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

FROM *the Chairman*



Dear Valued Members

Welcome to the 15th edition of our Jacaranda Magazine.

When I was asked for my Jacaranda article, I was taken aback that it is that time again. It feels like I wrote my previous article only yesterday. This made me think of the people at the Club that we often take for granted.

Who doesn't know Steven Mahlangu at reception saying, "Dit gaan goed, baie goed." Steven has been with us for going on 33 years! We also have a new lady at reception, Bridget Mashela, who is still learning the ropes and getting to know the members. Both Steven and Bridget are always willing to help.

Going down the office passage, we find Annemarie Storm, who is in charge of maintenance and all the supplier/contractor responsibilities on the premises. Annemarie ensures that tasks are done ASAP with our very capable and efficient maintenance crew. Our dedicated maintenance staff meet with Annemarie every morning to plan the day and get the work done. That is why the Club is in such a good shape year round!

Mon-Mari Naudé (who is, unfortunately, leaving PCC soon) attends to all member-related matters. Eryn Gerber looks after marketing and corporate members, and the posters and notices of events are her doing. Stassy Malatji manages our stay-and-play bungalows, Pretoria Club-related matters, residents and sectional affairs. Monita Pieterse in the back office, on accounts, makes sure our subscriptions are paid timeously. Herman de Bruyn makes the numbers work and keeps the budgets in check.

Our General Manager Vivian van Wyk is always here to steer the ship – few people are aware that Vivian attends 16 committee meetings every month and makes time to interact with members on a regular basis.



PCC dream team

The cleaning staff are often seen, but when we arrive for our morning game, they've been at the Club since 7:00 cleaning up. Bear in mind, they don't live on the premises, so probably had to leave home at 5:00 to be on time!

Our golf course maintenance staff start at 5:30 in the mornings to get the course ready for us. Few people know, but they also tend the bowls greens.



Members having a good time at the PCC Members Festival



I want to thank all of our staff and members for their dedication in making PCC the outstanding Club it is.

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All these people are our unsung heroes (to quote a phrase) – who are at PCC every day to keep the engine running and look after our Club.

Our members, of course, play a central role. At the Main Committee meeting in February, it was reported that we have 1 984 members. It struck me that we generally get to know the members who visit the Club regularly, but there are many more who do not frequent PCC on a regular basis but still call it their Club and contribute to keeping the engine running year after year.

Last, but not least, are the members of the various committees, who selflessly give their time and energy to the Club – some committees start at 7:00 in the morning, others at 18:00 at night! The Club is a business with many moving parts held together by the members.



Guess the hole?

Louw Massyn

Chairman



FROM *the* General Manager



Why Give Back?

Dear Members

Welcome back to all our members from your well-deserved festive season breaks. I trust you rested well and have set your goals and objectives to face whatever challenges 2023 might bring. I had the opportunity to visit the beautiful coastline of the Southern Cape during December, which remains one of the more popular holiday destinations and a personal favourite. We made Grootbrak our home base from where we visited many fun, interesting places along the coast.

The place was abuzz during the holidays, and judging by how full the restaurants, beaches and golf courses were, it seems that life is good (or debt is up!). I returned to Fancourt for a quick visit, and I must admit,

it brought back fond memories of the 2003 Presidents Cup. I was fortunate to work for the Sunshine Tour at the time and experienced this world-class tournament from a point of advantage. What a beautiful place to celebrate one of the most coveted tournaments in the world. Go, Ernie! You made us proud!

Another year at PCC is well underway, and I can assure you that 2023 will not only be another successful year for the Club but will also see exciting new developments and upgrades of our facilities as part of our strategy. There is an old saying that states one has to "sweat the assets" to stimulate growth and stay relevant, and nothing can be truer in the club industry. As a member of the National Executive Committee of the Club



Our world-class Snoekerkamer



Recently refurbished tennis courts for top-notch tennis!

Managers Association of South Africa, I see how many clubs in South Africa operate and how many of them take a wrong turn sometimes by not understanding the basic requirements of a successful club, which is an easy mistake to make. A general manager needs to understand the “heartbeat” of their club, and each club has a different heartbeat.

There are a couple of balls that constantly have to be kept in the air; that committees and management can't afford to drop – one being facility management. When next visiting a club, pay attention to the standard of their facilities. If the general impression is good, chances are that club culture and member experience are healthy and the club is successful. Upkeep of facilities is crucial to the success and sustainability of clubs.

During the last financial year (ended February 2023), a total of 16 capital-related projects were completed at our Club. Towards the end of last year, water tanks were also installed at all clubhouses on the property in preparation for water shortages caused by continuous loadshedding schedules. Just a hint, if you live close by and you don't have water, you are welcome to visit your Club for a shower and refreshing cup of coffee!

Eight projects are planned for this year, the most notable being the first phase of our 40-bay carport solar project and the revamp of the Mardi Gras venue into a state-of-the-art conference facility.



Reducing our carbon footprint with our 40-bay carport solar project

Here's a quick update on our financial performance during the past financial year. Although this matter will receive detailed coverage at the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 21 June 2023**, herewith a few headline indicators:

- 39 900 rounds of golf were played, compared to the budgeted 40 000 rounds.
- Total membership is up from 1 896 in 2022 to 2 019 in 2023.
- Net profit before tax and capital expenditure was up by 82% from the previous year.
- The Club made a net profit of R433 495 for the financial year.
- In accordance with the strategic plan set in 2018, cash reserves were restored to ensure that future planned capital expenses, such as replacing the irrigation system of the golf course, can be covered.

All in all, the Club is in a healthy and sound financial position, which can be attributed to stringent financial practices and the loyal support of our members.

Why give back?



How often do we think about this question? Do we give to receive or do we give because it makes us feel content, i.e. once I have given, I have done my bit and can now focus on my personal needs.

I don't believe these are true, I think giving is a culture brought about by understanding the powerful value of giving for

personal or organisational well-being and for the ability it has to influence or change the lives of others.

As a responsible citizen of our community, the Club will be establishing the PCC Foundation this year. The Foundation will become a separate legal entity within Pretoria Country Club and will serve and coordinate new and existing outreach initiatives aimed at uplifting the lives of members, employees and caddies and support charitable community projects.

