



# BOWLS at Pretoria Country Club

## Family and friends days

Bowls is not a game for stuffy old men! PCC Bowls can prove it – just ask our family and friends.

A day filled with fun, good bowling, building hamburgers for lunch, and enjoying drinks to celebrate adds a social and relaxed element to the sport. This certainly makes it more appealing to a wider audience, breaking away from the stereotype of it being a game for “stuffy old men.”

It's wonderful when traditional activities are adapted to be more inclusive and enjoyable for everyone to create a sense of community and camaraderie among participants. Bowls can be a great way to spend time with family and friends while enjoying some friendly competition and good food.



Family and friends enjoying the game of bowls



A fun day on the bowling green

## The Nest

This is a fantastic getaway weekend in the Drakensberg. It's held every alternate year and always delivers a weekend filled with various activities. Bowlers play three matches over a two-day period – a competitive and enjoyable experience for participants. Bowlers receive coaching from a professional coach to improve their skills and grow in the sport. The weekend ends with a prize-giving ceremony combined with dinner and a dance, where everyone is recognised for outstanding performances and achievements during the event. Overall, The Nest is a well-rounded and enjoyable event that combines competition, coaching and socialising.



Our bowls members enjoying a trip to the Drakensberg

## Golden Owls vs Silver Hawks

This is one of PCC Bowls' most interesting annual competitions, where the more experienced bowlers (Golden Owls) are challenged by the less experienced bowlers (Silver Hawks). The bowler handicaps (considered as a disadvantage by the Golden Owls and gladly accepted by the Silver Hawks) are carefully calculated to level the playing field. Regardless of the outcome, the day is a great way to promote inclusivity, friendly competition, and skills development within our Bowls Section.



Silver Hawks

## Captain vs Captain

This event is a friendly competition between the male and female captains and teams, often referred to as the battle of the sexes, and held after the Annual General Meeting (AGM). It's a fun way to bring some competitive spirit to the group. In 2023, the men were the winners on the green and in the competition.

We round the day off with an annual *spitbraai* and get-together, which is sponsored by the penalties paid for wrong biases – where members contribute by paying penalties for not concentrating on the natural curve of the bowl.



Susan Pittroff and Ursula Du Preez Le Roux



Bill Van Wyk and André Van Wyk

## Lady in Pink

The ladies painted the past year in vibrant hues of pink, with Wendy Wood being the pinkest lady of the day! Amid the celebration, the presence of eight "oldies" – past PCC bowling members – added an extra layer of privilege and nostalgia. It's heartwarming to still have them as part of our bowling community. To suit our pink outfits, the ladies enjoyed some pink bubbly and delicious eats. To end off a fabulous day, the winner of the Green Bowls Trips competition was announced. Congratulations to Harriet Wesson and Melanie Brink for being awarded the trophy!



Ladies in pink



A cheerful day celebrating a fantastic year

## Lunch at Broken Bowl Pub

The men savored a delicious pub lunch at the *Broken Bowl Pub*. Laughter and a sense of camaraderie flowed, setting the stage for a leisurely afternoon of bowls. The relaxed ambiance of the bowls begged the question, "Was it the influence of the beer and the wine?" It was a great day celebrating a fantastic year of bowls!



Ending the year on a high note



The men of PCC Bowls

## Bowls year-end function

On 19 November 2023, the Bowls Section gathered to celebrate its year-end function and prize-giving. We enjoyed a delicious lunch as everyone reflected on a very successful and happy year.

Congratulations to all the winners for their outstanding performances! The Bowls Section is set to continue its legacy of excellence and camaraderie into 2024.



Marie-Louise Venter and Ludick Venter



Marie-Louise Venter and Ronel Rogers



Marie-Louise Venter, Derik De Beer and Ludick Venter



Marie-Louise Venter, Susan Pittroff and Ronel Rogers



Marie-Louise Venter and Walter Willers



Marie-Louise Venter, Bill Van Wyk and Elsje Jooste

## Bowls prize-giving winners 2023

**Men's Singles Champion**  
Ludick Venter

**Men's Pair Champions**  
Ludick Venter & Derik De Beer

**Ladies' Singles Champion**  
Ronel Rogers

**Ladies' Pairs Champions**  
Ronel Rogers & Susan Pittroff

**Mixed Novices Champion**  
Walter Willers

**Mixed Pairs Champions**  
Bill Van Wyk & Elsje Jooste

**Victor Ludorum**  
Ludick Venter

**Victrix Ludorum**  
Ronel Rogers