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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By Dean Harding | Chairman of the Board



In the communication sent to the membership on Friday, 21 February 2025, it was announced that Jason Bird had resigned from his position as Chief Executive Officer of Royal Johannesburg. We extend our gratitude to Jason for his leadership, vision, and contributions during his time with us. Under his guidance, Royal has achieved notable growth and achievements. We are confident that the foundation built will continue to drive the Club forward.

We wish Jason all the best in his future endeavours and thank him for his service. Thank you to our members for your continued support. All developments will be well-voiced to you, the member, going forward.

As we move through this transition, we remain committed to delivering the highest level of service to our members and stakeholders. I and members of the Board, will step in to assist the relevant HOD's and staff and we are confident that their experience will guide Royal through this period while we embark on the necessary measures to find the next leader of Royal.

With that in mind, we are pleased to announce that John Hare (our existing Chairman of the Capital Fund) has accepted our invitation to assist Royal's HOD's in realigning their business models and budgets.

We are grateful for John's willingness to lend his expertise and look forward to sharing with you the outcomes of his work in the upcoming months.



Members would have noticed that phase two of the Solar Project is underway. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the work being carried out. Once completed, this will undoubtedly assist in managing the exorbitant electricity tariffs and load shedding.

Sadly the 2025 Hyundai Open was called off due to the East Course being waterlogged and unplayable for the professionals. Still, we are thrilled to announce that the tournament has been rescheduled for June, and we look forward to hosting it then. Our Sunshine Ladies Tour will be at Royal, playing on the East Course in the ABSA Ladies Invitational at the end of the month, which will be a grand spectacle of great golf. Grateful thanks must be extended to our course superintendent, Jerry Steyn and his team, for the immense amount of work that has been put into getting our courses into excellent condition and managing them throughout these past weeks.

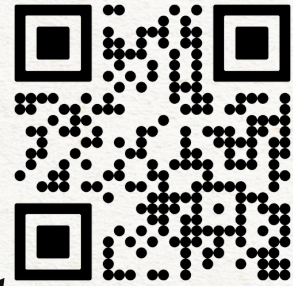
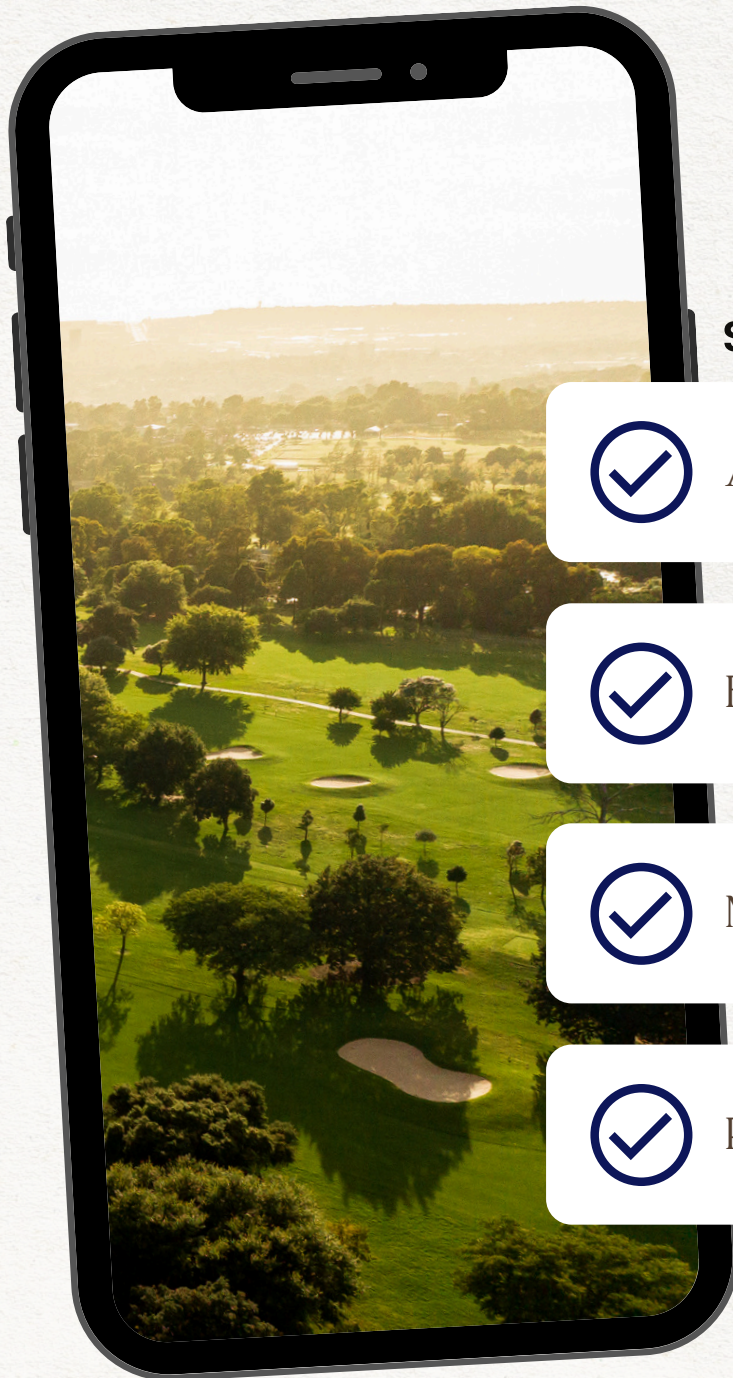
The Royal team is committed to serving you, the members, to the best of their ability. We are fortunate to have a team who care and have the members' best interests at heart, so please bear with us all as we navigate the next few months.

