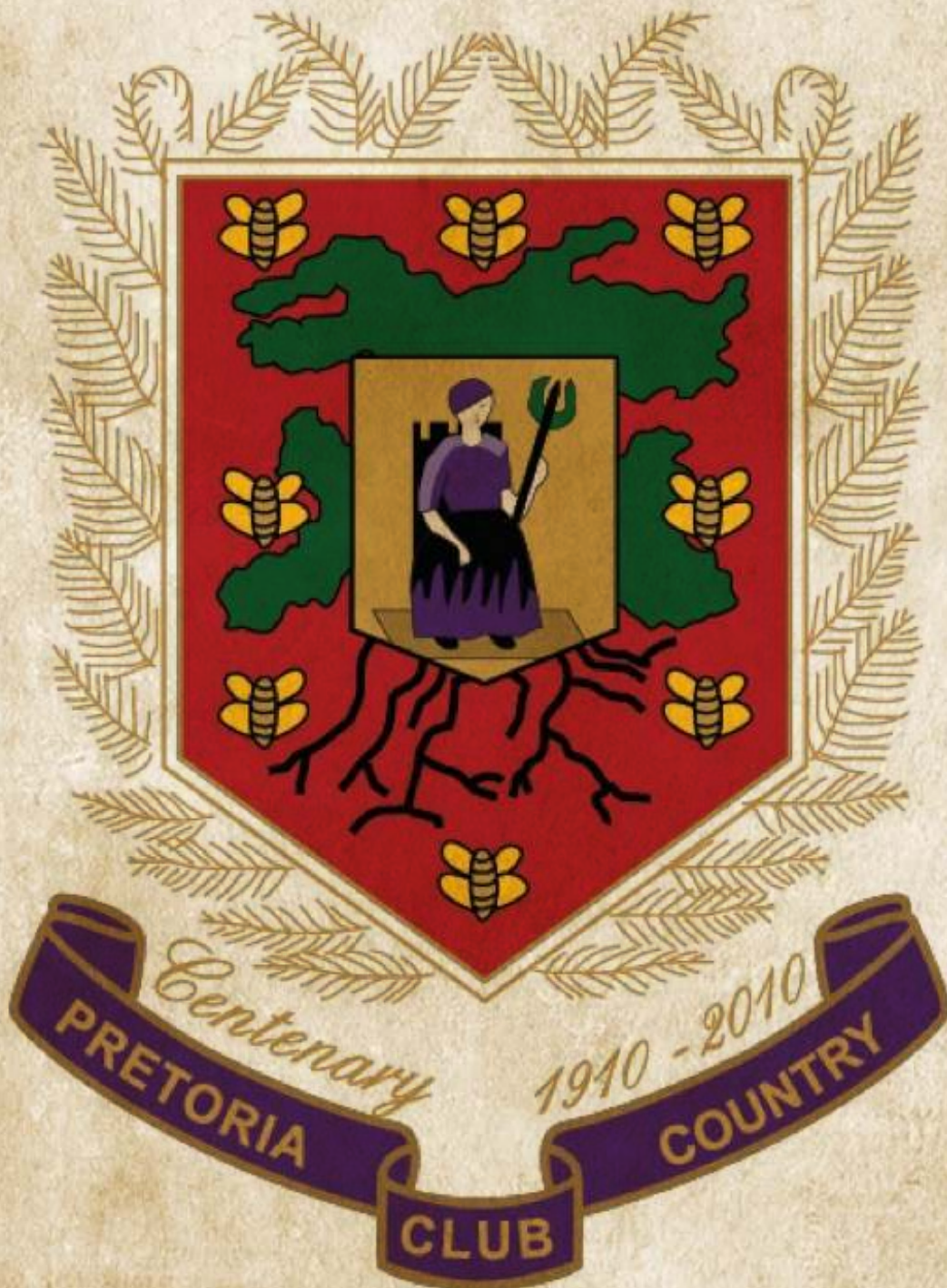




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## THE HISTORY OF *THE COAT OF ARMS*

The Club's current coat of arms and heraldic shield were approved in 1955.

The heraldic shield is based on that of the city of Pretoria – on a red background is the image of a thorn tree of natural colour, accompanied by eight flying bees placed around the edge. On the inside of the bees is a shield of gold, bearing a seated Roman Praetor, in natural colour.

The Mimosa tree symbolises slow, steady grow. It is characteristic of powers of resistance and vitality. The bees are symbolic of Pretoria's industry and energy. The smaller shield with the Roman Praetor is derived from the coat of arms of the Pretorius family. (The Praetors in ancient Rome were the two magistrates ranking just below the Consuls.)

President Marthinus Wessels Pretorius was the founder of the town, which he named in honour of his father, Commandant General Andries Pretorius.

Apart from the arms or heraldic shield, the Club also uses a logo which used to be the intertwined letters PCC but is now a strikingly simple, modern representation of Pretoria's iconic jacaranda tree.



## THE CITY'S *COAT OF ARMS*

### THE DESIGNER, DR FV ENGELBURG'S, EXPLANATION OF THE COAT OF ARMS:

"On a red field a thorn tree 'proper', that is, in natural colours, (an emblem of the slow but lasting development of the town), surrounded by a border of eight gold bees (to signify Pretoria's industrious habits and love of order). And an escutcheon of pretence bears the arms of the Pretorius family, as a compliment to the founder of the town. The crest is a castellated gateway (indicating city status) on a wreath of red and gold. The supporters are Dexter (on the right of the shield or to the left of the observer), an eland, and Sinister (on the left of the shield), a koodoo, both 'proper'. (Pretoria is shut in on the east by the farms Elandsport and Koedoespoort.)

**The motto is PRAESTANTIA PRAEVALEAT PRAETORIA –  
MAY PRETORIA BE EMINENT IN EXCELLENCE.**

Pretoria Country Club has been in existence since 1911, and is well-known for hosting the 3rd Tshwane Open Golf Tournament, where many international businessmen take part in the event. The Club is well-established, with a vast range of sporting activities that facilitate both professional individuals and communal competitors.

The Club has many different facilities such as venues for hire, restaurants, sport competitions and tournaments, and the wine fraternity that draws crowds from within the community and beyond. The Club also plays host to many different events and charity initiatives.

The Jacaranda is dedicated to supplying the Pretoria Country Club community with all the relevant knowledge about the Club, its activities, members and events.

**Enjoy the last edition of the magazine for 2018**

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Pretoria Country Club is sensitive about the confidentiality of our clients' information and we assure you that your details will not be made available to any third parties whatsoever.





## *DID YOU KNOW?*

### **JULIUS JEPPE** SHOOTING LODGE

In 1886, the Jeppe family moved from Pretoria to the Witwatersrand goldfields where they were successful in the property development field.

In 1902, Julius Jeppe's company purchased huge tracts of land to the east of Pretoria for property development.

To encourage investors, he built this shooting lodge and used to bring shooting and fishing parties over from Johannesburg at weekends. In those days, the spruit was a fast-flowing river, called The Elands, as these antelopes inhabited the hills around the club, together with other species of buck.

In 1909, Julius Jeppe made the decision to establish a country club to assist in promoting the suburbs of Waterkloof and Muckleneuk as they were considered too far out of town to attract homeowners.



# MAIN COMMITTEE



**Front (L-R):** Henry Human, Louw Massyn, Nicky Bloem (Chairman), Dawid Muller (Vice-chairman), Jan van der Merwe.

**Back (L-R):** Lou van Wyk jnr (Golf captain), Dirk Venter, George Wesson (Bowls captain), Johan van den Bergh, Vivian van Wyk (General manager); Johan Mook, Charles van Staden (Pretoria Club chairman), Piet Jordaan (Squash captain).

**Inset:** Roy Fouché





# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Nicky Bloem

Dear Member,

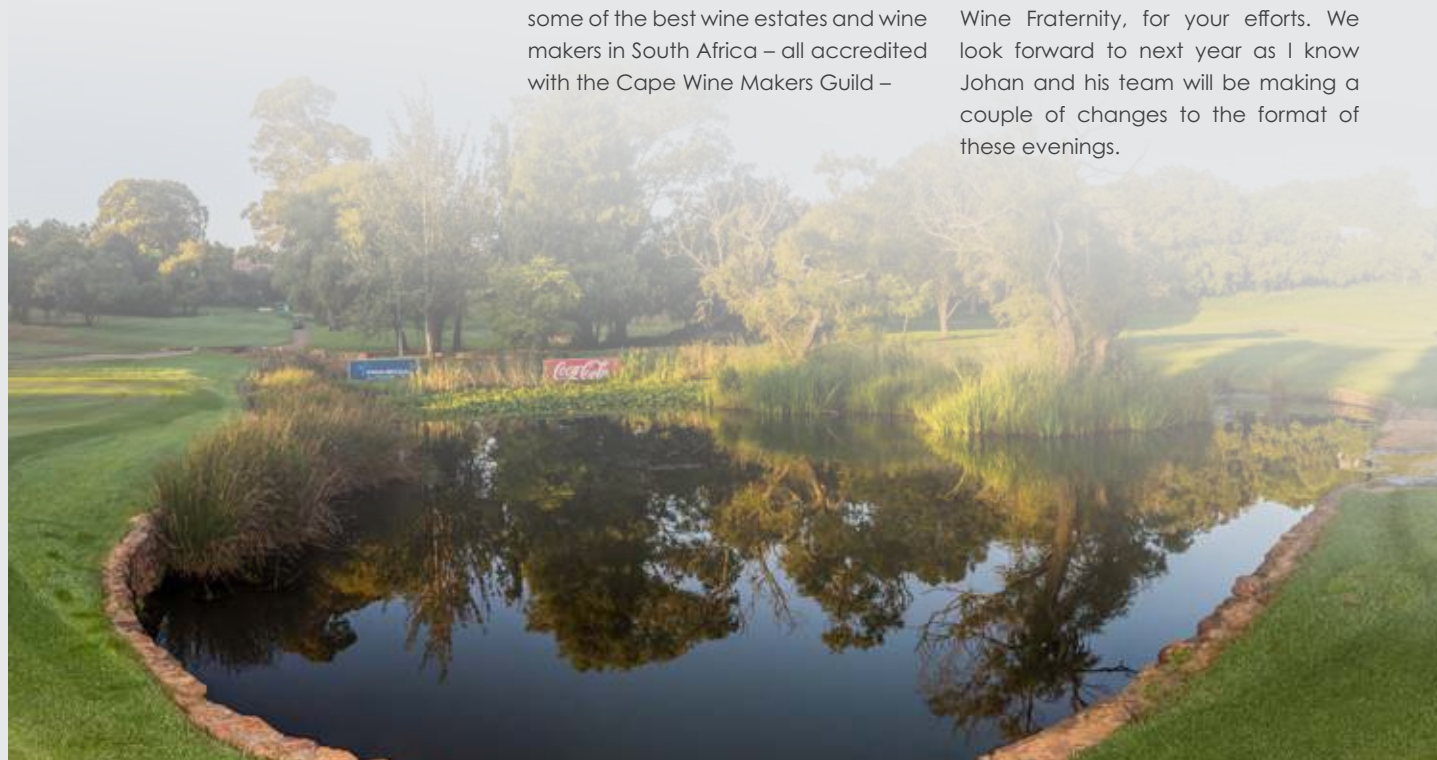
The festive break is upon us and by judging the activity in our sport sections and our calendar, everyone seems to be in a holiday spirit already. I could see the effort and commitment devoted by our sectional committees in hosting year-end functions that were enjoyed by our members. Well done on another successful year in your sections, and, to my fellow Main Committee members who represent our sport sections, thank you for your dedication and passion. The spirit and camaraderie are healthy and we can all be proud of what has been achieved in our sections this year. Please view all the fun-filled events that took place in all sporting sections under each captain and also read the chairman's report.

From a Wine Fraternity point of view, we were fortunate to play host again to some of the best wine estates and wine makers in South Africa – all accredited with the Cape Wine Makers Guild –

offering our members exposure to the best wines produced in our country each year.

There were two highlights on the Wine Fraternity calendar that I personally thoroughly enjoyed. The "Battle of the Sexes" evening held in the Mardi Gras with Louis and Rianie Strydom was most enjoyable. The banter between spouses and winemakers as a result of the theme and food/wine pairings worked well and ensured an evening filled with fun and laughter.

Then we tried something different with the Beyerskloof Snoek Braai. This year it was held on the lawn in front of the Grand Lounge. The concept worked very well and an evening under stars was enjoyed by all present. Thank you to Johan Mook, chairman of the Wine Fraternity, for your efforts. We look forward to next year as I know Johan and his team will be making a couple of changes to the format of these evenings.







As always, the Young Members also did not disappoint. The "Ring of Fire" braai held in July was once again a major success and continues to be a highlight on their calendar. Two new member events were introduced by the YMC this year – the Budweiser Night Soccer event in July, and the Greek Evening hosted in August. Both these outstanding events were well-supported by our young members. Our chairman, Neville Leach, and his committee continues to add value to our Club and I would therefore like to thank the Young Members Committee for their valuable contribution in making Pretoria Country Club a popular club of choice.

From a capital project point of view, there were numerous projects completed this year. In the sport sections, no less than 8 smaller projects were successfully concluded. However, the two major projects I would like to report on were the upgrade of the Pavilion with the new restaurant area, and the resurfacing of the greens complexes. Although I previously reported on the Pavilion upgrade, I would like to add that the new menu and wines that have been introduced is a true benefit to the Pavilion and member experience. Even though the restaurant reopened just before the greens resurfacing project commenced (which caused a substantial drop in rounds), the ambiance and view created by the glass sliding doors that opened up onto the golf course could still be enjoyed. This contributed to reduced loss of revenue during the resurfacing period. Naturally, we expect increased support and more guests in the future once the golf course has opened, and we trust that members will make more use of the Pavilion as an evening dining facility.

As most of you will know and may have experienced, our new green complexes were opened on Saturday, the 1st of December. I must admit that, as a Main

Committee member, I was extremely proud to experience the new greens. Putting surfaces were excellent and although some of the greens were quite firm – as can be expected of brand-new greens – putts were running true with a few new pin positions. None of the old contours or slopes were changed, with the exception of the 11th, 13th and 15th greens. As an example, on Saturday a back right pin could be used on the 5th, which was virtually impossible in the past. On the 11th green, we used a back right pin where the original size of the green was restored, and then a centre pin position on the 15th. Despite minor heat stress to the back nine greens caused by the heat wave the last couple of weeks, it was evident that, due to the strength that the new grass has already shown, the resurfacing project was a major success and the right decision was taken. We are now in a position to offer members true value for their money when playing on our beautiful golf course.

I would like to congratulate the Greens and Construction Committee under the leadership of Vice-chairman, Dawid Muller, for a job well done. It was a daunting task that had to be executed to perfection, with mother nature as a major role player in determining the success. You did your homework to the tee, consulted with the right industry professionals and ensured quality workmanship through weekly meetings and course inspections. I am especially impressed with the meticulous recording of all your duties, which will be compiled into a construction file and as-built programme for members and future committees to view. A member information meeting will be considered for early next year, where we will give members feedback on the construction project. Notice of this meeting will be advertised well in advance.

