

From Steve

The Official Newsletter of Mossel Bay Golf Club



Dear Members

Thank you very much for the warm welcomes I received from all the members at the Club. I look forward to all the challenges this position brings and I am convinced that my family and I will enjoy the hospitality and also the new chapter in our lives . Through this platform I will keep you up to date with what is happening at the Golf Club. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I could be of any assistance to you, or share some ideas of how we can improve your golfing experience here at Mossel Bay Golf Club.

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Due to the major concern from members regarding the dead or brown patches on the fairways, I thought it was essential to explain precisely why this is happening and what steps Gavin will be taking to solve this issue.

Our fairways mainly consist of four different grass types. Kikuyu (warm season), Cynodon (warm season), Red Fescue/ Rye (cool season), and annual bluegrass or Poa (cool season). During this time of the year, the Kikuyu and Cynodon do exceptionally well. The red fescue or Rye is very heat tolerant but does not die out due to heat stress, but unfortunately, the native turf Poa (as we all know it) does not stand the heat. This turf then dies out, and as soon as the condition improves for the new spores to germinate, the brown or dead patches disappear along with the current conversation. Unfortunately, when the conditions for this Poa turf improve, the unfortunate event happens where the growth for the warm season grass slows down, and to grow the Kikuyu into these bare areas becomes limited. For the golfers, this is a terrible time of the year visually. But for the greenkeeper, this is a small window period to determine where the remaining "problem" areas are. Then, with proper planning and patience, he can introduce more Kikuyu that will spread and cover these bare areas when their conditions are favorable.

Once Gavin has identified the problematic areas, he will propagate kikuyu in these areas. There are two ways to do this. The costly but immediate solution is to sod the areas with Kikuyu. The alternative is to make use of "sprigs." First, the affected areas are sodded out and replaced with growing medium and kikuyu sprigs. These sprigs are then covered with crop cover for about seven days, after which it is uncovered and allowed to grow. The last method is a slightly slower process but much cheaper.

Bunkers

The Bunkers is another issue often raised by golfers. As a result, the Golf Club has invested in a tiller/ rotavator to loosen some hard bunker surfaces. We tested the machine in the chipping bunker, and it worked very well. Rotovating all the bunkers will take a bit of time, but we will also identify which bunkers require new or more sand.

We look forward to the final result.

Showers

Members will be allowed to make use of the shower facilities again. However, we ask that golfers bring their own towels.

Oom Jannie's Corner



SATERDAG 12 FEBRUARIE 2022: BETERBAL HOUESPEL

1ste:	Gielie Gagiano & Bart Saayman	60 houe
2de:	Ilsa Billion & Steffi Symes	61 houe
3de:	JJ Joubert & Louw Strydom:	62 houe
4de:	Philip Smit & Derick van Rensburg	62 houe
5de:	Ben Klindt & Gert Pieterse	64 houe

DONDERDAG 15 FEBRUARIE 2022

Een van ons Mosselkrakers, Koot Naude, het 'n besondere dag beleef. In die nagenoeg 40-jaar

Wat hy gholfspeel, het hy vandag op die 4de putjie sy eerste volmaakte kolhou gehad!

Veels geluk Koot!!!



Hot Deals

The new Srixon Q-Star tour balls are available now in store @ R139-95 per sleeve.



Golfbuddy voice 2 SE available @ a giveaway price of R1999-95





**SUNDAY LUNCH 27 FEB
FROM 12H30 @ R95 PER
PERSON.**

**FRIDAY NIGHT
SPECIALS TO
COMMENCE IN MARCH,**

**SPECIALS WILL BE
SENT OUT VIA
WHATSAPP.**



A promotional banner for Bay View Catering. At the top, it features the company logo and name 'Bay View Catering'. Below this, it states 'SUNDAY LUNCH | 27 FEB | R95'. The menu items listed are: 'Bobotie, Chicken ala King, 2 veggies, 2 salads, rice, roast potato. Malva Pudding & custard'. To the right of the text is a photograph of several plates of food, including a large tray of bobotie and a bowl of chicken ala king. Below the menu text is a photograph of a buffet table with several stainless steel chafing dishes. To the right of the buffet table is a photograph of four staff members in white uniforms and hats, smiling for the camera.

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