

Repairs to Paradise Beach start this month

Repairs to the causeway between Aston Bay and Paradise Beach at Jeffreys Bay are set to commence in February 2015.

Kouga Municipal Manager Sidney Fadi said sections of the causeway would be resurfaced and the foundation strengthened.

The repairs are scheduled to take place from February 10 to March 31, however, residents are advised that the schedule is weather dependent.

The causeway will be closed to vehicles while repairs are underway.

The Municipal Manager said limited pedestrian traffic would be allowed at own risk, depending on the water levels.

The alternative route for vehicles is the gravel road that is accessed from the R102

between Jeffreys Bay and Humansdorp. The road, which passes the Lombardini Game Reserve, is a provincial road and maintained by the Eastern Cape Department of Public Works.

The Municipality started breaching the Seekeo lagoon mouth this week in order to lower the water levels and allow for repairs. While permission for the breach was obtained from the Department of Environmental Affairs in mid December, various conditions first had to be met due to the sensitivity of the surrounding ecosystem.

The surface of the causeway suffered extensive damage during 2014 due to strong winds and high water levels.

A triumph against France at St Francis Links



By Laili Stander, for South African Golf Association

South Africa's junior team claimed a resounding 14-4 victory in the two-day Test against France at St Francis Links on Wednesday.

The local heroes carried a five point lead into the final day, having won all three opening Foursomes and four out of six Singles games on day one.

A heavy overnight downpour caused a delayed start to the final day's proceedings, but not even the overcast conditions and light drizzle could dampen the South African team's fire at the magnificent Jack Nicklaus-designed layout.

The six-pack blasted to a clean sweep in the second round Foursomes and reeled in four points in the Singles to beat the French for a second successive year.

Boiaat amateur Herman Loubser and JP Cooper from Gauteng North set the tone in the Foursomes when they defeated Antoine Kuoch and Jeong-Weon Ko 6 & 5 in the first game out.

Skipper Johan Rebula from Southern Cape and Gauteng North's Keegan de Lange beat Antoine Auboin and Leo Mathard 5 & 4, and Central Gauteng pair Dylan Naidoo and Marco Steyn grend out a 2 & 1 victory against Victor Veyret and Paul Foulque.

Former Nomads SA Boys U-15 champion Loubser claimed the first scalp when he whipped Kuoch 4 & 3.

Cooper from Wingate won 2 & 1, reigning Nomads SA Boys U-17 champion Naidoo triumphed 3 & 2 and recent Dr Barn winner De Lange claimed a 4 & 2 victory to take South Africa's tally to 14 points.

Foulque, who claimed two prestigious titles in Scotland last year, proved too tough to beat, though, and handed Steyn a 4 & 2 drubbing.

Rebula went head-to-head with Veyret, the only returning member of last year's French team.

The Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation player struggled to get going but rallied to stay in the game. However, the George junior lost the last two holes to hand Veyret a 1-up victory.

"The French were fantastic adversaries,

but some of our players simply blew hotter than theirs," said South African Golf Association Golf Intergration Manager, Eden Thomson.

"The team's fighting spirit was really admirable and it was an absolute privilege for me to manage these six young men.

"In the end, though, golf was the winner. All 12 players really enjoyed the Test and the opportunity to challenge at this championship layout. You can't put a price on international competition and the French players also gained a lot from playing abroad."

"The course was in fantastic shape and tested every aspect of their games. I believe the changing weather conditions enhanced the experience and provided yet another facet to the challenge."

The dozen players will need every ounce of experience gained over the last two days when they face off against the cream of South Africa and Scotland in the Eastern Province / Border Stroke Play this weekend.

The 54-hole curtain-raiser will be played at Port Elizabeth Golf Club and will serve as the final preparation for the prestigious South African Stroke Play Championship that tees off at the same course on Tuesday, 3 February.

Foursomes Result
Herman Loubser & JP Cooper beat Antoine Kuoch and Jeong-Weon Ko 6 & 5
Dylan Naidoo & Marco Steyn beat Victor Veyret & Paul Foulque 2 & 1

Singles Result
Johan Rebula & Keegan de Lange beat Antoine Auboin & Leo Mathard 5 & 4

Singles Result
JP Cooper beat Jeong-Weon Ko 2 & 1
Herman Loubser beat Antoine Kuoch 4 & 3
Dylan Naidoo beat Leo Mathard 3 & 2
Keegan de Lange beat Antoine Auboin 4 & 2

Marco Steyn lost Paul Foulque 4 & 2
Johan Rebula lost Victor Veyret 1-up

In the photo (not in order)
Christopher Potler (French coach), Paul Foulque, Leo Mathard, Antoine Auboin, Victor Veyret, Antoine Kuoch, Jeong-Weon Ko, JP Cooper, Herman Loubser, Johan Rebula, Dylan Naidoo, Marco Steyn, Keegan de Lange and Eden Thomson (SA manager)

Hdorp caravan park up for sale

The Ben Marais Caravan Park in Humansdorp is up for sale as it is considered not viable and is costing the Kouga Municipality money to run.

A condition of the sale of the property is that the purchaser must build an office park, a shopping centre or an entertainment complex. The municipality advertised the sale of land and plans to use the income generated from the sale for acceleration of service delivery.

As required by law, the municipality started the tendering process for the sale of the property and the notice for the expression of interest was issued. The notice period expired at the end of January 2015.

The caravan park site is one of other pieces of land identified for disposal after a Council

process of alienating land that is regarded as not necessarily needed for service delivery. The alternative disposal route will not be used for construction of houses, water and sewerage works, electrical networks etcetera.

Some of the conditions of the notice require that the aspiring tenderer should construct one or more of the following: an office park, a business centre or residential units. The successful bidders will decide what to construct once they take over, but will have to stick to the categories that are listed on the notice. In other words, one would tend to buy the property from the municipality. How long they would take to build and the nature of the new structures would be entirely up to them

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"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

"Envy is ignorance. Imitation is suicide.

"Cause and effect, means and ends, seed and fruit, cannot be severed; for the effect always blooms in the cause, the end preexists in the means, the fruit in the seed"

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

WORD PUZZLE (10m pt)

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3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. 9 The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works. 10 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing - Psalms 145: 9, 16

10 For thou art my God: thy spirit is good - Psalms 143: 10

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. 6 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. 6 Blessed shall thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shall thou be when thou goest out.

9 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou shalt thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee - Deuteronomy 28: 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases: 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies: - Psalms 103: 1-4

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