

# THE ROYAL NEWS

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### **JUNE 2022**

# It's financial year end + the generators are working overtime!

From the West Course refurbishment to audit preparations, we continue on our journey to excellence and to provide members and guests with an escape from reality when entering the Club grounds.

The capital investments made into several generators has ensured the protection and seamless continuity of business operations throughout the Club.

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# FROM THE CLOCK TOWER

Chris Bentley. Chief Executive Officer

Amid the controversial launch of the LIV Golf Series, it was a thrilling three-man fight down the back nine at The Country Club in Boston, as England's Matt Fitzpatrick captured his first Major by winning the US Open in dramatic fashion. Fitzpatrick fired a two under par 68 to finish on six under par and defeat Americans Scottie Scheffler and Will Zalatoris by one stroke. Through pure perseverance, demons were laid to rest for Fitzpatrick & his legendary looper Billy Foster, who both finally have a well deserved Major. (Billy is a Leeds supporter so I'm that much happier for him:)

Now, 162 years and 149 Opens later, the Home of Golf will host the 150th Open Championship at St Andrews. The likes of Willie Park Snr and Old Tom Morris could never have imagined what The Open would become when they played in the 1st Championship held at Prestwick in 1860, with a field of just eight players. In what is sure to be a historic Open with record crowds, the world's greatest players will descend on Fife to try and capture the Claret Jug.

We continue to live through interesting and challenging times, from load shedding to eye watering fuel costs, which greatly impacts us all. The challenges of running a successful business are tougher than ever before and despite the negative climate outside the Club, it remains noticeable amongst people's behaviour and it is clear how stressed society is in general. We continue to aim to provide members and guests with an escape from reality when entering the Club grounds, matched with great service and our sublime facilities. "we are not in the golf business, we're in the human connection business". That's what a great Club is. This approach is what shapes our wonderful Club culture and has allowed us to continue to invest, grow and deliver remarkable value against the backdrop. In this regard, we remind members to please support the Club and staff who are doing their utmost to protect, uphold and deliver the high standards our Club deserves.

Through these times, we must remember what a Club is all about. The Club is more than an association of members sharing common interests – it is a place that creates special memories, history and friendships that stand the test of time. We thank those who have already settled their 2022/23 subscriptions and we now enter the "fees due" phase for the new year. Membership fees are DUE by 30 June 2022 and if you have not yet settled, please email: membership@royaljk.co.za to confirm your set up and your fees for the new financial year.

A 15 day grace period will be extended for unsettled fees and thereafter, unsettled accounts will be fully restricted. All members will receive their tax invoice for the new financial year, from 1 July 2022. A special thank you to those Honorary and Life members who have paid voluntary subscriptions to the Club, which greatly assists in the overall scheme.



The West course refurbishment is off to a flying start and the temporary greens will be in play until the end of November. The arrangements to alleviate the temporary inconvenience over the period seem to be working well for the majority and we thank you, our members for your tremendous support and understanding around bookings and personal preferences over the period. It will definitely be worth it, come the grand opening and our current and future members certainly deserve it! More detailed information about the West Course refurbishment is available further down in this month's newsletter.

Our property developers continue to make swift progress across the various areas and have finally completed the new holding dam at Brookfield, which not only provides beautiful aesthetics to the homeowners but importantly more water for our Championship East Course. In addition, the establishment of the new cart paths will start soon, which will connect both residential developments to the Clubhouse, ahead of first phase occupation in November. Interest in property sales is once again soaring, with phase one nearly 90% sold out and the developers are now gearing to launch phase two of this development in October/November. Some interesting statistics around the property sales: 75% of purchasers are buying to live with the average homeowner aged 35 - 45 years old (Brookfield). The apartments at both Brookfield and Royal View are beyond expectation, both inside and out and have sublime finishes matched with breathtaking views of the course and Linksfield ridge. You can only imagine what these properties will be worth in the future and how the development is transforming the status and security of the area.

The Old Oak Restaurant & Family Centre is thriving and demand for bookings continues to be overwhelming, particularly over Friday to Sunday. To those of you who have visited the restaurant, thank you. To those of you who have yet to visit, we look forward to being of service to you but based on the desire to enjoy this facility, we encourage members to please book well in advance to avoid disappointment. (www.dineplan.com | oldak@royaljk.co.za | 078 764 3079). As the facility goes from crawling to walking, we have received wonderful feedback and based on the positive suggestions received, we will soon include several "more affordable" wine options to be enjoyed. In addition, we are studying the menu favourites and those which are not so popular will be replaced with alternate options. When visiting the Old Oak, please feel free to request anything that is not a standard offering and our kitchen will do their best to accommodate. ("build your own"). We also remind members of the 10% food & beverage discount available when making payment with your pre-loaded Club card. Members can top up their Club account via the Clubmaster app or via credit card at reception.

