

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

Eight inmates will be completing this year's course. The other two were transferred to correctional facilities nearer to their homes. The golf 101 lessons these past three months have included general aspects of golf, the history of the US Open, career development as well as etiquette on a golf course. The selection of golf clubs from the PGA provides the Professionals with the means to teach them a bit about the golf swing, bunker play, chipping, putting etc.

The Greenkeeping 101 lessons have included bunker maintenance and course set up that included the difference between water hazards and lateral hazards, greens layout/division for the purposes of hole positioning, as well as Tee boxes and the reasoning behind the placement of the tee markers. Hazards, GUR, green keepers' rubble and fairness were also explained to the students. The students impressed greenkeeper, Mark Ward-Able, with their knowledge of what they have learnt and with how they asked their questions, and according to his observation they have been able to master this course with ease.

The Golfwise Group have been given two practical projects to complete by the end of the year. One is fixing the bunker on No 5 and the other project is realigning the tee box on hole 15 under the guidance of the greenkeeping lecturers. These are the before photos of the bunker and tee box. When the projects have been completed we will share the after photos with you.



While the program continues without being affected in any way, the Correctional Services and the members of the Glencoe golf club suffered a huge loss when their clubhouse burnt down to the ground one night in June! Such bad luck! After an investigation it was found to have been caused by an electrical fault in the kitchen.



It is encouraging for the future of the Golfwise program to learn that the Correctional Services New Area Commissioner stopped by during one of the lessons recently and she was very satisfied with what she saw and urged the inmates to stay committed to the program.

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The KZN PGA Region