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MESSAGE

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Nicky Bloem

Dear Member,

As we approach the end of 2017, it is time to reflect on a rather eventful year in many aspects. In this special Vintage edition of the Jacaranda, we pay tribute to some interesting characters that form part of our history.

In the previous edition, we made mention of four major objectives Main Committee and Management are working on. I will briefly give feedback on our progress, as well as discuss a couple of important matters Main Committee had to deal with.

GREENS

During the first half of 2017 the condition of the greens was generally good, but over the winter months the POA infestation on our greens once again played a major role in our attention, focus and use of resources. Although there are various reasons for the spike in manifestation, it is evident that our greens have now reached a point where they do not respond optimally to normal manicuring practices during winter, due to various agronomical reasons. As you know, we implemented the "double sward inter-seeding" programme two years ago in an attempt to postpone the resurfacing of our greens, as we needed to upgrade some aspects related to golf course infrastructure and, more importantly, give the Finance Committee more time to plan for this major capital expense. Furthermore, we needed to be able to establish, with a high level of confidence, that any possible resurfacing to a bent-type grass will be sustainable and POA-free (or at least of a very low level) for a long period of time.



As the golf course is PCC's major asset, all aspects of its condition are of paramount importance, so the Greens and Finance Committees are currently discussing this matter, in conjunction with our golf course maintenance company (STM) and consulting experts, in finding the best and most sustainable solution for our members. This topic will be one of the more important focus areas for our 2018 Strategic Planning.

FINANCE

Total revenue at the end of October was R15 686 989, compared to a budgeted revenue of R15 960 730. Management has implemented initiatives that will support our efforts to meet financial targets at the end of February 2018. The General Manager will elaborate on this in his article. Year to date, annual subscriptions are marginally better than budget, which is a sign that the value proposition at PCC to members is healthy, despite the current tough economic times.

The Main Committee approved the 2018/2019 budget. By optimising revenue from sponsorships, rental income and restructuring alternative investment portfolios, we were able to increase annual subscriptions by only 7,8% whilst the expected industry increase will be above 8% next year, as per the latest survey done by the Club Managers Association of South Africa. The above additional revenue streams also enabled us to keep member green fees at R165 per 18 holes, which is a 0% increase on this year's fees.

In order to optimise the Club's passive revenue stream, we launched an exciting member competition in the form of a lucky draw when paying annual subscriptions before end of February 2018. If a member pays their total subscription fees by the end of December, he/she will receive four entries into the draw. If paid before the end of January 2018, two entries, and by the end of February, one entry. The lucky draw, worth R10 000, will be audited and drawn in April 2018.

The four major objectives Main Committee and Management focused on during the last couple of months are:

1. Capital improvements (Pavilion)
2. Rehabilitation of the dam wall behind the 15th green
3. Sponsorships
4. Finalisation of the Strategic Business Plan

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

You will notice that the upgrade of the Pavilion has commenced. In my previous article, I mentioned that the objective is to move the dining area in the Pavilion to the terrace area, by incorporating the previous "phase 1" (being the pizza oven) into an Italian-themed restaurant, with one of the best views in town and its own entrance and rest rooms.

This way we will create more seating space in the bar area for our golfers, as well as offer an extended dining experience in an open but separated area. A snacks and bar menu will still be served in the bar and outside patio areas. The outside furniture has already been upgraded. The décor and furniture inside the Pavilion will form part of the upgrade and should be completed by the end of February 2018. The Vodacom Room will still serve as a conference area, with the option to extend to the restaurant for larger groups.

REHABILITATION OF THE DAM WALL

I am sure most of our members have seen the construction work to the dam wall. We finally commenced with this project in October, as we had to wait almost 3 months for the Department of Water Affairs to issue us with a license to construct. The rehabilitation is expected to be complete by 15th December if stoppages are limited, failing which the completion will be around 20 January 2018, due to contractor's Christmas break. We would once again like to apologise for any inconvenience and especially thank the bowlers and tennis members for their patience during the construction period.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Our Marketing Committee continued to have success in attracting valuable sponsors to various sections over the past quarter. We still have our sights set on the replacement of the Vodacom sponsorship, but have since restructured the proposal that it is more aligned with our current brand image. Although times are tough, I am confident that we will obtain a corporate company to fill this gap.

Recently the PCC Partnership Programme was launched to the benefit of our members. This is an excellent initiative that will definitely add value to your membership. Vivian will elaborate more on this in his article.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN

After a lengthy process and many discussions on committees, I am happy to report that the Strategic Business Plan will be finalised in February 2018. I would like to thank Johan van den Bergh and his Strategic Planning Committee for their hard work the last couple of months in finalising this plan. Main Committee will review the plan and, subsequent to approval, share the content with our members. It is crucial that any organisation has a long-term plan and strategy for sustainability.

We have been approached by the Mayor to host the 2018 Tshwane Open in March. In my previous article I assured members that the merit of this event will be discussed at length with participation of the golf section. A decision has been made to accommodate the 2018 Tshwane Open, however, as

mentioned previously, it is highly likely to be the last one.

The tournament will take place from the 1st to the 4th of March 2018. We would like to appeal to members to support the Tshwane Open as it promises to be another highlight on the Sunshine and European schedules.

In closing, I would like to thank all our loyal sponsors, corporate members, suppliers and sub-contractors for your commitment and support over the twelve months. We are privileged to have so many sponsors and suppliers that form part of our culture and hope our relationship continues for many years to come. A special word of thanks to all our PCC staff, and Vivian for his leadership and dedication to PCC.

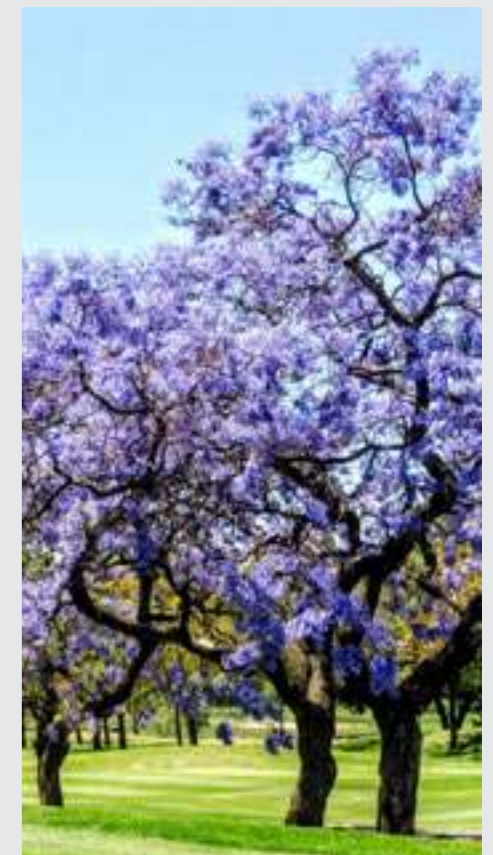
Thank you to all the members of the Main Committee that have contributed their time unreservedly to our Club.

Lastly, to all our members, for your continued support of our beautiful Club. Without your involvement, our efforts are futile. Thank you for choosing Pretoria Country Club as your home away from home. As part of our Main Committee objectives, we are committed in keeping our facilities to the highest of standards, introducing more member initiatives that will add value to your membership and creating an environment that is family-friendly.

I wish everyone a festive, but safe Christmas, and a prosperous 2018.

Warm regards,

Nicky Bloem





FROM THE **GENERAL MANAGER**

— Vivian van Wyk

Dear Member,

Recently I read an article about "parasitic drag" and the influence thereof on aircrafts. There are many elements to **parasitic drag**, and I am definitely not qualified to talk about this subject, however, it is a well-known fact that parasitic drag basically **slows** the movement of an aircraft **down** but by the pilot applying thrust, the aircraft is able to glide in the air. The more **thrust**, the **smoother** the ride. Obviously, there is more to it than that, but for the purpose of my argument, I have highlighted a couple of words that come into effect when facing challenges. I believe the golf industry is under immense pressure, as the economic climate is not in favour of luxury spend. Everybody is trying to slice the bread thinner.