In closing, I can report that 2018 was in many ways a year that will be remembered for changes and challenges, a year of constant price hikes, closure of the greens for members, and a substantial drop in revenue as result of this. A year in which we had to make use of our investment reserves that were built through years. However, and most importantly, it was a year that earmarks the beginning of a new future for golf at Pretoria Country Club!

I would therefore like to thank all our members who stood by us, your home Club, and supported us through their levy contributions, participating in member activities, regularly fighting our temporary greens or just having a meal and drink in the Pavilion. Our gratitude towards these members are enormous and therefore a special sponsored gift will be arranged for those who consistently supported the Club over the past months.

We are grateful that the majority of our members saw the future benefits that will be derived from the resurfacing project. The most valuable asset of our Club has been successfully restored and improved. We should all be proud of being a member at Pretoria Country Club.

If you are travelling over the festive season, please do so carefully. A merry Christmas to all, and we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Warm regards.





## FROM THE *GENERAL MANAGER*

Vivian van Wyk

Dear Member,

Another year has flown by and it is time again to reflect on the year that has been. For me, this year was the most challenging since joining this beautiful establishment in 2015, and most probably also for the Golf, Greens and Main Committee members. I have much sympathy for our Golf captain, Lou van Wyk, who started his tenure as Golf captain with a golf course under construction. Being a captain is a demanding task and I think members would agree, even more so under such circumstances. Let's face it, temporary greens are just not enjoyable. But it is a situation that all golf members will endure at some point in his or her golfing days. On the other hand, the temporary greens afforded us not only the opportunity to play during the construction period, but also the opportunity to restore the image of our golf course amongst the golfing fraternity to where it deserves to be – the premium golf course to play in Pretoria. After talking to many members on the course opening weekend, I am convinced that it is the beginning of a new era for the course and our members. Yes, the change is overdue, but now worth the wait!

I have decided to approach this message differently this year. I will not report back on Club operations because most matters have been extensively covered in Club newsletters, sectional communication and the Chairman's article. With this message, I intend to show my appreciation for those involved in taking important steps that, in my opinion, now enables PCC to meet industry challenges with confidence in the future.

Why was 2018 challenging? If you are a Social, Bowls, Squash, Tennis or Pretoria Club member, your focus is not on the golf course. You may have heard golf members complain about the state of our greens, but, understandably, these comments did not really affect your experience at PCC. Allow me to confirm, without hesitation, that these concerns and negativities were

justified, and our golf course definitely did not deserve the premium course accolade for the past couple of years. This card was on the table for some time and the relevant committees knew we had to address the state of our golf course. Alternative solutions were investigated and implemented, like the "double sward inter-seeding programme". It is a common practice in the industry, which can address the situation if a club has the luxury of time for implementation. It takes this 'more affordable' strategy four to six years to produce playable greens throughout the year. Unfortunately, even this strategy failed at PCC because of our insufficient green drainage and seed bed irregularities. We had to address these two issues, which entailed another major capital project.

In my opinion, considering that we have just completed the rehabilitation of the dam wall, which we had to do after a directive from the Department of Water Affairs, it would have been prudent from a cash flow and preparational point of view to consider another major capital project only late 2018. Investigating and planning for a project of this magnitude takes many hours of work and I felt at the time that a decision to seek members' approval at the Annual General Meeting, held middle 2018, was too soon. The Main Committee, however, faced another challenge. The advice from our internal and external consultants confirmed that PCC's greens were in such a state that some of them might not make it through 2018 and that they may well be unplayable during the winter months. Their reports, the numerous and consistent complaints from members regarding the playability of the greens and the unacceptability of a scenario where members had to pay another year's subscription fees whilst having to endure terrible greens, are matters that were carefully considered and deliberated by Main Committee. There was also evidence that the state of the greens damaged our



reputation as premier club in the industry in that members' and visitors' rounds declined and the demand for golf days were lower than previous years. The decision was then taken in March this year to motivate a resurfacing project to members at a Special General Meeting to be held in April. This was, in my opinion, a courageous decision, but I can assure members that it was taken after many hours of deliberation, research, consultation and financial planning. It also involved many opinions from and discussions with independent industry professionals. From all of this flowed a detailed presentation made to a Special General Meeting held in April.



I would like to thank and congratulate our Chairman, Nicky Bloem, for driving this process, believing in his team and management's abilities, and having the courage to implement and see this project through. Our Chairman of Greens and Vice-chairman, Dawid Muller, for his hard work, leadership and valuable contributions in ensuring that we have crossed all the t's and dotted all the i's. The Finance Committee for their willingness to support this project although our cash reserves would reduce considerably. The Main Committee for your faith in the team and unwavering support that afforded us the space to focus on the job at hand. Our consultant, Johan Jansen van Vuuren, for his knowledgeable input on the methodology, the scope of works and participation in the tender adjudication process. Our golf course maintenance team, STM under the leadership of Kosie Mentz, for an exceptional job done in resurfacing the greens. His team not only delivered the project on time, but produced greens that, on their first opening to members, generated compliments and accolades that made me incredibly proud to be part of the project. Well done. Our project leader, Dino de Abreu, for his meticulous work ethic, many hours of supervision and the professional manner in which information was collated into a construction file for future committees and members to see. Lastly but most importantly, to all our members that voted in favour of this project, you are the real stalwarts and deserve to share in the future benefits for many years to come. I salute all of you!

From a budgetary point of view, Main Committee recently approved the 2018/2019 budget. The key objective of the budget is to maintain an operational effective business and minimum capital expenditure with a strong focus to restore our investment reserves over the next couple of years. Our budget methodology was to curb member spend by only increasing annual subscriptions by 5% for the new year. Being the largest revenue contributor to the annual

budget, this conservative subscription increase would require a major cost-cutting exercise to "balance" the books. The Finance Committee scrutinised major expense items and various supplier and infrastructure contracts were renegotiated, staff remuneration and benefits were restructured, energy saving projects were implemented, and restructuring of the operational model is being considered. Management is confident that our budget objectives for 2019 can be met with the assistance of our marketing plan that supports these objectives. Together with the above-mentioned objectives, a new operational software system will be implemented in March, which is more integrated than the current Jonas system. It will provide better management information of areas like the Pro Shop, food and beverage, membership, finances, as well as a booking system. This will ensure that more accurate reporting is possible in future, which will enable future committees and employees the opportunity to make better decisions.

I would like to appeal to those members that have not yet paid the special levy raised for the greens resurfacing project to please assist the Club and do so as soon as possible. Although we have given you time to pay until the end of February 2019, early settlement will assist the Club's cash flow through December and January, as well as allow management the opportunity to test the new operating software system, Clubmaster, prior to implementation date.

Without elaborating too much, the Marketing Committee has four major member marketing objectives for 2019:

- Membership growth and retention
- Maximising facility utilisation
- Growing inter-sectional participation
- Add value to membership

The above objectives are member-driven marketing objectives and supported by various KPAs. There is also a strategy to attract more revenue from visitors that forms part of

the 2018/2019 revenue budget. I would like to remind all members of the closing and operational schedule at the back of the magazine.

In closing, I would like to thank George and his team from N9NE Catering for their commitment through the last couple of months. The knock-on effect of the resurfacing project could certainly be seen in the food and beverage turnovers as well. We estimated a 60% drop in revenue from golf rounds played, yet the actual figure was 63%. Imagine the effect through the halfway house.

To our suppliers that form part of the team, Rapid Gardens, Interactive Security, Quatro Holdings and Waste Plan Management, thank you for your dedication throughout the year in keeping our facilities clean, neat and safe. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. I have thanked STM, but would like to make special mention of the newly appointed STM greenkeeper, Wynand Ferreira, and Themba Mthambo, his assistant. In a short space of time you have already made an impact regarding attention to detail on the golf course and Wynand, with Themba by your side, you guys make a special team. Take good care of our new greens.

I would like to thank all our members for your continued and loyal support, especially through the last five months. As our Chairman said at the Special General Meeting, it is our Club – we are the only ones that can look after it. So, thank you for your support, both in making use of the facilities and contributing towards the project. It is an honour for me to serve you as General Manager and I trust that 2019 will be a prosperous year for our beautiful establishment.

Kind regards.





# CAPTAIN'S DRIVER

Lou van Wyk (Jnr)



PRETORIA  
COUNTRY CLUB  
*since 1910*



Root length of 17<sup>th</sup> green

As I'm writing this report, the Golf section has completed a successful Men's/Captain's Dinner. It was a great honour to host the evening with the help of Vice-captain, Pieter Fouche. The guest speaker of the evening was Springbok and Western Province legend, Werner Greeff. All in all, it was an evening filled with great food, good company and a celebration of another year's golfing achievements. One highlight of the evening was that Johan de Villiers, our past captain, was presented with Honours Colours for his contribution made to the Club of which he has been a member for 44 years.

The Dinner was held a bit later this year, due to the fact that we had to accommodate another special evening – the Beyerskloof Golf and Snoek Braai, held in October – to tie in with Beyers Truter's travel itinerary. This was a resounding success and some great snoek was enjoyed the evening, compliments of the Beyerskloof team that travelled up to Pretoria to prepare it for us.

Also in October, we had our very first Caddie Fund Golf Day. This was an effort to raise funds for the Caddie Fund and to try and alleviate the knock-on effect of lessor rounds played due to the resurfacing project that forced us to establish temporary greens during the five-month period. I can confirm that this was a rousing success with the amount of money raised, as well as the fact that we gained

a substantial sponsor that donated grocery vouchers to our caddies. These vouchers have been and will be distributed to all caddies who were still trying to get some work up until the 1st of December 2018.

With all these exciting events now something of the past, the major event of the year is on our doorstep: The Ryder Cup (or Sybrand's team vs Athol's team!). This year, Athol is absent due to him visiting his son and family in the USA, and our Chairman, Nicky Bloem, has stepped in as captain of Athol's side. We secured an excellent sponsorship for the event from PwC and Stella Artois to make the event even more memorable. Once again, thank you to fellow member James du Preez for always assisting us when called upon – we appreciate your involvement.

The Ryder Cup that was played on the 1st of December was also be the grand opening of the newly constructed and resurfaced greens on our majestic golf course. I have been part of the Greens and Construction Committee overseeing the whole process and can report that this improvement has been professionally and successfully implemented by Southern Turf Management which is also our course maintenance contractor. You would recall we underwent a tender process in securing the resurfacing project. Southern Turf Management was successful in securing the tender and,





*PCC Golf members enjoy participating in the annual Club Champs 2019*

looking back at the success of the project, I am convinced the right decision was taken. From a risk point of view, the Club is in a safe position, as any irregularities that might arise in future will be rectified by the contractor as both construction and maintenance is done by the same company.

One of the Golf Committee's capital projects over the past year was the construction of the Golf Driving Range Hut. This was done to have better control over access to the driving range and, most of all, over the distribution of driving range golf balls to those whom have paid their green fees and are members of the Club. The driving range assistant now has greater range of vision from one vantage point to better control players and wayward hitting. A slip system, issued by the Pro Shop, was also implemented to assist with the controlling of players and usage of driving range golf balls.

The men's locker rooms suffered water damage earlier this quarter due to a bust water pipe that leads to the geysers. This was repaired, but due to the damage the carpeting had

to be replaced. I believe that this has actually enhanced the look of the locker rooms. The cabinets that were affected by the water damage will also have been fixed by the time you read this.

It has been a tough year for us as Golf members with the greens resurfacing project that has affected our golf course for six months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member that has supported the Club and golf course during this testing time. Without your great support none of the enhancements to our wonderful course would be possible and for that I truly thank you.

I look forward to a great year's golfing ahead for our Club, and to the benefits of the golf course enhancements to be experienced by

our loyal members. Have a great and blessed festive season, and if you are traveling, travel safe and enjoy the time off.

Captain's greetings.



*George Coetzee, 2<sup>nd</sup>-time winner of the Tshwane Open and PCC member.*



*Root length of 1<sup>st</sup> green*





# SUN CITY CLASSIC

The annual Sun City Classic, as well as the Men's Dinner, has come and gone. By all reports, both were extremely successful.



Russel Burgess representing Marsh Insurance, sponsors of the Marsh Eclectic, presenting the trophy to the winner, Ben Ras, for the second consecutive year.



Ex-captain Johan de Villiers receiving the traditional putter from Vice-captain Peter Fouche, on the left, and current captain Lou Van Wyk, on the right.



Winner of the Medal Finalists Trophy, Pierre Davis, flanked by ex-chairman, Corné Kruger, on the left and Club captain, Lou van Wyk, on the right.



Herman de Bruyn receiving the Curtis Cup from Club captain, Lou van Wyk.

The Sun City Classic was played in extreme heat, but the scores seem to have been just as 'hot'. For example, Henry Human made 44 individual points on day one – and that takes some doing around that course.



The winning team from the Sun City Classic, together with Club chairman, Nicky Bloem. From the left: Tinus Rautenbach, Antonie Botha and Theo le Roux (unfortunately Jan Serfontein had already left).

# MEN'S DINNER

Another highlight on the Men's Golf calendar, the Captains' Dinner was held on Friday, 16 November with guest speaker Werner Greeff. KVV was once again sponsoring welcome drinks and wine on the tables.



Golf captain, Lou van Wyk, with guest speaker Werner Greeff.



A very proud Johan de Villiers receiving his honours blazer at the recent Captain's Dinner event.

## Honours Colours nomination:

Mr Johan de Villiers

A motivation was received for the nomination of Johan de Villiers for Honorary Colours. The proposal was ratified at a golf committee meeting and unanimously approved by the Main Committee, proposed by Dawid Muller and seconded by Jan van der Merwe.



Marnus van Heerden, winner of the Chairman's Trophy, with his friends



Louis Coetzee receiving the Woolavington Trophy



PCC members enjoying the annual Captain's Dinner



Corné Kruger with Pierre Davis (medal finalist) and Lou van Wyk



PCC members enjoying the annual Captain's Dinner





# GOLF COMMITTEE

2018/2019



**Front (L-R):** Pieter Fouché (Vice-captain), Lou van Wyk jnr (Golf captain), Athol Dowie.

**Back (L-R):** Christiaan Jonck, Jaco Bernard, LeRoux Fourie, André van Wyk, Marnus van Heerden, Vivian van Wyk (General manager).

**Inset:** Tersia Pelser (Ladies captain).

# GREENS COMMITTEE

2018/2019



**Front (L-R):** Jan van der Merwe, Dawid Muller (Chairman), Louw Massyn (Vice-chairman).

**Back (L-R):** Christiaan Jonck, Lou van Wyk jnr (Golf captain), Pieter Fouché, Sybrand van der Spuy, Vivian van Wyk (General manager).



# LADIES CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Tersia Pelser

## New Ladies Golf Committee, with portfolios:

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First and foremost, I would like to thank Maritha de Beer and the outgoing Ladies Golf Committee for a job well done. You set an example and we, as a new committee, will try our very best to keep the ship sailing.

