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GOLF NEWS

THE LEGACY OF TIM JACKSON



The story behind one of Victoria Country Club's longest-standing traditions - Each year at Victoria Country Club, members gather to compete for the Tim Jackson Memorial Trophy, a competition that has become one of the club's most enduring traditions. For more than six decades, golfers have teed it up in honour of a man whose influence on sport in Pietermaritzburg extended far beyond the fairways.

While many recognise the name engraved on the trophy, fewer know the story of the remarkable sportsman and community leader behind it.

M.T. "Tim" Jackson was one of Pietermaritzburg's most respected sporting figures during the mid-twentieth century. A passionate sportsman and committed supporter of local sport, his contribution to the city's sporting culture reached well beyond golf.

In 1933, Jackson founded M.T. Jackson, a sporting goods store in Church Street that would go on to become one of Pietermaritzburg's most recognisable sports retailers. For generations of athletes and schoolboys, the shop became synonymous with sport in the city, supplying equipment and encouragement to countless sportsmen and women across the region.

But Jackson was not only supporting sport — he was actively competing in it.

A talented all-round sportsman, he represented Natal in both golf and badminton, and also played first-class cricket, reflecting an era when sportsmen often excelled across multiple disciplines. His love of sport was matched only by his desire to see it flourish within his community.

His influence extended well beyond the playing field. Jackson served as President of the South African Golf Union, helping guide the development of the game nationally. Closer to home, he also served as Chairman of the Pietermaritzburg Country Club, playing a significant role in the local golfing community and helping to strengthen the foundations of the sport in the region.

Outside of sport, Jackson was equally dedicated to civic life and served as Deputy Mayor of Pietermaritzburg, earning the respect of the community he so passionately supported.

Like many of his generation, he also answered the call of duty during World War II, serving in North Africa before returning home to continue building both his business and his contribution to local sport.

When Tim Jackson passed away in 1964, Pietermaritzburg lost one of its great sporting ambassadors. In honour of his legacy, the Tim Jackson Memorial Trophy was established — a competition that has now been played for more than six decades.

Today, as golfers gather at Victoria Country Club to compete for the trophy that bears his name, they do so as part of a tradition that celebrates more than just the game itself. It honours a man whose passion for sport, commitment to community, and love for the game left a lasting mark on Pietermaritzburg's sporting heritage. More than sixty years later, the spirit of Tim Jackson lives on — not only in the name engraved on a trophy, but in every player who steps onto the course to continue the tradition he helped inspire.

“More than sixty years on, the Tim Jackson Memorial Trophy remains a fitting tribute to a man whose passion for sport helped shape Pietermaritzburg.”

TALKING TURF

AUTUMN TREATMENT
Course CLOSES - Sunday 15 March @11:00
Course REOPENS Wednesday 18 March @ 11:00

Why Autumn Treatment Matters — Even When the Greens Look Perfect

If you've played recently at Victoria Country Club, you'll know the greens are in superb condition. Smooth, fast, and some of the best surfaces we've had in a long time.

Which naturally raises the question many members ask this time of year:

"If the greens look so good... why are we doing autumn treatment?"

The simple answer is this:

because we want them to stay that way.

What You Don't See Beneath the Surface

While the greens may look perfect on top, the real health of the turf lies below the surface.

Thousands of rounds of golf, foot traffic, mowers and machinery slowly compact the soil beneath the grass. Over time this reduces airflow, water movement and root growth.

Left untreated, this eventually leads to:

- Poor drainage
- Weaker grass roots
- Greater risk of disease
- Inconsistent putting surfaces

By the time these problems become visible, they are much harder to correct.

What Autumn Treatment Actually Does

Autumn treatment focuses mainly on aeration, often called hollow-tyning.

Small cores are removed from the greens to relieve compaction and allow oxygen, water and nutrients to reach the root system. The holes are then filled with sand, improving the soil structure and drainage.

While this may cause temporary disruption to the putting surface, the benefits are significant:

- Healthier, deeper roots
- Stronger, more resilient turf
- Improved drainage
- Smoother greens in the months ahead

In short, it's short-term inconvenience for long-term quality.

Why Autumn Is the Right Time

Timing is critical.

Autumn provides the ideal conditions for this work. Soil temperatures remain warm enough for the grass to recover quickly, while the intense stress of summer has passed.

This allows the greens to heal fast and strengthen before winter, ensuring they continue performing well throughout the year.

