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*A tribute to
our out-going
Chairman,
Nicky Bloem*



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Nicky Bloem

Dear Member,

This being my first Jacaranda article for 2019, and the last of my tenure as Chairman, I would firstly like to wish all our members a prosperous 2019. In saying this, by the time this article is published, the first school holidays of 2019 will be something of the past; hard to believe how time flies.

Since my last article in December 2018, operations at the Club during the first quarter of the year were focused on restoring our golf business to what it was before the upgrade of our green complexes. Since we opened our "new greens", we have experienced a substantial increase in member and visitor rounds played

from December to February 2019. We know that temporary greens are not ideal surfaces to play on, but we are grateful for the generous support from our members and would like to thank you for so often playing our golf course during the resurfacing period. More than 5 000 member rounds were played during July – December 2018, which is a true reflection of the passion that members have for their Club. A special word of thanks to Louis Coetzee and Roy Roux who both played in excess of 80 rounds during this period. Louis and Roy were joined by 25 members who each played more than 35 rounds of golf. On behalf of the Main Committee and management, I would once again



like to extend my word of appreciation to all these members for their support during these challenging times.

The Greens Committee is now tasked with maintaining quality playing surfaces of these "young" green complexes, whilst coping with continuous heat stress and increased traffic from golfers. Our consultants advised us that the new greens must go through its first winter period after which it will be better equipped to deal with increased traffic and severe weather conditions. As mentioned in my previous article, we are extremely satisfied with the final product and look forward to enjoying these course improvements for many years to come. As part of the scope of works a detailed construction file was produced, a copy of which is stored electronically for future committees to view when possible upgrades are planned.

The Golf Committee, together with the Golf Shop, are now focusing on restoring our golf calendar to maximum capacity by engaging with corporate golf day sponsors that hosted their respective golf days at PCC in the past. Another objective of this committee is to improve the general golf experience at our Club by implementing different initiatives that will be covered in the General Manager's article. Whilst the Golf Committee is hard at work, the Marketing Committee also have their work cut out in securing more corporate memberships this year. The objective is to grow corporate memberships from 14 to 20 by the end of February 2020.

The Main Committee recently signed off the updated 2019 version of the Club's Risk Management document at our February meeting, which forms part of the Strategic Business Plan of PCC. This document deals with the Club's risk profile and lists all the current and potential future risk factors. This helps the Main Committee to be better prepared and equipped to

initiate actions that mitigate these circumstances, and where possible, engage in preventative actions that would de-risk the PCC risk profile.

As part of the Risk Management document, it will be the duty of the Finance Committee to now restore our cash reserves to the value it was prior to the resurfacing project. This objective will be achieved by reducing capital spend over the next couple of years, whilst increased revenue is generated from corporate membership and sponsorships. In saying this, it is imperative that our facilities are kept in the best condition and we retain our current membership numbers. We will thus continue to offer value to our members and keep the condition of our facilities world class.

For the 2019/2020 financial year, Main Committee approved only one capital expense, which is the final payment of the resurfacing project of approximately R625 000. The Greens and Construction Committees recently did the final handover of the project after the tasks on the snag list were completed. Although the 2019/2020 Capital Expense budget has been limited, provision has been made for the general maintenance and upkeep of facilities. A contingency plan has also been compiled of extraordinary maintenance items that will be executed should additional funding be received, and if cash flow allows for these expenses.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Main Committee members and PCC staff for their invaluable support during the past three years. I could never have performed my duties without your professionalism and absolute dedication. It has been an exciting, busy and eventful few years of my life for which I thank every Club member.



FROM THE *GENERAL MANAGER*

Vivian van Wyk

Dear Member,

I ended my December article with the following words: "I would like to thank all our members for your continued and loyal support especially during the past five months." It is with these words that I would like to welcome all our members back to your home away from home in this first edition of the *Jacaranda*. It was heartening to witness our members' support, loyalty and commitment towards their home club during the resurfacing of the greens (July to November 2018). The Chairman mentioned in his article that our members played in excess of 5 000 rounds. This support meant that despite the down-time, we achieved 32 000 rounds for the previous financial year compared to the budgeted 36 000 – an achievement to be proud of! From management's side, we thank all our members who supported the Pretoria Country Club during this challenging phase.

The Main Committee recently approved the 2019/2020 Operational and Capital Expense budgets. In line with our strategic objectives, the budget focuses on reduced capital expenditure, while ensuring sustained general maintenance of the facilities, increased revenue from corporate golf days, corporate membership, golf rounds and new marketing initiatives for continued membership value. To this end, we hope to host our very own PCC Music Festival later this year. There are some maintenance issues that need urgent attention during the current financial year. The driving range netting and cabling require repairs, the security and access system at the main entrance will be upgraded to allow for more stringent access protocol, the general road infrastructure on the site requires resurfacing and from a sectional point of view, some tennis courts need to be resurfaced. These are only a few of the extraordinary projects that will be focused on over

and above the general maintenance of facilities. As mentioned, we hope to fund these extraordinary maintenance projects through additional revenue from our golf operations.

