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**Newsletter May/June || Nuusbrief Mei/Junie**

**The Southernmost Golf course in Africa**

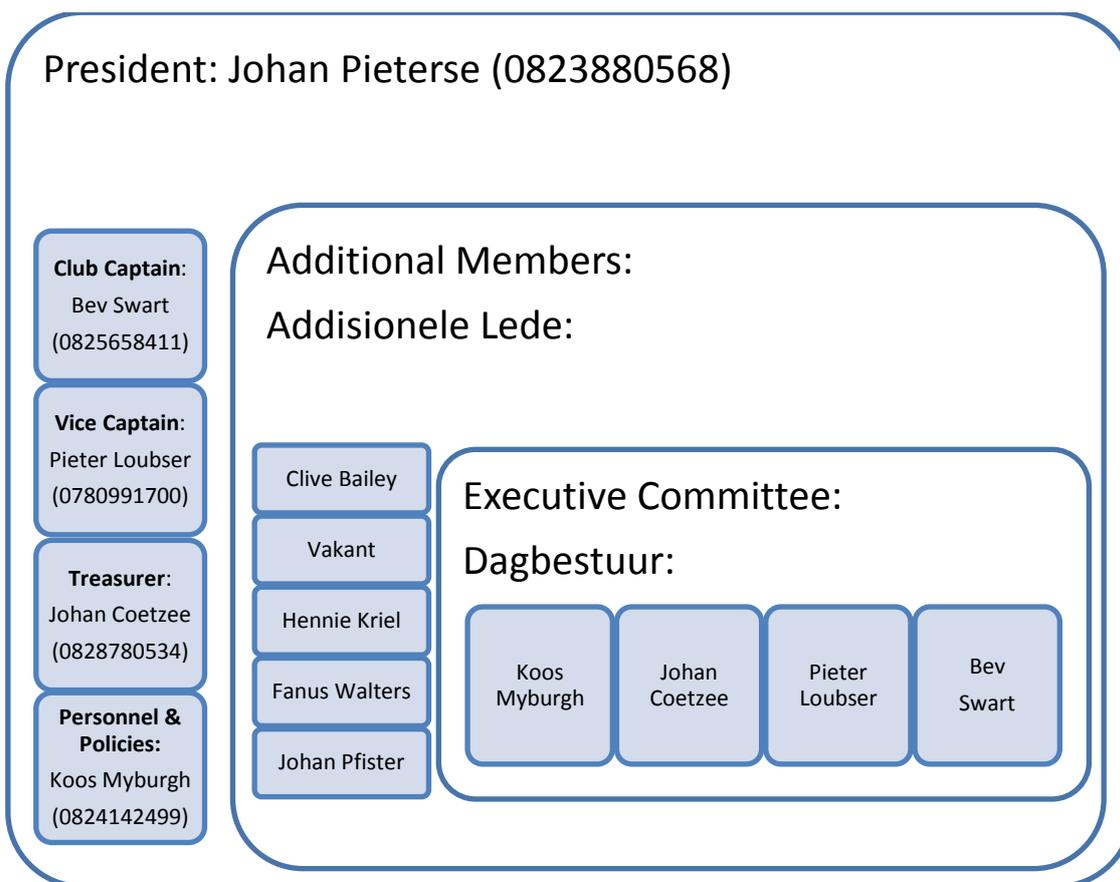
**Die mees Suidelike Gholfbaan in Afrika**

“A natural grass course, situated in Cape Fynbos with a touch of links in summer”

“n Natuurlike grasbaan, geleë in Kaapse Fynbos met ‘n sweem *links* in die somer”



## YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE / U KLUBKOMITEE



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## CLUB NEWS / KLUBNUUS

*Alas, the Golf Club was closed for the month of May. No play was allowed, not even for a player on his own!*

Helaas, die Gholfklub was gesluit vir Meimaand. Geen spel is toegelaat nie, selfs nie eens vir 'n speler op sy eie nie!

*Here is the green of holes 9 & 18! Ready for play if and when the COVID-19 lockdown is lifted.*

Hier is die setperk van gate 9 & 18! Gereed vir speel wanneer die COVID-19 grendelstaat opgehef word.



