



SILWERSTRAND

GOLF & RIVER ESTATE

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A Busy Golf Season Ahead at Robertson Golf Club - Johan Keyser

As we head into our busy golf season, there is plenty happening at Robertson Golf Club, and we are looking forward to welcoming our members, visiting golfers, schools, societies and corporate groups to the club over the coming months.

The next few months are going to be particularly busy, with a great variety of competitions, golf days and flagship events on the calendar. Some of the highlights include:

- H/s Robertson Golf Day
- L/s Robertson Golf Day
- Boland Golf League Final
- Senior Club Championships – No Wednesday competition
- GolfRSA Junior Open – **Golf Course Closed**
- Bobby Locke 2026 – **Golf Course Closed**
- ATKV Golf Day
- L/s Ashton Golf Day
- Round Table Golf Day
- Van Loveren Festival
- Boland Senior Series
- Captain vs Vice-Captain

In addition to these events, we will also be welcoming a number of visiting groups throughout the season, including groups playing over weekends. These visitors form an important part of our club and provide us with an excellent opportunity to showcase our course, facilities and hospitality.

With a busy calendar comes the need for a little patience and understanding from all our members. There will be days when the course is busier than usual, tee times may be limited, or certain areas of the club will be reserved for events. We will do our best to communicate these arrangements clearly and well in advance.

At the same time, our busy season is something we should be proud of. It is a reflection of the reputation Robertson Golf Club is building as a destination for golf days, tournaments, leagues and visiting golfers.

As Golf Director, I would like to thank our members, staff, volunteers, sponsors and everyone involved in making these events possible. It takes a team effort to ensure that each event runs smoothly and that both our members and visitors have a great experience.



Photo Credit : Ruaan Ferreira



Golf Fact of the Month: Pitch Marks & Divots

We all know that looking after the course is part of being a good golfer, but did you know just how much difference a few seconds on the green can make?

A properly repaired pitch mark can recover much faster than an unrepaired one. When repairing a pitch mark, don't try to lift the damaged turf upwards. Instead, gently push the surrounding turf towards the centre using your pitch-mark repair tool, and then gently tap the area down with your putter.

And here's a great rule to remember:

Repair yours and one more!

If every golfer repaired their own pitch mark plus one additional mark, our greens would benefit enormously.

Pitch marks aren't necessarily the result of a bad shot either. A beautifully struck approach that lands softly on the green can leave a significant pitch mark.

The same goes for divots. Divots are a natural part of golf and show that the course is being used as intended. Depending on the turf and the area of the course, divots may need to be replaced or filled with a sand/seed mixture.

So next time you walk off the green or leave the fairway, take a few seconds to look back and ask yourself:

Have I left the course as good as, or better than, I found it?

Those few seconds from each golfer can make a big difference to the condition of our course.

We look forward to an exciting and busy season ahead and, most importantly, to seeing our members enjoying the golf course and everything the club has to offer.

Let's make it a great golfing season at Robertson Golf Club!

Kind Regards,
Johan Keyser
Golf Director





BIRDING CORNER

Birding on Silwerstrand – Daniel Dolpire and Viv Newell

In this month's newsletter we cover some of the birds that Viv has photographed on the river side and I have focused more on the general estate.



Above we have the **Spur-winged Goose** in Afrikaans die Wildemakou. And below South African Shelduck or the Kopereend in Afrikaans. The male has an all grey head and neck and the female has a variable white face.



The next photo down at the river is the **Purple Heron** or in Afrikaans die **Rooireier**. Yellowish legs and black facial markings with black crown and clear stripes.



And back to the golf side and recent sightings of the Blue Crane pair on the 9th and 1st fairways! Very interesting behaviour as the Blacksmith Lapwing “die Bontkiewiet” harassing the Blue Crane!



Die Bloukraanvoël's call is a loud, guttural, rattling kraaaaark, often in duet.



A regular visitor to our rain gauge are the **Cape White-eye's. (Kaapse Glasogie)**



The African Harrier-Hawk alternate name is Gymnogene. Fairly common resident. In flight has a special call. Afrikaans name Kaalwangvalk.



BIRDING CORNER



White-throated Swallow is a regular visitor in summer. A blue-black breast band. They are intra Africa migrants. Arrive in SA July /August and depart April/May. Quite a challenge to photograph the swallows!



On the Left:

The **African Sacred Ibis** is a regular visitor on our fairways especially after heavy rains. They are looking for frogs, worms, reptiles and fish. Usually nest in large colonies in trees or reedbeds.

I read an article in an online fishing magazine called Stywe Lyne, describing this bird as follows:

Sy "vuil" kop, nek en stertvere het hom die onbenydenswaardige naam "skoorsteenveër" besorg. In skoorstene sal hy egter nie opgespoor word nie.



