

Els for Autism at Links raises record R232 000



Nico van Rensburg, Els for Autism, Brand Manager, South Africa, with winners, Frank Capstick & Allen Carstens.

A Record fundraiser day at Day at St Francis Links generated a nett R232 000 for Els for Autism South Africa...

The Champions were Frank Capstick & Allen Carstens with 45 pts. Runners-up were Vlam Michau & John Rielly. Golfers and supporters travelled from afar for the day and some golfers came all the way from Northern Ireland to play and participate.

CEO of St Francis Links, Jeff Clause writes: "The weather was perfect and the enthusiasm on the course carried over to the evening."

Keith Donaldson and Paddy Thompson (Absent Irish) got the function rolling with song and played again after the auction. Nico van Rensburg shared videos of Ernie and the Autism story that now effects 1 in 42 boys worldwide.

All who were in attendance were moved by the stories with some giving from their pockets to support the children and families (more than 115 families) in SA. My friends, Rob McCormick and Bertie

Warwick from "Norn Iron" joined hometown boy, Roy Pickan and came with signed originals of Rory and Darren Clarke that were later sold for R15 000 - nice contribution from the lads.

The winners advance to the finals at Highland Gate. The winners there qualify to play in the SA OPEN Pro-Am at Glandower. That's worth a drive to Dullstroom!

On the night, we auctioned some great memorabilia including a Sergio Garcia piece from the Masters, Rory and Ernie from The SA Open, signed bottles of Ernie's wines, trips to the wine country with accommodation at the new Pearl Valley Hotel and golf at Arabella and Pearl Valley, accommodation at the Puzella Conrad for 4 with golf at Fancourt and Puzella and even a trip to the Highland Gate finals for 2."

St Francis Links thanks all who played and supported the day and the auction that followed.

PRO-AM Tournament at St Francis Links



Anthony Michael was announced as the PRO winner of the PRO-AM tournament, part of the Vodacom Sunshine Tour at St Francis Links, ahead of the Vodacom Origins of Golf tournament that ran from 21-23 September.

Michael's prizes included the Vodacom Origins of Golf St Francis Links professional trophy, a year's playing rights at the five-star St Francis Links, a car hire for the next tournament at Vodacom Origins of Golf at Sishen Golf Club with the complements of Avis and L'Ormarins Brut Classic.

Olof Nesser won the Vodacom Origins of Golf St Francis Links amateur trophy, a year's playing rights at the five-star St Francis Links and L'Ormarins Brut

Classic.

In second place behind Michael was PRO Keenan Davids who won a Bvlgari hamper and wines from Terra del Capo. Then in second place behind Nesser was amateur Zain Asmal who also won a Bvlgari hamper and wines from Terra del Capo.

In third place was PRO Peter Karmis who won a case of Terra del Capo Pinot Grigio, as did the third placed amateur, Mauro Netti from St Francis Bay.

At prize giving St Francis Links CEO, Jeff Clause, announced the top five golfers who go through to the Final. They are: Olof Nesser, Zain Asmal, Craig Ross, Ian Coesens and Mike Kennedy.



Cape Town Surfriders win Freedom Cup at Billabong SA Junior Champs

Cape Town Surfriders clinched the coveted Freedom Cup for the team accumulating the highest points across all divisions at the 2017 Billabong SA Junior Champs presented by BOS, which was completed in excellent one metre waves at the Lower Point in Jeffreys Bay on 8 October.

The victory margin was the closest in the 21 years' history of the trophy with the team from Cape Town reclaiming the cup they won in 2015 by scoring just 53 points more than their arch rivals from eThekweni.

The Capeptenians also claimed two of the eight individual national titles at stake and provided five of the 32 finalists, earning a total of 42,840 points. eThekweni (42,777) finished runners-up with hosts and

defending team champions Nelson Mandela Bay (41,792) in third place and Buffalo City (40,277) in fourth. They were followed in the team standings by Cape Winelands, Ugu, Eden, debutants iNtombi and the SA Development Academy.

Ford Van Jaarsveldt (Cape Town Surfriders) was consistent throughout the U18 boys' division, winning every single heat he contested.

Nelson Mandela Bay surfer Joshe Faulkner was relegated to second place and Kirsty McGilivray (Nelson Mandela Bay) added another SA title to her name with her powerful and precise surfing, capturing the crown in the dying seconds of the u18 girls final.

Ladies' Day at Hankey Golf Club

Lady golfers from the Kouga area played their annual Hankey Day event at Hankey Golf course a real gem of a course in the Eastern Cape they say.

Ladies from St Francis Bay, St Francis Links, Jeffreys Bay, Zwartkopsbos, Hankey and Uitenhage golf played and the day was organised by St Francis Bay Golf Club.

Zana Gouw and Toska Joubert from Hankey Golf Club pulled out all stops.

The ladies were treated with muesli, yoghurt and strawberries on arrival and after prize giving there was a light lunch. Each lady also received a box filled with fresh fruit and vegetables from generous farmers in the area.

The ladies were on top of their game with excellent scores:

- First: Helen Bridges, Annatjie Gerber and Joan-Louise Manthe – 54 points
- Second: Joey van Jaarsveld, Irene

Lynn gets an Ace for 1st time



Dr Lynn Slograve who has been playing and winning many golf tournaments during 4 years has never had a hole-in-one. The Links' Cup last month saw her first-ever Ace and she was absolutely thrilled!