colours, grey, navy and olive green in the Lyle and Scott range. FJ have delivered some light weight long sleeve garments as well as thicker wind proof jackets in grey and black respectively.

We have added 5 electric carts to our rental trollies at a price of R 150 per round. The cart comes with a 36 hole lithium battery and gives our members and guests another option as to how to get your clubs around the course reducing the risk of COVID. Should you wish to purchase one of these new it will set you back R 16 000.

Enjoy your golf this weekend and don't forget to get fitted!







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# DURBAN JULY DRAW

**SATURDAY 3RD JULY**

TICKETS: R 50 each or 5 for R 200  
PAYMENT: Debit your club account

BUY A TICKET TO GO INTO THE DRAW TO 'OWN'  
A HORSE RUNNING IN THE DURBAN JULY

DRAW: Virtual draw will take place on Thursday 1st July  
Minimum number of tickets needed to be sold - 400

Prize Breakdown - based on 400 tickets being sold:

40% of takings - retained by the club

30% of takings - 1st placed horse

15% of takings - 2nd placed horse

10% of takings - 3rd placed horse

5% of takings - 4th placed horse



To purchase your ticket email: [royal@royaljk.co.za](mailto:royal@royaljk.co.za)

Accounts only to be debited once the target of 400 tickets has been reached  
Terms and conditions apply



## Your monthly golf tip



This month we will look at the angles or “shape” of the body needed for an athletic throw or golf swing.

Have a look at the video below on how the angles of the body for throwing an object such as a ball or a spear are similar as in an athletic golf swing.

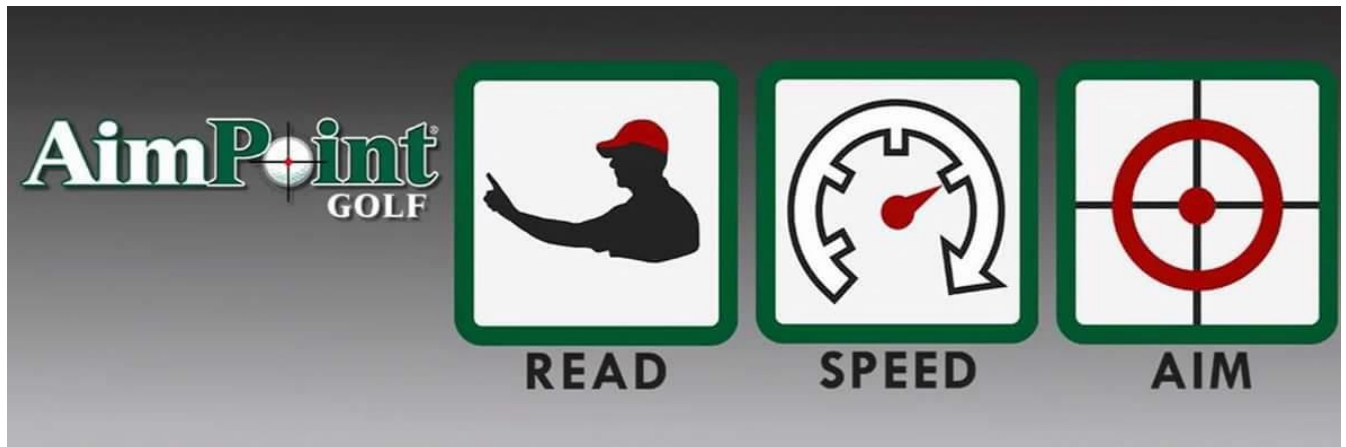


Your monthly golf tip - May 2021

Martin Briedé  
Head Teaching Professional



AimPoint – 🍌



## WHAT A MONTH OF WINS FOR AIMPOINT! LOCALLY

I am very proud of JC Ritchie and Kyle de Beer for their wins. I had the privilege of teaching them AimPoint.

**2 May 2021** JC Ritchie wins in a playoff against Jacques Blaauw (also an AimPointer) 🍌. Great caddying by Armando Botes! He came for an AimPoint lesson a week before they won and JC saw me in February this year for Aimpoint. Both confirmed that AimPoint reads and getting personally calibrated helped a lot on the greens.



**4 May 2021** Kyle de Beer became the latest GolfRSA Elite Squad member to claim victory on the Big Easy IGT Tour at Services Golf Club after he raced to a three-shot win over Drikus Joubert. The 23-year-old Port Elizabeth Golf Club player had a total of 17-under earned him his maiden Tour title and came to see me two days before he teed off in this event. I did AimPoint Express and his personal calibration and it certainly added a lot of value to his putting – in his words *“thank you for the lesson again Sandra! I missed 1 putt inside 8 feet for the 3 rounds and was reading putts better than I ever have. Aimpoint helped so much!”*



## Internationally

**2 May 2021** it was great seeing **Sam Burns** doing clean AimPoint reads and not using the green book for his reads to win the Valspar in the USA." Burns kept his cool throughout the day and despite strong winds making life difficult on the course, he prevailed with a winning score of 17 under par. AimPointer Victor Hovland came 3<sup>rd</sup> in this event.



**15 May 2021**, **Richard Bland** won the British Masters Championship and his first European Tour title at the 478th attempt – this is pure determination! Richard is also an AimPoint user 🙌.



Contact me for more information and bookings.

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