Why do I mention the above? Because I believe that our business is currently experiencing parasitic drag in challenges that we face, and it is of utmost importance that we don't lose sight of the bigger picture. With the Strategic Business Plan that is finalised, there are a couple of matters that present threats to our business that has to be dealt with.

Main Committee had to deal with the rehabilitation of our dam wall behind the 15th green, a matter that could not be postponed any longer as Department Water Affairs were very clear in their communication to us regarding the suspension of our water rights, should the stability of our dam wall not fall within acceptable standards. Operating budgets cannot sustain an expense of this nature without having to dig into our reserves. Many say the dam wall has been there for 100 years and will be there for another, but we, as a responsible body towards the Club and our members, unfortunately cannot assume this and have to manage the risk elements that are presented.



The Chairman spoke about the challenges we face regarding the state and longevity of our greens. This, too, is another major concern and a threat to the golf experience at PCC. The golf course is our biggest asset and provides for the two main contributing revenue streams – green fees and membership. More than 70% of our annual revenue is derived from these two income items, which is why we are currently investigating and formulating an action plan to ensure this matter is also dealt with.

Another matter that is currently under discussion, is the payment of property rates and taxes. Without going into too much detail, all I can say is that Main Committee is hard at work to ensure that the Club is positioned to deal with future challenges this matter might present.

Although affordability is always a point that is deliberated at length, our Strategic Marketing Plan provides for initiatives that will add value to your membership in order to ensure that annual subscriptions are much more attractive than the number it presents. Recently we launched the PCC Partnership Programme that enables all members to receive discount at various suppliers in Pretoria by presenting your valid membership card. Please refer to page 42 of the Jacaranda Magazine. We are excited to say that since the inception of this programme, we have received numerous requests from more suppliers to partake. The vision of the Marketing Committee is to expand this programme, which ultimately will offer more value to our members.

Getting back to my opening paragraph, I spoke about parasitic drag in the form of challenges that slow us down. I briefly dealt with the more important ones in my article. The most important factor I would like to focus on, is the "thrust" component, which provides for the smooth ride. This, to me, is critical to the ultimate success of our Club. There is no doubt that the thrust behind our PCC engine are the various committees that culminate in a controlling body, the Main Committee. Supported by management and staff, the Main Committee continuously apply thrust to the business to make PCC withstand these challenges and remain one of the most popular clubs in Pretoria. Think about the following facts:

SETTING – Nestled within the heart of Waterkloof, 90 hectares of premium private open space.

GOLF COURSE – Championship parkland layout that's hosted many professional and amateur golf tournaments. Recently hosted three consecutive Tshwane Opens on the Golf European and Sunshine tours. Rated top 50 in South Africa, the layout is well respected amongst professional golfers and regarded as a tough layout where players must think their way around the course, not just tee it up and bomb big drives off each tee.

FACILITIES – Definitely the best sporting facilities in Pretoria, including tennis, bowls, squash and



golf course. Very popular braai spots around the beautiful dam area. Recently the first country club in SA to introduce beach tennis. The only country and/or golf club that has a social club in the form of Pretoria Club.

TRADITIONS AND CULTURE – Established in 1910 by Julius Jeppe. Pretoria Club established in 1885. Still have the original Hunters Lodge (adjacent to the 15th tee) that was built by Julius Jeppe in 1902.

MEMBERSHIP – Just under 2 000 members that continues to grow year on year.

GOVERNANCE – PCC has a well-documented long-term Strategic Business Plan, Marketing Plan, as well as a Golf Course Master Plan. The constitution is supported by a set of by-laws for each section of the Club. Policies and procedures are in place that govern all activities.

FINANCES – A stable financial model, where capital expenditure and long-term loans are protected by the constitution. Cash reserves, equal to 6 months' operating expenses.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES – A full social calendar throughout the year, with events that range from wine tastings, Friday evening member draws, braais around the dam area, outings by Pretoria Club, interesting Young Member activities which are all family orientated.

FUNCTION VENUES – Although operated by N9NE Catering, more than 25 000 meals per annum are served at our function venues, excluding the Pavilion and Halfway House.

It is clear from the above that we are all privileged to be a member of Pretoria Country Club. Whilst we take cognisance of challenges we face, our successes far outweigh these challenges. From the energy, commitment and dedication invested by the Main Committee, I can assure each and every member that current and future challenges will be dealt with with confidence.

In closing, I would like to remind all members of the Closing and Operational Schedule on page 34 of the magazine. During the week between Christmas and New Year, extensive maintenance work will also be done in the Pavilion, which is not possible during normal operating times. Rest assured that reciprocity arrangements for all golf members are in

place and will soon be advertised through Athol's newsletter.

Thank you to George and his team for their hard work throughout the year. All the long hours spent at the Club is a true sign of your commitment. I would like to thank our suppliers that form part of our team – Rapid Gardens, 365 Security, Quatro Holdings and Waste Plan – for their dedication throughout the year. Although most of you will not be taking a Christmas break, I would like to wish you a joyous festive season, and look forward to working with you again next year.

To Casper Mostert, Themba Mthambo and the rest of the STM maintenance team, the year has been challenging and the hard work only starts now with preparations for the Tshwane Open in March. Good luck with your duties over the Christmas break and thank you for your continued passion for our golf course.

To my fellow staff members, I wish you a well-deserved break, as the ups and downs in 2017 made us a stronger unit. Together we will make 2018 an even better year for our members.

Lastly but not the least, to all our loyal members, thank you for your support throughout the past year. Many laughters, camaraderie and friendship were shared, which all contribute in making this Club so special. Please travel safely on our roads.

Merry Christmas

Vivian van Wyk

STAFF MATTERS



Chricel & Louis Schoeman on their wedding day. We wish them all the best.



CAPTAIN'S DRIVER

Johan de Villiers

OF VENERABLE GOLFING MEMBERS AND WORTHWHILE TRADITIONS

Some may say that all golfers are highly respected persons and something cannot become a tradition if it's not a worthwhile activity, but, unfortunately, that is not always so. In all spheres of life there are always a few rotten apples to be found, as the cliché goes. At PCC, however, they are quickly persuaded to remove themselves from the bottom of the barrel and to play somewhere else on a goat track.

Furthermore, some traditions in the outside world are now classified as crimes, so not all are commendable, but, in our place of tranquillity, traditions have stood the test of time.

In this edition, I want to pay tribute to a golfer who not only played here, but is also a resident of the Club and, much more than that, represents the third generation of "Jones Life Members" of Pretoria Country Club.

Most of you will know, and often speak to a kind gentleman by the name of Anthony Jones. He is in the fortunate position to do what most of us would love to do: live at the Club – not in the manner in which your spouse or partner may often accuse you of, but, in these lovely surroundings, permanently – that is, making the Club a first home and not a second one.

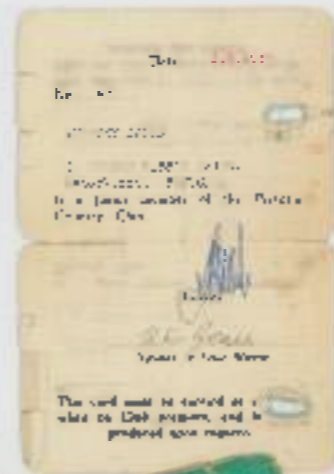
Anthony has been a resident for the past 45 years and started playing golf here as a junior member on 1st January 1961.

The first generation of "Jones Life Members" were Anthony's grandparents, the late William and Mary Jones, who were founder members of the Club. Their son, Stanley Jones, and his wife, Enid, followed in their footsteps and lived with their children (of whom Anthony was one) in Sidney Street, on the doorstep of the Club. Anthony attended W.H.P.S. and, when he had to go to high school, chose to go to Pretoria Boys' High instead of going to St. John's, where the late Stanley wanted to send Anthony.

Anthony can now confess that he often played truant, while still at high school, to be able to come and practise golf. (He thinks his father may have known, but if he did, he never let on.) Because his father did not think it a good idea to pay the then club pro, George van Niekerk, a fee for coaching Anthony and was of the view that, "if you want to become better at golf, you must simply practice more." Anthony practised putting and chipping at every possible opportunity, and his long game, often.



Anthony Jones



Anthony ultimately managed to play to a two handicap despite never having had formal lessons. Later, his handicap increased because of a busy work schedule and less time to play and practise.

He is of the view that the course played a lot easier then because there were far less bunkers.

At Boys' High, Eddie Barlow, the famous cricketer, and Mike Hyslop, former golf captain of PCC, were schoolmates of Anthony. His sister, Sandy Jones, also played golf at PCC as a youngster and she took lessons from the late great Jean Tindall. Sandy is well on her way to also qualify to be a life member. Son of Sandy and nephew of Anthony, Andy Jones represents the fourth generation of good golfers in the Jones family, and he qualified as a pro at the same time as Richard Sterne and Martin Maritz, but did not pursue this career.

On behalf of all at PCC we wish Anthony well, and we hope that he will enjoy many more happy and healthy years at the Club.

One of the traditions, to which I refer in the heading, is the annual Captain's Dinner which is usually held at the end of October and which was again a great success, thanks to the efforts of many. Elsewhere in this edition, superb photos of those present at the Dinner which were taken by Chris Jonck, our Golf Manager, are there for you to enjoy.

The purpose of the evening, amongst others, is to present trophies to the Men's winners of all competitions held during the year, other than the Club Championships and Woolavington Cup. As usual, excellent food provided by N9ne

OUR SENIOR SCRATCH, SENIOR AND HANDICAP LEAGUE TEAMS DID US PROUD THIS YEAR IN WINNING THEIR LEAGUES UNDER THE CAPTAINCY OF GERHARD LOMBARD, JAMIE PAOLA AND LUKAS LUCKHOFF, RESPECTIVELY.

Catering, mouthwatering wines sponsored by KWV, and very smart décor, ensured that old friends turned out in numbers and were able to enjoy an outstanding evening in one another's company. An excellent guest speaker, well-known political analyst Max du Preez, garnered the attention of all who were present and he presented a very interesting talk, although it was a serious topic with which he was asked to deal, namely the possible scenarios facing the country up to, and after, the December ANC elective conference.

lets anders, wat nou al 'n vaste tradisie by die Klub geword het, is die PCC/Sun City Toernooi wat jaarliks op die Gary Player-baan gespeel word op die Dinsdag ná die beroepstoernooi. Lede van die Klub word eerste genooi om in te skryf, en lede van ander klubs word daarna die geleentheid gegee om die oorblywende plekke te vul. Sybrand en Hettie van der Spuy en Hettie se dogter, Joa, het hierdie jaar weer eens gesorg

vir die foutlose organisasie wat twee baie besondere rondtes vir die 128 deelnemers op die legendariese gholfbaan verseker het, ten spyte daarvan dat sommige van ons ('jors troelie' by uitstek) baie swak gholf gespeel het.

Die toestand van ons baan het baie verbeter na die winter, en hopelik sal die reën, wat vroeg in September so mildelik geval het, weer binnekort terugkeer om die baanpersoneel te help om die baan in uitmuntende toestand te kry.

Our Senior Scratch, Senior and Handicap League teams did us proud this year in winning their leagues under the captaincy of Gerhard Lombard, Jamie Paola and Lukas Luckhoff, respectively, and our Scratch League, captained by Le Roux Fourie, came second and were pipped by a very small margin. Once again, congratulations to all members of these teams.

We have again planned a function which is to be held prior to the start of the next league season, in order to "psyche up" our teams so that we can again achieve as good or even better results.

Namens die Gholfkomitee, wens ek almal 'n geseënde en voorspoedige feesseisoen en veilige reise toe, en nog baie genotvolle gholf rondtes in die Nuwejaar.

Johan de Villiers



PCC CAPTAIN'S DINNER: A group of friends enjoying a drink with the captain at the Captain's Table.

PCC CAPTAIN'S DINNER 2017 WITH GUEST SPEAKER MAX DU PREEZ



Themba Mthambo (assistant greenkeeper), Athol Dowie, Johan Vosloo, Marnus van Heerden, Hans Karremaker & friend.



Dereck Tuchten, receiving the Curtis Cup from captain, Johan de Villiers.



Le Roux Fourie receiving the Captain's Cup Trophy from golf captain, Johan de Villiers.



Johan Coetzee receiving the Chairman's Trophy from chairman, Nicky Bloem.



Peter Bartleet, John Loftus, Russel Burgess.



Niel Strydom & Ben Ras.



Vice-captain and master of ceremonies for the evening, Lou van Wyk.



Corné Kruger, former captain and chairman, proposing the loyal toast.



Max Du Preez, the guest speaker, receiving a gift from chairman, Nicky Bloem.



Erich Neethling, Morné Kayne, Nico Oosthuizen, Gerhard Hechter.



A glass of after-dinner brandy being enjoyed in the Pavilion.



Ludick Venter & Rykie Kleingbiel – winners of the 2017 Tallis Hurley Trophy.



Ludick Venter, proud winner of the Corné Kruger Medalist Trophy.



Captain's Dinner guests arrive (from left to right): Corné Kruger, Johan Coetzee, Werner Wolff, Jan van der Merwe.



Doglegger table.



Ben Ras, Nicky Bloem, Niel Strydom, Johan Mook.



Russel Burgess (L) presenting the MARSH INSURANCE Trophy to Ben Ras (R), winner of the eclectic competition, 2017.



LADIES GOLF CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Maritha de Beer

MEMORIES MADE DURING 2017

Allow me to reminisce about the memorable moments accumulated during 2017. Many of these competitions have been part of the ladies section for many years. These should be kept alive as they are not only enjoyable and important to the ladies section, but to the PCC Community at large.

It is that time of the year when one reflects on the year that has been and tries to pinpoint the highs and lows.

The festive season is approaching rapidly and many of our members will depart to their various holiday destinations for a well deserved rest. I trust that you all will have an excellent break and please travel safely.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PCC LADIES GOLF.

OUR LADIES CUP COMPETITIONS

ALMA CHAPMAN: THE "MASTERS" AT PCC



WINNERS: Chantall le Roux, Freda Myburgh, John Loftus, Lizette de Villiers, Yolanda Venter.



ROSA WHITFIELD WINNERS: Maritha de Beer and Gina Nieuwoudt.



OATS CUP WINNERS: Ester Ludin, Lyn Dowie & Ingrid Krige. Ester Ludin & Maritha de Beer with the cup.

PCC LADIES CLUB CHAMPS



SILVER CHAMP AND SENIOR CHAMP: Riana Karemaker



BRONZE CHAMP: Connie Bruwer



JEAN TINDAL WINNER: Maretha Cronje



BECKETT SHIELD: Maritha de Beer (captain) with winners: Connie Bruwer & Jenny Paola.

PRIOR CUP WINNER (SILVER): Queenie Steyn

POCOCK CUP WINNER (BRONZE): Jeanne Cronje

SYBIES & ATHOL GOLF DAY

Thank you, Sybies and Athol, for sponsoring this most enjoyable day and congratulations to Athol's team for winning this year!



SANLAM CANSA CHALLENGE

We hosted a very successful Sanlam CANSA Challenge, with 44 ladies participating.



WINNERS:
Div A – Maritha de Beer
Div B – Erendine Olivier
Div C – Denise Grobbelaar

Maritha de Beer won the GN regionals and competed at the finals at Sun City!

