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THE WINTER OF SPORT

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AND COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER
AT **VICTORIA** COUNTRY CLUB.



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Africa's greatest race.



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biggest clubs arrive.





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THE WORLD ARRIVES

FIFA WORLD CUP
2026

CANADA | MEXICO | USA



Bafana Bafana, Messi, Ronaldo and football's greatest nations prepare for the biggest FIFA World Cup in history.



SOUTH AFRICA'S OPENING MATCH



SOUTH AFRICA
VS
MEXICO

11 JUNE 2026 | 21:00 (SAST)

BAFANA BAFANA RETURN TO THE WORLD STAGE

For the first time since 2010, South Africa will once again take its place on football's biggest stage as Bafana Bafana compete at the FIFA World Cup 2026 in North America.

After a remarkable resurgence under coach Hugo Broos, South Africa qualified for the tournament and now finds itself in Group A alongside hosts Mexico, South Korea and Czechia.

The national squad departed for their training base in Mexico this week as preparations entered their final phase ahead of the opening match against Mexico on 11 June.

For South African supporters, this tournament represents more than qualification. It is the culmination of years of rebuilding, highlighted by Bafana Bafana's impressive performances in recent international competitions and their return to football's biggest stage after a 16-year absence.

Victoria Country Club will be bringing the excitement of the tournament directly to members throughout June and July, with major fixtures shown live in the clubhouse as the world's best nations battle for football's ultimate prize.

SOUTH AFRICA - GROUP A FIXTURES

11 JUN		SOUTH AFRICA VS MEXICO		21:00 (SAST)
16 JUN		SOUTH AFRICA VS SOUTH KOREA		21:00 (SAST)
21 JUN		SOUTH AFRICA VS CZECHIA		21:00 (SAST)

LET'S GET BEHIND BAFANA BAFANA!
ONE NATION. ONE TEAM. ONE DREAM.

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TOURNAMENT AT A GLANCE

DATES

11 JUNE - 19 JULY 2026

HOST NATIONS

CANADA • MEXICO • UNITED STATES

TEAMS

48 NATIONS
(THE LARGEST FIFA WORLD CUP EVER)

FINAL

19 JULY 2026
NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY



PLAYERS TO WATCH



LIONEL MESSI

Argentina
Chasing one final World Cup chapter.



CRISTIANO RONALDO

Portugal
A potential final appearance on football's biggest stage.



KYLIAN MBAPPÉ

France
France's superstar enters his prime years.



VINÍCIUS JÚNIOR

Brazil
Brazil's electrifying attacking spearhead.

WATCH IT LIVE AT VICTORIA

ALL MAJOR
MATCHES LIVE

FOOD & DRINK
SPECIALS

BIG SCREEN
VIEWING

THE BEST SEAT
IN THE HOUSE



VICTORIA
COUNTRY CLUB
MORE THAN GOLF

THE ROAD TO MARITZBURG

COMRADES MARATHON 2026



*Ska Fela
Moya*

*The world's greatest ultramarathon
returns home.*

On Sunday, 14 June, thousands of runners will take on South Africa's most iconic road race as the 99th Comrades Marathon returns to Pietermaritzburg.



COMRADES 2026 AT A GLANCE

DATE
14 JUNE 2026

EDITION
99TH COMRADES MARATHON

ROUTE
DURBAN →
PIETERMARITZBURG

DISTANCE
85.77 KM

THEME
SKA FELA MOYA

CUT-OFF
12 HOURS

THE ULTIMATE HUMAN RACE

On Sunday, 14 June, thousands of runners will set off from Durban before sunrise and tackle one of the most demanding endurance challenges on earth.

The 99th Comrades Marathon returns to Pietermaritzburg this year, bringing the famous Up Run back to the city that proudly hosts the finish of South Africa's most iconic road race.

For nearly a century, Comrades has celebrated perseverance, courage and the indomitable spirit of ordinary people achieving extraordinary things.

We extend our best wishes to every member, family member and friend taking part in this year's race. We are with you every step of the way.

Run your race. Live your dream.
Finish your journey.
Welcome home.

RUNNERS TO WATCH



DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

The defending champions will be back to defend their crowns in the 99th edition of this legendary race.