Please keep it on the fairway and hope to see you around the Club.



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HAPPY GOLFING

By Robert Larsen | Golf Director



As we move into the heart of summer, the course is in fantastic condition and March promises to be another exciting month of golf at Royal Johannesburg. We hope everyone has had a great start to the year, and we are looking forward to seeing more of you enjoying the fairways and greens!

The Sunshine Ladies Tour will be visiting in March, Tournament dates are 27 – 29 March on the East Course. Come out and support the South African and European Ladies at this event.

The first round of the 2025 Interschools Challenge was held on Saturday 22 February over both the East and West Courses. At the top of the leaderboard after the first round is 2 Club Ernie (the defending champions) and Meghan Markle on 129 points, closely followed by FJM on 125 points. Round two will be held on Saturday 21 June 2025.

Club Competition Results

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Hyundai Open 2025 – Postponement

Due to the heavy rains, we received over the past few weeks, the Sunshine Tour decided to postpone the Hyundai Open. New dates will be announced to the members in due course but the event will more than likely be moved to a date in June. Watch this space, as some of the country's top golfers will be on show.

Course Updates & Improvements

Our team has been hard at work maintaining and improving the course to ensure optimal playing conditions. Recent enhancements include better bunker greenside sand on the East, fairway conditioning, and ongoing tree maintenance. We ask all players to please assist in keeping the course in top shape by repairing divots, raking bunkers, and fixing pitch marks on greens.

Rule of Golf Spotlight: Accidental Ball Movement on the Green

Did you know? Under Rule 13.1d, if your ball accidentally moves on the putting green—whether by a gust of wind or an accidental touch—you must replace it on its original spot without penalty. However, if the ball moves because of a stroke, it must be played from its new position.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As we embrace another month filled with great golf, camaraderie, and competition, we encourage all members to continue enjoying everything Royal Johannesburg has to offer. Whether you're chasing birdies, perfecting your swing, or simply enjoying a post-round drink at the clubhouse, we look forward to seeing you on and off the course. Happy golfing!

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EAST TO WEST

By Jerry Styen | Course Manager



It was very unfortunate that the Hyundai Open had to be postponed due to inclement weather as the courses were in an amazing condition and we were excited to present this to the Touring Pro's. However the right call was made and taken in the best interest of the course. We are extremely happy with how our practices have ensured that we still have good courses with minimal damage to both courses.

With the end of February summer also is at an end and we head into my personal favourite season, autumn. We are already seeing some tree's changing colour on the West and one cannot believe that we are in this season already. On reflection of our past summer, we have experienced some really unpredictable weather and are thankful that the rains came when they did. We welcome rain with open arms as with the valuable lessons learned yet again.

We still have three more events coming up in the next few months and look forward to hosting them and showcasing our courses. During March we will be hosting the Absa Ladies Tournament on the East course but no major maintenance is planned apart from our regular light sand dusting and greens grooming. Staff will be hands-on involved in completing sodding work on both courses.

