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MESSAGE

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Nicky Bloem

Dear Member,

After five months into our new financial year, I am pleased to report that all Club activities are well under way and in accordance with our planning schedules. In this edition, we'll report on progress made, important objectives for the next couple of months, as well as new initiatives that management is working on in an attempt to consistently add value to you, our member.

Firstly, this edition of the Jacaranda has taken on the format of our normal layout. You will remember the first edition of the year contained a member photo gallery where various Club events and activities were highlighted. In this edition, you will read articles from the various sectional heads, and there will be a detailed PCC calendar for your year planner. I would like to start with some feedback from the recent Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 June.

SOME FORTY-FIVE MEMBERS ATTENDED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT AGENDA MATTERS BEING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Election of the new Main Committee members.
2. Approval of changes to our Constitution in terms of articles 8.1, 8.6 and 23.
3. Member approval for expenses related to the rehabilitation of our dam wall behind the 15th green.

COLIN HIGGINS

– Extraordinary golf achievement

The chances of achieving two Hole-in-One achievements in a single round are calculated at 67 million to one.

On 16 November 2016, Colin Higgins achieved this rare feat at Pretoria Country Club, by aing both the 8th and 14th holes.

Colin Higgins (on the right), with Golf Captain, Johan de Villiers, is being presented with a special collage by Club Chairman, Nicky Bloem, to commemorate this feat.



Colin Higgins (on the right), with Golf Captain Johan de Villiers and Chairman Nicky Bloem. Nicky presented Colin with a special collage to commemorate this feat.

Without having to discuss details of the above (please refer to the Annual Report for detailed information), I would like to firstly congratulate Roy Fouché for being re-elected onto the Main Committee. Roy retired by rotation but opted to serve a further term as a Main Committee member and was duly elected as such. Roy is an active member on the Asset Management Committee where the most important capital project for 2017, the rehabilitation of the dam wall, is planned and executed.

I would also like to welcome Louis Marais as our new Tennis Captain, and Piet Jordaan as the incoming Squash Captain. We look forward to your valuable contributions over the next couple of years. Thank you to both Gordon Hart, previous Tennis Captain, and Kyle Potgieter, previous Squash Captain. You certainly served each section with distinction and we are grateful for your time and efforts in this regard. Please refer to page 36 for a list of the 2017/2018 Main Committee members. I look forward to serving Pretoria Country Club with you all.

Both articles 8.1 and 8.6 were approved. These amendments dealt with the qualification for Life Membership (article 8.6) after completing 50 years of Town Membership, and the consideration of approving a Student Membership category for students older than 26 years, in extenuating circumstances.

The amendment to article 23 was also approved, which confirms that the PCC Main Committee will ensure the Club's financial viability and sustainability through implementing more stringent financial controls. Although these suggestions have always formed part of the Club's financial policy as contained in the Strategic Business Plan, these have now been written into the Constitution.

After the first three months, we are in a healthy financial position. Due to the great condition of our golf course after the recent Tshwane Open, it is heartening to see that 667 more rounds were played than last year over the same period, with total green fees received of R252 625 more than the previous year. We hope this trend continues. Year to date, net profit (before capital expense) is slightly better than budget by approximately R154 500. It is still early in the financial year and therefore hard work will be devoted to retaining a growth margin throughout the winter.

The condition of the golf course continues to be of a high standard. Under the leadership of Greens Chairman, Dawid Muller, some exciting projects are planned on the golf course for the latter part of the year. Our General Manager will provide more detail regarding these projects. The Golf Course Master Plan has also been completed and,

depending on budget constraints, projects are scheduled in accordance with this plan. We will shortly introduce the revised Golf Course Master Plan through a member participation platform.

There are four important objectives from a general club perspective that the Main Committee would like to execute this year:

Firstly, from a capital expense point of view, we would like to complete the next phase of the Pavilion upgrade, as mentioned in my previous article. A part of the 2017/2018 Capital Budget, we plan to upgrade our Pavilion furniture and introduce an Italian-themed restaurant where the current terrace area is, adjacent to the pizza oven. The idea is to formalise the dining area in the Pavilion, by moving catering from inside the bar area to the terrace area. This way, we will create more seating space in the bar, as well as offer an extended menu and catering experience in an open but separated area, for this purpose only. Snacks and a bar menu will still be served in the bar and outside patio areas. However, seated dining will be reserved for the restaurant/terrace area, which incidentally boasts one of the best views in town. The upgrade of our outdoor furniture at the Pavilion is also receiving attention. I am sure we all agree that the outdoor furniture has now served its purpose and needs to be replaced. It is important, however, to ensure that the type of furniture bought fits in with the rest of the theme planned for the Pavilion.

Secondly, we would like to complete the dam rehabilitation project. The project has been approved by the members, as previously mentioned, and commenced in August 2017 to be completed by the end of November 2017. The Manager will indicate in his report what impact this will have on the usage of the facilities, with time frames and possible restrictions during construction time.

Thirdly, it is our objective to replace the Vodacom sponsorship which ended in December last year. In order to continue upgrading our facilities, revenue derived from sponsorships forms an integral part of the Club's budget. We will, however, restructure the basis of this sponsorship proposal to ensure that we retain the PCC brand image. Together with the sponsorship, management is also in the process of finalizing a loyalty programme that will enhance our members' experience even further. Recently, a prize voucher system was introduced that allows prizewinners in any of the sections the opportunity to redeem same at a broader base of suppliers. We have received positive feedback in this regard, and will expand the base of suppliers in future.

Lastly, the revised Strategic Business Plan is complete. The Main Committee will now

engage with the various sections to identify actions in each section that will align with the Club's strategy. I would like to thank Johan van den Bergh, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, for driving this process.

From a calendar point of view, I attended the Flavours of Tshwane event that was hosted early in June. This year, Flavours was a very enjoyable event for all. The number of people attending was limited in order to provide a better experience for the support of restaurants and wine estates. Great fun rides were available to kids, and the quality of the food and wine was exceptional. Well done to all. I hope we will enjoy the same quality next year.

We've had a busy calendar thus far. Our Young Members Committee hosted the Ring of Fire braai around the fountain on 30 July. The day proved to be a fun day out for the whole family.

The squash section hosted the Jarvis Cup during the week of 10 to 14 July. For those of you who do not know this tournament, it is the equivalent of the Currie Cup of rugby. The top provisional players of all squash provinces in South Africa played for the Jarvis Cup. With the help of fellow squash member, Steven Doug, who is also the President of SA Squash, we were excited to showcase our facilities during that week.

Over the next few months, there are a couple of events to look out for. Please take note of the upcoming events on page 27.

