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GOLF NEWS

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Caddies League *comes to VCC*

The Backbone of the Fairway – Celebrating Our Caddies

Before we talk scorecards and standings, let's talk about the true custodians of the course — the caddies.

A great caddie is far more than someone who carries a golf bag. They know every club in that bag like it's their own. They understand distances, wind direction, green speed, and the subtle breaks that only years of walking the same fairways can teach you. They're part strategist, part psychologist, part meteorologist — and occasionally miracle worker. They are the steady voice when nerves creep in on the 18th tee. The quiet confidence behind a well-chosen 7-iron. The reason a golfer walks to the green believing the shot will hold the line.

On Monday, as Victoria Country Club hosted the Caddies League, the weather was less than postcard-perfect. Grey skies lingered and conditions were far from easy. But if there's one thing caddies understand, it's resilience. Come rain, wind, or blazing sun, they walk. They carry. They advise. They endure.

Caddies from across KwaZulu-Natal — including Kloof Country Club, Selborne Country Club, Amanzimtoti Country Club, Royal Durban Golf Club and Durban Country Club — braved the elements to compete in a spirited and well-contested league fixture. It was a fitting reminder that the very individuals who support golfers week in and week out are exceptional players in their own right.

Victoria Country Club's own Patrick Jili flew the flag proudly, securing a commendable second place finish. As Captain of the KZN Caddies League, he continues to embody leadership, composure, and dedication — qualities that define caddies across the board.

The Caddies League is more than a competition; it's recognition. Recognition of skill, endurance, knowledge, and heart. And on a weather-challenged Monday at VCC, those qualities were on full display. Here's to the men who know our course step by step, blade of grass by blade of grass — and who remind us that behind every great round of golf, there is often a great caddie.





2026 Knockout Competitions Recap

The Mengi 2026:

This weekend is the March edition of the Takealot.com monthly mug. This also means that it is the final qualifying round for the 2026 version of The Mengi Trophy where the Top 16 Qualifiers (calculated on overall nett) from the February and March Monthly Mugs go through to the knockout stages of the competition.

[CLICK HERE](#)  to view the current leaderboard

The Jug 2026:

This trophy event is played following a Pinehurst Medal Format and is one of the most interesting and competitive formats. These years qualifying round was played at the end of January. The 1st round matches are scheduled to be played on or before the 25th of April.

To view the Rules of Competition: [CLICK HERE](#) 

To view the Draw: [CLICK HERE](#) 

To view the 1st Round Tee off times: [CLICK HERE](#) 

The Farrant Cup 2026

Betterball Matchplay is the format here and without a doubt, a tough one to win as players tend to produce some unbelievable golf.

The 1st Round matches are scheduled to be played on or before the 18th of April. For more information:

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Scoring 101

Unfortunately, the nightmares of the new HNA Handicapping will continue for a little while as 3rd party service providers are trying to complete the integration of the new system and the inadequacies of the system have resulted in challenges in the field of scoring and competition management as many players claim ignorance when being requested information about their handicap index.

Fortunately, all players do now have access to their handicaps, and we appeal to you to make a concerted effort to download and activate the new app on your phones as both the I-Store and Android Apps are active.

If you are still not able to do so, please visit the pro shop and we will be able to assist. However, please bear in mind that it does take about 5-10 minutes to complete the process so please do not come in with no time to spare prior to your tee off time on a busy day and request to be assisted. This makes it difficult for the staff to assist you as there are players waiting to register behind you.

In a nutshell, when you are playing in a competition, please provide us with a legible scorecard that clearly provides information on the players name (and surname), the players handicap index and clearly indicate what colour tees (course) were played from. This will ultimately ensure that results are compiled and recorded accurately and remember that if score capture is being used, an additional score card is still required to verify the score while 2 scorecards are still required if score capture is not being used.

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**HANDICAPS
NETWORK
AFRICA**

4 March 2026

Dear Executives, Unions, Clubs and Members

RE: UPDATE ON HANDICAP MIGRATION PROJECT

GolfRSA would like to apologise for the frustrations felt by all Golfers, Clubs and Golf Unions with the new Handicap Network Africa app. The HNA app fell significantly short, not only of your expectations, but ours as well.

GolfRSA have been having ongoing consultations with HNA, our handicap service provider, to address the challenges being experienced across the industry relating to this transition. We continue working with HNA in finding solutions urgently.

