

December - Monthly News Letter

From the desk of the Golf Operations Manager

Dear Member

As the festive season approaches, we're thrilled to bring you the final newsletter of 2024. December is a time to reflect on the year gone by, celebrate our successes, and look forward to the opportunities ahead.

In this edition, we'll share highlights from the past month and upcoming events and news.

Competition Results

Members Golf Day

The last members golf day for 2024 was hosted on the 30th November 2024. It was a great out on the golf course with outstanding scores. The event was successful and the camaraderie

30-Nov-24

BETTER BALL STABLEFORD (AM)			
1	Wessel Brand and Wilhelm Meyer	48	
2	Nic Marais and Gert Pieterse	46	
3	Erix Marx and Pierre Botes	46	



4	Jean Borchardt and Carlos Pinto	44	
5	Bernard Liebenberg and Joos van den Heever	44	

	BETTER BALL STABLEFORD (PM)	<u>SCORE</u>	
1	Clayton Ascencao and Balie Rehr	49	
2	Dons de Wet and Nico Janse van Vuuren	46	
3	Lmay Whitfield and Anthony Slater	44	
4	Chris Whitfield and Francois Blom	44	
5	Jaco Pieters and Heinrich Matthee	44	

Wednesday Competition Results

WOENSDAG-KOMPETISIE DAG: UITSTAANDE PRESTASIES OP DIE BAAN

Sponsored by Denzil Kleu

The Wednesday competition day, proudly sponsored by Denzil Kleu, provided players the opportunity to showcase their skills in both the morning and afternoon rounds. With fierce competition and outstanding scores, the day delivered exciting moments.

Morning Field Results:

1st: Dawid Gerber - He claimed the morning field with an impressive 42 points.

2nd: Noel Hudson - Secured second place with 38 points.

3rd: Fires van Vuuren - Took third place with 37 points.

4th: Bernard Liebenberg - Joined the top four, also with 37 points.

5th: Quintin Coleman - Achieved fifth place with 36 points.

Afternoon Field Results:

1st: LD Griesel - Crowned the overall winner of the day with a phenomenal 43 individual points.

2nd: Manny Ascenao - Secured second place with 39 points.

3rd: Pierre Smuts - Finished third with 38 points.

4th: Morne Hugo - Achieved fourth place with 37 points.

5th: Jurgens Bosman - Completed the top five, also with 37 points.



A big congratulations to all the winners, and heartfelt thanks to Denzil Kleu for his generous support. This competition was a highlight and an inspiration for all participants. We look forward to yet another successful competition day in the future!



Calendar

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> that the course and all the facilities will be **CLOSED** from the **13**th **until the 17**th **January 2025** due to course maintenance.

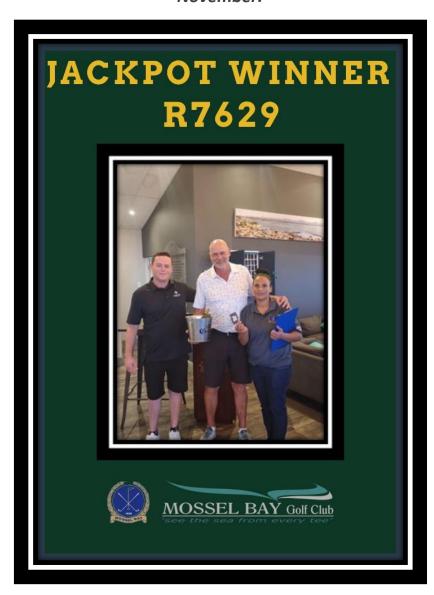
DECEMBER						
27	GC	OLF FOR GOODS	MICHAL REHR	2 TEE - 11:00		
30	RUSTE	NBURG GOLF DAY	ANDRE VAN WYK	2 TEE - 11:00		
JANUARY						
13	13 - 17 HOLLOW TINING - COURSE CLOSED					





JOKER JACKPOT

Congratulations to Ricus Serfontein on winning the jackpot on the 20th November.







Pro Shop





Pro V1 / V1X Golf Balls (2023)

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BUY 1 DOZEN

NOW R22499 PER SLEEVE

BUY 3 DOZEN

NOW R19499 PER SLEEVE









Ai-ONE Putter

4003270

NOW R549999

WAS R629999

SAVE R800



2021 DFX Putter

4002599 | 4002598

NOW R219999

WAS R249999

SAVE R300





NOW R59999 EACH

NOW R49999 EACH





BUY 2 FOR **R499**⁹⁹ EACH BUY 1 FOR **R599**⁹⁹ EACH

























Bar Promotions

Come and have a ice cold beer at Mossel Bay Golf Club and stand a chance to win yourself a Taylormade Stand bag. How to enter. By 2 x Castle Double Malt Beer and get one entry. You can drink as many as you would like. <u>DRAW DATE:</u> 8TH JANUARY 2025







OR

If you rather feel like having a nice Irish Whiskey and stand a chance to win a Srixon stand bag, treat yourself with a Paddy Whiskey. **DRAW DATE:** 8TH JANUARY 2025







Windhoek Draught Promotion





Golf Operations

Wednesday Competitions

Management and Board have decided to implement a new system on Wednesdays to accommodate our valued sponsors. Currently only 25% of prize winners attend prize giving. Sponsor representatives take time out to make themselves available to present the prizes supplied by them and get some marketing mileage from their efforts.

