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CLOCK TOWER TALK

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

By Paul Leishman | CEO

Behind the cameras - A week to remember
Months of planning culminated in Royal Johannesburg hosting the Alfred Dunhill Championship this past week. You may have experienced some of the atmosphere out on the course or watched some of it on tv. Despite an incredible 145mm of rain in the past two weeks, including chaotic hail storms it was a successful event with the club getting amazing coverage and very positive reviews.

Behind the scenes I am incredibly proud of the entire team that put in so much work to get this event done. On the course side there were many times where the golfers were astounded by the amount of rain and amazingly, we still managed to get the course into playable condition again. The tough weather conditions created a lot of extra work for the course staff having to work from 2am to rebuild bunkers and squeegee fairways in between regular tournament preparation.

The weather also created a lot of unpredictability for the F&B team with service times regularly changing. Breakfast was served from 04:30 each day with staff arriving at 03:00 to get ready.

We prepared 7233 meals over the week for players, caddies and tournament officials. The staff really worked hard with 33 403 the highest employee step count recorded, with most employees doing over 20 000 steps every day.

It was an amazing climax with Jayden Schaper winning in the play-off. We have received so much positive feedback from players and tour officials as well as the Alfred Dunhill team.

Now with the tournament behind us we are looking forward to hosting members and guests during the festive period. The play it as the pros over two days has been fully booked and golfers are loving the experience. We have a full month of daily golf competitions with great sponsorships from Landrover, Stellas Artois and Nandos. Take advantage of the great guest rates and invite friends to play our courses.

As previously mentioned, we have a strategic goal of attracting 200 new members. This is an essential target that will help us sustain the club going forward with the intention of being able to keep subscription levels for existing members at the current rate. Our new membership offer is limited and will not be repeated again – new members that sign up now will get the rest of our financial year free so effectively if they join now they get 18 months membership for the cost of 12 months. This applies to all categories. Please share this amazing deal with friends and family and help us attract our 200 new members.

Some sad news for the club... unfortunately Candice has resigned to take up an exciting new position in the events industry. She has been an incredible asset to the club over the past 15 years and will leave behind an amazing legacy. She is off on a short break but will be back after New Year and her last day will be the 9th January. We will not be losing her completely as she will resume her membership of the club she joined 30 years ago. Thank you Candice and we wish you an exciting new road ahead.

Best wishes to our Jewish members over Hanukkah and our Christian members for Christmas. We will all our members a period of joy and hopefully an opportunity to relax and re-energize for what we hope will be an amazing 2026. If you're travelling please be safe and arrive alive !





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HAPPY GOLFING

By Robert Larsen | Golf Director



As the year draws to a close, when at the same time last year we were praying for rain, this year is a different story – we have had plenty rain, which brings the same challenges with carts and course conditions. Please look out for any communication regarding the weather and course conditions that may affect your round and days at the club over the coming months. We are trying to protect the course as best we can and with substantial rainfall this will be influenced in the coming weeks.

December has delivered another memorable month for golf, highlighted by a fantastic achievement on the international stage. Congratulations to Jayden Schaper on his outstanding victory at the Alfred Dunhill Championship. A special moment for South African golf and an achievement we are proud to celebrate with our members. As we head into the festive season and planned course maintenance period, reciprocal playing arrangements have been secured with a number of surrounding clubs for the period through to 9 January 2026. These agreements ensure members continue to enjoy quality golf during December and early January.

Full details regarding participating clubs, booking procedures and applicable times are available through the Golf Office. We encourage members to plan ahead and take advantage of these reciprocal opportunities during this busy holiday period.

We would like to thank all members for their continued support throughout the year and wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable and golfing-filled festive season.

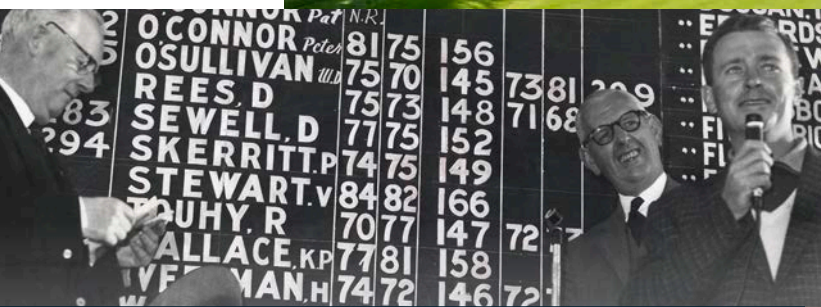
League Update

- Scratch League A – 1st in the A Division
- Scratch League B – 4th in the B Division
- Mid AM A – 3rd Position in the A Division
- Mid AM B – 4th Position in the C Division
- West BB League – 2nd in the D Division (Promotion to the C Division)
- East BB League – Won the A Division
- Junior League – T 1st in the B Division (Promotion to the A Division 2026)

2025 Interschools Challenge Final

Congratulations to 2 Club Ernie who came from 4 points behind to successfully defend their title!!

