



## **GOLFWISE – A PGA of SA Initiative presented by Price Waterhouse Cooper**

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The lessons are going extremely well so far and the ten inmates are very keen and responsive. Graham Tregear noted that they are very aware of the importance of this course for a better chance of gaining employment once they are released as it is extremely difficult to find employment as an ex offender. They all speak and understand English well. Lessons from the Greenkeeping 101 manual so far have been on Mowing basics including the safety aspects of mowers and other machinery and the grass types on their golf course; Specific Area Maintenance on greens, tees, fairway, rough and semi rough areas; Cultural practices on fertilisation, weed control, insect control and disease control; Cultural Practices – Fertilisation, weed control, insect and disease control as well as on Irrigation.

The lectures are very interactive and the students ask a lot of questions and afterward they are taken onto the golf course to learn how to follow certain practices, such as the control of thatch, hollow tinning, verticutting and aeration. They get to see photographs of course machinery and given magazines to read specific to the lessons.

Mark Ward-Able gave his first lecture in April on Cultural practices and he found that the participants, overall, were eager to learn, with a few standing out as really keen. He hopes that what they are doing will empower the students to obtain gainful employment upon their release.

Lessons from the Golf 101 manual have been on the History of Golf with an introduction to golf and a demonstration of the different clubs; the Golf Course and a lesson on putting; Golf Clubs and Golf Equipment then and now followed by a lesson on the importance of time management; Overview - Professionals and Amateurs, the History of the Masters and a Quiz revision on the History of Golf.

In these photos, Brad Ross is giving the students basic coaching on the golf swing and Kriben Gounder is lecturing on Irrigation.



Mr. Mandla Mthethwa, the Divisional Head of Education and in charge of this program, has tasked Gert Roos from Skills Development at the Glencoe Correctional Centre and the Golfwise coordinator,

to implement a special project for the students. This will enable them to put what they are learning into practice.

At the next KZN regional committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June, the committee will decide on a suitable date in November to possibly organise a round of golf followed by graduation and lunch. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

From,

The KZN PGA Region