*This photo was taken in the lockdown period. The fairways are lush green and the putting surfaces are immaculate. You won't even find a divot on the fairways or a pitch mark on the greens!*

Hierdie foto is in die grendeltydperk geneem. Die skoonvelde is lowergroen en die setperke is puik. U sal nie eens 'n sooi-kapmerk op die skoonvelde of 'n nadervalhou op die setperke vind nie!

- *The new exciting international competition, “**The Windhoek Lager International Pairs**”, scheduled to start before the end of May, must be off.*

Die nuwe opwindende internasionale kompetisie, “**Die Windhoek Lager Internasionale Parespel**”, wat voor 31 Mei moes begin, is seker van die baan.

- *Pieter Loubser plans to host a big **Family Golf Day** later this year. The format will be a **4Ball Alliance Stableford**.*

Pieter Loubser beplan ‘n groot **Familie-gholfdag** vir later vanjaar. Die formaat sal ‘n **4-Bal Samespel Stableford**.

- *Thanks to the Boland Golf Union, our Club received a second grant from a Relief Fund, for losses occurred during the lockdown period.*

Danksy die Boland Gholfunie, het ons Klub ‘n tweede geldelike toekenning ontvang waarmee verliese wat tydens die grendeltyd gely is, subsidieer word.

- *Whenever play resumes, some regulations will be enforced to curb the spread of the virus. Regulations pertaining:*

- *Basic hygiene in the premises and on the course*
- *Social distancing in the premises and on the course*
- *Croud size in the premises and on the course*
- *Alcohol use*

***This regulations will determine the type of competition to be played!***

- *Sodra spel weer in aanvang neem, sal dit onderhewig wees aan verskeie regulasies ten einde die verspreiding van die virus te beperk.*

- *Basiese higiëne in die geboue en op die speelveld*
- *Afstand tussen mense in die geboue en op die speelveld*
- *Groepgrootte in die geboue en op die speelveld*
- *Alkoholgebruik*

**Hierdie regulasies sal die aard van die kompetisies bepaal!**

## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS / KOMENDE KOMPETISIES

(IF POSSIBLE ! / INDIEN MOONTLIK !)

Participate and enjoy your member benefits !!!

Neem deel en geniet die voordele van jou lidmaatskap !!!

JUNE / JUNIE 2020			
DATE / DATUM	DAY / DAG	COMPETITION / KOMPETISIE	INFORMATION: TIME / SPONSORS INFORMASIE: TYE / BORGE
3	Wed/Wo		
5	Fri/Vr		
6	<b>Sat</b>		
7	Sun/So		
10	Wed/Wo		
12	Fri/Vr		
13	<b>Sat</b>		
14	Sun/So		
17	Wed/Wo		
19	Fri/Vr		
20	<b>Sat</b>		
21	Sun/So		
24	Wed/Wo		
26	Fri/Vr		
27	<b>Sat</b>		
28	Sun/So		

*Sorry, due to uncertainty whether playing golf will be permitted during June, or the format thereof if possible, we can't publish this schedule.*

Jammer, as gevolg van die onsekerheid of gholfspel toegelaat gaan word gedurende Juniemaand, of wat die formaat sal wees vir die teendeel, kan die skedule nie gepubliseer word nie.

*As soon as we receive the necessary permission and conditions of play, we undertake to send you an urgent notification.*

Sodra ons die nodige toestemming en voorwaardes ontvang wat gholfspel toelaat, onderneem ons om u onverwyld in kennis te stel.

**STAY SAFE / STAY HEALTHY / BE READY**  
**BLY VEILIG / BLY GESOND / WEES GEREED**

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS / JUNIE VERJAARSDAE

Happy birthday, valued member !!! / Veels geluk, geagte lid !!!

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Julia Barlow</li></ul>
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# GOLF GAME TIPS / GHOLFWENKE

## 🚩 The Clubs

Getting to know your golf clubs a little better, can be one of the **best ways to improve the quality of your game.**

But, with 14 different clubs in your bag that each goes completely different distances, it can be hard to keep things straight in your head.

That's why I like to focus in on my 3 most important clubs. It's amazing how many times I find myself not only using these clubs for important shots, but also referencing them on the course to determine my distances.



