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Vodacom Origins of Golf Finals at the Links



The Vodacom Origins of Golf Finals will be held at St Francis Links, St Francis Bay, in the Eastern Cape at the end of this month.

This prestigious national event with live TV coverage is in its second decade of play. "We have hosted many events here at St Francis Links and at Pekaia before," says Jeff Clause, CEO of St Francis Links.

"The finals will be played the first week in November concluding on Saturday, the 5th with 72 amateurs and 72 professionals playing a two-day pro-am on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Then the professionals will follow on playing 54 holes on our great course."

Last year, young Christian Basson posted the best 54-hole total in our history eking out a one shot victory as 19 players broke par," Clause says. "This year, he will be joined by other winners from the Vodacom events played before ours as well as the likes of Tilch, Wallie and Lyle, our local favorites."

"We encourage you and your friends to make a plan and join us for the 2016 Vodacom Origins of Golf Final at St Francis Links from 31 October to 5 November."



Christian Basson, winner 2015.
Photo: Bev Mortimer

Links Cup – SA Wins (again)



By Jeff Clause

Here's a sport where SA has dominated over the past years. The Links Cup, an annual event played at the same time as the Ryder Cup and the President's Cup, is growing in stature and participation. This year 44 players teamed up for South Africa and the Internationals in a 27-hole format!

Then they played golf - fourball matches, foursomes and singles in real Scottish and Irish weather. Pairings for the foursomes and fourballs were kept the same for the sake of time; the singles featured new pairings with golfers playing

matches reflecting their similar handicaps. In the end, the South Africans prevailed after a very strong showing in the fourball matches.

Their 9-2 start was followed by 5 1/2 - 5 1/2 in the foursomes and an 8 1/2 - 12 1/2 loss in the singles. 23 - 20 was the final score enabling Norman to place the gold medals over his player's heads! It was the "improving golfers" who made the difference as Basil Berry, playing in his first Links Cup, and Roger Smith were undefeated for the SA side.

JBay bowls 2nd behind Woods in Calamari Bowls

The Calamari Classic Bowls Tournament was won by the Woods Bowling Club, PE featuring Hilton, Jen and Shaun Cherry and Colleen. The runners up were Barry van Wyk's Team from Jeffreys Bay.

This 3-day Tournament is the biggest fundraiser and also the best known tournament for the St. Francis Bay Bowling Club.

This year this event took place for the 17th time and was sponsored by Personal Trust International and co sponsored by Knyana Lifestyle Estate.

The Teams who took part came from as far as Cape Town, Hermanus, Still Bay, Sasolburg in the Free state, Knyana, Plet, Graham's town and Jeffreys Bay and of course good support from Port Elizabeth.

On the first day the Teams played two games, finished a bit earlier to have enough time to have a Canal Cruise followed by Dinner and Dance back at the Club (included in entry fee).

Saturday after Breakfast at the Club three games were played and another 2 games

on Sunday. Thanks to the weather which is always crucial - the Tournament once more turned out extremely successful.

The Tournament was won by a Team from the Woods Bowling Club, PE - namely Hilton, Jen and Shaun Cherry and Colleen. Runner up was Barry van Wyk's Team from Jeffreys Bay.

Very well done to the winning and all the other Teams who took part at the Tournament. The vibe, camaraderie, sportsmanship etc was fantastic.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to another successful event.

The Jeffreys Bay team was placed second.

Seen here are Woods team: Hilton, Jen, Colleen and Shaun.

JBay team members are Barry, Johnny, Martha and Prop. The club was congratulated on the excellent event and all the sponsors were thanked.

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