

2014 DEVELOPMENT GOLF REPORT

We currently have 6 Active Chapters in the Southern Cape, George 1 (George GC), Riversdale, Stilbaai, Garden Route Golf Course (George 2), Beaufort West and Mossel Bay.

Jason Koeries is the coach in Riversdale/Stilbaai, Joseph Booysen at George 1, Winston Booysen at George 2, Weber Scheun is at Beaufort West and in Mossel Bay we are assisted by Nicole Loesch from the Louis Oosthuisen Academy who is conducting the lessons once a week at Pinnacle Point. From this program we also have 3 players that I teach at the Mossel Bay Golf Club every Thursday for a 9 hole session. These players have now been given free Club Membership by Mossel Bay Golf Club and will take part in the Southern Cape Junior Golf Tournaments in 2015.

At Plettenberg Bay Country Club Cliff Barnard has been running a program for the past 3 years. We are still supporting this program with equipment etc and have extended our support by offering Cliff the opportunity to enter his top 2 players in the monthly Southern Cape Junior Golf Tournaments as from August 2014. As you can see our program has grown quite a bit and our main focus now is to make sure that we strengthen and streamline our efforts to make sure that we create a strong sustainable platform for our SC SAGDB program.

In the different chapters we mainly use the Golf Clubs in that area and we are fortunate to have a very good working relationship with all the clubs who are affiliated to the Union as well as with the Union itself. We have had quite a few successes for the year with the following players making Junior as well as Senior Provincial teams:

Franklin Manchest (SC U/19 Triangular, SC U/19 Hexangular, SC U19 IPT, SC U 23 IPT SAGDB National Training Squad)

Riaan Grootboom (SC U17 Triangular, SC U 17 Hexangular, SAGDB National Training Squad)

Virgill April (SC U17 Triangular, SC U17 Hexangular, SAGDB National Training Squad)

Hans Jurie Human (SC U19 Triangular, SC U19 Hexangular, SC U19 IPT)

Jason Koeries (SC U23 IPT, SAGA Presidents Team)

Franklin Manchest, **Riaan Grootboom and Virgill April** have also been selected for the SAGDB NTS which consists of the Top 30 players from 10 Provinces.

As in 2013 we have had good results from our Top 6 players. Franklin Manchest has been very consistent as well as Riaan Grootboom. Franklin made the Semi Finals of the Southern Cape Men's match play Champs. Unfortunately he lost in his match but managed to win his 3rd place play off. This means that he is the 3rd Best Southern Cape Men's Match Play Player of 2014. Quite a feat considering that he is only still 17 Years old. I am still on the Southern Cape Junior Committee were I am the Tournament Organiser for our Monthly OOM Tournament as well as one of the selectors for Provincial Teams.

We work very closely with the Southern Cape Junior Golf as well as the SCGU. Tannah Harris President of SCGU and Billy Valentyn the Director of Golf are really passionate about and committed to the SAGDB program and give us a tremendous amount of support.

Thank you for the excellent support from all the clubs in the Southern Cape but special thanks go to George, Riversdale, Stilbaai, Mossel Bay Golf Clubs and Fancourt Academy.

We have a very good relationship with all the relevant stake holders in the Southern Cape Golfing fraternity including the Louis Oosthuizen Academy and Kenako Golf and Sports Academy. By building and strengthening these relationships we will be able grow the Southern Cape SAGDB program even further which I believe will go a long way in reaching our goal of becoming the best SAGDB program in the country.

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