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Johan Du Plooy

The South African Disabled Golf Association and [Canon South Africa](#) welcome Johan Du Plooy to the 2019 Canon SA Disabled Golf Open at [Magalies Park](#) Golf Club.

After biting his tongue around the age of 1-years-old where an external bleed became an internal bleed, Johan's parents were given the news that he was a haemophiliac. As fate would have it, Johan's brother Pieter too suffers from haemophilia yet neither of them has allowed the condition to stop them from living a full life.

Johan attended mainstream school throughout primary and high school, earning provincial colours in both tennis and chess while also receiving recognition at school for his academic and musical exploits. He parlayed his affinity for academics into a degree in electronic engineering from the University of Pretoria.

It was while studying that Johan discovered yet another talent – table tennis. He made rapid progress with paddle in hand, earning his provincial colours at U/21 level before receiving University colours as the second-best player in the country.

In the mid-nineties Johan and brother Pieter were asked whether they'd be interested in taking up disabled table tennis. They accepted and have been on an amazing journey ever since. The pair have won numerous national and international titles and at one point Johan was the simultaneous holder of the South African, All-African and Middle East titles respectively. Johan also had the honour of representing Team South Africa on multiple occasions.

Married and with a son and daughter, Johan has been playing golf since the early nineties. Currently off a Handicap Index of 13.4, the Zwartkop Country Club member is looking forward to the camaraderie that makes the Canon SA Disabled Golf Open such a special event for so many.

“The [Canon] SA Open is always the highlight of the year in my diary. My main objective during any round of golf, is to always enjoy it. So, I'm looking forward to enjoying the SA Open, not just competing, but also mingling with all the players and making new friends,” commented Du Plooy.

Johan also had some special words for Tournament Director Lily Reich and title-sponsor Canon South Africa.

“Lily is one of the best administrators and organisers I've met. Together with her team, the



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SA Open is a very well-run tournament. Golfers, not attending the tournament, are missing out on an awesome experience”, Du Plooy said.

“Many thanks in advance to Lily, her team, SADGA and CANON for a professionally organised tournament.”

We wish Johan Du Plooy everything of the best at the 2019 edition of the Canon SA Disabled Golf Open.

