Greetings from The Club

If you have visited the club in the last two weeks you would have noticed some significant changes with regards to the Pro Shop moving into the club house and the new bar in the process of being officially opened. The new Bar, located in the middle level of the clubhouse, adds more of a homely feel to the club house and lends itself to more socialising and networking opportunities. The bar staff have been trained to offer a selection of cocktails, allowing homeowners and members to bring their family and enjoy the improved club environment. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Southern Kitchens for the sponsorship and construction of the new bar. Southern Kitchens have constructed a number of kitchens and bars at Cotswold Downs, so if you are looking for a professional outfit to construct your Kitchen, cupboard or bar in your new dream home, please do not hesitate to give me a call or click here and I will be happy to put you in contact with the correct person.

The new Pro Shop is most definitely a massive improvement and certainly gives you a sense of arrival when entering the clubhouse. The shop has a greater variety of stock for both Men and Women and for the golf fanatic who is always looking for the latest equipment, this is the place to visit and satisfy your needs! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Antonio Santos, who has been appointed as the manager of the Pro Shop. Antonio has a great way with members and golfers in general and will certainly go out of his way to ensure that you get what you are looking for and over and above this, he is also a reputable teacher of the golf swing and in due course will start advertising some tuition packages for beginner golfers as well as the more experienced golfer.

As many of you will be aware, Dee left the employ of Cotswold Downs just over a month ago and there is no doubt that Dee will be missed as the jolly smiling face that many members became accustomed to. However, we have been very fortunate to have found a fantastic replacement in Luke Swemmer. Luke also comes with a load of experience in customer relations and carries an air of confidence about him. There is no doubt that Luke will be an asset to the golf operations and we look forward to a long working relationship with him.

We trust that all our members and guests will enjoy the new facilities and will join us in welcoming the new staff members to the Cotswold team.

Kind regards,

Wayne Krambeck

Club Champs

A huge thanks and congrats to all our members that supported our club champs. Each year this event is getting bigger; the fields are getting stronger and the competition is getting tougher and tougher and next year I’m sure will be blast with our largest field yet!

Most of the players and staff had their ideas of who they thought would be the next club champ and some were very close but surprised at the end. We had an unexpected winner in Grant Olivier, who played 2 solid rounds shooting 74 & 74, closely followed by Dennis Edmund-Mac 1 shot behind, shooting 72 & 73.

Well done to all those who played! Below are a few pictures from the day and prize
A-Division - Strokeplay
Club Champ: Gross: Grant Olivier
Best Nett: Greg Royston
2nd Nett: Myles Wakefield
3rd Nett: Shaun Pollock
4th Nett: Clint Harris

B-Division - Strokeplay
1st Nett: Ray St Clair
2nd Nett: Andre Huyser
3rd Nett: Richie Corfe

C-Division – Stableford
1st: Greig Eigermann
2nd: Dale Cooke
3rd: Dave Shuttleworth

LADIES – Stableford
1st: AnneMarie Nice
2nd: Courtney Morris

The Annual Old Mutual International Pairs Event took place on the 24th April. We had a field of around 80 players competing in the hope of making it to the regional’s and to Scotland from there. The competition was fierce and scores extremely close. Congratulations to our winners Greig Eigermann and Hein Huyser - 50 points!

The Sanlam Cancer Challenge takes place this week and the field is already about full, so those not wanting to miss out on these events book now to avoid disappointment. The cost of the Sanlam Cancer Challenge is R285.00 which includes the fund raising fee which goes to Cancer.

We have had a problem with our accounts system when sending out mail for the annual subscriptions. Should you not have received the invoice for this year’s annual subscription invoice, please contact me at Denny.lc@cotswolldowns.co.za or 031-716 8187.

The forthcoming Mixed Competition takes place on Sunday 16th May. Times between 11h00 – 12h00 are available. Join us for a fun filled day with fantastic prizes! Call the Pro Shop to book on 031-716 8184/8052 or email dean.lc@cotswolldowns.co.za.

Regards,
Cotswold Downs Golf Estate

GREETINGS FROM DEAN

Pro Shop
For those of you who haven’t been to the club for a while, there have been some fantastic changes made to improve our look, quality and service!

The Pro Shop moved house on 12th April to what is now known as the old bar area! The old bar was literally ripped out by hand, not easy work, to make space for the new Shop counter – and what a difference it has made! We have now got 3 times the amount of space we had previously.

The shop is split in 2 by the new counter, when walking in, on the right is your clothing section; not quite complete just yet, still waiting for a few fixtures, more stock and a better range for the ladies.