Many programmes are already part of PCC culture, such as our annual Smyth Cup charity golf day (aimed at helping children's homes around Pretoria),

our caddy support programmes, and various smaller outreach initiatives. The Foundation will be the point of contact for all of these programmes and seek to raise funds to support and serve. One exciting initiative of the Foundation will be to launch a tertiary bursary scheme – "PCC *Studiebeurse*" – later this year, designed specifically for motivated matriculants experiencing financial challenges. Once properly registered and constituted, we will launch the PCC Foundation with the objective to add value to lives in need within the Club and community.

Staff well-being and education remain important to management. In my previous Jacaranda article, I spoke about the various training courses staff members have completed. This year will be no different as we keep the momentum going. Staff will participate in 48 online webinars that deal with all aspects of club operation. A new golf operational training guide will be introduced for all golf-related operational staff, including caddies, marshals, starters, range staff, Golf Shop staff and managers. I am particularly excited about this programme, as I believe we are falling short in this department and have an obligation to ensure that member experience in this area of the business is up to standard.



The PCC maintenance crew keeping our facilities in flawless condition

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In closing, as always, none of the above would be possible if it weren't for the support of you, the members. Thank you for continuing to make Pretoria Country Club your home away from home and the best Club in Pretoria!

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Leaving and joining the PCC dream team

Speaking of golf, I am pleased to announce that Misu Naidoo-Fourie joined the golf ops team in the Golf Shop. One of Misu's primary focus areas will be the successful implementation of the golf operational training guide.

On a more sombre note, we had to say goodbye to Mon-Mari Naudé, our Membership Secretary.

Mon-Mari decided to pursue a career in the information technology support space from April but has promised to visit us regularly. Mon-Mari executed her duties with the utmost loyalty and dedication and introduced a range of software programmes and systems that were beneficial to our management reporting systems. Mon-Mari, we wish you the best of luck for your future endeavours!



Misu Naidoo-Fourie



Mon-Mari Naudé

I would like to make special mention of Wynand Ferreira and Temba Mntambo, our STM greenkeepers, and their team for their dedication and commitment, which led to our golf course's improved national ranking – into the top 30 in South Africa! This is a remarkable achievement of which we're all very proud. Thank you, Wynand and team for your hard work, I salute you.



STM always hard at work to keep the course in excellent condition



Kate, Blessing and Olga from Quatro – the friendly ladies behind the sparkling clean *Snoekerkamer*

Vivian van Wyk

General Manager



MEN'S GOLF *at Pretoria Country Club*

The PCC Golf Section couldn't have wished for a better start to the year than receiving the news that Pretoria Country Club is now the 28th ranked golf course and the 8th best conditioned course in South Africa. We are indeed privileged to call PCC our home!

Sterling Cup

During 2022, the Sterling Cup, a members' team series event, was introduced. The event proved very popular, and Barend Wolfaardt from Sterling Auto agreed to also sponsor the 2023 event. Thank you, Barend! The 2023 edition saw the number of participating teams increase from 18 to 22 as well a change in format from individual Stableford to better ball Stableford.

On 10 December 2022, PKF, the Club's auditors, did a random draw from the 29 teams that had entered to determine the 22 teams that will participate this year.

The 2023 Sterling Cup kicked off on 28 January and the Dogleggers A Team took first place with a total of 127 points. Drawshank Redemption and Curly's Boys finished second and third, respectively, on 126 points by way of a count out.





Club Championship

With a long-standing tradition of excellence, the Club Championship is undoubtedly the highlight of the year for many golfers. The tournament is a source of excitement and pride for our members, as they root for their friends and fellow golfers while enjoying the camaraderie and atmosphere of the Club.

During early February, the Club received record rains and the course was waterlogged. The question on everyone's mind was whether the course could be prepared for the Club Championship. Luckily, we have a superhero in our midst – our Head Greenkeeper Wynand Ferreira! Wynand and STM delivered, and the stage was set for a great event. The course was truly in the best condition it has ever been.

After the first round, Louis Moolman, the defending champion, was the leader with an opening round of 70. On Sunday, Marais Vorster shot an impressive 68 to emerge victorious by three shots over Louis.

Marais has finished second or third three times in the championship, so this win was overdue. Congratulations on being crowned as the Club Champion, Marais!

Congratulations to all the other winners of the various divisions. The main winners are listed in the table on page 12.

It goes without saying that the championships wouldn't have been possible without our generous and loyal sponsors, STM, Global Golf, Distell, N9NE Catering and V&R Printing Works. Thank you!

Lastly, interest in the Club Championship has again exceeded our expectations, and several members could not participate due to the size of the field. As member participation is a priority for the Golf Committee, the Committee will reassess the current format of the championship to see whether it can be amended to accommodate more members.



Our Club Champion, Marais Vorster



Club Champs results

A Division

Nett winner
Nico Nel Jnr

141

Gross winner
Marais Vorster

140

B Division

Nett winner
Louis Pires

141

Gross winner
Johan Riekert

165

C Division

Stableford winner
Peet du Toit

57pts

Gross winner
Jacobus
van Rensburg

191

Seniors

Nett winner
Dave Christie

144

Gross winner
Tinus Rautenbach

159

LADIES' GOLF at Pretoria Country Club

Christmas function

Although rain prevented us from playing golf, it didn't discourage 60 ladies from dressing up and enjoying a Christmas lunch. We had some lucky draw prizes, and everyone had a wonderful time before leaving for the December holidays.



Valentine's Day

We were blessed with wonderful rain in February, but, unfortunately, we could not play our annual Valentine's Day competition. We had to improvise and decided to invite the ladies for Bingo and cake. The ladies won great prizes and shared lots of laughter.



Smyth Cup brunch

We were fortunate to raise more than **R400 000** through our 2022 Smyth Cup charity golf day. We had the privilege of inviting to brunch all the charities who benefited from the day. It's always a humbling experience to meet such wonderful people who dedicate their lives to others.



Kudu Cup

Congratulations to Elna Brits and Jan van der Merwe on winning the 2022 Kudu Cup, our mixed knock-out competition. The 2023 Kudu Cup has already commenced... Good luck to all the competitors!