2 Club Ernie	500
Royal Family	496
FJM	485



Club Competition Results

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Members v Caddies Tradition

On the 2nd of November we played our annual 2 Club vs the Caddies of Royal Johannesburg and Soweto challenge on the tough East Course.

A great day was had by all and after a tight battle on the fairways, the victory belonged to the CADDIES. Scorecards and goodie bags prepared for the players were very well received and well done and thanks to all involved. Sincere thanks too to the management of Royal Johannesburg for assisting us all on the day. We are confident that this event will keep growing and become a feature event on our yearly calendar.

Well done to the CADDIES once again on a great victory and an unbelievable day.







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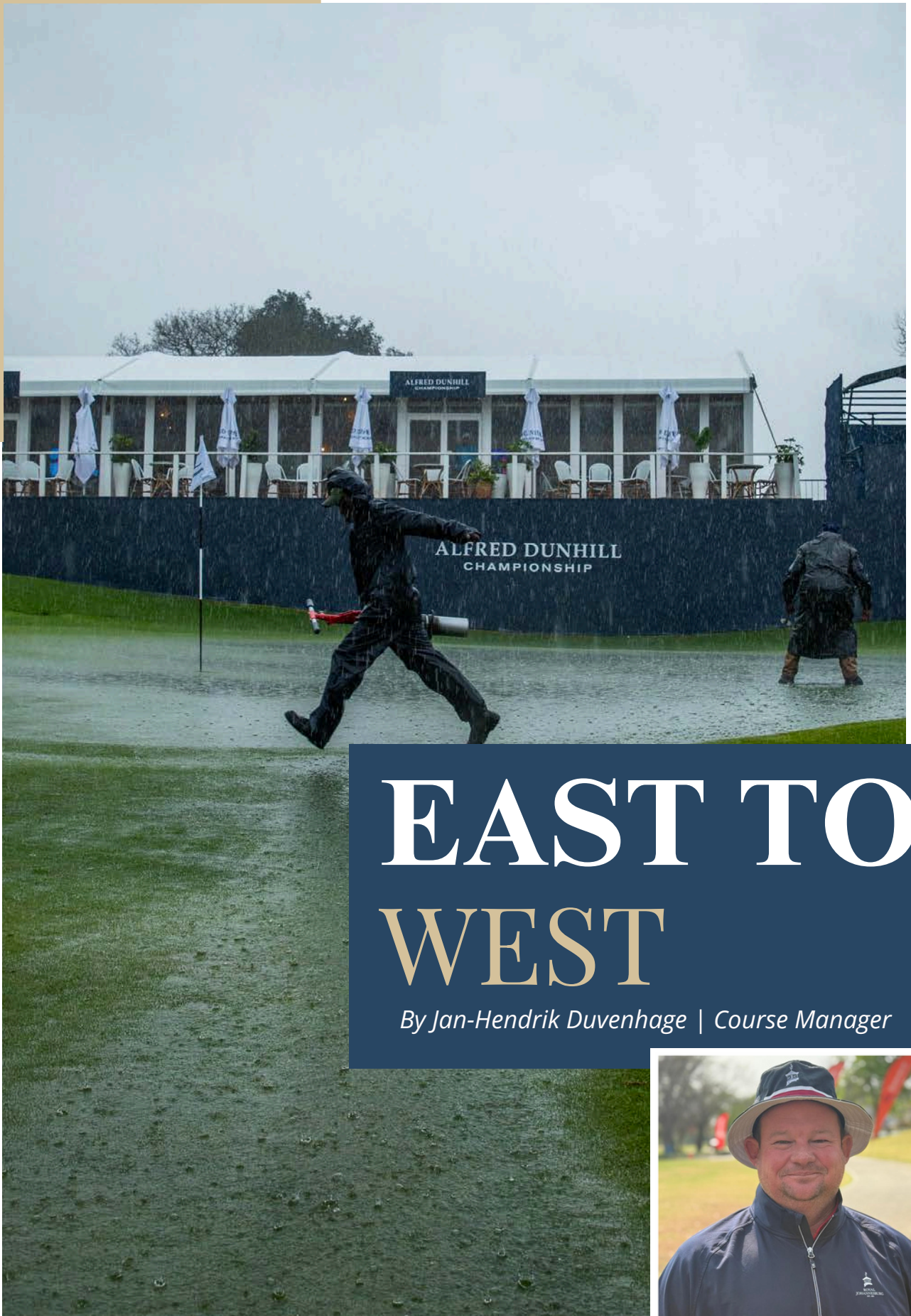
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JACKAL CREEK (9 DEC - 18 JAN) GREEN FEE R380 COMP FEE R50 CARTS R440	108 803 999
KILLARNEY (9 DEC - 18 JAN) GREEN FEE WEEKDAY R340 WEEKEND R425 CART R480 COMP FEE R50	011 442 3880
KRUGERSDORP GC (8 DEC - 18 JAN) GREEN FEE R350 COMP FEE R25 / R50 CARTS R450	011 660 4365
KYALAMI (8 DEC - 30 JAN) GREEN FEE R360 COMP FEE R40 CARTS R500	010 594 0034
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RANDPARK (17 DEC - 31 JAN) GREEN FEE R395 CARTS R450	011 215 8600
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EAST TO WEST

