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# GOLF NEWS

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**SA Amateur Championship:** Dewan de Bruin won the Proudfoot Trophy on Monday, January 26, 2026, at Pretoria Country Club. He clinched the title with a 35-foot eagle putt on the first playoff hole. The victory secures him the number one seed for the match-play stage of the South African Amateur Championship currently underway.

**Cell C Challenge:** Scott Follett-Smith claimed victory at the Cell C Challenge in Honour of Gary Player on Sunday, January 25.

**GolfRSA International Amateur:** Nine new players have been awarded national caps to represent South Africa at the upcoming International Amateur Championship, scheduled for February 10–13, 2026, at Houghton Golf Club.



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## TOUR & INDUSTRY UPDATES

- **Sunshine Tour:** Long-serving executive director Selwyn Nathan is stepping down, with the tour paying tribute to his contributions this week.
- **LIV Golf South Africa:** South Africa's LIV Golf team, formerly Stinger GC, has officially rebranded to Southern Guards GC ahead of their expected African debut in 2026.
- **Investec SA Open:** Preparations are underway for the 2026 Investec South African Open at Stellenbosch Golf Club (February 26 – March 1). Organizers announced that the winner will receive an invitation to the 2026 Masters Tournament.

## INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES

- **Jayden Schaper:** The South African professional recently secured a notable victory at the Alfred Dunhill Championship and a playoff win in Mauritius.
- **PGA Tour:** World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler won the season-opening PGA Tour event in La Quinta this past weekend



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## GOWRIE *Challenge*

2026

### GOWRIE CHALLENGE | MEMBER UPDATE

- The countdown is on.
- On Saturday, 21 February, Victoria Country Club heads to Gowrie Farm Golf Club for our inaugural friendly challenge — and entries are now open.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up



### *Premier League* playerprofile

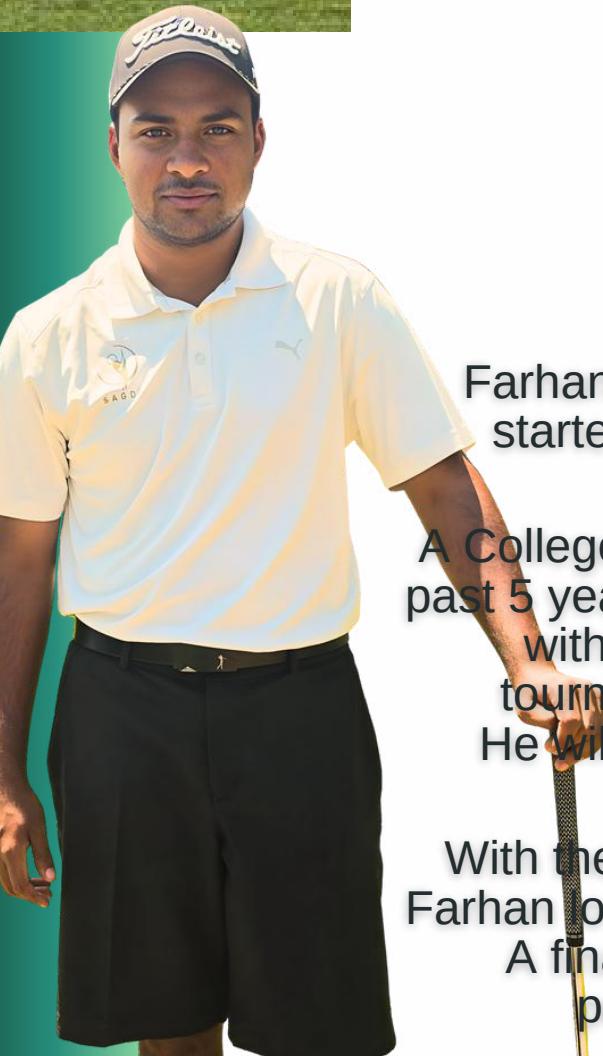
#### FARHAN PILLAY (18)

Farhan has been playing golf since the age of 2! He started with inspiration and guidance from his dad, Shaun Pillay, and has never looked back.

A College Old Boy, Farhan has been with VCC for the past 5 years. He aspires to grow as an Amateur Golfer within the Premier League and reflects at his first tournament at Mt Edgecombe CC at the age of 7! He will soon begin his studies at UKZN towards his degree in BEng(Civil).

With the upcoming League beginning on 8 February, Farhan looks forward to taking on his rivals: Kloof CC.

A final word from Farhan: "Golf rewards effort, not perfection — and that's why anyone can play."



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## Handicapping NEWS

Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) recently announced that they will be doing a tech migration between Monday the 2nd of February and Wednesday the 4th of February.

This will mean that the system will be offline as it will not be possible to enter scores during this period.

Additional communication received from HNA is that they request all members to please update their contact details on the HNA App.

This can be done by clicking the Setting Cog on the top right-hand side of the screen.

Once the migration is complete, members will then be required to download the new HNA App which will be replacing the current app.

## RULES OF GOLF

UPDATE

	Rule	Application	Relevance to VCC
1	Internal Out of Bounds	Internal OB can be applicable to only a T-shot	Nil – We do not have internal Out of Bounds
2	Limited relief for embedded ball	Relief from other players' pitch mark.	Nil – Only applicable to live televised events with the presence of referees.
3	Player played from wrong place when unaware ball has moved.	Penalty is one stroke as player was unaware the ball moved.	Nil – Only applicable in televised events when video referee is not available to advise the player of the infringement
4	Line of Play Relief around putting greens	Permits 2 +2 relief extended to specific types of ground under repair.	Applicable.
5	Prohibiting use of transportation	Committees may prohibit players from using carts to play a round and permit the use thereof for organised transport for say, between holes or assistance in a relief situation.	Nil. Unless otherwise specified, VCC permits the use of carts for all club events.

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A fabulous Family Par 3 Fun afternoon took place on Sunday, 25 January. A fun course was set up by Mark, and although it took a few holes to get the hang of things, soon everyone got into the swing of things...

The Aim of this monthly 'get together' at the Club - is to get families together on the course, in a relaxed, fun environment.

A huge thank you to our Sponsor, **Omega Pharmacy** for your support and supporting this initiative. This Family Event will usually run on the last Sunday of every month, our next one is on February 15 due to the KZN Closed Tournament .



# GOLF NEWS

## WHY CLEANING YOUR GOLF SHOES MATTERS

## FROM THE FAIRWAYS COURSE & GREENS

Most golfers know to repair divots or fix ball marks — but there's another, less obvious way we can help protect our greens: cleaning our golf shoes between courses.

Superintendents work hard to keep turf healthy and consistent, but one sneaky challenge comes from invasive grass seeds and weed seeds that can hitch a ride on shoe cleats and soles. These seeds can germinate on greens and other closely managed turf areas, where they compete with the desired grass species that superintendents have carefully cultivated for playability and look. Invasive grasses spread rapidly because they're prolific seed producers and often drought-tolerant, making them tougher to remove once established.

When unwanted seeds take hold, they can weaken the grass by competing for sunlight, water, and nutrients, and can quickly turn smooth putting surfaces or fine turf into patchy or inconsistent areas that need extra maintenance.

This is exactly the story our greenkeeping team shared: seeds sticking to shoe spikes or soles from other courses can travel with you, then germinate on our greens and roughs — turning a simple walk across the course into a potential maintenance headache.

That's why taking a minute to brush or rinse your shoes after playing at another course — before stepping onto our greens — is one of the easiest ways you can support turf health. It helps slow the spread of invasive grasses and keeps our greens smoother and healthier for everyone.

**CLEAN SHOES =  
CLEANER TURF =  
BETTER GOLF FOR ALL.**



# GOLF NEWS

# CLUB CALENDAR

## JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day Closed School Holidays	2 School Holidays	3 School Holidays
4	5	6	7 Wednesday School	8	9	10
School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
11	12	13	14 Wednesday School 4 BA	15	16	17 TakeAlot.com Monthly Mug & 4 BA
School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays				
18	19	20 Ladies Golf	21 Wednesday School 4 BBBS	22	23	24 takealot.com Farrant Cup Qualifier 4 BBBS
25 13:00 Family Par 3 Sponsored by Local Choice Omega Pharmacy	26	27 Ladies Golf	28 Wednesday School Moffatt Optical 4 BA MOFFATT	29	30	31 The Jug Qualifier Pinehurst Medal

## FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ladies Golf	4 Wednesday School Rhode Island 4 BBBS Rd. Island NEW ORLEANS, USA	5	6 15h00: Chicken Run	7 TakeAlot.com Monthly Mug & 4 BA 1st Round Mengi PQ
8  ROYAL DURBAN GC	9	10 Ladies Golf	11 Wednesday School Acushnet 4 BBBS	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 4 BA
15 PM: Family Par 3 	16	17 Ladies Golf	18 Wednesday School Lexus Uhmlanga 4 BA	19	20	21 GOWRIE Challenge 2026 KZN CLOSED
22 KZN CLOSED	23	24 Ladies Golf	25 Wednesday School 4 BA  Hatfield Motor Group Rental • Parts • Service 082811 111111 123456	26	27	28 Club Competition: 4 BBS



# RESULTS



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## LADIES RESULTS:

Tuesday 27 January: Safire Ladies Medal

A Division:

1<sup>st</sup>: S Raymond: 72 Nett

2<sup>nd</sup>: J Anderson: 74

B Division:

1<sup>st</sup>: D Smythe: 70 Nett

2<sup>nd</sup>: M Todd: 73

## FARRANT CUP QUALIFIER: 4 BBBS

Saturday 24 January

1<sup>st</sup>: G Rautenbach, C Du Plessis: 48 Points

2<sup>nd</sup>: K Perumal, S Moodley: 45

3<sup>rd</sup>: G Usher, S Craig: 45

## WEDNESDAY SCHOOL - **MOFFATT** OPTICAL

Club Competition: 4BA

1<sup>st</sup>: K Perumal, T Naidoo, C Rajpaul, L Chuntharpursat: 89 Points

2<sup>nd</sup>: I Hanekom, G Rautenbach, E Taylor, D Perumal: 87

3<sup>rd</sup>: K Palfrmann, W Price, R Hamblin, T Schuss: 86

# THE CLUBHOUSE TABLE



*Something new is coming to Reggie's — and it's been worth the wait. We'll soon be launching an upgraded Reggie's Bar menu, thoughtfully refreshed to bring a little extra flair to your favourites. The classics you know and love aren't going anywhere, but they're being joined by a selection of spruced-up dishes and a few exciting new additions, designed to suit both casual post-round bites and relaxed social gatherings.*

*It's the same Reggie's atmosphere, the same familiar flavours — just with a fresh new twist. Keep an eye out for the official launch and come hungry.*

Reggie's

# MEET OUR TEAM



## **BONGANI MTHALANE GREENS MAINTENANCE TEAM**

Bongani Mthalane has been part of the Victoria Country Club family since 2018, working quietly and consistently behind the scenes on green maintenance — the heart of great golf.

Now 37 years old, Bongani lives in Edendale and is a proud father of two children, aged 8 and 5.

In addition to finding him being a greens machine operator, you will also find him spending time preparing the putting surfaces by completing tasks like repairing pitch marks and removing unwanted species on the greens.

His favourite spot on the course? The 5th green, where precision, patience, and care all come together.

Bongani understands the game from both sides — he can play golf himself, and credits Kriben, who introduced him to the principles of golf course maintenance.

It's dedication like Bongani's that helps ensure our greens are ready for play, day after day — often long before most of us arrive at the club.



## **SPHILILE SKHAKHANE PROSHOP & GOLF OPERATIONS**

A familiar face in the Proshop, Sphilile has been part of Victoria Country Club for the past 11 years,

At 42, Sphilile is a proud dad to a 17-year-old son and a 10-year-old daughter, and he thrives in the people-focused rhythm of club life. Having worked his way through the club as a driver, caddie master, and now in Proshop sales and golf coordination, he understands the game — and the golfer — from every angle.

What he enjoys most is the interaction, which varies between banter and a quick chat before players tee off and when they return from their games.

His goal is simple: Once everyone has been in the shop, they are zoned in to shoot their personal best.

Whether coordinating play or offering a friendly word, Sphilile is a valued part of the VCC golf experience.

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**GOWRIE Challenge** 2026

**MEMBERS ONLY**

Are you ready to take on the Members @ Gowrie Farm?  
Bring your A Game for this Inaugural Challenge!

**SATURDAY**

21 February 2026

Tee Off Time - 11:30



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**INCLUDES:**

- Green Fees
- Shared Cart
- 'Yes Please' Concierge
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# UPCOMING EVENTS



EVENTS & PROMO'S

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# This Valentine's Day, Love Looks Like Family



Valentine's Day is often seen as a celebration for couples — a day defined by reservations, roses, and romantic dinners. This year, **Victoria Country Club** is embracing a **broader, more inclusive idea** of what **love can look like**.

On Saturday, 14 February, while the **fairways come alive** with a club competition, the club will also be **creating space for families** to share in the day — whether on the course, around the clubhouse, or simply enjoying time together.

Love, after all, is not only romantic. It's found in laughter between parents and children, in shared meals, in afternoons that unfold without rushing. **This Valentine's Day**, VCC is **celebrating those moments** too.

As part of the day, the club will be introducing **Egret's Explorers Clubhouse**, a new **children's space** designed to welcome our youngest members and reflect VCC's growing focus on **family and community**. Outdoors, the atmosphere will be relaxed and playful, with family-friendly activities creating an environment where **everyone feels at home**.



Dining on the day will mirror this **easy-going spirit**, with comforting favourites and options to suit all ages — encouraging members to gather, share, and linger a little longer.

This is not a Valentine's Day defined by schedules or expectations, but one **shaped by togetherness**. A day where golfers, families, and friends can each experience the club in their own way.

**Saturday, 14 February**  
**Full details to follow.**

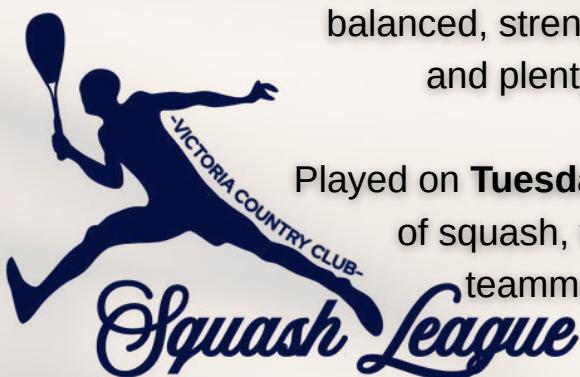
## Summer League Squash

VCC's Summer League is underway, bringing together 2025/26 members and prospective 2026 members in a lively

“Members Only” tournament. Seven teams of five players compete in balanced, strength-on-strength match-ups, creating competitive games and plenty of friendly rivalry — often with fathers facing sons and partners battling for bragging rights.

Played on **Tuesday evenings**, the league also celebrates the social side of squash, with “staying power points” awarded to players who join teammates and opponents for a drink and meal after matches.

**Competitive, social, and proudly VCC.**



## 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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