SOUTH AFRICAN HOPEFULS

A strong local field is ready to rise to the challenge and make their mark on the road to Maritzburg.



INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGERS

Elite athletes from around the world will take on the ultimate test of strength, strategy and mental toughness.



THE RACE FOR PIETERMARITZBURG

Every runner has one goal – to cross that finish line and experience the unforgettable welcome home.

COMRADES 2026 **RECOVERY ZONE**

SEE PAGE 5
FOR FOOD & BEVERAGE
SPECIALS

THE CHAMPIONS RETURN

SPRINGBOKS 2026

**WORLD CHAMPIONS.
NEW SEASON. NEW CHALLENGE.**

The world champions begin another exciting season as South Africa takes on the Barbarians in the opening match of the 2026 international campaign.



SPRINGBOKS READY FOR A NEW CHAPTER

The Springboks return to action on Saturday, 20 June 2026 when they face the famous Barbarians at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Gqeberha. The fixture opens what promises to be one of the most exciting seasons in recent memory for South African rugby.

Following their continued success on the international stage, the Springboks once again carry the expectations of a rugby-loving nation. The Barbarians, known worldwide for their attacking style and invitation-only selection policy, provide the perfect opening challenge for the Boks.

The match serves as the launchpad for a packed international season that includes Tests against England, Scotland, Wales and four blockbuster encounters against New Zealand later in the year.

We extend our best wishes to all Victoria members who will be supporting the Green and Gold throughout the season. Whether you're watching from the stands or from the clubhouse, another memorable rugby year awaits.

Stronger Together.

WHY THE BARBARIANS MATTER

Founded in 1890, the Barbarians are rugby's most famous invitational team.

Players are selected from different countries and clubs around the world, creating a unique team that plays with freedom, flair and attacking intent.

For rugby fans, a Barbarians fixture is always something special.



MATCH AT A GLANCE

FIXTURE

Springboks vs Barbarians

DATE

Saturday, 20 June 2026

KICK-OFF

15:00 (SAST)

VENUE

Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Gqeberha

SEASON OPENER

First Springbok match of 2026

UPCOMING HOME TESTS

20 JUNE 2026	VS BARBARIANS
4 JULY 2026	VS ENGLAND
11 JULY 2026	VS SCOTLAND
18 JULY 2026	VS WALES

PLAYERS TO WATCH

SIYA KOLISI – The inspirational captain remains the heartbeat of the Springboks.

CHELIN KOLBE – Still one of rugby's most electrifying attacking players.

PIETER-STEPH DU TOIT – A relentless force in world rugby.

DAMIAN WILLEMSE – A game-breaker capable of changing any match.



WATCH IT **LIVE** AT REGGIE'S BAR

Join fellow members throughout the season as we follow the Springboks' journey through another exciting international campaign.



SQUASH SEASON ENTERS THE FINAL STRETCH

WINTER LEAGUE 2026

Seven competitive divisions

Home and away fixtures

Growing player participation

Strong spectator support

Season finale approaching

Seven leagues. Fierce competition.
One thriving squash community.

A WINTER OF COMPETITION


The 2026 Winter Squash League has once again delivered competitive action, spirited rivalries and a fantastic atmosphere at Victoria Country Club.

With seven active league divisions competing throughout the season, players have represented the club with distinction both at home and away, showcasing the depth of squash talent within the Victoria community.

The league has not only provided exciting competition on court but has also strengthened the camaraderie that makes Victoria Country Club such a special place to play. Match nights continue to bring together players, supporters and spectators who share a passion for the game and enjoy the vibrant social atmosphere surrounding league fixtures.

As the season approaches its conclusion, attention now turns to the final rounds and the race for positions across all divisions.

A comprehensive league standings update, player highlights and season review will be featured in the next edition of *The Victorian*.



Match nights continue to draw strong support from members and visitors alike.

“ Competition, friendship and community remain at the heart of squash at Victoria. **”**

RORY McILROY'S SECOND ACT

HOW GOLF'S NEW GRAND SLAM CHAMPION IS WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER OF HIS LEGACY.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A GOLFER FINALLY REACHES THE SUMMIT?

Many expected McIlroy's motivation to disappear once he completed the Grand Slam. Instead, he appears liberated.