We recently installed a new management software system called Clubmaster, which replaced the Jonas version. I am sure most of our golf members saw the notices in the Pavilion. The main reasons for switching over to Clubmaster, are:

- All-inclusive financial management system;
- Improved and user-friendly booking system;
- Improved audit controls;
- Detailed tracking of member transactions;
- Ability to provide comprehensive and detailed reports that enable the club to, amongst other matters, evaluate member behaviour (important for review and introduction of loyalty programmes);
- Strong internal controls (example - control of member benefits to discourage misuse); and
- Effective and user-friendly member communication module that links with club newsletters and social media communication channels.

More importantly, members are reminded that your HNA handicap card or PCC membership card must be activated for future member discounts to apply. This must be done by 31 March 2019. There are activation terminals across our facilities so please do this as soon as possible.

I dedicate my first article to our Chairman, Nicky Bloem. It is Nicky's last term as Chairman and he will step down at the upcoming Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, 12 June 2019, at 18:00 in the Ballroom. Since I joined in 2015,

I have been fortunate to serve on various committees with Nicky and what struck me from the start was his incontestable work ethic and his love for PCC. Nicky always has the wellbeing of the club at heart, especially when making tough decisions or when confronted with major challenges such as we've experienced the past couple of years. The rehabilitation of the dam wall, resurfacing of the green complexes and the upgrade of the Pavilion were some of the major projects completed during his tenure. While dealing with the issues and challenges these projects brought along, Nicky always reminded me to focus on the bigger picture and the result, which must and should be beneficial to our club and its members. He is a true Club Man and devoted his tenure to making our beautiful establishment a better place for all to enjoy. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our club, Chair, and may you now truly enjoy a round of golf without having to deal with Club matters. Cheers!

I want to conclude my article by raising a glass to our members and our golf course. Long may she bring us moments of pleasure and birdies, may we all enjoy our Pretoria Country Club membership, but above all, may the rich culture and camaraderie at PCC continue for many years to come!



PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB

V E N U E S



The venues at PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB, with all-round beautiful flowing gardens, are ideal for any function, big or small.

N9ne Catering is based at the Country Club and will make your event a gourmet fantasy that will please any palate. N9ne Catering will make your wedding a feast to remember, and their friendly staff will make your guests feel welcome and spoilt.

Our crown jewel is the prestigious Ballroom, with its old-worldly charm and magnificent crystal chandeliers, built-in fireplace and wooden spring ballroom dance floor. The Ballroom is framed on one side by a big under-roof, pillared verandah. This venue is extremely popular for hosting big, glamorous events and is also a wedding venue, perfect in all its finery. The Ballroom can accommodate a maximum of 240 people.

The Pretoria Clubroom, situated next to the Ballroom, is a conference venue, which also serves as an extension of the Ballroom.

The Grand Lounge has a gentlemen's club feel to it, with four fireplaces and two chandeliers that look as if they are from an old English castle, and can accommodate 100 people.

This venue is very popular, from birthday functions to corporate events. For smaller weddings, it is the most amazing venue looking out over the lush gardens.

For conferences, the Mardi Gras has a built-in screen and buffet set-up with its own enclosed terrace and 150 people can sit either cinema style or 100 people in classroom style. Round ten-seater tables can be accommodated in this venue for sit-down functions.

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Golf at PCC – what a privilege to enjoy the spoils of our labour after the completion of the resurfacing of the greens. I trust that my fellow members will have the same experience as I did, and I also believe that these greens will only get better as they establish, adding more value to our Club and golfing experience.

However, nature is unpredictable and we experienced a severe heat spell at the beginning of December until the rain brought relief after Christmas. These adverse weather conditions negatively influenced the growth of our new greens, because the normal irrigation system was just not sufficient to water them during the severe heat wave we experienced. The Golf and Greens Committee had to take the decision to close the practice putting green until the end of February, to alleviate the destructive foot traffic, and also to enable the greens to recover from stress caused by the heat. To date, it seems to have worked wonders for the putting green.

We opened our majestic course on 1 December 2018 with a wonderful event, The Ryder Cup, better known as Sybrand's team versus Athol's team. With Athol being absent, our Club Chairman took over the reigns and the banter between Sybrand and Nicky was and always will be spectacular.

The event was marked by fierce rivalry, but with great sportsmanship displayed all round. Even my opponents, who had two plugged lies in two straight holes, took it like gentlemen and did not even bemoan the course for their bad luck. I can report that Sybrand's team won by quite a significant margin – 32.5 vs 17.5 – which I was fortunate to be part of. Once again, Sybrand brought the cup home!