There are two projects on the golf course that will be introduced before the end of the financial year.

The 1st, 3rd, 5th, 9th, 15th and 16th Tee complexes will either be enlarged or resurfaced to address heavy traffic related problems.

Besides this, we have noticed that there are many shade issues on the golf course, as a result of exotic trees that cover large areas on the greens and tees, causing grass varieties to die off during the winter period. These trees have been identified and will be felled.

In closing, I would like to thank all members for their support once again. Pretoria Country Club can only be successful with the support of our members.

Kind regards

Nicky Bloem



FROM THE *GENERAL MANAGER*

— Vivian van Wyk

Although we have passed the halfway mark of 2017, the first few months have already produced many memorable experiences in the form of member activities, competitions, some exciting initiatives and several high-quality functions that were hosted by all sections of PCC. Please see page 26 for upcoming events and Club activities that will take place over the next quarter. Further to the message from our Chairman, I will discuss a couple of operational matters that received our attention.

Firstly, from the Management and staff, we would like to welcome all the new members who were elected to the Main Committee at the last Annual General Meeting, especially Roy Fouché, who has agreed to serve another term of three years as an elected member of the Main Committee. You will be able to peruse the various committee structures and representatives in this magazine.

Members serving on any committee of a club should be saluted for the dedication, time and expertise they bring to the organisation. They need to execute their responsibilities without remuneration, and sometimes receive unfair criticism from fellow members who fail to grasp that the hours spent at the club have a major impact on their family commitments. I can assure you, they do this with passion for the Club and in the best interest of all our members.

Whilst talking about members that dedicate their time and energy to the Club, a special word of congratulation needs to be expressed to the following members that received Honours Colours at the recent AGM: Nicky Bloem, Paul Pelser and Schalk Strydom.



Paul Pelser, Nicky Bloem and Schalk Strydom, proudly wearing their Honours Blazers.

The awarding of Honours Colours is one of the most prestigious awards that can be bestowed upon a member and, once again, I would to applaud these members on this exceptional achievement.

After the approval of the latest amendments to the Constitution – referring to articles 8.1, 8.6 and 23 – we will be printing new copies of the Constitution, which will be available at Reception at no extra cost to members. We will advise all members when these copies are available.

There was a detailed report by our Chairman at the AGM regarding staff-related matters but, further to this, I would like to congratulate our Financial Manager, Herman de Bruyn, for completing his Bachelor of Accounting Science degree. We are proud of Herman and trust that his qualification will assist him in adding more value to the Club.

In particular, we would like to offer our deepest condolences to Elsa Carstens who sadly lost her husband in May this year. Cass was a founding member of the Wine Fraternity, as well as a member of the Pretoria Club. We will continue to support Elsa through this time, and trust she will find some joy at PCC that will comfort her.

Congratulations to William Tseka and his wife, Lucky, on the birth of their new baby daughter on 24 July. We wish Willy and his family much joy and happiness.

Our finances continue to be in a healthy state, with more focus on introducing cost-saving initiatives from an operational point of view. To this end, PCC's cleaning contract was revisited and successfully awarded to a new company called Quatro Holdings, which outperformed the tenders received in this regard. Together with the installation of new sanitising equipment throughout our facility, an annual cost saving of approximately 13% will be generated.

Another cost-saving item that now enters its second phase is the installation of more energy-saving lighting. The first phase identified most of the areas throughout the Club where lights were replaced with energy-saving units, all with a pay-back period of 12 months or less. The second phase will now focus on the balance of areas that were not fitted during the first phase. Over and above this, energy-saving measurements are now also electronically integrated into our daily management reports to identify further cost savings.

Our last irrigation audit of the golf course indicated that the electricity cost of our irrigation pumps could be identified as a potential cost-saving area. Currently a proposal in this regard is awaited.

As can be seen from the Chairman's message, there are three major capital expenditure projects that are scheduled for the rest of



the year. The rehabilitation of the dam wall behind the 15th green is certainly the most important of the three. This project is currently underway, with completion scheduled for end-November. More information will be posted about this project, but we would like to appeal in advance for the patience of our golfers, bowlers and tennis players during the next three months, as the rehabilitation will have an effect on these sections.

It is a fact that we do not have nearly enough tee space on our course, resulting in some tees that have to endure heavy traffic and are not afforded time to recover. We currently have just over 5 500 square metres of tee space, but require close to 11 000 square metres. Enlarging tees and adding additional tees are certainly a priority of the Greens Committee.

From a marketing point of view, the new voucher system has been introduced. I would like to thank the following suppliers that are part of this initiative:

- The Pro Shop (PCC)
- The Pavilion (PCC)
- N9NE Catering (PCC)
- MOO MOO Meet & Whine (Brooklyn Mall and Menlyn Mall)
- Mondanette Butchery (Monument Park)
- SUPERSPAR and Tops (Monument Park)
- Baseline Racquets (Groenkloof Plaza and Lynnwood Bridge Retail)
- HairVolution Hair Salon (Brooklyn)
- SkinPhd Aesthetic Beauty & Hair Salons (The Club Centre)
- Q4 Fuel Service Station (corner of Atterbury Rd and Manitoba Dr)

The Marketing Committee will focus on finalising the Strategic Marketing Plan, restructuring member communication, and introducing a new sponsor to replace the Vodacom sponsorship that terminated in December 2016.

Lastly, I would like to appeal to all members to visit the PCC calendar that is sent out every Friday, specifically with the focus on the social events that are hosted. Most of these events are really fun to attend, and not only do you meet fellow members, but you also maximise the member benefits that you pay for.

Thank you to all our members for their continued support of our beautiful facility. As the management team, we remain committed to providing you with the best possible service. If you would like to bring something to my attention, or would just like to share some interesting ideas, please contact me on vw@ptacc.co.za.

Kind regards

Vivian van Wyk



2017 FLAVOURS OF TSHWANE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

4 June 2017



Nine top Pretoria restaurants and ten exclusive wine estates participated in this popular festival. The number of tickets was strictly limited to 1 200, on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. All meals were served in taster portions which cost R50 each.

Fine quality wines were available at a special price to take home or to consume at the show.

The kids' entertainment area, with special activities, a pizza meal and a beverage, added enormously to the success of the festival. Coffee and gelato was served throughout the show from the Aroma food truck. The fabulous Stella Artois bar and live jazz music from the DJ created a fantastic vibe for the whole family.

Entrance tickets included six meal vouchers, a free tasting glass, and a tasting voucher for 10 complimentary tastes of wine at the various stands.

