

# Monthly News Letter 19 AUGUST 2024

## From the desk of the Golf Operations Manager

Dear Member

Trust you are well. As we enjoy the winter golf season, we're delighted to share the latest news. Whether you're looking to improve your swing, stay updated on upcoming club events, or simply enjoy the latest in golf news of Mossel Bay Golf Club, we've got you covered.

## **Members Golf Day**

We would like to invite all the members to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mossel Bay Golf Club members golf day on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Come and enjoy the day, there will be live entertainment and great prizes to be won and delicious meals. Please confirm your tee off time with Lizette if you haven't confirmed yet. We are looking forward seeing you on the day!







### Winter knockouts

The 4<sup>th</sup> round of the winter knockouts is underway and with the final round just around the corner. Who will be the 2024 champions.

#### **Doubles – Semi Finals**

Wicus Pretorius/ Sakkie Morrison vs Nic Marais/ Markie Scarione

Chris Barnard/ Gert Pieterse vs Tyron John/ Jaco Groenewald.





#### Singles - Semi Finals

Erick Barkhuizen vs Gert Pieterse

Karoold Hauptfleisch vs Joelie Erasmus.



## Specials/ Events















## **Upcoming Event**

#### **September Golf Days**

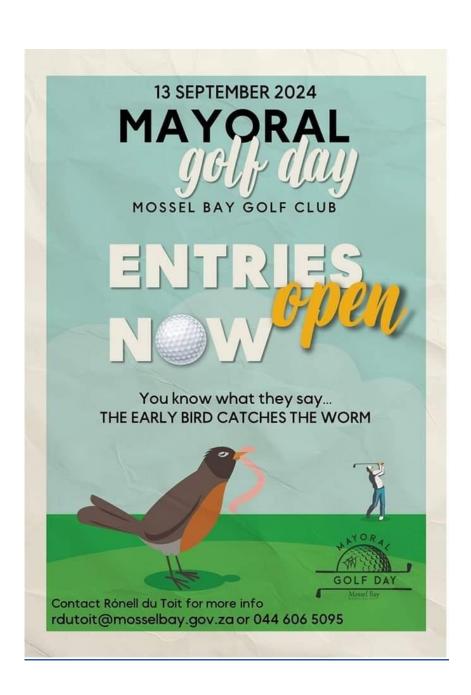
	Sep-24					
1	MOSSELBAAI OPE	SUID KAAP - MB CLUB				
8	VGK/ GESTREMBDES	BROWN VOSTER - vosterbrown12@gmail.com				
10	ATKV	DELMEIN - 044 601 7200				
12	ASHLEY EASTON	ASHLEY EASTON 083 325 6410				
13	MAYORAL GOLF DAY	RONEL DU TOIT rdutoit@mosselbay.gov.za				
14	MB GOLF DAY	SCHALK/ LIZETTE				
18	KYKNET	ELMIEN - 072 588 1127				
20	ROUND TABLE	ARRIE V LINDE				
21 - 22	CLUB CHAMPS	MOSSELBAY GOLF CLUB				
27	HARTLAND GOLF DAY	Yolindie Somers yolindie@hartlandestate.co.za				
29	GLORIA CUP	GLORIA				

It is almost time for the 2024 Mossel Bay Golf Club Club Champs. Entries will open on Monday 19 August 2024. Entries will close on the 13 September 2024.













## **Pro Shop**







## **Membership Subscriptions**

#### From the General Managers desk.

**Dear Member** 

Thank you to all members who have paid their subscriptions to date. Please note that all subs are due by 31 August 2024. Members that are unable to pay by the 31<sup>st</sup> August must please arrange with the manager or Lizette for a payment plan. Members in arrears from the previous year and those without payment arrangements will be rendered inactive on the system and be liable for visitor rates on registering in the pro shop.

Regards

Graeme Viljoen

General Manager.

## **Golf Operations**

#### **Attire**





#### Pace of play

Please keep up with the 4 ball ahead of you. We will be implementing the following rule. Once a group is slow and causes slow play, they will be given their first friendly warning. If the groups do not cooperate the marshal will give a second warning with the possibility that your group might need to skip a hole. If the groups do not speed up after the second warning, the marshal is authorized to ask the group to skip a hole.

#### **Buying of Golf Balls from caddies**

We have found that the caddies are selling golf balls in the car park and on the golf course. If we can please get everyone cooperation in the matter to avoid buying balls from the caddies.

## **Golf Course**

Just a friendly reminder to our golfers.

**Golf course care**: Repair and fix divots, pitch marks. Sandbags and sand bottles to be filled at all times.

**Golf Carts**: Not nearer the green 20M radius. Cart paths to be used correctly – no driving on the sides of the paths. Proper bunker raking and correct placement of rake after use (on right hand side, away from play)

**Hole 7:** The area were the trees have been removed and the new bunker being built remains to be treated as GUR – NO PLAY ZONE. We have decided to take away the drop zone, so please make use of the "nearest point of relief" rule.

#### From the Greenkeepers desk.

We would like to thank Graeme Viljoen and the board for the approval and purchase of new course equipment. The club have recently purchased the following machinery:

- 1.Toro rough machine
- 2.Toro Spray rig.
- 3. New Greens machine that will be here soon.



With this new equipment, the course will become even better and prepared.

New seasonal preparation is the order of the day and as soon as the soil temperature is right, the greens, tees, fairways will get all the attention they need.