Our caddies, caddie masters and marshals also received some new branded clothing and shoes. Once again, a massive thank you to FNB for their gracious sponsorship, and especially to fellow member Dave Aitken, who made it all possible. Other news from the caddies' side is that a Caddie Committee has been formed, which is chaired by Bruno Maubane. This will serve as their platform to discuss problems with management that are related to the caddies, with the main purpose being to enhance communication. The caddies' role will be to fix divots and pitch marks, especially concentrated on protecting the new greens from players who do not fix pitch marks. The establishment of the Caddie Committee also gives the Golf Committee a platform to discuss issues with the caddies. So far, there have been two official meetings of the Caddie Committee, and Bruno and his committee are also included in the weekly Golf Operations



Johan Heunis (Winner of the Senior and Veterans Division).



David Opperman (Club Champs Winner 2018).



Kirk Louw (Winner of the Vaderland Trophy for Best Nett Score).



Anton van Niekerk (Winner of the C-Division Botes Cup).

meetings. I believe this will become a very important tool for both the caddies and the Club in the future.

The Men's Club Championships will be played on 6 and 7 April (weather permitting), and we are very excited for the event as it is one of the Golf section's most prestigious golf events of the year. So please keep your eyes on the notice boards at the Pro Shop to know exactly when to enter. Talking about the notice boards in the Pro Shop, you would have either entered or it may have already started at the time of publication, but Tallis Hurlly, betterball knockout, will start on 9 March, so make sure your team is part of it. The 2018 Final was only played on 9 February 2019 and the winners, after a titanic battle that lasted 38 holes, were LDC van Wyk and Jan van der Merwe. Their opponents were Leroux Fourie and Marnus van Heerden, and they tell me that it was a battle royale, with both teams taking the lead at various stages and Marnus holing out on the 36th hole to force the sudden death playoff. Lou sealed the victory with par on the second playoff hole. Well done, gentlemen!

The Scratch, Senior Scratch, Men's Handicap and Ladies Thursday leagues are underway, and I would like to wish all the players all the best in their different leagues. *Bring die bekere huis toe!*

Back to the course, and I would like to reiterate what has been said in all Athol's newsletters, and our new monthly video on our social platforms, regarding pitch marks and divots. We as the players have the ultimate responsibility to our own course and Club to have the right mindset to look after it. Regarding pitch marks and divots, please repair pitch marks and fill your own divots and any others you come across. Let us make this the PCC golfers' motto, because it starts with us and it remains our responsibility.

Come and enjoy a round of golf, the course is in pristine condition, mostly thanks to Southern Turf

Management and to our new greenkeeper, Wynand Ferreira. Thank you for doing such a sterling job. Also, come and participate in all the weekly and special competitions. The Curtis Cup, individual match play, is starting on 13 April after the Club Championships. Once again, thank you to all members for your continued support, especially during the construction period.

I leave you with these wise words from Harry Vardon: "Don't play too much golf. Two rounds a day are plenty."

Groetnis van die Kaptein



LDC van Wyk (Golf Captain), playing in the Tshwane Open.

GREENS RESURFACING PROJECT

Here are a couple of pictures of the recent greens resurfacing project. A detailed construction file can be viewed at the General Manager's office.



Hole 1 - before



Hole 1 - after



Hole 2 - before



Hole 2 - after



Hole 3 - before



Hole 3 - after



Hole 4 - before



Hole 4 - after



Hole 5 - before



Hole 5 - after



Hole 6 - before



Hole 6 - after



Hole 7 - before



Hole 7 - after



Hole 10 - before



Hole 10 - after



Hole 8 - before



Hole 8 - after



Hole 11 - before



Hole 11 - after



Hole 9 - before



Hole 9 - after



Hole 12 - before



Hole 12 - after



Hole 13 - before



Hole 13 - after



Hole 16 - before



Hole 16 - after



Hole 14 - before



Hole 14 - after



Hole 17 - before



Hole 17 - after



Hole 15 - before



Hole 15 - after



Hole 18 - before



Hole 18 - after

LADIES GOLF

This is a year of new beginnings, a new handicap system, a golf course with new greens and new golf rules. It's time to shed the old and embrace the new.

The Cullinan Cup was won by Nancy Blomerus and Tersia Pelser



The Jeppe Cup 2019 was won by Riana Karemaker.



Congratulations to Bronwyn Doeg. She won the Champion of Champs Competition at Glendower by six shots.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

The annual Ladies Pink Ball and Christmas Party was held on 6 November 2018. The theme was Stars and Stripes, to coincide with the mid-term elections in the USA. Ladies, thank you for going all the way.



Maritha de Beer won the A-division of the GNGU Seniors Club Champs.