**Here are your 3 MOST important clubs to know this season...**

**Your 175+ meter Club.** Whether it's your driver, your 3-wood, or a trusty hybrid, getting familiar with a club in your bag that can constantly travel over 150 meters is a must if you want to take your game to the next level. Just think - 3 shots with this club and you'll be on the green in regulation on a 500 meter par 5!

**Your 150 meter Club.** In addition to being one of the most common approach shot yardages on par 4's, this can also be an extremely common yardage on many par 3 tee shots. Most golfers will find their 150 meter club in their mid-irons (4, 5 or 6), but with many of today's new combo sets, you may also find your 150 meter club to be a hybrid.

**Your 100 meter Club.** This is where some serious shot making happens, and if you aren't comfortable with a wedge or short iron that travels 100 meters, your score card is going to suffer. If you aren't able to find a good 100 meter club in your current set, talk to your local pro and find out if you can demo some wedges in different lofts. You're looking for a club that will travel 100 meters on the fly with a nice, easy, controlled swing.

A little practice with these 3 clubs can lower your scores and make the game a lot more fun!

## 🚩 Par 5's.

Getting home in two on a par 5 can be one of the most rewarding feelings in golf. Not only does it make you feel like a long ball hitter, but it sets you up for a 2-putt birdie!

However, for most amateur golfers (that means you and me) the excitement of getting home in two on a par 5, can often lead to trouble.

### Here's the problem.

The average Par 5 is around 500 meters in length. The above average golfer hits their driver around 200 meters off the tee. So, even if you were to hit two perfect drives, you would STILL be 100 meters short of the green!



### So..., is it even worth it to go for the green on your second shot?

Unless you have a club in your hand that you know you can hit far enough to actually REACH the green, you are better off laying up. And while laying up might seem like an easy thing to do, it's often one of the places where I see many golfers make mistakes.

When you're laying up, it's absolutely CRITICAL to think about where you are going to be positioning yourself for your 3rd shot. If you're 250 meters from the green and you lay up with a club that you hit 175 meters you're going to end up with 75 meters to the green. Here's where the trouble comes in. Do you feel CONFIDENT hitting a 75 meter shot and getting it close to the flag?

**Many players struggle** with these short shots and they would be much better off leaving themselves with a full shot with a club like a 9 iron that they hit 100 meters. This means that they only need to hit their layup shot 130 meters with something like an 7 iron.

Now I know it might feel funny to be standing 250 meters away from the green on a long Par 5 and pulling out an 7 iron. Just trust me - this is playing SMART golf and you will be rewarded with lower scores and less frustration!

## ✚ Focus on that Dimple.

Most amateur golfers like you and me tend to look up WAY too soon after we hit a putt. This causes all kinds of unnecessary movement in your body and that makes it hard to hit the ball in the centre of the putter.

**Believe it or not, missing the centre of your putter by just a few millimetres can cause your ball to veer off target and add an extra stroke (or two) to your scorecard.**

So..., how do you ensure that you hit your putts in the centre of your putter and get the ball rolling true? When you address the ball, pick out a **single dimple** on the back of your ball.



Now focus your eyes in on that one tiny dimple. As you draw your putter back, resist the temptation to shift your gaze and stay honed in on that one single dimple. As you begin to accelerate your putter forward, keep maintaining your focus and watch how the middle of your putter strike that dimple at impact. Continue watching your dimple for as long as you can, while the ball begins rolling towards the target.

**Another key** to this tip is to shift your focus AWAY from making the putt. This may sound counterintuitive, but by focusing on stroking the centre of your ball with the centre of your putter, you'll be putting a better roll-it and more of your putts will start to drop into the cup. Trust me.

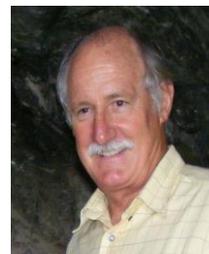
Now this might not be easy at first - especially if you're used to watching your putter as you take it away or focusing on the hole instead of the ball. If you're not careful you can end up whiffing the ball on the putting green, and trust me, THAT can be embarrassing. That's why I recommend doing this drill on the practice green at least a few times before you try it out on the course during a real round.

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