## As the second time round of being a golf captain of the Ladies section, I have the following desires:

- That the Ladies section continue to be a welcoming place for ladies of all ages and all golfing abilities.
- To keep the spirit going – there are many clubs that envy us not only for our member total, but also for the way that we manage our section. Please keep on supporting our special events as you have done in the past.
- To get to know the new members and to play a round of golf with them.

Unfortunately, we are all human and so we don't always get it right... and when we don't, please do tell us – nicely.

As much as I'd love to please everyone all the time (draw's, etc.), I know that's not possible, but I promise to work hard, to give it my all and to try to please as many of you as often as I can.

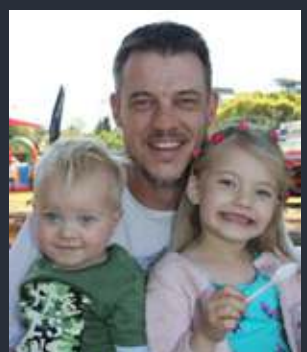
Happy golfing.





## *SPRING DAY*

PCC DAM **SEPTEMBER 2018**



# THE ANNUAL BEYERSKLOOF GOLF DAY

## AND SNOEK BRAAI OCTOBER 2018

The format of the golf day was a Better Ball Stableford competition. The event included the traditional snoek braai and was enjoyed with the well-known Beyerskloof Wines.



A beautiful setting outside on the lawn.



The A-team representing Beyerskloof Wines.



Beyers Truter, member of Pretoria Country Club.





# Welcome

## TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB



PCC would like to extend, once again, a hearty welcome to the following new members who joined since May 2018. We trust that you will enjoy the membership benefits, social environment and excellent facilities on offer.

ALL MEMBERS ARE  
REMINDED THAT A

**15%  
DISCOUNT  
ON FOOD  
AND  
BEVERAGE**

PURCHASES APPLIES  
ON PROOF OF YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP CARD.  
THIS ALSO APPLIES  
TO THE BLU SAFFRON  
RESTAURANT.

## NEW MEMBERS

### MAY 2018

Jong Dae Park  
Han Seo Park  
Sharon Ramabulana  
Peter Noeth  
Bert Smith  
Bongani Matshazi  
Roy Roux  
Phillip Buys  
Marius Scheepers

### JUNE 2018

Dave Aitken  
Tristan Kloppe  
Liam MacGabhann  
Llewellyn Crewe-Brown  
Wendy Wood  
Charles Davis  
Laetitia Cook

### JULY 2018

Cameron Allcock  
Marzaan Human  
Kian du Toit  
Niel du Toit  
Elsie Swart  
FA Mering  
Scott Lowe  
Ignus Jordaan  
Jaco de Wet

### AUGUST 2018

Khensani Chabane  
Melani Prinsloo  
Jacques Ehlers  
Martin van Rhyn  
Charl Pretorius  
Ashton Weir  
Patrick Weir  
Andrew Aitken  
Wayne Aitken  
Quinton Venter  
Louwrens Punt  
Bernadien Aitken  
Monita Pieterse  
Cindy Bradford

### SEPTEMBER 2018

JG de Waal  
Kabalan Frangieh  
Grant Greyling  
Peter Dickenson  
Nathan Jefferys  
Eloise de Bruin  
Gladys Some  
Lyn Otto  
Tienie Otto  
Aren Repko  
Bernard Rey  
Jacob Dominguez Castillo  
Jeanne Cecilia Watson

### OCTOBER 2018

Liedeke de Klerk  
Tiaan Roos  
David Kunamann  
Karen Kunamann  
Wynand Ferreira

### NOVEMBER 2018

Emile de Jager  
Delphine Crevola  
Lynette de Beer  
Francois Carbonell  
Alexey Egorsev  
Wilhelm Bekker  
Sienta Bekker  
Todd Meskil  
Rowan Lindeque  
Graeme Leathes  
Juan van Loggerenberg  
Miniette Craffert  
Jason Hwang  
Sanghun Lee  
Sangmok Lee  
Chiemi Dougherty  
Tim Dougherty  
Innes de Vries  
Johnny Maritz  
Komate Kamalanavin  
Jason Gilfillan

## Friday Night **DRAW**

The weekly Friday Night Draw has added to an amazing atmosphere for our members and their guests in the Pavilion on Friday evenings. Be sure to be at the Pavilion on time to avoid disappointment.

In summer, ticket sales are from 18h00 and the draw takes place after 18h45.

In winter, ticket sales are from 17h30 and the draw takes place after 18h15.

# PCC MEMBER BENEFITS

## PCC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

The PCC membership programme is an initiative offering you, as member, more value to your membership at Pretoria Country Club.

The following suppliers offer discounts to Pretoria Country Club members on presentation of a valid PCC membership card:

**N9NE Catering** – A 15% discount will be applicable to PCC members on all food & beverage purchases at the Club. This includes the Halfway House and functions/events.

**Baseline Racquets**, based at the PCC Squash Pro Shop, offers PCC members a 10% discount on sales from the PCC Squash Pro Shop.

**Blu Saffron** caters for the public, as well as members of PCC. Members enjoy a 15% discount on all food and beverages and also have the advantage of spending the annual loyalty at this venue.

**Capital House Boutique Hotel** offers a 20% discount to all PCC members and their guests. Address: 369 Victoria Street, Waterkloof. [www.capitalhousehotel.com](http://www.capitalhousehotel.com). Located within easy walking distance of the Club.

**Hogshead (The Club Centre)** offers all PCC members a flat 10% discount on presentation of a valid PCC membership card, ID card or driver's licence.

**Makro Silverlakes & Makro Centurion** offer various discounts during quarterly periods to PCC members. PCC members are loaded at both stores to qualify for various discounts on food concessionary, the butchery department, liquor, wine, general merchandise, garden products, pool products, lighting and lighting accessories, photographic products, printing products, sport equipment, stationery and toys – excluding all promotions.

**MOO MOO Brooklyn Square** and **MOO MOO Menlyn Park** offers all Pretoria Country Club members a 10% discount on the total of the bill. Offer valid Monday to Friday, 10h00-16h00.

**Mutual Safes** offers a 7.5% discount on products and services to PCC members that are part of the Partnership Programme. [info@mutual.co.za](mailto:info@mutual.co.za), [www.mutual.co.za](http://www.mutual.co.za)

**Planet Fitness** offers PCC members: No joining fees; corporate rates for 12/24 months. 10% off all standard club rates – applicable at all Planet Fitness clubs, excluding Platinum clubs.

**SkinPHD (The Club Centre)** offers all PCC members a 15% discount on all services on presentation of a valid PCC membership card.

**JOLIE Boutique** offers PCC members a 20% discount on all purchases.

**The WORK Space** offers a 10% discount to PCC members on office space for a 6-month agreement signed at any of their facilities, on presentation of a valid PCC membership card or valid PCC golf handicap card.

**Brooklyn Theatre** offers PCC members a 15% discount on tickets (not in conjunction with any other special offers).

**The Publican Bar & Grill**, Southdowns shopping centre, Irene, offers a 15% discount to all PCC members (not in conjunction with any other special offers).

**Hairvolution Hair Salon** offers PCC members a 15% discount, excluding Redken or Pureology retail products. 343 Brooklyn Road, 012 346 5064, [info@hairvolution.co.za](mailto:info@hairvolution.co.za)

**Silverline Jewellers** has been specialising in silver jewellery since 2000 and is excited to be part of the PCC membership benefit offer. Silver Line Jewellers offers a 15% discount to all PCC members on presentation of a valid membership card.