MIXED OPEN COMPETITION WINNERS

COPPER PLATTER MIXED OPEN



WINNERS: Wynand du Plessis and Maritha de Beer.

WINTER MIXED OPEN ALLIANCE



WINNERS: Hans and Riana Karemaker, Kallie and Riana Erasmus.

ANNIVERSARY CUP WINNERS



WINNERS: Wynand and Anthonet du Plessis, Geoff and Myrle Irons.

SMYTH CUP

– 15 October 2017

The Smyth Cup is our prestige charity event of the year and is organised by our very own enthusiastic Ladies Golf section. Many companies are involved as sponsors for this golf day, which strengthens our hands to make a difference at the various charities that take care of the less fortunate children in our community.



WINNERS OF SMYTH CUP (47 points) Gerald Murphy & Andries du Plooy



WINNERS OF SMYTH CUP (47 points) Thys & Maritha de Beer



SMYTH CUP '17 – RAFFLE WINNER (Weber braai) Theo Switalay



Organising Committee ready to register the players for the Smyth Cup golf day.

LADIES COMMITTEE



Myrle Irons, Maritha de Beer, Gina Nieuwoudt, Delyse Burger, Bronwynne Meyer, Charlie Verster, Alida Botha, Ronel Louw.

LEAGUE 2017



BUNNY CLINIC 2017



Bunnies 2017

CHARITY EVENTS

KNYSNA DONATIONS



VALENTINE'S GOLF DAY



Rona Erasmus, Carole Otto, Riana Erasmus, Riana Karemaker

TRIP TO MOOINOOI



SPRING DAY GOLF DAY



WINNERS: Riana Karemaker, Ronel Louw, Nancy Bloemerus, Alet Vorster.

HOLE IN ONES DURING 2017



Lyn Dowie – PCC 8th hole



Lynn Bentley – PCC 8th hole



Ingrid Krige – Hermanus GC

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYN, LYNN & INGRID



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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.

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- 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

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

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Sunday: 08h00 – 17h00

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Vipya Harawa
Gerald Horne
Marlene Horne
Jan Huesken
Ruchira Kamboj
Eric Krige
Herman Kritzing
Rendie Leder
Buzz Leuner
Lana Leuner
André Loozekoot
Claude Mastromatteo
René Mouwen
Tania Roberts
Dimitri Simitopoulos
Liesel van der Merwe

OCTOBER 2017

William Anguile
Derek Brits
Christian Combrinck
Tobias Combrinck
Werner Erasmus
Corné Farmer
Johan Genis
Joe Gunning
Gérard Hattingh
Sebastian Korb
Ciaran Liedeman
Thato Mamahlodi
André Meyer
Emmanuelle Navarro
Fabrice Navarro
Megan Page
Gert Steyn
Heinrich Steyn
Rynhardt Steyn
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In summer, ticket sales are from 18:00 and the draw takes place after 18:45.

In winter, ticket sales are from 17:30 and the draw takes place after 18:15.

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The Club offers various venues: The glamorous Ballroom, with its ornate crystal chandeliers, add a touch of elegance to any function. Here, you can host any event – from weddings and corporate events to banquets, or just friends coming together. The Ballroom can hold a total of 240 guests, seated, or 220 guests, seated with a dance floor. It features a beautifully covered veranda which flows onto a lush green lawn.

The Grand Lounge is favoured for its large windows and spectacular scenic

garden. It is more suited for smaller functions such as cocktails, birthday parties, buffets and christenings, or the church venue for weddings. The maximum banqueting capacity is 100 guests, or 90 guests with a small dance floor.

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For any enquiries, please contact us on **012 346 1707**, or **events@n9ne.co.za** / **admin@n9ne.co.za**

FOOD AND BEVERAGE



BLU SAFFRON RESTAURANT

Hank van Heteren, his esteemed management team and staff opened the Blu Saffron Restaurant in Waterkloof at the Pretoria Country Club in 2008. This exciting restaurant, in its beautiful location, is one of the best in Pretoria, with its security, ample parking and tranquility. We cater to the public, as well as to the members of the Pretoria Country Club. Blu Saffron will be celebrating its 10th birthday on the 2nd of April 2018.

The restaurant, with its comfortable layout, also offers private dining rooms which have proved to be tremendously popular for more intimate dining,

corporate meetings or special family functions. The popular outside area provides a more relaxed atmosphere, with lounge areas as well as seating, making the best of the spectacular view of the well-maintained and acclaimed golf course.

The menu is varied, and augmented with daily recommendations to surprise and delight the most discerning palate. The wine list is extensive, containing firm favourites and a selection of excellent, well-priced South African wines.

We have, over the years, built up a loyal support from embassies, corporates

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JACARANDA REPORT

Casper Mostert

For the last couple of months, most of our time was spent doing small projects. We enlarged high-traffic tees and also added some new additional tees. We formalised our dams for aesthetic reasons, and did an upgrade to the driving range which is still in progress.



Sodding the enlarged and levelled 5th tee with cool-season sod.



Creating a new 3rd tee at the 1st to enlarge tee space.

We started our Spring treatment mid-August with the hollow-tining of greens, tees and green surrounds, the dethatching of tees, fairways, semi-rough, rough and greens, and the top-dressing of tees and Kikuyu patch areas. We also interseeded the greens with bent and Poa Pratensis.



Creating a new 3rd tee at the 1st to enlarge tee space.



Creating a new 3rd tee at the 1st to enlarge tee space.



Dethatching of fairways.

We are now mainly focussed on day-to-day maintenance, and strive to improve turf quality from tee to green, to lighten the workload closer to the Tshwane Open.



Improved turf quality post cultural practices.



Turf quality also improved dramatically post cultural practices.

From mid-December, we will start doing preparations for the Tshwane Open which is due in the first week of March 2018. These include hollow-tining and interseeding of bent in greens, hollow-tining of tees and light dethatching of our fairways in the week between Christmas and New Year, while the course is closed. We will also use this time to paint all course furniture and sod any playing areas so that there is enough time for the turf to knit.

We have started with our pre-tournament spraying programme, which includes foliar feed fertiliser applications wall to wall, growth regulator applications that assist us to get very tight turf conditions, and herbicide applications wall to wall.



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UPCOMING EVENTS
AT PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB

JAN 2018

8 January

13h15 – Social Bridge
17h30 – Blackjack Mondays

9 January

08h30 – Bridge Clinic
18h00 – Golf Committee Meeting

10 January

13h15 – Social Bridge
18h00 – Tennis Committee Meeting

11 January

07h30 – Asset Meeting
16h30 – PTA Club Committee Meeting

12 January

08h00 – Squash Committee Meeting
13h15 – Social Bridge

15 January

13h15 – Social Bridge
17h30 – Blackjack Mondays
17h30 – Bowls Committee

16 January

08h30 – Bridge Clinic
15h30 – Finance Meeting
16h00 – Membership and Marketing Committee Meeting

17 January

13h15 – Social Bridge
18h00 – New Members Function

18 January

16h00 – Pretoria Club Committee Meeting

19 January

PCC League Function
08h00 – Squash Committee Meeting
15h15 – Social Bridge

22 January

13h15 – Social Bridge
17h30 – Blackjack Mondays

23 January

08h30 – Bridge Clinic
15h30 – Finance Committee Meeting

24 January

13h15 – Social Bridge

25 January

Ex-Captain's Breakfast

26 January

Duplicate Bridge
13h15 – Social Bridge

27 January

Pretoria Club Burns Nicht

30 January

08h30 – Bridge Clinic
17h30 – Main Committee



31 January

13h15 – Duplicate Bridge
13h15 – Social Bridge

Feb 2018

1 February

18h00 – YMC Meeting

2 February

Par 3 Golf Challenge
13h15 – Social Bridge

5 February

13h15 – Social Bridge
17h30 – Blackjack Mondays

6 February

08h30 – Bridge Clinic
16h00 – Greens Committee Meeting

7 February

13h15 – Social Bridge
18h00 – Tennis Committee Meeting

8 February

Bowls Evening Interclub Challenge
07h30 – Asset Meeting
16h30 – PTA Club Committee Meeting