Wishing all our members and their guests a great golf experience on our beautiful golf courses.



LADIES GOLF

By Wendy Huddy | Ladies Golf Manager



It has been a busy month on the ladies calendar in February with only one Tuesday game being cancelled due to rain, which is quite some record for the Tuesday ladies group. Numbers are slowly building although not being allowed carts on many days has had an impact on golf figures.



Our Valentines Open Day was a great success and although rain fell the night before, we were able to play on Tuesday 11 February. 93 ladies in pink and red adorned the fairways and had a wonderful day. Special thanks to our greenkeeper Jerry Steyn for producing a somewhat tough but beautiful course and then to all the clubhouse staff for the effort made for the ladies to enjoy after the game. Special mention of Mr Jin of Volvik for his continued generous sponsorship of Volvik products and balls for our ladies open days. We can now look forward To the Masters Ladies Open Day which will be held on Tuesday 8 April on the West Course and the good news is that it will be a 08h00 shotgun start – I look forward to receiving entries.

We had mixed fortunes with our league results this month but it is only the beginning of the season, so a lot can still happen. Our weekday 1 team lost to The River Club, away on Thursday 6 March with our weekday 2 team winning their first fixture, away, against Krugersdorp, on the same day. Our Sunday team has played two matches already, winning the first match against Bryanston at home on the West Course and losing the second match against Modderfontein at Modderfontein. Good luck with the fixtures this month for all our teams.

The CCJ Putter was played on Sunday 23rd February at Woodmead and thank you to all the members for their support of this day. Our 14 couples enjoyed wonderful hospitality from the members and staff of CCJ and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. The last card of the day determined the outcome and the team from Royal lost by 3 betterball points – I do not recall ever having such a closely contested match between the two Clubs. We look forward to playing the 2025 Ryder Cup competition against CCJ in August – date to be finalised

This month was not only about the ladies doing well at Royal and the neighbouring Clubs, but also elsewhere in South Africa and the world. Sylvia Maponyane, teamed up with Cara Gorlei in the team's competition of the NTT DATA Ladies Pro Am played at Fancourt a week ago, to win on a count out. Very well played to Sylvia and Cara.



Ash Buhai started her 2025 LPGA campaign with a tie for tenth place in the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions played in Florida and then followed that good golf with a tie for eleventh place in the Founders Cup, played in Florida the following week. Ash is nursing an injury at the moment so wishing her a quick recovery and look forward to seeing her back on the fairways very soon.

Closer to home, Cas Alexander notched up a fabulous second place at Durbanville Golf Club, playing in the Standard Bank Ladies Open Tournament and this week, staying in Cape Town, Cas has claimed the win at Jabra Ladies Classic at Westlake Golf Club. Congratulations to Cas for bring this one home and we wish her all the best for the remaining 5 ladies tournaments on the Sunshine Tour calendar that includes the ABSA Ladies Invitational to be held on our East Course from 27th to 29th March. I hope to see many of you watching.

Wishing you a great month ahead and look forward to receiving your entries for the Masters Ladies Open Day on 8 April.

Take care





The Lady Captain of the Royal Johannesburg
cordially invites you to participate in
the Twenty Twenty Five
Masters at Royal, Ladies Open
to be held on the West Course
on Tuesday the Eighth of April.

Ina Sanders
Lady Captain

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MORE THAN A FITTING

By Greg Jacobs | Club Professional



The new Titleist GT1 driver, fairway woods and hybrids have arrived. They are designed for the golfer with a moderate swing speed looking to hit the ball a little higher and straighten up a slice. If this is you then it is most definitely worth a try.. Our new FJ clothing should be in next week, we are very excited about the new fashion range!

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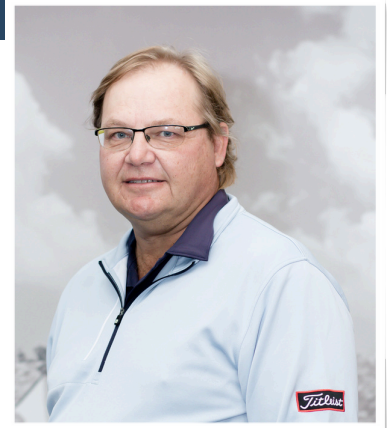
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TIP OF THE MONTH

By Martin Briedé | Teaching Professional



With some fertilising and good rain just at the right time, we will see some good growth and recovery of the range tee.

