



Jeff appropriately dressed in his dairy slacks

The St Francis Links team with Jeff Clause was praised for hosting another outstanding annual Woodlands Golf Day in aid of St Francis Hospice this week.

A delighted Sister Ingrid of Hospice was handed a cheque for R420 000, raised for the day, plus Jeff also raised additional funds through his impromptu auctions. The winning golfers received fantastic prizes and enjoyed a wonderful dinner at prize giving. Winners were Des and Claude Bezuidenhout with 46 points, followed into second place by Wayne Holder & Colin Atkinson with 45 points and Martin Carew & Ronny Wansink in third position with 44.

The golfing event was started with much fanfare in the carpark with cheer leaders and all the golfers - there were 96 players - were colourfully dressed as were their golf carts - some with flags and other bunting. At prize giving many golfers expressed their thanks for the wonderful event and the top class organisation



Des & Claude Bezuidenhout



Three Prizes from Woodlands Golf, Sister Ingrid Wilkens of Hospice and Jeff Clause, CEO, St Francis Links

St Francis Bay highly talented longboarder, Crystal Hulett, won the Women's and Steven Sawyer of Jeffreys Bay won the Men's sections of the WSL Specialty Longboard division at the 2018 Tigers Milk Winter Classic yesterday, 10 June, at Muizenberg, Cape Town. They each pocketed R6000 prize money.

Sawyer, aka Steezy, produced two plus 9 point rides in the final to take the title and the R6000 prize purse. Runner-up in second place was Matthew Moir and St Francis Bay's Michael Hill in third place. Sawyer left on 12 June to for the US where he is competing in a number of WSL Longboard events.

In her section, Hulett beat defending champion Simone Robb to take the winner's purse. Taryn King was third and 2018 National Longboard team member Christy Gilmour took fourth place.

Christy's father, Grant, took the Over 40 Longboard title ahead of Chris Heath who fought hard but had to settle for second place. Chris Poseman came third and Whaldo de Kock came fourth.

South Africa's top ranked women surfer, Nicole Pallet, had a ding dong battle with South African team member, Tanika Hoffman, in their shortboard final but in the end honours and R4500 in prizemoney went to Pallet. Kerri Bergveldt took third place and 2017 finalist Taryn Chudejir did it again with a fourth place this year.

CRYSTAL & STEEZY WIN LADIES' & MEN'S SURFING EVENTS



Crystal Hulett & Steven 'Steezy' Sawyer - photo by Daniela Sawyer



Pale King & Phil Honey, winners of the 55 to 59 age group in the recent ECCU Canoe Marathon

SA Marathon Canoe Champs - St Francis Bay Canals, 15-17 June

"The excitement is building up fast now in our small town for the biggest paddling event by far in our history, and probably the biggest event of any sport code, the SA National Canoe Marathon Champs, right here on the canals next weekend, with over 300 entrants already. The start and finish is at the river mouth, and paddlers (including me) will race between 18km and 30km depending on their age category." So says local paddler, Richard Ardern, past Chairman of St Francis Paddling Club.

"Each lap is 4.2km. Men do between

18km and 30km, depending on their age category, ladies between 13km and 25km, and juniors (u14, u16, u18) between 13km and 22km. There are also shorter races for u8, u10, u12 (guppies). There is a 100m portage at the river mouth after each lap, except the first, and this is probably the best spectator spot, especially watching paddlers (including me) struggling with the dreaded 'dead-leg'!

See more at www.eccu.co.za/sa-canoe-marathon-2018/



Canoe champ Andy Birken favourite for the K1

ECCU Canoe Marathon on the Canals



The Eastern Cape Canoe Marathon, which were held this month on St Francis Bay's canals, was won by Nic Nolten, followed by Stu McLaren and Ken Rice, all from Cape Town.

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