Kudu Cup winners

Alma Chapman

The Alma Chapman, our annual PCC Ladies' Open, was once again a tremendous success, with 132 players visiting from across Gauteng. With our theme "Enchanted Garden", we brought the outdoors inside and created an atmosphere in which the ladies could relax and enjoy their afternoon (while enjoying a delicious lunch and win wonderful prizes!). As always, the ladies did not disappoint with their creativity in their outfits, and everyone looked amazing. We thank Rhoda Kruger from Garden Bleu who transformed the Ballroom into an enchanted garden. Congratulations to Queenie Steyn, Gina Nieuwoudt, Maritha de Beer and Charlie Verster for being the Alma Chapman 2023 winners!





Club Championship

On 25-26 April 2023, our ladies competed in the much anticipated Ladies' Golf Club Championship. With 40 ladies taking part, competition was very fierce. The course was in magnificent condition, and even though the two days were challenging, the ladies endured and had a fantastic time!

A massive congratulations to Maritha de Beer for being the 2023 Ladies Club Champion and Letitia Greyling for having the overall best nett. Further congratulations to Hettie Oberholzer for winning the C Division medal and Riana Fourie the C Division Stableford.





SQUASH at Pretoria Country Club

Most prestigious award for squash

The purpose of this award is to distinguish between clubs that perform well in the higher leagues as opposed to the lower leagues. It is awarded to the club with the best overall performance in the Northern Squash Association (NSA) Men's Winter League – the club with the highest aggregate score wins the trophy. Pretoria Country Club won this award for 2022. Congratulations to our outstanding players!



Francois Volschenk and Tarn Finck with the Woody Kaiser trophy!



The PCC Squash Ladies' team making us proud

NSA Blitz League

PCC Squash is proud to announce that the PCC ladies team won the Northern Squash Association (NSA) Blitz League 2023. Congratulations to Helena Coetzee, Tayla Diepenbroek, Nthando Ntimane and Monique da Cruz. You made PCC proud with your excellent performances!

Individual achievements

There were a handful of PCC Squash individual achievements. A massive congratulations to the following members:

Helena Coetzee

- University Sport South Africa (USSA) Ladies Individual Winner
- NSA Player of the Year
- Northern Squash Federation (NSF) Player of the Year

Craig Ruane (and partner)

- Winner of 2023 St Francis Bay Invitational Doubles

Ashton Weir

- NSA Chairman's Award – Girls



PCC Squash Social Club

The PCC Squash Social Club was reintroduced on 6 February 2023. It aims to create the opportunity for all members to come and enjoy a few hours of squash, meet other members, and have a few cold ones afterwards.

Peter Dickinson graciously agreed to be the coordinator, organiser and ambassador for this initiative.

All PCC Squash members are invited to join the Social Club on Mondays from 17:00.



Meet the legends, challenge the champions



The legends and champions of PCC Squash



BOWLS at Pretoria Country Club

Bowling, mingling and fun all round

As the world returns to normal, our calendars are finally filling up again! Although our section is planning lots of new events and activities, we're keen to continue with our historical events that support and facilitate fun, friendship and collaboration between the sections at PCC.

That being said, the Inter-Section Bowls Day (5 March 2023) and Barefoot Bowls Evening (late March) have returned this year.

Inter-Section Bowls Day

This competition invites all sections to enter teams of four players each. This year, 12 teams entered, representing the Bridge, Golf (ladies and men), and Snooker Sections, the Main Committee, Pretoria Club, PCC admin, Wine Fraternity, and bowls newbies. The competition was fierce and the banter fiercer (helped along by hydrating trips to the bar!).

We saw some excellent bowls – and not just from the regular bowlers. The shock result of the day was when the “Snooker Ballies” beat the on-paper strongest

team. The losing team is not being named to preserve the life of the writer...

This year's proud winners were The Main Committee, with Men's Golf as a worthy second. Ladies' Golf won the prize for best-dressed team and Dream Team Dames (PCC admin) won beste gees.

We look forward to next year's competition and hope to see you there (make sure your committee includes you).



PCC Dream Team



Louw Massyn rolling like a star



Nothing but fun at the Inter-Section Bowls Day



Ladies in pink having a blast

Bowls year-end function

On Sunday, 20 November 2022, the Bowls Section ended the year on a high with our annual year-end celebration and prize-giving. We gathered at the Bowls Clubhouse and enjoyed a delicious lunch and prize-giving while reflecting on the very successful, happy year we'd had.

Congratulations to all the winners, and here's to a wonderful 2023! The Bowls Section has certainly carried the great spirit from 2022 into 2023 ...



Prizes up for grabs



Marie-Louise Venter, Ludick Venter and Derik de Beer



Marie-Louise Venter, Lyn Otto and Eliza Van der Linden



André and Elma van Wyk

Bowls prize-giving winners 2022

Men's Singles Champion

Karl-Heinz Gessner

Men's Pairs Champions

Ludick Venter & Derik de Beer

Ladies Singles Champion

Maureen Brassel

Ladies Pairs Champions

Susan Pittroff & Cora Moore

Mixed Novices Champion

Jacques Otto

Mixed Pairs Champions

Elma van Wyk & André van Wyk

Victor Ludorum

Ludick Venter

Victrix Ludorum

Cora Moore

Good Spirit Trophy (Men)

Johan van den Bergh

Good Spirit Trophy (Ladies)

Ronel Rogers

Ever thought about a corporate bowls day?

Corporate golf days have long been used to promote brands, acknowledge customers and suppliers, and improve and encourage networking. But what if the people you're targeting aren't golf players? What if they have no interest in golf?

The Bowls Section has the answer: our corporate bowls days.

For our corporate bowls days, we supply sets of bowls to use, provide coaching, set up competitions, handle marking and anything else required to run the day. We've even acted as judges for best fancy dress, best teamwork and *beste gees*!

Here are some of the questions we are often asked:

What do I need to bring?

Your people (wearing flat shoes), hats and sunscreen. Our fully stocked bar will help with building the *gees*! You can organise food from N9NE Catering and drink and eat until 18:00 for day events or 22:00 for evening events.

How many people can participate?

Anything between eight and 48 competitors works well.

When can I hold one?

We run corporate bowls days on Fridays, and they're usually a full morning or afternoon event. In summer (late October to early May), we can hold a floodlit event in the evening, which usually runs from 17:30-20:30.

How do I organise a corporate bowls day?

Contact us and we'll supply you with a quote based on your needs. Our rates for the day are very reasonable, making it affordable for small companies, business units, or even departments within businesses.

What can I expect?