Not to be used in conjunction with other special offers in store or online. Can also be used online, with the code PTACC. Shop 12, Brooklyn Mall, 012 346 00491, [www.silverlinejewellery.co.za](http://www.silverlinejewellery.co.za)

**Barclay & Clegg Lifestyle Centre** is dedicated to women's personal care, health and wellbeing. Find Barclay & Clegg lingerie, swimwear, sportswear and prosthesis at the centre. The centre offers a much-needed alternative to the hustle and bustle of shopping malls by providing a comfortable, peaceful setting, and offers a 10% discount to PCC members on purchases, on presentation of a valid PCC member card, as well as ID. 429 Albert Street, Waterkloof, Pretoria, 012 356 1541, 082 376 8802

**Cadini Menlyn** – Clothing for men, made in Italy offers all PCC members a 15% discount on purchases. Level 3, Shop G17, Menlyn Park, 012 348 2355

The PCC membership card is specific to individual members and may not be used by anyone else.

Any member who allows someone else – whether a family member or any other person – to utilise his card or membership number, shall be deemed guilty of unbecoming conduct as described in Section 14 of the PCC Constitution.





# PCC SQUASH



## 2019 Calendar

- 28 January** – Internal Round Robin
- Early February** – Blitz League
- End February to mid September** – NSA League
- July** – IPT Masters (host club)
- July** – SA Nationals (host club)
- Early October** – 58th Club Champs
- November** – PCC/Romo Doubles Open
- End November/December** – Captain's Dinner & Golf Challenge



## PCC TAKES THE SPOILS AT THE 2018 NORTHERNS SQUASH AWARDS FUNCTION

Northern Squash held their annual awards function at the Voortrekker Monument recently, with a large number of people attending to celebrate their 2018 season's success story.

PCC has had an exceptional season, winning a variety of individual and team awards.

Here is a summary of where PCC featured in some of the major awards for the evening:

- Woody Kaiser trophy for "Best Club Performance" – **PCC**
- Masters & NSF Player of the year – **Craig Ruane**
- Junior player of the year – **Mikael Clayton**
- Men's Blitz League winners – **PCC**
- Annual SA Knights UK Tour – **Henning Holtzhausen (Captain)**
- Growthpoint Men's IPT C Section winners – **Mikael Clayton, Nell van der Merwe & Craig Ruane**
- NSA Chairman's award – **Kyle Maree**
- NSF President's award – **Mike Pierce**

# SA OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT 2018



The glass squash court used for the SA Open Squash event in Brooklyn Centre.



The SA Open Squash event winner: Men's final, Mohamed Elsherbini.



2018 Women's Doubles champs, Cara Fourie & Lauren Siddal.

2018 Mixed Doubles champs, Christo Potgieter & Lauren Siddal.



The SA Open Squash event winner: Ladies final, Farida Mohamed.

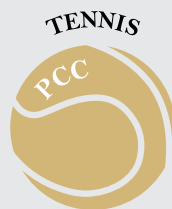


PCC hosted its second Open Doubles Squash Championships over the weekend of 19 October 2018, after securing a generous sponsorship from Romo SA.

"Together with our fellow sponsors, the emphasis this year was on having fun, even though we were still in a highly competitive environment. On the Saturday, for example, we had some of SA's top players taking each other on in their favourite Superhero attire", said Neill Strydom of Romo SA.

"We had a record 72 players entering this year. It was the perfect playbook for showcasing doubles squash, with all the strongest players eventually rising to the top," said Ashleigh Fergusson of PCC Squash.





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## PCC TENNIS



### THE TENNIS COMMITTEE:

**From left to right:** Frans te Groen, Paul Irons, Dino Pavlou (Coach), Karin Marais, Gordon Hart, Elsa Carstens, Antoinette Muller, Ingrid Saayman, Louis Marais (Captain) and Marius Els (Vice-captain).



Annemarie Lotz with Louis Marais (Captain) and Cronje de Wit, winners of Wimbledon Day.

As the end of the year draws near, PCC Tennis reflects on a sociable and successful year on and off the courts. We enjoyed our annual tournaments and welcomed some new members and visitors at our events.

A memorable evening was held in April with the sponsorship of Haute Cabriere for a wine-pairing dinner. Tennis members and their friends could enjoy this event thanks to Pierre Joubert's generosity and be entertained by Haute Cabriere's winemaker as we were informed about their wines.

We also had the honour of celebrating the 80th birthday of former captain, Monyeen Wiehahn, with her. In the company of Louis Marais, our current captain, and with two other former captains, Gordon Hart and Tim Steward also in attendance, a birthday celebration was held for her in the kiosk. Monyeen still plays social tennis occasionally, and often joins us for the tea break on Saturday afternoons.

Wimbledon Day, PCC style, was a big success. Players were dressed in white, as is tradition, and we snacked on sandwiches and strawberries with cream, washed down with bubbly. The

best-dressed players were awarded for their creativity and dedication to this tradition. This year, a tournament was organised for the juniors as well, and our coaches Dino Pavlou and Bryn Langley made sure that the youngsters had a good competition.

Tournaments played were the Captain's Cup, Whitehall Cup, Centenary Cup and Elsje Myburgh Cup. Our winners were congratulated and awarded at the year-end function. Club champions were also acknowledged at this event where a hearty dinner was prepared for the guests and everyone had a good time around the boma fire.

PCC Tennis values its members and our sense of community was proved when the Tucker Vorster Award was given to Erna Heyns this year. This award is in honour of Mr Vorster, former tennis captain and respected member of Pretoria Country Club. The spirit in which this cup is awarded is for a member who embodies the values of the section and the Club, as well as for their loyalty and sportsmanship, as set by Mr Vorster's example. Erna, as tennis player and committee member, is the worthy 2018 recipient.

The committee welcomes all new tennis members and wishes them many happy games of tennis. With the appointment of a new assistant tennis coach, Wayne van Niekerk, teaming up with Dino and Bryn, junior tennis is set to be active in future.

All the work and time given by the committee to making PCC Tennis an enjoyable section is appreciated. Best wishes to all the tennis players for the festive season!



Louis Marais and Jenny Raath – Best Dressed.



Dino Pavlou, Bryn Langeley and the kids participating in a tennis event.



Pierre Joubert, PCC member and a director of Haute Cabriere, at the Haute Cabriere wine tasting hosted by the Tennis section.



A social braai after social play on a Saturday.



Monyeen's birthday celebrations – Tim with Monyeen, Gordon and Louis.



Erna Heyns has been awarded with the Tucker Vorster Trophy.



Karin Marais & Elsabé Joubert



Karin & Louis Marais



Gordon Hart & Louis Marais



Marius Els & Louis Marais



Maryke Huibregts & Louis Marais



Pieter Marais

## PCC TENNIS COMPETITION WINNERS 2018

Club Championship	Men's singles	Pieter Marais
	Ladies singles	Mayke Huibregts
	Men's doubles	Gordon Hart Piet Joubert
	Ladies doubles	Elsabé Joubert Karin Marais
	Mixed doubles	Louis Marais Karin Marais

Whitelaw Cup	Louis Marais Karin Marais
Captain's Cup	Louis Marais Elsabé Joubert
Centenary Cup (Gentlemen)	Bryn Langley
Elsje Myburgh Cup (Ladies)	Erna Heyns





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## PCC BOWLS



The finals of the Novice Competition with Elsje Jooste, runner-up Pierre Erasmus, Bowls captain George Wesson and winner Ludick Venter.



George Wesson, with the winner of the Thursday School Annual Victor Ludorum, Pierre Erasmus.



Intersection Bowls challenge.



Intersection Bowls challenge runners-up – Golf section.

