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MESSAGE from the chairman



Dear Member,

When I wrote my first newsletter as Chairman, we were just crowned Rugby World Cup champions, our golf course was back to its best, the success of the pizza oven in The Pavilion restaurant was undeniable and member participation was growing. I have always enjoyed and appreciated the ability of humourist, newspaper columnist and social commentator, Will Rogers, to deliver simple truths with witty quotes. It was Rogers who coined the well-known phrase, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there". So, in my November newsletter, bolstered by these positive events, I asserted that the Club was on the right track, albeit with much remaining to be done. I, and the main committee and management were excited and ready to tackle the tasks ahead.

Yes, I was in high spirits and we were looking forward to 2020.

Unfortunately, we did not know that at about the same time a deadly virus started its devastating journey towards us. Wuhan, China, seemed so very far away, until 5 March 2020. On that day we received confirmation that the virus had arrived in South Africa, with the first known patient being a male citizen who tested positive upon his return from Milan, Italy. Little did we know then how rapid the spread of the virus, and how devastating its impact, would be on our daily lives. As I write this, our country ranks fifth globally for reported COVID-19 cases. Tragically, we have experienced more than 13 600 COVID-19-related deaths to date, testament to the aggressive nature of this infectious disease and how dangerous it can be.

The impact of the pandemic forced South Africa into a full national lockdown and the Club was closed for 68 days. It was only on 2 June that we were able to invite members (in groups of three) to return for a walk on the Club premises. Golf was our first sport section to open, 79 days after lockdown began. Understandably, as I write this, my state of mind is very different from the writing of my first newsletter.

The Club has faced challenging financial times with no income from operations for a period, but I am grateful to confirm that we have survived the lockdown in a sound financial condition. Not only have we survived this period, we have done so whilst management, with the assistance of some of our key suppliers, have kept the Club and its premises in immaculate condition. The efforts of our general manager, Vivian Van Wyk, and his team to maintain the Club, manage our service providers and to keep our operational costs in check, are highly appreciated. These efforts are highly commendable considering that the team had to accept unavoidable personal financial sacrifices. This we will correct as soon as possible.

Notwithstanding the challenges, we are open again and our journey toward normality has begun. It is now time to positively focus on the tasks at hand.

I must again voice our appreciation for members' support and co-operation for heeding the call to pay Club subscriptions. We recognise that this support was forthcoming in demanding financial times and the Club intends to show its appreciation, in the form of incentives aimed at improving membership

value and participation, as soon as practically possible. With the phased opening of facilities, a slow improvement of our cash flow position means that incentives will be announced when financially feasible.

Secondly, I can confirm that the main committee is encouraged with the responses received from our insurer to the Club's claims for damages suffered during the period of business interruption. Management has been tasked to keep their primary focus on the submission of these claims and to ensure that we comply with all policy requirements. In this regard, we are grateful for the support and advice provided by one of our valued members, Russell Burgess, who has guided us in these matters admirably. If I could, I would give that man a Bells...

Thirdly, the main committee will further drive the recovery phase by implementing strategies aimed at an improvement of the Club's revenue streams. As indicated in my first newsletter, the seeds we planted to generate revenue growth will now be nurtured to remove the Club's dependency on subscription fees. The implementation of these strategies was inevitably delayed by the lockdown period and it is therefore essential that we now expedite the implementation phase so that the new initiatives can kick in as we return towards normality.

As I write this, we are finalising the final proposal for our 'new' Pro Shop offering. I can confirm that we have completed our new golf cart storage and maintenance facility. We have concluded an agreement with a leading golf cart manufacturer to provide carts and the maintenance thereof in a revenue sharing deal. We are also making good progress in finalising a deal with a leading company that provides Pro Shop stock and management services. We are convinced that the finalisation of these deals will improve the general golf experience at our Club. I am pleased to announce that Sybies and Athol, notwithstanding reaching the age of 'final independence', have agreed to remain with the Club for the foreseeable future. They have agreed to remain in the employ of the Club and will be tasked with the organisation and arrangement of all member competitions and Club days.

Lastly, while the recovery phase demands the involvement of management and the committees, you, the Club member, have a valuable role to play.

Everything we do and plan to do is to ensure that, upon return, you experience the value a premier Club aims to provide. Captains Louw van Wyk (golf), Tersia Pelser (ladies golf), Louis Marais (tennis), Piet Jordaan (squash, snooker), George Wesson (bowls) and Chairman, Charles Van Staden (Pretoria Club), are ready to continue the excellent work begun before the lockdown. Their committees are ready to find new and innovative ways to ensure that membership can be enjoyed in a safe environment, in what has become known as the 'new normal'.

You are encouraged to return to the Club to enjoy the benefits of your membership.

We put specific emphasis on the provision of a safe environment. The main committee and management have been monitoring the situation closely since the COVID-19 outbreak and, as a Club, we have made it our priority to protect the wellbeing of every person who enters our premises. We have applied precautionary measures in keeping with the guidance we continue to receive from Government, the World Health Organisation and other relevant authorities. We are, and have remained, committed to providing the safest environment possible and will continue to update any precautions as required.

Unfortunately, the prevalence of the virus in South Africa has now forced us to continually face potential infection and a few members have been infected in recent weeks. Fortunately, all have recovered, and I must commend those involved (management, the affected members and those in contact with them) for their adherence to our safety protocols regarding required notifications, quarantine measures and the disinfecting of facilities. This has confirmed that we have the correct measures in place to run the Club safely for all involved. We will continue to adhere to all cleaning regimes and the rules announced by the authorities, with your continued support. If we are all sensible and do not endanger the wellbeing of others through our own behaviour, the Club can be a safe haven in these uncertain times.

For me, this period of forced separation and applied social distancing created a deep need for a warm, welcoming, accommodating and safe family environment. I thank my committee, sub-committees and management, as I believe that this is what has been created at the Club. I am enjoying every minute of my return to Club life and welcome you all to join me in enjoying the Club.

Please remain socially responsible. Stay safe. Remember, it is all happening at PCC, so make it yours again.

Dawid Muller Chairman



FROM THE *General Manager*



Dear Member,

When I woke up on Friday morning, the 27th of March, it felt like a replay of the post-apocalyptic movie "I am Legend", where Will Smith played the leading character. There were a couple of similarities between what I experienced that morning and the movie. For one, our country faced a deadly virus of which very little was known to us. The Club was deserted with nobody in sight, so me and my little Pekingese, Peggy, patrolled the premises alone. Luckily there were no deadly mutants lurking around.