A fun event, happy players, team building and a session where all are equal. Bowls is age, gender and (to some extent) physical condition inclusive – we've happily accommodated wheelchair players before.

Interested?

Email our Events Coordinator | Joe Aspinall | edwardteaches@gmail.com or Bowls Captain Marie-Louise Venter | marielouiseventer1@gmail.com

See you on the greens soon!



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SNOOKER at Pretoria Country Club

Blitz Tournament

PCC's Snooker Section kicked off 2023 with a Blitz Tournament held on Thursday, 19 January. Misu Naidoo-Fourie, one of our provincial players, walked away as the winner. The night was sponsored by Stella Artois and, needless to say, the abundant supply of refreshments made for a very exciting night!



Louw Massyn and Piet Jordaan



Misu Naidoo-Fourie and Morne Mostert

Gauteng North Order of Merit Tournament & Monthly Medal

In January, the Snooker Section hosted the Gauteng North Order of Merit Tournament as well as Monthly Medal Number 25. After an almost year-long hiatus to focus on furthering his studies, "Mr MacNab" Marais Vorster was back in the mix and played the final against Gerhard van der Walt. Even though he was firing through the rounds, Marais just couldn't shake all of his rust and narrowly lost to Gerhard. Congratulations, Gerhard!



Marais Vorster and Gerhard van der Walt

World Snooker Federation



The 2023 World Snooker Federation Championships ran from 31 January to 11 February at the Mt Pritchard District and Community Club, known as "Mounties" in the western suburbs of Sydney, Australia.

Our stalwart and outright show pony, Munier Cassim, was personally invited by the World Snooker Federation as a referee. Munier flew the PCC flag high!

Gauteng North

Gauteng North won the 2023 Jannie Smuts Cup after a dry spell of 10 years. Well done to Aadil Joosub, Misu Naidoo Fourie, Johan Lemmer and Munier Cassim!



Snoekerkamer

Our Snoekerkamer has received a generous allocation of funds from the Main Committee, which will be used to install air conditioners. Something has to cool down the room because our players are on fire!



PCC vs Wanderers Interclub Challenge

On Saturday, 18 February, the PCC vs Wanderers Interclub Challenge was held. With the top 10 players from both clubs available and competing over 58 frames, it was an enthralling encounter. The stage was perfectly set for a thrilling day of snooker as the teams played out an intriguing morning singles session that left them at 15 all. The PCC boys held their nerve in the fast-paced blitz session after lunch and eventually edged out a strong Wanderers team in the final doubles session. Glory was secured in dramatic fashion, with PCC coming out on top – the final score being 31.5 to 26.5. It bears mentioning that the Wanderers team features approximately five Protea players. Go PCC!



Six Reds Tournament

The second Six Reds Tournament, held during February, saw some major upsets narrowly avoided. The Six Reds format aims to level the playing field and make it possible for any player to beat any opponent!

Overall, the PCC Snooker Section had an exciting start to the year with tournaments, interclub challenges and international participation. The section continues to grow in popularity and attract players of all levels. With the new air conditioners and upcoming events, it's sure to be a hot year for snooker at PCC.



An advertisement for Union Billiards. It features a photograph of a black dining pool table with a matching bench. To the right, a red banner with white text reads "SALE 10% OFF". Below the banner, it says "PRETORIA COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS ONLY OFF ALL DINING POOL TABLES VALID TILL 31 MAY 2023". At the bottom, the text reads "011-474-5889 OR 073-077-2077" and "Union Billiards VIEW OUR RANGE OF DINING POOL TABLES www.unionbilliards.com".

TENNIS *at Pretoria Country Club*



Ending 2022 with a bang

The Tennis Section celebrated its year-end function with the Centenary, Elsje Myburgh Cup and the Tennis Triples event.

Our Triples event was held on the evening of Friday, 4 November 2022 as part of the PCC Members Festival.

We kicked off with Cardio Tennis, introduced to us by Jacques Pretorius, who tried to guide us with orange and green balls, but it seemed each player had their own idea of how the cardio game should be played!

Innovative team members pulled out all the stops to be the winning team. Some players picked up balls, others were giving instructions and one member decided to be the self-appointed umpire. Having our own photographer and film crew added to the evening festivities, everyone felt famous during the event. We laughed, we sweated, we darted, we smashed, and we challenged each other during the rotation of every point.

It was a brilliant evening ending with a Mexican supper and drinks at the Clubhouse.



Tennis Triples event



Cardio tennis by Jacques Pretorius

The Centenary and Elsje Myburgh Cup

The tournament for the Centenary and Elsje Myburgh Cup was held on Saturday, 5 November 2022.

It was anyone's game in the Men's Doubles tournament. Chilean Ambassador Julio Fiol and partner Lloyd Birrell emerged victorious as the ultimate winners of the Centenary Cup.

Donne Rocha and Marcell Loubser had a tough match in the Ladies' Doubles final against Karin Marais and Joannette Terblanche, with Donne and Marcel emerging as the eventual winners.

Tennis Captain Marius Els awarded Louis Marais the Tucker Vorster trophy for his outstanding service to the Tennis Section.

The day concluded with our annual year-end function where DJ Rowan entertained us with his music selection. Pasta and pizza were served in the boma, with all members being treated with wine from Pierre Jourdan Haute Cabriere sponsored by tennis member Pierre Viljoen.



Ambassador Julio Fiol and Lloyd Birrell



Ambassadors of Chile and Lebanon
Julio Fiol and Kabalan Frangieh



Donne Rocha and Marcel Loubser



Louis Marais and Marius Els



Pasta and pizza for all



Johan Kleinhans taking time out

An honourable farewell to two of our members who are relocating – Ewan Haller back to Switzerland and our longest-standing member Pierre Viljoen to Cape Town. It was sad to say goodbye, but we'll treasure the many memories and hope we can raise our glasses together again soon. Marius wished Ewan and Pierre the best and thanked them for their contributions on behalf of all the tennis members. We were privileged to have enjoyed their friendship over many years!



Farewell to Pierre Viljoen

Exciting developments

Marius, our Tennis Captain, announced some exciting events and developments at the Tennis Section.

A new tennis practise wall was added to our fabulous court set up.

Second Assistant Coach Stan Rogers was welcomed into our tennis family to join Head Coach Dino Pavlou and Assistant Coach Wayne van Niekerk.



