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GOLF NEWS

ROAD TO CLUB CHAMPS 2026

PART 3: FINE MARGINS – SHORT GAME SECRETS THAT SAVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Everyone loves the long drive. It gets the applause, the admiring nods, and sometimes a suspiciously loud retelling in the clubhouse afterwards. But Club Champs? That's usually won much closer to the hole.

While the big hitters are measuring drives and flexing over distance, smart players know the real trophies are often collected with a wedge in hand and a putter behaving itself. The short game is where scorecards are quietly repaired... or dramatically ruined.

The 30-Metre Truth

You can smash a perfect drive and still walk away with bogey. You can also miss the fairway, chip close, make par, and look like a genius. That's the beauty of golf — it rewards recovery as much as brilliance.

At Victoria Country Club, where every missed green can ask an awkward question, touch around the greens becomes priceless.

Chipping: The Art of Looking Calm

Great chippers never seem rushed. They land the ball where it needs to land, let it release, and stroll after it like they knew all along.

The rest of us tend to stab at it like we're defusing a bomb.

Simple wins here: pick a landing spot, trust the stroke, and commit. Doubt is terrible with a wedge.



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Bunker Play: Sand, Not Panic

Nothing reveals character quite like a greenside bunker. The secret? Splash the sand, not the ball. Keep the speed through impact and let the club do the work. Remember: dramatic sighing before the shot has never helped anyone.

Putting: Where Tournaments Get Nervous

A hot putter can cover many sins. A cold putter can turn a lovely round into emotional damage. In Club Champs pressure, three-footers suddenly feel like cross-country journeys.

Practice the short ones. Trust your routine. And if you lip out, please maintain dignity for at least three seconds.

The VCC Edge

Players who know our greens, understand pace, and respect the subtle breaks always hold an advantage. This is where local knowledge turns into leaderboard movement.

So as Club Champs approaches, spend less time chasing miracle drives and more time sharpening the tools that matter most when nerves arrive.

Because championships are rarely lost by one huge mistake. They're usually decided by the fine margins.

***Next up in our series: Pressure Golf – How to Play
When It Actually Matters.***



HAVE YOU ENTERED? **ME**

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GOLF NEWS



CLUB CHAMPS 2026

Prizes will be awarded as follows for the weekend:

Club Champion – Best Gross overall

All Divisions: Gross Prize: 1st , 2nd & 3rd

All Divisions: Best Nett: 1st & 2nd

Combined Field: Best Nett Overall

Seniors: 18 Stableford (Sunday Field only)

Juniors: (16 yrs and under): Best Gross (36 Holes)

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL PRIZE WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT PRIZE GIVING ON SUNDAY 10TH OF MAY.

THIRSTI Club Championships 2026

9 & 10 May 2026

Tournament Information

Format:

Play will be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and Local Rules of Victoria Country Club.

Open to all male senior, full, intermediate, and junior members of Victoria Country Club that are:

- in good standing with the club and subscriptions are up to date
- eligible to compete according to the VCC Competition regulations.
- officially handicapped with SAGA.

Formats of play

•36 Holes Strokeplay for A, B and C Divisions (18 Holes per day)

•Senior Division: 60 years and older, decided over 18 holes (Sunday's round) – Individual Stableford

Senior members not wishing to play in the main divisions, may enter for Sunday's round only.

Senior members playing in the main divisions, will automatically qualify for the Senior Division on the Sunday and a Stableford Score will be calculated.

•Open Stableford Division: Single Division applicable to all players in the field (36 Holes)

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CLUB CHAMPS 2026

THIRSTI Club Championships 2026

9 & 10 May 2026

Tournament Information



Entries close: Tuesday 5 May 2026 @ 12h00. No late entries will be accepted.

Divisions:

A Division: Handicap Index: Up to 6.0: Played off the Yellow Markers

B Division: Handicap Index: 6.1 to 12: Played off the White Markers

C Division: Handicap Index: From 12.1 to 18 Played off the Blue Markers

D Division: Handicap Index: From 18.1 upwards Played off the Red Markers

Seniors: 60 years and over: Played off the Blue Markers. If Senior's are competing in either of the other divisions, play will be off that respective divisions allocated markers and the Individual Stableford score for the 2nd round will apply.

Open Stableford: Any markers. Should players post a No Return in the Stroke Play, they will be required to continue to play off the original markers that they started on.

Handicapping & Players Allowance

Players will play off their handicap index published at 00h01 on Saturday 9 May 2026 for the duration of the event.

The Players Allowance of 95 % will be applied as per Rule 6.2a/Appendix C of the World Handicapping System.