# ‘SANDALS’

## SWAZILAND BOWLING EVENT – IAN FRASER

2nd PCC Bowlers Weekend at The Royal Swazi Spa Hotel

Another beautiful Pretoria September morning and we were once again setting off for the second 'Sandals' Weekend at the Royal Swazi Hotel and Spa in Swaziland, organised by Alan and Sandy Jones (Sandals). We had the previous year attended the first of these wonderful weekends and our names were first on the list for this repeat event.

**Final results were:** 1. Team Tush – 14 points. 2. Team Susan – 11 points (59 shots). 3. Team Maureen – 11 points (50 shots). 4. Team Rainer (making a last-minute run for the finishing line) – 10 points. 5. Team Alan – 9 points. 6. Team Brian – 6 points. 7. Team Ronel – 7 points. 8. Team Rose – 8 points. 9. Team Cynthia – 7 points. 10. Team Annie – 4 points.





# BOWLS NEWS

## PCC BOWLS BUSINESS LEAGUE – Brian Birkholtz

We finished our first Business Bowls League on a high on the evening of 22 November, and would again like to thank everyone who participated, and the participating organisations, for making this an extremely successful project for the Bowls section of Pretoria Country Club.

We are pleased to announce our winners – **Fourie Fismer Inc.**

Well done, guys – you played a professional game of Bowls and your team spirit was infectious!

The runner-up team of **Mhoba Rum Distillery**. Well played, guys, in taking 5 points in the final!

In third position was **KWPcreate**, only a half point behind the second team. Well done, guys!

It has been a tremendous experience to see first-time bowlers transform into near-professional bowlers in seven weeks, and for this I would like to thank our coaches for their dedicated time to this project. Thank you, Rainer, Corné, John P, Axel, Arthur and George. Thank you, once again, to Harriet for the delicious catering and Johan for handling the bar and finances so efficiently.

### What was this project all about?

We wanted to make younger people aware of this awesome game of Bowls, and at the same time introduce you to the fun and fellowship of the **Pretoria Country Club**. Secondly, we wanted to raise money for those who are not as privileged as we are; our social welfare project being the **New Hope School**, to whom we were able to donate R12 000

from this project. Thanks to every one of you who made this possible.

Thank you, once again, for being a tremendous crowd and we personally look forward to seeing you again at the Club, and definitely at **Business Bowls 2019**. There are already three other companies waiting to join us in 2019, but the priority will go to this year's participants. I wish you all a truly blessed Christmas season.

Regards.



George Wesson, Bowls captain, with the principal of New Hope School.



Neville Leach, handing over the Young Members donation.



The handing-over party at New Hope School.

# BOWLS

## YEAR-END FUNCTION & PRIZE-GIVING



Heather Maizey & Johan van den Bergh.



## RESULTS OF CLUB COMPETITIONS

### LADIES COMPETITIONS

**Atie Relief:** Winner was Rose Purchase, and runner-up Zane Fouché.

**Ladies drawn pairs:** Winners were Cynthia Nunn and Elsje Jooste; runners-up were Tush Taute and Marina Engelbrecht.

### MEN'S COMPETITIONS

**Men's handicap singles:** Winner was Pierre Erasmus, and runner-up was André van Wyk.

### MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Winners:** Wessel van Deventer and Ronel Rogers.

**Runners-up:** Corné Kruger and Ursula du Pré le Roux.

**Men's drawn pairs:** Bill van Wyk and Axel Trunk.

**Runners-up:** Wessel van Deventer and Jack Wijker.

### MIXED DRAWN PAIRS:

**Winners:** Maureen Brassel & Rob Wood.

**Runners-up:** Annie Pienaar & Axel Trunk.



# A BLACK & WHITE AFFAIR







John & Rose Purchase



Rosie Mogale



MC, John Maynard with Karl-Heinz Gessner



Ellen & Bill van Wyk







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At Pretoria Club, you will find gracious club rooms, social functions, gatherings of cheerful, sociable people, library facilities, and local and international networking opportunities.



#### THE FACILITIES

The area consists of three rooms – a dining area, a bar and a lounge area – called the Member Rooms.

The lounge/ library area was named the Pretoria Club Lounge and the dining area the Carl Jeppe Room, in honour of the founding father of the Pretoria Country Club. Make it yours.

#### DRESS CODE

##### • Gentlemen – Business casual

Long-sleeved shirt with collar, no t-shirts, no shorts, no caps or hats, no torn or frayed clothing, no sport shoes, sandals or slops allowed.

##### • Ladies – Business casual

Dress or slack suit is the acceptable dress. Therefore, no shorts, no t-shirts, no caps or hats, no torn or frayed clothing, no sport shoes or slops.

*Members and their guests are required to be neat at all times. For our members and their guests, the enjoyment of the facilities is of paramount importance to the committee and management. They accordingly reserve the right to decide whether dress is appropriate or not.*



## BURNS NICHT

Held in January each year, the highlight of the Club year is the celebration of Burns Nicht, celebrating the life and times of the great Bard of Scotland (Robert Burns). Music, pipers, a great feast and other entertainment make this an event not to be missed. The next Burns Nicht function is scheduled for 26 January 2019. Make sure not to miss this special occasion.



*Traditional to this event is the haggis served as a starter.*

# PRETORIA CLUB COMMITTEE



**Front (L-R):** Charles van Staden (Chairman), Margaret Trunk

**Back (L-R):** Danny Truter, Rob Wood, Almer du Pisanie

**Insets:** Mike Strang (Vice-Chairman), Roy Fouché, Tom Coetzee

## SOMETHING INTERESTING

### JUST NUISANCE – Brian Forsyth

In April 1944, an able seaman of the Royal Navy was buried with full honours on Red Hill, overlooking Simon's Town naval base. Around the draped White Ensign, two hundred officers stood with heads bared as the strains of the last post and the crash of the firing party's volley died into the echo. Just Nuisance, the Navy's most famous dog, had gone to his rest.

Just Nuisance was an extremely intelligent animal, the only dog that has been enlisted into service with the Royal Navy. Famous throughout the Cape Peninsula during World War II, he was the devoted friend of thousands of British seamen who passed through Simon's Town on their way to battles up north or in the east.

A resolute other ranker, he kept his distance from officers and was seldom seen with civilians. He did, however, like the stewards and cooks, for they daily spoilt him with the best cuts of meat. But it was the company of the ordinary sailor that he enjoyed most looking after with pride. A quaint habit if he felt that he had performed beyond the call of duty – he would sit down and put out his paw to accept the congratulations. If he was being reprimanded, Nuisance would listen intently and then follow the same procedure, if to say, 'I understand, and it will not happen again'.

When Saturdays arrived, and ratings had liberty to leave from 12 noon until early morning Monday, Nuisance, as he was originally called, accompanied them by train into Cape Town. The railway authorities objected strongly, but such was his relationship with the ordinary seamen, that he was enlisted into the Royal

Navy so that he could have a free pass for use on the trains, and this was attached to his collar.

However, to properly complete the enlistment procedure, full names were required for his Certificate of Service, so he became Just Nuisance. His previous occupation was listed as 'Bone crusher' and his religion as "Canine Divinity League". Just Nuisance was allotted his own bed in the barracks at Simon's Town and at Wingfield Airport where the Fleet Air Arm pilots were based, who secretly took him up on convoy patrols, which Just Nuisance loved. He was entitled to full medical care and he did have some spells in hospital. The picture below shows him being tended to by the nursing staff when recovering from one of his escapades. You can also see the medicinal beer bottle of Lion Special on the bedside table.

