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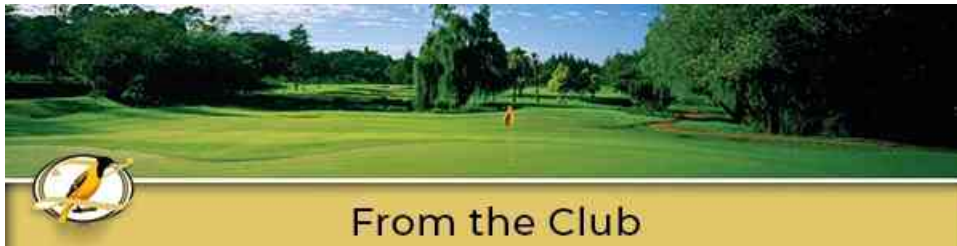


Thursday, November 18, 2021



Please consider the environment before printing this newsletter.

[Click here](#) to join the Zwartkop Country Club Facebook group.



*GATE ACCESS: Please could we request that all Zwartkop members, visitors and staff use the right hand lane for access into the club to ensure that we are able to conduct covid screening.*

## Vaccinations at Zwartkop

Zwartkop is proud to say that over 90% of our staff have been or are in the process of being vaccinated and 95% of our caddies have been fully vaccinated with just a couple still due for their second jabs this month.

This is great news as we head into the festive season and the supposedly expected fourth wave. Let's all do our part to stay safe and stay healthy so we can keep the doors open for business!

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# A note to you from a fellow member...

"Hallo Dale

This is directed at all golfers playing golf at Zwartkop CC.

Was it not just less than two months ago that the overall vibe at our club was that of people whining, moaning and complaining about the state of the golf course. Some even had enough and decided to find another home, where they could play on a "proper" golf course. We are all aware why Zwartkop is taking a beating, but we knew things were to change soon and now the time is here.

The course is in magnificent condition and it is an absolute pleasure to be out there playing golf. But here is my beef, and it really upsets me terribly. What do all you "fatties" and "moanies" do to contribute towards a better course and the upkeep? Most will by now think..."What is he going on about"?

The near perfect greens are battered with limitless unrepaired pitchmarks. That is no blame to the greenkeeping staff. It is your responsibility to repair your pitchmark properly and even two or three more! Most think pushing down on it is sufficient. No! It is not! Do it properly and do it on every green even if you didn't make that pitch mark.

New Covid regulations have allowed for bunkers to be raked again. It is just not done. With no more placing it is important to rake your bunker, and more so, do it properly.

Lastly. Divots. Maybe we should all be forced to carry sandbags to fill our sinkholes. Many times a divot is a chunk of grass which could easily be placed back to limit the damage.

This is the least we can do to contribute towards the condition of our golf course. Doing this will contribute hugely to keep the condition immaculate as it is – and don't be afraid to remind a co-player to do so, should he forget or ignore this etiquette.

Enjoy your summer golf and do your bit to upkeep this great golf course. "

- Tertius Horak

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## Stars of the last two weeks

Zwartkop hosted the SADGA over the last two weeks, firstly with the Canon Gauteng Disabled Open and that was followed up with the Canon Open Series Champion of Champions.

Robin Singh won the Canon Open Series by three strokes over Greg Esterhuizen, but congrats to Curtley Roberts who was leading the event with 9 holes to play. Robin Singh also won the Champion of Champions.

The SADGA also hosted a few days of training at Zwartkop, which was to provide better ways of teaching people with disabilities. The training was run by Mark Taylor, the UK's PGA Educator & EDGA Head of Development.



*Dale flanked by Mark Taylor on the left and Craig Stirton, SADGA's media liaison on right.*

And then, congrats **Theuns Taljaard** who recently participated in a Virtual World Transplant Golf Challenge. Fifty-three participants from 12 countries worldwide took part and he played his games at Zwartkop between 1 Sept and 30 Oct.

He participated in the category 0-8 and 9-16 handicap and had to submit his medal scores after every game once they were verified by a ZCC official.

He played a total of 28 games and came 4th in both his handicap categories. He received a first place for Best Average Handicap played over the period and played the most games of all other participants (next best was 16 games).

Theuns will play a National Transplant Qualifying round in July 2022 in an attempt to qualify for the 2023 World Transplant Games in Perth, Australia.

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## Singles Club

Two events remain in the Singles Club this year – **Sun, 28th November & 12th December** so keep those dates in mind if you are a single-figure handicapper. Contact Chris Delpont on **079 510 9062** for details or to enter.