In closing, the month of July is an exceptional month for sport lovers – from The 150th Open Championship to Wimbledon and the Tour de France, it will all be live on the Clubs BIG SCREEN (patio). That's it for another month, keep warm and we look forward to seeing you at the Club.













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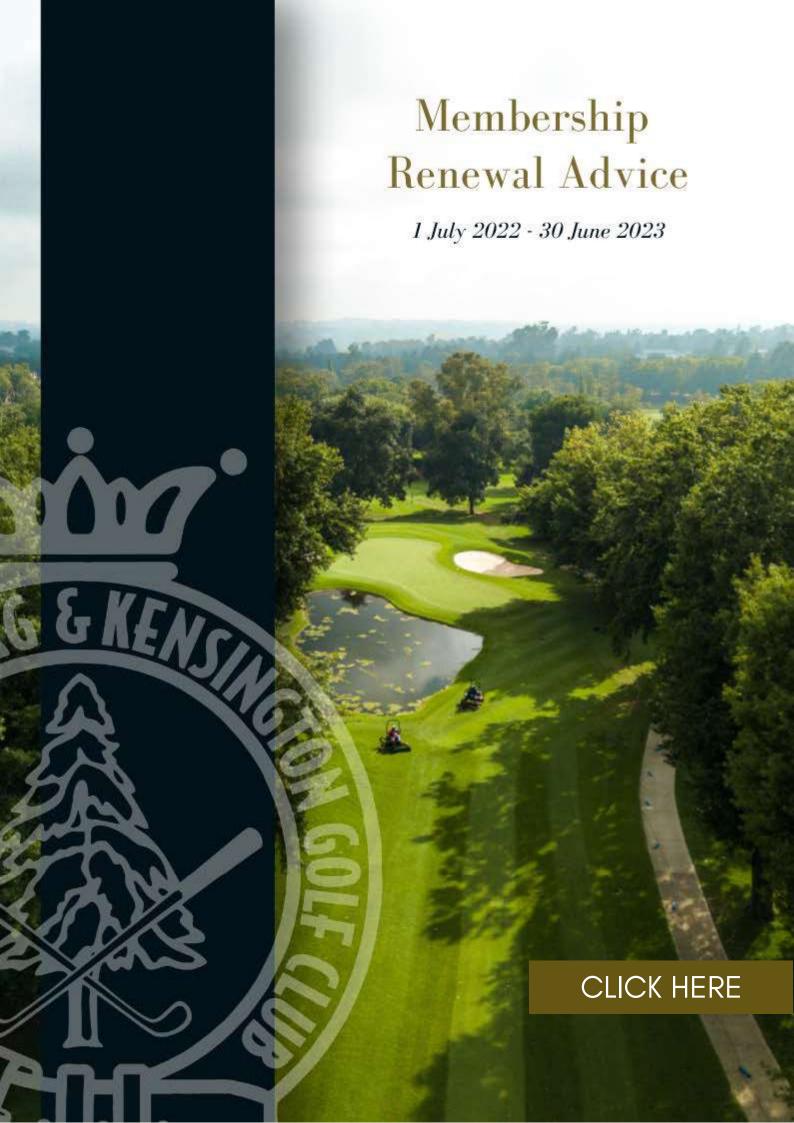
Current members, who introduce a new member (gold category) receive 12 FREE rounds. Members receive 10% off food & beverage when using their prepaid account.











# THE GOLF DEPARTMENT

liam Brown, RGA Director of Golf

Frosty and a few bitter mornings which have luckily come and gone. Many however are still on the way.

It remains a concern, how many golfers seemingly neglect to repair a pitch mark or don't know how to repair a pitch mark in the correct way. It is not just for the sake of the greens either as there is nothing more infuriating for a golfer than to see a good putt knocked off line. It is essential that all players are diligent in their repair of pitch marks on greens. We also remind all golfers to please fill divots, either by the divot sand provided or by replacing the divot taken (if there is still soil attached).

Members are responsible for their playing partners and the groups holistic etiquette. We need all golfers to repair all pitch marks and divots, even those which are not yours or your playing partners. It will help us get the best out of our playing surfaces.

To add to this, following the Covid rules of not raking bunkers, the habit has unfortunately stuck with many and we are appealing to all players to return to the basics of bunker care. The golf and maintenance departments of the Club apply best practices throughout and thereafter we rely on the golfers to do their part in the best interest of the Club grounds.