Important DATES

12 March	PCC visit River Club
26 March	Cullinan Cup 1st Round
9 April	Ladies Club Champs
10 April	Ladies Club Champs
16 April	Alma Chapman Open Day
05 May	Copper Platter Mixed Open
21 May	PCC Ladies AGM & Captain vs Vice-captain
21 July	PCC Winter Alliance – Closed
25 August	PCC Anniversary Cup Mixed Open
17 September	Spring Day
20 October	Smyth Cup Charity Golf Day – Open
29 October	Athol and Sybies Day
5 November	Ladies Pink Ball and Christmas Party
17 November	Kudu Cup Final/Rooibok Mixed Competition

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

The annual Valentine's Golf Day took place on Tuesday, 12 February. This year we hosted 20 ladies from Mount Edgecombe. Even the heavy rain from the previous night and a soaking wet golf course could not interfere with the enthusiasm and the spirit amongst the players. The visitors were ecstatic about the condition of our golf course.



JUNIOR GOLF

AT PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB

Our Club has always been at the forefront of promoting junior golf in Pretoria.

Besides producing many good amateur golfers, who have represented both the province and South Africa, we have also produced many professional golfers. However, the Club is most proud of the hundreds of young players who have gone on to enjoy this great game for many years after progressing from their junior age groups to both students and then senior golfers.

This achievement is mainly attributable to three main pillars of junior golf at PCC.

Firstly, there is the Monday Junior Clinic run by Club professional, Athol Dowie. This clinic takes place every Monday afternoon from 14h00 till 17h00 and three groups are taught in one-hour sessions. The age groups range from 5 to 16 and Athol is and has been ably assisted by avid Club member, Louis Coetzee, for the past five or six years. These sessions take place on the range, but every few weeks the children are taken on to the course, which has proven to be hugely popular.

Secondly, the Club hosts the annual Gary Player junior week during the June/July holidays, and this week is open to any juniors residing in Pretoria. The tournament culminates in the playing of the Gary Player and Jean Tindall trophies on the Friday, as well as age group competitions.

Thirdly, Club professionals – Athol Dowie and Henk Alberts – remain inundated with private lessons for junior golfers on a daily basis.

So yes, it is no wonder that Springboks like Henk and Dean Lambert and professionals like Richard Sterne, Martin Maritz and George Coetzee and now James du Preez (Jnr), all played junior golf at PCC. And today, the Club continues to promote junior golf at every opportunity.



Coach Athol with seven-year-old Eunice Kwon, a really great prospect according to the coach!



The kids are taught that you "drive for show and putt for dough".



Juniors definitely not put off by the summer heat!

PCC SQUASH



PCC's squash facilities have seen a total transformation over the past two years and it has become the preferred squash venue in Pretoria.



Blitz league men (Craig Ruane; Sam Siame; Nell van der Merwe; Mikael Clayton).



Blitz league ladies (Jemma Dawson; Ashleigh Fergusson; Robyn Baptiste; Bronwyn Doëg).



Tournaments, like the annual Dave Short Interprovincial in Pietermaritzburg, are well supported by PCC members.

SA OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT 2018



The real stars of PCC Squash – Isaac, Thembi and Sipho – have shown unwavering loyalty and service to the Squash section.



Steve Doëg (left) of SA Squash awarded the trophies to the 2018 Men's and Women's SA Open Champions. The tournament was hosted by PCC.



PCC has become the preferred squash venue for tournaments in Pretoria.



Playing doubles has become quite a thing at PCC, with the annual PCC/Romo Doubles Open (November 2018) now fast becoming a fixture on the Northern's' squash calendar.



The 2019 Northern's Squash League season sees PCC fielding 2 ladies' teams. Here we see PCC's Skye Brown (in lime green) taking on her feisty Kentron opponent.



New members, Jaun van Loggerenberg and Tian Roos, enjoying the PCC squash vibe. PCC Squash has grown by 15% in 2018.



Meet your champions of the 57th Annual PCC Squash Championships (left to right): Kyle Potgieter – Veterans, Jacques Ehlers – Men's Consolation Plate, Megan Page – Women's Champ, Sam Siame – Men's Champ and Simon Sparrow – Men's Saucer, (Absent: Gareth Chamberlain – Men's Plate.)

SQUASH CAPTAIN'S DINNER

AT PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB



Group photo of the Squash Captain's Dinner.



Nicky Bloem, Kyle Potgieter, Piet Jordaan, Steve Doëg and Dawid Muller.



Kyle Potgieter, Piet Jordaan and Steve Doëg were awarded the sought-after Captain's Ties at the Inaugural Squash Captain's Dinner.



Sam Siame, Charl Fourie and Robyn Baptiste.



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SQUASH CAPTAIN'S DINNER

BOWLS

Our bowls on Tuesday evenings are well attended and enjoyed during the warm summer months. After bowls, supper is served, and a great informal evening is spent with fellow bowlers.

Our most popular competition is the Biltong Trips, run by Rainer Pittroff and Johan van den Bergh. The prizes are biltong and chickens. There are always the customary lucky draws, and we thank the members for their donations, particularly Karl-Heinz Gessner for his regular contribution!

The Atie Retief Trips is an annual Ladies Competition, which is run over three months with a monthly winner, and then an overall winner. This year, Elma van Wyk, our Competition Secretary, was the winner. Rina Prinsloo was the runner-up.