**ZWARTKOP  
SINGLES CLUB  
SUN, 28TH NOV**

**SINGLE FIGURE HANDICAPPERS ONLY  
R100 ENTRY FEE  
(MATCHED BY THE CLUB)  
CASH PAYOUT FOR THE  
NETT & GROSS WINNERS**

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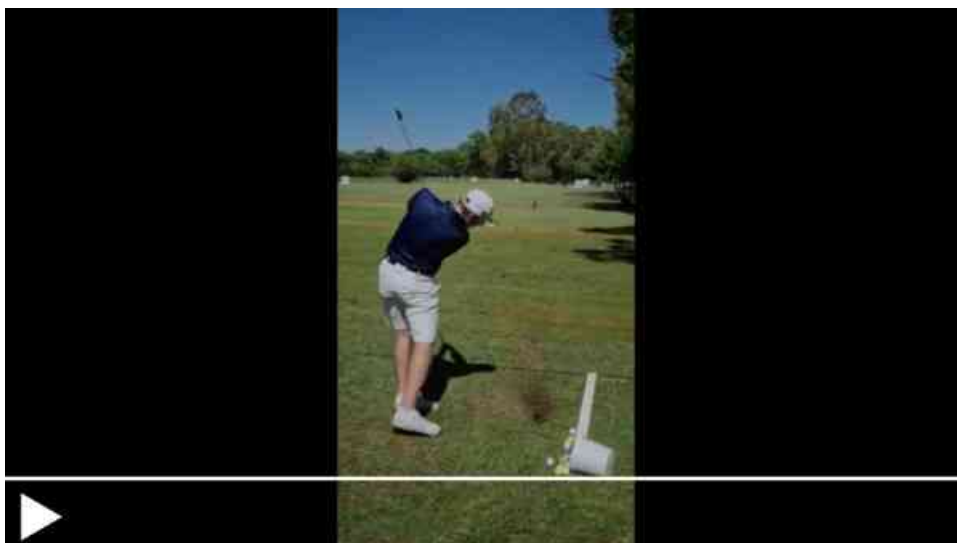


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Let us help you

## Play better golf

This week Adam shows us how to master windy conditions by hitting a low iron into the breeze.



## Find the mark with Adam

Adam Lowther is an Assistant Teaching Professional at Zwartkop. If you'd like to get some help refining your swing, striking the ball better or if you need some help lowering those scores, get the professional help to take your game to the next level. Click the button below and,

[Take control of your game](#)

Get your kids out on the course

## Junior Order of Merit

If they aren't already, then why aren't your kids playing in the Saturday Order of Merit?

What a way for them to spend a Saturday afternoon – playing golf, outdoors, with friends and under supervision. Don't let them miss out.

Contact Curtley to book your spot on 071 809 3754.



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## Driving Range Membership

Take up our driving range “membership” and for R270 per month you will receive unlimited range balls. This will be well worth it if you are an avid visitor to the range and hit a lot of balls. (\*Offer is only available for current members).



**UNLIMITED RANGE BALLS - R270 per month**

\*Check in at golf shop to receive slip for balls  
(\*Offer is only available for current members)



Golf Shop





The perfect opportunity to upgrade your golfing gear

## November Specials

You can't say no to this

Two dozen Wilson Chaos or Smart Core Golf Balls, PLUS a Swagg logo'd Zwartkop Shirt – All for R999!



Make the last hole feel like the first

Footjoy Golf Shoes

Buy any pair of Footjoy Golf Shoes and we will give you a voucher for 20% of the price you paid for the shoes.



Send the ball flying

Cleveland Launcher

*XL Big Head, Massive Sweet Spot!*

Wouldn't you like to hit your drives further and straighter. Buy a driver and we will give you a Cleveland Halo Hybrid at 50% of the normal price.



Get a grip

Zwartkop logo'd gloves are back in stock!

Cabretta Leather – R225 or Synthetic – R180



## Gear up for summer

If you like what you see, and you want one of these items,

[Get in touch with us](#)

## Remember to please repair your pitchmarks!

Further to Tertius' letter above...

# Did you know?



A fresh ball mark repaired by a player takes only  
**FIVE SECONDS**

A freshly repaired ball mark will completely heal in  
**TWENTY FOUR HOURS**

A fresh ball mark left unrepaired for only one hour requires  
**FIFTEEN DAYS**  
before the ugly scar has satisfactorily healed

**PLEASE REPAIR YOUR PITCHMARKS & DIVOTS**



Events, Results & Online Bookings



Calendar



Results



Bookings

Practice with purpose

Mastering up and downs



Most amateur golfers hit less than half of greens in regulation, so getting up and down consistently is invaluable. Practice games are an excellent way to develop those scrambling skills.

**Sharpen your short game**



Have you tried the Par 18 Challenge?

Set down nine balls at different spots around the practice green and try to get each one up and down in two shots. The closer you get to par 18 on this challenge, the more shots you'll see off your scorecard.



*This is a really good benchmarking skills test that's well worth challenging yourself with at least once a month.*

## Practice makes permanent

Make sure you're working on the right things in practice.

[Let's talk practice](#)

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## Add a HALO to your bag

You can turn challenges into scoring opportunities with the new Cleveland Launcher XL HALO Hybrid.

[Explore the Launcher XL](#)

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Shorten your long game

Keep it simple. Hit a hybrid.



Hybrids are designed to help you get the ball in the air and hit longer shots more easily than you could with a #4 or #3 iron. This is great for longer par 3s or lengthy par 5s. But for hybrids to do their job, you'll need to set up correctly.

### Simple hybrid setup tips



**Ball position:** *You'll want to set up with the ball just ahead of the centre in your stance. From there, make a normal swing as you would with a mid-iron.*



**Stay loose:** *Trying to hit the ball longer usually causes tension. When you tense up and swing hard without rhythm, you're likely to top it, or hit it high, wide and right. Let the club do the work.*





*So many golfers struggle to get the most out of their hybrids because they're a little unsure of their setup and technique. It doesn't have to be this way. Let's transform your playing experience.*

[Book a lesson](#)



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