By Jan-Hendrik Duvenhage | Course Manager



As we reflect on the past few weeks, I'd like to share some insight into the preparation of the course for the Alfred Dunhill Championship. While it was certainly a very challenging period, it was not the most challenging championship I have experienced, though the weather tested both the course and the team throughout.

December delivered exceptionally difficult conditions, with frequent heavy rain and hail impacting our preparations. In total, we recorded more than 145 mm of rainfall in 14 days. Despite this, I'm pleased to report that the greens performed very well during championship week, standing up to the weather and the pressure of tournament play.

Behind the scenes, the effort from our maintenance team was outstanding. The staff were on site from 3:30 am every morning, often working in dark, wet, and cold conditions to ensure the course was presented to the standard expected for an event of this level. Their dedication, professionalism, and attention to detail were exceptional.



I would also like to recognize a very special milestone. At the end of this season, Ruben will be going on pension after an incredible 42 years at Royal. Ruben's commitment, experience, and passion for this course have been invaluable, and his contribution to both the maintenance department and the club will leave a lasting legacy. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him a long, healthy, and well-deserved retirement.



Thank you to our members and guests for your continued support and understanding during this busy and weather-affected period. We are proud of how the course performed and grateful for the team that makes it possible every day.

LADIES

GOLF

By Wendy Huddy | Ladies Golf Manager



November and the early part of December have been busy for the ladies at Royal, playing in outside Christmas competitions and tournaments as well as local competitions.

Our BG's held a very successful Christmas competition and lunch at the end of November and enjoyed an afternoon of karaoke that lasted well into the afternoon. Val McKenzie, who has steered the BG's ship for the past three years and is stepping down this year, was thanked for all her hard work over the years and Sandra van den Bergh was welcomed as the new BG's manager and thanked for sticking up her hand for volunteering her services.

The Ladies Christmas Open Day, due to be played on 11 November, had to be cancelled due to poor weather conditions. And then if that wasn't enough, the Tuesday ladies Christmas competition held on 2 December was also cancelled but fortunately the Christmas lunch and end of year prize giving carried on and what a great afternoon it turned out to be. The lunch that Chef John prepared was delicious and it was lovely to have a few of our 'old' members join us as well as Lori Hill from the Cupcakes of Hope Charity. Thank you to all our ladies who so generously donated new children's books for our Christmas drive. These books were accepted by Lori and will be used as Christmas presents for some of the little cancer warriors who will be spending Christmas in hospital and will be put in the activity centers for kiddies in several of the hospitals where these little people are treated. Thank you ladies for your kindness and generosity.

Other awards presented on the day were:

Most birdies in the silver division: **Lauren van der Merwe**

Most birdies in the bronze division: **Lucinda Mohring**

2025 Julie McWilliam award: **Lynn Gardner, Wendy Huddy and Lauren van der Merwe** shared the award this year.

Long service certificates and awards were presented to five recipients this year – congratulations to you all and thank you for your loyal service to our Club:

20 years	Barbie Grossmith
30 years	Candice Humphrey
30 years	Kath Jarvis
30 years	Heather Steppe
60 years	Gill Huddy

The draw for the Christmas Hamper was done last week and I'm pleased to let you know that Lucinda Mohring was the lucky winner of the hamper this year with ticket number B 8. The total raised from the raffle was R10 500 so each member of our housekeeping team received a R1 500 Checkers voucher for which they were so grateful. Thank you all for your support of this annual raffle and for making a difference to these valuable staff members, in these hard times.