We also remind members of the pace of play expectations and to be considerate to all golfers in the field. Slow play has a severe knock on effect and whilst we do our utmost to combat slow play, we rely on the golfers to meet the standards of the game.

We ask all members and their guests to be cognisant of their round time and their relation to the expected course times and to always ensure they are at minimum keeping up with the fourball ahead and not immediately ahead of the fourball behind.

Our scratch league sides have begun their respective seasons with a hot start, beating Eagle Canyon 7–1 and Modderfontein 7–1. This sets them up with an early lead.

Our current league standings as follows:
Betterball league East – T8
Betterball league West – T7
Mid-Am A – 1st
Mid-Am B – T3
Scratch League 1st – T1
Scratch League 2nd – T1
Junior League – T2

Dates to note:

Winter Club Champs: 9 and 10 July

150th Open Week - 10 to 17 July (old school dress code 1920's golf). Best dressed prizes to be given as well as other fun prizes





# Appeal to Members Plense rake your Bunkers!



There is nothing more frustrating than hitting your ball into a bunker and finding, on arrival, that your ball is sitting at the bottom of someone else's divot or footprint. Over the past couple of months, we have noticed an alarming number of bunkers left 'unraked', particularly on member days.

Bunkers are frustrating places to visit, but by following the correct rules and etiquette, all golfers can help themselves and fellow golfers escape this unnecessary situation. You will also boost your own standing amongst fellow members and playing partners, as a considerate and responsible player.

The Club has invested considerable funds into our bunkers and the course staff take great care in preparing the bunkers every morning, ahead of play, but it requires all golfers to rake any bunker they have been in and to ensure the bunkers remain playable and presentable for all, throughout the day. Please rake your bunkers and encourage your fellow golfers to do the same.

"In golf, customs of etiquette and decorum are just as important as rules governing play. It is the enthusiasm, passion, respect and support of our Club members, which enables us to offer these wonderful facilities. To offer a great experience it takes the cooperation of all patrons using the course to uphold the guidelines, culture and standards. Golf is a game of great integrity; there are no referees on the course and it's every golfers responsibility to respect each other, the game and the facility we play. We thank you in advance for helping us and for leaving the course in a better condition than you found it". Christopher Bentley, CEO



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# FROM EAST TO WEST

Terry Sten, Course Manager

It has certainly been a cold and challenging month, with the golf courses covered in frost on most mornings. Growth has now completely subsided and all the kikuyu has gone into the dormancy period. I am a firm believer that this is so gratefully needed for nature to take its rest from a very demanding summer season.

We have completed the overseeding of some tees on East and they have germinated to successful expectations. East is taking some heavy traffic as expected, following the start of the West course greens and bunker project. We have conducted and completed the verti drain of the East greens (20th), which will relieve some compaction and allowing some fresh air movement into the soil profile – this was much needed following a wet season.

We are starting with numerous on course winter projects in preparation for the coming spring and summer combined. This includes tree canopy pruning of 2m ground clearance, clearing out wetlands of old foliage to allow for new growth and water to runoff and allowing course drainage to perform its designed functions, weeding and cleaning of the waterway, slashing and cleaning up the environmental veld grasses on and cleaning along the fence boundaries.

We are gearing up to de-silt two key important dams (6 West & 14 East) on the course and this will most likely take place in July/August as well. Following the de-silting, we will start a water treatment program of all the water bodies on course with natural harmless microbes that will clean the water and improve the quality. Water will also have much better visibility into the surface and much less algae build up. The de-silting of the silt catchment trap on 6 West dam, plays a highly important role to keep sediment from the main holding dam and it will also aid in catching more litter from the storm water inlet if it is widely spread out.

The new East course irrigation holding dam has been completed and the dam now holds approximately 33% more water than what was available with the three round tanks before. This is a huge step forward for the storage of more water for spring treatments. The overflow between 14 & 15 East course dam repair is also busy being finalised to be repaired and this dam plays a vital role in spring, when water is needed to be moved along the holding dams to the East irrigation holding dam.





DIVOTS 101 - HOW TO REPAIR BALL MARKS



DIVOTS 101 - KNOW WHEN TO REPAIR OR REPLACE YOUR DIVOT



DIVOTS 101 - HOW TO RAKE A BUNKER



# WEST COURSE RENOVATION

Update by Shaun Brits

The West Course renovations are underway, and the initial stages of preparing the areas for work have gone swiftly during the month of June.

The removal of the grass on the greens and the surrounds is by far the biggest preparation task and one which we had accounted for over a 6-week period from the start of June to mid-July. This task is moving along without any major delays and the team are on track. The turf on the front 9 has been removed and the crew are now on the back 9. We estimate that the removal of all grass will be done by the end of June or first week of July.