The pressure that defined much of his career has vanished and his golf reflects it. He arrives at every major this year as a genuine contender rather than a player chasing history.

For golfers everywhere, Rory's journey is a reminder that success often comes not from avoiding failure, but from enduring it long enough.



MASTERS CHAMPION. CAREER GRAND SLAM WINNER. NOW CHASING EVEN MORE HISTORY.

Rory McIlroy after defending his title at Augusta in 2026.



SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER

THE NEW STANDARD

While Rory captures the headlines, Scottie Scheffler continues to do something even more impressive — make winning look routine.

World number one for much of the last two seasons, Scheffler opened 2026 with another PGA Tour victory and remains the benchmark for consistency. This month he arrives at the Memorial Tournament attempting a rare three-peat, something not achieved since Tiger Woods.

“ The most dangerous golfer in the world isn't always the most exciting. It's the one who never plays badly. ”

WHO COULD BE GOLF'S NEXT SUPERSTAR?

The next generation is knocking loudly.

Ludvig Åberg continues to impress with his composure beyond his years and a game built for major championships.

Meanwhile, 16-year-old Blades Brown has been given Special Temporary Membership on the PGA Tour and is rapidly becoming one of the most watched prospects in the game.



LUDVIG ÅBERG

The Swedish star continues to rise up the world rankings and is already a threat to win any tournament he enters.



BLADES BROWN

At just 16, the American prodigy is turning heads everywhere. Special Temporary Membership is just the beginning.

GOLF'S CIVIL WAR ISN'T OVER

PGA TOUR vs LIV GOLF – THE BATTLE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE GAME CONTINUES.

Talks of reunification have stalled and the divide between the PGA Tour and LIV Golf remains. Billion-dollar questions around funding, player contracts and governance continue to overshadow the game's biggest story.

Players from both sides have expressed a desire for a solution, but for now, the sport's best still aren't competing against each other often enough.



WHY GOLFERS SHOULD CARE

THE SPLIT AFFECTS:

- Major championships
- Ryder Cup eligibility
- World rankings
- Sponsorships
- Television coverage
- The future structure of professional golf

For club golfers, it means the sport's biggest stars are still not competing against each other often enough.

THE MAJOR SEASON AHEAD

The road to the year's most important trophies is shaping up to be one of the toughest in recent memory.



U.S. OPEN

SHINNECOCK HILLS
18 – 21 JUNE 2026

Shinnecock strikes fear into even the best. Narrow fairways, brutal rough and demanding greens will test every part of a player's game.

Scottie Scheffler, after a recent look around the course, described it as one of the toughest U.S. Open tests in years. Many expect another winning score close to par.

“This place is going to be as hard as any U.S. Open we've seen.”

– SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER



THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

ROYAL BIRKDALE
16 – 19 JULY 2026

Golf returns to one of links golf's true examinations. Wind, weather and imagination will matter far more than technology.

The Open rewards creativity, patience and resilience. Expect the elements to play a defining role once again.

This is golf in its purest form.



FEDEX CUP RACE

THE RUN HOME
AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2026

With Scheffler, McIlroy, Cameron Young, Xander Schauffele and a deep field of hungry challengers, the battle for season-long supremacy is shaping into one of the most competitive in years.

Consistency across a long season will be the ultimate separator. No week is a gimme.



THE RETURN OF TRADITIONAL GOLF VALUES

Amid the money, controversy and social media noise, one thing remains unchanged:

The players still have to stand over a golf ball and hit it.

Whether it's Rory chasing legacy, Scheffler chasing dominance, or a club golfer chasing a personal best at Victoria Country Club, the challenge remains exactly the same.

And perhaps that's why we keep coming back.