9 February

08h00 – Squash Committee Meeting
13h15 – Social Bridge

12 February

13h15 – Social Bridge
18h30 – Blackjack Mondays
17h30 – Bowls Committee Meeting

13 February

08h30 – Bridge Clinic
18h00 – Golf Committee Meeting

14 February

15h15 – Social Bridge

15 February

16h00 – Pretoria Club Committee Meeting

16 February

YMC Movie On The "Drive-In" Range
08h00 – Squash Committee Meeting
13h15 – Social Bridge

19 February

Course closed for Tshwane open preparation
Bowls Rotary Canada Evening
13h15 – Social Bridge
17h30 – Blackjack Mondays

20 February

08h30 – Bridge Clinic
15h30 – Finance Committee Meeting
16h00 – Membership and Marketing Committee Meeting
18h00 – Northerns Men's Squash: 5th

21 February

13h15 – Social Bridge
18h00 – New Members Function

22 February

18h00 – Northerns Men's Squash: 1st

23 February

Duplicate Bridge
13h15 – Social Bridge

26 February

13h15 – Social Bridge
17h30 – Blackjack Mondays

27 February

08h30 – Bridge Clinic
17h30 – Main Committee Meeting
18h00 – Northerns Men's Squash: 5th

28 February

13h15 – Duplicate Bridge
13h15 – Social Bridge



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PCC SQUASH

Pretoria Country Club (PCC) offers six of the best squash courts in Gauteng, with a lovely bar, lounge and outside braai area, being 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 modern, beautiful and very presentable facility. Along with the renovations came the addition of the Baseline Rackets shop inside the squash facility, providing all squash players with their required equipment needs. The Squash Club now also has their very own N9ne catering menu which will provide food for all squash players, visitors and squash league evening requirements.

- All new members pay a once-off fee of **R145** for the membership card
- Northern's Junior Squash: Court hire fee – **R35 per court per hour**
- Schools and NSA: Court hire fee – **R35 per court per hour**
- Other squash clubs / squash industry – **R45 per court per hour**
- Corporate/private groups – **R75 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's Squash Association League. Our first league men's team sports some of the top male players in the country, offering a high level of squash and entertainment on a weekly basis. Ladies' league is scheduled for Wednesday evenings, whilst men's leagues 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 Pretoria Country Club Squash.

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 Championships takes place in October and is restricted to members only, who may compete in the following sections:

- Seniors**
- Ladies
 - Men's
 - Masters
- Juniors**
- Boys
 - Girls

ONLINE BOOKINGS

1. Go to www.gobook.co.za
2. Click on the **Register** link.
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We suggest using your Club ID number (e.g.152538) as username and your PIN as your password (e.g. 33662).

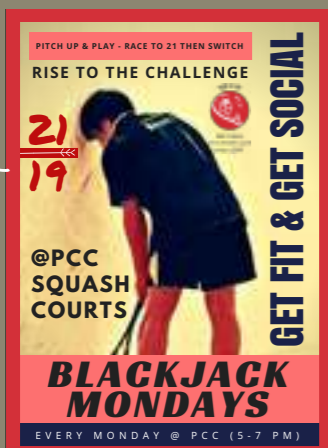
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6. When you receive the email, please click on the link in the message. This will complete the registration process and you will now be able to log onto the website.
7. Log on using the username and password you supplied when you registered.
8. Click 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!



CRITERIA FOR THE HANDING OUT OF SQUASH COURT KEYS

1. Squash courts will only open from 06h00 in the mornings.
2. Only squash members are allowed to use facilities between 06h00 and 08h00.
3. An official key register must be kept at Reception under the management and control of the Squash Committee. Only the Squash Committee may award keys to members.
4. Games prior to 08h00 must be booked in accordance with the booking system.
5. All members holding keys will be held liable in the event that an irregularity occurs prior to 08h00.

Social Squash



BLACKJACK MONDAYS

Every Monday evening from 17h00 the Squash Club offers a social evening of squash. Any member is welcome to join, especially beginners who are looking for some extra match practice. Two players per court play one game, consisting of 21 points, and then swap courts and do it all over 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.

DOUBLES & REDS VS BLUES TOURNAMENTS

Not for the faint hearted, but great fun! 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, which is sometimes more fun than being on court. Generally, the tournament is followed by a braai at the Squash Club's braai facility, and some more fun 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!





END YEAR FUNCTION



DID YOU KNOW?

PCC MEMBER BENEFITS

As a member of the Pretoria Country Club, the following facilities and benefits are on offer and are supported by a unique social and family environment:

01
As the Club of choice for residents of the greater Pretoria area, we offer a Club located in a tranquil area

02
Monthly events for members with the focus on family entertainment

03
The PCC Wine Fraternity offers regular gourmet dinners and wine tastings

04
The Pavilion – the main golf bar, with an outside deck overlooking the golf course

05
Friday Night Draw in the Pavilion

06
Outstanding golf, bowls, squash and tennis facilities

07
Driving range and practice facilities for members at no extra charge

08
Pro Shop and Baseline Racquets with the latest equipment

09
Halfway House situated in beautiful surroundings serving top-quality, value-for-money refreshments

10
Experienced sport coaches

11
The Pretoria Club social section that hosts weekly events

12
Fishing at the dam which has picnic spots

13
Dining and function facilities with no venue hire for members booking private functions

14
Catering for weddings, golf days, birthdays, dinners, corporate functions, conferences and other celebrations

15
PCC Members Partnership Programme – suppliers offering PCC Members certain discounts

16
PCC Members Rooms

17
Library

18
Snooker Room

19
Bridge Club

20
Free Wi-Fi spots

21
Online booking facilities for golf, squash and tennis

22
Regular clinics and development programmes for beginners at the various sport sections

23
Monday afternoon junior golf programmes



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THE TENNIS SECTION

PLAYING ON COURTS & GENERAL SOCIALISING



Annual Prize Giving 2017.



New boma.





BOWLS NEWS

FROM THE **BOWLS CAPTAIN** – Brian Birkholtz

Bowls is a tiny section of the greater Pretoria Country Club, but most probably the most social!

As you sip on a drink on the terrace and look down and to the south, you will see the Oates bowling green and bowls clubhouse. You will see bowlers in action on most afternoons of the week, and often hear music coming from the clubhouse – albeit from the 60s and 70s! Further south, we have a second green. During the summer months, we play night bowls on Tuesday evenings under the flood lights and enjoy a “boerie” roll or any other appetising meal that our aspirant chefs decide to conjure up.

We run our own bar, and our gentlemen and ladies give generously of their time as volunteer bar-folk!

Membership has been on the decline over the last few years, and one of our goals for this year is to increase the number of active bowlers in the Club. We have successfully held three bowls “Open Days”, registered a dozen new members this year, and hope to double this by the end of 2015. Our bowls coaches – Corné, Rainer, Mark and John – give free bowls lessons on Monday afternoons, and we thank them for their time and effort. Give it a try! You’re under no obligation to join the Bowls Club.

Over the past 5 years, the demand for corporate Bowls Days has grown tremendously and we cannot cope with the number of requests. So, as not to disrupt normal bowling days, we have allocated Fridays only to these Corporate Days. Also, due to the demand on bowls resources, we limit these days to one or two per month. We can have as many as ten bowlers assisting with coaching, catering and bar duties at any one event. They selflessly give of their time to create an awareness of bowls. Many of the corporate companies have come back for a second time, and the Pretoria Students Association (PRESTUD) has used our facilities for 3 years now. This year saw a record 120 students enjoying themselves playing Action Bowls.

We may not always get a direct benefit regarding new members, but after enjoying a bowls day with us, when the time comes for them to decide on a club to join, they will remember Pretoria Country Club.