And that's the wrap for this year. Wishing every one of you a peaceful and joyous festive period and may this season be full of light and laughter for you and your loved ones. Looking forward to seeing you all back at the Club in 2026, ready for a great year of golf.





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By Greg Jacobs | Club Professional



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TIP OF THE MONTH

By Martin Briedé | Teaching Professional



As I write this article the Alfred Dunhill Championship is about to start. It's going to be interesting to watch some of the best professional golfers in the world take on our magnificent East course. I know there will be a lot of practicing and golf balls hit on the driving range.

As the year comes to an end I would like to wish all members and staff happy holidays and a blessed festive season from all of us here at the Academy and Range. If you are travelling, travel safely. If you staying in Johannesburg enjoy some golf on our perfectly manicured courses and come down to the range and hit a bucket.

When you come to the range use our Dave Pelz wedge improvement system and target greens. Improving your wedges is the quickest and easiest way to improve your scoring. Two signs have been put on the building explaining how to use the target greens. Here is the information on the signs. Also click on the video below and watch Gavan demonstrating some wedges to the target greens.

Happy Holidays



WEDGE TARGET GREENS

BY DAVE PELZ

Master Your Wedges: Practice with Purpose on Our New Wedge Target Greens

Royal Johannesburg, in partnership with Himalayas Golf, is proud to introduce our new wedge target greens – a first for Africa - a state-of-the-art practice module designed to help you master your short game.



Why Focus on Wedges?

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Understanding the Wedge Target Greens

Strategically Placed: Each green is positioned at specific yardage intervals.

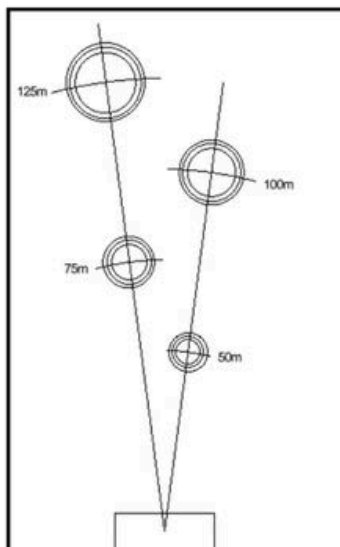
Tour-Calibrated Sizes: The size of each green represents the average proximity a tour professional hits from that distance.

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Dave Pelz

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Dave Pelz was a renowned short game expert and former NASA physicist whose research-based approach revolutionised golf instruction. He is widely recognized as one of the greatest golf coaches of all time and was particularly known for his shortgame expertise, and his innovative training methods which are still used by top PGA Tour players.



Practice Smarter, Score Lower with the Wedge Target Greens.

How to Use These Wedge Target Greens

Focus on Distance: Aim to land your wedge shots within the boundaries of each target green.

Vary Your Clubs: Practice with different wedges and different swing lengths to understand your carry distances.

Track Your Accuracy: Note which distances you consistently hit accurately and where you need improvement.

Practice with Purpose: Use these targets to develop a feel for your wedge distances, leading to more birdies and up-and-downs on the course.

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Challenge yourself and track your progress! Play a game by hitting 10 shots to a specific target green. Count how many shots land within the green's boundaries. Try to beat your score each time you practice to see rapid improvement.

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THE CULINARY CORNER



A Remarkable Year-End Journey

The lead-up to the end of the year has truly been a monumental endeavor. From year-end functions and awards evenings to Matric dances, market days, and Christmas lunches, we've also concluded with a tournament that offered both its rewards and challenges. We are incredibly thankful for our amazing kitchen teams and food and beverage staff; no task is too big or small, and they consistently rise to the occasion!

Well-Deserved Break for the Old Oak Team

In December, we will be granting our Old Oak team a well-deserved break as the restaurant will close for a few days following our immensely popular Christmas lunch service. The Old Oak will be closed from December 26th to January 8th, and we will reopen on Friday, January 9th. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you!

Clubhouse Teams Update

The Clubhouse Teams will be taking breaks in shifts, but we are fully prepared to serve you your favorite halfway house treats along with some delightful post-golf options. Be sure to stop by the Club during December!

