



Autumn Leaves

Edel T. Copeland

*Golden, crisp leaves falling softly from almost bare trees,
Lifting & falling in a hushed gentle breeze,
Slowly dropping to the soft cushioned ground,
Whispering & rustling a soothing sound.*

*Coppers, golds, & rusted tones,
Mother Nature's way of letting go.
They fall & gather one by one,
Autumn is here, summer has gone.*

*Crunching as I walk through their warm fiery glow,
Nature's carpet rich & pure that again shall grow,
To protect & shield its majestic tree,
Standing tall & strong for the world to see.*

*They rise & fall in the cool, crisp air.
It's a time of change in this world we share,
Nature's importance reflecting our own lives,
Letting go of our fears & again, too, we shall thrive.*

FROM THE DESK OF ANDREW CLARK

The seasons are really flying by & it's hard to think that summer will soon be behind us. The rain has finally come & the course is starting to show the benefits of the overdue rainfall.

All Memberships have been paid up & we continue to receive new Membership applications which is very encouraging. The few resignations were all as a result of Members moving away or scholars completing their Matric year & going off to University. Overall we have a healthy Membership pool.

The lodges are taking shape at a rapid pace & we expect opening to be around October 2017. This will hopefully bring a new income stream to Bosch Hoek Golf & fill a much needed void in our offering. We continue to attract visitors to the Club for both golf & lunches. It certainly proves to me that Bosch Hoek's name is out in the market as a must play course.

I have had the privilege of sitting in on our Golf Committee Meetings which have gone off incredibly well which demonstrates a great working relationship between us, as owners & our Golf Committee. On this note I would like to thank Mike Yeats for his contributions as Chairman & wish him all the best as he commences his break from this role, I stress "break" as I am sure in years to come we will see Mike back on the Committee. Lloyd Rowlands has taken over the reigns as Chairman & I am more than confident that he will do a sterling job. Pete Hedley comes in as Men's Captain & I wish him luck & success. I would also like to wish Sue Till all the best & thank her for her great captaincy of the ladies over the past year. This section has grown in numbers from strength to strength under Sue's guidance. Isabel Verwey has taken over from Sue & I am sure she will continue with the good work & growth the ladies have achieved.

Kayleigh is going off at the end of March to have her baby & we wish her all the very best & look forward to seeing her and her new bundle of joy soon.

Please continue to enjoy the offering at Bosch Hoek & I thank you all for the support you have given us.

From the Pro Shop

NEW MEMBERS

A warm Bosch Hoek welcome must be extended to our new Members & on behalf of Ivan Clark & the team at Bosch Hoek Golf Club we look forward to a long & mutually rewarding association.

- Jaco Ekkerd
- Jonathan Dougall
- Jacqueline Fouche
- Jill Hunter
- James Kiln
- Georgie Marques
- Wesley Moelich
- Aiken Olivier
- Johnny Pelser

We are delighted that you have joined our wonderful Club & trust that the benefits of Membership will meet your expectations. If at any time you feel unsure about anything, pop into the Pro Shop or contact Brad on 033 234 4232 or golf@boschhoek.co.za.

VISITORS FEEDBACK

“Fantastic course. Thoroughly enjoyed the day & can’t wait to come back”

- Dirk Botha

“Exceptional! What a magnificent setting”

- Vaughan Boden

“In such great condition! A real treat to play & wonderful views; nice people too!!”

- Jock Maxwell

“Absolutely superb. Exceeded all expectations!!”

- Ian Yeadon

“Your course is just amazing!! Fantastic to say the least”

- Iqbal Khan

2016 KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

To all the Members competing in one (1) or more of the **2016 Knockout Competitions** please be aware of who your opponent/s are & by what date you need to complete your match.

All three (3) draws are on the Club Notice Boards.

Reminder: Final stage matches **MUST** be completed by **Thursday 16 March 2017**.

Should you have any questions regarding the draw, please contact Brad Ross on 033 234 4232.