The Overall Club Champion will be the player that records the lowest gross score for the 36 holes. In the event of tie, a sudden death playoff through holes 1, 2 & 10 will be played to determine the winner.

In the event of there not being sufficient daylight to conclude a sudden death playoff, count out procedures as stipulated below will be applied.

Ties:

Should scores be tied after 36 holes the following count out procedures apply:

Total Gross to highest handicap, then last 18, then last 9, 6 & 3 holes.

Total Nett to lowest handicap, then last 18, then last 9, 6 & 3 holes

Total Nett to lowest handicap, then last 18, then last 9, 6 & 3 holes

Stableford Division: Last 18, then last 9,6 & 3 holes.

Seniors: Last 9, 6 & 3 holes.

GOLF NEWS

CLUB CHAMPS 2026

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9 & 10 May 2026

Tournament Information

Entry Fee:

Green Fees: Regular green fees apply as per membership categories.

Upfront green fees can be used.

All fees must be paid prior to commencement of the 1st round

Competition Fee: R 250 (R 120 seniors – if only playing 18 holes)

Qualification for Match Play Championships (30 & 31 May 2026)

The top 16 players (36 Hole Gross) from each division will qualify for the Matchplay Championships. Players not making themselves available will result in the opportunity for players not in the top 16 to qualify for the Matchplay Championships.

Tournament Committee:

Mark Truter

Blake Mackenzie

Lawrence Hoatson



manager

TALK



100 Club – April Winners:

1st : T Shaw : R 1072

2nd : R Don-Wauchope: R 539

3rd: D Schaup: R 326

Attendance: Carried Over

A reminder that the 100 Club draw takes place on the last Wednesday of the month and additional tickets are available for each draw. If you would like to secure the same number for the entire year, please contact Michell at membership@victoria.co.za and she will assist you.

Annual General Meeting: 13 May 2026

Please note that the AGM date has been set, further information will be sent out to members

Golf Cart Owners:

As per previous correspondence, members and residents are reminded that they are required to have their golf carts registered and Disks for 2026 can be obtained via the pro shop.



CLUB CHAMPS 2026 PLAYER AUCTION

FRIDAY NIGHT

BIG BIDS. BIG DREAMS. COLD DRINKS. GREAT CRAIC.

UP FOR AUCTION...

LOT 1



THE BOMBER

Long off the tee
Loves a birdie

Club Champ: 2022

Current Form: 🔥🔥

R750

LOT 2



MR CONSISTENT

Fairways. Greens. Points.
Always in it.

Club Champ: 2021

Current Form: 🔥🔥

CURRENT BID:

R600

LOT 3



SHORT GAME SHARK

Scrambler. Putter.
Danger around the greens.

Club Champ: 2023

Current Form: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

CURRENT BID:

R950

LOT 4



THE ROOKIE

New kid. Big game.
Watch this space.

Club Champ: N/A

Current Form: 🔥🔥

CURRENT BID:

R500

WIN THE GOLFER. SHARE THE PRIZE!



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R700

R1000

R650

R800

AUCTION RULES

1. PICK YOUR GUY
2. PLACE YOUR BID
3. IF HE WINS,
YOU WIN TOO!



SCAN

HAVE YOU ENTERED?

ME



GOLF NEWS

CLUB CALENDAR



MAY 2026

APRIL 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JUNE 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	TAKEALOT.COM MONTHLY MUG
3	4	5 LADIES GOLF	6 WEDNESDAY SCHOOL	7 SAFIRE GOLF DAY	8 PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLUB CHAMPS AUCTION	9 THIRSTI CLUB CHAMPS
10 THIRSTI CLUB CHAMPS	11 THIRSTI CLUB CHAMPS	12 THIRSTI LADIES GOLF CLUB CHAMPS	13 WEDNESDAY SCHOOL	14 YOUTH IN CONSERVATION GOLF DAY	15 ST JOHN'S GOLF DAY	16
17 CLIMB FOR SKILLS GOLF DAY	18	19 LADIES GOLF	20 WEDNESDAY SCHOOL SMG LEXUS	21	22 DE HEUS GOLF DAY	23
24	25	26 LADIES GOLF	27 PIETERMARITZBURG AZALEA ROTARY CLUB WEDNESDAY SCHOOL 	28 MCOB GOLF DAY	29 CANCER PMB GOLF DAY	30 MATCHPLAY CHAMPS
31 MATCHPLAY CHAMPS	1	2	3	4	5	6

*** 2026 ***
MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

- MASTERS TOURNAMENT**
 AUGUSTA NATIONAL GC, GEORGIA
 APRIL 9-12, 2026 COMPLETED
- PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**
 ARONIMINK GC, PENNSYLVANIA
 MAY 14-17, 2026
- U.S. OPEN**
 SHINNECOCK HILLS GC, NEW YORK
 JUNE 18-21, 2026
- THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**
 ROYAL BIRKDALE, ENGLAND
 JULY 16-19, 2026

WHICH MAJOR ARE YOU CIRCLING?