Above:

A resident on our estate is the Helmeted Guinea fowl or Gewone Tarentaal. It has a bony casque on the head, red facial skin and a blue upper neck. Entire body is black with dense white spots. They are very social birds and walk and run all day in search of food! They roost in trees at night to avoid predators. Their feet consist of three front toes and one hind toe. The helps them hold on to the branch of a tree.

Kind Regards,

Daniel Dolpire and Viv Newell

Silwerstrand Golf Course – Rainfall

Thank you Francois du Plessis

Month / Maand	2024	2025	2026
July	80 mm	31 mm	2 mm
August	22 mm	1 mm	37 mm
September	20 mm	1 mm	60 mm

Meet the Team



MEET CONRAD MULLER

We would like to shine some light on one of the longest-serving staff members at Silwerstrand Golf Club. For our newer residents and members, this is an opportunity to get to know the people behind the scenes who have been part of Silwerstrand for many years and have played an important role in the club's journey.



Photo: Conrad Muller

How long have you been working at Silwerstrand Golf Club?

Going on 20 years. I first started at construction maintenance and then moved to golf operations.

What do you enjoy most about working at the club?

Meeting new people (locals and out of towners). Assisting visitors/golfers from start to finish on their journey to enjoy our beautiful course.

Over the years, you have seen many changes at the club. What would you say has been the most significant change that has made the biggest difference?

I have seen a lot of people come and go. Have seen our club grow into its existence. But adding our Golf Director to our family – Best thing ever!! We grew more!

Do you have a favourite golf member? If so, would you share who it is and perhaps tell us why?

It might sound corny, but all my members are my favourite. We grew alongside one another all these years.

Looking ahead, what is your vision or dream for the future of Silwerstrand Golf Club?

Grow even bigger together with our community, getting more juniors and youngsters involved at the club. Hopefully, one day, I can become the manager of the Robertson Pro Shop!

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Painting the Town Orange



Photo: Nico Fourie – Sauvignon Street, Silwerstrand Golf Estate

After the flowering season, Nico collects the seeds from the flowers that have finished blooming, ensuring that he has a new supply ready for the following year.

We would like to thank Nico for once again bringing so much colour to our streets and creating something that makes Silwerstrand even more enjoyable for everyone to experience.

To any resident who has walked along Sauvignon Street over the past month, you may have experienced our very own Namaqualand flower tour right here at Silwerstrand!

Each year, owner Nico Fourie transforms the whole street into a spectacular display of yellow and orange. The Namaqualand daisies create a beautiful splash of colour and are certainly something special to see.

The Namaqualand daisy (*Dimorphotheca sinuata*) is a vibrant annual wildflower native to the dry, winter-rainfall regions of South Africa and Namibia. It is well known for its bright, cheerful flowers and its ability to thrive in challenging conditions.

Fun Fact: Two Types of Seeds

The name *Dimorphotheca* comes from Greek and means “fruits with two forms”. The plant produces two different types of seeds, each with a clever survival strategy.

Disc seeds are light and winged, allowing them to be carried by the wind. They germinate quickly after the first light rains.

Ray seeds are heavier and remain dormant in the soil for longer, germinating when deeper, soaking rains provide the right conditions.



Thinking about buying a home, but not quite sure where to start?



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Planting for the Future



We would like to thank **Johan Gelderblom** and his team from Tyremart Robertson for all the work that has gone into replanting trees throughout the Golf Estate.

Johan and his team have gone above and beyond by organising tree donations, sponsoring fertiliser, providing transport and labour, and assisting with the planting and pruning of the Golf Estate trees.



The tremendous effort that has gone into replanting and improving the Estate's trees has made a significant difference.

Thank you, Johan and team.



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The Art of Growing Roses



As Robertson is known as the Valley of Wine and Roses, we would like to focus on one of the area's most beautiful features in our October newsletter – our stunning rose gardens.

This month, we are delighted to share seasonal tips and advice from well-known rose grower and Silwerstrand resident, Rudie Conradie. With his knowledge and experience, Rudie shares some helpful advice on how to keep your roses healthy, happy and looking their best all year round.



Photo : Rudie Conradie at Ashron Nursery



Choosing the Right Rose for Robertson & Essential Rose Care – Recommendations by Rudie Conradie

Red Roses INGRID BERGMAN BLACK MADONNA RED AND FRAGRANT 	Pink Roses RINA HUGO ESTER GELDENHUIS GARDEN QUEEN DUET 	Yellow Roses JOBURG SUN GERMISTON GOLD 
White Roses TINIKE PASCALI ELINA 	Orange Roses MONICA VERA JOHNS OUDSHOORN JOY 	Mix Colours JUST JOEY DOUBLE DELIGHT ZULU ROYAL BEAUTY FROM WITHIN 

Best Floribunda Border Roses Suited to Our Area

Iceberg – White or Burgundy

Simplicity – Pink

Satchmo – Orange Red

South Africa – Yellow

The Art of Growing Roses



1. Watering

Spring: Every 3rd day.