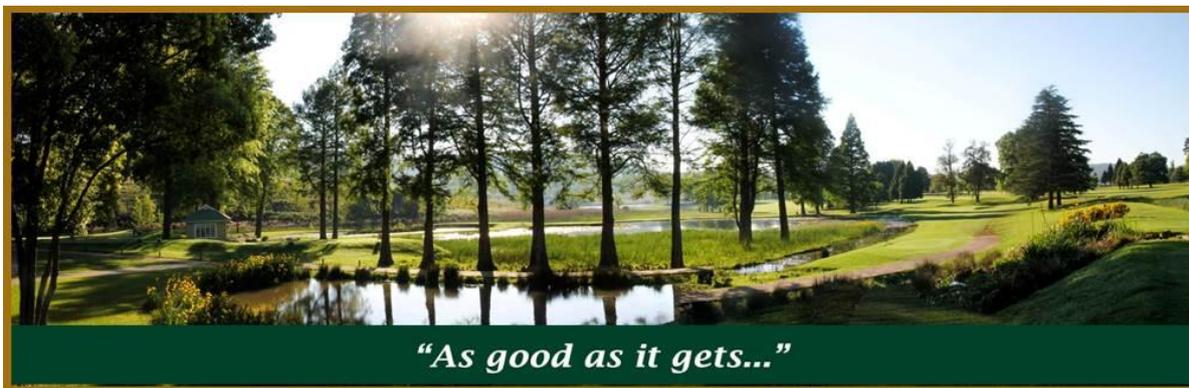
I wish all taking part the best of luck.

2017 BOSCH HOEK CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The *2017 Bosch Hoek Club Championships* will be held on **Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 March 2017**.

We encourage all taking part in the Club Championships to join us on **Friday 17 March 2017** from 17h00 for the Inaugural Opening, Champions Walk & Cocktail Party.

For all of our Members wishing to take part, please ensure you have entered by close of business on **Wednesday 15 March 2017**.



2017 Bosch Hoek Club Championships

Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 March 2017

Friday 17 March 2017

Cocktail Party

17h00: *Champions Walk & Cocktail Party*

Saturday 18 March 2017

Club Championships Day One

08h00: *Registration*

09h00: *Ladies Tee Off*

09h30: *Men Tee Off*

Sunday 19 March 2017

Club Championships Day Two

07h30: *Ladies Tee Off*

08h30: *Men Tee Off*

Entry Fee

R 400.00 per person

Excluding Green Fees which must be paid in full on Saturday morning before you tee off.

Your Package Includes

Tea, Coffee & Welcome Snacks
(Saturday & Sunday)

Halfway House
(Saturday & Sunday)

Lunch & Prize Giving
(Sunday)

Spouses / Partners & Children are welcome to join you for Sunday Lunch

R 110.00 per adult

R 50.00 per child
(under 12 years old)

Please confirm final numbers for lunch on Sunday by no later than Sunday 12 March 2017

Bookings open on Wednesday 15 February 2017

Please contact Brad on 033 234 4232 or golf@boschhoek.co.za to confirm your participation

Entries close on Wednesday 15 March 2017

WINDHOEK INTERNATIONAL PAIRS

Bosch Hoek Golf Club hosted the first round of the *Windhoek International Pairs* competition on Thursday 16 February 2017.

I must extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated & supported the day. With an impressive field of fifty six (56) players & with remarkable scores on the day, a number of individual rounds being under par, the target to beat was set high!

Bosch Hoek Golf Club has two (2) pairs going through to the regional finals - the pairs of Glynn Bodley & Michael Dawson as well as Dave Purdon & Brett Murray. Good luck in the Regional Finals!



MORTIMER FEDAUTO MONTHLY MUG

The Mortimer Fedauto Monthly Mug is always a great day, regardless of the scores. A day out on the course is followed by ice cold drinks & banter about the day's shenanigans.

All those avid Golfers wanting to challenge their skills, be sure to join us on the first Thursday of every month.



MEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT - LLOYD ROWLANDS

"2017 is already slipping by. Men's golf has been extremely busy this year with Thursdays being almost at capacity. The comradery & banter continues to create great days. We were treated to a wonderful Monthly Mug sponsored by Mortimer Fedauto in February where every golfer walked away a winner with a bottle of wine. This was an awesome gesture from Mortimer Fedauto & the Members were very grateful.

We have our Club Championships coming up so start practising! There have also been some epic matches in the Club Knockout Competitions & the finals are pretty much setup. Ron Jury has taken over as League Captain this year & his two (2) teams will shortly start their efforts to bring the trophy home.

