

First Swing Program Report – March 2014

Canon South Africa has reaffirmed its commitment to developing the country's disabled golfers, renewing its sponsorship to (SADGA).

Canon's association with SADGA stems back to 2001 when it sponsored a small prize. Entrenching its commitment to the First Swing Program, Canon SA has this year donated printers and ink cartridges to aid the administration of the First Swing project in eleven schools. The schools include Forestown, Hope and Soshonguvwe in Gauteng; Filia and Eros schools in the Western Cape; Martie Du Plessis school in Bloemfontein; Eden school and De La Bat College in the Boland; RP Moodley school in Kwazulu Natal as well as Carpe Diem school in the Southern Cape.

The schools were all very grateful for the contribution.



Port Elizabeth - Northern Lights, Cape Recife, Lonwabo, Reuben Birin & Cheshire Home

The weekly coaching sessions have successfully started at the Port Elizabeth Schools and Cheshire Home.

We are especially happy with the enthusiasm at Cheshire Homes who have since the road show given SADGA a larger more permanent indoor area for the residents to play golf.

Luzuko Skontya was on the FSP when he was studying at Northern Lights School and is now assisting with the sessions weekly at Lonwabo and Reubin Birin

Extra equipment is being sent to the Port Elizabeth region with thanks to Greg De Donker who will be transporting it for us.

George - Carpe Diem

Carlo Kok's sessions are going very well. We are especially proud of Olwethu and Jessica who are Level 1 Juniors who came to the NOMADS FSP Roadshow in George. They have both shown great progress and Carlo has Olwethu out of his wheelchair on the ground swinging a club. Click on these links to view....

<http://youtu.be/jyUrXkvPN7g> - Olwethu

<http://youtu.be/AVlr0dtWJLI> - Jessica

The 6 Level 3 Juniors are all playing extremely well and are playing regular competitions at the school and at Kingswood Golf Course with Coach Carlo.





Gauteng

In Northern Gauteng Willie Van Zyl and coach Michael Ramakgofu are working well with the Filadelfia School, Alma school and Itereling home.

At Wesrand School, we have Andrew Corthing training the Physiotherapist Tasvi to coach the Level 1 Juniors.

Andrew has also taken over the training at Forestown School.

Boland

Pioneer

The Pioneer Blind and Visually Impaired residents were once again treated to 9 holes of golf on the Worcester GC

De La Bat School, De La Bat College and Eden School

Deaf Juniors from De La Bat School took part in the Western Province Provincial Day at Milnerton on 2 March.

Eden School continue with their weekly sessions and are showing a lot of enthusiasm for golf.

April sees the Provincial Day taking place at Devonvale this Sunday and we have 6 FSP playing in the Provincial Day.



Western Province

ASTRA School Level 3, Eros School, Fila School and Thembaletu School

Thanks to the WPGU Provincial Day Sponsorship, 5 Level 4 SADGA FSP golfers played in the Western Cape Provincial Day at Milnerton GC – they all did us proud, with Ignation Douries on the 7th hole, par 3, coming within a foot of making a hole in one. We are also very proud of Raylen De Wee (arm amputee) from Astra who has now been joined as a member at King David GC



King David Golf Course hosted the Level 1 Astra Juniors in 2 Friday sessions. The youngsters were brought to see a 'real golf course' and had fun putting and chipping.

Michael Bota (ex Filadelfia School) assistant coach has relocated to Cape Town. We will be investigating opening a Level 1 golf coaching in Nolonthando where Michael will coach. We are also planning to send him to coach Kulk Martinus for coaching and to be his assistant 2 days of the week. He will also spend time with coach Edwin as his assistant. Michael is deaf and was an ex pupil of the Nolonthando primary and Filidelfia High school.

Once again thanks to the WPGU for financially assisting Raylen De Wee & Charl Theron to take part in the SA Disabled Golf Open in May at Zebula.

Our top FSP, Charl Theorn, continues to receive monthly coaching from Marlise Joubert of Swingfit at De Zalze.

Paarl School

Weekly sessions for the Paarl school Juniors takes place at the Kuilsriver Golf Course Driving Range. Paarl school received their allocation of training equipment for the school with thanks from The Sports Trust.



KZN

RP Moodley, Mason Lincoln, Open Air and Teachers Sessions

Vanessa Govender, the Sports Co-Ordinator for disabled sport in KZN is due to spend time at the SADGA office on 6-8 April to plan and learn from the WP. Sandile Msimango has a successful teachers coaching class once a month.

Bloemfontein - Martie Du Plessis School

Sessions continue at Schoeman Park GC