THE FOLLOWING RESTAURANTS AND WINE ESTATES PARTICIPATED:

Forti Grill & Bar, Priva Gastrolounge, The Publican, Prosopa, Kream, Pride of India, The Godfather Restaurant, Guy Fieri's Kitchen & Bar, Etas Tapas Restaurant, Anton Piskeki, Saronsberg, Antonij Rupert Wines, Ernie Els Wines, Leopard's Leap Family Vineyards, Haute Cabrière, Simonsig Wine Estate, Tokara and Great Wines.





PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB

THE SMYTH CUP

Sunday, 15 October 2017



THE 68TH SMYTH CUP CHARITY GOLF DAY & PRIZEGIVING

The Smyth Cup is the most important annual fundraising event at Pretoria Country Club, and the proceeds of this day will be donated to local welfare organizations that depend for their survival on donations and sponsorships. This year, we will celebrate the 68th Smyth Cup Golf Day on 15 October 2017.



We call upon you, our Club members, as well as sponsors from our community, to support this worthy cause. Enter a 4-Ball, sponsor a hole, or offer assistance on the day.

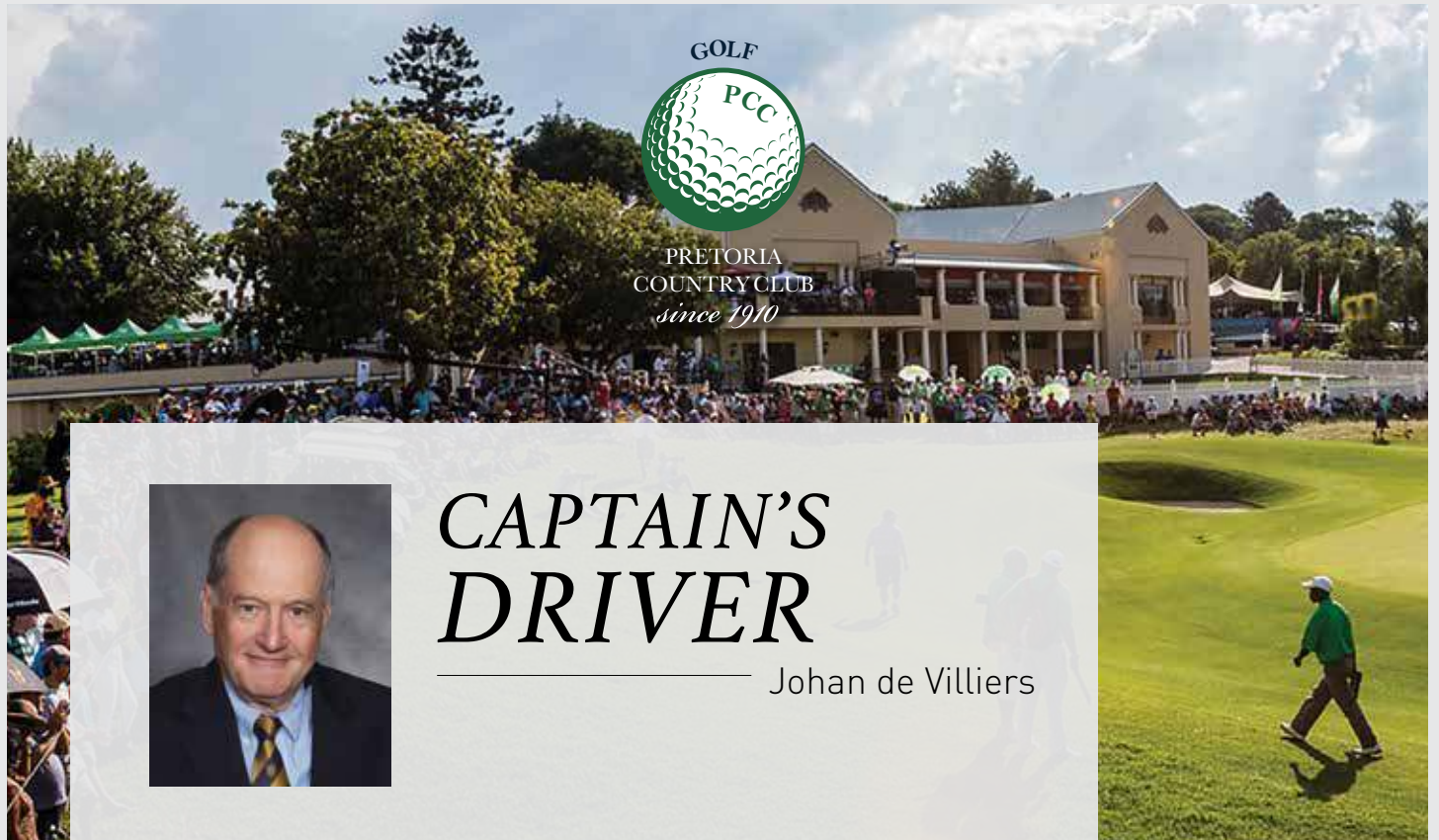


For a list of available sponsorship holes, please contact **Alida Botha on 072 563 5450 or alidajbotha@gmail.com**. We will gladly allow you to erect banners and other promotional material for your business at the hole/s that you have chosen.

With your assistance, we can make this the most successful Smyth Cup event ever.

Let us take hands for charity





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CAPTAIN'S DRIVER

Johan de Villiers

OF WINNERS, TROPHIES AND LOYAL SERVANTS

When reading the Chairman's Report to golf members at the recently held Club AGM, two things came to mind – multiple winners and long-serving members. In some instances, these apply to the same person, which then evokes both envy and admiration.

Starting with multiple winners: James du Preez Jnr, our 2017 Club Champion, accomplished this feat for the third time in his relatively short golfing career. He is well on his way to emulating Louis Peens, who won the championship four times, and the late Judge Louis Esselen, who won on five occasions. Matching or beating the record of the late Rowley Peart SC will, however, take some doing – he won a staggering seven championships, four times in succession between 1951 and 1955, and again in 1957, 1959 and 1960.

On the same page of the Report it was recorded that Lucas Luckhoff had managed to win both the oldest trophy, as well as the trophy which is probably our finest in appearance, the Woolavington Trophy, in the same year. The Curtis Cup is the oldest trophy in the Club, and was donated in 1911 by Curtis Brothers, a firm of men's outfitters in Pretoria, for a singles match play knockout on handicap competition. In the annals of the Club, the name RH Peart thus appears seven times as Champion Golfer, as mentioned

above, as winner of the Curtis Cup in 1940, and also as the recipient of provincial colours between 1956 and 1958.