Unfortunately, HNA, was left with no alternative to secure a new technology partner to run the World Handicap System (WHS). HNA's previous European-based provider was acquired by a US entity that made the strategic decision to exit the handicap services market to focus solely on club software. This left the legacy handicap system unsupported and unsustainable. HNA had to find a new partner. The choice settled on DotGolf (jointly owned by the R&A and Golf New Zealand) to ensure South African golf remains aligned with the WHS.

HNA is expected to communicate before the close of this week a Development Roadmap for the HNA app that will outline the new, streamlined app screens. These updates are being developed specifically for our market to restore the ease of use previously enjoyed by our golfers. Our brief remains simple and clear in that the HNA app need to be intuitive and user friendly for our golfers.

The HNA communication will include the **Club Software Integration Status**. A significant part of the recent frustration stems from the "Check-in" process at clubs. Some third-party club software providers have not yet finalized their integrations. This has resulted in some clubs being unable to automatically open rounds or print Course Handicaps on receipts.

We appreciate everyone's patience and support during this transition period. The final result, in what was expected to be a relatively smooth transition, fell short of expectations all round. We continue to work with HNA and DotGolf to ensure alignment. We recognise that this has been a challenging start however we are excited for the additional capabilities the new platform will bring in time.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Hepburn
CEO GolfRSA

Henk Smith
Board Member
President SAGA

Susan Andrew
Board Member
President WGSА

FROM THE FAIRWAYS

COURSE & GREENS

The Beauty Beneath Your Feet

What makes a golf course memorable?

It's not just yardage. Not just bunker placement. Not even just green speed. It's the feeling you get standing on a tee box at Victoria Country Club — that quiet moment where design, nature and preparation meet.

VCC is a course shaped by its landscape rather than imposed upon it. Our fairways follow the natural movement of the land, creating subtle elevation changes that influence club selection more than many golfers realise. Water features are positioned not only as strategic hazards, but as visual anchors — framing shots and creating contrast against the surrounding turf.

But beauty alone doesn't make a course exceptional. Playability does.

That's where course management becomes an art form. Green speeds are carefully balanced — quick enough to reward good putting, yet fair enough to maintain integrity under varying weather conditions. Fairway heights are adjusted to protect turf health during stress periods, ensuring consistency through the seasons. Even tee box presentation plays a role in visual alignment and player confidence.

Behind it all is Course Superintendent Kriben Gounder, whose philosophy is simple: prepare a course that respects both the game and the environment. Under his leadership, the focus is not just on pristine presentation, but on sustainability, recovery cycles and long-term turf health. When you step onto a VCC green, you're not just walking onto grass. You're walking onto months — sometimes years — of planning, precision and patience. Victoria Country Club isn't different by accident. It's different by design.



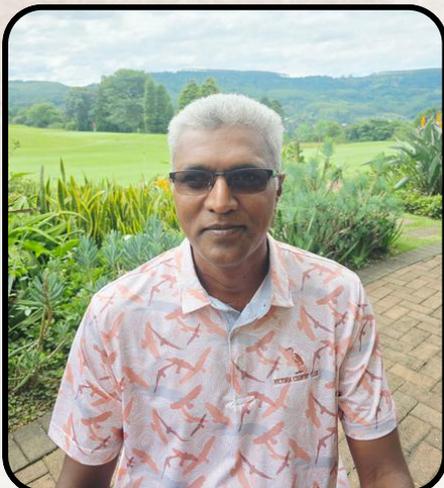
Did you know?

A difference of just 1mm in green height can significantly affect ball roll and plant health. During stress periods, slightly higher cuts protect the turf without sacrificing playability.

- Elevation changes — even subtle ones — affect club selection more than distance alone. Playing “uphill” can add as much as one extra club to your approach.*
- Tree placement is strategic. Beyond aesthetics, trees influence wind patterns and shot shaping, creating natural challenges without artificial hazards.*
- Rolling greens increases smoothness and speed without lowering mowing height — protecting the plant while maintaining performance.*

Superintendent Spotlight - Kriben Gounder – Leading with Vision

Victoria Country Club is proud to see our Course Superintendent, Kriben, featured in SA Golf Trader magazine. His commitment to excellence, innovation and sustainable turf management continues to elevate VCC's reputation within the golfing community. Kriben's approach blends science with instinct — understanding soil profiles, moisture management and seasonal stress while maintaining the aesthetic standards members expect. Recognition at provincial and national levels is a testament to the work happening quietly before sunrise each day.