This month I would like to promote our Saturday Junior Clinic. My junior coach, Stacey Burrowes, conducts an awesome and fun filled clinic for junior golfers aged 6 till 10 years of age every Saturday from 9am till 10am. Please WhatsApp me to get more details or to register 084 503 5477. It's the perfect way to get your kids and grandkids into golf.

We have also started a Royal Johannesburg Development Chapter, a very worthwhile and meaningful project. This class conducted by Stacey follows immediately after the members class on Saturday.

Last month I discussed Bobby Locke's swing keys for the backswing, club, left hand, left arm and left shoulder all back in one piece with the swing being completed by pointing the left shoulder at the ball.



Last month I discussed Bobby Locke's swing keys for the backswing, club, left hand, left arm and left shoulder all back in one piece with the swing being completed by pointing the left shoulder at the ball.

Whilst thinking of these things in reality Bobby Locke took the club well to the inside, with the club very long and across the line at the top. From there Bobby did come over the top a little relative to his backswing but still inside the target line through the ball thereby hitting his standard reliable draw ball flight.

Bobby knew this tendency so his thought on the downswing, as explained in his book Bobby Locke on Golf, was what he called a slight "left hand drag" this thought helps a golfer bring the club from the inside.

Give the "left hand drag" feeling a go if you feel like you are coming over the top or have the urge of hitting too soon from the top of the swing.

Watch the video below of me explaining Bobby Locke's theory of the downswing. You won't be disappointed.



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Ricki Dembo
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Martin Briedé
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THE CHEFS TABLE

By Ransley Pietersen | Executive Chef



What an incredible month it's been!

Having the privilege to cater to most probably the most luxurious brand in the world alongside a great team that pulled it off, was undoubtedly one of the highlights of my career. An extensive canape menu was curated and executed for the launch of the very first Rolls Royce Showroom in Africa. Delivering impeccable service and indulgent food to the top 1% of the country's rich and famous was a daunting task but we managed to surpass all expectations.

Of course, we can't ignore the grand event of the month—Valentine's Day. For us chefs, it's an opportunity to create menus that celebrate love, passion, and indulgence. Whether it's a luxurious tasting menu or a carefully curated sharing experience, food has the power to create unforgettable moments. This year, we challenge diners to think beyond the clichés of chocolate and strawberries (though they certainly have their place) and explore unexpected pairings—from incredible wines of Allee Bleue to lobsters and vegan oysters our Valentine's day diners were really blown away.

As we step into March, the highlight on the calendar is the Noble Roots Wine Festival, on the 15th of March, celebrating the best wineries in South Africa. There will be gourmet street food served on the day that you could try piece together with a pairing of your own with over 70 wines to taste. Tickets are selling fast on TIXSA so be sure to book them while there are a few available. There will be exciting wines to taste and some of the farms highlighted for this edition are: Keermont, Newton Johnson, Blaauwklippen, Nitida, Allee Bleue, L'Avenir and many more. Each wine farm will be running a Noble Roots special for the festival only. We will also be releasing something very special at the festival that you don't want to miss...

As I reflect on the journey of the past few years at The Old Oak, I am reminded that great dining experiences are never just about the food. They are about the energy in the room, the anticipation before the first bite, the stories that unfold over a long, lingering meal. Let this be a time to savor, to indulge, and to appreciate the fleeting beauty of each season's offerings and may this blueprint never be forgotten in many years to come.





THE OLD OAK

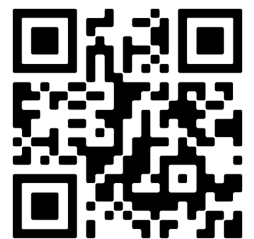
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YOUR HEALTH & WELLNESS FIX

by Gavin Groves



The Benefits of Cardio for Golfers: Boost Your Health and Your Game

For many, the gym can feel intimidating—especially when you're unsure where to start. It's easy to gravitate toward the cardio machines, where the movements are straightforward and there's less complexity than, say, lifting weights. But what many people don't realize is that cardio machines are not just for general fitness; they're a fantastic way to enhance your golf performance as well.



Incorporating cardiovascular exercise into your routine can complement your mobility and strength work, making you a more well-rounded and effective golfer. Whether you're looking to increase stamina, improve recovery, or reduce injury risk, the cardio options at the club can be an essential part of your golf fitness plan.

Why Cardio Matters for Golfers:

1. **Improved Stamina:** Golf can be physically demanding, and maintaining energy throughout 18 holes is essential. Cardio improves your heart's ability to pump blood more efficiently, delivering oxygen to your muscles longer without fatigue. This endurance translates to better performance, especially on those long back nine holes or during extended tournament play.
2. **Better Recovery:** Golf requires both power and precision. After a day on the course or at the driving range, your body needs time to recover. Cardio boosts circulation, which helps your muscles heal faster by delivering oxygen and nutrients to damaged tissues and flushing out waste products. This means less soreness and faster recovery, keeping you ready for your next round.
3. **Increased Focus:** Cardio workouts help with more than just physical health—they also boost mental clarity. By increasing blood flow to the brain, cardio sharpens concentration and decision-making. This mental edge is crucial for making those key shots during a round, particularly in high-pressure situations.
4. **Reduced Injury Risk:** Golfers rely on their bodies to perform repetitive movements. Regular cardio strengthens your cardiovascular system, but also helps keep your joints flexible and your muscles active. A fit body is better able to withstand the stress of a golf swing, reducing the risk of injuries like back or shoulder strains.



Cardio Options at Royal Gym:

- Whether you're looking to work on your general fitness or specifically enhance your golf game, our club offers a variety of cardio machines to get your heart pumping:
- Assault Bike: These are excellent for high-intensity interval training (HIIT), which builds both aerobic and anaerobic endurance. High-intensity training helps improve both your cardiovascular system and your ability to handle bursts of exertion, similar to the explosive power needed for a golf swing.
- Rowing Ergo: This full-body workout engages your core, arms, and legs—important for golfers who need to develop rotational power. Rowing builds strength in your upper back and shoulders, critical areas for maintaining a solid posture throughout your swing.
- Treadmills: Walking, running, or working on an incline boosts your cardiovascular health and strengthens your lower body. Your legs support your swing, and building stamina and strength in your legs ensures you maintain proper form, especially towards the end of a round.
- Wattbike: These bikes are a great way to track your performance and improve cycling efficiency. The stronger and more efficient your legs, the more powerful and stable your golf swing will be.
- Elliptical: A low-impact way to raise your heart rate, elliptical machines work your legs and core while protecting your joints. This makes them an excellent option for golfers looking to stay fit without the risk of overstraining.
- Stairmaster: Climbing stairs mimics the pushing, pulling, and stabilizing motions involved in your golf game. It strengthens your glutes, quads, and calves—all essential for maintaining balance and power in your swing.



*Strong today, stronger tomorrow:
Each day you train, you get a little
stronger.*

Getting Started:

If you're new to cardio, start slow. Aim for 20-30 minutes of moderate-intensity cardio a few times a week, gradually increasing your duration and intensity as your fitness improves. A mix of steady-state cardio (like walking or rowing) and interval training (like sprints on the Assault Bike) can help you build both endurance and power.

By combining cardio with strength and mobility training, you'll develop the stamina, flexibility, and mental sharpness needed for a better golf game. And whether you're on the course or in the gym, remember: the more you invest in your fitness, the more you'll see it pay off in your game.

If 2025 is your year of intention and you need more help setting and achieving your fitness or health goals, I'm here to help! Feel free to reach out to me at gavingrovestraining@gmail.com or fitness@royaljhb.co.za.





Trevor Barnett



The Discovery Wellness Experience.

We will be hosting the Discovery Wellness Experience at The Royal Johannesburg Golf club. Open to all the members and guests who would like to complete their Discovery health check for Discovery Life, Health and Vitality clients.

Event details

Dates: Thursday 20th March 2025

Venue: Royal Johannesburg Golf Club

Time: 08:30 to 15:30

Please send an email or WhatsApp to the number or email address below to secure your spot.

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- You need to bring your **medical aid membership card** as well as your **ID or driving licence**.
- **Dress comfortably**. You will need to be **barefoot** for certain checks (no socks or stockings).

We will have a dietitian and a Biokinetisist available for the optional assessments but these need to be booked separately. If you do not have medical savings this will be billed to you directly.