Once all the turf is removed, the team can begin working on the slope and tie – ins on the outside of the greens edges that have built up over the years. We have also already started working on tillering the inside of the existing greens area to loosen up the top silica soil composition and have inspected and confirm that the soil depth meets USGA standards which require 300 mm of growing medium or Silica sand above the gravel layer. Additional sand will be used during the grow-in phase.

What has been interesting is the thatch matt on the West greens is far greater than that of the East when we did the renovation in 2017 and essentially means the task is more labour intensive to remove the sod and to get in for a second round of tillering the soil, to a depth of 100 –150mm and then remove any dead thatch material which we have already started with. It is important to remove any grass material now to ensure we remove the majority before fumigation and seeding in August.

July will be dedicated to continuing this removal and to performing a first rough float and tiller to smooth out any irregularities on the greens surface.

In preparation for the bunker work that needs to begin in July, we have also been stockpiling the old bunker sand which entails intensive labour to shovel and rake up any old sand and remove this out of the bunker for use elsewhere. The reason this is done is because silica sand cannot be compacted to a firm base underfoot and in conjunction by removing the soil, we can see where the original base and drainage is.

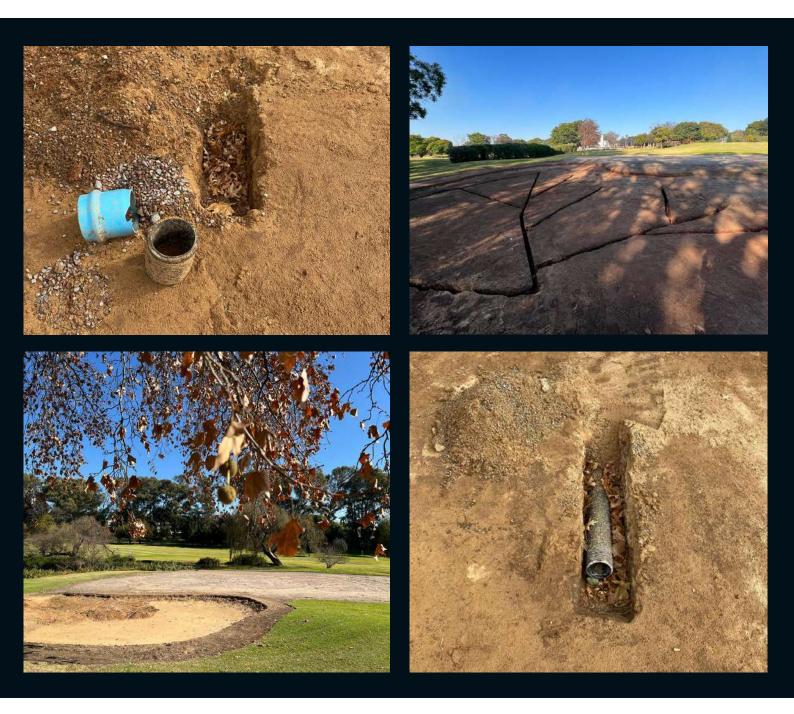
Every bunker's drainage is different from the next and will require analysis of location, bunker size and slope to determine the drainage required. We do generally follow a herringbone pattern and will alter patterns if required.



After having roughly shaped 3 bunkers on #9 and #18 already and having inspected the base on #1, we have uncovered very different scenarios in all the bunkers where one had no drainage that could be found, another had different size pipes, three bunkers have had drainage where no material such as bidum or shade cloth had been used in the trenches to minimise clay contamination into the pipes and stone, and the inspection points were put in loosely and not connected to lateral drainage pipes.

The drainage trenches also seemed extremely deep and with the stone being contaminated and covered in clay, seemingly no water to get into the drains.

The team will be working diligently on each bunker over the next two months to ensure the cavities are correct, the bases are firm, and the drainage is installed at the correct depth and the correct methods and materials are utilised and will be installing a woven material to separate the base from the silica sand. No new sand will be installed into bunkers until this is done.