I would like to thank the Team at Bosch Hoek for keeping the Bosch Hoek experience "As good as it gets" both on the course & in the Clubhouse."

LADIES CAPTAIN'S REPORT – SUE TILL

“This is my last report as Ladies Captain as I handed over to Isabel Verwey at the 2017 Bosch Hoek Golf Club AGM that was held over the weekend.

It has been a great honour being Captain of such an incredible group of Ladies.

Wednesday mornings are always well attended & we have welcomed some new Members recently. More ladies are attending the mixed golf competitions on Saturday afternoons & we hope to encourage even more Ladies to participate.

Our Ladies Committee will be changing as Caroline Katz is stepping down after being a stalwart. She will be greatly missed by the ladies as she is highly efficient & respected. Isabel will be forming a new Ladies Committee. I am very pleased that Fay Bell is remaining as Treasurer as she does a sterling job & is irreplaceable! Fay makes the Captain's position much easier as she has years of experience & great expertise.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Isabel Verwey a huge success as incoming Captain. I hope you find the position as rewarding & enjoyable as I have.”

THURSDAY & SATURDAY COMPETITIONS

It is brilliant to see so many of our Members taking part in Thursday & Saturday Competitions. Thank you for your support, we hope to see this trend continue as we head into the autumn & winter months.

2017 BOSCH HOEK GOLF CLUB AGM

The 2017 Bosch Hoek Golf Club AGM was held on Saturday 25 February 2017.

On behalf of the Bosch Hoek team, we would like to congratulate the following new Committee Members who were unanimously voted in:

Chairman:	Lloyd Rowlands
Men's Captain:	Pete Hedley
Ladies Captain:	Isabel Verwey
Members Representative:	Ron Jury
Homeowners Representative:	Daniel Dolpire

In closing we would like to thank Mike Yeats for his contribution, time & efforts given in his term as Bosch Hoek Golf Club Chairman & we wish Lloyd Rowlands a successful term as the new elected Bosch Hoek Golf Club Chairman.

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

Staying Connected

The term “Staying Connected” is one that the majority of golfers have either heard of from their playing partners on the golf course or by their PGA Coach during a lesson.

One would think this is a reasonably simple error to correct; I mean how hard can it be to “stay connected” during the swing?

During my years as a PGA coach & assisting golfers with their swing I see this fault more & more often. Golfers of all ages are some-what more focused on the term of keeping their arms connected to their body rather than understanding the terminology & concept of the technique.

Over the years, different techniques have been applied to assist golfers in creating this movement. Different forms of coaching aids, like gloves or towels, are stuck under the right or left arm. This in theory should “force” the golfer to keep his or hers arms tight up against their body throughout the swing so that the glove or towel didn’t drop to the floor, if this did happen it would mean the connection was lost.

Loosing Connection

Loosing connection, commonly referred to as the Chicken Wing, is when the right elbow moves away from the right half of the body in the initial take away. This disconnection leaves a noticeable gap at the top of the swing (pictured below). The player tends to stand up once the club has reached the top of the swing, elbow out & from this position at the top, comes down steep & fast. If this sounds like your swing, or if your playing partners have mentioned the Chicken Wing, following the drill below will hopefully improve your swing.

How can I fix this?

The drill I tend to use more than others is one that helps not only with keeping the swing connected with the body but also assists the you, the player, in ensuring the swing does not go too far in the take away. Both scenarios work hand in hand and can allow the club head more freedom through the swing, ensuring a cleaner, sweeter strike but more importantly a smooth transition through impact.

How does this Drill work?

1. The Stance

Using a Pitching Wedge set up to the ball with your feet together, leaving a gap of roughly the width of the club head. Remember this is a drill, not a driving competition.

2. Ball Position

Ball remains in the middle of the stance.

3. The Swing

Focusing on a $\frac{3}{4}$ swing, taking the Club back to the optimum position without having to stand during your swing or cause lateral movement. From there allow the club head to move through the impact zone first, not the hands! Should there be any “lost connection” in the initial takeaway you will more than likely fall over the shot (loss of balance). If you have done the drill correctly you will feel the club head moving through the impact zone, striking the ball cleanly, & pulling you through allowing a smooth turn towards your target.

