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Hein wins paddling challenge



Hein Van Rooyen won the 2014 20km Pam Golding Canals Winter Challenge in an exceptional time of 1hr 40min.

Starting in a big bunch he, Haydn Holmes and Nigel Harvey pulled away after 1km and maintained a 100m gap in front of the chasing group of Daryl Staples, Dirk Ellis & Clint Hempel, and Richard Arden & Nigel Cones.

Van Rooyen has his national colours for

paddling, has completed many PE-EL races, many Ironman events and is the co-owner of Carbonology Surfis in Port Elizabeth.

St Francis Paddling clubs next race is in September, but holds time trials every Wednesday at 17h30, or social paddles on Tuesdays at 10am. Both at the canal harbour, all welcome!

Horne's winning maiden visit to the Links



Links CEO Jeff Clause with Keith Horne

Keith Horne set a course record 65 in the first round of the Vodacom Origins of Golf (presented by Samsung) last St Francis Links earlier this month says Links CEO, Jeff Clause.

"He did with a solid driver and some strategic play. By the time play finished on Friday, his plan remained intact. His driver kept performing and, despite never attacking a single par-5 (maybe his best plan), he finished on 205, 9-under par!"

Top SA golfing journalist, Michael Vilmas, says Sunshine Tour professional Horne does not take holidays in the Eastern Cape. But after his victory in Friday's Vodacom Origins of Golf presented by Samsung, he may want to reconsider.

Horne's three-stroke victory at St Francis Links lifted him from 50th on the Investec Cup standings to 24th. And if he carries on with this kind of form, he will certainly have a reason to spend more time in the millionaire's hamlet of St Francis Bay, Vilmas suggests.

The top 30 players on the Investec Cup

standings qualify for the Investec Cup tournament next March, and here they will be playing for a shared bonus pool of R10 million, plus the prize money for the tournament.

Earlier this year, Trevor Fisher Jr. won over R6 million with his victory in the Investec Cup, drumming home the incentive for the likes of Horne, Vilmas maintains.

"The Investec Cup is always a big incentive, but I'm just going to be finding some form at the moment. I've had a long break and played very little golf. My game is back to where it should be," Horne said.

Horne closed with a 71 in wet and windy conditions on Friday, finishing on nine under par. Erik van Rooyen took second place on six under with a final round of 74.

Horne started the round tied for the lead with Van Rooyen on eight under par, five clear of the field. But Horne made a fast start with four birdies in his first five holes.

"I was really tentative on the second day and I slipped home in one under par. I made sure I didn't go out in that same kind of tentative."

Source: Santa and Michael Vilmas

St Francis set for more Classic Golf

With just over a month to go to the 17th Calamant Golf Classic St Francis Golf Club (SFGC) is getting ready to play golf, enjoy the camaraderie and entertainment on offer from 25-27 September.

The Club expects a full field of 256 golfers again this year. At this stage there are 5 four balls available. Please contact Janine – 042-294 0467 to book your four balls.

The course is in fantastic condition thanks to

Gordon Dennett and his staff. Heather and Graham will ensure a feast of food at night to go along with the entertainment. Thursday 25 September when a local band Absent Irish will perform. On 26 September there will be an 80s Disco by Keith and on 27 September Rob Palmer and Roger Gilson will perform. Visitors to St Francis and local residents are welcome to join in the festivities at night.

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