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## *Monthly News Letter*

### *September 2024*

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*From the desk of the Golf Operations  
Manager*

Dear Member

Trust you are well. Welcome to this month's edition of our newsletter! As we dive into October and the summer time are creeping in slowly but surely, we're excited to share the latest updates, events, and highlights from our golf club.

### *Members Golf Day*

We are excited to invite you to our 3rd Mossel Bay Golf Club Golf Day as well as the last one for the year! The members golf day will be on the **30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Join us for a day filled with great golf, delicious meals, live entertainment and great prizes. Below are the results for the members day which were held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September:

	<b>BETTER BALL STABLEFORD (AM)</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
1	BARRY TOOTH/ JOE LUGGEN	50
2	PEET BIERMAN/ GABRIEL SMITH	47
3	KOOS V NIEKERK/ KABOUS PRETORIUS	45
4	RICUS SERFONTEIN/ JEAN BORCHARDT	45
5	ERICK BARKHUIZEN/ LAMBERT ROUX	44



	<b>BETTER BALL STABLEFORD (AM)</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
1	DANIE VENTER/ TRACY VENTER	46
2	WICUS PRETORIUS/ ANNETTE PRETORIUS	45
3	CHRISTO JONCK/ SAKKIE LOOCK	44
4	TONY MULLER/ SAKKIE VD MERWE	43
5	EMIL BESTER/ FRIK UYS	43

## *Winter knockouts*

The final round of the Winter Knockout is upon us, bringing an exciting conclusion to this competitive season. Players have battled it out over the past months and weeks, now we are just a few days away from crowning our champions.

### **Doubles – Final**

Nic Marais/ Markie Sciarone vs Chris Barnard/ Gert Pieterse

### **Singles – Final**

Gert Pieterse and Joeline Erasmus will go head to head in the singles final.



## 2024 Club Champs

The 2024 Club Champs were held over 2 days, 21 & 22 September. The field consisted out of 95 competitive golfers, all playing to be the champion in their division. The event was successful and great golf was played. We are looking forward to the 2025 club champs which will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Save the date and you might be the next champion. We would like to thank each player that have participated in the club champ and congratulations to all the champions. We want to thank our Sponsor, Old Mutual for their continuous support. For those who haven't or couldn't play this year, we hope to see you at next year's club champs. Please see the results for the 2024 Club Champs.

  		
2024 CLUB CHAMPS RESULTS		
<b>A DIVISION (GROSS)</b>	CHAMPION	HENRY MUDGE 149
	RUNNER	RIAAN KOTZE 150
	OVERALL BEST NETT	ELMAR NOPPE 150
	RUNNER NETT	RONNIE LOURENS 154
	BEST SAT GROSS	LEON VAN SCHALKWYK 76
	BEST SUN GROSS	STIAAN STANDER 79
<b>B DIVISION (GROSS)</b>	CHAMPION	DANIE VAN LANGELAAR 166
	RUNNER	BERNARD LIEBENBERG 146
	3RD PLACE	EUGENE DUTHIE 166
	OVERALL BEST NETT	DAVID GOUWS 150
	NETT RUNNER	PHILIP SMIT 152
	BEST SAT GROSS	JOELIE ERASMUS 82
	BEST SUN GROSS	WALDO VORSTER 82
	BEST SAT NETT	BLOMMIE BLOM 74
	BEST SUN NETT	WG STRAUSS 68
<b>C DIVISION (INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD)</b>	CHAMPION	DURANDT LUCAS 73
	RUNNER	CHRIS BARNARD 72
	3RD PLACE	GERHARD COMBRINK 70
	SAT BEST IPS	GERT PIETERSE 35
	SUN BEST IPS	MARTIN SMITH 38
<b>LADIES SILVER (GROSS)</b>	CHAMPION	CORNE MARAIS 176
	RUNNER	TRACY VENTER 184
<b>LADIES BRONZE (GROSS)</b>	CHAMPION	HERMIEN KADE 195
	RUNNER	INA SWART 196
	3RD PLACE	HANLIE DE VILLIERS 198
	SAT BEST GROSS	BEV WEIJTERS 100
	SUN BEST GROSS	NOËLLE VAN SCHALKWYK 97
	OVERALL BEST NETT	SUSAN WRIGHT 156
<b>LADIES COPPER (INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD)</b>	CHAMPION	CHANTELLE GRARD 60
	RUNNER	TANIA GREEN 58
<b>SENIOR 50 OVER</b>	CHAMP (GROSS)	LEON VAN SCHALKWYK 161
<b>SUPER SENIOR 60+</b>	CHAMP (GROSS)	LEON VAN SCHALKWYK 161