It is rather difficult not to digress when reading the 2017 Report with the fascinating 2010 Centenary Book of the Club at hand (if you don't already own one, do yourself a favour and buy one at the office), so please excuse me if I do so more than once.

Perhaps it is not a well-known fact amongst our younger members, but Dale Hayes' father, Otway, was a member of the Club in the thirties, and his name appears in our record books as a winner of several provincial tournaments as an amateur between 1936 and 1939, and as Club champion in 1939/40.

An article appeared in the Telegraph in the UK in 2006 in which the names of the "richest (and most secretive) British Tycoons ever" were listed. James Buchanan was the founder and head of James Buchanan Whisky Distillers and is number three on the list. He is said to have paid fifty thousand pounds for his peerage "but dated the cheque with which he paid for Jan 2, 1922, the day after it was to be gazetted, and signed it 'Woolavington' not Buchanan, so that if he didn't get the peerage, the cheque would bounce". Be that as it may, after having become the first Lord Woolavington,

this astute businessman presented a cup to our Club in 1924, which has become one of the most sought-after of our trophies, and which is open to players of all clubs in the Pretoria district.

As far as I can gather, there have been several members who have won both the Curtis and Woolavington trophies in different years, but Lukas Luckhoff seems to be the first who managed to do so in the same year, so, a rare feat indeed. Another remarkable "double" must be that of Steve Doeg, who won both the squash and golf Men's Championships in the 1990/1991 year.

James du Preez Jnr has then equalled the record of the three-time championship winners mentioned below, as well as that of George Coetzee who won in 2002/3, 2003/4 and in 2005/6.

Regarding members who were both multiple winners and long-serving members, one of the most obvious names is that of the late Tallis Hurly. He won the Championship Cup in 1947/8, 1948/9 and 1950/51, and was the SA Seniors Champion in 1956. He served the Club as Chairman from 1967 to 1970 and, prior to that, as member of the Main Committee and as Golf Captain, no less than five times. A trophy donated by him in 1965 for a better-ball match play competition is also a much coveted one.

Prior to him, AC Wilmot was the Men's Champion of the Club on four occasions in the twenties and thirties, and Chairman in 1935. In this regard our 2017 champ will, no doubt, also be aware of the names of "AS Dowie" and "CF Rauch" under the list of three-time

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championship winners and loyal servants. Athol has been introducing and teaching our wonderful game at the Club for more than three decades, after having won on three occasions in the seventies. Connie Rauch also carried the crown thrice in the late eighties/early nineties, and served as member of the Golf Committee and ultimately as Captain and, with brother and former captain, Anton Rauch, won the Tallis Hurly Trophy in 1998. Connie is now doing very well on the Senior Amateur circuit.

In hierdie verband, wat van huidige Gholfkomiteelid, Gerhard Lombard? Hy was nie alleen kaptein van die destydse Noord-Transvaal gholfspan nie, maar is ook 'n driemaalige houër van die Manskampioen-skaptitel – in 1982/3, 1985/6 and 1986/7.

Ook die name van Hancke Scheepers en Corné Kruger verdien hier vermelding: hulle was Voorsitters van die Klub in die laat tagtigs en vroeg negentigs onderskeidelik. Elk het die Curtis Cup gewen (Corné tweekeer, waarvan een in die jaar waarin hy Gholfkaptain was), en saam het hulle in 1990 die Tallis Hurly trofee gewen. Corné, wat duidelik nog nie moeg is vir komiteewerk as dit by gholfsake kom nie, dien tans as Nasionale President van die Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa.

Back to the AGM: golfers and loyal servants who received well-deserved recognition in the form of Honours Colours for their hard work, were Schalk Strydom, who managed the Finance Committee with an iron fist previously, our former hard-working Golf Captain, Paul Pelsler, and our present Club Chairman, Nicky Bloem.

A special award at the AGM, which is not likely to be made again to a PCC member in my lifetime, was the one made to Colin Higgins, who achieved two Hole-in-one late last year at PCC – apparently it is much more likely that a member will win the Lottery!

PCC lady golfers, Jean Tindall and Lynn Dowie, easily beat the superb record of Rowley Peart as Club Champion, but perhaps Maritha de Beer can tell you more of that in another editorial.

In the meanwhile, I wish you all happy golfing on our beautiful fairways.

Johan de Villiers



Melt van der Spuy and James du Preez (Jnr), our Club champ 2017.



Chairman, Nicky Bloem, with the ex-golf Captains after their annual breakfast.





LADIES GOLF *CAPTAIN'S CORNER*

Maritha de Beer

Thank you to each and everyone who assisted to make our open day the very special occasion it was.

The Augusta at PCC is the closest most of us will come to experiencing the real Augusta.

A sincere thank you to all our ladies serving on the committee and to all the helpers on the day, who so willingly contributed to the success and enjoyment of our PCC open day.

LADIES GOLF

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 October
Smyth Cup

14 November
Ladies Pink Ball and
Christmas Party

19 November
Kudu Cup Final /
Rooibok Mixed Open

WHAT'S NEWS

Alma Chapman Ladies Open – 25th April 2017



WINNERS: Chantell le Roux, Freda Myburg, John Loftus (sponsor), Lizette de Villiers, Yolanda Venter (95 points).



2nd PLACE: Nancy Blomerus, Nives Schabart, Nicole Hannah, Erna Swart (94 points).



3rd PLACE: Jeanne Cronje, Viv Doeg, Henelia Massyn, Bronwyn Doeg (94 points c/o).

The next generation of PCC golfers



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WHAT'S NEWS

PCC's Annual Bunny Clinic 2017



ROSA WHITFIELD WINNERS: *Maritha de Beer and Gina Nieuwoudt.*



SANLAM CANCER CHALLENGE WINNERS:
Individual Stableford: *Denise Grobbelaar.*
Bronze Division: *Erendine Olivier.*
Silver Division: *Maritha de Beer.*



WINTER ALLIANCE MIXED OPEN WINNERS:
Hans Karemaker, Riana Karemaker, Stoffel Esterhuizen, Riana Erasmus and Kallie Erasmus.



Congratulations to Lyn Dowie who achieved the fifth ace of her career.



The Saturday league teams played their final match against each other in a fantastic spirit. Well done, ladies!

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



THE NEW LADIES GOLF COMMITTEE FOR 2017/2018:
Gina Nieuwoudt, Delyse Burger, Bronwynne Meyer, Charlie Verster, Alida Botha, Ronel Louw, Myrle Irons, Maritha de Beer.

The Knysna FUNDRAISING PROJECT

We thank all PCC Members who donated blankets, clothes and necessities for the Knysna Fundraising Project.