WHEN NEXT YOU SEE THE LIGHTS ON, SMELL AROMAS OF FOOD, OR HEAR MUSIC EMANATING FROM THE BOWLS CLUBHOUSE, DROP IN AND HAVE A DRINK WITH US, AND WE’LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THIS MOST ENJOYABLE GAME OF BOWLS!

BRYANSTON INTER-CLUB BOWLS DAY 2017

FROM THE **CATERING CONVENOR** – Susan Pittroff



June 2017 only had one function where serious catering and entertaining was required, and oh boy, was it done in style! On 25th June, we treated our friends from Bryanston, at their request, to a lamb on the spit, done expertly as usual by our faithful Robbie Pittroff. The bowlers from Bryanston were duly impressed by everything we offered them.

Since 1961 there has been an annual revolving bowls tournament between PCC and Bryanston Bowling Club. This year it was our turn and, as both our men and ladies left the trophy in Bryanston in 2016, we had something to prove, and we did! Both men and ladies from PCC brought forward their best bowling skills, and we were happy to once again put both trophies back in the showcase in the PCC foyer.



As it goes on occasions like this, one talks about all sorts of things during the tea break and at lunch, and when one of our club members bragged about being married for 40 years, one of the men from Bryanston was overheard saying, “Congratulations on your 40th anniversary, but I have to tell you that I have been married 44 years.” When he was duly congratulated, he said, “Thank you very much, but I have to confess, it was to three different wives!”. This is the fun spirit of the competition, which we love and cherish. Next year, it will be Bryanston’s turn to entertain us, and we look forward to it already.



Our Clubhouse always looks beautiful, but on this occasion Cora and Wessel, with their usual flair and enthusiasm, transformed our bowls clubhouse into a gourmet temple, equal to any European 3-star Michelin restaurant.

The tables were laid and decorated with such care, and they looked so beautiful, that I was actually sorry that the serviettes had to be used to wipe from our mouths the rests of the delicious lamb, made by Robbie in his inimitable style. The butternut salad was to die for, not to mention Rainer’s just-as-scrumptious German potato salad. And the pudding! I am still dreaming dreams about Wessel’s trifle.

From the rests of the lamb, I was able to prepare a lamb curry, with which, with a pot of rice and the rest of the salad – not forgetting the rest of Wessel’s trifle – we managed to feed and treat all the players on the Tuesday afternoon, who were invited to a free meal after bowls.

INTER-SECTION BOWLS DAY 2017

WINNING TEAM (from left to right):
Barbara Wegg, Giovanni Raffa, Manel Lopes, George Wesson, Pierre Erasmus, Harriet Wesson and Louis Erasmus.



Squash vs Bowls.

'SANDALS'

SWAZILAND BOWLING EVENT – IAN FRASER

PCC BOWLERS WEEKEND AT ROYAL SWAZI SPA HOTEL

On a sunny Friday morning in early Spring, we were cruising along the N4 on our way to the Royal Swazi Hotel and Spa in Swaziland. When leaving the city, we had admired the beautiful Bauhinias, already in full blossom, while the Jacarandas were already displaying traces of the anticipated wild profusion of lavender flowers. Along the highway, the Highveld still wore its winter covering of tan and yellow grasses, but the traces of green were already making a tentative appearance.

This bowling weekend was conceived and planned by Alan and Sandy Jones ('Sandals') – who have a long association with the Royal Swazi Spa Hotel. Twenty-eight bowlers had signed up for the trip – attracted not least by the slightly exotic location and the most reasonable accommodation rates offered. The road unfolded smoothly before us, and soon we were turning off the N4 near Belfast and heading along the R33 which took us through the little town of Carolina.

Our first encounter with fellow bowlers was at the border, where Johan and Marina Engelbrecht arrived just as we were completing the formalities. The border procedures are no problem, but we did learn not to join a queue at a counter equipped with a fingerprint machine. It seems that the biometric system is only for non-RSA residents – and the finger print process appears to be somewhat time consuming; this causing considerable delays in the processing of the queues. Having learned this lesson, we were soon on our way into the Kingdom of Swaziland, enjoying the magnificent countryside with its mountainous vistas in multiple shades of green. The excellent double-lane highway carried us smoothly to Mbabane and then on, down a winding road, where we turned off the highway at the Ezulweni Hotel Resorts sign. Soon, after a couple of twists and turns, we arrived safely at the resort.

My first impression was that I had somehow slipped back about 40 years in time. This is a wonderful full-service hotel, reminiscent of the grand hotels of our younger days. All the staff were cheerful and continuously attentive, and in no time we were settled into our comfortable and well-appointed rooms.

Our bowling companions were all arriving and the reception was kept busy, welcoming everybody. We

took a walk around the grounds and inspected the bowling greens, which seemed to be in good condition.

The programme had informed us that, on our first evening, the hotel was providing us with a welcoming braai. This turned out to be a most generous and varied buffet of delicious food, and there was even an allowance for drinks included. The night air was soft and warm, and we sat under the African sky on the pool deck, relaxing and enjoying the ambience and the warm friendship of our fellow PCC bowlers and several new local friends who were joining us in the competition.

The bowling competition was scheduled to start on Saturday afternoon, and so we had the morning to ourselves. Some brave and energetic souls went off to play golf, and others went off to visit local markets and traditional dance performances. Your Scribe just took it easy and relaxed. After a light lunch, we all gathered at the greens which had been freshly mowed and rolled by the hotel staff. The competition was to consist of 7 games of 7 ends each – three to be played on Saturday and four on Sunday.

There were 28 PCC members, plus the four locals who had been roped in to fill the ranks. After a shaky start, the newcomers began to get the hang of it and acquitted themselves very well indeed. They must have enjoyed the experience, because they are now talking of forming their own bowling club at the hotel.

When we started playing it was extremely hot, but as the afternoon proceeded it cooled down somewhat and became more comfortable. After the first two games, the pecking order was already becoming apparent. Team Rose (Rose Purchase, Alan Jones, Elma van Wyk and guest player Rod Walker) and Team Cynthia (Cynthia Nun, Lyn Birkholtz, André van Wyk and Doug Nicholson) were joint leaders with 4 points each, while Team Steggie (Steggie van Niekerk, Jenny Petersen, Marie van Niekerk and our new friend, Leonie) were in close second place with 3 points.

After a few sips of the good medicinal stuff at the bowls bar, we all wandered off to freshen up and then gathered on the pool deck. Dinner was enjoyed at the big round

tables on the pool deck, and later there was a bit of singing with guitar and ukulele – which I must say, did have its moments. The cheerful bowlers all seemed determined to sing different songs – and all sang in different keys! After this jollification, we drifted off to bed, relaxed, tired and happy – looking forward to the challenges of the next day.

Sunday dawned – and there was no sign of the heat of the previous day. The sky was overcast and the air cool. In fact, these were ideal conditions for playing bowls (although rain had been threatened!).

We played two games in the morning and two in the afternoon. The pattern of the previous day remained constant, but with one or two upsets. So far unbeaten, Team Rose was overcome by second last place, Team Rainer (Rainer Pitroff, Ian Fraser, Marina Engelbrecht and another new friend, Sunel), who took the game with a close finish. Flushed with this success, Team Rainer then went on to lose the last game to the team in last place, Team Brian (Brian Birkholtz, Jantus van der Linden, Athlie Tosi and another new friend, Joy)! This prompted Jantus to come up with an interesting theory.

We were all relaxing, sipping various examples of the brewer's and distiller's arts, when Jantus announced, "Team Rainer has beaten Team Rose – who are the best in the competition. Also," he continued, "since Team Brian beat Team Rainer, who has beaten the winners, Team Rose – then Team Brian must be the best team in the competition"! Baffled by this unassailable logic, we ordered another whisky and ignored him.

