

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.