Illustrated in the Pictures Below:



Should this be one of your struggles & should you like a lesson, please pop into the Pro Shop today for professional advice or book your lesson with Brad Ross on 033 234 4232 or 071 577 0202.

Bosch Hoek Golf Club steeped in history and beauty

BOSCH Hoek Golf Club, situated in the heart of the KwaZulu-Natal, is a nine-hole course that has an interesting history. It formed part of a farm that was among the original Voortrekker claims to be settled in the 1850s.

Jan Abraham Naude and Lucas Janssen van Vuuren were granted 5863 acres of land, and after an official survey, the property was registered in their names. The survey was done by government draughtsman Alfred Watts, whose original 1855 map of the colony of Natal – on which Bosch Hoek farm appears – is today a rare item of Africana history.

It was in the early 1960s that an interesting connection was made between The River Club, an exclusive private golf club in Johannesburg, and Bosch Hoek.

A group of influential businessmen had decided to form their own club in Bryanston, The River Club, and one of these founder members was Charles Sydeny Barlow. The celebrated course architect Robert Grimsdell was commissioned to design and construct the new club's layout.

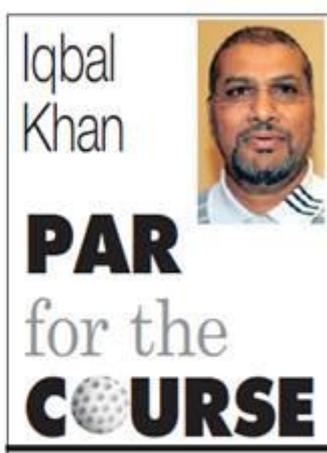
As part of the contract, Grimsdell undertook to lay out Barlow's own nine-hole course on his farm in the Natal Midlands.

The first shot on Bosch Hoek was played in 1963, and thereafter for 30 years the club remained in the private domain of Barlow and his friends. After Barlow died in 1979, his stepson, Peter Gallo, acquired the farm and continued to maintain the golf course as a private facility.

In 1990, Gallo formed the Bosch Hoek Golf Club and Country Estate and sometime later sold the development to the homeowners of the estate – who in turn sold the golf course to the current owner, South African entrepreneur, Ivan Clark.

Today the club has its first director of Golf in Brad Ross, who was at Durban Country Club for nine-and-half years, and the 29-year-old is living his dream.

He was a decent amateur,



according to him, but he was passionate about the game – the passion instilled in him by his father when he was a youngster – and became a PGA professional in 2008.

"It was always my dream to one-day to become a director of golf at a club and when the offer of being just that came along, I did not hesitate to take on the challenge," Ross said. "It's great to be here in the Midlands – the area is fantastic, the people are amazingly friendly and the job is just what I always dreamed of."

In the two years Ross has been at Bosch Hoek, he has seen improvement – they had the best financial year last year. The membership has increased – it stands at about 370 at the moment and he admits that the rounds are on the up which is "music to the ears" of any club official.

The amiable Ross has built a great rapport with the schools around the area and Michaelhouse, uses Bosch Hoek Golf Club facilities two to three times a week and plays inter-schools league games there as well.

"There's huge interest in the game from the youngsters in the various schools around the area which is very encouraging. Using this as their home base Michaelhouse, plays their league games against the likes of Hilton, Treverton, Maritzburg College and St Charles here," he says.

The club has its own dam and did not battle through the drought. They have bent grass on the greens and kikuyu on the fairways and tees.



BRAD ROSS

The course superintendent is Kes Hansen, who was at the club from 2002 to 2007 and then headed out to The Els Club (Copperleaf) in Pretoria for a short while. He's back now for three years and keeps the course in good nick.

An interesting thing at Bosch Hoek is the club competition on Saturdays. It's a "Pitch and Play" situation – it's a case of arriving and slotting your name on to the time sheet. It's a mixed competition which encourages family participation.

Ross adds: "It's a great way to build friendship among members and you don't play with the same people every week like it's done at most clubs. It encourages keen competition and camaraderie among members which works wonderfully well."

The Bosch Hoek course is surrounded by glorious countryside and the estate is restricted to only 35 properties, positioned well away from the playing areas.