Henry Mudge (Club Champion) Martin Smith (Club President) Corne Marais (Ladies Club Champion)



WG Straus (Old Mutua – Main Sponsor) Leon van Schalkwyk (Senior Champion and Super Senior Champion)





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Hermien Kade (Bronze Division Champion) Corne Marais (Ladies Club Champion) Chantelle Grard (Copper Division Champion)



Johan Strauss (Old Mutual -Main Sponsor) Durandt Lucas (C Division Champion) Danie van Langelaar (B Division Champion)





## Upcoming Event

OCTOBER		
4	THE HAVEN NIGHT SHELTER	LIDIA 072 759 3903
10	SCAPE SNR MEN 2 - T 12:00	JOHN COOPER - 072 906 6433
11	SCAPE SNR MEN - SHOT GUN 7:30	JOHN COOPER - 072 906 6433
18	OAKDALE	COBUS - 082 048 7833
NOVEMBER		
1	LAERSKOOL PARK	MICHAL REHR
10	NOMADS	N NIEMAND 0834531963
15	ARBEIDSBEDIENING	JOHAN NEL - 084 402 4059
17	JNR OPE - SUID KAAP	HEINRICH - 079 491 0631
29	SUIDERKRUIS SECURITY	GIDEON MAREE - 082 047 2273
DECEMBER		
8	CHRISTMAS MIXED	GLORIA - LADIES
6	VAATJIE	CHRIS MARAIS 0828965649
27	GOLF FOR GOODS	MICHAL REHR

## September Events.

September was an incredible month at our club, packed with exciting events that showcased the spirit of our golfing community. We kicked things off with the Mossel Bay Open, where players from near and far competed to be the next Mossel Bay Open Champion.

Mossel Bay Golf Club hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Mayoral Golf Day and the day brought together local leaders and golf enthusiasts for some friendly competition. The purpose of the golf day is to raise funds for various causes, such as young people who are chosen to represent their school but does not have the funds for the necessary cost, to help families that have lost their homes as well as helping NGO.





Our own Mossel Bay Members Golf Day fostered camaraderie among members, while the Kyk Net Golf Day added an entertaining twist to the mix. The highlight of the month, of course, was our highly anticipated Club Championship, where talent and determination shone brightly. The Club Championships this year were nothing short of exhilarating, particularly with the thrilling three-way playoff in the B Division, between Danie van Langelaar, Eugene Duthie and Bernard Liebenberg. Danie managed to take the victory of being the champion after the two-hole playoff. As the final rounds unfolded, it became clear that the overall standings were incredibly close, it was an immense battle between Riaan and Henry during the last few holes, Henry was the better player at the end and became the 2024 Club Champ. It was a remarkable display of talent and sportsmanship, highlighting the true spirit of our club and leaving everyone eagerly anticipating next year's tournament!

With such a full calendar of events, September truly celebrated the passion and connection we share through golf!



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## JOKER JACKPOT

The Joker draw is every Wednesday after prize giving. Come and enjoy the evening at Mossel Bay Golf Club. You might just be the next lucky winner! Tickets cost R10 and you can buy as many as you want. Find the Joker and win the jackpot. Previous winner won R7 590.



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WEDNESDAY AT 18:00  
JACKPOT PRIZE R3237**



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## Golf Operations

### Attire

Please pay attention to the correct golf attire. See below what attire is acceptable and unacceptable.



### Pace of play

We ask each player to please keep the pace of play so that the flow of the field is fluent. The following rule has been implemented. 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. This is an ongoing problem, so if we can please get everyone cooperation in the matter to avoid buying balls from the caddies.

### 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.



## News and Updates

For any news and updates please Follow the Mossel Bay Golf Club  channel on WhatsApp: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Va9XZxTC6ZvZQWILhG1X>

All the results and news that you should know will be posted on the channel.

## 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)

**Out of Bounds/ Red penalties:** Please note that there are some areas where the out of bounds have been moved or taken away. Herewith is the areas where out of bounds have been taken away:

- Left of hole in one. (Where the first bunker is on the left) The area is now marked as a red penalty area.
- Left of hole 10. The area on the left , from where the path starts across the road up to where the first yard is, this area is now a red penalty area.
- Left of Hole 16. The out of bound only runs up to where the bush starts on the left, around the 100m mark. The bushes on the left hand side that runs all the way up to just short of the green will now be treated as any other bush on the course, which is lost ball if you can find the ball and you have to go back to where you have last hit from.
- PLEASE NOTE – if you do not find your ball in the bushes, it is declared as a lost ball and you have to go back to the place from where you have last hit from. NO LINE OF ENTRY can be taken if the bush is not marked as a red penalty area.