RESULTS



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SATURDAY CLUB COMPETITION

25 April - Pinehurst Medal

- 1st : Jody Ashe, Ian Morrow, - 60.2 Nett
2nd : Patrick Ashe, Terrence Cathro - 63.4
3rd : Luke Hayward, Bradley Joseph - 65

LADIES RESULTS

28 April - Individual Stableford

- 1st : Sue Tatham - 39 Points
2nd : Mieke Walsh - 34
3rd : Wendy Haynes - 29

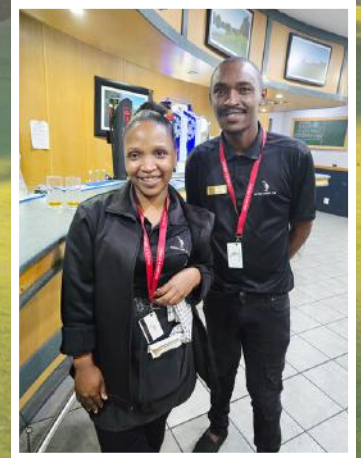
WEDNESDAY SCHOOL



29 April - 4BBS

- 1st : Rodney Downs, Wynand Hart - 41 oco
2nd : George Rautenbach, Izak Hanekom - 41
3rd : Lee Chalk, Chris Hadley Graves - 39

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14 May 2026

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- Green Fees
- Competition Fees
- Prize-giving Function

Includes:

- Green Fees
- Competition Fees
- Two Carts
- Prize-giving Function

4-Ball Alliance - 2 Scores to Count

Victoria Country Club

14 May 2026 Thursday Shotgun Start 10h30 for 11h00

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GOLF DAY**

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GOLF DAY**

VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB
PETER BROWN DRIVE, MONTROSE, PIETERMARITZBURG

29 MAY 2026
REGISTRATION FROM - 09:00
SHOTGUN START - 10:30
FORMAT - 4 BALL ALLIANCE,
2 SCORES TO COUNT

R2000 ENTRY FEE PER FOURBALL

ENTRY INCLUDES:

- GREEN FEES AND HOLE IN ONE COMPETITION ENTRY FOR R100 000 ON HOLE 6. R50 000 FOR WINNING PLAYER AND R50 000 FOR CANSA PIETERMARITZBURG
- GOODIE BAG ON REGISTRATION
- HALFWAY LUNCH VOUCHER
- MEAL AT PRESENTATION
- GOLF CARTS TO BE BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH GOLF COURSE

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Victoria Country Club

10 MAY 2026

mother's day
SUNDAY LUNCH

Because mums deserve to know how much they are loved!

PLATED MENU EXPERIENCE

CHOICE OF: STARTER & MAIN **OR** MAIN & DESSERT

CHOICE OF STARTER

Spinach & Feta Spring Rolls

Classic Avocado Ritz

Butternut Soup

CHOICE OF MAIN

Mini Seafood Platter

Chargrilled Steak

Panko-Crumbed Pork Chops

Vegetarian Pasta

CHOICE OF DESSERT


Tiramisu

Peppermint Tart

Ice Cream & Bar One Sauce

R225 PER PERSON

Bookings on 033 347 1942 or
events@victoria.co.za



MEET OUR TEAM

Pride in Every Detail



Some people work at a club. Others become part of its story. **Dumsani “Ernest” Ndadezitha** is very much the latter. Having joined Victoria Country Club in April 2004, Ernest has dedicated more than two decades of loyal service to the club, becoming one of the familiar and friendly faces that members and staff have come to know so well.

Starting his journey in the gardens, he later moved into the clubhouse team as a cleaner, where his hardworking nature, pride in his work, and positive attitude have continued to shine.

Now 58 years old, Ernest is known not only for his reliability, but for the warmth he brings to every day. Always smiling, always pleasant, and always ready with a kind word, he is the kind of gentleman who quietly lifts the spirit of those around him.

Outside of work, Ernest enjoys golf, soccer, and even stepping in as a caddy from time to time — proving that his love for the game and the course runs deep. While he says he appreciates everything about Victoria Country Club, it is the golf course itself that holds a special place in his heart.

A proud father of two daughters, Ernest’s greatest wish is simple and meaningful: good health, and to always be there for his family.

At Victoria Country Club, long service is admirable — but long service delivered with grace, humility, and a smile is something truly special. Ernest embodies exactly that.

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UNTIL WE MEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE

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