

First Swing Program Report: October 2014

The First Swing Program continues to run well in all the areas with the following highlights.

Excitement for the top 4 Noluthando Deaf School learners came last week when they were taken to the Riverclub Mashie Course to play a round of golf. This was their first time to play on a golf course.

6 juniors participated in the SADGA Provincial Day at Erinvale on the 5th October. Charles Williams came 1st in the deaf division with 38 points and Michael Bota came 3rd with 19 points. Charl Theron came 3rd in the disabled division with 32 points. Our thanks to Erinvale GC for the preferential rates for all the disabled golfers.



Coach Edwin Meyer with the Deaf Junior Golfers at the Erinvale Provincial Day

Ignation Douries from Devonvale GC came 3rd in the (able-bodied) Boland Kleinmond Golf Union B Division Tournament on the 6th October. He scored an excellent gross 82 (nett 68). Coach Edwin Meyer said that Ignation did exceptionally well on a golf course that he had not played before, he stuck to his game plan and the results show. Ignation also played in the Boland Mini Masters

Charl Theron has been selected for the SADGA Western Province Team for the upcoming Provincial Challenge in February 2015. Charl is currently playing off a 3 handicap and is the top WP SADGA golfer.



Elzane from Carpe Diem showing great progress with his putting

Carlo Kok from Carpe Diem is making great progress with the Level 1 wheelchair children turning the therapeutic golf sessions into a fun, competitive experience.

The Level 3 children who regularly play 9 holes at Kingswood Golf Course are showing impressive short game talent. 3 of these Juniors have been selected to attend the end of the year FSP Camp at Langebaan Country Estate.

Gauteng held its very first FSP Inter-schools of West Rand School vs Hope school. The day consisted of 5 holes varying in distance from 55m - 130m at CMR Golf Course. To make it more interesting, after the 5 holes of golf, Coach Andrew added a SNAG putting competition of 3 bays, where each child received 15 balls. If they hit the bulls eye target they minus-ed 1 point off their score.

This was a great first time out on the course for these children, with huge talent coming from Thabang, Naledi and Sadolk . This Inter Schools will take place twice a year in a Winter series in June/July and a Summer series in October.



In KZN Sandile from SAGDB is running the Level 1-2 sessions well at Open Air, RP Moodley and Mason Lincoln Schools. Anton Steyn from Cato Ridge has started the sessions with the deaf children from Kwanthintwa, which proved to be so popular after the road show that we have had to have 2 sessions a week to accommodate the children that are showing interest in the golf program.

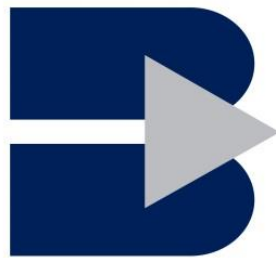


Thanks to Greg De Donker for helping out at the Port Elizabeth FSP sessions at Reubin Birin and Lonwabo. We wish Claire Radloff good luck with her studies – Claire has been our very able admin lady in Port Elizabeth who makes sure that all the FSP sessions take place regularly.



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