

McIlroy hopes for redemption

Golf action heats up as the British Open kicks off in Troon



Louis Oosthuizen (left) and Dean Burmester will be among eight South African golfers at the British Open in Troon, Scotland, this week. **PHOTO: AFP**

Rory McIlroy is aiming to bounce back from his heartbreak at the U.S. Open, while world number one Scottie Scheffler looks to round off a stunning season when the British Open begins in Troon today.

The final major of the year gives McIlroy the chance to quickly forget blowing two short putts at Pinehurst last month which cost him the chance to end a decade-long major drought as Bryson DeChambeau won by one shot.

Also known as The Open Championship, the year's fourth major on the men's scene features eight South African hopefuls, including LIV Golf members Louis Oosthuizen and Dean Burmester, veteran Ernie Els and youngster Ryan van Velzen.

McIlroy has avoided the spotlight since, returning to play for the first time at last week's Scottish Open, where he finished tied for fourth when defending his title.

The world number two has finished in the top 10 in five of the last seven British Opens, part of his 21 top-10 finishes since last winning a major.

McIlroy conceded he had let a "huge opportunity" pass him by at the U.S. Open as he missed twice from inside four feet at the 16th and the 18th.

But the Northern Irishman remains confident he can harness the hurt of his major heartbreak to add

to the sole British Open he won in 2014.

"I'll only know the impact [of the U.S. Open] if I get myself in a similar position on Sunday," McIlroy said of his chances in Troon.

"Hopefully I get myself in that position again, and if I do, I know I'll handle it a little bit better."

Scheffler looks the man to beat despite so far failing to take his world leading form on the PGA circuit in America across the Atlantic to the challenge of links golf.

The American's best previous showing at the British Open was a tie for eighth in 2021.

Scheffler has won six times in 14 starts this year but added just one major by winning his second Masters in April.

His challenge at the U.S. PGA Championship was distracted after being arrested in bizarre circumstances on the morning of his second round before all charges were dropped.

DeChambeau's U.S. Open win was a rare major success for players who have defected to the breakaway LIV tour, but continued his fine form this season.

The American finished sixth at the Masters and runner-up in the U.S. PGA Championship behind a record-breaking tally of 21 under par set by Xander Schauffele before claiming his second U.S. Open.

But DeChambeau has recognised he will have to alter his game after struggling previously in the windy links conditions.

Tiger Woods makes his return to Britain after missing last year's event.

The three-time winner has dismissed talk of imminent retirement despite playing sparingly since a serious car accident in 2021.

Indeed, Woods believes the conditions on a links course give him a better chance to compete than the longer hitting needed in the U.S..

"I'll play as long as I can play and I feel like I can still win the event," said the 15-time major champion.

"The older you get the less you can carry the golf ball but over here, you can run the golf ball 100 yards if you get the right wind and the right trajectory.

"I think that's one of the reasons why you see older champions up there on the board because they're not forced to have to carry the ball 320 yards any more."

The field are battling for a prize pot worth a total \$17.5 million with the winner scooping \$3.1 million.

Fans will be in for plenty of entertainment should there be a repeat of the last Open played at Troon.

Henrik Stenson outgunned Phil Mickelson in a Sunday shootout for the Claret Jug in 2016 with the Swede posting a then record 20 under par to win a major. — AFP.

BOWLS NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS to all who competed in the prestigious Natal Inland Bowling Association Invitational Open Masters this weekend. Thank you to the tournament organisers, hosts, Howick Bowling Club and sponsors Douglas and Lorraine Logan for a sensational weekend of bowls!

There was not a single player did not taste defeat over the course of the weekend and this was the most closely contested masters in the last 5 years. In the end "The Cream Always Rises to the Top".

The winners:

Men's Gold Medal: Bradley Robinson (Lynwood BC)

Men's Silver Medal: Keith Harcombe (Maritzburg BC)

Men's Bronze Medal: Kholwane Khanyile (Alexandra Park BC)

Men's 4th Place: Calvin Hollis (Maritzburg BC)

Ladies Gold Medal: Belinda Nobin (Maritzburg West BC)

Ladies Silver Medal: Zelda Siebert (Collegians BC)

Ladies Bronze Medal: Tara Janse van Rensburg (Lynwood BC)

Ladies 4th Place: Sandra Smith (Maritzburg West BC)

COLLEGIANS

Fabulous bowls played at the Open Masters at Howick over the past weekend and well done to all who were selected. Congratulations to Zelda Siebert on receiving a silver medal in a tough match against Belinda Nobin who achieved gold. Zelda has now received three trophies over the past few weeks and we are so proud of her.