New generation of ladies



Assistant Coach Stan Rogers



A momentous Captain's Cup

Our Captain's Cup tournament was held on Saturday, 4 March. It was everyone's prerogative to pull out all stops and win this doubles event tournament.

Congratulations to Dino Pavlou and Johan Kleinhans for being the best on the day! The runners-up, Stan Rogers and Paul Irons, gave them a good final match.

Thank you to all members for making it an unforgettable family day and special thanks to Marius Els for giving away his "Captain's Cup". It was truly a momentous occasion!



Marius Els, Dino Pavlou and Johan Kleinhans



Stan Rogers, Marius Els and Paul Irons



Lukas Raath and Gordon Hart



The singing trio of the tennis club

YOUNG MEMBERS at Pretoria Country Club

Link-Up: The Tech Talk edition

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The fastest way to change yourself is to hang out with people who are already the way you want to be.

”

The Link-Up series of events aims to create an informal and conversational platform for our members to interact with successful and knowledgeable leaders of various industries. The Link-Up series allows our members the opportunity to hang out with these captains of their industries and to learn the ropes from their success stories.

Digital. Metaverse. AI. Industry 4.0. These tech terms leave a massive question mark in one's mind and perhaps even an anxiousness linked to the unknown.

Luckily, our PCC members were fortunate enough to gain some insight as to what "digital" means as explained by Lazo Karapanagiotidis during the Link-Up event hosted at *Meet on Milner* in February 2023.

Lazo is the Chief Product and Marketing Officer at IoT.nxt and a game changer in the digital world. He is not at all intimidated by the Fourth Industrial Revolution, rather, he is probably its biggest fan!

Lazo explained new and unfamiliar terms with practical everyday examples to provide insight and understanding of them. He challenged members to visualise their businesses as a game being played on a screen with a remote control to execute decisions and perform business-as-usual activities – a seemingly impossible thought but a very much achievable reality.

Members enjoyed the Tech Talk with Lazo over a glass of wine and walked away with a new mindset, thinking differently about technological changes and inspired to always be inquisitive and learn more about the new and the different.



Lazo enlightening PCC members on what "digital" means

Night Golf

On 7 October 2022, the Young Members spiced up the game of golf by hosting an exciting Night Golf event.

About 40 members entered the Night Golf challenge and received glow-in-the-dark wearables and luminescent golf balls (as well as welcome drinks!) before making their way to their starting holes.

Firefly Golf Company ensured that the course was lit up with luminescent lights to create a nine-hole, par 3 course for a fun Night Golf competition. The competition kicked off at 18:30 with a shotgun start and followed a better ball format. Much laughter and fun featured on the course! The fun continued as everyone gathered in the Pavilion for a prize-giving with fantastic prizes.

Congratulations to Marc Bonehill and Mimi Ioannou for being the Night Golf champs of 2022!



2022 Night Golf winners!



Illuminated fun on the course!



WINE FRATERNITY *at Pretoria Country Club*



The Pretoria Country Club Wine Fraternity was founded by 11 wine lovers during the late harvesting period of 2014. The Uncorked Fraternity was successfully inaugurated at Pretoria Country Club at the end of 2014.

It is the Fraternity's aim to be exclusive and different while creating a pleasurable forum for the enhancement of wine culture and passion for good wines among its members.

This year's Wine Fraternity calendar sees the return of some old favourites and introduces an assortment of new events and outstanding wine farms. It promises a variety of wine tasting and gourmet dinners throughout the year.

We look forward to sharing the 2023 Wine Fraternity calendar with our members and to sip of the finest of wines together!

Giveaway time

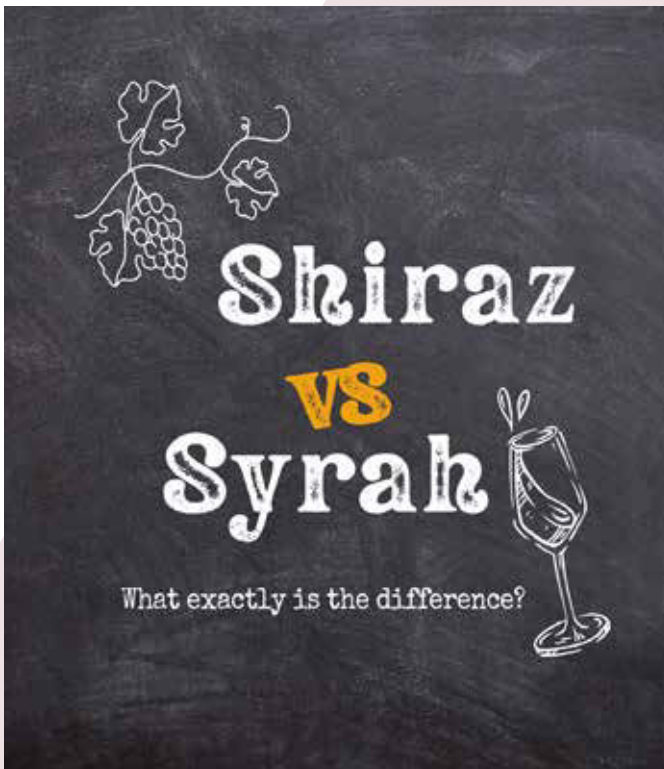
HOW MANY GRAPES MAKE A BOTTLE OF WINE??

SCAN THE QR CODE AND ANSWER 3 EASY QUESTIONS TO STAND A CHANCE TO WIN.

Enter to Win

***To join the Wine Fraternity, please contact
Membership@ptacc.co.za.***

Do you know your wine?