A Little Maintenance Now = Better Golf Later

Course maintenance is about protecting the future condition of the course, not just how it looks today. Autumn treatment ensures that the exceptional greens we're enjoying now remain healthy, consistent and enjoyable for months and years to come. Think of it as a routine service. You don't wait for something to break before maintaining it.

The goal is simple:

Keep Victoria Country Club's greens among the best in the region — not just today, but all year round.

GOLF NEWS

GOLF STRATEGY

PAR 3 STRATEGY

- Aim toward the safest area of the green rather than attacking difficult pins.
- Favor control and accuracy instead of swinging for maximum distance.
- If you miss the green, focus on an easy chip and a simple two-putt.



PAR 4 STRATEGY

- Select a tee shot that prioritizes placement and control.
- From the fairway, target the middle portion of the green.
- Think of the hole as two manageable shots rather than one aggressive play.



PAR 5 STRATEGY

- Move the ball forward safely with each shot.
- Lay up to a distance that gives you a comfortable approach.
- Stay away from hazards instead of attempting risky hero shots.



OVERALL MINDSET

- Play smart and stay within your skill level.
- Focus on landing areas that offer the most margin for error.
- Approach the round one shot at a time.



Smart golf is not just about great swings. Good scoring often comes from smart decisions on the course. Course management helps golfers avoid big mistakes.

Par 3 holes reward accuracy and control. Aim for the safest area of the green. Avoid attacking difficult pin locations near hazards.

A safe target often leads to more pars. If you miss the green, focus on an easy chip and a simple two putt.

Par 4 holes should be played as two controlled shots.

Choose a tee shot that prioritizes placement over distance.

Finding the fairway makes the approach shot much easier.

From the fairway, aim toward the middle of the green.

Center targets reduce the risk of missing short sided.

Par 5 holes reward patience and smart planning.

Advance the ball safely with each shot. Lay up to a distance that gives you a comfortable approach.

Avoid risky shots near water or bunkers.

Maintain the right mindset during the round. Play within your skill level.

Choose targets that provide the most margin for error. Focus on one shot at a time.

A team from VCC recently participated in the Jean Duncan Trophy Golf Day held at Royal Durban. They were placed third!



Joy Chimombe, Kelly Bekker, Bev Stewart and Sue Tatham

GOLF NEWS

Tour SNIPPETS



PGA GOLF & LIFESTYLE SHOW 2026

PGA Golf & Lifestyle Show South Africa 2026

11-14 June 2026
The Campus, 57 Sloane Street, Bryanston, Sandton

CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 League <i>Premier League</i>	2	3 Ladies GOLF <i>Spina Golf League</i>	4 Wednesday School THIRSTI	5	6 Chicken Run	7 Takealot.com Monthly Mug & 4 Ball 2nd Round Mengi PC
8	9	10 Ladies GOLF <i>Spina Golf League</i>	11 Wednesday School MIZUNO FITTING DAY	12	13 THE ROGUE NINE AMERICAN SCRAMBLE	14 Tim Jackson Memorial Trophy 4 Ball Alliance
15 Autumn Treatment	16 Autumn Treatment	17 Autumn Treatment <i>Spina Golf League</i>	18 Wednesday School	19	20	21 Human Rights Day
22	23	24 Ladies GOLF <i>Spina Golf League</i>	25 Wednesday School SMG LEXUS	26 COMMUNITY CHES VEGETARIAN GOLF CLUB	27 Chicken Run School Holidays	28 School Holidays
29 League <i>Premier League Allerton League</i> School Holidays	30 School Holidays	31 Ladies GOLF <i>Spina Golf League</i> School Holidays				

RESULTS



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SATURDAY CLUB COMPETITION **takealot** com

4 March - MONTHLY MUG - 4 BALL ALLIANCE - 2 scores to count

A DIVISION

1st : George Rautenbach - 68 Points

2nd : Christian Nelson - 73

B DIVISION

1st : Kevin Perumal- 66 Points

2nd : Shaun Nielson - 69

C DIVISION

1st : Vihaan Chunthapursat - 63 Points

2nd : Jeff Walker - 70



LADIES RESULTS

10 March - Safire Medal & Putts



A DIVISION

1st : Simone Raymond- 73 oco

2nd : Mieke Walsh - 73

3rd : Wendy Carruthers - 75

B DIVISION

1st : Robyn Becker- 71 Points

2nd : Paulette Truter - 74 oco

3rd : Kelly Bekker - 74



WEDNESDAY SCHOOL



11 March : 4BBBS - 2 Scores to Count on Par 3

1st: John Dutton, Richard Stonir - 54 Points

2nd: Peter Newman, Sean Moffat - 50

3rd: Dashen Perumal, Leshen Naidoo - 47 oco





RAQUET CLUB

Tuesday evening saw the conclusion of the **2026 VCC "Thirsti Summer League"** at the courts. The evening closed out our internal fun league where players of all level and skill join together in a team and take on their opponents of similar strength, from 1st League experts to the beginner all doing their best to accumulate points for their respective team.