Poor attendance is placing our valued Wednesday Sponsorships in jeopardy. To remedy this a morning and afternoon field prizegiving will take place on all sponsored Wednesdays. Morning golfers (those who tee off from 7am to 9:54 am) will be included in the am field and will have prizegiving at 2:30pm. The afternoon field will have prize giving at 6pm. Golfers <u>not</u> in attendance at prize giving will forfeit their prize and it will go to the next person in rank order present at prize giving thus giving our Sponsor coverage and photographs with prize winners who are in attendance.

This arrangement will not apply on Saturdays. Please make every effort to support this initiative and our valued sponsors.

Sponsored Competition Days:

Bounty -1st Wednesday of every month.

The second Wednesday is not sponsored – this will be not an attendance prize giving. Prize giving is at 18:00.

Denzil Kleu – 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Sakemanne – Last Wednesday of every month.

Course Times/ After Hours

We have found that there are golfers that are using the golf course as a practice facility after hours. We ask each member for their cooperation and to help prevent this from happening so that we can protect our course. If anyone does see someone on the course after hours, please report it so that we can deal with the matter. Thank you.



Driving Range – December

Last bucket will be sold at **17:00**. (Please Note that a maximum of 1 bucket can be purchased per person between 16:30 and 17:00)

- Mondays 6:00 17:30
- Tuesdays 6:00 17:30
- Wednesdays 6:00 17:30
- Thursday 6:00 17:30
- Friday 6:00 17:30. The range will operate as normal. Junior clinic will continue in January 2025.
- Saturday 6:00 17:30
- Sunday 6:00 17:30

A HUGE congratulations to Morne Els on winning the Cape Town Disabled Open. Mossel Bay Golf Club are very proud to have you as a member. One of many victories to come!!





Golf Course

Weather for the last 3 months Sept - Nov

MONTH	Total Rain per Month	Temperature
September	58.8	14.8
October	34.8	17.1
November	49.4	18.6
Average for the 3 last 3	<mark>47.6</mark>	<mark>16.8</mark>
months		

How to repair a pitch mark on the green?

Please follow the following link on how to repair a pitch mark on the green.

https://youtu.be/wKACx883Fd0

Coaching and Youth Golf Program

Start Playing Golf Better Than You Imagined with Baker Golf.

A Guide to Faster Golf Improvement

How often have you found yourself hitting the same frustrating shots, round after round? You know there's a better golfer inside, but progress seems elusive. The good news is, with a focused approach and the right guidance, you can significantly improve your game in a relatively short time.

The Dull Blade Problem

Imagine trying to carve a wooden sculpture with a dull chisel. It's a laborious task, and the end result is often lacklustre. Similarly, a golfer with a flawed swing is like a sculptor with a dull tool. They can still produce something, but the process is inefficient and the outcome is far from ideal.

Sharpening Your Swing

Just as a sharp chisel can transform a block of wood into a masterpiece, a refined golf swing can turn a mediocre golfer into a consistent scorer. Here are some key areas to focus on:



1. Fundamentals First:

- o **Grip:** Ensure a proper grip that promotes a neutral clubface at impact.
- o **Stance and Posture:** A solid foundation is essential for consistent strikes.
- Swing Plane: A consistent swing plane leads to more accurate and powerful shots.

2. Practice Smart:

- Quality Over Quantity: Short, focused practice sessions are more effective than long, aimless ones.
- o Video Analysis: Use video to identify swing flaws and track progress.
- **Drill Work:** Incorporate drills to target specific areas of your game.

3. Mental Game:

- Visualisation: Imagine successful shots to improve focus and confidence.
- o **Positive Self-Talk:** Replace negative thoughts with positive affirmations.
- o **Mindfulness:** Stay present in the moment and avoid distractions.

The Power of Expert Guidance

A skilled golf instructor can provide personalised feedback and tailored drills to help you overcome specific challenges. They can also diagnose underlying issues that may be hindering your progress.

Ready to Elevate Your Game?

Investing in your golf game can yield significant dividends. By focusing on the fundamentals, practicing effectively, and seeking expert guidance, you can unlock your full potential and enjoy a more rewarding game of golf.

