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## A word from the Pro

This is the last newsletter for the year and I just wanted to thank everyone for their support both at the Range and Academy and The Bistro. For myself, Monica all our staff we wish you and your families and very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

The Range is back on track after all the rains and its great to see so many kids and students enjoying the facility. I really enjoyed the Presidents Cup and thought the venue and competition was excellent, there was even a little controversy with Patrick Reed and his caddie, so all in all great entertainment.

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Team USA, led by an in-form Tiger Woods were just too powerful in the end and won the singles very convincingly. The highlight for me was the course, very unique and challenging and completely different to the kinds of courses we normally see, Royal Melbourne is an absolute jewel.



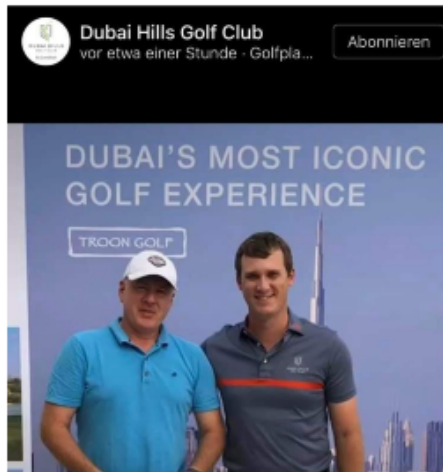
Thomas Eckert is with Stephen

**Cottingham.**

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Today won the Mens A-Division Net Rivoli Matchplay Tournament.

Amazing what a quick lesson with my Pro **Stephen Cottingham** from South Africa can do. Thx Steve, happy to have a swing coach, club fitter, mental coach and friend in one Person.



## Student of the week

Go back to the basics

Take and look and Charlene's progress over the past few weeks!

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[Contact me](#) and let's get your golf swing where it needs to be!

**Get your juniors into golf**



**MOUNT EDGECOMBE**  
JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY



# DECEMBER JANUARY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

## 9 HOLE COMPETITION

**R400**

**DATES:** 6 DECEMBER

**TIMES:** 3:00PM ON THE 1ST TEE

**WHERE:** MOUNT EDGECOMBE COUNTRY CLUB COURSE 1

**OPEN TO ALL**

**INCLUDES**  
GREEN FEES, PRIZES & DINNER AT  
MOUNT EDGECOMBE DRIVING RANGE  
LIMITED TO 28 PLAYERS

## INDIVIDUAL LESSONS OR YOU & 3 FRIENDS

1 HOUR LESSON - R400

1 HOUR FOR GROUP OF 4 - R700

## ON COURSE GOLF LESSON WITH MARTIN

9 HOLES - INDIVIDUAL OR OPEN TO A GROUP OF 3

## HOLIDAY CAMP 11, 18TH DECEMBER / 8, 15TH JANUARY

REGISTRATION

8:00 AM

PUTTING, CHIPPING

8:16 AM

PITCHING, HALFSWING

9:15 AM

BREAK

10:15 AM

FULL SWING, DRIVING, COMPETITION

10:30 AM

LUNCH

11:45 AM

PICK UP

12:00 PM

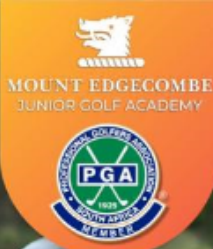
**R400**

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PER GROUP

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# GET YOUR KID INTO GOLF THIS YEAR



**2020**  
8 WEEK PROGRAMME  
**R1100**

INCLUDED:  
3 MONTH JUNIOR  
MEMBERSHIP AT  
MOUNT EDGECOMBE  
COUNTRY CLUB  
FOR FREE

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGES 5-16 YEARS

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## JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY

**WHAT WE  
WILL BE DOING**

Putting, Chipping, Pitching, Bunkers Shots,  
Half Swing, Driving & A 9 Hole Competition

**WHAT WE WANT  
TO ACHIEVE**

Making friends, being sociable, having fun,  
learning, understanding how to play golf  
& **MOST OF ALL - BEING OUTSIDE!**