Summer and autumn: Every 2nd day.

Amount: Approximately 8 litres per plant.

Note: Remember, just as we drink more water in summer, plants need more water too.

2. Mulching

Add a generous layer of organic mulch or compost around your rose bushes, keeping it slightly away from the stems. In the Breede River Valley, mulch is especially useful for helping the soil retain moisture and keeping the roots cooler during hot weather.

3. Preparing the Soil

The soil around Silberstrand can vary considerably, from sandy soil to heavier clay. Before planting, improve the soil by incorporating plenty of good-quality organic compost. A small amount of bone meal can also be added to support healthy root development.

4. Feeding / Fertilising

August and February: Apply fertiliser mixture 3:1:5 or well-rotted manure.

Every 2 months: Apply Eco-Pellets.

Foliar feeding: Every 2 months, for example, Seagro.

Stop feeding from March to August when the plant is dormant.

Note: Just as we need food, plants need nutrients too.

5. Insects and Pests

Product: Koinor

Application: August and February

Dosage: 2 ml per 1 litre of water, per plant.



Conradie Family Home – 3 Pinot Noir

Thank you Rudie

Agrimark Robertson
Garden Zone Garden
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– Sunshine



GARDEN CARE GUIDE

**Rose Protector 3-in-1 /
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- Spray every 14 days.
- Helps prevent pests and fungal infections.

Koinor – Systemic Drench

- Apply around the roots of plants for seasonal protection against insects.
- Ideal for indoor plants.

Plantcare

- Excellent systemic drench treatment for lawn pests.
- Dilute in a watering can and apply to lawns where insect damage is visible.
- Can also be sprayed for general garden pest maintenance.

Spray-Kill 5

- Treatment spray for fruit trees.
- Effective against fruit fly.

Snail Bait & Snail Flow

- For the control of snails in the garden.

Organic Options

BioNeem and BioPyrol are organic options for managing garden pests.



Products available at Agrimark Robertson
to keep your garden healthy.

The Four-Legged Golfers of Silwerstrand

Meet Our Loyal Golf Cart Companions 

With this edition of the Silwerstrand Newsletter, we would like to celebrate our loyal four-legged companions who have become part of everyday life on the Estate.

Many of these photos will look familiar, as these friendly dogs are a daily sight around Silwerstrand, accompanying their owners on golf carts and enjoying the Estate alongside them.

From morning golf rounds to leisurely trips around the Estate, these golf cart dogs have become much-loved characters and a special part of our Silwerstrand lifestyle.

We hope you enjoy getting to know some of our furry residents and celebrating the joy and companionship they bring to our Estate.



Photo : Gordon Rademeyer & dogs



Photo: Nico Fourie and Heidi



Photo: Neville Allan's Dog



Photo: Haycock Family Dog: Zara
Belladonna van Bartelsfontein



Photo: Rion Collins' dog, Lucky.



Meet Our Security Staff



Photo: Deno Macpherson

Meet Deno Macpherson!

This man needs no introduction, but we would like our residents to get to know Deno Macpherson a little better.

Deno is known as one of the most energetic members of our Fidelity family. We have never seen him without a smile, and he knows the residents at his gate by name. It is always a pleasure entering or leaving the estate when Deno is on duty.

We conducted Deno's questionnaire in Afrikaans, his mother tongue, so that he could share a little more about himself in the language he is most comfortable with.

1. Waar is jy gebore en hoe oud is jy tans?

Ek is in Worcester gebore en is 34 jaar oud.

2. Wat geniet jy die meeste van jou werk by Silwerstrand?

Ek geniet dit om mense se veiligheid te verseker, orde te handhaaf en verantwoordelikheid te neem om die kompleks veilig te hou.

3. Wat is die belangrikste dinge wat inwoners kan doen om ons landgoed veilig te hou?

Meld enige verdagte persone of aktiwiteite aan by sekuriteit. Hou hekke, deure en vensters altyd gesluit. Volg die landgoed se veiligheidsreëls. Werk saam met sekuriteit en wees waaksam.

4. Wat is die grootste uitdaging wat jy soms in jou werk ervaar?

Die grootste uitdaging is om moeilike situasies professioneel te hanteer en seker te maak dat almal die veiligheidsreëls nakom.

5. Het jy 'n gunsteling-inwoner of behandel jy almal ewe goed?

Nee, ek het nie 'n gunsteling-inwoner nie. Ek behandel almal met professionaliteit. Dit is belangrik dat elke inwoner en besoeker gelyk en regverdig behandel word.

Do you know the story behind the name Landman Crescent?

We would love to hear from any of our older residents who may know where the name comes from. Please contact the HOA Office if you have any information. We would love to share the history with our residents.