Take the first step today and let's start sharpening your swing. Contact Owen on 082 218 4563 or email owen@bakergolf.co.za to start playing golf better than you imagined!



3rd place. Erich von Mansberg finished in second place, in his very first tournament 😮, in his division, and Stephen Swigelaar took 6th place in the Under 13 division. It's exciting to see our Mossel Bay GC Youth Program participants doing so well. Keep up the good work team.

Handicap News

Understanding Registered Rounds Percentage (RRP)

The Registered Rounds Percentage (RRP) is a measure of how many of a golfer's last 20 scores were properly registered before play. To have a round registered, it must be opened before teeing off. Rounds that are not registered beforehand are counted as non-registered.

To register a round, you can visit the pro shop before your round, present your handicap card, and request the attendant to register your round. If this option is unavailable, you can register the round yourself using the HNA Handicaps &

Tournament App or a handicap terminal at the club. The responsibility for ensuring a round is registered lies with the golfer.

The RRP is calculated at the end of each day, using your most recent 20 scores.

It is also important to note that your RRP does not affect your Handicap Index. It is simply a way of indicating how often you follow the correct process to register your rounds. Keeping a high RRP reflects adherence to the handicap system's guidelines and fair play principles.



Golf Rule of the month

12 Bunkers

12.1 When Ball Is in Bunker

A ball is in a bunker when any part of the ball:

Touches sand on the ground inside the edge of the bunker, or

Is inside the edge of the bunker and rests:

On ground where sand normally would be (such as where sand was blown or washed away by wind or water), or

In or on a loose impediment, movable obstruction, abnormal course condition or integral object that touches sand in the bunker or is on ground where sand normally would be.

If a ball lies on soil or grass or other growing or attached natural objects inside the edge of the bunker without touching any sand, the ball is not in the bunker.

If part of the ball is both in a bunker and in another area of the course, see

Rule 2.2c

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December Fixtures



FIXTURES DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
08:00	11:00	7:30	07:30	7:30	7:30	07:30
SOCIAL	GRYSBOKKE	MOSSELS 8:02	BOUNTY	LADIES 9:06	MOSSELS 8:02 - 2T	BETTER BALL
JOCIAL	11:08	141033223 0.02	INDIVIDUAL	EADIES 5.00	VAATJIE GD	MEDAL
MOSSIES	SOCIAL	SOCIAL	STABLEFORD	SOCIAL	11:30 - 1 TEE	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7:00	09:00	7:30	07:30	7:30	7:30	07:30
2 TEE - 7:00	GRYSBOKKE	MOSSELS 8:02	MB PRO SHOP	LADIES 9:06	MOSSELS 8:02	4 BALL
CHRISTMAS	11:08	141033223 0.02	INDIVIDUAL	EADIES 5.00	WI033LL3 0.02	ALLIANCE
MIXED	SOCIAL	SOCIAL	STABLEFORD	SOCIAL	SOCIAL	2 SCORES
11:00 - 2 TEE	4.0	4=	10	10		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
08:00	07:04	06:00	06:00	06:00	06:00	06:00
	SOCIAL	9 holes - 10th tee	INDIVIDUAL		9 holes - 10th tee	
SOCIAL		@7:00 - 7:56	STABLEFORD	@7:00 - 7:56	@7:00 - 7:56	@7:00 - 7:56
		SOCIAL	9 HOLES @ 7:00 - 7:56	SOCIAL	SOCIAL	SOCIAL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
06:00	06:00	06:00		06:00	06:00	06:00
9 holes - 10th tee	9 holes - 10th tee	9 holes - 10th tee	CLOSED	9 holes - 10th tee	SOCIAL - 2 TEE	9 holes - 10th tee
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SOCIAL	SOCIAL	SOCIAL -		SOCIAL	2 TEE @ 11:00	SOCIAL
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
06:00	06:00	06:00	07:00	07:00	07:00	07:00
9 holes - 10th tee	SOCIAL - 2 TEE	9 holes - 10th tee	INDIVIDUAL	9 HOLES - 10th	9 HOLES - 10th	INDIVIDUAL
@7:00 - 7:56	RUSTENBURG GD	@7:00 - 7:56	STABLEFORD	tee @ 8:00 - 8:56	tee @ 8:00 - 8:56	STABLEFORD
SOCIAL	2 TEE @ 11:00	SOCIAL		SOCIAL	SOCIAL	9 HOLES - 10th tee @ 8:00 - 8:56

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GROUP BOOKING				LADIE	S DAY	I	
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News and Updates

For any news and updates please Follow the Mossel Bay Golf Club channel on WhatsApp: https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Va9XZxTC6ZvZQWlLhG1X

All the latest news and results will be posted on the channel.

Golf Quote of the month









Happy Festive Golfing!



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