Our Club Singles Championship games are approaching the final stages and the remaining Championship Competitions are due to start shortly.

Bowlers are indeed a special breed and we would like to invite PCC members of other sections to come and see what we're all about. Our Clubhouse is definitely one of the best at the Country Club, and rates very high in the Pretoria bowling community. Our club offers a well-stocked bar at competitive prices.

Rosie ensures that our kitchen serves up delicious tea and sandwiches and contributes immensely to the smooth running of our kitchen.

Our bowls facility is very popular amongst corporates for team-building and year-end events.



PCC BOWLS



Biltong Trips. A very popular monthly competition where winners are awarded biltong and/or chickens.



Another get-together after our floodlit evening bowls - supper and wine is served.



Captain George Wesson presents Heather Maizey with her BGN Marker's Certificate and Badge.



Elsje Jooste entered the BGN Single Novices Competition and went all the way to the semi-finals. Well done, Elsje.



The Bowls ladies.



Atie Retief Trips Competition - Winners for the day - Jenny Peterssen, Marie-Louise Venter with Heather Maizey (Ladies' Captain) and Elma van Wyk.



Over-all winner and runner-up of the Atie Retief Trophy, Elma van Wyk and Rina Prinsloo with Ladies' Captain Heather Maizey (left).



Elma van Wyk receiving the Atie Retief Trophy from Heather Maizey.



Day one of the Men's Singles Championship 2019 - John Maynard vs. Robin (Greenkeeper) Greaves with marker Len du Bruyn.



Inter-Club - Held over five months on summer evenings with CBCOB, PHSOB, Lynnwood and PCC participating.



PCC TENNIS



THE TENNIS COACHING TEAM (left to right): Bryn Langley, Dino Pavlou, Wayne van Niekerk

PCC Tennis started 2019 off with a commitment to involve junior players.

Since many of our youngsters love the game and get coached in it, they require an opportunity to take part in social playing to hone their skills. Every first Saturday of the month, Junior Saturday Social Tennis takes place from 14h00. Our coach, Dino Pavlou, and his assistants oversee the play. Junior players are also invited to take part in our Club Championships this year, which will take place on 18, 19, 25 and 26 May.

If it is a good workout you're after, consider beach tennis every Saturday from 11h30 to 13h30. Coaches are on hand to lead

the activity, and all the required equipment is available for play. Thereafter, social tennis will commence as usual at 14h00. Join us for a pleasant afternoon on the court and at the tea table.

Wednesday evenings are also a social fixture on the weekly tennis diary.

Members make good use of the facilities during the week and after hours. The only time the courts aren't available is when they are being cleaned. So make a booking and come and enjoy a game. Start hitting those tennis balls!



PRETORIA CLUB – BURNS NICHT 2019

Robert Burns (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796), also known as Rabbie Burns, the Bard of Ayrshire, Ploughman Poet and by various other names and epithets, was a Scottish poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best-known Scots language poet, having written mainly in English and in a light Scots dialect, making his work accessible to an audience beyond Scotland.

The main attraction of Burns Night is the Burns Supper. This traditionally involves participants donning tartan, listening to bagpipes, crooning *Auld Lang Syne* – also sung on New Year's Eve – and reciting the great writer's songs and poems.

The first supper was held in memoriam at Burns Cottage by Burns's friends, on 21 July 1801, which marked the fifth anniversary of his death; it has been a regular occurrence worldwide ever since.

For the past 19 years, Pretoria Club has been hosting its own version of Burns Nicht. Barry Kraut, Pretoria Club Honorary President, has been the driving force and Master of Ceremonies at these functions and without him it just would not be the same.

The jewel in the crown of any Burns Supper is always haggis. For the uninitiated, haggis is a savoury pudding containing sheep's heart, liver and lungs, that is minced with onion, oatmeal, suet, stock and a selection of spices. It is traditionally bound in the animal's stomach.

Burns describes haggis as the "great chieftain o' the puddin'-race, and a traditional Burns Night kicks off with a host reading his *Address to a Haggis*.

Haggis is served with mashed neeps and tatties. The food is, of course, accompanied by the finest whisky. Everyone stands as the haggis is brought in. It is usually brought in by the cook on a large dish, generally while a piper plays the bagpipes, leading the way to the host's table where the haggis is laid down. The host then recites the *Address to a Haggis*.



A toast to the immortal memory of Robert Burns is next on the programme.

Then follows the *Address to the Lassies*. This was originally a short speech given by a male guest in thanks to the women who had prepared the meal. However, it is now much more wide-ranging and generally covers the male speaker's view on women. It is normally amusing and not offensive, particularly since it will be followed by a reply from the "lassies" concerned. In closing, the men drink a toast to the women's health.

After that comes the *Reply to the Laddies*. This is occasionally (and humorously) called the Toast to the Laddies. Like the previous toast, it is generally now quite wide-ranging. A female guest will give her views on men and reply to any specific points raised by the previous speaker. Like the previous speech, it is usually amusing but not offensive. Quite often, the speakers giving this toast and the previous one will collaborate so that the two toasts complement each other.