Congratulations also goes to Bradley Robinson, who achieved gold in the men's section and Keith Harcombe silver.

We are very saddened by the news of the passing of our member John Crabtree's last week. Condolences to Penny and family; RIP John.

Saturday, July 20: Our 2 bowl trips sponsored by CMH Nissan. Entries to Horse – please note starting time will be 9 am.

Sundaym 21st: Tabs in 8.30 am – visitors welcome. Tuesdaym 23rd: Tabs in 1.30 pm – visitors welcome.

HILTON BC

The weather was glorious for the Jaxx 2-4-2 competition which was held on Friday. Chris and Trish Botton triumphed to take first place, while Mike Guest and Ingrid Oellermann were the runners up. Delicious meals are awaiting both teams with their vouchers from Jaxx. In third place, winning Nino's vouchers, were Syd and Monica, and fourth place went to Mike Hill and Rowena, who were the recipients of vouchers from Ronnoco Nursery. We appreciate the support of our sponsors, as competing for prizes makes for challenging and exciting bowls.

The Build It nominated trips competition was due to be held yesterday, July 17, from 8 am. The monthly bowls skills clinic, with coaches Dave and Margie Garrard, will be on July 26, at 1pm. Come and receive coaching from Barend every Monday at 3.30pm. With the beautiful weather, tabs in days which are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, have been well attended. On Saturday, some ardent rugby supporters finished in time to watch the Spring-boks! Unfortunately, our luck changed, and instead of winning by one point, we lost by one point! Well done, Boks, a great game to watch, and you inspire us to bowl to the best of our ability!

Contact Ingrid Oellermann, at 083 532 0482, if you would like to learn how to play bowls, and she will put you in contact with one of our registered coaches.

LYNWOOD

Congratulations to Brad Robinson on winning the Niba Open Masters Invitation Singles on Sunday up at Howick Bowling Club, after defeating Keith Harcombe (Maritzburg BC) in a well-contested final. The men's Bronze medallist was up and coming young talent Kwa Khanyile (Alexandra Park) who beat Calvin Hollis in that play-off. Very well done to Tara Janse van Rensburg on winning Bronze in the Women's competition defeating Sandra Smith (Maritzburg West) in her play-off match. The winner of the women's event and Gold medal was Belinda Nobin (Maritzburg West) with

Zelda Siebert (Collegians) taking the Silver. Very well done to all the Lynwood players who were invited to play in the Open Masters – lots of great bowls was played although results didn't always go the way of our players.

Very good bowling to Sean Lightfoot and Sharon Willey who are the Niba representatives at the BSA National Mixed Pairs competition, which takes place in Newcastle from today to July24, after winning the local NIBA competition earlier this year. A wonderful experience awaits you both – play well and enjoy every moment. Tune into the Bowls South Africa Youtube channel to catch all the live action. Sean and Sharon are scheduled to be live streamed at 8.30 am on Friday, July 19, versus Bowls Gauteng North.

Tags in days and times:

Thursday - 1.30 pm - Dress code - Mufti

Saturday - 1.30 pm - Dress code - Mufti

Sunday - 9 am - Dress code - Mufti

Visitors are always welcome at Lynwood – please feel free to join us for any of our tabs in sessions. Good news is that the kitchen will be open and great pub meals, including pizzas, are available after bowls, to eat in or take away, at really good prices.

MARITZBURG

Well done to Keith Harcombe, Kevin Williams and Calvin Hollis for their achievements in the NIBA masters last weekend.

The KZN fours entry form is on the notice board. Entries close on 19 July.

Congratulations to Calvin Hollis and Chris Botton on winning the men's club pairs.

Our monthly Wednesday 4s prize winners were:

1st: Swyz Nel, Wayne Classens, Jared Nel and Danielle van Staden

2nd: Robbie Rajah, Manu Govender, Vis Padayachee and Ray Ramdeen.

3rd: Errol Agnew, Tommy Harwood, Ian Bevis and Dave Mayo.

Plate winners were Rodney Braithwaite, Norman Dorington, John Crabtree (in memory of) and Charles Carr followed by Keith Harcombe, Harry Brown, Trish Botton and Angus Blackbeard.