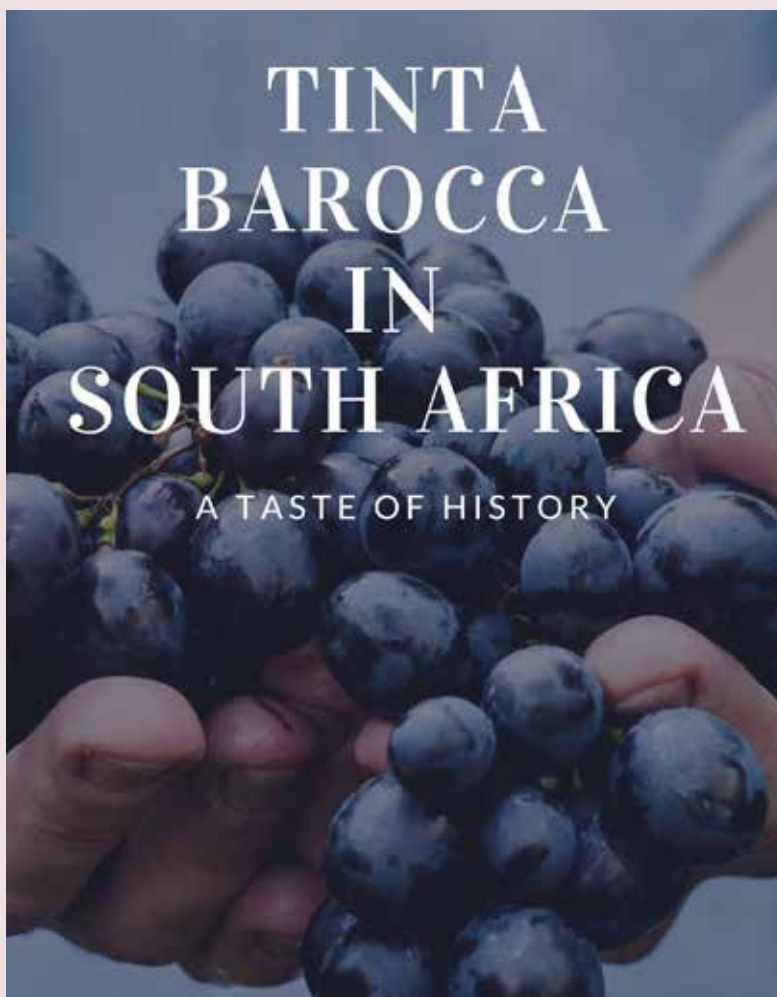
Source: De Grendel Wine Estate

'I say Syrah, you say Shiraz' is the official slogan of the Shiraz Association of South Africa. Whether you call it the former or the latter, you are right. But why the difference in name, and what does it mean?

Essentially Syrah and Shiraz are two different names for the same grape variety and same varietal wine, although this might not be immediately obvious.

"Syrah" is how it is called in France's Rhône Valley, where it is the main red wine grape of the Northern Rhône and a blending grape in the Southern Rhône. "Shiraz" is what winemakers in South Africa and most New World countries typically call it.

Dr Vinny (2015) from Wine Spectator writes that a winemaker might call it a "Shiraz" to indicate a rich, lush, riper, more fruit-forward wine in the Australian (New World) spirit. Or he might instead call his wine "Syrah" to indicate a more Old World-style wine. One might also expect higher alcohols in Shiraz compared to Syrah due to the hotter climates in which they are grown. This shows that Shiraz adapts well to various climatic conditions and performs well in both warmer regions and cooler terroirs close to the coast or at altitude. Unfortunately, the terms Shiraz and Syrah can be used inconsistently and there exists no hard and fast rules regarding the use of names.



DID YOU KNOW

Port Cultivars ended up in the Klein Karoo by accident. It was the 1970's and local farmers were considering planting Shiraz after seeing the cultivar perform well in the Swartland. It was only once the grapes of the newly planted vines were harvested, that they were recognised as Tinta Barocca!

Source: WOSA



Boplaas Cape Tawny

De Krans Cape Tawny

Allesverloren Tinta Barocca



N9NE CATERING

at Pretoria Country Club

Venues

Looking for an ideal venue for your dream wedding? One to keep the people talking for months? A venue to debut that perfect evening dress at a cocktail event? A venue for a fun or sophisticated birthday party for all ages? A venue to host a grand awards ceremony or year-end function to show your employees how much they mean to you? A venue for a beloved's memorial service to pay your final respects in the manner they deserve?

Look no further! N9ne Catering at the Pretoria Country Club will gladly meet and exceed all your expectations. We have four beautiful venues to choose from, ranging from small and intimate to large and extravagant.

Our Grand Lounge is the ideal venue for small, intimate functions, such as birthdays, year-end functions, anniversary celebrations and even weddings. It can accommodate up to 80 guests (with a dance floor) and 100 guests (without a dance floor).

The Ballroom is elegant, sophisticated and beautiful, with old-school charm. Its veranda doors open up to a luscious private garden area, which is ideal for outdoor ceremonies. The Ballroom can accommodate 220 guests (with a dance floor) and 250 guests (without a dance floor).

Looking to host a conference, business meeting or a simple networking function? Look no further than our Mardi Gras venue, with a capacity of 150pax and full technical equipment, it is the ideal venue for you.

Catering

We have three standard packages, but the sky's the limit, and we'll gladly create custom packages just for you!

We at N9ne Catering pride ourselves in providing not only the best event management services but also mouth-watering dishes that make our clients come back time and again.

We have a variety of menus to choose from:

- Plated
- Buffet
- Canapé
- Braai
- Souvla
- And many more



*For more info or enquiries please
contact our events team at*

**012 346 1707 or
events@n9ne.co.za**

Pretoria Country Club Main Events 2023



January

- 22 Junior Club Champs
- 25 Burns Night
- 28 Sterling Cup (round 1)



February

- 14 Valentine's Jol
- 22 Quiz Evening in Carl Jeppe
- 25 - 26 Men's Golf Club Champs



March

- 4 Tennis Captain's Cup
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 30 Young Members Barefoot Bowls
- 31 PCC Kids Easter Egg Hunt



April

- 1 Macnab starts
- 18 Ladies' Golf Alma Chapman
- 21 Young Members Golf Day
- 22 Bowls Birthday Party
- 25 - 26 Ladies' Golf Club Champs

May

- 2 - 14 PCC Snooker Doubles
- 6 Tennis Club Champs starts
- 20 Sterling Cup (round 2)
- 26 Brandy Tasting



June

- 3 Tennis Club Champs (final)
- 10 Bowls Captain vs Captain
- 29 Haute Cabriere Wine Tasting



July

- 1 Tennis Wimbledon Day
- 16 Ring of Fire
- 20 Paul Cluver Wine Tasting
- 21 Young Members Golf Day



August

- 10 Saronsberg Wine Tasting
- 14 Snooker Club Champs starts
- 26 Sterling Cup (round 3)
- 26 Snooker Club Champs (final)
- 30 Quiz Evening in Carl Jeppe



September

- 3 Spring Braai
- 28 Andre van Rensburg & Jacques Maree Wine Tasting
- 30 Tennis Veterans Club Champs starts



October

- 13 Smyth Cup Charity Golf Day
- 13 - 15 PCC Members Festival
- 21 Bowls Golden Owls vs Silver Hawks
- 27 Captain's Dinner



November

- 3 - 4 Snooker Ryder Cup
- 9 Squash Club Champs (final)
- 11 Sterling Cup (final round)
- 17 Squash Romo Doubles
- 25 Day at the Races



December

- 1 PCC Kids Christmas Party
- 1 PTA Club Year-End Dinner



PRETORIA CLUB *at Pretoria Country Club*

A Burns Nicht to remember



Burns Nicht dinner in true PCC style

Pretoria Club hosted its traditional annual *Burns Nicht* dinner at Pretoria Country Club on Wednesday, 25 January – the birth date of the bard, Robert Burns.