It is close to the N3 highway, the course is screened by trees, and it is easily accessible without being negatively impacted by traffic noise. This is a beautiful country course with loads of charm, and the ideal place for a relaxing game of golf in peaceful surroundings.

It was obvious that Grimsdell's brief was to produce a highly playable layout,

and for the beginner or higher handicap golfer this course certainly fits the bill.

In 2013 the course was upgraded – the greens had bent grass, including other significant improvements were done by Golf Data.

The Clubhouse kitchen was also extended and state of the art kitchen equipment installed. The men's and women's changerooms were renovated and the clubhouse patio area was extended and upgraded.

The positioning of the 18 tees is critical to any nine-hole layout, and here the front and back nines are very different.

With the outward loop measuring 2 942m and the homeward nine 2 918m – it's not a monster by any means. Both lower and higher handicapped players will find challenges playing it.

The longest hole on this course is the Par-5 third which measures 517m while shortest hole is the signature Par-3 fifth, played over water.

Bosch Hoek is one of those enduring classics that has remained faithful to its original design, and hopefully will be preserved so for generations to come.

"Come, play the course," is what Ross said when he was first contacted. "You will enjoy the hospitality, the challenge and you would want to return again and again. That's a promise."

From the Clubhouse

Keep up to date by liking us on **Facebook** - www.facebook.com/boschhoek - it's the fastest way to keep up to date with what's happening at the Club. Please feel free to tag Bosch Hoek Golf Club on your **Instagram & Twitter** accounts using the hashtag **#boschhoekgolf**.

Please remember that the Golf Club is open for Breakfast & Lunch daily & I look forward to seeing you soon.

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please feel free to contact Barney Swarts on 033 234 4232 or dutymanager@boschhoek.co.za.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2017

- **Saturday 4 March 2017:** Windhoek International Pairs
- **Friday 17 March 2017:** Club Championships Opening Cocktail Party
- **Saturday 18 March 2017:** Club Championships Day 1
- **Sunday 19 March 2017:** Club Championships Day 2
- **Tuesday 21 March 2017:** Human Rights Day

APRIL 2017

- **Thursday 6 April 2017:** Mortimer Fedauto Monthly Mug
- **Friday 14 April 2017:** Good Friday
- **Sunday 16 April 2017:** Easter Sunday
- **Monday 17 April 2017:** Family Day
- **Thursday 27 April:** Freedom Day Mixed Golf

MAY 2017

- **Monday 1 May 2017:** Workers Day
- **Thursday 4 May 2017:** Mortimer Fedauto Monthly Mug
- **Sunday 14 May 2017:** Mother's Day

From the Fairways

GREENS

In early February we undertook a Slow Release Fertilization Program to all the greens. Our product of choice was Scotts 22-5-11; applied a rate of 20 grams per square meter, hopefully with the recent heavy rains we will see healthy signs of growth.

Recently we have experienced a fair amount of Dollar Spot on the greens due to the adverse weather conditions. Dollar Spot thrives on humid & moist weather conditions. We have applied numerous fungicides, including Rovral Flo, to alleviate the problem. A follow up spray will be completed in early March which we expect will combat the situation.

Dusting Programs are back on the cards during this period of the year. The greens have been dusted with silica sand to soak up the excess water that tends to puddle on certain greens. These programs are in place to alleviate the build-up of algae after the heavy rains received.

The greens are currently being mowed at a height of 3.8mm.

FAIRWAYS

Fairways affected by the clover invasion have been sprayed with Super Lawn Weeder, a herbicide used to combat clover & other invasive weeds coming to light due to the weather patterns.

The right hand side of the fourth fairway has been sodded & is responding well but more still needs to be done to cover the entire area. Moving forward to ensure this area is healthy, we have narrowed that section of fairway to promote growth; this in turn extends the rough more toward the centre of the fairway.

Fairways are currently being cut three (3) times per week at a height of 15mm.

ROUGH

There really isn't much to report on the rough except that at certain times we use our John Deere tractor & slasher to assist with mowing of the more out of play areas.

GENERAL

We have been very fortunate with the amount of rain we have received over the past couple of months. In January we received a total of 110mm of rain & 251mm in February.

With annual Club Championships around the corner I am not only confident but excited on the playing conditions of the Golf Course.

Keep it on the short stuff!

Regards,
Kes Hansen