### GROUP COACHING:

SAT - 8AM - 9AM  
9AM - 10AM  
10AM - 11AM  
11AM - 12PM

### REGISTRATION:

**ALL NEW KIDS CONTACT MARTIN ANY DAY  
GOLF ACADEMY STARTS 25 JANUARY**

Please Call Today to Book Your Spot or to Set Up a  
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**Give the gift of better golf**

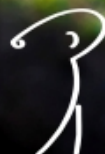
# THIS CHRISTMAS LET ME HELP THE GOLFER IN YOUR FAMILY TO IMPROVE



MOUNT EDGECOMBE  
*Golf Academy*



**PGA**



Golf

Steve Cottingham

**Half hour lesson | R400**

**One hour lesson | R600**

**3 x One hour lessons | R1600**

Contact Steve - 076 141 7469 | [steve@greatgolf.co.za](mailto:steve@greatgolf.co.za)

# LEARNER GOLF PROGRAM

## The Fundamentals

Ideal for all golfers just starting the game.

Encompassing all the main aspects of the game, putting, chipping, pitching, sand shots & the full swing.

### INCLUDES:

- 8 hours of individual tuition
- 9 hole playing lesson
- Basic rules & etiquette
- Video analysis
- Golf equipment evaluation
- Range balls
- Course material & booklet

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per Individual

per Couple

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Golf Academy

PGA Teacher of the year

  
Golf  
Steve Cottingham

Reserve yours >

# Tees the season for golf

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

*24th December*

**Driving Range & The Bistro at the Range  
Closed at 3pm**

**(last ball sales at 2pm & last kitchen orders at 1:30pm)**

*25th December*

**Driving Range & The Bistro at the Range  
CLOSED**

*31st December*

**Driving Range & The Bistro at the Range  
Closed at 3pm**

**(last ball sales at 2pm & last kitchen orders at 1:30pm)**

*1st January*

**Driving Range & The Bistro at the Range  
CLOSED**



**MOUNT EDGECOMBE  
COUNTRY CLUB ESTATE  
DRIVING RANGE**



**THE BISTRO  
AT THE RANGE**

*Seasons  
Greetings*

# Invest in the game of a lifetime

Moira Strauss is seeing great results after a successful season in the Bunnies programme and coaching:

**Moira shot her first birdie!**



**Do you want to sign up for the Ladies Bunnies Programme?**

Get in touch >

# Under the lights

**How is this for a new year's resolution:**

Listen to The Golden Super Hawks

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# Friday Night

UNDER THE LIGHTS

3  
JAN



**Bookings Essential**  
031 833 0761 or 083 787 1539

***Come hit some golf balls, have a sundowner and a delicious meal while listening to Shane & Steve from the Golden Super Hawks playing live from 6pm at the Mount Edgecombe Driving Range and The Bistro at the Range on Friday 3rd January 2020***



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DRIVING RANGE



**THE BISTRO**  
AT THE RANGE

# Ladies, this one's for you

Ladies Open 2020

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BEACHCOMBER  
MAURITIUS  
**Ladies  
Open 2020**

**05 – 09 May 2020**  
at Mont Choisy Le Golf



## The Beachcomber Mauritius Ladies Open

The Beachcomber Mauritius Ladies Open (BMLO) invites golf lovers to the biggest women's amateur golf competition in the Indian Ocean. This not-to-be-missed event is a great way to experience the natural beauty of Mont Choisy Le Golf and be spoilt with authentic Beachcomber hospitality at the sensational 5-star Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa. Mauritius is about versatility – from relaxing in the splendour of a Beachcomber resort, to conquering beautiful greens and fairways in an idyllic tropical playground. Mont Choisy Le Golf, designed by renowned golf architect, Peter Matkovich, is located in a sprawling nature reserve with an elegant club house, including a Pro Shop, restaurant, bar and wine cellar. The spectacular course is designed to blend seamlessly with the surrounding coastal landscape, and the elegance and unforgettable setting of Trou aux Biches makes for a winning combination.