## *Coaching and Youth Golf Program*

Riaan qualified to play in the Champion of Champions National Final after winning the Regional Final with a score of -6. Congratulations on your achievement!

Stephen Swigelaar has been selected for the under 13 Southern Cape team. The team competed in the 2024 SA Nomads Championship. Congratulations on your achievement.



## *Start Playing Golf Better Than You Imagined with Baker Golf.*

### *Keeping it Simple*

Golf is a sport that often intimidates with its complexities. As Arnold Palmer put it, "Golf is deceptively simple yet we endlessly complicate it."

In our quest for improvement, it's easy to get lost in the myriad of techniques and tips. However, keeping it simple can often yield the most significant progress.

So, how can you do this?

By using a simple, repeatable process for every shot you take.

1. **Pick Your Target:** Before addressing the ball, visualise your target. This sets a clear goal for your shot, guiding your alignment and execution.



2. **Align:** Proper alignment is crucial. Ensure your body and clubface are positioned correctly towards your intended target. This alignment forms the foundation of a successful shot.
3. **Setup:** Get into your stance and maintain a balanced posture. A good setup primes you for an effective swing and solid contact with the ball.
4. **Execute:** With your target in mind and alignment set, execute your shot with confidence. Trust in your preparation and let your swing flow.
5. **Absorb Feedback:** Post-shot, evaluate the outcome. Focus on these key feedback elements:
  - **Face Contact:** Did you hit the ball with the intended part of the clubface?
  - **Ground Contact:** Was your contact with the ground optimal?
  - **Start Direction:** Did the ball start on your intended line?
  - **Curvature:** Observe if the ball curved as expected.
  - **Trajectory:** Was the ball's flight as high or low as you planned?
  - **Finish:** Where did the ball land relative to your target?
6. **Repeat and Adjust:** Based on the feedback, decide if any adjustments are necessary. This step is vital for continuous improvement.

While golf can sometimes feel intricate, simplifying your approach by focusing on these basics can make your game more manageable. By aligning your practice and play with these fundamental principles, you can uncover the root causes of many common golfing woes and address them effectively.

Remember, the path to improvement does not lie in complicating your game but in mastering the basics.

If you're needing assistance with improvement in any area, or all areas of your golf game contact Owen on 082 218 4563 or [owen@bakergolf.co.za](mailto:owen@bakergolf.co.za) and soon you'll start playing golf better than you imagined.

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## **Mossel Bay GC Youth Program**

The Mossel Bay GC Youth Program launched successfully this month, thanks to the efforts of the Mossel Bay GC Board and Management. This initiative aims to boost young golfers' participation and involvement at the club. Starting with 28 enthusiastic youngsters, we are eager to grow this number over time as we nurture the next generation of club members through golf instruction every Friday with Owen and Schalk, as well as playing on the course and competitions. The groups are divided into beginners' level, intermediate level and elite level with each level having their own objectives as outlined below.





## GROUP A - Elite

### FULL SWING

**Objectives:**

Develop full swing technique, resulting in more speed, with a consideration to developing more consistent ball contact/smash factor.

### CHIPPING

**Objectives:**

Develop chipping technique and experimenting with using different clubs

### PUTTING

**Objectives:**

Develop more consistent control of distance and direction. Develop basic green reading strategies

### PITCHING

**Objectives:**

Develop pitching skills with a focus on backspin, distance control and experimenting with using different clubs.

### GREENSIDE BUNKERS

**Objectives:**

Develop greenside bunker technique to create solid contact more often and moderate control of distance.

### FAIRWAY BUNKERS

**Objectives:**

Be aware of the differences in club and ball contact of a greenside and fairway bunker. Be introduced to the skill of fairway bunkers and progress towards solid contact.







## GROUP B - Intermediates

### FULL SWING

**Objectives:**

Develop full swing technique resulting in increased speed and consistent ball contact.

### CHIPPING

**Objectives:**

Develop chipping technique resulting in more solid contact and improved control of distance and direction.

### PUTTING

**Objectives:**

Develop putting technique that results in control of different distances and directions.

### PITCHING

**Objectives:**

Participate in pitching using a wedge and the basic movements of pitching.

### GREENSIDE BUNKERS

**Objectives:**

Develop an understanding of the contact between the ball and club in a greenside bunker. Develop greenside bunker technique to create solid contact.