RECIPE

FROM THE **LADIES CAPTAIN** – Maritha de Beer

MUSHROOM RISOTTO WITH TRUFFLE OIL

(Serves 10, with a little left over for the cook!)

- 100g butter
- 3 leeks, chopped
- 600g risotto rice
- half bottle dry white wine
- lamb stock from your shank pot
- 250ml cream
- 100g Gorgonzola cheese
- seasoning
- parboiled baby carrots and leeks to garnish

Melt the butter and fry the leeks until soft. Add the risotto and fry quickly until all the grains are covered with butter.

Add the wine, and stir constantly until the alcohol has evaporated and most of the wine has been absorbed.

Ladle some stock out of the lamb shank pot – make sure you pick up some of the pancetta at the same time – and stir until it's absorbed. Stir some more. Keep stirring.

Add more stock and stir. More stock and stirring is needed until the risotto is nearly ready – it should be slightly *al dente*.

Stir in cream and add the Gorgonzola. Stir some more.



Add seasoning. Stir until the risotto is a beautiful creamy consistency and has been seasoned to taste. Dish up in huge soup bowls: add a dash of truffle oil, place shank on top, and garnish with parboiled baby carrots and leeks.

LADIES GOLF – SENIORS

Bronwynne Meyer

I find it hard to believe that the year has slipped by so quickly. The Seniors so far has been both inspiring and humbling – the support from the ladies is just absolutely amazing!

We played frequently in January, but we could not play at all in February due to the course closure for the Tshwane Open. In March, down came the late rains! Most ladies thought we would not be able to play but, undeterred, a few of us did. And what a surprise awaited us afterwards in the cloak room – eats aplenty! Needless to say, we had a blast and chatted the day away.

So far, we have been able to play every month with great enthusiasm. We made a change from the first Friday of each month to the first Thursday of the month. Thursdays are Club days, so we will never again have to cancel our Club days because of corporate or fundraising events. Let's hope the First Thursday Club goes from strength to strength!

I have to thank all our Senior ladies for their input every month and for making our days such a success.

Happy senior golfing!



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PCC WINE FRATERNITY

PAST EVENTS ENJOYED BY OUR MEMBERS

26 January 2017	Bubbly under the Tree	Venue: Grand Lounge (on the lawn)
23 February 2017	Luddite Palate Evening	Venue: Ballroom (on the verandah)
30 March 2017	Jan Boland Coetzee Palate Evening	Venue: Grand Lounge
25 May 2017	Bartho Eksteen	Venue: Ballroom
22 June 2017	Saronsberg Gourmet Dinner	Venue: Grand Lounge
27 July 2017	Ernie Els Gourmet Dinner	Venue: Grand Lounge
10 August 2017	Louis 57 Palate Evening	Venue: Grand Lounge
22 August 2017	CWG Pre-auction Wine Tasting	Venue: Ballroom
1 September 2017	Beyerskloof Golf Day and Snoekbraai	Venue: Ballroom
28 September 2017	Spier Palate Evening	Venue: Carl Jeppe

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 Johan Potgieter
 Jurie Roux
 Francois Schuld
 Jean-Louis Strydom
 Janku van der Merwe
 Michiel van der Merwe

JUNE 2017

Ruben Dreyer
 Karen Greyling
 Gerrit Labuschagne
 John Martin
 Jenny Martin
 Dylan Moore
 Daniel Pienaar

JULY 2017

Maaïke Badenhorst
 Chadette Botha
 Amelia Cilliers
 Chris Cronjé
 Kris Fresonke
 Myong An Jin
 Richard Major
 Willem Nel
 Jeanne Pienaar
 Yente Pienaar

AUGUST 2017

Roza Botha
 Nigel Casey (British High Comm)
 Wihan Horn
 Annika Janse van Rensburg
 Bryn Langley
 Debbie Lemmer
 Chris Lemmer
 Jacs Lemmer
 Lourens Lemmer

Johann Limbach
 Wynand Nieuwenhuizen
 Ruan Nieuwoudt
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Corkage option	150 to 250 guests

PCC PAVILION RULES AND DRESS REGULATIONS

BAR, BALCONY AND ALL DINING FACILITIES

The welfare of members and guests and their enjoyment of the facilities are of paramount importance to the committee and management, and they accordingly reserve the right to decide whether dress is appropriate or not. The dress code applies to members, their guests and visitors attending golf days and functions in the Clubhouse.

The Pro Shop and caterers will communicate the dress code to all persons booking golf days and/or the function facilities. It is the responsibility of members to inform their guests of the Club's dress regulations.

GENERAL

- No smoking inside the facilities, including electronic cigarettes
- No feet on the furniture

DRESS CODE

The dress code is smart casual at all times

GENTLEMEN

- No t-shirts or vests
- No torn or frayed clothing
- No slip-slops, thongs or sandals
- No caps or hats allowed inside the facilities

LADIES

- No torn or frayed clothing
- No slip-slops, thongs or sandals
- No caps allowed inside the facilities

MANAGEMENT AND ADMIN

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Tuesday to Saturday:	07:00 – 19:00
Sunday:	08:00 – 17:00

ADMIN STAFF OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday:	08:00 – 16:30
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TRIBUTE

TO EDGAR GOLDBLUM

————— Brian Forsyth

Brian Forsyth pays his respects to the late Mr Edgar Goldblum at the unveiling of his photo, taken with Mr Nelson Mandela, on 30 June 2017.



Eric and Chips



Eric Goldblum

By way of introduction, let me say that, whilst we have had this photograph on display for some time, we have not had the opportunity for Eric Goldblum to officially unveil the picture of his late father, Edgar, taken with Nelson Mandela."

When he and his wife Becky married, they built their home in the new suburb of Brooklyn. There were no roads, no electricity, no trees – nothing for miles around. So, his mother promptly told the newlyweds that she was not going to visit them, as they were living halfway to Witbank.

Edgar played first team rugby for Harlequins for eight years, a hooker in a powerful pack of forwards. After retiring, he took up refereeing and, after the war, was in charge of the 1st team match between 'Quins and Pretoria – always an intense derby. Edgar, in awarding a scrum, said "our ball" instead of "'Quins ball" in hearing of the huge crowd of Pretoria supporters. Understandably, this led to a near riot!

A keen golfer, he played well into his 90s with his mates of the same age. Their local rule on the longer holes – which still has much merit – was that, if they had all played 7 shots, the hole was halved. And they promptly moved on to the next hole!

I would like to thank a good friend of the family and a club member of 45 years, Chips Sive, for his role in getting Eric here today. Chips is living proof that club life is beneficial to one and all, and that the medicine we take in these rooms does us a world of good – he turns 92 this year!