That evening, we all gathered together to enjoy the prize giving and the extraordinarily excellent and generous dinner – laid on by the hotel. With us, for the evening, was our generous host, Lance Rossouw, and his wife, Ingrid, who had played lead for Team Johan (Johan Engelbrecht, Eliza van der Linden and Rose Fraser). Also in attendance was Johan de Lange and his wife, Leonie. (Johan is Casino Manager at the hotel.)

Due to the generosity of the hotel management and other sponsors, everyone who played received a prize. There were vouchers for the casino, donated by the hotel, and also vouchers for a restaurant, Karoo Cattle & Lamb in Irene Village Mall, owned and run by our visitor, Rod Walker. Prizes were also generously donated by PCC Bowls Club and by an anonymous donor called Cynthia Nun. Many thanks to you all.

In the final results, the winners were Team Rose, followed by team Cynthia, who were both on 10 points, with Team Rose winning on aggregate shots. Team Steggie was third and Team Johan came in at fourth. In fifth place was Team Susan (Susan Pitroff, John Purchase, Robin Greaves and Sandy Jones), in sixth Team Rainer, and last (or - if you believe Jantus) Team Brian.



Winners: "Team Rose".

But, as Rudyard Kipling said, "It matters not if you win or lose, but how you played the game". And yes, as always with PCC bowlers, while there were some fierce contests, the entire competition was played in a spirit of warm friendship. Our thanks go to Lance Roussouw and his staff at Royal Swazi Spa Hotel for their most generous hospitality, and of course we thank and congratulate Alan and Sandy for organizing this wonderful weekend.

We are glad to report that it was unanimously agreed by all present that this should become an annual event. Our names are down already!

Ian Fraser



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WOMEN'S DAY HIGH TEA CELEBRATION

AT PCC BOWLS SECTION

What a Women's Day celebration we had at the PCC Bowls Section! The High Tea was out of this world, with the most beautiful crockery on show, and eats to die for. The ladies really outdid themselves and provided beautiful, scrumptious delicacies. How wonderful that aging does not stop us from having fun. The 'Golden Girls' put on the bling, and this contributed to the ambiance.

It was also great to have 5 visiting teams from the Pretoria Club, **BRAND et al** and the PCC golfers – note that men were also invited as the ladies needed their fan club to be present. In the end, we had 58 players on the greens and lots of fun was had by all. We trust that the bowls bug bit some of the visitors.

The cyclamen plants made for great prizes and so did the wine, sponsored by Louis 57 and Boplaas. Thank you, too, to the sponsors for enhancing our spirits with sherry and champagne. We could not have asked for more, and we all had a splendid day. We are truly blessed.



Golden Girls (from left to right): Marie-Louise Venter, Arista de Bruyn, Ann Joiner, Helene Aiello, Dee Christie.



Cakes to die for!



Enjoying the 'High Tea'.



Nancy Bloemerus (Golf) and Cora Moore (Bowls Ladies Captain).

TUESDAY EVENING

NIGHT BOWLS

During the summer months, we play our normal Tuesday afternoon mixed bowls in the evening. All players have to be at the Club by 17h30, so we can start playing at 18h00. Afterwards, those who want to – and I have to say, it is usually just about everybody – enjoy drinks and a light meal. Our dearly beloved Frits van der Merwe is always willing to braai prego steaks, hamburger patties or boerewors for us, which we then have with lovely ciabatta rolls from Woolies or continental rolls from Olive Grove, and with Rosie's help, there is a lovely mixed salad to round it off.

life needs a lift, come and join us at bowls, and do something for your health. Bowls may not be the best aerobic exercise, but I can assure you, you do quite a number of bends and stretches, and you walk your desired number of steps to keep Discovery happy.

Hope to see many aspirant bowlers at our next "Introduction to Bowls" on Saturday morning, 20th January 2018.

Susan Pittroff
Catering convenor

It is a well-known fact that the spirit at the Bowls Club is the best, so if you are in need of some company and your social



OPERATIONAL AND CLOSURE SCHEDULES OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

GOLF COURSE, PRACTICE FACILITIES, HALFWAY HOUSE
AND THE PAVILION

Due to hollow-tining scheduled from Monday 26 December to Monday 2 January, all golf facilities, including practice facilities, the **halfway house** and the **Pavilion** will be closed during this period, both days included. On Christmas day, **PCC** will be closed. All of the above facilities will re-open on Tuesday, 2 January 2018.

The **administration office** will be closed from 18 December and open on 4 January 2018. During this period, reception, general maintenance and golf operations will be operative except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

The following tee off times are available on the 24th December.

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

Two-tee starts from 06h43 to 08h27.

Blu Saffron will close on Sunday 17 December and re-open on Tuesday, 2 January 2018.

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We would like to wish all our members a peaceful festive season and a safe journey.

Vivian van Wyk
General manager

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Life at Pretoria Club has been very busy, and there have also been some important changes.

EVENTS

JAN 2018

- 10 JAN** : Steak & Ale
- 12 JAN** : Century Lunch, double draw
- 18 JAN** : Committee Meeting 16h00, Mid-month Draw – double draw
- 27 JAN** : Burns Nicht

FEB 2018

- 7 FEB** : Steak & Ale
- 9 FEB** : Century Lunch
- 15 FEB** : Committee Meeting 16h00 Mid-month Draw
- 23 FEB** : Month End Lunch with guest speaker

The honorary president, Mr Gerry Spencer, passed away on 8 June 2017. He was a very active member of the Club and served as chairman from 1990 to 1993 and as honorary chairman from 2013 until his death in June this year.

In 1989, when the Club was at the crossroads of its existence, he entered into negotiations with Pretoria Country Club to effect the successful merger. It was through his commitment and that of his committee that the survival of Pretoria Club was secured. Our members enjoy the present facilities which were developed after Gerry's term of office. It was through him that it became possible... and for this the members salute him.

Following in his footsteps, the committee unanimously elected Mr Barry Kraut as the new honorary chairman. Barry has been equally active in the Club and served as chairman from 2003 to 2005. To outsiders, Barry may be better known as the MC at the annual Burns Nicht festivities. Without him, these functions would not be the success they have been and continue to be.

July the 1st is traditionally a day for the Races and a group of members visited the Turffontein race course where the theme this year was "The Colour of Magic".

A great deal of fun was had by all and enthusiastic participation resulted in mixed fortunes at the end of the day.

Womans' Day at the Bowls Club drew involvement from Pretoria Club ladies and the outstanding spread of tea and refreshments afterward made the losses on the bowling green soon forgotten. The Ring of Fire braai was well supported by Pretoria Club members and a good day was had by all.

The month-end lunches drew some interesting speakers. At the end of June, Paul Fouché talked about their trip as they cycled from the summit of Kilimanjaro to the sea. A scary, but fascinating experience, especially when seen from the footage and pictures taken on this adventure. In July, Mornay Walters gave a talk on cyber security – a subject that is becoming increasingly relevant as we make more and more use of internet applications and do not always realise the potential threats lurking there. At the August lunch, Martin van Schoor explained the requirements and pitfalls of piloting an aeroplane.

Our speaker at the September lunch was Mr Joe Aspinall, on "Vietnam: 7 years on", and our year end speaker, on 25 November, Coenie de Villiers, who talked about the "Music brain in business".

Regular functions continue, and all new members to Pretoria Country Club are reminded that they are invited to attend their first visit to the Steak & Ale Dinner (1st Wednesday of each month) free of charge. Please visit Pretoria Club and find out what it is all about.



Gerry Spencer
Chairman 1990-1993



Barry Kraut
Chairman 2003-2005

PRETORIA CLUB

BURNS NICHT JANUARY 2018



- DATE:** Saturday, 27 January 2018
- TIME:** 18h30 for 19h00
- VENUE:** Pretoria Country Club
- DRESS CODE:** Formal (Black tie or kilt for men)
(as an exemption a dark suit and tie, with a touch of tartan will be acceptable)
- TICKET PRICE:** R450 per person
- RESERVATIONS:** Reservations for tickets will only be accepted by email and on a first come, first served basis. Reservations will close when all available tickets have been sold out.
- PAYMENT:** Table for ten

If a table for ten is reserved, the head of the table will be responsible for payment, i.e. the individual who reserves the table for ten, as well as the resale thereof should it no longer be required.