GOLF NEWS

TIM JACKSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Sixty-one years ago, Victoria Country Club lost one of its cherished members, **Mr. Tim Jackson**. In tribute to his memory and his lasting connection to the club, members gather each year to compete for the **Tim Jackson Memorial Trophy** — a tradition that has now reached its 62nd playing.

What began as a tribute has grown into a meaningful fixture on the club's golfing calendar, bringing members and guests together for a day of spirited competition and remembrance. This year's event is **open to all golfers** holding an official handicap and will be played in a **4-Ball Alliance format**, with three scores to count. The format promises both strategy and camaraderie, capturing the true spirit of club golf.

Members and visitors alike are invited to take part in this special Memorial Day of Golf, as we honour the life and legacy of Mr. Tim Jackson — a man whose connection to Victoria Country Club continues to be remembered more than six decades later.

Join us on the fairways as we celebrate tradition, friendship, and the enduring spirit of the game.



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CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 League 	2	3 	4 Wednesday School 	5	6 Chicken Run	7 Takealot.com Monthly Mug & 4 BA 2nd Round Mengi PC
8	9	10 	11 Wednesday School 	12	13	14 Tim Jackson Memorial Trophy 4 Ball Alliance
15 Autumn Treatment	16 Autumn Treatment	17 Autumn Treatment	18 Wednesday School	19	20	21 Memor Rights Day
22	23	24 	25 Wednesday School SMG	26 COMMUNITY CHES 	27 Chicken Run School Holidays	28 School Holidays
29 League Allerton League School Holidays	30 School Holidays	31 School Holidays				

RESULTS



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SATURDAY CLUB COMPETITION

28 February - 4BBBS

1st: Kokkie Swanepoel, Dawie de Wet - 44 Points

2nd: George Rautenbach - 42 oco

3rd: Sean Hoatson, Russell Goosen - 42 oco

LADIES RESULTS

3 March - Individual Stableford

1st : Marion Todd- 37 Points

2nd : Bev Stewart - 29 oco

3rd : Jenny Hallows - 29

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

4 March : 4B ALLIANCE - 2 Scores to Count

1st: Braam v Heerden, Rodney Downs, Wynand Hart, Dawie de Wet - 85 Points

2nd: Wendy Carruthers, Bev Antonic, Tony Antonic, Graeme Palmer - 83

3rd: Lawrence Hoatson, Karl Steiner, Dave Frankish, Gavin Mason - 81



THE CLUBHOUSE TABLE



Have you had a look at the new menu at Reggie's Bar yet? We've given it a fresh upgrade, leaning into a proper pub-and-grub vibe — think hearty favourites, a few exciting new additions, and the kind of comfort food that pairs perfectly with a post-round drink. If you haven't sampled it yet, consider this your delicious nudge.

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THE CLUBHOUSE TABLE



Victoria Country Club

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Reggie's Bar

THE PINEAPPLE EXPRESS

CRUMBED CHICKEN BREAST
GRILLED PINEAPPLE
CRISPY BACON
SMOKY BBQ SAUCE

R115.00

Available all March at Reggie's Bar
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THE CLUBHOUSE TABLE



Reggie's Bar

MARCH FEATURE

THE MIGHTY MUSHROOM PIZZA

THE MIGHTY MUSHROOM
R130.00

**Garlic & Herb
Mushrooms
Creamy Feta**

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Egret Explorers Is Open!

Big news for our VCC families... Egret Explorers is officially open!

Our brand-new Kids Play Area has been created with imagination, adventure and just the right amount of happy chaos in mind. It's a bright, safe and joyful space where little explorers can play, discover and make new friends — while you sit back, sip something delicious and actually finish a conversation. (Yes, uninterrupted!)

Whether you're joining us for a relaxed family dinner, a quick catch-up with friends or a weekend treat, the kids now have a space that's completely their own. Think laughter, creativity and busy little hands — all just a few steps away from your table.

Play Area Opening Hours:

- Fridays: 3:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- Saturdays & Sundays: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

So bring the family. Stay a little longer. Order that extra coffee.

At VCC, great dining now comes with even happier little smiles. ♥



MEET OUR TEAM

Pride in Every Detail

TWO STORIES
ONE DEPARTMENT
ONE CULTURE

KITCHEN & DUTY MANAGER



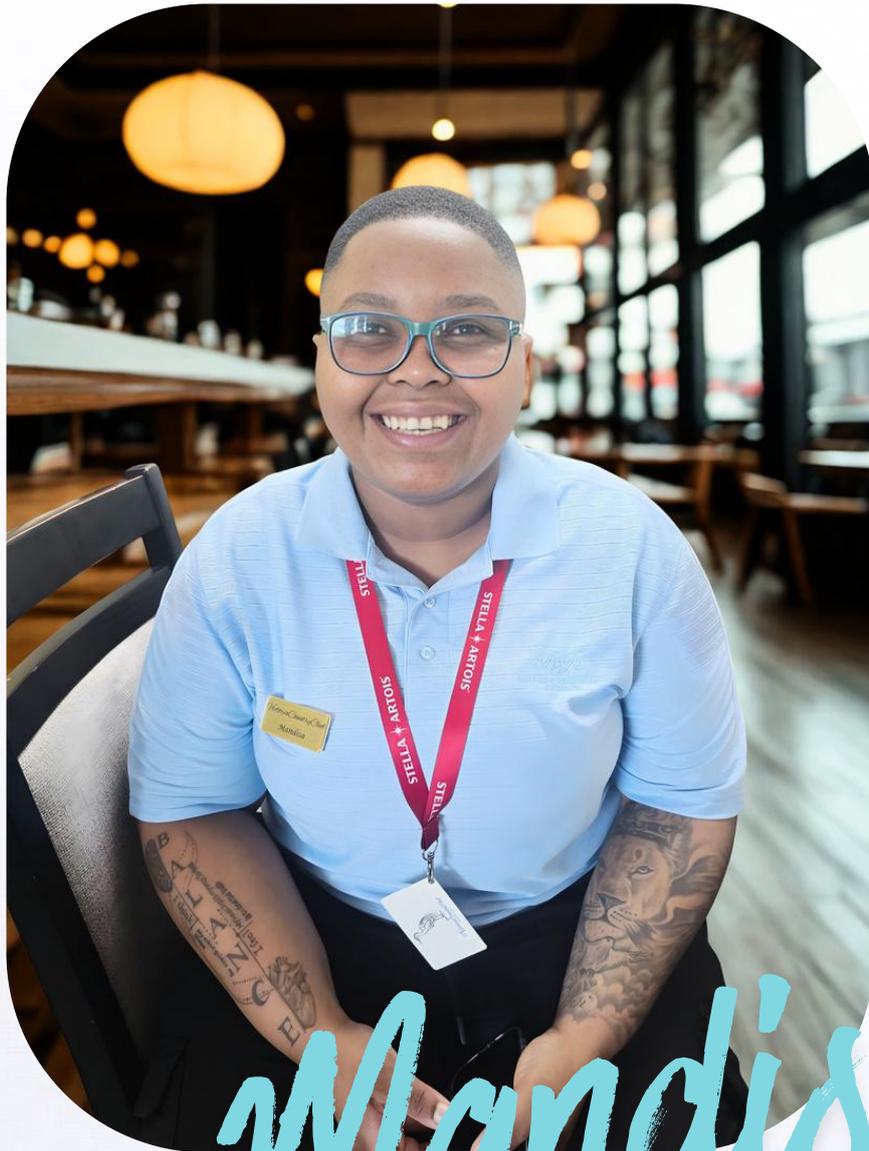
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ONE CULTURE

STOCK CONTROL & DUTY MANAGER



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EVENTS

CHICKEN RUN
Victoria Country Club

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FRIDAY 6 MARCH
9 HOLES
3PM START
PRIZE GIVING @ 17:30

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RAQUET NEWS

RESULTS



The Squash Summer League continues on Tuesdays at 5pm..

Keep updated on the results by clicking on the Results Link

Click on the graphic above if you are looking for the Summer League Results

UNTIL WE MEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Victoria Country Club is more than a destination — it's a place to belong. Whether you're here for a round of golf, a great meal, or familiar faces, we look forward to welcoming you again soon.



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