Finally everyone is asked to stand, join hands, and sing *Auld Lang Syne*, to bring the evening to an end.

At the 2019 edition of the Pretoria Club Burns Nicht, Mr Barry Kraut announced that it would be his last appearance. To celebrate Barry, Ms Angela Rodger wrote and delivered the following tribute to him:

And Barry, a toast:
For twenty years of this malarkey
Wi poems and jokes,
Twas quite the party.
Of all Burns Nichts
You've outshined them a',
I have to admit
They were pretty braw.
And Barry Kraut,
You caught the flame,
You danced and spoke
And felt nae shame.
Donning a wig,
Celebrating a fartie
We'll miss you here,
You created a party.
With tweeds and kilts
I declare you a Scotsman,
One of the best,
Damn, you need a Scotch man.
A toast to your health,
A toast to your life,
A toast to dear Pam,
Yer supporting wife.
At the end of the day,
We're sure you'll come back
For a good Scots evening
You really have the knack.
But seriously Barry,
I think I must tarry
The even'n is ending,
And the night is a' stary.
You have been superb,
A wonderfu' chap,
I think we agree.
You deserve a night cap.



Dear fellow Wine Aficionados

THE FRATERNITY 2019

I am sitting here drinking a Daylea Red 2007 from Jeremy Walker (yes, on a Tuesday night) that I bought for R90 at our last evening with Jeremy Walker. Definitely not the last time I will have the pleasure to entertain such a great winemaker at our prestigious club.

I say prestigious as I think of all the superb winemakers we had the privilege to entertain and be entertained by. Here are some of the great names who visited PCC last year: Duncan Savage; Bartho Eksteen; Niels Verburg; Louis and Rianie Strydom; Jacques Borman; Dewaldt Heyns, and before we forget our own honorary PCC member "die Lit" Beyers Truter. Thank you for making the effort to entertain the Fraternity and make our events so special.

Again, upon joining and or renewing your Wine Fraternity membership, you will receive a case of the finest put together by Great Domains, which will consist of:

Blank Bottle Nothing to Declare
Mullineux Kloof Street Red
Newton Johnson Vineyards Felicite Rose
Rall Cinsault
Keermont Cabernet Sauvignon
Blank Bottle Offspring

IMPORTANT: Your case will be available to collect from Monday, 18 March 2019 at reception.

As always, a few surprises in the case, as we would like to be known as "not the usual crowd".

This year we hope to be less boring with a new idea to help the recession blues. We are introducing more casual wine evenings with a wine tasting in the Jacaranda Room (previously known as the Vodacom Room, followed by dinner in the restaurant at your own cost, i.e. the wine evening will be hosted at a minimal fee of R50 per person, after which the choice of dinner will be yours, thus accommodating those who would only like to taste the wine and not be forced to indulge in a three course dinner). Wine will be available on the evening to purchase and collect. All informal wine tastings will be limited to 50 seats on a first come first served basis.

We will still have four gourmet dinners for a more formal evening with our friends, and it might include some dancing, you never know.

Hosting the CWG pre-auction tasting has been a huge success the previous years, and they have confirmed we will have the privilege to host this event again this year. Outside of the tasting in Johannesburg, PCC is the only other venue in South Africa that is presented with this privilege.

Well, my bottle is nearly finished, so a last thought:

"Like my friend Duncan always says, it is not the wine, it is the friends you enjoy it with, so thank you all for the honour to enjoy such great wines with you."

Let's keep our glasses full!

"The Uncorked Fraternity"



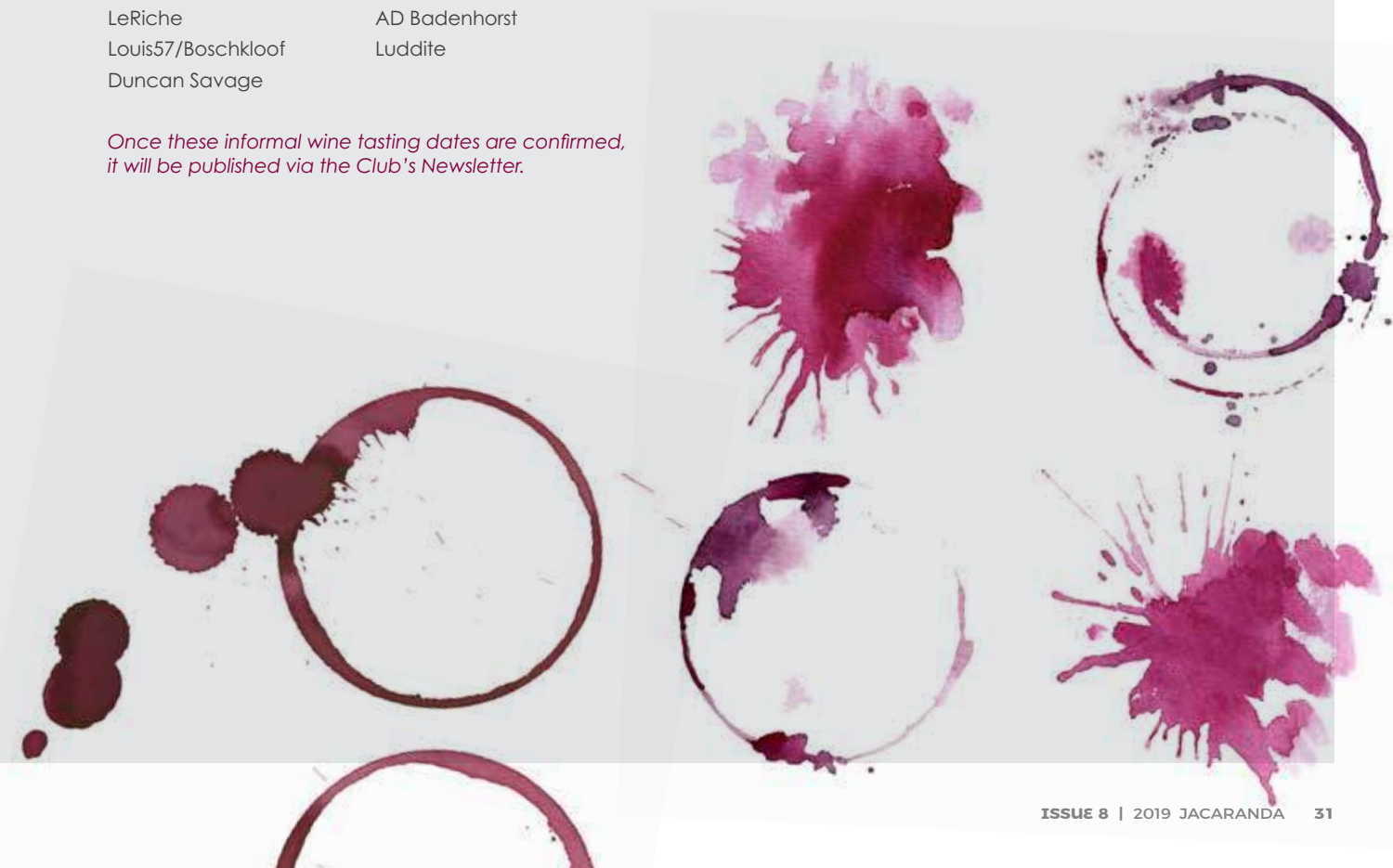
Please take note of the following **wine stains** on the 2019 Calendar:

Date	Name of event	Venue
30 May	Saronsberg Gourmet Dinner	Grand Lounge
4 June	Anthonij Rupert Gourmet Dinner	Grand Lounge
25 July	Ernie Els Gourmet Dinner	Grand Lounge
20 August	Cape Winemakers Guild Pre-Auction Tasting	Ballroom
19 September	Bartho Eksteen Gourmet Dinner	Grand Lounge
3 October	Beyerskloof Snoekbraai	Grand Lounge & Grass

A few informal wine tastings to look forward to:

LeRiche
Louis57/Boschkloof
Duncan Savage
AD Badenhorst
Luddite

Once these informal wine tasting dates are confirmed, it will be published via the Club's Newsletter.



PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB
YOUNG MEMBERS
 COMMITTEE

In 2019, the Young Members Committee (YMC) will once again aim to add value to the Pretoria Country Club. We believe that the active involvement of our young members is integral in ensuring a successful future for the Club. In light thereof, the YMC is planning a host of vibrant social events throughout the year to create an inviting environment for everyone. We look forward to another successful year!

KWV Foursomes Golf Challenge

The YMC hosted the KWV Foursomes Golf Challenge on Friday, 1 February. The interest shown in our first event of the year was fantastic, with more than 80 golfers taking part in the challenge. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the golf had to be abandoned, but the players still participated in a lucky draw and enjoyed a social round of drinks at the Pavilion. We look forward to all of our golf events coming up in 2019.

Barefoot Bowls

Year after year, the annual Barefoot Bowls evening proves to be one of the most exciting and popular events hosted by the YMC. In collaboration with the Bowls section, we will once again have 10 teams competing against each other under the floodlights on 7 March. With a DJ setting the mood, this promises to be an evening filled with entertainment!

Night Golf

We are excited to announce that we will once again be hosting a Night Golf event in collaboration with Firefly in the winter of 2019. This is definitely an event like no other, and will present some new surprises this year. Come try your hand at a different take on golf and enjoy this fun-filled evening with us.

Ring of Fire

The flagship event of the YMC is certainly the Ring of Fire braai. The objective of the Ring of Fire is to create an environment that is inclusive of all members, young and old, and also to provide a platform for the different sections of the Club to come together and celebrate the diversity that our Club has to offer. The Ring of Fire will take place on 14 July and coincides with the Cricket World Cup Final this year. The final will be shown on a big screen and will add to the electric atmosphere of this magnificent day.