A Heartfelt Thank You

We sincerely appreciate all our valued members for their support throughout the year. We remain committed to enhancing your dining experience at the Club and eagerly anticipate a wonderful 2026, where we will continue to deliver the Royal Experience.

Make sure to review your calendar and submit your annual function booking requests. Our team is eager to help and guide you through any requirements for the upcoming year! Remember, we can assist with a variety of events, including:

- Golf days
- Conferences
- Birthdays
- Breakfast meetings
- Board meetings
- Off-site strategy sessions
- Team-building activities
- Weddings
- Engagement parties, and more!

Wishing you all a wonderful festive break!



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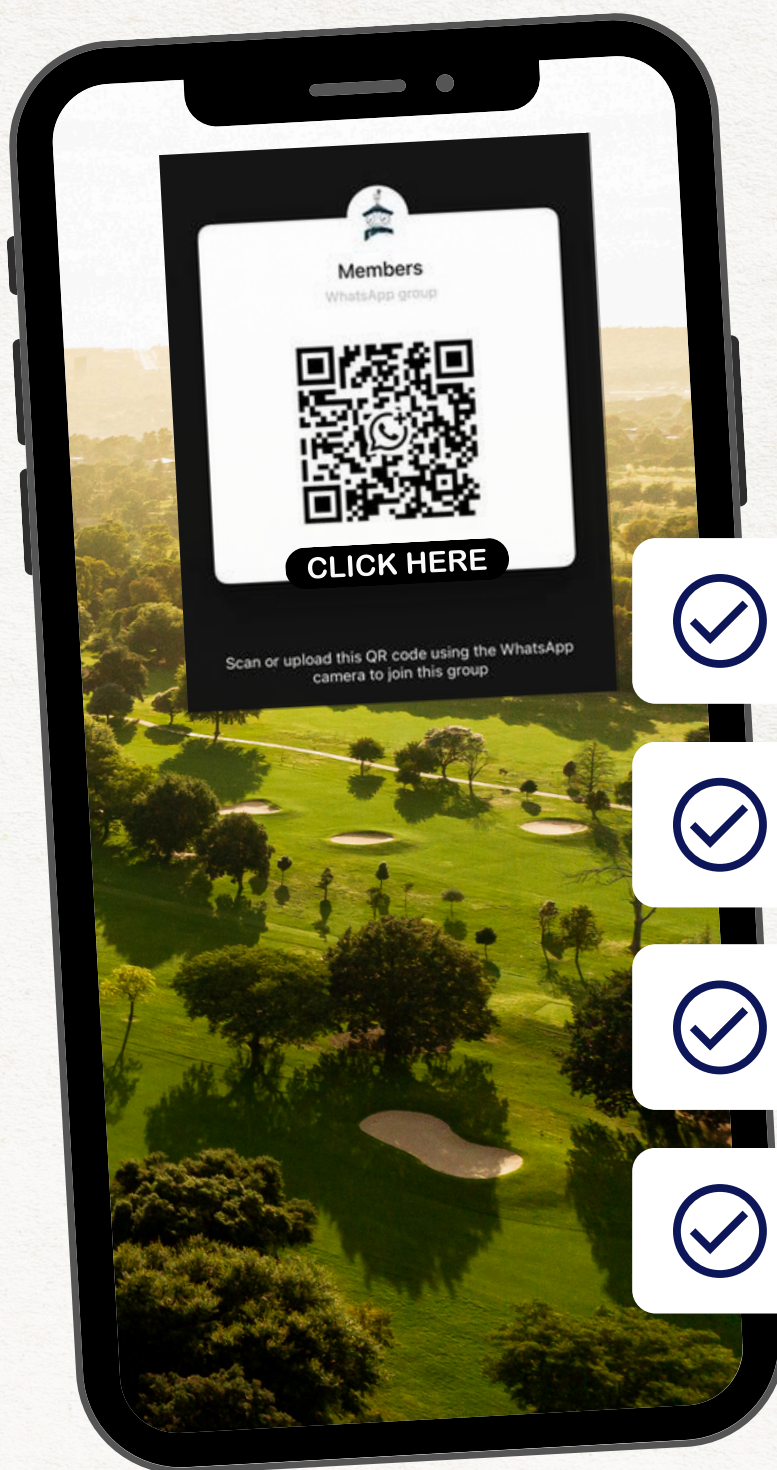
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BESPOKE FITNESS

By Dale Ebell | Biokineticist (HPCSA/BASA)



3 Rounds in 5 Days? Give Your Body the Best Chance to Recover This Festive Season.

The festive season brings sunshine, holidays, and—if you're lucky—a lot more golf. But while three rounds in five days sounds like the perfect break from the office, it can also be a recipe for tight hips, stiff backs, and fatigued forearms if you don't manage your recovery well.