I first met Eric on his arrival in Pretoria, when he was the senior partner of a very successful insurance broker company and a leading man about town. There was a block of business in Warmbaths that we wanted to have a look at. On the arranged day, it was pouring with rain. As my car was in the basement of our office block, I phoned Eric to tell him that I would pick him up in front of his offices, as there was no parking.

Arriving there, I saw two people come dashing out in the rain, so I quickly opened the rear door as well, and a delightful young lady from somewhere on the coast jumped into the back seat – followed by Eric! So 'yours truly' chauffeured them all the way to Warmbaths. We conducted our business, had a good lunch, and I now felt that I might have some company in the front on the way back home. But Eric and his friend climbed into the back seat again, holding hands, and 'yours truly' drove them back to Pretoria.

A man with a wonderful sense of humour, Eric decided some 20-odd years ago to develop a business conglomerate which, although locally-based, has developed business interests worldwide.

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STM JACARANDA REPORT

Casper Mostert

GENERAL

The course condition is improving seasonally every year. From the last issue published post-Tshwane Open, we have executed many in-house projects.

We have converted problematic tees into cool season tees to have coverage throughout the year. These tees are looking great and they are a big improvement from what we had.



1st tee overseeded with RPR cool season seed.

We removed the rose garden to the left of the 1st tee, and constructed a grass mound that fits in well with the surrounds and adds a safety barrier. The mound hides movement from the entrance while players tee off. It also creates a barrier for sound coming from the caddy shack.



The mound to the left of the 1st tee going into winter.

We edged the water hazards on the front nine to create more uniformity. We also deepened the hazard between the 6th and 11th tees to increase its holding capacity, which will improve the drainage of the 11th fairway bunkers.



Hazard at the 4th tee is edged.

We are planning to start the 5th tee box enlargement in August. The men's tee will be levelled and lowered by about 700mm, while the ladies tee will be raised by about 300mm to create one large tee for both ladies and men. The tee will be widened and enlarged at the same time to create the biggest tee space possible. The current temporary tee will also be kept for corporate play.



5th tee box proposal.

The range at PCC has been substandard for a while now due to foreign grasses that have taken over. The range was also damaged after the last repairs were done to the range nets. We stripped the range, and ripped and rotovated the playing area. The whole range has been seeded with RPR seed, which is a cool season grass that will stay green right through the year. We are still planning to add sand around the driving range fairway, between the cool season grass and the nets. The contrast

will look great and maintenance will be far less extensive. We would like to add some Bent target greens with distance indicators and small bunkers to complete the whole look of the range. We will also be stripping the range tee to laser level the area, and will be seeding it so that the tee will be perfectly playable by November. We believe that the practice facility will then be one of a kind.



Driving range 1st pre-seeding.



Driving range, three weeks post-germination.

We have started a screening project at the workshop to screen the workshop from the course. The mound was sprigged with sprigs from the fairway scarifying process in August. The sprigs have been irrigated and fertilized so that they will grow closed, like the rose garden on the 18th tee that we did the previous year.

COURSE CONDITION

Thinking back a year ago, we did not have any grass on our tees going into winter. With better maintenance practices and management, we have managed to improve most aspects of the course. The newly seeded tee boxes are also a big improvement.

The greens have certainly also improved over the past year. We have interseeded the greens four times in the past two years, and one will slowly start to notice that the greens are more consistent through a larger part of the year. To date, no Poa seed heads have been visible, due to good management practices and efficient chemical control.

We are constantly working on improving the detail on the course. The new tee markers and flags are a massive improvement on the previous course furniture we had, and have improved the overall detail on the course. We have already received great feedback on this.



New flags with new golf logo.

We are looking forward to hosting the 2018 Tshwane Open, following great feedback from both the players and public after the previous tournament. We will look to improve yet again, and have started doing so with the above-mentioned projects that have been completed, or are due to be completed by then.

Regards

Casper Mostert

Southern Turf Management



New tee markers with new golf logo.





UPCOMING **EVENTS** AT **PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB**





OCT 2017

1 October

Hickory Golf (TBC)

3 October

Greens Committee Meeting 16:00

4 October

GN Seniors Golf Day
Tennis Committee Meeting 18:00
Pretoria Club Steak & Ale

5 October

Young Members Committee Meeting 18:00

6 October

DSG Golf Day

9 October

Bowls Committee Meeting 17:30

10 October

Golf Committee Meeting 18:00

12 October

Asset Management Meeting 07:30
Young Members Committee – Band: Under The Stars

13 October

CCBSA Golf Day
Pretoria Club Century Lunch
Squash Meeting 08:00

15 October

Smyth Cup

17 October

Membership and Marketing Meeting 18:00

18 October

Urology Golf Day
New Members 18:00

19 October

Pretoria Club Committee Meeting 16:00
Mid-Month Draw

20 October

Captain's Dinner

21 October

TUKS Golf Day AM

22 October

MASS Golf Day

24 October

Finance Meeting 15:30

25 October

Young Members Committee – Spier Wine Tasting
Dikgang Golf Day

27 October

Pretoria Club Month-End Lunch
Young Members Committee – Around the World Theme
Rotary Pretoria Golf Day

31 October

Main Committee Meeting 17:30

NOV 2017

1 November

Steak & Ale Dinner

10 November

Century Lunch
Squash Meeting 08:00
Mid City Golf Day

16 November

Pretoria Club Committee Meeting 16:00
Pretoria Club Mid-Month Draw

24 November

Pretoria Club Year End Lunch
Speaker: Mr Coenie de Villiers – The effect of music on the business mind

29 November

Pta Club Quiz



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PCC SQUASH

PCC offers six of the best squash courts in Gauteng, with a lovely bar, lounge and outside braai area that are among the best in Gauteng.

The Squash Club is well maintained throughout the year. In 2017, the Squash Committee worked extremely hard on a major upgrade and renovation project on the courts and interior, resulting in a beautiful, modern and very presentable facility. Along with the renovations, we welcomed the addition of the Baseline Racquets shop inside the squash facility, which provides all squash players with their required equipment needs. The Squash Club now also has its very own N9NE menu, and N9NE Catering will provide food for all squash players and visitors, and will also supply food for our squash league evenings.

