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From the Club



Make sure you buy the April issue of **Compleat Golfer** to see Zwartkop featured as their Course of the Month. The writer, Ben Karpinski produced this short video of his round, playing with Ian & Adam. [Watch it here.](#)

Here's another video where Ben talks to Dale about the history of Zwartkop - [watch it here.](#)

A great weekend in Clarens...

Over the weekend, 34 members and their wives spent a few days at Clarens Golf Estate. Although it was bookended by rain, the weather held out perfectly for the golf! It

was a blast. This is the third time Zwartkop members have attended what is called the Dale Hayes Day. It starts with 9 holes on the Friday afternoon followed by a braai and then on Saturday they play 18 holes while the non-golfers hit the town.

The man of the match was **Noel Wright** who shot a 75 gross. Big fines are still to be given to Allen Rheeder and Shawn Rouse for extreme rudeness to their partners out on the course. They don't seem to understand that a 4-ball alliance means all 4 players can contribute - they were convinced that they should try not to score any points for fear that the 4-ball could win a prize!

Clarens is three and half hours away and the cost of the golf, food and two-night's accommodation is almost too cheap. Make sure you watch for the dates for next year's trip. It's something that should not be missed!



It's the Masters...

It's Masters week at Zwartkop. Not everything is quite as green as the golf course after the rain, but you will see some extra colour around the golf shop and clubhouse.

Make sure you pop in anytime on **Wednesday afternoon** to play 9 holes on the Chip & Putt Mashie Course and stand a chance to win a 2019 Masters Flag & Cap.

On Thursday, in addition to the **Meat Competition** every player will be drawn a professional playing in the Masters and their Pro's Par 3 score will be added to their Meat Day score. The winner will get a 2019 Masters Flag & Cap.

Saturday, the first of this year's **Grand Slam** events.

We hope – and the SA pro's playing at Augusta, have a great week!

Hollow tining...

We have some fun events planned for you when we hollow tine later this month.

On Wed, 24th April we will play a **GreenKeepers Revenge** – you will get to play Zwartkop like you've never seen it before. It will look like it's a golf course designed by Stephen King....but still fun...

On Thurs, 25th, the **Meat Day** will be played on the Short Course. That means that we will be setting up the course for your best ever score! At least you will be able to reach Par 5's in two shots and you may even drive a par 4!

On, Fri, 26th we will play an **8-ball Commando** – if you've never played in one this is your chance. It is great fun and contrary to popular belief takes no longer than a normal round because you play ready golf!

To take part in any of the above fun events all you have to do is call the golf shop on (012)654-2111 or book online on www.zwartkopcountryclub.co.za.



*We're hollowtyning...but
still having a ball!*

24th April - Greenkeepers Revenge

A real challenge but a good laugh & great fun

25th April - Meat Day Short Course

You'll have your best score ever - enjoy!

26th April - 8-Ball Commando

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**Call (012)654-1144 or book online at
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Jokers Wild Draw...

Congrats to **Shumani Ramapala** who won the Jokers Wild draw on Friday – the jackpot has rolled over to R3340. Join us for cocktails and live music this Friday and the draw will get done at 18h30!



Men's Locker room...

The painting of the clubhouse is pretty much done (except for finishing off in the men's locker room once we are done there). Once again we would like to say a huge thank-you to Vaughan Prost and **Promac Paints** for their tremendous support of the club ver this project. We greatly appreciate all that they have done for us! Remember that Zwartkop members are eligible for a **25% discount** so call them on **(012) 804-7305**.



Practice with Purpose in April

Join Elsabe and Justin every Wednesday from **12h30 to 13h30** in April as they focus on short iron play.

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Win a Dream Vacation Holiday when you make a Hole-in-One on the 7th Hole...

The holiday is valued at **R25 000**, is subject to availability and is out of school holidays
only. *Holes-in-one must be made during an official competition with at least 3 players
in the group.*



What's coming up?

Tues, 9th – Tasty Tuesday Open Day & Half Price Pizza Tuesday Night!

Tasty Tuesday includes a golf cart sharing & a pizza after golf! Members pay R290 (prepaid greenfees pay R185); Affiliated Visitors pay R370 & Unaffiliated Visitors pay R470.

Pizza Night - Bring the whole family down for a treat. T's & C's apply, including standard pizza's only & no take-away's. We'll have live music.



Wed, 10th – Open Day – AM & Masters Par 3 Competition from 14h00 / **Wooster Wednesday's** – live music & unbelievable chicken flatties...

Thurs, 11th – Masters Meat Day – Members pay R260 including comp fee & Affiliated Visitors pay R280 including comp fee.

Fri, 12th – Open Day – All Day & Jokers Wild Draw at 18h30.

Sat, 13th – Members Day -All Day – Masters Grand Slam Trophy.

Sun, 14th – Members AM & Open Day - PM.

Mon, 15th – Monday Madness (Members & Affiliated Visitors pay R225 (includes golf

& a golf cart on a sharing basis). Non-affiliated golfers pay R335) – All Day.

Tues, 16th – Tasty Tuesday & Half Price Pizza Night!

Wed, 17th – Open Day – AM / Wooster Wednesday.

Thurs, 18th – Meat Day – All Day.

Fri, 19th – Good Friday - Open Day – All Day & PM - Jokers Wild Draw.

Beat the Heat 9-Hole Specials - Play 9 holes after 15h30 & the price includes a cart & bottle of water - Members R120 (No cart = R70); Visitors R150 (No cart R100) & Juniors R100 (No cart R50).