Golf may feel low impact, but 18 holes demand 8–12 km of walking, 100–150 swings (including practice swings), and hours of concentration. Multiply that load over consecutive days, and the body needs structured recovery to keep you playing your best.

Here's how to give your body its best chance this season.

1. Hydration & Fuel: Start Recovery Before You Finish the Round

Fluid and nutrition directly affect muscle repair, joint health, and energy levels.

During and after your round:

- Aim for 500–750 ml of water during 18 holes and another 500 ml within an hour after finishing.
- Include electrolytes if playing in heat.
- Have a light carb + protein snack within 45 minutes (fruit + yogurt, protein shake, biltong, eggs, or a sandwich).

This stabilises blood sugar, maintains energy, and initiates tissue recovery.

2. Build a 10-Minute Post-Round Recovery Routine

You don't need an hour in the gym—just consistency.

Try this simple sequence on the putting green or at home:

- Hip Flexor Stretch – 30 seconds each side
- Reduces lower-back stiffness from walking and rotation.
- Thoracic Rotation (Open Book) – 10 reps each side
- Restores trunk mobility and helps tomorrow's swing feel smoother.
- Glute Activation (Mini-Band Walks or Bridges) – 15 reps
- Switches the engine back on for the next round.
- Forearm Stretch – 20 seconds each
- Helps with grip fatigue and protects elbows/wrists.

These target the areas that take the most load during repetitive golf days.

3. Sleep: The Most Underrated Performance Strategy

Your body completes the majority of its tissue repair during deep sleep.

Aim for 7.5–9 hours the night before and after heavy playing days.

4. Recovery Tools: Helpful Extras

You don't need gadgets—but they can speed up recovery when rounds pile up.

- Foam roller for quads, glutes, and lats (2–3 minutes).
- Massage gun on low intensity for 30–60 seconds per area.
- Cold shower or ice pack for sore knees or elbows.
- Light aerobic movement (10–12 min walk or cycle) to flush the system.

These improve circulation and reduce stiffness before your next tee time.

5. Plan Your Load: Your Body Loves Predictability

If you're heading into a run of frequent golf:

- Avoid long practice sessions the day before a heavy golfing block.
- Keep gym work light and mobility-focused between rounds.
- If you're fatigued, shorten the warm-up but don't skip it entirely.

Your body performs better with steady, manageable workloads.
Festive Golf Should Be Enjoyable — Not a Grind.

With the right recovery strategies, your body can handle a high-frequency golf schedule without aches, pains, or drop-offs in performance. A few small habits—hydration, mobility, sleep, and light movement—make the difference between finishing strong and fading by Day 3.

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by Sandra van den Bergh
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2025 PGA Tour Putting Stats posted by Aimpoint Founder Mark Sweeney

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- 1st Avg Distance Putts Made: uses AimPoint



Local AimPointers achievements

The beginning of an exciting new chapter for Zane Kleynhans my Aimpoint student and golfer with WannaBeAChampion (WBAC). Incredibly proud of her recent induction as a Full Playing Member of the Women's PGA of SA and starting her Professional Golfer status.

AimPointer Daniel Cronje's recent four-under-par 68 took him to a five-stroke victory secures his second trophy on in the Bushveld Tour's Race to Q-School Series #1 at The Els Club Copperleaf. He also qualified for the Alfred dunhill.



The Nedbank Golf Challenge
I enjoyed following and seeing AimPointer Viktor Hovland in real life just a few steps away using the Aimpoint technique at the Million Dollar event. Although he didn't do so well this year, we hope he will return.

Also it was such a treat following Christiaan Bezuidenhout, who did AimPoint with me as far back as 2017.



Alfred Dunhill at Royal JHB

So proud to be a member and AimPoint Coach at Royal, JHB hosting this prestigious event. Lots of opportunity to watch some of my AimPoint students on the greens doing their slope feels to determine the side break and adapt for speed of green – Jacques Blaauw, Dylan Naidoo and JC Ritchie in action to name a few.



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Congratulations to Connor Olfen – BSI Matchplay Champion 2025

A massive congratulations to Royal Johannesburg member, Connor Olfen on clinching the 2025 BSI Matchplay title, defeating defending champion and fellow Royal member, Adrian Andrade in a thrilling 36-hole final.

