

First Swing Program Report: July 2014

During the school holidays the Level 4 & 5 golfers took part in the Boland Golf Union and Western Province Golf Union Junior Foundation tournaments.

FSP Level 4 golfer, Raylan De Wee participated in his first WPGU Junior Open in Parow on 7th July and scored 32 points in the C-division. Raylan picked up some valuable tournament experience during his round.

FSP Level 4 golfer, Ignation Douries had a good round of golf at the BGU Open at Langebaan on 8 July, coming in with a gross 89\75 nett (Handicap 14). At the BGU Open at Stellenbosch GC on the 10 July, Ignation had a cold start and brought in a gross 95\81 nett.

At the final BGU event at Arabella on 14-15 July, Ignation won both stroke play and match play rounds in the C-division with scores of 88 (1st round) and 88 (2nd round) thereafter his first matchplay he won 5\4 to qualify for the final, winning 2 up.

Charl Theron (Level 5 golfer) had a good couple of weeks on the fairways with some excellent scores.

30th June at the WPGU Erinvale Junior Open Charl finished 11th with a gross score of 83. Next was a 2nd place at the WPGU King David Open shooting a great 73 (winning score was 71).

3rd July - Mowbray Prentice Cup with a score of 80 finishing 7th

4th July – Stellenbosch Glacier Junior Series with a score of 76 finishing Tied 4th .

8th July – WPGU Milnerton Junior Open with a score of 72 finishing 4th

To end the holidays, at the Pearl Valley Swing Fit Winter Tournament, Charl finished 1st with a gross score of 71. Charl is now playing from a 4 handicap.

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Ignation Douries

The Boland NOMADs have finalized the sponsorship of a 64sqm outdoor turf area for the De La Bat learners. The college and school are extremely excited and have allocated SADGA a large area to lay the turf. We have invited Nuwe Hoop Skool from Worcester to join in the golf training. The opening of the outside turf is scheduled to take place in September.

The Boland area also sees Charles Williams, who has come through the FSP via De La Bat school and now college, starting as an assistant SADGA coach, training under his golf mentor, Kulk Martinus. Charles will be shadowing Coach Kulk at his sessions with the deaf and also helping with admin duties.

In the Western Province, Michael Bota (ex FSP student from Soshonguvwe) is training under Coach Ediwne Meyer and is doing extremely well with the deaf children at Nolutahndo school in Khyalitsa.

Port Elizabeth coaching has resumed after the July holidays and we are happy to say that the extra equipment has been delivered to the region. Graham Whale Golf, who are running the FSP in Port Elizabeth said that these sessions are often the highlight of their week as the children are extremely enthusiastic and are enjoying their sessions.

Lonwabo and Reuben Birin have increased in numbers dramatically and we will be looking at increasing the sessions at these schools. The Chesire Homes sessions are increasing in popularity as well. We are investigating upgrading the facilities at Lonwabo / Reuben Birin, where we have a dedicated hall for our program.

Carlo Koks sessions continue with Carpe Diem regularly as well as playing 9 holes regularly with the Level 4 Juniors. 2 of these Juniors have been identified as potentially being registered at a golf club in 2015.

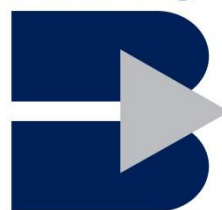
Unfortunately the teaching session with the physiotherapists was postponed. But we did get to see a new deaf school in Inchanga (about 40km outside KZN) where we met with the Sports co-ordinator and the Cato Ridge Golf Course. Proposed golf open day will take place on the 18th September where we will introduce all the Juniors from the school to golf and thereafter we will train the Juniors weekly.



A Gauteng 9 hole triangular competition of the 4 best students from each of the Gauteng schools is being planned for November with Coach Andrew Corthing at CMR golf course.

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