

First Swing Program Report: September 2014

The contribution which was received for equipment and kit from the Sports Trust was delivered in September. Part of the equipment was the SNAG range of light, plastic, brightly coloured golfing range. This equipment is ideal for the more severely disabled children in the Level 1 & 2 of the FSP.



7 juniors participated in the SADGA Provincial Day at Westlake. Charles Williams came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the deaf division with 32 points and Daren Hannekom, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our thanks to Westlake GC for the preferential rates for our juniors.

*Riaan Spreeth hands over 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to Charles Williams (left) and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize to Daren (right).*



Playing in The Western Province Junior Championships at the Strand Golf Club in a very strong South Easter, Charl Theron qualified in the A Division to play in the Western Province Match Play Championship.

Ignation Douries was selected to play in the Boland Mini Masters in October.

The official opening of the NOMADs De La Bat putting area took place on Casual Day in Worcester. The golf juniors have committed to using, looking after and maintaining the putting area. The Principal is extremely impressed with the positive change that the golf program is making, in particular to the golfers punctuality, neatness and commitment to the golf program. The De La Bat Juniors play regularly at Worcester golf club and we believe that this group of juniors will one day take part in the prestigious World Deaf Golf Championships.

*Erno Ueckermann (Boland Nomads Captain), Coach Kulk Martinus and Principal Cook*



We also took a trip to Southern Cape and Eugene played a few holes of golf with the Carpe Diem Level 3 children. The Level 1&2's were introduced to the SNAG equipment and again it was well received.

In the KZN region, the SADGA team held a NOMADS FSP Roadshow for the Kwanthintwa School for the Deaf in Inchanga to introduce the deaf juniors to golf. Coach Andrew Corthing gave the juniors an introduction as to how to use their bodies and relate it to a golf specific movement.





There was high energy, great excitement and a hunger to learn. It was great to have Shelagh Digby from the KZNGU help us out at the day. Thanks also to coaches from Cotswold Downs GC, as well as SAGDB coaches Vusi and Sandile who came out to help.

Coach Anton Steyn was extremely impressed with the talent that was shown within just 1 day of these juniors being introduced to golf and is very excited to start weekly training sessions at Cato Ridge GC with them.

SADGA also made use of this opportunity to introduce the Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists from our Level 1-2 schools on the new SNAG golf equipment.

Sessions in Central Gauteng are going very well with Coach Andrew Corthing. At an Open Day at Wits Education campus all the children from Forestown School (wheelchair & walkers) had to do laps around the field & during that time, Andrew introduced all 150 children to the FSP program, each child getting a chance to hit a few balls and try out golf.

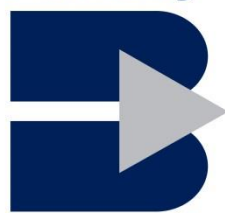
There will be an Interschool's Triangular taking place in October for the top 4 juniors from Wessrand School, Forestown School and Hope School at CMR.



The Port Elizabeth region is running well with the 3 schools and 1 home. Graeme Whales coaches are enthusiastic and the juniors are enjoying the program which is growing in leaps and bounds.

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