The YMC is constantly trying to create innovative ways to move the Club forward, while still respecting the rich traditions already present at the Club. Although the leadership and the structure of the YMC may change from time to time, our vision will remain the same and we believe that we play an important role at the Club. Thank you for your continued support and remember to keep an eye on the Pretoria Country Club mobile app to stay up to date with all of our upcoming events.

Upcoming **EVENTS 2019**

7 June	Night Golf	6 September	Night Driving Range Target Hit
12 July	Par 3 Winter Challenge	11 November	Night Golf
14 July	Ring of Fire and WC Cricket Final		



Golfers teeing off on the 10th hole in the KWV Foursomes Golf Challenge.



The ever-popular yearly Ring of Fire braai in front of the Grand Lounge.



Young Members' Barefoot Bowls event.



Nothing beats the Night Golf experience at PCC.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

The PCC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME is an initiative that offers you more value for your membership at Pretoria Country Club.

THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIERS OFFER DISCOUNTS TO PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS ON PRESENTATION OF **A VALID PCC MEMBERSHIP CARD:**

CARD



The PCC membership card is personal to a specific member and may not be used by anyone else. A 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.

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15% DISCOUNT ON ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE PURCHASES AT THE CLUB.

THIS INCLUDES THE HALFWAY HOUSE AND FUNCTIONS/ EVENTS.



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10% DISCOUNT ON SALES FROM THE PCC SQUASH PRO SHOP.



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APPLICABLE TO ALL PLANET FITNESS CLUBS, EXCL. PLATINUM CLUBS.



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15% DISCOUNT ON ALL SERVICES ON PRESENTATION OF A VALID PCC MEMBERSHIP CARD.



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20% DISCOUNT ON ALL PURCHASES.



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10% DISCOUNT ON OFFICE SPACE FOR A 6-MONTH AGREEMENT SIGNED AT ANY OF THEIR FACILITIES.

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P2 Mining
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WEEKLY ON MONDAYS

BOWLS @ 15H30

WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS

SQUASH 5TH - 8TH LEAGUE
SQUASH LADIES 1ST LEAGUE
LADIES GOLF COMPETITIONS

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS

SOCIAL SQUASH @ 17H00

WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS

SQUASH 5TH - 8TH LEAGUE
LADIES BOWLS & THURSDAY SCHOOL
MEMBER GOLF COMPETITIONS

WEEKLY ON FRIDAYS

FRIDAY DRAW

WEEKLY ON SATURDAYS

BEACH TENNIS @ 11H30
SOCIAL TENNIS
MEMBER GOLF COMPETITIONS

CLUB CALENDAR

- MAY
- 5

Copperplatter Mixed Open
- 8

Pretoria Club Meat & Greet
- 10

Pretoria Club Century Lunch
- 16

Pretoria Club Mid-Month Draw
- 18-19

Tennis Club Championships
- 25-26

Tennis Club Championships
- 29

Pretoria Club Quiz Evening
- 30

Saronsberg Gourmet Dinner
- 31

Pretoria Club Month-End Lunch

- JUNE
- 4

Antonij Rupert Gourmet Dinner
- 5

Pretoria Club Meat & Greet
- 7

Night Golf
- 14

Pretoria Club Century Lunch
- 20

Pretoria Club Mid-Month Draw
- 22-28

SA Squash Nationals
- 28

Pretoria Club Month-End Lunch

- JULY
- 3

Pretoria Club Meat & Greet
- 12

Par 3 Winter Challenge
- 12

Pretoria Club Century Lunch
- 13

Tennis Wimbledon Day
- 14

Ring of Fire Braai
- 18

Pretoria Club Mid-Month Draw
- 21

Winter Alliance Mixed Open
- 25

Ernie Els Gourmet Dinner
- 26

Pretoria Club Month-End Lunch

- AUGUST
- 2

Greenkeepers Revenge
- 7

Pretoria Club Meat & Greet
- 9

Pretoria Club Century Lunch
- 15

Pretoria Club Mid-Month Draw
- 17

Tennis Whitelaw Cup
- 20

CWG Wine Event
- 30

Pretoria Club Month-End Lunch

- SEPTEMBER
- 4

Pretoria Club Meat & Greet
- 6

Night Driving Range Target Hit
- 7

Squash IPT Masters
- 13

Pretoria Club Century Lunch
- 19

Bartho Eksteen Gourmet Dinner
- 19

Pretoria Club Mid-Month Draw
- 24

Woolavington Trophy
- 27

Pretoria Club Month-End Lunch

- OCTOBER
- 2

Pretoria Club Meat & Greet
- 3

Beyerskloof Snoekbraai
- 7-17

Squash Club Championships
- 11

Night Golf
- 20

Smyth Cup Charity Golf Event
- 25

Pretoria Club Month-End Lunch