FEES

- **New members:**
Once-off fee – R145.00 for a membership card
- **Northern Junior Squash Association (NJSA):**
Court hire fee – R35.00 per court per hour
- **Schools and Northern Squash Association (NSA):**
Court hire fee – R35.00 per court per hour
- **Other squash clubs / Squash industry:**
R45.00 per court per hour
- **Corporate / Private groups:**
R75.00 per court per hour

Formal PCC Coach:

Kevin Karam: 079 407 2961

SQUASH LEAGUES

PCC boasts eight (one ladies and seven men's) league teams competing in the Northern Squash Association League. Our Men's 1st League team sports some of the top male players in the country, offering a high level of squash and entertainment on a weekly basis. The Ladies League is scheduled for Wednesday evenings, whilst Men's League matches take place on Tuesday evenings (5th League and higher) and Thursday evenings (4th League and lower). League is played on a home and away basis. Teams are comprised of four players, but it is preferable to have more players in the squad. PCC has representation in the Ladies 1st League and two teams in the Men's 1st League, and generally also competes in Reserve, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th Leagues. League teams are open to both men and ladies who are members of PCC Squash Club.

ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

PCC has two formal competitions for members every year – the Annual Round Robin and the Club Championships.

PCC Squash members must participate in our Annual Round Robin in January in order to qualify and establish the players for the various teams in the Northern Squash Leagues. Our annual Club Championship matches take place in October and are restricted to members only, who may compete in the following sections:

Seniors

- Ladies
- Men's
- Masters

Juniors

- Boys
- Girls

Social Squash



BLACKJACK MONDAYS

Every Monday evening from 17h00, the Squash Club offers a social evening for all members, especially beginners, who are looking for some extra match practice. Two players per court play one game consisting of 21 points, then swop courts and do it all over again, against a new opponent.

It is an extremely fun and fitness-filled evening, and a great way to build club camaraderie and get to know new like-minded people.

JUNIOR CLINICS

Throughout the year the squash section will also be hosting junior clinics for girls and boys, where we have a young duo setting up a range of fun coaching and fitness activities for juniors of all ages and abilities.

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5. A confirmation page will be displayed informing you that registration was successful and that a confirmation email has been sent to the address you provided.
6. When you receive the email, please click on the link in the message. This will complete the registration process and you will now be able to log onto the website.
7. Log on using the username and password you supplied when you registered.
8. Click on the **My Providers** link.
9. Click on the **New Provider** button.
10. Fill in the form. If you need help for a particular input field, just position the mouse pointer over the field in question. The mandatory fields are highlighted by a red asterisk. Choose your club from the list in the **Provider** dropdown. Since the bookings you make online will need to be validated and stored in the Court Manager System at your club before being confirmed, you will need to supply your membership number (one or more digits) and PIN (usually four digits) for the Court Manager System. Enter these details into the **User/Login Name or Membership No** and **New Password or PIN** fields on the form. Your club should have already advised you of your membership and PIN numbers. When you are ready, click on the **Insert** button.
11. Now click on the **Make Booking** link and follow the prompts in order to make your first online booking!



DOUBLES & REDS VS BLUES TOURNAMENTS

Not for the faint-hearted, but great fun nonetheless! Social doubles tournaments will be hosted throughout the year on selected weekends. If you're not up for the danger, you are welcome to spectate, as doubles squash is sometimes more fun to watch than to be on the court. Generally, the tournament is followed by a braai at the Squash Club's braai facility, with some more fun to be had with table tennis.

In addition to the fun-filled doubles events, more intense Blues vs Reds mini-tournaments are held during league season breaks. Typically, members of the different PCC league teams take each other on in a head-to-head format – with a braai afterwards, of course!





BOWLS NEWS

The PCC Bowls section holds an annual Interclub Evening Bowls Challenge running one evening per month, over five months. This has been held for many years with the enthusiastic participation of other local bowls clubs.

The winners of the Men's section for this year were Irene, and the Ladies, PHSOB. The Ladies runners-up were PCC's team.

PCC LADIES RUNNERS-UP

From left: Annie Pienaar, Maureen Brassel, Cora Moore (Ladies Captain) and Joan Jones.



INTERCLUB EVENING BOWLS CHALLENGE



Brian Birkholtz with the Irene Men's winners of the Interclub Challenge.



Brian Birkholtz with the PHSOB Ladies winners of the Interclub Challenge.

The Bowls Club presents Latin American and Ballroom dance classes for all members on Monday evenings.

We have several different classes starting from 17:30 until 21:00 in the evening. These classes are all suitable for beginners.

Ballroom dancing is such a fantastic way for a couple to spend quality time together – not just to strengthen your relationship with your loved one, but also to stay healthy, fit and have fun. What better way is there to enjoy yourself than by learning how to do the cha-cha-chà, rumba, tango, foxtrot or jive?

Classes are given by current member, Ryno van den Berg, who is a former six-time South African Latin American Professional Dance Champion and SA representative of 13 World Championships.

The Bowls Committee has taken this initiative to introduce Ballroom dancing to everyone who is a member at PCC. Come and join us for an evening of high kicks and huge fun.

PCC BOWLS CLUB

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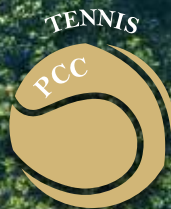
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Floodlit Interclub Evening Bowls Challenge



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TENNIS NEWS

Gordon Hart

PAST EVENTS:

The **Annual Club Championships** were played over two weekends in May 2017. The Championships consisted of men's and ladies singles, men's and ladies doubles, and mixed doubles.

The winners of the various events were as follows:

- Men's singles** : Richardt van Breda
- Ladies singles** : Elsabé Joubert
- Men's doubles** : Piet Marais Snr and Piet Marais Jnr
- Ladies doubles** : Carla du Plessis and Karin Marais
- Mixed doubles** : Gordon Hart and Erna Heyns

The **Captain's Cup** took place in mid-March in the form of a mixed doubles round robin in which nine couples participated. The event concluded with a very successful evening held in the kiosk, which was attended by players and their guests. A special thank you is extended to Juana Carrere for arranging this event at which traditional Columbian delicacies were served.



Group photo of players.

and the Elsje Myburgh Ladies Doubles Cup, both of which were played in a friendly round robin format. This was followed by the annual prize-giving of the championships and events that took place during 2016. The prize-giving concluded with the Tucker Vorster Award, which is specifically given to a member of the tennis section who has made a substantial contribution to improving and creating a warm and friendly atmosphere on social days. The recipient for 2016, who was unanimously elected by the Tennis Committee, was Elsabé Joubert.

The event concluded with a spit braai at the tennis facilities, and was enjoyed by tennis members and their guests until late in the night.

