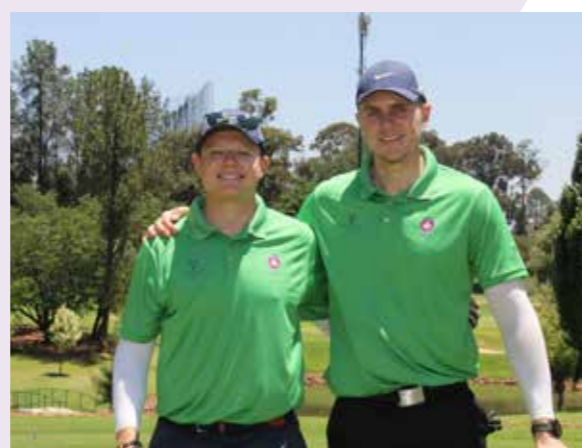


MEN'S GOLF at Pretoria Country Club

Sterling Cup

The highly anticipated final of the Sterling Cup was held on 11 November 2023. After a day on the links, Six Sigma and Drawshank Redemption emerged as the top contenders, tied at 488 points each. This led to an intense playoff, with Six Sigma eventually securing victory and etching their name on the Sterling Cup trophy.

The event showcased the competitive spirit of the participating teams, making it a memorable and thrilling conclusion to a remarkable tournament. A big thank you to Sterling Auto for sponsoring this member competition!



Outstanding member achievements

This year saw a series of remarkable events at the Club and accomplishments by our members.

Christiaan Maas, who is currently studying at the University of Texas at Arlington, continues to amaze us with his achievements. Christiaan was named to the 2023 Division I PING All-America Teams and the 2023 Ben Hogan Award watch list. To top it all, he was named the Big 12 Conference Men's Newcomer of the Year and earned a spot on the All-Big 12 Team.

In the past six months, no less than five of our members have been selected to represent Gauteng North at interprovincial level. Marais Vorster, our Club Champion, and Louis Moolman were selected for the Mid-Amateur team. The following juniors were called up for duty at under-13 level: Henning Dafel, Baksteen De Klerk and Vezo Ngcobo.

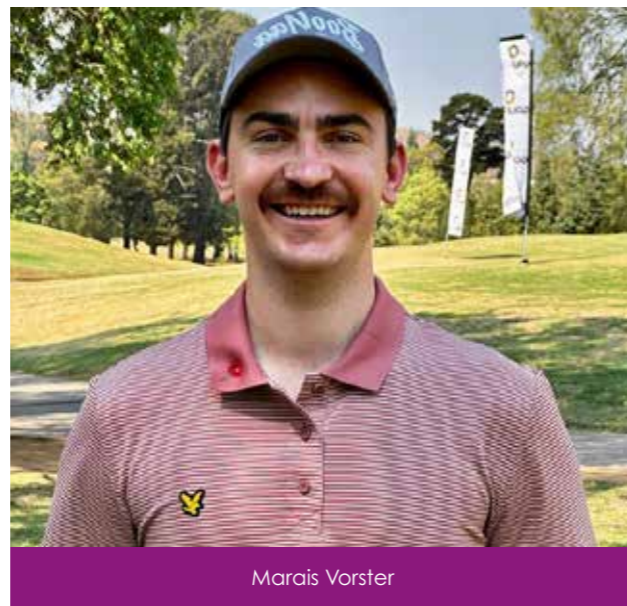
In the various leagues organised by the Gauteng North Golf Union, our Club consistently delivered remarkable performances, emerging as champions in multiple categories:

- Men's Scratch League Group B
- Men's Handicap League Group B
- Women's Thursday League
- Junior Handicap League

Congratulations to all these members – we are immensely proud of you!



Christiaan Maas



Marais Vorster



Louis Moolman



Henning Dafel, Vezo Ngcobo and Baksteen De Klerk

Captain's Dinner

Dirk Venter and Leroux Fourie, our Golf Captain and Vice-Captain, recently hosted a highly successful Men's Captain's Dinner. A highlight of the evening was the presence of guest speaker, Dave Usendorff – renowned golf commentator. Dave captivated us with stories from his illustrious career, ensuring a delightful and entertaining evening. All prize winners were celebrated, and it was truly an evening to remember. Our congratulations to the prize winners and thanks to our dedicated management staff!



A word of thanks

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our members, sponsors, the dedicated committee, and hardworking Club staff. Your support and dedication have been instrumental in maintaining the flourishing state of our Golf Section. We eagerly anticipate another outstanding year in 2024.

As we look ahead to 2024, the Golf Committee is diligently working on a comprehensive golf calendar. **We encourage you to keep a keen eye out for it!**



LADIES' GOLF at Pretoria Country Club

Ladies Golf Clinic

Our Ladies Golf Clinic is an integral part of the ladies section. It started more than 25 years ago and has become so popular, we had to organise four clinics with our PGA pro, Athol Dowie, this year. For our latest clinic, 28 ladies signed up to learn the beautiful game of golf. The ladies learnt basic techniques as well as golf scoring, rules and etiquette. The clinic included sessions on the course under the guidance of Coach Athol and access to the driving range facilities.



Senior club champs

On 21 June 2023, the Ladies Senior Club Championships were held, and it was a great success! A massive congratulations to Riana Karemaker, who emerged as our new Senior Champion! Further congratulations go to Tersia Pelsler who won the C Division medal and Letitia Greyling for winning the C Division Stableford competition! Thank you to all the ladies who participated to make this another memorable competition.



Tersia Pelsler, Riana Karemaker and Letitia Greyling

Fun days

The ladies section is always looking for fun ways to change things up. During the past six months, we arranged to play at Woodhill and Waterkloof, playing off a combination of white, blue and red t-boxes. We also had our annual challenge against the Dugga Boys and are proud to say, we won the cup back!



Congratulations on a challenging but rewarding victory



A social day out with the ladies



The ladies looking dapper on the course

Achievements

The ladies golf section extends its warm congratulations to two of our members for their outstanding achievements.

We proudly acknowledge Elna Brits for her victory in the Limpopo Open C Division, and we celebrate Hettie Oberholzer for her achievement as the C Division winner in the Champion of Champions event.

Congratulations, ladies!



Smyth Cup

The 73rd Smyth Cup, which took place on 13 October 2023, was another resounding success! This year marked a departure from tradition, as it was the first time the event was held on a Friday rather than its usual Sunday. The Smyth Cup is the most important annual fundraising event at Pretoria Country Club. The proceeds from this day are donated to various humanitarian and animal welfare charities in Pretoria, which rely heavily on donations and sponsorships.

Congratulations to Fourie Du Preez and Theo Le Roux for becoming the 2023 Smyth Cup Champions on an impressive 47 points. The Smyth Cup trophy is awarded to the winning mixed pair, as the Smyth Cup was traditionally played as a mixed tournament. Congratulations to Christo and Gina Nieuwoudt for winning the cup this year!

A massive thank you to the Ladies Golf Committee for orchestrating such an outstanding day, to our members for always supporting this worthy cause, and to all the sponsors for entertaining the players on the day!



Well done to the Ladies Golf Committee for organising a successful Smyth Cup



Happy memories being made



Kobus Vosloo in full focus



Theo Le Roux, Fourie Du Preez and Dirk Venter



Golfing for a cause



Players having a fun day at the Smyth Cup



Gina and Christo Nieuwoudt