The contest delivered everything one would expect from two of BSI's brightest talents, culminating in Connor's impressive 2&1 victory.

Connor (17), a standout of the BSI Junior Academy, demonstrated maturity beyond his years as he stayed composed under pressure, capitalised on key moments, and maintained a high standard of shot-making from start to finish. His ability to recover, reset, and rise to the challenge ultimately proved decisive.

Adrian fought tirelessly in defence of his title. The quality of golf on display was a testament to the development, dedication, and competitive culture fostered within the BSI programme.

Connor's victory is a deserving reward for his continued progression. We applaud him on becoming the 2025 BSI Matchplay Champion, only the 3rd Junior in 22 years to win the title.



Jacques van der Merwe: From BSI Junior Academy to Sunshine Tour Professional

Massive congratulations to Royal Johannesburg member and BSI alumni Jacques van der Merwe on securing his Sunshine Tour Card for the 2026 Season. He did so by winning his 3rd Big Easy Tour event of the year, which gives him automatic promotion to South Africa's biggest professional tour next season.

Joining the BSI Junior Academy from Grade 8, Jacques quickly demonstrated the raw talent and competitive spirit required to thrive in elite golf. Under the Academy's structured guidance, he built a strong technical base while learning the discipline essential for long-term success.

He competed on the mini tours after matric and then returned to BSI for our PGA Diploma program, balancing academic work with a growing dedication to his playing career. He graduated in 2024 having won back-to-back BSI Premier Order of Merit titles.

Jacques' professional breakthrough came soon after. Through consistent play on the 2024 Bushveld Tour, he earned a card for the Big Easy Tour and he has made full use of the pathway opportunities to the main tour.

Jacques's progression from BSI Junior Academy student to PGA Diploma student to Sunshine Tour professional stands as an inspiring example for all BSI athletes, proof that commitment, resilience, and continuous improvement can turn potential into achievement.



The BSI Founders Cup 2025 – South Africa vs The Internationals: 3 & 4 November 2025

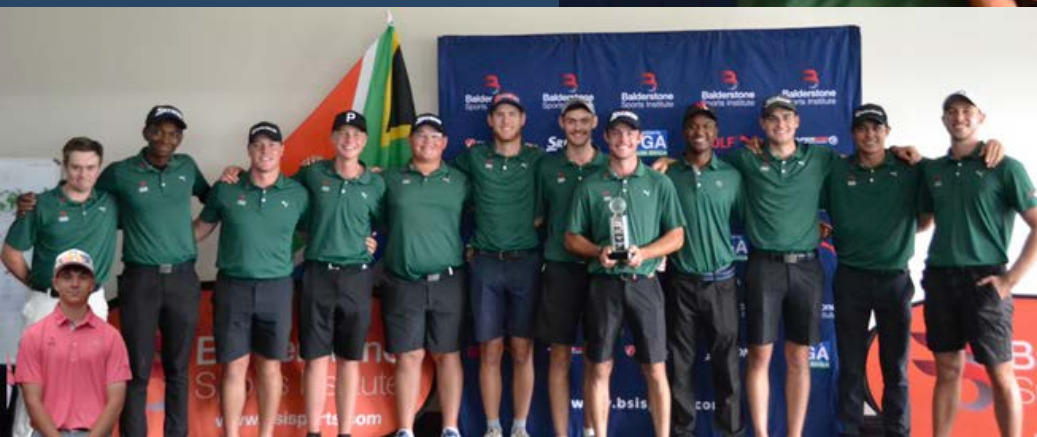
South Africa Triumphs in Thrilling BSI Founders Cup 2025

Congratulations to Team South Africa on their hard-fought victory in the 2025 BSI Founders Cup, edging out Team Internationals by a single point — 12.5 to 11.5 — in a dramatic contest that went down to the final singles matches.

Played over three intense rounds of foursomes, betterball, and singles, on Royal Johannesburg's East course, the Founders Cup once again delivered outstanding golf, camaraderie, and competitive spirit. Both teams showcased exceptional skill and sportsmanship, with momentum swinging throughout the event before South Africa sealed the win in a nail-biting finish.

This victory marks a proud moment for the local squad, reclaiming the Founders Cup and reinforcing the strength and depth of South African talent within BSI.

Congratulations to all players and coaches for another unforgettable edition of this prestigious team event — where pride, passion, and prestige were on full display.