THE NEWLY-ELECTED

TENNIS COMMITTEE

for 2017 – 2018:

- Louis Marais (Captain)
- Marius Els (Vice-Captain)
- Erna Heyns
- Gordon Hart
- Karin Marais
- Antoinette Muller
- Jan Mutton
- Ingrid Saayman
- Elsa Carstens



The **Year-End Function** held on 5 November 2016 was the culmination of the activities of the tennis section that took place throughout that year. The event commenced on the Saturday afternoon with the playing of the Centenary Men's Doubles Cup





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<p>01 As the Club of choice for residents of the greater Pretoria area, we offer a Club located in a tranquil area</p> <p>02 Monthly events for members with the focus on family entertainment</p> <p>03 The PCC Wine Fraternity offers regular gourmet dinners and wine tastings</p> <p>04 The Pavilion – the main golf bar, with an outside deck overlooking the golf course</p> <p>05 Friday Night Draw in the Pavilion</p>	<p>06 Outstanding golf, bowls, squash and tennis facilities</p> <p>07 Driving range and practice facilities for members at no extra charge</p> <p>08 Pro Shop and Baseline Racquets with the latest equipment</p> <p>09 Halfway House situated in beautiful surroundings serving top-quality, value-for-money refreshments</p> <p>10 Experienced sport coaches</p>	<p>11 The Pretoria Club social section that hosts weekly events</p> <p>12 Fishing at the dam which has picnic spots</p> <p>13 Dining and function facilities with no venue hire for members booking private functions</p> <p>14 Catering for weddings, golf days, birthdays, dinners, corporate functions, conferences and other celebrations</p> <p>15 15% discount on food and beverages at the Club's dining facilities, Blu Saffron and Moo Moo</p>	<p>16 PCC Members Rooms</p> <p>17 Library</p> <p>18 Snooker Room</p> <p>19 Bridge Club</p> <p>20 Free Wi-Fi spots</p> <p>21 Online booking facilities for golf, squash and tennis</p> <p>22 Regular clinics and development programmes for beginners at the various sport sections</p> <p>23 Monday afternoon junior golf programmes</p>
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GARY PLAYER JUNIOR GOLF WEEK

Athol Dowie



Four of the younger participants in the Gary Player Junior Week, together with their caddies.



This tournament first started in the 1950s and, to be honest, I actually participated in it in the early sixties when we were coached by the then Pro Graham Roebert and Springbok Jean Tindall. In fact, in 1963 I shot 76 gross, only to be pipped by Dale Hayes who, at the tender age of twelve, shot 75 to beat me!

Other names on the Gary Player Trophy include Andries Oosthuizen, Martin Maritz, James du Preez Jnr and George Coetzee.

So, yes, this week has been the breeding ground for many top players but, more importantly, it has been and is the start of many years of enjoyment on golf courses for so many juniors. This year, the youngest participant is five years old and the oldest is 14, and they have received expert coaching from Henk Alberts and me.

Long may the tradition of the Gary Player Junior Week continue!





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CHAIRPERSON OF PRETORIA CLUB

Margaret Trunk



The 133rd Pretoria Club AGM was held on Friday 26 May 2017, where it was recorded that the membership strength of our club has been a matter of priority for the committee over the past year. Due to socio-economic conditions in the country and worldwide, clubs such as ours are feeling the effect, and it has become more of a challenge to maintain membership levels. We are fortunate to have the support of a larger establishment – our big brother, Pretoria Country Club.

In order to introduce new PCC members to Pretoria Club, the Steak & Ale evenings have been identified as a marketing vehicle to attract new members. These dinners are held on the first Wednesday of every month, and all new members are invited to attend one event free of charge. This function has been given a new face, and we invite all members to have a look for themselves.

Pretoria Club offers a variety of events to cater for all tastes. Interesting speakers are invited to address members at our month-end lunches, which are held on the last Friday of every month.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE'VE MANAGED TO ATTRACT THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS:

- Mr Dean Allen, with the launch of his book, *Empire, War & Cricket*, and his talk on the history of Matjiesfontein. Following on from this presentation, the committee is looking at the possibility of a club tour to Matjiesfontein, with Dean as tour guide.
 - Mr Dale Hayes, with the launch of his book, *The Hole Truth and Mostly True Stories*, and what an entertaining speaker Dale is!
 - Mr Dennis Frost on Forensics and Fingerprinting.
 - Adv Gerrie Nel at the Year-End Dinner who shared his interesting insights into the world of law.
 - Maj Genl Johan Jooste on the subject of rhino protection measures in our national parks.
 - Prof Erich Raubenheimer, who shared his insights into the world of elephants and their future.
- On 30 June, Mr Paul Fouché talked about his mountain bike ride from the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro to the sea, which he managed in less than 24 hours.
 - On 28 July, Mr Friedel Hansen gave a vivid discussion on the history of Pretoria.
 - On 25 August, Mr Mornay Walters shared the latest tips on cyber security.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- For the 2017 Year-End Lunch (24 November) we have Mr Coenie de Villiers, who will talk about the effect of music on the business mind.

Our Quiz Nights have been so popular that we've scheduled an additional evening into the calendar this year.

Burns Nicht was, as always, very popular, and a sub-committee is already working on the 2018 edition.

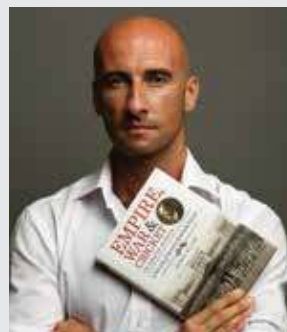
The Rock 'n Roll evening was most enjoyable and, in particular, the surprise performance by "ABBA".

Members also enjoyed the excursions to the Constitutional Court and to the Summer Handicap at Turffontein Racecourse, some of which we plan to repeat.

It is with optimistic enthusiasm that we look forward to another good year in the life of Pretoria Club, and long may we continue to enjoy good company, delicious food and fine wine in the ambience of our beautiful rooms.



Coenie de Villiers



Dean Allen



Ian Fraser

PRETORIA CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

FROM THE MEMBERS ROOMS

OCTOBER 2017

4 OCTOBER
Steak & Ale Dinner

13 OCTOBER
Century Lunch

19 OCTOBER
Committee Meeting &
Mid-Month Draw

27 OCTOBER
Month-End Lunch

NOVEMBER 2017

1 NOVEMBER
Steak & Ale Dinner

10 NOVEMBER
Century Lunch

16 NOVEMBER
Committee Meeting &
Mid-Month Draw

24 NOVEMBER
Year-End Lunch with
Speaker: Coenie de Villiers
– The effect of music on the
business brain

29 NOVEMBER
Quiz Evening

DECEMBER 2017

6 DECEMBER
Steak & Ale Dinner



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2017-2018

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