**Tuesday 05 May:** Players briefing and welcome cocktail at Trou aux Biches

**Wednesday 06 May:** Practice round at Mont Choisy Le Golf and evening at leisure

**Thursday 07 May:** Round 1 and players dinner

**Friday 08 May:** Round 2 and free evening to enjoy Mauritius!

**Saturday 09 May:** Round 3 and gala dinner with prize-giving at Trou aux Biches

**Registration closes on 15 April 2020**

Your stay from **05 – 10 May** includes:

- Return airfare to JNB and approximate airport taxes
- Arrival/departure private airport transfers
- Transfers to Mont Choisy Le Golf on practice day and competition days
- 5 nights' accommodation at Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa
- Breakfast and dinner daily, plus lunches at Mont Choisy on competition days
- Free land and water sports as per brochure – including waterskiing and wakeboarding
- The compulsory golf package, which includes:
  - Practice round and three rounds of competition, including a shared golf cart
  - Practice golf balls
  - The players' dinner on 07 May and gala dinner at Trou aux Biches on 09 May
- Choose to upgrade your stay on the unique Escape Package from R875 pp per night
- Ask us how kids stay, eat and fly free



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**0800 500 800** or email [raffi@beachcomber.co.za](mailto:raffi@beachcomber.co.za)

Rates are subject to 30-days advance booking and ability and rate of exchange. Compulsory golf package and registration quoted must be paid before 15 Feb 2020. Registration must be done online. Defers need to be members of a registered and recognised golf federation and the hand cap limit for qualifying: a 30. Play includes 3 categories: Category 1 (0-12) Strokeplay; Category 2 (13-24) Strokeplay and Category 3 (25-50) Strokeplay. Not combinable with any other special offers. T & Cs apply.



**A 5-night stay  
+ airfare + half board  
+ taxes  
from R27 730 pps**



# What matters most to you?

Of course everything is

**IMPORTANT**

We asked you to rate 1 to 3 what's the most important to you when you arrive at a golf club. That's a very different question to surveys that ask you to rate experiences, facilities, and surveys, after your round.



From this list, when you arrive at the entrance to a golf club ready to play 18 holes, what is the first, second and third most important priorities to you?

- Great weather.
- Being greeted by name and feeling looked after by the course staff.
- Having more good shots & less bad shots than usual.
- Pristine course conditions.
- Nothing going wrong throughout the day.
- Having the round take less than 4.5 hours.
- Shoot your lowest score ever.
- Feeling like a respected and valued member of the club.
- Having fun with friends.
- Club facilities are neat, orderly and the service is good.
- Meeting new people.

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Everyone of those items is important. It's not that anything can be neglected. But it's quite interesting to think about what is the most important to you and how, whatever your answer is, we can do a better job, so that you get more satisfaction.



### It's a fun question

If you skipped the link above, then please know that it's quite a thought-provoking question. It's a what's most important? A 1 – 2 – 3 question.

[View the question >](#)

**Think about your golf**

Why isn't everyone

## **BELOW '3'**

If you've followed this article series you'll know we're asking you to examine some of your basic skills. This week, we're greenside and we're unsympathetic. But first a recap of what we asked you measure over 4 rounds over the last 3 weeks.



### **FAIRWAYS HIT**

*How many fairways have you hit and missed? We asked you to check your final score and see how much of a link there was between this stat and your final score.*



### **AVERAGE PAR 3 SCORE**

*What was your average score on Par 3s where you could tee off with an iron? For those trying to break 90 and 85, these are opportunity holes.*



### **# OF SHOTS FROM THE 90 - 40 YARD RANGE**

*We think that for those looking to get below 85 and 80, this is a really important stat to measure. What's your average to hole out from within this range?*

Now, you're greenside (not in the bunker) within 20 yards of the green. We strongly believe every one of our golfers should be averaging 3 or under from here.



If you're not averaging under 3, then please come and see us. The proper technique for this shot is easy to teach. There are easy shots to save.



*"Not all '20 yards' are equal. It is much harder to up and down when your short sided. So improving your average is as much about missing on the right side as technique."*

## Book your skills assessment

Get an insight into your game. Discover what you could improve quickly. Let's plan an improvement journey together.

Contact us >

Happy golfing!

**Steve**



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