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JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2  SINCE 187 	3	4  ST ANNES DIOCESAN COLLEGE GOLF DAY	5  SANTAM GOLF DAY	6  MONTHLY MUG
7 PREMIER LEAGUE ALLERTON LEAGUE	8	9 LADIES OPEN	10  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY USHER ATTORNEYS	11 	12	13
14 COMRADES MARATHON 2026	15	16  	17  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY MERIDIAN WINES	18  CLIMB FOR SKILLS GOLF DAY	19  HARVARD HOUSE GOLF DAY	20 
21 	22	23   LADIES GOLF	24  MIDLANDS 081 345 0064 WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY SEEF MIDLANDS	25	26  ABS GOLF DAY	27
28	29 KZN SENIOR LADIES	30 				

JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY VENNS ATTORNEYS	2	3	4  MONTHLY MUG
5	6	7  SINCE 187 	8  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY SMG LEXUS UMHLAMGA	9	10 VOLTA OPEN	11 
12	13	14  LADIES GOLF	15	16	17  MIDLANDS HOSPICE GOLF DAY	18 
19 	20	21	22  DICK'S DAY SPONSORED BY PAM GOLDING PROPERTIES	23  ST CHARLES COLLEGE GOLF DAY	24	25
26	27	28 	29  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY HILTON QUARRY SPAR	30	31  CORDWALLES PREP GOLF DAY	



MORE THAN GOLF

MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNITY

HERITAGE

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SATURDAY CLUB COMPETITION

30 - 31 MAY - MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

A DIVISION : James Barnard

B DIVISION: Greame Palmer

C DIVISION: Hugo Habermann

D DIVISION: Dev Chetty

LADIES RESULTS

2 JUNE - LADIES SAFIRE MEDAL & PUTTS

SILVER DIVISION

1st : Wendy Carruthers - 77 Nett

2nd : Mieke Walsh - 78

3rd : Simone Raymond -81

BRONZE DIVISION

1st : Diane Smythe - 67 Nett

2nd : Judy Anderson - 70

3rd : Margie Curr - 72

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

3 JUNE - BETTERBALL STABLEFORD BONUS BOGEY

1st : Reggie Moodley, Dan Moodley - +11 Points

2nd : Jay Malherbe, Dave Sutton - +10

3rd : Pat Trimborn, Errol Taylor - +8 oco

NEXT WEEK

PREMIUM SPONSOR

Wednesday
SCHOOL
Victoria Country Club

USHER
ATTORNEYS

10 June 2026



**Book your
Round Here**



Victoria Country Club Ladies Open Day



**Victoria
Country Club**



**Tuesday
9th June 2026**

Shotgun start 8am for 8.30am

4 Ball Alliance

Enter a 4Ball (if you dont have a 4ball, enter with a partner and we'll make a plan)

Entry Fee: **R450**

Includes Green Fee,
Lunch and Comp Fees

**"Elegant swings, big
smiles and lots of fun.
Lets make this day
unforgettable"**

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WOZA WEEKEND!

FRIDAY, 12 JUNE 2026

Kick off the long weekend on the fairways.



THE WORLD'S PLAYING, SO SHOULD YOU.



MONDAY, 15 JUNE 2026

As the world watches football's biggest stage, enjoy championship golf at **Victoria Country Club**.



YOUTH DAY

THE FUTURE PLAYS HERE.



TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026

This Youth Day, bring a young golfer to Victoria Country Club and create memories that shape tomorrow.



GREEN FEES

R250

PER PLAYER



CART SHARING **R200 PP** BASED ON 2 PLAYERS SHARING



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IMPORTANT UPDATE

EFFECTIVE 1 JUNE 2026

GATE ACCESS ONLY VIA BIOMETRICS



Please note that as from **1 June 2026**, gate access to Victoria Country Club is **ONLY** via **biometrics**.

The card system has been **deactivated** and cards will **no longer** grant access.

All members are **required** to have their biometrics completed at the **Victoria Country Club Estate Security Office**.



Please visit the Victoria Country Club Estate Security Office as soon as possible to complete your biometrics. Access via the old card system is **no longer** available.



Complete your biometrics today and ensure uninterrupted, **secure access** to your Club.

VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB IS

Bringing in the Heat

AS THE NIGHTS GET COLDER

BUNNY CHOW Special

17 JUNE

R120
PER PERSON



Warm spices. • Hearty flavours. • Unforgettable evenings.



ONE CLUB. ONE COMMUNITY. ONE HOME.

From the fairways to the squash courts,
from Comrades to the Springboks,
from football's biggest stage
to unforgettable moments shared in our clubhouse –
thank you for being part of the
Victoria Country Club story.

We look forward to welcoming you back
for another season of sport, friendship and community.



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