

South African Blind Golf Association (SABGA)

SA Inter-provincial & Challenge Cup – 2022

The inaugural SA Blind Golf Inter-provincials and Challenge Cup were staged at the picturesque Milnerton Golf Club in Cape Town at the end of March. These new events on the SA blind golf calendar saw players pairing up to play Greensomes on the first day and Pinehurst on the final day.



Milnerton Golf Course is an 18-hole, par 71, challenging links course situated 10 minutes north of the city of Cape Town. The course is nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Diep River lagoon, and offers spectacular views of Table Mountain from almost every hole.

Conditions were generally good, although strong winds made the course very challenging. The events were played using a modified stableford basis (the inter-provincial from scratch and the challenge cup net).

The first day was a clear indication that both events were going to be extremely tight affairs. In the inter-provincial scores were as follows:

Garrett Slattery & Morne Els (Cape Province)	31
Ernst Conradie & Charlene Pienaar (Ekurhuleni Province)	30
Johan Kotze & Jontey Kotze (Gauteng Province)	29

In the Challenge Cup, Owen Robinson (England) & Lambert Badenhorst had a 1 point lead over Wally Roode (Ireland) & HP Lensley.

The final day saw no change to the tightness of the competition.

The Challenge Cup went to Owen & Lambert, with both pairs producing very good scores of 30 points on the day.

In the inter-provincial the father and son Gauteng pair produced a second successive 29 points to eventually finish in 3rd place. The leading two pairs of Cape and Ekurhuleni were separated by only one shot coming to the 18th tee, which was playing into a strong headwind.

At the end of the day it took a miraculous chip-in from Garrett (from the penalty area pin-high left) to give the Cape pair a one point home-town victory over Ekurhuleni with both finishing a strong scores of 32 points for the day. The final results were thus as follows:

Garrett Slattery & Morne Els (Cape Province)	63
Ernst Conradie & Charlene Pienaar (Ekurhuleni Province)	62
Johan Kotze & Jontey Kotze (Gauteng Province)	58

A fitting end to a great inaugural event will hopefully be the start of many more exciting events in the future.

Thanks

The SA Blind Golf Association would like to express our sincere thanks to all of those people and organisations who provided financial and other support which made this event possible, including various SA Golf Unions.

Thanks too to the Milnerton Golf Club, and the fantastic team from management, the pro shop, catering, waiters and the invaluable caddies. We were made to feel extremely welcome throughout the event. We hope to be back at Milnerton in the near future.