My fellow PGA Members,

I am a proud member of the PGA of South Africa and I run operations for the South African Golf Development Board (SAGDB) in Mpumalanga. I am based at National Junior Development Centre at Leopard Creek.

Involved with the SAGDB for just over 8 years now, I am extremely passionate about the SAGDB's cause which is firstly to grow the game beyond the boundaries set by and lack of opportunity or finances, and secondly to use golf as a powerful tool to transform the lives of children who would not necessarily have had the opportunity to play golf. I love seeing young players turn into the heroes of their communities through this amazing game that teaches us so much.

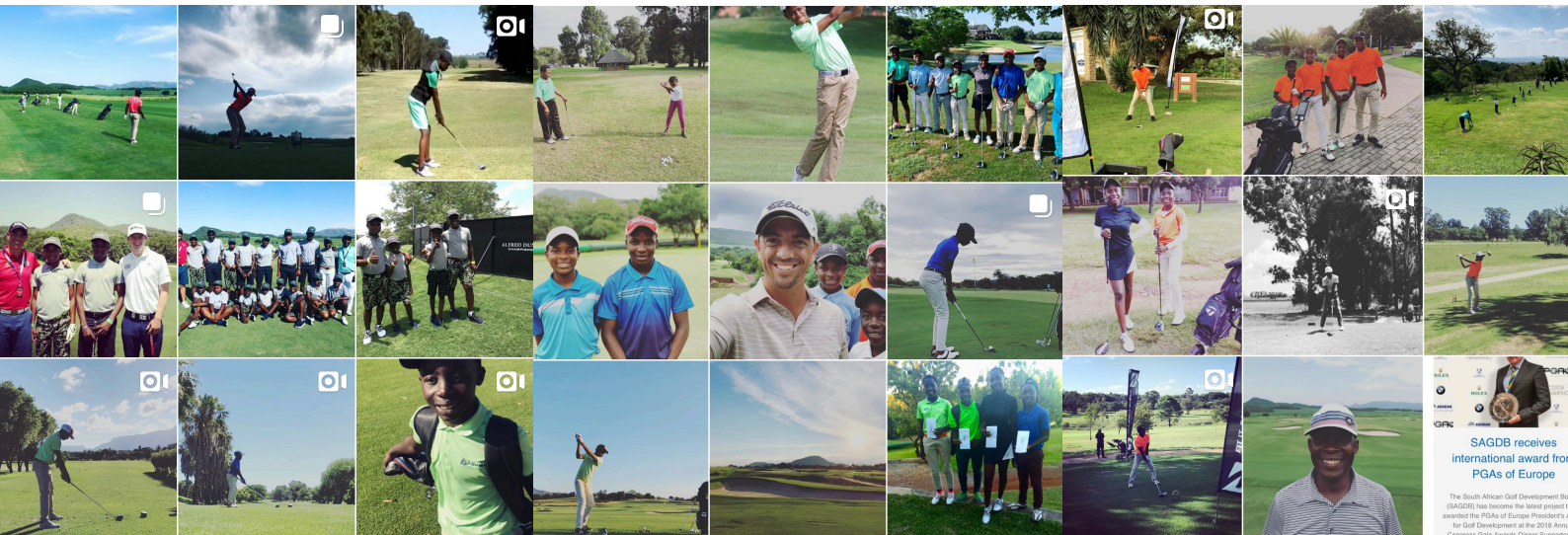
I believe that those we get to coach are human beings first and golfers second. I always try to put the personal development of our players at the top of the priority list as we strive to create a path to success for their golf.

Our programs in Mpumalanga serve just over 230 players in 6 different areas — Witbank, Secunda, Mbombela, Pilgrims Rest, Malelane & Komatipoort. This achievement of course is not one that I can call my own, it belongs to our hard working coaches that facilitate our SAGDB PGA Level One coaching with great dedication.

Numerous Mpumalanga SAGDB players won tournaments in all three divisions of Mpumalanga Junior Golf Events this year and 8 Players represented Mpumalanga Junior Golf in Quadrangular and National Tournaments in 2018/2019. One of our stars is TJ Sandys who managed to get 2 top 10 finishes in Golf RSA Tournaments : 9th in the SA U15 Championships at Gowrie Farm and T5 at the Golf RSA U15 Challenge at Gary Player CC.

I've also done extensive PGA Coaching across Mpumalanga coaching players in Witbank, Mbombela, Komatipoort, White River and Malelane as well as working with Ruan Groenewald who finished number one on the IGT Rankings in 2018.

I am humbled to be nominated as Coach/Grow Golf Coach for the Gauteng North Region for 2019. Thank you very much!

Yours in Golf.
Edwin Compton.

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