We look forward to seeing you at the Discovery Wellness Experience!
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BESPOKE FITNESS

By Dale Ebell | Biokineticist (HPCSA/BASA)



Stronger Core, Better Golf: Unlock Power & Stability

Maintaining strength and mobility is key to staying competitive and injury-free. One of the most overlooked yet essential components of a powerful and consistent golf swing is core strength—but not just in the way you might think.

Your core is more than just your abs; it includes your obliques, lower back, and even your glutes. These muscles work together to provide stability, rotation, and power during your swing. Here's how a strong core directly improves your game:



More Distance Off the Tee – A stable core allows for greater rotation while keeping your body controlled, leading to faster clubhead speed and more power. **Improved Accuracy** – Swing consistency comes from being able to rotate smoothly and return to the same position every time. A weak core can cause excess movement, leading to mis-hits. **Reduced Risk of Injury** – Many golfers experience back pain due to poor core engagement. A strong core protects your spine, reducing strain on your lower back and hips.

At-Home Core Exercise: The Glute Bridge

One of the simplest yet most effective exercises for golfers is the glute bridge. While it targets your glutes, it also strengthens your lower back and core—key for maintaining posture and power throughout your round.

How to Do It: 1. Lie on your back with your knees bent, feet flat on the floor, and arms at your sides. 2. Press through your heels, squeeze your glutes, and lift your hips until your body forms a straight line from shoulders to knees. 3. Hold for 1 second at the top, then lower slowly. 4. Perform 3 sets of 8 reps.

A few minutes of core work each week can lead to longer drives, fewer injuries, and better overall performance on the course. Start today and feel the difference in your next round!

Looking for a tailored golf fitness plan? Get in touch and take your game to the next level!

Ready to find out how much more speed you can generate? Contact **Dale Ebell** at dale@bespokefit.co.za or **082 324 7797** to schedule a speed assessment and get started with The Stack System today!



AIM POINT

by Sandra van den Bergh
Certified level 3 AimPoint Instructor



12 Months After Implementing AimPoint

Player	SGP Change / Tournament	Excess Earnings
Max Homa	1.5	\$3,015,193
Justin Rose	0.7	\$1,619,499
Viktor Hovland	0.8	\$1,388,305
Keegan Bradley	1.2	\$1,025,898
Collin Morikawa	0.5	\$895,113
Avg	0.9	\$1,588,802



12 Months After Implementing AimPoint

Player	SGP Change / Tournament	Excess Earnings
Tommy Fleetwood	1.2	\$782,817
Adam Scott	0.2	\$263,320
Garrick Higgo	2.3	\$585,543
Sam Burns	0.2	\$49,329
Pierceson Coody	1.3	\$338,590
Avg	1.0	\$403,920

Earnings on Tour for AimPointers

Comparing 12 months prior to implementing AimPoint to 12 months after, here are the average incremental strokes gained putting per tournament. They also show an average excess earnings of \$1.5 million in the first year due to the extra strokes. Yes there is statistical proof that AimPoint helps players. And this is just a few players. Source: Mark Sweeney, Founder of AimPoint.

5 more players all showing improvement.

Source: Mark Sweeney, Founder of AimPoint.

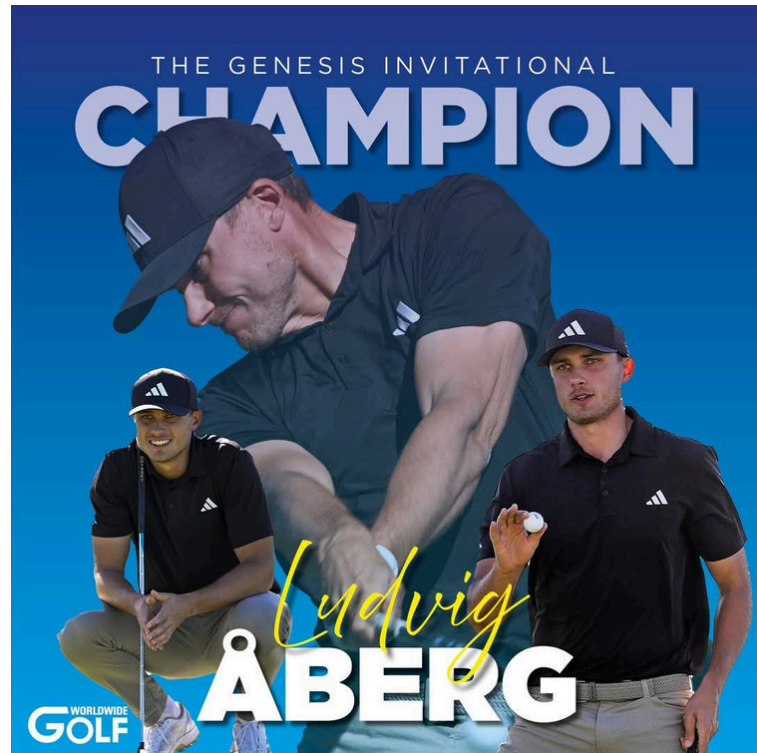
AimPointer Ludvig Åberg birdies four of his last six holes to claim his second PGA Tour title at the Genesis Invitational on 16 Feb... using your pointer finger outside 6 feet works. Here is Ludvig reading a 1% slope to sink the birdie putt on the last hole to win.