Founders Cup

The BSI Founders Cup Returns – Celebrating 21 Years of Excellence

This year marks a remarkable milestone for Balderstone Sports Institute (BSI), as it celebrates 21 years of developing champions, since Michael Balderstone founded the Institute on 2 February 2004.

In honour of Michael's vision and legacy, BSI proudly hosts the Founders Cup, an annual tournament established last year to pay tribute to the Institute's beginnings and its ongoing pursuit of sporting excellence.

The Founders Cup showcases an exciting contest between BSI's top 12 South African golfers and 12 leading International students in a 54-hole team event held over two days. The competition format includes foursomes and betterball on Day 1, followed by singles matches on day 2 — promising intense, world-class golf and spirited national pride.

This year's Founders Cup will take place on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 November at the prestigious Royal Johannesburg Golf Club.

Let's meet the Teams.



Balderstone Sports Institute

FOUNDERS CUP 2025
3 & 4 November

MEET the TEAMS

Gilbert Chalwe	Keegan du Plessis	Martin Papworth
Harry Llewellyn	Eric Ncube	Connor Olfen
Danny Chelogoi	Liam Quinn	Andre Goosen
Julien El Adl	Mpho Makhado	Jordan Currie
Yanis Saintignan	Etienne Bedekar	James Moss
Shaka Kariisa	Jonathan Henry	Kayle Turner
Manager: Michael Balderstone	Manager: Christopher Wright	

Results

US Kids Golf; Woodhill GE (2 November)

Boys 15 – 18:

- 1st – Kayle Turner
- 2nd – Connor Olfson

Cobra/Puma CCGU Open; Royal Johannesburg East (7 - 9 Nov)

- T2 - Keegan du Plessis
- T22 - Eric Ncube
- T28 - Gilbert Chalwe & Owami Chimanyi
- T33 - Andre Goosen
- T38 - Adrian Andrade
- T40 - Jordan Currie & Sean Paxton
- T45 - Harry Llewellyn
- T49 - Martin Papworth & Danny Chelogoi
- T56 - Mongiwetfu Masuku
- 60th - James Moss

CGGU – Bobby Locke Invitational; Parkview GC (11 -13 November)

- T6 – Sean Paxton
- 19th - Owami Chimanyi
- T22 – Connor Olfson
- T24 – Luke Truter & Lorenzo Sakota
- T27 – Adrian Andrade & Harry Llewellyn
- T32 – Gilbert Chalwe, Gurvan Trégouet & Keegan du Plessis
- T36 – Andre Goosen
- T51 – Danny Chelogoi
- T53 - Julien El Adl
- T57 – James Moss
- T59 – Mpho Makhado
- 64th - Mongi Masuku

Bushveld Tour Race to Q-school #1; The Els Club Copperleaf (17 -19 November)

- T20 – Sean Paxton

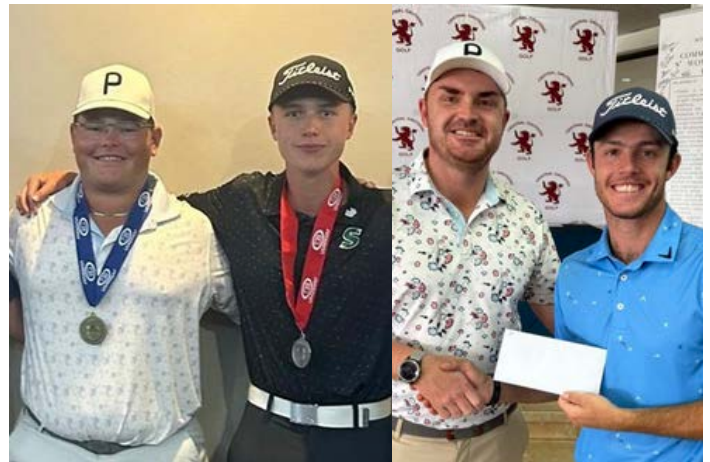
Botswana Golf Union – Festive Championship; Phakalane GE (21 – 23 November)

- Overall Junior Champ:
 - 1st - Thomo Mokgatle
 - 2nd - Mowana Chokwe
- Division - 18 & under:
 - 1st – Thomo Mokgatle
- Division - 15 & under:
 - 3rd - Legofi Mokgatle
- Ladies Amateur Open:
 - 3rd - Loapi Chokwe

SA Kids Golf; Seasons GC (23 November)

Boys 15 – 18:

- 1st – Lu'ay Hsu



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