

First Swing Program Report: April-May 2014

SADGA were happy to take with 4 Juniors to the Nedbank SA Disabled Golf Open 2014. Charl Theron, Ignation Douries, Olwethu Tyibilika and Raylen DeWee. It was Raylens first tournament and he did exceptionally well and the experience for all the Juniors was amazing. We were very proud of the behaviour & golf performances of the FSP Juniors. Thanks must go to the Border Golf Union and WPGU who financially assisted Olwethu, Raylen and Charl to go to the tournament. These are our Juniors' who will be setting the standards for the Juniors coming through the program. (The Deaf did not take part in the 2014 SA Disabled Golf Open and will have their own separate tournament in June)

In the 0-18 divisions,

- Charl came 5th in Overall, 3rd in the Nett and 2nd in his disability category: 81,87,79 -247
- Ignation Douries 99,97,91 - 287

And in the stableford division:

- Raylen De Wee 27,27,30 – 84
- Olwethu Tyibilika :26,26,36 - 88

June is going to be an extremely exciting one for the FSP in Cape Town, with huge thanks to NOMADs. There will be an Inter-schools (17 June) competition with 5 schools (Level 3-4 children), each bringing 4 Juniors to compete at King David GC.

There will also be a Road Show (24 June) at King David GC where we are looking to introduce a further 150 Juniors to golf.

And then at the end of the month (27-29 June) will be the Junior Deaf Competition. There will be 6 Level 5 golfers competing in a 3 day, 18 hole competition and a further 6 Level 4 golfers competing in a 3 day, 9 hole competition.

Our thanks go to CANON who have sent the SADGA shirts for every Junior on the First Swing Program.



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

Due to the many public holidays in April, GWG were only able to run 2 sessions at each of the schools in the Port Elizabeth Region. May was a better month with 4 sessions at each school as well as Cheshire Homes.

The extra equipment for Port Elizabeth still needs to be delivered so if anyone is travelling in an empty car and can help to get the equipment from the SADGA offices at King David GC to Graeme Whales at the PEGC, it would be greatly appreciated.

George - Carpe Diem

Carlo Kok's sessions are continuing very well with 2 groups at Carpe Diem and 1 group on the golf course playing 9 holes.

Star of the month in George must go to Lukanyo who made 2 pars all on his own on two of the par 3's at Kingswood.

Carlo will be attending the FSP Interschools with 4 of his Juniors in June.

Gauteng

Northern Gauteng coaching continues to be very popular amongst the children at Alma School. Coaches Willie and Michael have started with an extra group at the school consisting of children who are showing talent and extra enthusiasm in the program. The Itereling program is also running well.

Andrew Corthing has turned the Wesrand School, Hope School and Forestown School into extremely fun and enjoyable golf sessions. Andrew will also be helping in KZN in July with the Level 1 training of the physiotherapists.

Western Province & Boland

During the April school holidays our Level 3-4 Juniors from Western Province and Boland came to King David Golf Course to play golf. Our thanks again to King David GC for hosting our Juniors

Noluthando School for the Deaf in Khayelitsha was opened in April. We started off with a low-key Road Show on a modified golf course which was set up in the school hall. Approximately 80 learners came and played and had great fun. We have started coaching twice a week during the sports period at this school with our Deaf coach Michael Bota who has relocated from Soshonguwe.





During May while Coach Edwin was at the SA Disabled Golf Open with the FSP, Michael successfully took the sessions at Astra.

The Boland Deaf Juniors are practicing extremely hard to be chosen to play in the SA Deaf Junior tournament in June and are regularly playing 9 holes at Worcester GC to practice for the tournament.

At the Devonvale Provincial Day in April, the FSP were represented by 4 deaf juniors and 2 physically disabled juniors. Ignation having a Personal Best, making 40 stableford points. Unfortunately the King David Provincial Day in May was cancelled due to the weather.

KZN

RP Moodley, Mason Lincoln, Open Air and Teachers Sessions

Vanessa Govender, the Sports Co-Ordinator for disabled sport in KZN came to SADGA Cape Town to spend time at the SADGA office and learn more about the modified golf for Level 1-2 Juniors.

On returning to KZN, Vanessa will separate the Level 1-2 and the Level 3-4 Juniors and during July when SADGA go to KZN for the Watches Unlimited Golf Day we will be taking Andrew Corthing with to run a full day session to train the physiotherapists to run the coaching clinics with the more severely disabled Level 1-2 children. Golf as physical therapy for these youngsters is proving to be therapeutic and enjoyable for the children and Physiotherapists.

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We will also investigate opening at a deaf school Kwatintwa (30km out of Dbn). The school has loads of potentially good golfers and an extremely enthusiastic Principal and Deputy Principal.

Bloemfontein - Martie Du Plessis School

Together with Coach Corne Viljoen we are looking at changing these sessions to 9 holes of golf instead of range training. The children from the Martie Du Plessis group are showing huge talent and now just need more practice on the course.