Our preparation for the Club Championships will also start from the 1st week in September.

If we can get everyone's cooperation in relation to fixing divots, pitch marks and general damage caused by players it will be highly appreciated.

Gavin Coleman

Greenkeeeper

#### **New Course Equipment:**

#### Toro spray rig

#### Toro rough machine







## **Junior Golf**

Stephen Swigelaar have competed in the Junior Open on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, the conditions was difficult and wet but it didn't keep the young man back. Congratulations to Stephen Swigelaar on your achievement. Stephen took the victory in the under 13`s category. He wins the day with a score of 12 over par (84).





#### Youth program

The youth program will start on Friday the  $6^{th}$  of September 2024. We currently have 30 juniors that we are looking to enroll in to the youth program. Please note that the range will be closed every Friday from 14h00 - 16h30 for the youth program.

## **Coaching**

#### **Letter from Coach Owen**

Start Playing Golf Better Than You Imagined with Baker Golf.

#### Is Practicing Enough to Lower Your Scores?

Practicing is necessary but means nothing without a smart course-management strategy. You can have the best swing in the world, but if you don't know how to play smart golf, you will never reach your full potential. Course management is the art of making the right decisions on the golf course, based on your strengths, weaknesses, conditions and strategy. It involves knowing your game, knowing the course and knowing yourself.

Improve your course-management skills and lower your scores by:

- 1. **Planning**: Before you tee off, study the course layout and identify the key holes, hazards and opportunities. Have a clear plan for each hole, based on your shot shape, distance and target. Visualise your shots and commit to them.
- 2. **Playing to Your Strengths**: Don't try hit shots that you are not comfortable with or that don't suit your game. For example, if you are a natural drawer of the ball, don't try to hit a fade just because the hole bends to the right. Play to your natural tendencies and avoid unnecessary risks.



- 3. **Being Realistic**: Don't let your ego get in the way of making smart decisions. Know your limits and don't try to pull off shots that are beyond your capabilities. Be honest with yourself and play within your abilities.
- 4. **Thinking Positively**: Golf is a mental game, and your attitude can make a big difference in your performance. Don't let negative thoughts or emotions affect your decision-making or execution. Focus on what you can control and what you want to happen, not what you fear or regret. Trust your swing and enjoy the challenge.
- 5. **Learning from Experience**: The best way to improve your course-management skills is to practice them on the course. Play different courses, different tees, and different conditions. Experiment with different shots and strategies. Analyse your results and learn from your mistakes. Keep a record of your stats and track your progress.

Improving your golf course management is one of the easiest ways to improve your golf – no gym sessions, no expensive clubs, no hours at the range, just thinking a little differently about how you play golf and score. So, start planning, playing to your strengths, being realistic, thinking positively, and learning from experience. Your lower scores are waiting for you!

**Contact Owen** on 082 218 4563 or <a href="mailto:owen@bakergolf.co.za">owen@bakergolf.co.za</a> and soon you'll start playing golf better than you imagined.





## **AUGUST FIXTURES**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	PRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SOCIAL MOSSELKRAKERS	LADIES DAY		1 OPEN 08:00 LADIES	2 OPEN 07:30 2 TEE MOSSELS 07:38	3 OPEN 07:30 4 BALL	4 OPEN 08:00 SOCIAL
GROUP BOOKING	CLUB		SOCIAL	HENNIES GD 11:06 2 TEE	2 SCORES	SUSSEX GD 09:04
DPEN 11:00 GRYSBOKKE 1:08	6 OPEN 08:00 MOSSELS 08:32	7 OPEN 07:30 32 BOUNTY IPS	8 OPEN 08:00 LADIES 10:00	9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY OPEN 08:00	10 OPEN 07:30 BETTER BALL STABLEFORD	11 OPEN 08:00 SOCIAL
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2 PPEN 10:00 AGES 10:00	13 OPEN 08:00 MOSSELS 08:30	14 OPEN 07:30 BETTER BALL MEDAL	15 OPEN 08:00 LADIES 10:00	16 OPEN 08:00 MOSSEL 2 TEE 08:32	17 OPEN 07:30 4 BALL ALLIANCE 3 SCORES	18 OPEN 08:00 SOCIAL
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9 DPEN 09:30 SILVER LADIES EAGUE	20 OPEN 08:00 MOSSELS 08:32	21 OPEN 07:30 DENZIL KLEU	22 OPEN 08:00 LADIES 10:00	23 OPEN 08:00 MOSSELS 2 TEE 08:32	24 OPEN 07:30 BETTER BALL MEDAL	25 OPEN 08:00 SOCIAL
GRYSBOKKE 0:08	SOCIAL	IPS		CHAMPS OF CHAMPS 12:00 2 TEE		MOSSIES
26 OPEN 10:00 GRYSBOKKE 10:08 MOSSPIN	27 OPEN 08:00 MOSSELS 08:32	28 OPEN 07:30 SAKEMANNE	29 OPEN 08:00	30 OPEN 08:00 MOSSELS 2 TEE 08:32	31 OPEN 07:30 BETTER BALL	
	SOCIAL	COMBINED STABLEFORD	LADIES 10:00	FANTASTIC FRIDAY	STABLEFORD	



#### **Golf Quote of the month**

"Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you" – Arnold Palmer

Happy Golfing!

**Kind Regards** 



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