Kian Rose is well known to Royal members, and in his fourth year as a senior at Clemson University in South Carolina, he won his first division1 golf tournament for the college in the beginning of Feb 2025. We congratulate Kian on this outstanding performance and wish him well for his future in golf. I am so pleased that Kian has continued to use AimPoint from the age of 14 years when he first came to me for AimPoint lessons.

Don't wait, contact me for more information and making a booking. Say goodbye to 3-putting and hello to more birdie opportunities.

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Sean Qualifies for SA Open

Massive congratulations to Sean Paxton on qualifying for the Investec SA Open Championship to be played this week at Durban Country Club. Sean finished 3rd with 3 under par 68 in the qualifier held at Umhlali Country Club on Tuesday. This will be Sean's first DP World Tour event and comes off the back of some excellent form which has seen him rise to 11th in the Golf RSA national rankings.

Sean's journey with BSI started in 2020 when he enrolled for their PGA Diploma, from which he graduated in 2022 having won their Premier Order of Merit that year. He joined BSI's Graduate Elite Program in 2023 and still remains a private client working with Coach Chris Wright and Mental Coach Mark Fairbank.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS



SA Kids Golf – Wanderers GC (19 January)

Boys 15 - 18:

2nd Thomo Mokgatle

(Thomo unfortunately lost in the 1st play-off hole)

3rd – Kayle Turner

T5 – Ayanda Mkhize

Boys 13 – 14:

4th – Mowana Chokwe

6th – Legofi Mokgatle

T7 - Mongezi Ntombini



Gauteng High School's Super League

HUGE SHOUT OUT to our Royal Junior members and BSI Junior Academy students, Connor Olfen (c), Mongi Masuku, Shaka Kariisa & Mpho Makhado, who on Monday 17 February, took a win at Royal Johannesburg in the final Gauteng High School's Super League match, to secure BSI a place in the play-offs. The team required a win to guarantee qualification, and their resilience was tested, playing in miserable, cold and rainy conditions. Well done to Connor and Mongi who shot level par in those testing conditions.

Well done to all the other players who represented BSI during the season. The final standings saw the young side finish 2nd in the league, just 1 point off the top spot. The Play-offs will be played on Friday 28 February at Randpark GC and we wish the team all the best as they aim to qualify for the SA National High School Championship.



Mpho Makhado, Shaka Kariisa, Mongi Masuku & Connor Olfen

Open Day Experience

BSI are hosting an OPEN DAY EXPERIENCE for their Junior Golf Academy on Saturday 15 March 2025.

Come learn more about the full-time golf and education program; the international curriculum and the extensive golf training schedule. Attendees must bring their clubs as they will also get to experience their high performance training first-hand (potential students not parents!!).

Please RSVP to info@bsisports.com to secure your place. There is still a special of 20% off all grade 8 fees for 2025 or 2026 if you secure your place in 2025. There are limited spaces available due to our multi-sport classroom so getting in early is advisable.

OPEN DAY EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025
JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY
INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOLING



Balderstone
Sports Institute



8.00am Registration
8.30am Informative Presentation
9.30am Training Experience
(Putting, Chipping, Range & Gym Intro)

BSI Campus, Huddle Park, Linksfield, JHB
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