Individual members

If an individual member reserve a ticket or tickets, that member will be responsible for the payment of the tickets reserved, as well as the resale thereof should it no longer be required.

All communication regarding reservations must be by email, addressed to charls.vanstad@hoganlovells.com and copied to heman@ptacc.co.za.

CONTACT DETAILS: The full names and contact details of all ticket holders should be submitted as soon as possible, to ensure that proper table placements can be attended to.



Barry Kraut at his best – Burns Nicht 2017

HIGHLIGHTS



Braai around the circle – The Krauts 2.



Charles & Ingrid at the races.



Sisters at the Turffontein race.



PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB
YOUNG MEMBERS
COMMITTEE (PCC YMC)

— Neville Leach

VISION STATEMENT

The Young Members Committee (YMC) aims to play an integral role in adding value to the membership of the Club's members. The main objective of the YMC is to bridge the gap between the older and younger members by creating opportunities where everyone can experience and embrace the culture and lifestyle of the Pretoria Country Club, through vibrant social events and gatherings. These events are often held in collaboration with other sections of the Club, to emphasise and explore the diversity of the Club and all it has to offer. The effective networking platforms and growing interaction between our members will ensure sustainable growth in Pretoria Country Club. Although our focus is mainly on members between the ages of 19 to 35, we encourage members of all ages to participate in the events that are held throughout the year by the YMC.

BAREFOOT BOWLS

The YMC's first event of 2017 was the annual Barefoot Bowls evening that was held on 23rd March, in co-operation with the Bowls section of the Club. An exciting balance was struck between socialising and enjoying the game of bowls under mentorship of a few of our experienced bowls members. This successful event set the benchmark for 2017 and is certainly an event that should not be missed in 2018.

QUIZ NIGHT

Every Tuesday, we present a quiz night in the Pavilion, where you can test your general knowledge on a broad array of categories, with great weekly prizes and grand prizes to be won at the end of the "quiz league".

NIGHT GOLF

In association with the Golf section, we also provide members the opportunity to enjoy the very popular Night Golf which offers different challenges to your normal round of golf on our magnificent course, in an exciting and enjoyable atmosphere. A few other fun events during the year includes the Greenkeeper's Revenge and the popular 7 Hole, 4 Clubs format.



RING OF FIRE BRAAI

Certainly one of the biggest events organized by the YMC, the Ring of Fire braai offers a day filled with great live music, fantastic food and good company. This event, which was held on 30th July, is a celebration that is designed for members of all ages, and certainly an event to be shared with the whole family!



WHISKEY TASTING

In the winter of 2017, we held a whiskey and cigar evening in the rich history and timeless atmosphere of the Pretoria Club's Library and Carl Jeppe Room. An educational presentation on various aspects of whiskey was done by Ballantine's, as well as a surprise champagne presentation that included the demonstration of the daring sabrage technique.



EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2018

The first event of the year will be held on 16 February in the spirit of Valentine's Day. Our Movie Night on the driving range will feature a romantic, outdoor cinematic experience in collaboration with Van Loveren, who will provide us with a selection of wines and picnic baskets.

The YMC will continue to provide members with exciting and innovative events throughout 2018. Most of the popular events of 2017 will be held again next year, with a few new additions such as our Summer Gin Tasting and Band Under the Stars events. We invite you to embrace the Pretoria Country Club lifestyle and enjoy the various events on offer. #Make it yours!

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS

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2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE

26 January

Foursome's Golf

19 April

Barefoot Bowls

29 July

Ring of Fire braai

02 November

Night Golf

2 February

Par3 golf challenge

18 May

Night Golf

23 August

Brandy and Cognac Tasting

22 November

Gin and Kraft Beer Tasting

16 February

Movie Night on the driving range

14 June

Whiskey and Cigar Evening

21 September

Band Under the Stars

13 April

Greenkeeper's Revenge

27 July

5Hole, 4Club Challenge

MEN'S GOLF

SENIOR MEN'S GOLFERS AT PCC

THE DUGGA BOYS

The Dugga Boys has become a well-entrenched social, as well as golfing, institution at Pretoria Country Club. It comprises mostly senior golfers, meeting on Tuesdays at 11h00, although everyone is welcome without having to arrange for a game beforehand. It is the task of the captain to arrange for pairings. The competition is, and has always been, individual stableford, at a fee of R20 per player levied for prize money, which can only be collected if the winner is present.

Recently, a sponsor was found who made available a statuette of a buffalo as a monthly prize and a bigger one as the annual prize to be played for at year end, rounded off with drinks & snacks at which time the annual prize will be handed to the lucky winner.

The origins of this weekly gathering are buried in antiquity. It was previously known as Pitch and Play, and was started by the legendary Alf Enslin, soon after his retirement in 1986, and later joined by, among

others, Tucker Vorster, Peter le Roux, Basie Wessels, Tinus Rautenbach and Nico Nel.

However, the honour must go to Peter le Roux as the first captain and founder of the Tuesday School – as it was then called – for structuring the arrangements we have at present. Succeeding Peter as captain, were Basie Wessels, Thinus Rautenbach, Fred Oosthuizen, Louis Coetzee and Charl Fourie.

As change is the only constant factor, it was inevitable that the Tuesday School, being too non-descript a name, had to change to vie with other similar groups with imaginative names. Through the initiative of Corné Kruger, a group decision was taken to adopt the name, Dugga Boys, being the Rhodesian name for an old African buffalo bull, and to use the buffalo as the logo, the inference being that, as with the buffalo, you do not mess with this group. An old buffalo retires from the herd and then join another old bull – similar to us golfers...



SPRING BRAAI AT THE DAM

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Bryn Langley & Lou van Wyk (Jnr).



Corlia looking after the babies.



Team Pavlou



Estie & Corlia with friends.



PCC Staff members: Nicolene, Herman, Vivian & Elsa.



Nicky Bloem (Chairman) & young friend.



Casper Mostert & family.



Melanie & friends.



Lou & Salome van Wyk.



Bowls members enjoying the braai.



Steven & Nicolene Hall.



Winning team: "Team Herman".



Pretoria Country Club

LAUNCHES ITS 1ST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME



Pretoria Country Club is proud to announce the launch of our Partnership Programme. In an effort to continuously add more value to your membership at PCC, we have engaged with the following suppliers in offering you certain discounts at their respective outlets upon presentation of your valid PCC membership card or your Srixon handicap card.

We would like to thank all our partners joining us in this initiative and hope this programme offers you more value for money as a member of Pretoria Country Club.

PLEASE BE REMINDED TO PRESENT YOUR PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD OR YOUR SRIXON GOLF HANDICAP CARD REFLECTING YOUR INITIALS, SURNAME AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBER TO QUALIFY FOR THE OFFERS.

The following suppliers came on board from November 2017:

	N9NE CATERING (situated at Pretoria Country Club) 15% discount on all food & beverages at the Club. This includes the Halfway House and functions/events.
	BASELINE RACQUETS (based at PCC Squash Pro Shop) 10% discount on sales from the PCC Squash Pro Shop.
	BLU SAFFRON caters to the public, as well as to members of the Pretoria Country Club. A 15% discount on offer on presentation of membership card.
	CAPITAL HOUSE BOUTIQUE HOTEL (the closest guesthouse to the Club and within easy walking distance of the Club) 20% discount to members and their guests. www.capitalhousehotel.com 369 Victoria Street, Waterkloof
	HOGSHEAD HAZELWOOD 10% discount on presentation of a valid PCC membership card, as well as ID card or drivers licence.
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