Just Nuisance became a regular at sailors' pubs in town and enjoyed having his drinks bought for him. His favourite tipple was Lion Lager, normally having four quarts an evening. Nuisance had by now learnt to exercise caution in how much beer he drank at any one time, after suffering several monumental hangovers through over-indulgence. As he became older, he rather enjoyed a tot of rum in his beer.

The old Standard Hotel in Adderley Street was perhaps his favourite watering hole as his drinks were on the house, paid for by the owner who knew that when word got around to other sailors in town that Nuisance was at his hotel, ratings would flock there to enjoy his company. Nuisance could move from the bar,

up the stairs to the open balcony overlooking Adderley Street, and he would approach the guard rails of the balcony, rear up on his hind legs, place his fore-paws on the horizontal rail top and enjoy the scene below, barking furiously at passing sailors.

He enjoyed the devotion of his mates and repaid it in the most practical way. Many a sailor, unsteady on his feet, felt the firm grip on his sleeve as Nuisance led him gently to the Cape Town station. And on arrival at Simon's Town, the dog always made sure that none of his charges remained sleeping in the train.

Nuisance did not enjoy the company of ladies, but adored female Great Danes fully, living up to the well-known saying, "A sailor has a girl in every port", for he was so well-known that breeders of Great Danes in the Cape Peninsula were anxious to make use of Nuisance's talents. This was managed by making a donation to War Funds, so Nuisance left his off-spring in the Peninsula

The Pretoria Club has been fortunate to have the statue of Just Nuisance, which will shortly be on display in the Members Rooms, donated by Cliff Bentley, a Club member. And these reminiscences are from the book "Just Nuisance" by Terence Sisson, which can still be found in local second-hand bookshops.

Bringing this article to a close, whenever the British national anthem was played, Just Nuisance would line up with the sailors, stand to attention, tail still and ears alert.





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## PCC WINE FRATERNITY



**Front (L-R):** V van Wyk (General Manager), D Avery (Club Chairman), N Bloem (Vice-Chairman), S Strydom, N Strydom, G Ioannides, C Carstens, J Mook (Chairman of Wine Fraternity), P Breytenbach, M Els.

**Insets:** Dr P Robberts, L Howell.



Founded by 11 wine lovers during the late harvesting period of 2014, the Uncorked Fraternity (as the Fraternity is popularly referred to) was successfully inaugurated into Pretoria Country Club (as a division) at the March 2015 Main Committee meeting. The activities forming the pillars on which the Fraternity is built, comprise:

- Wine tastings
- Wine buying
- Gourmet dinners
- Wine trips

Strategic partnerships with selected and prominent wine makers are of the utmost importance to the Fraternity as a means of achieving our objectives. It is the Fraternity's aim to be exclusive and different, while creating a pleasurable forum for enhancing a wine culture and passion for good wines amongst its members.

We therefore strive to implement the following events:

### Wine tastings

A different format for wine tastings, e.g. vertical tastings, regional tastings, and cultivar tastings. At least one international tasting per annum. The CWG (Cape Winemakers Guild) tasting will be one of the highlights for our members each year – the Fraternity will be instrumental in keeping this tasting as part of the PCC calendar.

### Wine buying

A "Box of the month" is available to PCC members – in line with our objective of exclusivity. By virtue of our relationship with the wine makers, we have special wine-buying opportunities – from single-barrel buying and bottling with our own labels, to exclusive top-of-the-range vintage wines.

### Gourmet dinner


Gourmet dinners have been part of Pretoria Country Club for a long time. It forms part of the process of relationship building with the wine makers and enhances the culture of enjoyment of wine in the Club.

### Wine tours

The Cape Wine Makers Guild auction is a great tour with exciting meetings and tastings.

### Wine makers

The Fraternity strives to make PCC the go-to place in Pretoria for wine makers. We invite wine makers to make use of the Fraternity's facilities. We endeavor to make it their home away from home.



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## **YOUNG MEMBERS**

COMMITTEE (PCC YMC)

The Pretoria Country Club's Young Members Committee would like to reflect on another successful year. It is our objective to add value to our members' experience by hosting various social events throughout the year, and as 2018 is nearing its conclusion, we have a look at what the young members had to offer.

### **WHISKEY & CIGAR EVENING**

On the 26th of June, we held our annual Whiskey & Cigar Evening. This event never fails to live up to the expectation and this year was no different. The evening consisted of a formal whiskey presentation by Pernod Ricard in the Carl Jeppe Room, followed by an informal tasting and soiree in the library. The Baron Tobacco provided a wide variety of cigars on the night and everyone received a complimentary cigar on arrival. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by young and old, which will definitely be on our 2019 calendar again.

### **BUDWEISER WORLD CUP SOCCER EVENT**

With the excitement surrounding the 2018 FIFA World Cup, the young members hosted a night soccer tournament on the 11th of July. This event was a first of its kind and turned out to be a resounding success. The event was hosted with Firefly, who usually assists us with our night golf events, and the concept of a LED-lit soccer ball definitely made for exciting viewing! There were a lot of fantastic prizes up for grabs, sponsored by Budweiser, and the semi-final between England and Croatia was also shown on a big screen in the Vodacom room. There was a fantastic vibe on the night, only made better by the fact that everyone got complimentary beers when a goal was scored. We would like to thank SAB and Firefly for providing the members with a unique experience.

### **KWV FOURSOMES & GREENSOMES GOLF**

The Young Members have become accustomed to hosting fantastic social golf events in collaboration with the Golf Committee. On the 3rd of August, the KWV Foursomes took place and on the 5th of October the Greensomes were held. There was some great golf on show and some great prizes were up for grabs once again. These events were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who participated, and we would like to extend our gratitude to KWV for their support at the Foursomes. Thank you to the Golf Committee who continues to innovate and always ensures that these events are played in a unique format that also allows for a great social experience for the members.

### **GREEK EVENING**

On the 31st of August, we hosted an authentic Greek evening. The evening provided a lot of entertainment for everyone who attended. This included traditional plate-smashing, Bouzouki-led live music, fire dancers and much more! The guests were also treated to fantastic Greek cuisine and everyone received a shot of Ouzo on arrival. It truly was a culinary and cultural masterpiece, which made us feel as if we were in Santorini for a night out! Thank you for everyone who attended this event and also to everyone who made it happen.

*The Young Members Committee would like to wish all the members a blessed festive season and hope to see you all next year at our wonderful events. Keep an eye on your PCC mobile application for all the details of the upcoming events, and make it yours!*



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# YOUNG MEMBERS

COMMITTEE (PCC YMC)







## OPERATIONAL AND CLOSURE SCHEDULES OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

Dear Member,

Please take note of the following operational and closure times for PCC facilities over the festive season:

Golf course, practice facilities, Halfway House and the Pavilion – these facilities will be open for play and usage during all Mondays in December, including Monday, 7 January 2019.

Please reserve your tee times with the Pro Shop for play. On Monday, 24 and Monday, 31 December there will be a two tee start from 06h30 to 08h27.

Last rounds will be called at 15h00 in the Pavilion. All facilities will be closed on Tuesday, 25 December and Tuesday, 1 January 2019. All facilities will re-open on Wednesday, 2 January.

The administration office will be closed from 15 December and re-open on 4 January 2019. During this period, Reception, general maintenance and golf operations will be operative, except for Christmas and New Year's Day. Blu Saffron will close from Sunday, 23 December and re-open on Thursday, 3 January 2019. The N9ne Catering office will close from Friday, 14 December to Friday, 4 January 2019.

On behalf of Main Committee and management, 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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### DAM AREA AND BRAAI UNITS

Please note that the dam rental tariffs changed to the following as from 1 December 2018:

UNIT D	R200
UNIT A	R200
UNIT M	R500



Newly built boma.