## GROUP C - Beginners

### FULL SWING

**Objectives:**

Develop basic movements of the full swing including a functional grip, ball position, posture and swing, ensuring club speed and balance.

### CHIPPING

**Objectives:**

Develop movements of a basic chip shot including a functional grip, ball position, posture and swing, with an emphasis on solid contact.

### PUTTING

**Objectives:**

Develop movements of putting including a functional grip, ball position, posture and swing while experimenting with general distance control.

### PITCHING

**Objectives:**

Develop movements of a basic pitch shot including a functional grip, ball position, posture and swing, with an emphasis on solid contact.





## Handicap News

This month, we revisit the Maximum Allowed Hole Score rule to clarify how "net double bogey" is calculated. Plus, we invite you to participate in a global WHS™ survey by the R&A and the USGA — your feedback helps keep the game fair and enjoyable for all!

### Understanding the Maximum Hole Score for Handicap Purposes (Rule 3.1)

When you submit a score for handicap purposes, the World Handicap System™ (WHS™) applies a cap on the maximum score you can record on any hole. For golfers with an established Handicap Index®, this cap is known as a "net double bogey." A net double bogey is calculated as the par of the hole plus two strokes, plus any handicap strokes you receive on that hole.

For example, if you are playing a par 4 hole, and receive one handicap stroke on that hole, your maximum score for that hole would be 4 (par) + 2 (double bogey) + 1 (handicap stroke) = 7. This rule ensures that exceptionally high scores on a single hole do not unduly affect your overall Handicap Index.

Remember, this adjustment is applied automatically when using our Phone Apps and other scoring platforms, but if you are submitting a gross score manually, you will need to make this adjustment yourself before submitting it.



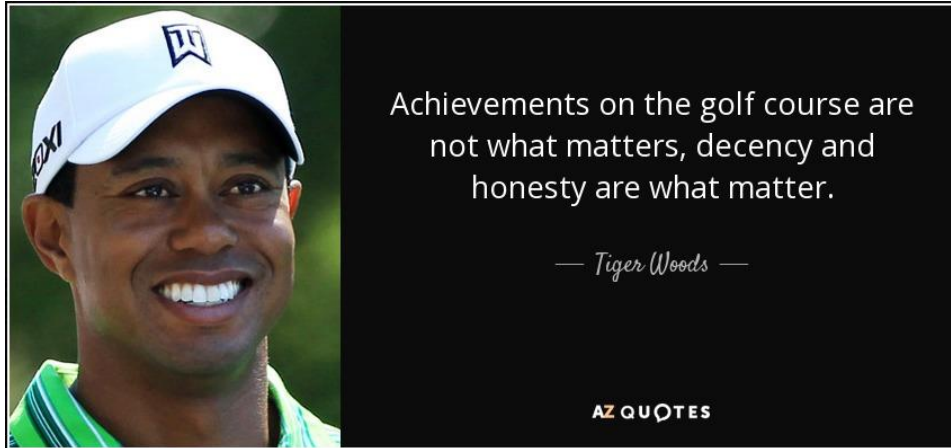
## October Fixtures

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<b>FIXTURES OCTOBER 2024</b>						
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	OPEN 7:30 MOSSELS 8:02 SOCIAL	OPEN 7:30 BOUNTY INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD	OPEN 7:30 LADIES 9:06 GROUP BOOKING 11:06 - 12:34	OPEN 7:30 MOSSELS 7:54 - 2 TEE NIGHT SHELTER 2 TEE - 11:30	OPEN 7:30 BETTER BALL MEDAL GROUP 4 X 4 BALLS	OPEN 8:00 SOCIAL
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
OPEN 11:00 GRYSBOKKE 11:08 SOCIAL	OPEN 7:30 MOSSELS 8:02 SOCIAL	OPEN 7:30 4 BALL ALLIANCE PAR 4/5 - 2 SCORES PAR 3 - 3 SCORES	OPEN 7:30 LADIES 8:32 2- TEE SNR MEN 2 TEE - 11:28	OPEN 8:00 SNR MEN SHOT GUN 7:30 Mossels 12:30 2TEE	OPEN 7:30 BETTER BALL STABLEFORD 11:46 - 13:00 GROUP BOOKING	OPEN 8:00 SOCIAL SMIT GROUP 10:08 - 13:04
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
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SOCIAL			PUB.HOLIDAY			
MOSSSELKRAKERS			CLUB			
GROUP BOOKING			LADIES DAY			
EVENTS/ GOLF DAY	ATTENDANCE PRIZE GIVING					



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Golf Quote of the month



Happy Golfing!

Kind Regards



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