Tuesday and Thursday morning is tabs in for registered bowlers (8 am for 8.30 am). Bowling attire please. Visitors are most welcome. Sunday Bowls continues in a casual friendly environment. Beginners are always welcome. Casual attire. Lucky draw meat winners kindly donated by Hermann Hesse and DJ Swyz were Annanda, Fletch and Ian.

Come and join us for Music on the deck this Sunday with Blarney and Son. For bookings, please contact Willie.

UWBC

Winter greens; what a challenge!

As the weather has been getting colder, so our greens have been getting faster and faster, with the stimpmeter clocking a speed of 15secs on Saturday, when we had a Hearing Aid Labs drawn trips competition.

A big thank you to Hearing Aid Labs for sponsoring a wellness day offering free basic hearing screening and advice on all things hearing. The competition was great fun with an interesting twist as the last end in each of the two sessions was a "power play" which meant the team that won the end doubled their score on the last end. The power play end was definitely a big help in some instances! Well done to the winning team of Colin Norris, Pat Norris & Barry Fairbrother. Second place went to Neil Wright, Bob Chetty & Jo Boonzaier, followed by Mike Scheffer, Koos Marais & Dave Langstone in third place.

Events to keep an eye out for...

This Saturday: Greendale Spar Drawn Pairs. Tabs in at 1.15 pm

Next Friday, July 26: Dormehl Nominated 2 Bowl Trips. Book with Pippa on 083 467 8140

Regular tabs in times are:

Tuesdays at 8.45 am

Wednesdays at 1.15 pm

Saturdays at 1.15 pm.

Visitors are always welcome. Coaching by registered coaches is available.

For more information or enquiries about coaching, contact Ann on 071 676 5591.

‘MUCHICHTWA’ KHUMALO LAUDS ‘EYE-OPENER’ CAF COACHING COURSE

JERRY BARNES

A successful female coach, Ntombi-futhi "Muchichwa" Khumalo, who is also the head coach of the popular Edendale Technical College, recently rounded off the Caf B coaching course.

According to Khumalo, it took five weeks to complete the course, adding that it was challenging. She says the course taught the coaches about everything in soccer, management,

administration, Africa's football, laws of the game, leadership and football science in particular.

Although she said the course was very expensive, she was excited because it was "an eye-opener" to all of them. Khumalo said it must be remembered that nowadays game football science is an integral part and changes everyday.

Yesterday, Khumalo told *The Witness* that going for the qualifying courses as a coach and striving for

the highest level was necessary in modern football because all the governing bodies are no longer allowing unqualified coaches to coach at any level.

"I mean Fifa, Caf, Safa, the regions , the LFA's are clear on that, it's known all over and it's the only way to go. So we are now forced to have the right and it's the right way to go," said Khumalo.

Khumalo said although attending the coaching courses is now

expensive, local coaches, especially female ones, should make sure that they attend.

Khumalo also indicated yesterday that in the recent Caf B coaching course attended by 25 candidates, only two were females.

"Nowadays soccer is played by everybody, irrespective of sex or race and unfortunately numbers attending such courses are disappointing because there's hardly any ladies attending," said Khumalo.

SA INDOOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FIXTURES SET FOR COMING WEEKENDS

JERRY BARNES

South African Indoor Football Association (Sai-fa) management are excited that their fixtures are taking place every weekend.

Also, the popularity of the game is attracting a lot of teams and fans during matches.

In most cities around the province, especially in Pietermaritzburg, facilities to play indoor soccer (futsal) are scarce or in poor condition and teams are often forced to battle it out in the astro turf courts.

Saifa president Pooibie Govindasamy said his organisation is planning to visit local municipalities around KwaZulu-Natal in order to discuss the issue to improve the fate of sorted indoor soccer (futsal) in the future.

"They are all in the mess and futsal as a fast growing and popular sport in the country and globally might be in trouble. Also to sort out this problem all the stake holders such as the Local Municipalities, Saifa (futsal) and also maybe the MEC for Sports, Recreation, Art and Culture,"

said Govindasamy.

Govindasamy said although futsal is facing a number of challenges when staging their fixtures, matches are getting played and players are enjoying themselves.