On a more serious note, to experience our beautiful Club the way I did that morning, was to say the least a terrible experience and one that I will never forget. One of the first duties I had that morning, was to switch off the electricity supply at the various distribution boards throughout the facility. Of course, I knew I would be flipping switches back on in a couple of weeks because our President said so!! Little did I know we were in for a nightmare of a ride...

After all the negativity fellow South Africans have endured during the last couple of months, it is now

time to regroup and focus on the road to recovery by making the right choices. Yes, we have all suffered either emotionally, financially or maybe even the loss of a loved one, but it is now time to take small steps in the right direction daily. Perseverance with a positive attitude and making the right choices will be crucial in this process. I believe our Club has already started its journey on the road to recovery, as can be seen from various activities returning to normality. It was a blessing to have the golf course open again in the middle of June, which brought some much-needed revenue. It will, however, be some time before our function venues are able to return to business, but I am grateful that food and beverage outlets like The Pavilion and Halfway House are able to operate.

I will always remember these challenging times and be grateful that the Club survived COVID-19 and that we are once again a place for members, families and visitors to have fun and enjoy Club life.

Lockdown at the Club was not all doom and gloom. There were a couple of highlights that made it easier.

Residents got to know each other much better, with a sense of compassion and camaraderie that could be experienced. It was furthermore heartening to see residents play cricket in the parking area, with all the little ones running around in laughter and joy. It seemed that bird life at the Club suddenly awakened. I am not an ornithologist, but I saw species I have never seen at the Club before. The golf course had a well-deserved rest, which will be beneficial when high-traffic months are here again and there was time to bring all outstanding maintenance tasks up to date. So, all in all, although depressing at times, not the worst time at the Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club's contractors for their support and willingness to continue with their obligations during lockdown. We were able to renegotiate contracts with our suppliers, which resulted in substantial savings whilst they continued to perform their duties to the best of their ability. A special word of appreciation to Southern Turf Management that kept the golf course in pristine condition, with only a third of their staff complement able to work. Rapid Gardens did a splendid job of maintaining our gardens and general areas, whilst Interactive Security had a tough job to keep unwanted guests off the golf course. I am therefore relieved to say that we were able to hit the ground running once lockdown restrictions were partially lifted, which gave us a little head start on competitors.

I am particularly grateful for the commitment and dedication of the Club's employees during lockdown. Whilst many Clubs around the country chose to either operate with skeleton staff structures, or in some cases close down completely, our employees chose to perform their duties either from home or at work. Although salary sacrifices had to be made, they remained positive and continued to focus on Club operations. I specifically want to single out our Financial Manager, Herman de Bruyn, who walked the extra mile during this time. The Club's annual audit had to be done remotely this year due to COVID-19, thus bringing about many additional hours of preparation and online meetings. Herman spent most of his time scanning in documentation that was required by the auditors, that had to be sent. During normal auditing practices, auditors will be on site and this tedious process would not be required. Thank you, Herman, and the rest of the staff – your enthusiasm and positive attitudes are appreciated.

I particularly want to thank our members for paying annual subscription fees timeously, regardless of possibly also experiencing financial difficulties. It was one of our objectives to ensure that the Club remains cash-positive during lockdown and therefore not have to dig into Club reserves. Income from green fees, annual subscriptions and rentals form 87% of the Club's total turnover, with subscription fees being the biggest contributor. By the end of July, 91% of all annual subscription monies were paid by members.

Considering that the Club could not trade for two and a half months, had it not been for the support of our members, the Club's cash flow position would have been far worse. A massive word of thanks and appreciation goes out to our members for their loyal support; I salute you!

After the first four months of the financial year (end of June), the Club was in a satisfactory financial position considering these challenging times. Although revenue was down by R2.2 million, expenses were R1.3 million less than budget. This was a result of supplier contracts that were renegotiated on more favourable terms, cost-cutting strategies that were implemented and the postponement of capital projects. When our golf course opened for play (middle June), rounds played outperformed budget by a substantial margin, thus proving that our golf course remains popular among members and visitors. When GolfRSA permits Clubs to host corporate golf days again, I am sure we will once again be a popular destination of choice.

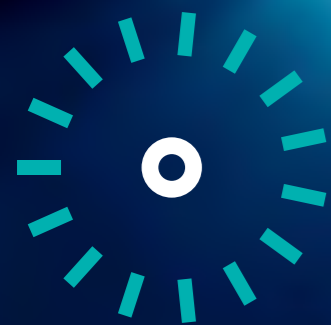
If normal business trends continue, it is projected that the cash flow position of the Club will remain positive until the end of November, without having to make use of Club reserves, also bearing in mind that no provision has been made in the forecast for the receipt of a business insurance claim in accordance with the Club's Business Interruption policy. We are hopeful that our insurer will settle payments in this regard soon. The restrictions on social gatherings and sale of liquor have now been lifted, which will further support an increase in cash flow.

We will continue to focus on the upkeep of our facilities, seek ways of adding value to our members and their experience at the Club, encourage family participation and ensure we remain in a healthy financial position by applying stringent financial controls.

The most valuable asset of our Club remains our members, and although we have experienced tough times over the last four months, together we will ensure that Club life will return to normal.

In closing, I would once again like to thank all our members for your loyal support of the Club. It was a humble experience to see the love and support of our members for their Club during tough times, which is why Pretoria Country Club will remain a popular destination.

Vivian van Wyk General Manager



besigheid
wat saak maak

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Saterdag: 8:30
Dinsdag: 21:30
VIA (DStv-kanaal 147)



Besigheid wat saak maak: Waar kykers die mense agter ondernemings ontmoet

Die Afrikaanse leefstylkanaal VIA (DStv-kanaal 147) se TV-ontbytprogram, **Besigheid wat saak maak** (oftewel **Business that matters** op Engels) wat Saterdagoggende tussen 08:30 en 09:30 uitgesaai word, bied 'n verfrissende nuwe blik op sakeondernemings as die hartklop van die moderne samelewing.

gedemonstreer deur kykers bekend te stel aan die mense agter die besighede. Die kyker as verbruiker leer letterlik die gesig van die handelsmerk ken – of dit die eienaar van die gastehuis, die bestuurder van die gim, die blokman van die slaghuis of die masseuse by die skoonheidsalon is. In die proses word die koopbesluit in 'n mensbesluit omskep, die onderliggende waarheid synde dat mense uiteindelik van mense koop.

UITHALER ADVERTENSIE-TARIEWE

Dié sakereeks fokus op 'n nuwe kaliber kommersiële verbintenis; om verbruikers van aangesig tot aangesig met diensverskaffers te bring.

Met revolusionêre bekostigbare reklametariewe, maak die reeks se sakefilosofie nie net vir die kyker/verbruiker sin nie, maar ook vir die adverteerder. Daar word allerweë aanvaar dat TV/video deesdae die 'uitverkore' medium is, en daarmee saam gaan die persepsie dat TV- of videoreklame gewoon onbekostigbaar is vir die man in die straat. Met tariewe vanaf so min as R5 000 per minuut, gekoppel aan ononderhandelbare gehalte, bewys **Besigheid wat saak maak** egter deur en deur die teendeel.

Die breër konteks, asook die uitdaging wat gelei het tot die oplossing, is die gebrek aan toereikendheid tussen besighede en die mense wat hul produkte en dienste koop. Juis omdat maatskappye dikwels agter indrukwekkende missies, visies of advertensies skuil, is daar 'n dringende behoefte om die kommersiële te vereenvoudig na 'n basiese, deursigtige en verbruikerstoeganklike waarheid.

Die reeks is gemik op alle besighede in alle sektore, klein of groot, met 'n spesiale fokus op kwessies van maatskaplike belang asook die positiewe sy van plaaslike sakeondernemings.

In **Besigheid wat saak maak** word die menslikheid van ondernemings

Tariewe om op die program te verskyn begin vanaf so min as R5 000 per minuut wat behalwe vir die Saterdagoggend-program ook 'n verdere drie heruitsendings in die daaropvolgende week insluit. Dit is uitstekende waarde vir adverteerders. Ondernemings wat belangstel om op **Besigheid wat saak maak** te verskyn, kan hul versoek per e-pos stuur aan info@btmatters.co.za of ons per telefoon kontak by **012 991 7810**.

MEN'S GOLF

LDC van Wyk Men's Golf Captain

Hope all are healthy and staying safe. Our new normal is very far from what we were used to. The new normal for golf is face masks, sanitisers and keeping social distance. From here we will prevail still, I'm just not sure when.

It was another memorable golf championship held from 13 – 18 March 2020. The golf course was in magnificent condition and set up to true tournament conditions! Thank you to our title sponsor, Southern Turf Management, and course superintendent, Wynand Ferreira, for all the hard work in preparing the golf course for our members.

The golf played was once again of the highest calibre. Christiaan Maäs (16) successfully defended his men's title from last year and another young rising star, Bronwyn Doeg (20), took the ladies title.

Remember these names, as a bright future is in store for these two talented young PCC golfers.

Congratulations to all 190 men's and ladies golfers that enjoyed (maybe not always) a golf course that was specifically set up for tournament golf.

A huge thank you to all our sponsors, without whom this wouldn't have been possible:

- Southern Turf Management
- Stella Artois Africa
- N9ne Catering
- Cadini Menlyn
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Pretoria Country Club Club Championship results.

C-DIVISION GROSS WINNER



Andries du Plooy

C-division nett winner – Shane Hegarty

SENIOR DIVISION NETT WINNER, B-DIVISION NETT & GROSS WINNER



Brand van der Spuy

SENIOR DIVISION GROSS WINNER



Tinus Rautenbach

A-DIVISION NETT WINNER

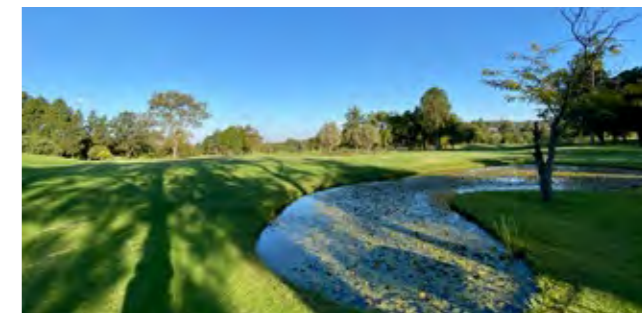


Deon van Zyl

A-DIVISION GROSS CHAMPION & CLUB CHAMPION



Christiaan Maäs



MEN'S GOLF *continued*

The Caddie Fund Golf Day

The Caddie Fund Golf Day, held at the end of January, was once again a great success and very much appreciated by all the caddies. The caddies enjoy showcasing their talents and to win a game against the committee is always treasured by them. Unfortunately, the caddies could only secure one win and the Golf Committee took the honours this year.

Also, I would like to thank all members who assisted with donations towards the Caddies Fund during the lockdown on all levels. The Club has instituted four rounds of voucher pay-outs to the tune of **±R200 000 to the 45 caddies**. The caddies will always remain the Club's most vulnerable contractors and all the assistance we can give is appreciated by them. The Caddie Committee Chairman, Bruno Maubane, sent a letter of appreciation to the Golf Committee, thanking the Club for the assistance.



Tallis Hurlly 2019 final

The long-awaited Tallis Hurlly 2019 final was only played in February after Neil Strydom injured his ankle last year. Competing was Neil Strydom and Jaco Bernard versus James du Preez and Derek Tuchten, with the final played over 36 holes. The winners were Neil Strydom and Jaco Bernard, so it was worth the wait for Neil. Congratulations, gents!



MEN'S GOLF *continued*

With the two months of no golf now past us, we are again enjoying our most majestic golf course, which is looking better than ever. I don't know whether it is that we couldn't play, but the winter golf course is no problem for most golfers.

Thank you to all the loyal members paying their subscriptions on time and supporting the golf course with the vigour only Pretoria Country Club members can! We are all embracing the new regulations and hopefully, by the time you read this, we would have started with competitions again.

So, with this, I would like to welcome all members back to our great course.

"Golf is a compromise between what your ego wants you to do, what experience tells you to do, and what your nerves let you do." – Bruce Crampton

LDC van Wyk Men's Golf Captain



LADIES GOLF

Luckily, just before the announcement of the lockdown, we managed to complete one of the most important events of the year, being our Club Championships.

Congratulations to all our winners:

CLUB CHAMPION



Bronwyn Doeg

B-DIVISION WINNER



Queenie Steyn

OVERALL NETT WINNER



Tersia Pelsler

LADIES GOLF

C-DIVISION MEDAL WINNER



Elsabe Joubert

C-DIVISION SF WINNER



Bronwyn Doeg, Lenza de Jager, Heather Maizey

We are grateful that we were allowed back on the golf course after three long months. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Alma Chapman Open Day and the Bunny Clinic.

Now, we are enjoying being out on the course, playing social golf and seeing friends, even sometimes just from a distance.

Tersia Pelsler Ladies Golf Captain



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 charmand 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.

The Country Club is your dream function venue in the centre of Pretoria, with everything your heart desires at your fingertips.



SNOOKER

at Pretoria Country Club



Don't sink the white!

Many, many years ago, PCC had a 4-man snooker league team that competed in the PTA league. The likes of PCC stalwarts Karl-Heinz Gessner, Louis Coetzee, Petrus de Klerk, and Jean vd Berg wielded their North American Ash-wood Joe Davis cues to take on the likes of clubs such as Iscor, Polly's Arcade and Police, to name but a few.

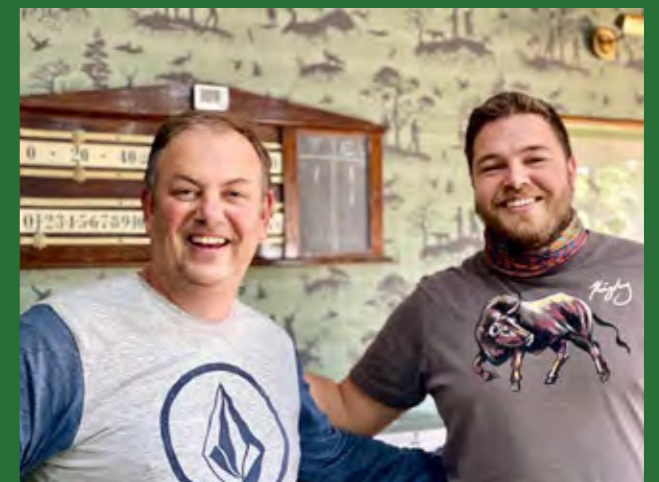
Now, after 20 odd years, the "sport played by fine young gentlemen" has been fully revived at PCC. It has become the fastest growing sports section, and the "snooker ladder" already features 50 players on it. This trend is mirrored worldwide, where the emergence of snooker as a sport has become unprecedented, as it was in the 1980s. Second to football, it is now the most-watched sport on Sky in the UK.

June 2019 saw our inaugural 32-draw Club Championships being held, with Piet Jordaan crowned the 2019 PCC Snooker Club champ in a

closely contested final against the experienced Louis Coetzee. This year in August, we'll see a full 32-draw, with the members battling it out, once again, for the coveted title of PCC Snooker Club champ.

The "Snoekerkamer" and its crown jewel, one of the original PCC full-size tables, have been totally refurbished, largely funded by its members. Eight monthly medals have been hosted in the past 12 months, with some showcasing events in between. A 4-man team from Wanderers Snooker visited, featuring three Springbok snooker players, and Amy-Claire King (SA's own world pool champ) was invited to showcase her skills and hold a clinic.

PCC Snooker is finding itself in a good spot and has affirmed itself as a fully-fledged sport section within the PCC family of sports. It is perhaps the social side of things which is causing the section the boom among its younger members. There is nothing better than inviting over three of your best mates for a "potjie snooker doubles" and enjoying some healthy competition over a glass or two of red wine.



BOWLS at Pretoria Country Club

The bowls section at PCC has a well-deserved reputation for conviviality and good cheer – not only of the liquid kind! The recent Golden Owls versus Silver Hawks Competition is a case in point. This fun event pitted the more experienced players against the less experienced ones, the latter being given big handicap advantages, leading to much good-natured ribbing and a good deal of hilarity, despite a constant drizzle. The rainwear worn could definitely not be described as sartorial splendour. One player, enveloped in a huge white plastic garment, bore a close resemblance to the Yeti. The Silver Hawks won the trophy, driven by almost audible adrenaline!

The bowls club is constantly on the look-out for ways to garner new members and the Business Bowls League is one such endeavour. Over a four-week period in November 2019, 12 teams from various companies participated enthusiastically and vied for first place. The event was ably run by Brian Birkholtz, with the assistance of many dedicated bowlers, and in the end the black-and-white team emerged victorious. The bowls section sets store by having a sense of social responsibility and thus the New Hope School benefited from the funds raised during this event.

Corporate events constitute another way in which the bowls club raises funds and entices new members. We coach 'em, feed 'em, spur 'em on and then let 'em loose on the green. Some companies return year after year because their employees have so much fun with us. In all, we have exposed 780 people to the game of bowls over the last two years!

An added bonus for prospective members is that they are given free coaching by well-qualified coaches, so anyone thinking of joining us should simply pitch up on a Monday afternoon to be taken in hand by coaches only too happy to help.

Another enjoyable tradition at the bowls club is the Summer Fun floodlit game played on Tuesday evenings, from 17h45 to 20h00. We play in civvies and not our usual staid whites, and afterwards we all have drinks and supper, in great camaraderie.

The bowls section runs many competitions and championships for its members, too many to comment on individually, and we also participate in our District League, the Bowls Gauteng Championships and the National Championships. This keeps our competitive spirit alive and ensures that we stay current and involved. PCC bowlers are renowned for their good humour and good sportsmanship. Come and join the family!

The Thursday School presented Joe Brown with an Honorary Life Award for his service over the last 18 years. John Maynard did the presentation mentioning that in the Thursday School's long history it is only the fifth time the award has been made.

Joe Brown, our oldest bowler at 93 has decided to “pack away his bowls” and has resigned from PCC.

We will always be here for you Joe and will miss you and your warm smile.





110 YEARS' MEMORIES

at Pretoria Country Club



FAMILIES FIRST at Pretoria Country Club

"In an attempt to stay with worldwide trends and reiterate one of PCC's strategic focus areas regarding the involvement of families with club life, we have kicked off the year by adding a spectacular kids playground area for your PCC youngsters" says Dawid Muller, PCC Chairman.

Muller says that clubs that have stringent dress codes and overbearing rules, meant families were often going elsewhere for lunches, drinks and dinner. We have relaxed our dress code to a large extent but still respect the traditions of the game. Especially on Friday evenings families are able to enjoy our tranquil environment by not worrying too much about golf club attire. By creating an environment where our kids can play whilst parents enjoy a drink and meal at the Pavilion, we trust that PCC will remain one of your more popular destinations for family entertainment.

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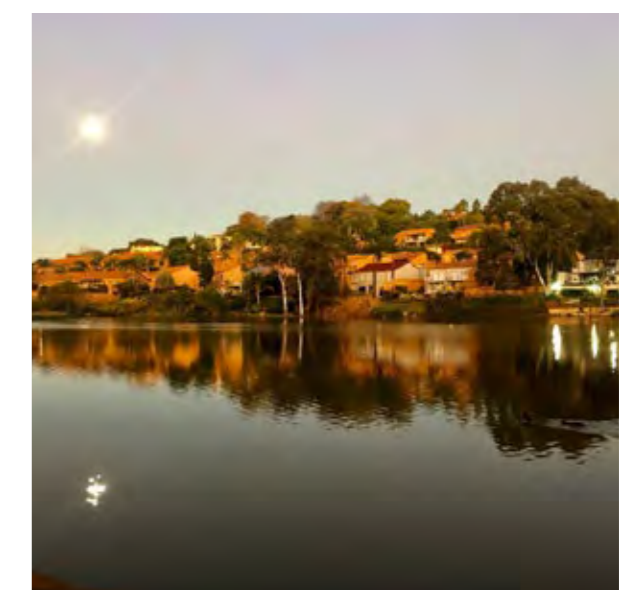
Contact membership@ptacc.co.za for the application form.

All new members pay a once-off fee of **R155** for their Pretoria Country Club membership card.

- This card entitles the holder to a **15% discount** at Blu-Saffron, The Pavilion and N9ne Catering.
- This card entitles the holder to rebates on bookings of any of the catering venues at the Club.
- Certain categories include a loyalty charge of **R550/R275**. Loyalty is credited to your account which is redeemable at all the various points for food & beverages.



Sam Roberts



More than just *birdies* and *eagles*... PCC ALSO HAS FISH

One of the hidden gems at Pretoria Country Club is its beautiful dam. Not only is it a tranquil getaway and the perfect spot to blow off some steam, but it is also stocked with fish, and BIG ones too!

Here's what PCC member, Sam Roberts, has to say about his experience.

Q. Tell us about your fishing background?

A. I have been doing specimen fishing for 15 years now. My personal best to date is a 25kg common carp caught at Florida Lake and a 21kg mirror carp caught at Kwagga Hoek Dam.

Q. As a new PCC member, tell us about the little gem you've discovered?

A. I joined PCC in Sep-19 as a social member, my purpose was to fish in the little gem of a dam. It is a nice, quiet break away for the weekend and safe and convenient for the family with lots of other activities.

Q. Big fish in a small pond, we believe?

A. I believe the dam has some big carp still to be caught as some of the pick-ups had broken off. I use 50lb lead-core, 50lb leader and 35lb hook links. Only big carp can break those pick-ups.

Since I have been a social member I managed to fit in five day sessions and I have been successful on all five, I have not blanked once.

Q. What advice do you have for other members – when, where, what, how?

A. Four of my sessions were in the summer months between Oct-2019 and March-2020 just before lockdown. Tiger nuts seemed to produce some good-quality carp with the biggest fish caught of 14.7kg and smallest 9.3kg. All fish caught on bottom tiger nuts with a normal blow bag specimen safety clip rig. All fish caught on margin fishing on swims 1 which is the dam wall or on swim 4 which is the island in the right corner.

This is pretty much what has worked for me, but every fisherman has his or her own secrets.

Q. Any idea what the biggest fish in the dam is?

A. It's hard to say for sure, but I believe the 14.7kg common carp I caught is currently the lake record.

ADDITIONAL FACILITY FEES:

- Pretoria Club Affiliation **R340** (under 35 years pay **R160**)
- Fishing permit per day: **R50** per person. Seasonal ticket now available @**R1 200/year**
- Braai booking at the dam: **R350** (Unit D); **R350** (Unit A) and **R350** (Unit M)
- Small Boma 1: **R150**; 2: **R150**
- Snooker – no charge
- Carl Jeppe Room rental per person (excl VAT): Service Fee= **R30** for Pretoria Club members and **R40** per person for non-Pretoria Club members)



PCC has enjoyed a surge of young families joining the Club #Makeityours

SQUASH at Pretoria Country Club



The 2019/20 Northerns' squash season kicked off on a high note...

... with PCC once again winning the coveted Woody Kaiser trophy at the prestigious Northerns Squash Awards dinner. This basically confirms that we are "the best Club" in Northerns... for the second year running, mind you!

2020 started off well with us hosting our annual Round Robin in February. This internal tournament realigns the ladder and determines the 4-man league teams and reserves. Of the 90 members, we now have 60% playing league, which is a healthy balance between "serious" and "social" play.

In February, PCC entered 10 league teams in what was supposed to be a gruelling 8-month-long 2020 Northerns League season... but then COVID-19 hit a month later and all play was suspended till mid-July.

It is only now (July/Aug 2020) that play could slowly resume again under strict SquashSA guidelines. All indications are, however, that squash will be firmly back from September onwards, where one will once again see league re-commence and tournaments being held.

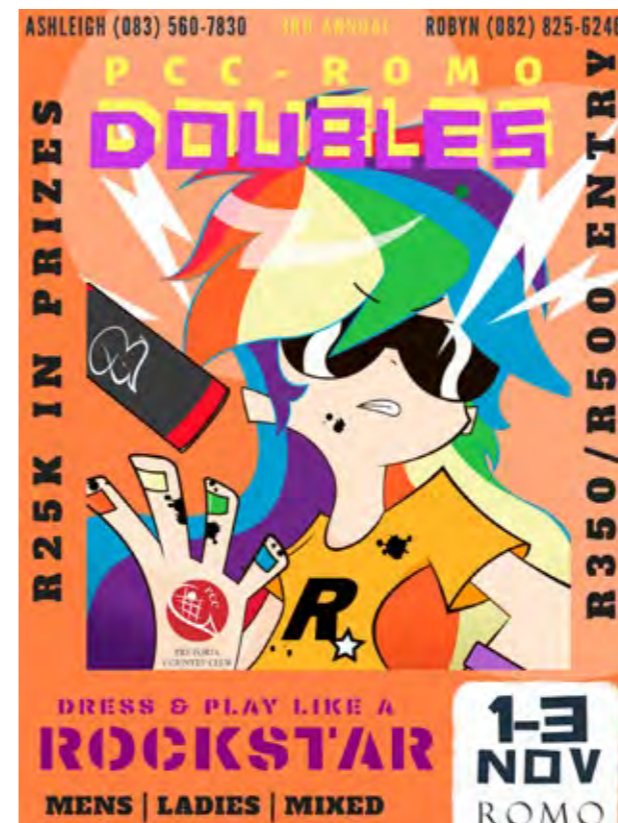


PCC's formal squash calendar for the remaining part of 2020 will see the following events:

- October - Internal PCC Blitz tournaments and hosting of the SA Nationals and SA Interprovincial tournament
- November - PCC's 59th Annual Club Champs and 4th Annual PCC-Romo Doubles Tournament

The time spent being isolated from the game has had a positive effect in that one could reflect on the value that the PCC squash section offers.

1. Being healthy and fit is worth its weight in gold. General consensus is that the physical conditioning that squash causes, builds up one's immune system and recovery abilities.
2. The social interaction that squash represents is unparalleled and creates an environment in which you are able to have regular duels with your friends in a competitive environment, with a drink or two afterwards, of course.
3. Yes, a successful squash club is about us winning awards and playing league, but moving forward, we will, more importantly, also start measuring our success in terms of how often the social members simply use the courts as a platform to engage with their newfound friends and invite their families to come along.





WINE FRATERNITY at Pretoria Country Club

Dear fellow wine lovers

Sitting here, enjoying a Saboteur white from Luddite with friends on a game farm, we can only reminisce the great times we had with the winemakers at our club, as they are facing challenging times like most industries. They will remain friends at PCC and we will always welcome them with open arms.

I fondly remember the evening with Duncan Savage and Jeremy Walker. At that point in time, Duncan was probably one of the best white-wine makers with his record-breaking Cape Point Islay wine and Jeremy with his 10-year-old magnum reds. A night of incredible stories, with the soutines entertaining us in broken Afrikaans. When Neill wanted to leave, Duncan "tackled" him onto the couch in the library and that was it. Some more bottles were opened and even a brandy or two, and later we all tried to find our homes. Until today, no one remembered where Duncan and Jeremy stayed.

Another unbelievable evening, was with Niels Verburg (Luddite) pairing his wines with George's canapés. The Russian ambassador thoroughly enjoyed his evening and seemed to not get enough by leaving last. We all tasted his epic File Thirteen Shiraz which broke the record for wine sales at any given wine event at PCC. Niels is one of our preferred suppliers, where members are able to receive a 10% discount when purchasing his wine. The Wine Fraternity planned a braai at the tennis boma in May with Niels; however, due to lockdown regulations, this will only take place in 2021.

Who can forget the epic "Battle of the Sexes" evening with Louis Strydom (Ernie Els Wines) and his wife Rianie (Strydom Family Wines). Rianie took the laurels in a 5-course blind tasting. What a fantastic evening. Louis will also be back next year to try and reclaim the R200 Nico van Rensburg (Ernie Els's brand manager) lost to Vivian and I on the golf course.

We also think back to the evening with David Sadie when he chose to join us instead of the Platters Price, where he won two 5-star awards that year. He is still going strong as one of the stars of the Swartland with his sustainable farming initiatives.

Please don't forget Dewald Heyns, wine maker of Saronsberg, with his "Weathered hands" Guild wine, one of the best ever tasted at the club. Dewald always entertains us with his best Shiraz wines, truly a master in his field.

The Cape Winemakers Guild will have an online auction this year. Since 2012, PCC hosted the Guild as a pre-auction tasting event as is the case in Johannesburg. Some of our members visited the auction in 2013 and 2014 down in the Cape, with stunning stories drinking 10-year-old Cape Point Sauvignon Blanc with Duncan and then the famous Friday afternoon braai at Beyers with Cuban Cigars, 15-year-old Grappa and Pinotage Beer.

To conclude, I would like to quote Paul Sauer:

"Don't be intimidated by the pretentiousness of those who purport to be wine connoisseurs. Please, do not allow them to get in your way and don't allow the snobs to terrorise you. Don't become obsessed with the 'right' wine. Decide for yourself what a good wine tastes like. For you, the best wine is the wine that tastes the best, and to hell with the rest."

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PRETORIA CLUB

Q&A with Brian

Q. When was the Pretoria Club established?

A. On 21 February 1885.

Q. In 1885, which were the two closest towns to Pretoria?

A. Rustenburg and Potchefstroom.

Q. Who was the first President of the Club?

A. President Paul Kruger.

Note – His bust is on display in the members' rooms.

Q. Which South African prime ministers, as members, used the Club library for cabinet meetings?

A. General Louis Botha and General Jannie Smuts.

Q. When were ladies allowed entry to the Club as guests?

A. 1905

Note – Only allowed once a month – on a Friday evening for dinner.

Q. Do you know the cost of erecting the second Clubhouse in Vermeulen Street? – Photographs are on display.

A. The site cost 2 000 pounds. The building cost 11 000 pounds.

Q. In 1894, a prime minister was posted for non-payment of membership fees – who was he?

A. Cecil John Rhodes, Prime Minister of the Cape Colony.

Q. Estimate the value of the most valuable book, locked in the display cabinet in the library, which was signed by the author in 1897.

A. R30 000

Q. Who was the first paid secretary of the Club and what was his monthly salary?

A. Sir Julius Jeppe. His salary was six pounds a month.

Note – 16 years later, in 1902, he was able to buy all the ground from Magnolia Dell to the Eastern bypass.

Q. The 'rose bowl', on prominent display: Why was it presented to a member by the government of the Z. A. R.?

A. George Hey, of Melrose House Fame, paid the civil servants' salaries for a period of time when the government did not have funds available.

Do you know what is on display in the members' rooms?

1. The original charter document signed on 21 February 1885 by all the founder members.

2. The clock from the House of Assembly, Cape Town, that is able to ring to inform MPs that they were to proceed to vote.

3. In 1891 the second Clubhouse was opened. The photograph of the building is displayed – the Club was open 7 days a week, including the squash court, the second built in South Africa. In 1968 when the property was sold, a member had the bright idea of calculating the number of hours that the members' bar had been open – 100 000 hours.

4. An invitation to attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, including parking and lunch arrangements.

5. The Club hosted the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII, who used the facilities as royal apartments and hosted a dinner for Club members. On display is a signed photograph and menu.

6. The cup of solid silver presented to Carl Jeppe at the end of his term as President of the Chamber of Mines.

7. The Club played a major role in the development of the Rand Club, Pretoria Country Club, The Pretoria Caledonian Society and the Wanderers Club, Johannesburg, and there are mementos on display.

8. The Crest of the Club, registered with the Bureau of Heraldry, reflects very much the history of Pretoria, and that is the reason why there is a castle relief, lifted from the arms of the City of Pretoria. The towers represent a social gathering and the grapes reflect the social activities.

Brian Forsyth



TENNIS at Pretoria Country Club



2020 started on a very positive note until COVID-19 shut the country down. But, like all of us, we had to adapt to survive, which we did. Tennis was one of the safest sports to play due to the distances between student, coach and outside play. Tennis is a great sport to observe social distancing while exercising and enjoying this lovely weather. We follow all protocols and compliance regulations put forward by government and Tennis South Africa.

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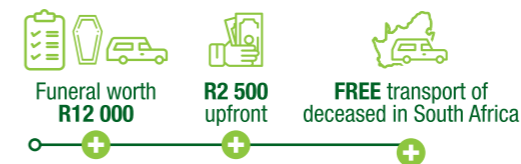
If this pandemic has taught us anything, it's that quality time is irreplaceable. Tennis is a great opportunity for a family to play a sport together and make memories that last a lifetime.

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MUTUAL SOCIETY

INTERVIEW WITH PCC's George Coetzee



We interviewed 5-time European Tour winner, George Coetzee, arguably one of the best putters on Tour and prolific birdie-maker.

The multiple Pretoria Country Club Champion (2003/4/6), Tshwane Open (2015/18), and more recently (Sep 2020), Titleist Championship and Portugal Masters winner, shared some of the tips of his trade and personal information in this exclusive and candid interview with PCC.

Q. So, George, what's the secret to putting well?

A. Putting is always a question of how you practice and the type of drills that you do. I always felt like big pressure situations is much easier to handle when you put yourself under pressure on the putting green, for instance. The other ingredient is the famous saying that one should always have dinner with the good putters, because they never talk about their bad putting, only their good putting I think having a good attitude towards putting, in general, and never discussing the mishaps that are bound to happen, will definitely ensure good putting in the long term.

Q. Distance off the tee has become quite a weapon... How would you change PCC to counter that?

A. We are actually very fortunate when it comes to distance off the tee at PCC because we installed an enormous amount of bunkers when we last re-designed the golf course. Take the 18th, for instance, it has 15 bunkers in total. And our greens are upside-down saucers... those are two very big

ingredients when it comes to having a pretty tight golf course. I'll probably say the way the last couple of Tshwane Opens played, growing the rough a little higher and firming up the greens, made the course as difficult as you would find it anywhere on the European Tour. I do, however, think distance might get out of hand in the next couple of years if you look at guys such as Bryson DeChambeau and Tony Finay. Those boys are really building up their swing speeds and hitting the ball miles, but I think, for now, firm and fast greens and a lot of bunkers is a great recipe to future-proof a golf course. PCC covers all those bases for me.

Q. You've been seen quite a lot in PCC's "Snookerkamer". Rumour has it that you've climbed to number 1 in the Club recently?

A. Haha, the PCC Snooker number 1 spot seems to come and go. There is a couple of good players out there and the guys are practicing very hard. I really enjoy the fact that I have something to practice my mental game with. I simply love the game.

Q. What would your advice be to a 15-year-old kid with a +2 handicap who wants to turn pro?

A. When I was 15 years old, I had a list... it happened to be a pretty good list, setting up goals for me that I must reach before I could turn pro. My list consisted of simple things: win the PCC Monthly Medal, Jnr Club Champs, Snr Club Champs, Gauteng North Open scratch play event and then the National one. Obviously, one of the big match

play events and, ultimately, the SA amateur. I then also had a goal that I want to be top five in the country, ideally number one. Then you build a lot of

confidence before turning pro. I think if you tick all of those boxes, then you definitely give yourself a good chance to be a competitive pro golfer.

Pop quiz

Q. Favourite PCC hole?

A. It's a tricky question because there are a lot of PCC holes that I enjoy. I like the 18th hole the most because it's such a nice grand-stand finish when you play social golf with the guys sitting on The Pavilion's veranda and then trying to make an eagle when you play social golf with your friends. There's nothing like it.

Q. Does your Ouma still reckon you need a proper job?

A. My Ouma is cool now. She did take a couple of years to warm up to the fact that I play sport as a job. She didn't like the idea of having a sport for a job, but she is cool with it now and happy for me earning a decent and honest living.

Q. Dream 4-ball?

A. Ernie Els, Tiger Woods, my dad and me.

Q. Favourite take-away meal?

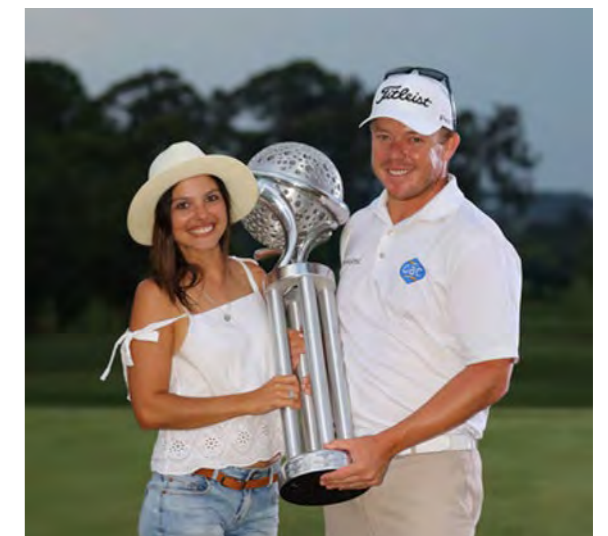
A. My favourite meal is definitely Jack Daniels ribs at TGI Fridays.

Q. Draw or a fade?

A. I like practicing a draw, but love playing a fade more.

Q. Lastly, why the soft spot for PCC?

A. It is one of my special places and I will always have a soft spot in my heart for it. For me, it is the number one golf course in the world because I played my first round of golf there and I was also fortunate to meet my lovely wife, Carli-Jeanne, there when she started working at PCC. Seven years later we got married.



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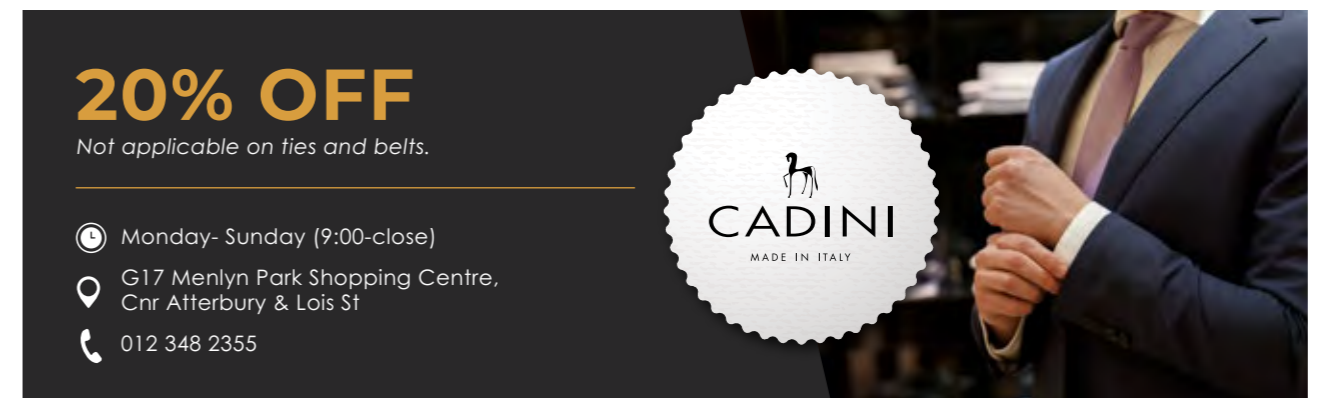
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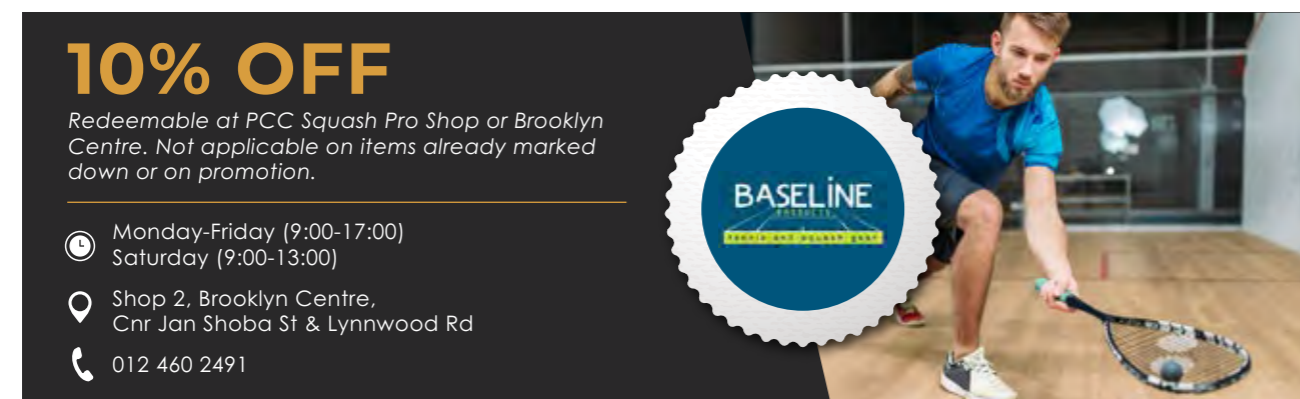
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Q4 oversees a total of 55 million litres of fuel being distributed on a monthly basis.



DOMAIN ADMINISTRATION

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RECIPROCITY CLUBS 2019

South Africa

Club	City
Cape Town Club	Cape Town
Durban Club	Durban
Humewood Golf Club	Port Elizabeth
Kimberley Club	Kimberley
Pietersburg Club	Pietersburg
Rand Club	Johannesburg
Royal Jhb and Kensington Golf Club	Johannesburg
Seven Seas Club	Simonstown
Port Elizabeth St George's Club	Port Elizabeth
Wanderers Golf Club	Johannesburg
Victoria Country Club	Pietermaritzburg

United Kingdom

Club	City
Carlton Club	London
Hawk's Club	Cambridge
Marylebone Cricket Club	London
Phyllis Court – Henley	Henley-on-Thames
The New Club	Edinburg
The Ulster Reform Club	Belfast
The Western Club	Glasgow
The Travellers Club	London
Oxford and Cambridge Club	London

Canada

Club	City
The Union Club of British Columbia	Victoria

United States of America

Club	City
United States of America	London
Hawk's Club	Cambridge
Marylebone Cricket Club	London
Phyllis Court – Henley	Henley-on-Thames
The New Club	Edinburg

Zimbabwe

Club	City
Mutare Club	Mutare
The Bulawayo Club	Bulawayo

Thailand

Club	City
The British Club	Bangkok
Pacific Club	Bangkok

Australia

Club	City
Athenaeum Club	Melbourne
Queensland Club	Brisbane
Tattersall's Club	Brisbane
The American Club	Sydney
The Union Club	Sydney
Public Schools Club Inc	Adelaide
Commonwealth Golf Club	Victoria

Chile

Club	City
Club De Vina Del Mar	Chile

India

Club	City
International Club	Kerala
Umed Club – Jodhpur	Jodhpur
Janak Puri Club	India
The Great Gatsby Club of India	Delhi
Hindustan Club Limited	Delhi /Kolkata
Nani's Nook Club	Bangalore
Jodhpur Club	Rajasthan
Sun City Lifestyle	Vadodara

Kenya

Club	City
Muthaiga Club	Nairobi
Karen Country Club (New)	Nairobi

New Zealand

Club	City
Tauranga Club	Tauranga
The Auckland Club	Auckland

Singapore

Club	City
The British Club	Singapore

Spain

Club	City
Casino De Madrid	Madrid

Hong Kong

Club	City
Butterfield's	Hong Kong
The Refinery	Hong Kong

Kingdom of Bahrain

Club	City
Capital Club Bahrain	Manama

Mexico

Club	City
The Estrella del Mar Golf and Beach Resort	Sinaloa

Dubai

Club	City
Signature Club	Dubai



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