

Am Amazing Race for the environment

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The environment scored twice on 18 December in St Francis. First there was sorely-needed rain and then there was the Amazing Race up at the Links with proceeds going to the Kromme Enviro-Trust.

There was a tense half hour when it looked like rain might stop play, but the golf gods smiled and they were off. The sun didn't shine but the competition was hot. Seventy-plus players had a great morning, with smiling marshals on every tee box, delicious snacks from local eateries on every third hole, and a warm reception at the Links for prize-giving and lunch. The Kromme Enviro-Trust once again has funds to carry out their environmental mandate and the December holidays is off to a great start.

A full field of competitors took to their golf carts and charged out to eighteen Par 3 tee boxes on St Francis Links. The Kromme Enviro-Trust had set them a triple challenge - golf with several twists, an enviro-quiz, and for the kids, a treasure hunt. The race was on.

Some impressive tee shots were made with a putter, and some not so impressive with

a driver. It's not that easy to hold back on that tee shot it seems. But Anthony Oswald made it look easy, with his stunning hole-in-one on the second. And Basil Barry and Craig Moffitt played the winning round, clearly masters of Par 3 golf.

Ron and Richard Nienaber were the top scorers in the enviro-quiz. They didn't take the top spot however. That went to Angie and Andrew Schultz, visitors from Cape Town playing in their second Amazing Race. They had the best combined score for golf and enviro-quiz, showing that experience pays.

The enviro-quiz questions highlighted the extraordinary biodiversity of the St Francis area and demonstrated how the Links contributes to preserving our valuable species. The kids searched the sprinkler heads for some of the letters of each answer and really earned their prizes, especially young Nicholas Dreyer. At only five years old he was the youngest competitor to find all eighteen clues, and he was presented with a certificate from Sencob making him the proud adopter of a penguin.



Overall winners Angie & Andrew Schultz with Richard & Matthew Schultz



Winners of golf section, Basil Barry and Craig Moffitt with Madeleine Barry and Willem de Voogt.

Nasty weather causes some upsets



There were big upsets with paddle skis capsizing! Rough seas at the start of the Shark Point Doubles Challenge at Oyster Bay for the 20km race to Cape St Francis.

The event, sponsored by Gary Olsen, took place in gloomy overcast conditions and rough surf.

The tricky conditions at Oyster caused many boats to overturn. It was thanks to the NSRF for their jetski in the surf zone, and their big duck following the surf, plus Barry Culligan and Garth Shanley spotting in their microlight.

It was a memorable race, with Clint Hempel and the St Francis Paddling Club team

participating. The event was once again won by Greg Louw and Rob Welsh.

Andre van Wyk and Richard Arden (who provided this info), had a nasty swim on the way out at the backline so missed the start.

But the pair say they had a good race thereafter, with great downwind conditions for the second half. They finished 14th, after a scary close encounter with a large wave off the lighthouse.

St Francis Brewing Company provided much needed sustenance afterwards while swar stories were swapped over and over. Photos: Cathryn Hempel.

St Francis Bay Tennis Tournament sponsored by Pam Golding

A successful tennis tournament was held at St Francis Bay Tennis Club over season with 24 players.

The winners of the Seniors Section were Maxie Heppel and Rob Lonsdale.

The winners of the Juniors Doubles Section were Henry and Lisianna.

Winners of the Singles Section, were Cam and Sophi.



Presenter of the Annual trophy, in aid of his brother, was Gips, centre with two Senior winners, Maxie, left, and Rob.

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