The event has run over 6 weeks on a Tuesday evening. All players displayed an awesome blend of competitiveness and comradery for their opponent and team mate alike. Each evening culminating in a meal and some off court banter in the Egret Bar after the games are concluded.

In the end all player, win or lose enjoyed the event and ultimately **"Daniel's Ducks"** came out resounding victors over "Bruere's Bouncers" followed by "Sean's Strikers" and "Dalmain's Diva's". Rounding out the also ran positions was "Sonic Hedgehogs", "Naidoo's Nachos" and the carrots were delivered and accepted by "Nicola's Nomads"

The results do not lie and the Dream Team was announced based on the best performing player at each skill level of the team. This years team comprised. **No 1 Sean Strydom, No 2 Tom Hardman, No 3 Andrew Thurtel, No 4 Megan Pratt and No 5 Kate Auret**

This year saw additional points on offer off the court for attending the social and an extra ½ point was on offer on Tuesday if players were accompanied by their Partner for the Prize Giving.

A big thank you to Thirsti as our tournament sponsor and generous supplier of product for prizes.



Nicola's Nomads and their Carrots



Runners Up – Bruare's Bouncers



Victors – Daniels Ducks



Players and Partners enjoying Prize Giving and delicious Pub Grub

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FEBRUARY 2026



Lungisani

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FEBRUARY 2026

Every organisation has those individuals who quietly become indispensable — the people who step in wherever needed, who solve problems before they become issues, and who carry a genuine pride in the place they work. At Victoria Country Club, Lungisani is one of those people.

At 38 years old, Lungisani has been part of the Victoria Country Club team for the past seven years. His journey here began modestly, arriving as a casual worker to assist the course management team during the busy spring treatment period. What was meant to be temporary work quickly turned into something more permanent — simply because his work ethic, reliability, and attitude made it clear that he was someone worth keeping around.

Seven years later, he has become a key part of the course management team. Lungisani is known for his willingness to go above and beyond his call of duty. No task is too big or too small, and no challenge seems to faze him. One of his greatest strengths is his versatility. When there are staff shortages or operational gaps, Lungisani steps in wherever needed — whether it's cutting, course maintenance, project work, or assisting across different areas of course management. His ability to adapt and fill these gaps ensures that the standards of the course are always maintained.

In addition to his daily responsibilities, Lungisani also serves as a project supervisor, capable of running projects independently and ensuring that work is completed efficiently and to a high standard. This level of trust speaks volumes about the respect he has earned within the team.

Despite his many responsibilities, Lungisani remains humble and grateful. He says he is very happy to be part of Victoria Country Club and feels honoured to be recognised as Employee of the Month. He is especially thankful for the guidance and leadership of Course Superintendent, Kriben Gounder, whose mentorship has played an important role in his growth over the years.

Lungisani's journey is a reminder that dedication, consistency, and a positive attitude never go unnoticed. Victoria Country Club is proud to recognise him for his contribution and commitment to excellence.

Congratulations, Lungisani — and thank you for everything you do for the club.



Lungisani

EVENTS

Monthly Mug

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The Rogue 9 – Friday Sundowner Golf

Fridays at Victoria Country Club are getting a little more interesting. Introducing The Rogue 9 Friday Sundowner Golf — a relaxed nine-hole series designed to bring a touch of fun, spontaneity and social golf to the end of the week. The concept is simple: shake things up a little. Each Friday may feature a different format, from American Scramble and Chicken Runs to Betterball and other creative twists that keep the golf fresh and entertaining.

The Rogue 9 isn't about serious competition or lengthy scorecards. It's about good golf, good company, and the perfect way to ease into the weekend. Nine holes, a few laughs along the way, and a chance to enjoy the course in a more relaxed atmosphere. Whether you're chasing a good score, trying a format you've never played before, or simply joining friends for a sundowner round, the Rogue 9 is all about celebrating the lighter side of the game. After all, sometimes the best rounds of golf are the ones played with a little less pressure... and a little more mischief. 🏌️



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