# **BEE NEWS**

You will notice the two hive boxes placed in the grass area across from the ladies 11th tee box on the East championship course. This is our first site dedicated to two well established colonies with one of the boxes being almost 2 years old already. We have another hive box hidden in the same area which at the moment is empty, this makes 3 hive boxes in the given area. As we are now in winter, the bee activity will be noticeably busy at lunch time when the day is at

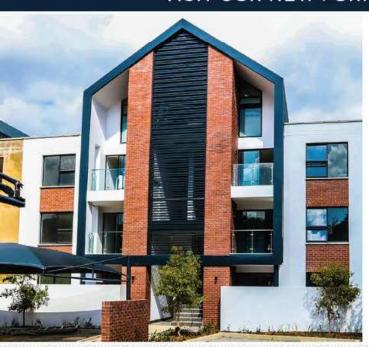
it warmest but not as high as a hot summer day and with the beautiful eucalyptus trees still flowering, the bees are having a field day while dodging golf balls and carts. The grass area which was cut will be left to grow once more and the area hopefully will be treated as a sensitive area in the future. The new path will be created on the service road side near the Lapa with information boards placed for educational purposes in the near future. I am also on the look out for wild colonies and thus if members can report any sightings in the

bee journal which will be placed at reception for further investigation from next month. At this moment, there are four wild colonies documented on the east course with three colonies in trees and one in a water valve box, please can golfers still be cautious in high bee activity areas and remember they are hard working ladies who are not out to get you. Happy golfing and remember our tag on social media. #BeesatRJK





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### LADIES GOLF

### Wendy Huddy, ladies Golf Manager

June has been a busy month on the Club's golfing calendar with a high demand for East course bookings, whilst the West course undergoes its' renovation. It is interesting to watch all the work taking place on the greens and the bunkers and already we are 1/6th of the way towards completion – so much to look forward to.

Our three league teams continue to make Royal proud. Our two weekday teams both played home games on the East course on 9 June with the weekday 1 team beating Houghton 2 – 1 and the weekday 2 team beating Krugersdorp by the same margin. This was followed by our Sunday team recording a wonderful 3 – 0 win against Heidelberg on Sunday 12 July on the East course. Congratulations to all three teams on these great victories. Our weekday 1 team remains on top of the log in the A division, our weekday 2 team are in 4th position in the D division and our Sunday team are in second position in their division in the Sunday league. All three teams have three games left in their season so there is still a lot left to play for!

Our BG's continue to feature in the Club competitions on a Saturday morning with the formidable pairings of Louise van der Vyver and Stephanie Govender and Gina Slade and Shannon Frigyik both winning Club competitions this past month. Well played ladies and keep up the good golf.



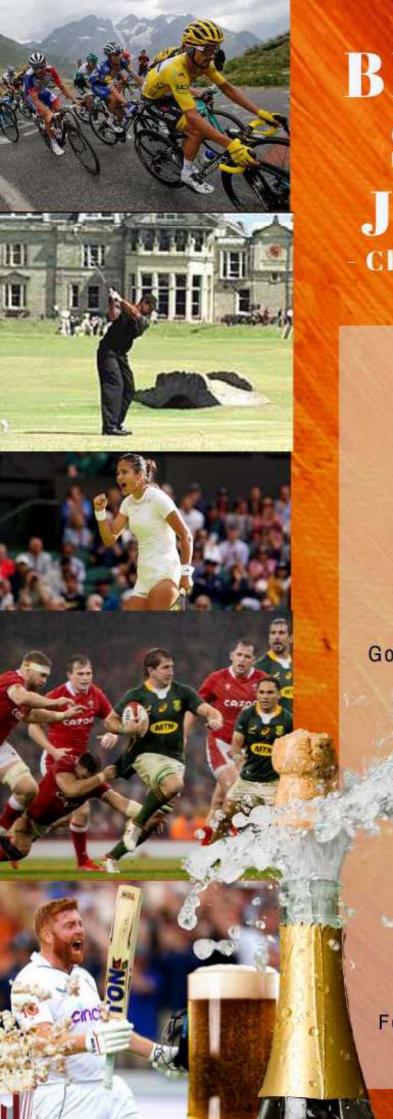




We held a wonderful and most successful ladies open day on Tuesday 14 June and several compliments were received from both our members and their visitors on the Royal Experience that they enjoyed. Congratulations to the winning fourball on the day – Ina Sanders, Lauren van der Merwe, Sheree Lloyd and Jenene Bernhardt! It was awesome to see Jenene in the winning fourball and out on the course instead of being in the office! Sarah Procter of CAS Golfwear was generous in her donation of prizes as was Shannon Ferrans who joined us on the day and donated a hamper of beautiful Maui Jim sunglasses for a lucky draw!Congratulations to Hazel Knowler who won the draw – Hazel was thrilled with her prize! Mellony Maxwell very kindly donated prizes for our 2022 Jean Eustice Trophy (betterball stableford) and the prize winners were delighted. It is thanks to the generosity of these kind ladies, that we are able to host such successful days.

We look forward to hosting our Open Championship Mixed Open on Sunday 17 July, morning times, and then enjoying a pub lunch after the game and watching the final round of the Open Championship. We haven't held a mixed competition for over a year so it should be a great morning out on the East course – thank you to everyone for their support.

Look forward to seeing many of you around the Club. Keep safe and keep warm.



# BIG SCREEN SPORT IN JULY 2022!

Champions Retreat - Patio

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Tennis: Wimbeldon 27 June- 10 July

F1: British Grand Prix 1-3 July

Rugby: SA vs Wales 2 July, 9 July, 16 July

Cycling: Tour de France 1-24 July

Golf: The 150th Open Championship 14-17 July

> F1: Austrian Grand Prix 8-10 July

F1: French Grand Prix 22- 24 July

Cricket: Eng vs India 1-17 July

Cricket: Eng vs South Africa 19 July

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### THE CAPTAIN'S NOTE

#### Nick watt-Pringle, Club Captain

I write to you on the shortest day of the year and reflect on what I believe was an amazing US Open that was played last weekend on the tough Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts. Congratulations must go to Matt Fitzpatrick on his stella performance – his duel with Will Zalatoris and Scottie Scheffler on Sunday was a great lesson to golfers on how to keep cool under extreme pressure. When Scottie had a two shot lead halfway through the final round, I thought that no one would catch the hottest player in the world right now! But when he dropped four shots over three holes, including missing a straightforward wedge from the middle of the fairway, it made me think about all of us amateur golfers and how we all play in our major Club tournaments.

Our Winter Club Championships are coming up on 9th and 10th of July after an absence of two years. I for one, really enjoy playing in these events especially the winter championships, when we all get a lot more run on the fairways and the rough is not as punishing as it is in our main Club championship, which is always played in summer. Besides the A division golfers, most of us battle to have two decent consecutive rounds, especially when it comes to Club championships. One thing that really struck me when watching the US Open, was the way in which Scottie, who appeared to have lost it over three to four holes on the Saturday, still came back on Sunday to fight it out for the title. The lesson I learnt from that, was to forget what has happened the day before on a couple of holes during your round and focus on what you can do going forward, on a shot for shot basis.





Here are some interesting facts for the upcoming Winter Championships.

Four players have tied for the lowest gross score in A Division on a score of 141. 2004, D.B. Stratton | 2006, K.R. Scott | 2010, G.J. Van Der Merwe | 2019, D Keylock.

B Division on a score of 148;

2012, H. Stevenson | 2016, A. Rodrigues

C Division on a score of 164;

2012, S. Diamandis | 2015, K. Backhouse | 2019, N. Watt Pringle

Maybe some member can break these scores in this years Winter Club Champs. I hope to see a bumper field on the 9th and 10th July. Both rounds will be played on the East course and I stand to be corrected, but I think that is a first for the Club!

Last month we saw the second round of the Interschools event for the year being played, which was a great success. The final round will be played on 26 November (moved from the 29 October) and with the West course renovation having been completed and 5 teams lying within 4 or 5 points of each other, the stage is set for a very exciting and tight race to the finish line!

In closing, I would like to congratulate Alex Watt Pringle on his eagle on 11th East, on the 11th June, in the afternoon. He hit driver, seven iron into the hole for 4 pluses in the Club's bonus bogey competition!! playing off a 20 handicap. I don't think he will be playing off that handicap for much longer – well done Alex! If I don't see you in the Clubhouse, I certainly hope I'll see you on the fairways.



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# RUHAN'S WINE COLUMN

Ruhan Duvenage, Assistant Food & Beverage Manager

With winter fully set in, we are all automatically drawn in to a more cozy and warmer approach, from rich osso bucco and oxtail stews to long endless conversations in front of the fire place with loved ones. For me only one wine comes to mind, the big , bold beautiful varietal known as Cabernet Sauvignon, the king of grapes and the perfect accompaniment for the long winter. Cabernet Sauvignon is the worlds most popular red wine grape varietal and is a natural cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc, originally from Bordeaux, France.

Cabernet Sauvignon is loved for its high concentration and its willingness to age. Flavours of Black Cherrie, Blackcurrant, Bell Pepper, Dark Chocolate, Violets, Cedar, Baking Spices and Graphite comes to play when we talk about Cabs, with a medium dry finish, and a full body profile, medium high tannins with medium acidity, The rich flavour and high tannin content in Cabernet Sauvignon make it a perfect pairing to rich grilled meats, peppery sauces, and dishes with high flavour. If you are looking for umami, you must try a aged cheddar, or emmenthaler but even better a wagyu beef burger with some good old aged cheese will do any cabernet proud. We, as South African wine drinkers today can find many Cabernet Sauvignon options available. Some Cabs are sumptuous and fruity, others are savoury and smoky. It all depends on where the Cabernet Sauvignon grows and how it's made into wine. We however are super blessed with ancient soils and an abundance of unique regions so finding many different styles will not be hard. One of my favourite regions and probably one of the most sort after regions is the Stellenbosch region, but finding good wine from Stellenbosch can be challenging because there are so many producers.

The highest rated wines tend to come from vineyards that are on alluvial fans of the granite mountains. The wines from these locations are often described as having a subtle mineral note which many believe is from the decomposed granite soils. The granite mountains are approximately 600 million years old, that's over 3 times as old as the soil in the Napa Valley in California.

David Finlayson Wines from Stellenbosch reaffirmed the international status of South African Cabernet Sauvignon with the GS Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 announced Best Cabernet in the World at the annual Concours International des Cabernets in France. Here is a list of some the Cabs that took 5 stars in the Platters guide this year,

Boekenhoutskloof Winery Stellenbosch 2019
Boekenhoutskloof Winery Franschhoek 2019
Kanonkop Estate 2017
Le Riche Wines Reserve 2018
Leeu Passant 2019
Muratie Wine Estate Martin Melck 2017
Oldenburg Vineyards Per Se 2019
Plaisir 2018
Rust en Vrede Wine Estate Single Vineyard 2018
Simonsig Wine Estate The Garland 2017
Stark-Condé Wines Three Pines 2019
Tokara Reserve 2018
Vergelegen Wines V 2015
Wade Bales Wine Co Stellenbosch 2019
Warwick Wine Estate The Blue Lady 2018





### THE CHEF'S TABLE

Ransley Retersen, Executive Chef

As a chef one creates a menu that would be well accepted by the guests that walk through the door. However this limits the amount of creativity a chef can put on a menu. I think by reinventing classics and being bold in confidence of the kind of diners we would like to attract, encourages the team to strive for more in terms of creativity and push the boundary of what is 'accepted' by the diner. The key is educating guests about our ingredients and how we prepare them.

We have been extremely blessed at The Old Oak in that the guests that dine with us aren't guests that eat for survival but rather that long for experience and stories behind the dishes. For the team, the feedback has been an immense part of our morale and compass in operations and meeting guests that have already become family.

'Chefs have a new opportunity - and perhaps even an obligation - to inform the public about what is good to eat, and why.'
Rene Redzepi

Our Wednesday Pizza madness has been a massive success and the feedback regarding our pizza has been phenomenal. We are soon launching Date Night Thursdays at The Old Oak- a 3 Course set menu inclusive of a bottle wine from a small selection. The wine of the month of July that we will be featuring is the L'Avenir Horizon range. The set menu is charged at R795/ couple and all dishes are off the menu to provide a unique offering.

Our latest Chef's Table featured superb wines from Bizoe by Rikus Neethling. An absolutely stellar evening shared with special guests that were absolutely blown away by the experience of indulging in great wines and food that complemented them accordingly.

The extraordinary weather we've had in the past two weeks has resulted in the seating inside The Old Oak be booked up quite quickly. We urge all our members and guests to book in advance to avoid disappointment or a cold seat...

We look forward to bringing you new and exciting experiences at The Old Oak in the near future...















# A Royal Occasion!

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### THE OLD OAK

Restaurant & Family Centre

### RESERVATIONS

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

12H00 - 19H30

LUNCH & DINNER

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

08H00 - 20H00

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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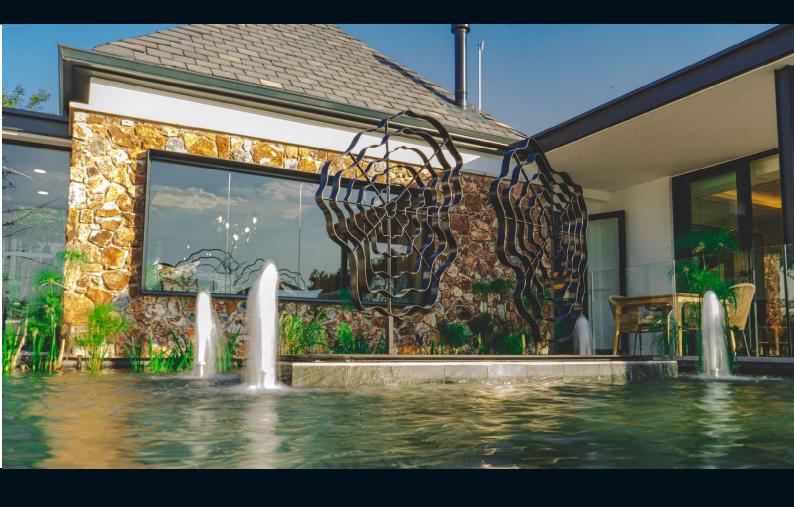


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# **EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations



Front of house - Millicent Makua, Old Oak



Back of house - Walter Muchaziya, Maintenance

### THE RANGE

### By Right Side Golf Academy

Jacks Paint Barrel Challenge

It has been fantastic to see the turnout from members and visitors in this fun filled barrel challenge, and although the interest has been growing, we haven't had that person zoning in on their wedge skills and taking home the prize money. So the next Barrell challenge which is the 1st of July has now increased to R 6500! Virtual Golf Simulator Room, opening 5 August!

(more info to follow)

We are extremely excited to kick start this thrilling way of playing golf which will be available from the 5th of August. The flight simulator room includes

- Playing different golf courses all around the world.
- Exciting competitions and some awesome prizes.
- Special skills challenge to improve all aspects of your game
- Getting your true distances , groupings and many more data readings

Pricing and packages will be available soon so keep your eyes peeled and we hope to see everyone having some virtual golf fun with us.





# SHOTS OF THE MONTH By resident photographer. Trever Barnett

BARN OWL | AFRICAN HARRIER HAWK | GREENBACK HERON





With the 150th Open Championship around the corner Cleveland and Srixon have a few good deals that you do not want to miss out on.



A deal that you do not want to miss out on is the Cleveland wedge deal. You can trade your old wedges in and get up to R1800 discount if you buy 3. Come and see us in store to get the best deal.

2 Sleeves of Srixon Z-Star/Z-Star XV are retailing at R250, normal retail is R400 for 2 sleeves





We have received winter apparel from Lyle and Scott with more on their way in next week. Make sure to come and have a look.

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# MEMBERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY



DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE @ 18H30

FRIDAY 29 JULY

Jig Screen

Food & drinks specials

CURRENT 'POT'

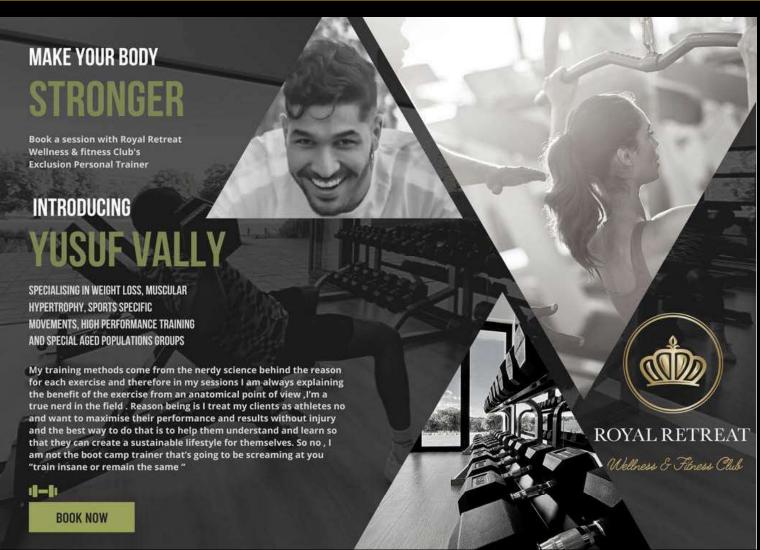
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TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY







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# Dis-Chem Foundation SWING or SIGHT



DATE: Tuesday, 6 September 2022

**VENUE:** Royal Johannesburg and

Kensington Golf Club

FORMAT: 4-Ball Alliance, Scramble

Drive, 2 Scores to Count

COST: R5 000.00 per 4 ball (includes

Refreshments on Arrival, Halfway House

Lunch, Dinner and Prize Giving).

Excludes carts and Caddy Fees

TIME: First Tee Off 11:00

"Golfing with Retina South Africa to beat Retinal Blindness"

Contact: Linda at Retina SA on 011 450 1181 or e-mail headoffice@retinasa.org.za to book your place





### THE CALENDAR

# JUL 2022

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West Course temporary greens in play - July 2022

2022 / 23 Subscriptions fee are due 1 July 2022 Saturday 9th - Sunday 10th July - 2022 Winter Club Championships Monday 11th - Sunday 17th July - 150th Open Championship, The Old Course, St Andrews





# AUG 2022

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West Course temporary greens in play - August 2022

Monday 15th August to Monday 4th September - West Course scarifying will take place Wednesday 31 August - Sunday 4 September - PGA 4 Nations Cup - East Course GUEST RELATIONS & BOOKINGS RECEPTION@ROYALJK.CO.ZA BOOKINGS@ROYALJK.CO.ZA

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We encourage you to share your thoughts with us.