Fun GNGU Events for you to participate in: -

11th April – Senior Ladies @ Centurion

14th April – GNGU Closed (Men; Women & Juniors) @ Services

14th – Nomads @ Pretoria CC

15th April – Development League @ Wingate

You can enter via the [GNGU website](#).



Are you constantly battling with your short-game?

One of the main reasons why most of us struggle with our pitch and chip shots is because we battle to control the distance. Here's a few tips on how you can improve

those shots to score better on the course.

Firstly, most golfers struggle to get the right distance because they have the same length backswing for all shots but tend to hit the ball harder or softer to get the right distance. Tip: practice to compare the length of your backswing to the distance you want the ball to go and try to keep record of how far each shot goes.

Secondly, are you using the correct wedge to play those chip shots. Most people just take a sand wedge without considering how much the ball will spin. This will have a great effect on the overall distance the ball will travel.

To find out whether you have got the correct club in your hand for the shot, come and visit us in the Golf Shop and we will help you out.

You can still join us for our trip to Fancourt...

Our Annual Fancourt Golf Tour will take place from **26th to 29th April** and there are still a few places available if you would like to join us! R6999 per person includes 3 nights' accommodation at Fancourt (sharing), 2 rounds of golf (Outeniqua & Montagu), shared golf carts, breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 shirts and a gift on arrival.

Call **(012)654-1144** and chat to either Sharon Bruyns (Sharon@zwartkopcc.co.za) or Ian Hayes (ian@zwartkopcc.co.za) for details.

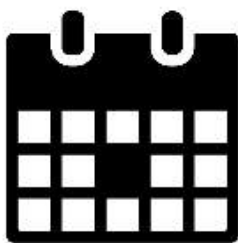
Product of the Week

We're going green for The Masters...

Ahead Green Golf Shirts - R398, Srixon Soft Feel 2-Dozen pack – R399; Srixon Z-Star & XV Double packs - R199; All green caps – R299 & Zwartkop logo caps – R199.



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Golf tip of the week

This week Elsabe gives you advice on playing off the tee on the **18th hole**.



Elsabe Hefer is a Fellow Member of the PGA; a former Gauteng North PGA Teacher of the Year and PGA Top 20 Teacher. She is the Head Teaching Professional at

Zwartkop Country Club



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Simplify your short game

Three swings you can replicate

Do you lack confidence controlling distance with your pitch shots? Many, even most, of our golfers have one swing length for all pitch shots. They control their distance by accelerating or decelerating into the ball. That's a tough task and just adds to the challenge of the shot. It's very difficult to be precise.

Control distance with the length of your back-swing and follow-through. Work with three swing lengths using the clock face theory 9-3, 11-1 and full swing. It will help you hit it closer more often through greater distance control.



Wedge	Swing length	Yardage
60°	9 - 3	23m
60°	11 - 1	64m
60°	Full	92m
55°	9 - 3	32m
55°	11 - 1	98m
55°	Full	108m
50°	9 - 3	40m
50°	11 - 1	110m
50°	Full	122m
PW	9 - 3	43m
PW	11 - 1	118m
PW	Full	130m

Now you should create a wedge chart. An accurate recording of the distance each wedge travels depending on the length of your swing.

This will help you make better decisions on the course. This will help you hit your distance target more often.

Fill the gaps

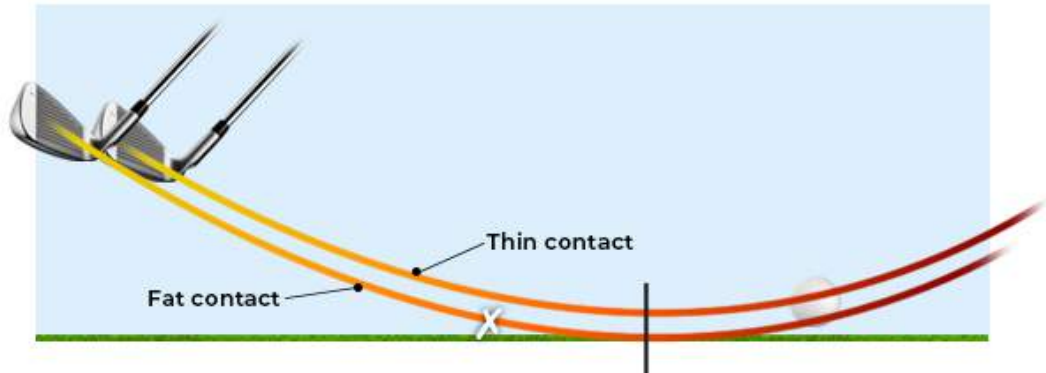
Integrating a 9-3 and 11-1 swing into your wedge game is critical to ensure you are never between clubs again. You will be shocked by the consistency and confidence you gain. It only takes one lesson.

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Better ball striking

Going the wrong direction?

We see a lot of golfers missing out on the real sweet feeling of solid iron contact because they're making either "fat" or "thin" contact.



There are a couple of quite common reasons why some golfers struggle with poor (fat or thin) contact. One is they're going in the wrong direction.

In this image, in an attempt to get the ball airborne the golfer is trying to strike the ball with an ascending blow by moving their weight away from the target (to their back foot) on the downswing.

During the downswing weight should move from the back foot to the front foot towards the target, encouraging a slightly descending, ball-first contact.





Make that shoulder turn. On the backswing don't allow the right arm to collapse. Avoid the inclination to pick the club up. Rotate your upper body, and set yourself up to make a good transition, from a good place at the top of your backswing.

Make it solid

You need to strike the ball first with a slight descending trajectory. That ensures your contact is solid and strikes the face in the hitting zone. We have drills that can help you on the practice range. We can also look at your swing and let you know how to improve your ball striking.

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