On the left you will find a small hardware section, a couple of drivers, sets of clubs, bags, wedges and putters. With the likes of Mizuno, TaylorMade, Cleveland, Srixon, Odyssey putters and a growing list, you can’t go wrong popping into our new Shop before driving all the way down to the Pro Shop or Golfers Club – we want to help you before they do!
Can’t wait to see you spending some extra time in the NEW SHOP!

May Specials

All ladies clothing – less 10%
HiTec Shoes – less 25% plus a pair of C&B socks - First come, first serve
adidas Shoes – less 20% - While stocks last
Winter Clothing Men’s and Ladies – less 10% - Cutter & Buck and Ahead

Teaching

The mind is a very powerful tool, so much so that if your alignment is out, your body will react to try and hit the ball on line. This month’s tip is on alignment and the goal when going out onto the course is to hit the ball down the fairway and onto the green. When you are aligning to far right, one’s tendency is to come over the top, resulting in a straight left shot or a shot that comes out with a fade (left to right shape in the air), which means you are swinging across the line with an open club face!

I have recently received a training aid that can help you with your alignment, as well as many other drills when practicing, called ALIGN-RITE. This product was designed by 2 of our members and ALIGN-RITE has already made a good name for itself. Many of the Pro’s in the Durban area have already purchased it for themselves to improve their games and to use when coaching. We will be selling the product in the shop very soon for a fantastic price of R200!

Regards,
Dean

HELP ME HELP YOU

Please can you help me out by filling in the quick survey linked to this article. There are only 6 questions and I do value your input. I want to understand where I can improve my service to golfers who want to buy new Irons.

If the results of any number of tests show that a fitting will result in an improvement, why do so many golfers not get fit? Why do so many want to jump straight to the shelf, wave the credit card and rush onto the first tee with shiny new Irons, which might not be perfect for their game.

Click on the icon on the right to go to the survey. There are only 6 questions.

HITTING THE BALL FAT? HERE’S THREE SOLUTIONS

“Chunk”, “Duff”, “Planting daisies” or “Digging for worms”… It doesn’t matter what it’s called, it’s still one of the most irritating – and most common - occurrences in the game of golf. This week we’re looking at the chemistry of the “Fat” shot, and how you have more options than you think if you wish to fix it.
If you suffer from this ailment here’s just three ways I can help:

PROBLEM: Hitting it fat

If you’re playing with narrow-soled long irons then they could well be contributing to your problems.

The wider sole of a Hybrid-Iron will naturally reduce the amount of drag through impact, resisting the urge for the leading edge to dig in to the turf.

The more ‘sweeping’ motion (with which you hit a hybrid) also naturally discourages a ‘fat’ connection.

SOLUTION 2: Add some ‘sole’

SOLUTION 1: Hit through, not down

Many fitting factors (e.g. shaft too long/short or flex too soft) can contribute to a ‘fat’ connection but today we’re concentrating on ‘bounce’.

The bounce angles of your clubs should be matched to your angle of attack.

Shallow swings need less bounce while a more downward swing requires more bounce to stop the leading edge of the club from ‘digging in’ at impact.

SOLUTION 3: Add some ‘bounce’

Think about where that ‘chunk’ happens to you most frequently. Is it when faced with a tricky chip shot around the green? Or perhaps when you’re trying to get a ‘little extra’ out of that long Iron? Off the tee ever?

Whatever the scenario, it’s well worth remembering that one golfer’s weakness is another’s strength, and that every golfer’s problem has a unique solution. This may require a swing correction, a fitting tweak, or even an equipment replacement... Or maybe you’re simply playing the ball too far forward in the stance!

Whatever your problem I’m here to help you fix it so click here or on one of the buttons on the right to get started.

PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

A Contemporary Alpine Gem

Price: R4.8 million

“Chalet Tres Puntas”- Perfection Personified, is the only way to describe this North Facing home. Situated on a 1046sqm level stand, this masterpiece overlooks the distant Championship Cotswold Downs Golf Course. Built with a keen eye for precision and attention to detail has resulted in a home that is an asset to this fine secure sporting estate. The use of slate, natural stones, steel and various woods have created an exquisite home that will impress and give your family the sense of constantly being on vacation.

This unique home includes:
4 spacious bedrooms, all warmly carpeted and built in floor to ceiling oak cupboards
3 bathrooms (2 en-suite) fitted with the latest stylish fittings
Guest Loo
Large Study
Modern Kitchen inclusive of AEG appliances
Scullery & Laundry
Double Garage
TV Lounge
Dinning Room & Welcome Lounge separated by double sided Jetmaster gas fireplace
Level Garden has automated Rain Man Irrigation System
Golf Cart Parking Bay

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RESULTS
Who has been winning the competitions at the club? Take a look and be sure to know who has what it takes to win!

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Visit my site to view the tip of the week.
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Have a look at all the upcoming competitions and update your own diary!

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