The event was well attended and the crowd thoroughly entertained by the wit of Barry Kraut who was, as usual, truly on form. Gordon Delaney piped in the haggis, which seemed a new taste experience for some. This was followed by dancing by girls from the O'Leary Studio of Highland Dancing.

A traditional meal was served, whereafter the Pretoria Highlanders had their turn to entertain with a number of songs, including *Sarie Marais* and the ever-popular *Flower of Scotland* – a favourite of most.

A pleasant and most welcome change to the event was the inclusion of some traditional line dancing for the attendees, under the expert guidance of Brian Proudfoot. Many of the "laddies" and "lassies" present joined in the dancing (which was somewhat chaotic at times!) and all thoroughly enjoyed this new experience. The regular lucky draws for bottles of whisky were also much appreciated.

The Toast to the Immortal Memory was delivered by Stewart Gibson and the entertaining Toast to the Lassies by Brian Proudfoot. This was topped only by the amusing Reply by the Lassies, excellently delivered by Evelyn Gibson.

A lovely evening was closed with the reappearance of Gordon Delaney playing the (inevitable) *Auld Lang Syne* on his pipes.



Members enjoying the entertainment at our annual Burns Nicht dinner



PCC KIDS

at Pretoria Country Club



#WeBuildSmiles

The PCC Kids Club initiative was introduced in 2021, and it has been a great success! Pretoria Country Club is proud of the family-friendly environment cultivated at the Club.

Our PCC Kids Club members have an absolute blast at the Kids Club parties, which take place on the first Friday of the month, September-March. At these parties, our Kids Club members receive a goodie bag with delicious treats, enjoy entertainment by Dazzling Faces and CJ the Clown and, most importantly, they have fun with family and friends. Their parents and grandparents have as much fun as they sit back and relax while the kids enjoy themselves.

The PCC Kids Easter Egg Hunt at the end of March was a tonne of fun for all our young members, and we're planning similar Kids Club events throughout the year, such as the PCC Kids Club Christmas Party that will take place in December.

Join the PCC Kids Club today and take advantage of the benefits and fun that we offer at our Club!



Kids Club benefits

PCC welcome pack with exclusive PCC Kids merchandise, which includes a PCC branded drawstring bag, T-shirt and cap

- **Free access** to the Kids Club parties with preferential treatment
- **Complimentary gift** once a month at the Kids Club party (September-March)
- **Free** popcorn at the Pavilion on presentation of your Kids Club card (valid Friday-Sunday)
- **Birthday surprise** once a year to be collected from reception
- **Privileged access** to group activities customised for kids

Become a Kids Club member

- The PCC Kids Club is for children aged 1-12 years
- Either dad, mom or a grandparent needs to be a PCC member in order for the child to apply for PCC Kids Club
- PCC Kids Club membership is R650 per year per child



Looking dazzling for the Kids Club party!



CJ the Clown



Happy (painted) faces at the Kids Club parties

*To join the PCC Kids Club,
please email*

membership@ptacc.co.za



SHORT-TERM STAYS at Pretoria Country Club

Tranquillity in the heart of Waterkloof *Short-term stays*

Are you looking for a beautiful and historic getaway with a tranquil atmosphere and picturesque views? Make Pretoria Country Club your home for a night or two by reserving one of our three onsite short-term accommodation units.

Kingfisher Hut, Hunters Hut and Old Tree Hut are the hidden gems of Pretoria Country Club. The units are located on our beautiful parklands golf course, featuring a stunning lake, two restaurants and top-class facilities.

Kingfisher Hut boasts a king-size bed, while Hunters Hut and Old Tree Hut each feature two $\frac{3}{4}$ extra-length beds. Sit back and relax, while you enjoy fantastic hospitality, a complimentary bottle of Cederberg wine (per booking), and a R150 voucher per person per evening.

Make PCC your home away from home!



Kingfisher Hut



Hunters Hut



Old Tree Hut

Amenities include

- Towels
- Complimentary toiletries (body wash, shampoo, handwash and lotion)
- Coffee station with kettle
- Bar fridge
- Bottled water
- Communal outside boma braai area
- Free parking on the premises
- Recreational activities at an additional cost
- Access to two restaurants on the premises



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CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

at Pretoria Country Club

Become part of rich family-rooted traditions, superior facilities and fellowship.

A standard corporate membership package includes the following

- 15% discount on all food and beverage items purchased on site (Pavilion, Halfway House, Blue Saffron)
- Partnership Programme – discounts ranging from 10%-20% from various suppliers in Pretoria
- Brand exposure and awareness via the following platforms:
 - Prominent display of your company name and logo on the corporate membership boards located in the Pavilion and Golf Shop
 - Jacaranda Magazine (biannual)
 - Website exposure
 - TV exposure around the Club
 - Advertising banners on the course for events where your company has a presence
- Free use of driving range facilities
- Preferential green and golf cart fees for your clients

Every corporate membership package varies, depending on the client's requirements. The number of golf memberships, roving memberships, and golf day players can be adjusted. Other sport section memberships and prepaid rounds can be added to the package.

Standard packages



Jacaranda Package

1x full golf membership
3x roving memberships
80-player golf day

±R85 000
incl. VAT

Mortimer Package

2x full golf memberships
3x roving memberships
100-player golf day

±R110 000
incl. VAT

Julius Jeppe Package

5x full golf memberships
4x roving memberships
120-player golf day

±R185 000
incl. VAT

OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS

Brand exposure and awareness via various platforms to market your company. Customised packages to suit your company's needs. Minimum package deal required.