Teams around Durban, Tongaat and Stanger are to note that the Tongaat Sports Centre is not available this coming Saturday (July 20) and as a result, all matches scheduled for this weekend are postponed to the following week (July 27-28). The referees workshop is scheduled to take place on Saturday (July 20), 10 am at Allandale Primary School.

The workshop will be conducted by Sashen Dorosamy, who is the head of National Referees Board. Saifa and KZN Regional Futsal League are encouraging clubs to send their retired players.

The recent results are as follows:

Belchester FC 11 Young Natalians FC 4

Durban Boyz FC 5 Tongaat Suburbs FC 2

Hugo's FC 1 eThekweni City FC 13

Maritzburg Hotspurs FC 8 New Era FC 2



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF PERSONS TO SERVE AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE BOARD FOR AGRI-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ADA) FOR THREE YEARS.

Notice is hereby given by the Honourable Member of the Executive Committee (MEC) for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Thembeni KaMadlopha-Mthethwa, to invite nominations of persons to serve as the Board of Trustees on the Board of the Agribusiness Development Agency (ADA) for a duration of three years or until the appointment of a new Board in terms of the new ADA legislation to be promulgated, whichever comes first. ADA is a Provincial Public Entity reporting to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and falling under Schedule 3C of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999).

- The Board is the Accounting Authority of the entity and is responsible for:
- Giving effect to the ADA mandate and its strategy of in order to achieve its objectives;
 - Providing guidance and direction to the Chief Executive Officer concerning the exercise of the functions of the entity;
 - Notifying the Honourable MEC of any matter that may prevent or materially affect the achievement of the objects or financial targets of the entity; and
 - Referring to the Honourable MEC any matter concerning the adverse functioning of the entity;
 - Exercising the duty of utmost care to ensure reasonable protection of the assets and records of the entity;
 - Acting with fidelity, honesty, integrity and in the best interests of the entity in managing the financial affairs of the public entity;
 - On request, disclosing to the Honourable MEC or the Legislature to which the entity is accountable, all material facts, including those reasonably discoverable, which in anyway may influence the decisions or actions of the Honourable MEC or that Legislature; and
 - Seeking, within the sphere of influence of that accounting authority, to prevent any prejudice to the financial interests of the state.
- Nomination Procedure:**
- Candidates must:
- Be fit and proper persons, collectively possessing appropriate knowledge or proven experience in the fields of amongst others:
 - agricultural sector;
 - preference will be given to youth, women and people living with disabilities;
 - At least five (5) of experience in governance and leadership background;
 - economics, business development practice or legal;

- be a South African Citizen; and
 - be resident in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.
- Written nominations must be submitted and must contain the following information and documents:**
- The full names, address and contact numbers of the person or organisation making the nomination;
 - A signed acceptance letter of the nomination by the nominee;
 - A comprehensive Curriculum Vitae of the candidate nominated, providing the following information:
 - Full names: Identity number and gender;
 - Latest address and contact details including: cellular telephone number/s and /email address/es;
 - Certified copy of Identity Document;
 - Certified copies of academic qualifications;
 - Previous experience quoting dates and organisations or institution concerned;
 - At least two (2) names and contact details of references;
 - Details of other directorships presently and previously held; and
 - Any other information that may be of assistance to the Honourable MEC in consideration of the nomination.
 - A written statement declaring whether or not the candidate is disqualified from being appointed as a member of the Board. Any or more of the following shall be grounds for disqualification of nominees:
 - A person is disqualified from being appointed to the Board or from or from remaining on the Board, by reason that he or she –
 - is or becomes an unrehabilitated insolvent;
 - is or has been declared by a competent court to be of unsound mind;

- is directly or indirectly interested in any contract relating to the entity and fails to declare his or her interest and the nature thereof in the manner required by the entity's constitution;
 - is a person under curatorship;
 - has at any time been removed from an office of trust on account of misconduct involving theft or fraud; has been convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment without the option of a fine, except that the responsible Member of the Executive Council may, upon a person who is nominated for appointment disclosing full details of an offence in an affidavit, condone a conviction in a manner that is consistent with clause 106(l)(e) of the Constitution: Provided that a disqualification in terms of this ground ends five (5) years after the sentence has been completed; and
 - Fails to disclose an interest in accordance with the declaration of Board members as required by the entity's constitution, or; attended and participated in the proceedings of the Board while having an interest as contemplated in and set out in the entity's constitution.
- Strict compliance with the nomination requirements is essential.**
- Nominations must be e-mailed to nomzamo.mhlongo@kzndard.gov.za on or before the **29th July 2024**. Enquiries may be directed to Ms Sibongile Mchunu on 033 - 343 8241, email: sibongile.mchunu@kzndard.gov.za or Ms Nomzamo Mhlongo on 033 - 355 9397, email nomzamo.mhlongo@kzndard.gov.za Correspondence shall only be sent to the successful nominees.

uMNGENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

TENDER NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Service providers are hereby invited to tenders for the below bid of the uMngeni Local Municipality. Tender documents will be made available on e-tenders - <https://www.etenders.gov.za/> and Municipal website: <https://www.umngeni.gov.za/documents/?category=tender-adverts> printable at bidder's own cost.

There will be no selling of bid documents.

BID NAME	BID NO.	COMPULSORY BRIEFING DETAILS	CLOSING DATE AND TIME	TECHNICAL QUERIES
Provision of Engineering Consultancy service for uMngeni Local Municipality Landfill sites for a period of 3 years : Turnkey	UMN 31/2023-24	Date: 26 July 2024 Time: 10:00am Venue: Hilton Boardroom, 29 Hilton Avenue, Hilton,KZN	Date: 19 August 2024 Time: 12:00pm	Ms M Mangwe 033 239 9209 makhosi.mangwe@umngeni.gov.za.

Bids are to be completed in accordance with the conditions attached to the Bid document and must be sealed in an envelope and marked: **“BID NO.: UMN 31/2023-24,** and must be deposited in the tender box situated at the Finance Foyer: Corner of Somme and Dicks Street, Howick **no later than what is mentioned above (closing time will ONLY be determined by the municipal watch)** on the date at which time bids will be opened in public. The name and address of the Bidder must be clearly written on the sealed envelope containing the Bid Document. **Late submission, e-mail or fax bids will under no circumstances be considered.**

Tenders will be evaluated according to the uMngeni Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy as adopted in terms of Section 111 of the Municipal Financial Management Act, 2003 (Act No 56 of 2003) and relevant regulations.

Evaluation Criteria

This tender will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Administrative Compliance
- Mandatory Requirements
- Functionality
- Price and preference points

For technical information queries regarding this notice may be directed to Ms Makhosi Mangwe on Email: makhosi.mangwe@umngeni.gov.za or Tel: **033 239 9279**

For Supply Chain Management related queries regarding this notice may be directed to Mr. Mbongeni Zuma on Email: mbongeni.zuma@umngeni.gov.za or Tel: 033 239 8313

MR. H. HLOBA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

ERRATUM

TENDER NOTICE : UMN 32/2023-24 EXTENSION OF THE CLOSING DATE

BID NAME	BID NO.	OLD CLOSING DATE AND TIME	NEW CLOSING DATE AND TIME	TECHNICAL AND SCM QUERIES
Appointment of a civil engineering Consultants for professional services on Municipal infrastructure, Civil Maintenance and Civil funded projects for a period of 3 years	UMN 32/2023-24	Date: 05 August 2024 Time: 12:00pm	Date: 23 August 2024 Time: 12:00pm	Ms K Mncube 033 239 9258 khanyi.mncube@umngeni.gov.za Mr M Zuma 033 239 8313 mbongeni.zuma@umngeni.gov.za

Bidders are notified that an amended bid document has been uploaded on the E-tender and Municipal website

MR. H. HLOBA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

TENDER NOTICE NOTICE TO AWARD

Interested Bidders are hereby informed of the below award:

BID NAME	BID NO.	AWARDED BIDDER
Appointment Of A Service Provider To Install A Perimeter Fencing At Curry's Post Landfill Site(3SQ Or Higher)	UMN 27/2023-24	1. Zindalazonke Trading

The municipality is notifying the bidders of the decision to award the above tender. Bidders aggrieved or wish to object on this process have 14 days from the date of this advertisement. The 14 days will start counting after The Village Talk has issued the award advert because the initial invitation advert was placed on the Village talk. Objections must be directed to Municipal Manager and SCM.

For Supply Chain Management related queries regarding this notice may be directed to Mr. Mbongeni Zuma on Email: mbongeni.zuma@umngeni.gov.za or Tel: 033 239 8313 and Ms Joy Pratt on Email: joy.pratt@umngeni.gov.za

MR. H. HLOBA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER