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Johan Gouws

SADGA and Canon welcomes Johan Gouws to the Canon South African Disabled Golf Open at Magalies Park

Johan is 61 years young with a current handicap of 16 at Blue Valley Golf Course. He is divorced and has 2 daughters and 4 grand children. Johan started playing golf at age 35 and he regrets not playing earlier.

This is his story.....

'My lowest handicap was 8 and at the time that I was hijacked and shot in 1999 I was an 11 handicap.

My greatest concern and the first thing I said to my wife when she arrived at hospital was "I'll never be able to play golf again".

My right arm+- 70 mm from my shoulder was badly fractured and my arm instantly paralyzed. I am an Estate Agent and all of a sudden I could not write.

Six months later the surgeon operated on me and joined the nerves together. It was a very slow process as the nerves are in shock for 6 weeks and then it starts to grow at approximately 1 millimeter a day. So by the time it came to my muscles the muscles had died. I had various operations and today I have 40% function in my right hand.

The nice part is that today I am left handed, I play golf and enjoy life. So when I play bad I blame my right hand and when I play good I think I am talented! "

The SADGA team are looking forward to having Johan at his first Canon SA Disabled Golf Open



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