Contact marketing@ptacc.co.za for more info and to make it yours.



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

at Pretoria Country Club

The following suppliers offer discount to Pretoria Country Club members on presentation of a valid PCC membership 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 their card or membership number, shall be deemed guilty of unbecoming conduct as described in Section 14 of the PCC Constitution.



15% OFF

Redeemable at PCC Pavilion, Halfway House and function rooms.

- Tuesday-Sunday (8:00-close)
- Pretoria Country Club
241 Sidney Street, Waterkloof
- 012 346 1707



10% OFF

Redeemable at Brooklyn Centre. Not applicable on items already marked down or on promotion.

- Monday-Friday (9:00-17:00)
Saturday (9:00-13:00)
- Shop 2, Brooklyn Centre
Cnr Jan Shoba St & Lynnwood Rd
- 012 460 2491



10% OFF

Discount applies on the total bill.

- Monday-Friday (7:00-18:00)
- Aroma Hazelwood
Aroma Brooklyn
Aroma Silver Lakes
- 012 030 1340
012 362 3560
012 809 2458
- www.aromacoffee.co.za



15% OFF

- Tuesday-Sunday (12:00-close)
- Pretoria Country Club
241 Sidney Street, Waterkloof
- 012 346 0223



10% OFF

Discount applies on the total bill.

- Tuesday-Sunday (11:00-close)
- 5 Boendoe Avenue
Pretoriuspark
- 063 732 1058
- www.socialgrill.co.za



20% OFF

Not applicable on ties and belts.

- Monday-Sunday (9:00-close)
- G17 Menlyn Park Shopping Centre
Cnr Atterbury Rd & Lois St
- 012 348 2355



10% OFF

Discount applies on the total bill.


- Monday-Saturday (11:30-close)
Sunday (11:30-15:00)
- 012 346 1932
- www.capito.co.za
- info@capito.co.za



10% OFF

Minimum order of one case.
Allow five days for delivery.

- Monday-Sunday (9:00-17:00)
- Waveren Road
Tulbagh
- 082 894 3367
- Order online at
www.saronsbergshop.com
Use code PCC



15% OFF

All treatments (Ts & Cs apply), excludes other promotions.

- Monday-Friday (09:00-18:00)
Saturday (08:00-17:00)
Sunday (09:00-16:00), Sorbet The Club
closes at 15:00 on a Sunday
- Sorbet Hillcrest Boulevard / Sorbet
Southdowns / Sorbet The Club
- 076 927 2528 / 064 756 8201
062 120 6757
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theclub@sorbet.co.za



20% OFF

On all carwash services and valets.
15% off on all quotes for dent and
scratch repairs.

- Monday-Friday (8:00-17:00)
Saturdays (8:00-13:00)
- Shop B24, Menlyn Retail Park, Cnr
Garsfontein Rd & Lois Ave, Newlands
- 012 348 4228
- menlyn@sparklingauto.co.za
- www.sparklingauto.co.za
- Sparkling Auto Care Centre Menlyn



15% OFF

Discount not applicable to services
and repairs.

- Monday-Saturday (10:00-17:00)
- Shop 11, Greenlyn Village Center
13th Street, Menlopark
- 082 377 3777 / 082 928 3650
- support@sixkingsbrand.com
- @Sixkingsbrand
- sixkingsbrand.com



20% OFF

On all standard club rates – applicable
at all Planet Fitness Clubs, excl
JustGym. No joining fee applicable.

- ★ 10% discount at any PUMA shop.
- ★ 10% back in Dis-Chem benefits
points when you purchase any of
these great brands: Supashape
SSN, Evox, Biogen, USN
- ★ Free training for kids aged
13-17 years
- www.planetfitness.co.za



10% OFF

Only applicable to Sinvac Roto products
and orders below R1 million

- 163 Lloyd Street, Pretoria West,
South Africa
- 012 386 6484
- info@sinvac.co.za
- www.sinvac.co.za
- 071 362 3489



20% OFF

Discount not applicable to currently
running specials.

- Monday-Friday (12:00-17:00)
- Club One Shopping Centre
18 Pinaster Avenue
Hazelwood, Pretoria
- 012 346 2619
- hazelwood@theburgerjoint.co.za
- theburgerjoint.co.za



10% OFF

- Monday-Friday (9:00-16:00)
- Menlyn Park Shopping Centre
Brooklyn Mall
Silver Lakes
- 012 472 0020 (Menlyn)
012 346 8888 (Brooklyn Mall)
012 574 0471 (Silver Lakes)

Reciprocity Clubs 2023

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 & 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
	Travellers Club	London
	Oxford & Cambridge Club	London
Canada	Club	City
	The Union Club of British Columbia	Victoria
United States of America	Club	City
	The Penn Club of New York	New York
	Chicago Athletic Association	Chicago
	Forrest Lake Country Club	Michigan
	George Town Club	Washington
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 Umed Club – Jodhpur Janak Puri Club The Great Gatsby Club of India Hindusthan Club Limited Nanis Nook club Jodhpur Club Suncity new Lifestyle	Kerala Jodhpur India Delhi Delhi /Kolkata Bangalone Rajasthan Vadodara
Kenya	Club	City
	Muthaiga Club Karen Country Club (New)	Nairobi Nairobi
New Zealand	Club	City
	Tauranga Club The Auckland Club	Tauranga Auckland
Singapore	Club	City
	The British Club	Singapore
Spain	Club	City
	Casina De Madrid	Madrid
Hong Kong	Club	City
	Butterfield's The Refinery	Hong Kong 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

WAY BACK, IN 1910, A PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD BY MR JULIUS JEPPE FOR ALL GENTLEMEN WHO WERE INTERESTED IN FORMING A COUNTRY CLUB.

The 300 founding members of PCC gathered on that day.

On 8 October 1910, Pretoria Country Club officially opened, nestled in the scenic beauty of Waterkloof, one of the city's most prestigious suburbs.

An extract from the founding statement mentions that PCC was to offer "the use of a clubhouse with billiard room, the use of a lake, tennis courts and croquet lawns, and an eighteen-hole golf course".

**NOW, IN 2023, PCC IS BETTER THAN EVER AND STILL LOVED BY US ALL
– COME ON, MAKE IT YOURS!**

