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15 OCTOBER 2026
EDITION 39



MARITZBURG OPEN

CHAMPION
GEORGE RAUTENBACH



MARITZBURG OPEN

A Champion Day

AT VICTORIA



Victoria Country Club was proud to host the Maritzburg Open on Sunday, 11 October 2026, welcoming golfers for a demanding 36-hole stroke-play competition on the KwaZulu-Natal calendar.

With two rounds of golf to complete, players faced a true test of skill, stamina and concentration. The heat and wind added another layer of challenge, making every shot, every decision and every putt count.

When the final scores were in, it was **George Rautenbach** who emerged victorious, earning a well-deserved win in a competition that demanded consistency and resilience from start to finish.

On behalf of everyone at Victoria Country Club, we extend our warmest congratulations to George on this outstanding achievement. Well played, George — we are delighted to celebrate your success!

We would also like to recognise **Farhan Pillay**, who delivered a strong performance in the competition. Congratulations, Farhan, and well done on representing yourself and the club with distinction.

A COURSE THAT ROSE TO THE OCCASION

Victoria's fairways and greens presented beautifully, and we were delighted to hear such positive feedback from players about the condition of the course.

A special word of thanks goes to our Course Superintendent, **Kriben Gounder**, and the course maintenance team. Their dedication, hard work and attention to detail helped ensure that Victoria was in outstanding condition for this important event. The compliments received from visiting golfers are a real credit to their efforts.





Thank You

To every player, visitor, supporter and member who contributed to the day, thank you for joining us and making the Maritzburg Open at Victoria such a memorable occasion.

Great golf. Great company.
A proud day at Victoria.

GOLF AROUND THE WORLD

GLOBAL GOLF STORIES THAT DRIVE THE GAME

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TOUR NEWS

THE TOUR DIVIDE

DP WORLD TOUR SETS 2027 MEMBERSHIP LINE

On 12 October, DP World Tour chief executive Guy Kinnings said players who sign up to LIV Golf's proposed LIV 2.0 for 2027 will not be offered DP World Tour membership for that season. Players must choose which circuit they will support.

This is a membership decision for 2027 — not a claim that every LIV player is banned from every golf event worldwide. DP World Tour membership is required for eligibility for Europe's Ryder Cup team.

> *"Players must choose which circuit they will support."*
>
> GUY KINNINGS
> DP WORLD TOUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE



SOUTH AFRICA

BAUTISTA WINS AT HOUGHTON

Australia's Austin Bautista won the Fortress Invitational at Houghton Golf Club on 11 October, finishing at 16-under-par after rounds of 70, 67, 64 and 67 for 268. Warwick Purchase was second at 11-under; Zander Lombard and Altin van der Merwe shared third at 10-under.



GLOBAL CALENDAR

NEXT UP: DP WORLD INDIA CHAMPIONSHIP

The DP World India Championship is scheduled for 15 – 18 October 2026 at Delhi Golf Club. Tommy Fleetwood returns as defending champion; Rory McIlroy is among the headline names in the field.

THE STORY TO WATCH

A PERIOD OF CHANGE

Professional golf is entering a period of change as players weigh tour membership, schedules and Ryder Cup pathways.

SOURCES: Reuters, 12 Oct 2026; DP World Tour / Sunshine Tour official results; Sky Sports, 12 Oct 2026.

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SUMMER *Classic*

@ VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB

14 NOVEMBER 2026

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2ND PLACE
FOUR-BALL ALLIANCE



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TOP VISITING TEAM
HIGHEST PLACED FOUR-BALL OF NON-VICTORIA MEMBERS



HIS & HERS MIXED PAIR



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14 NOVEMBER 2026

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Be part of one of the most anticipated golf days on the Victoria calendar. The Palmer Agricultural Summer Classic brings together golfers, businesses and the community for a day of great golf, meaningful connections and lasting impact.

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A STRONGER CLUB.
A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



1st TEE / 11th TEE PARTNER

Premium brand exposure at the first and eleventh tee boxes.

R950

- Branded signage
- Opportunity to engage with all players
- Great brand visibility



REFRESHMENT PARTNER

WATERING HOLE
6th & 13th

Be the name behind the popular halfway refreshment stations.

R1,000 each

- Branded refreshment station
- Engage with players
- High visibility on course



WELCOME PARTNER

Make a lasting first impression at registration.

R1,500

- Branded registration area
- Logo on welcome material
- Direct engagement with all players



PUTTING GREEN PARTNER

Put your brand at the heart of the action.

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- Branded putting green
- Player interaction
- Excellent photo opportunities



PRIZE GIVING PARTNER

Put your brand in the spotlight at prize giving.

POA

- Branding at prize giving
- Verbal recognition
- Association with key prizes



PLAYER GIFT PARTNER

Sponsor golfer goodie bags or gifts.

POA

- Branded gift items
- Logo on gift material
- An item in every golfer's bag



19TH HOLE PARTNER

Branding at prize giving as the official 19th hole sponsor.

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- Branded 19th hole area
- Recognition during prize giving
- Associate your brand with the celebrations



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Fishing on the 11th-Hole Dam

EFFECTIVE
1 DECEMBER 2026



Victoria Country Club wishes to advise all members and estate residents that fishing on the dam at the 11th hole will cease from 1 December 2026.

This decision has been made because the dam's aerators have sustained repeated damage, resulting in repair costs of tens of thousands of rand to the Club.

To protect this important infrastructure and avoid further costly damage, fishing will no longer be permitted on the 11th-hole dam from the effective date.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS & ESTATE RESIDENTS

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SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026

UNDERS VS OVERS

UNDER 40'S

OVER 40'S

A GENERATION APART.
A FAIRWAY TOGETHER.

Golf Brings Us Together



FORMAT

28 Holes in total

1st Tee – Foursomes Match Play (1-9)
10th Tee – Betterball Match Play (10-18)
1st Tee – Singles Match Play (1-10)

Point 1 for a win and 0.5 for a tie

24 players per team

CAPTAINS

OVER 40'S

Captain
Mark Coetzee
Vice-Captain
Mike Smith

UNDER 40'S

Captain
Karl Habermann
Vice-Captain
Chris Cordier

DRESS CODE

OVER 40'S



- Navy Shirts
- Beige Shorts

UNDER 40'S



- White Shirts
- Black Shorts

COMPETITION FEE

R220 PER PLAYER
including a braai

BRAAI

A braai will be available for all families to enjoy.
R100 PER PERSON

PRIZE GIVING

Compulsory attendance from players.

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GOLF GROUP BOOKINGS FOR 2027

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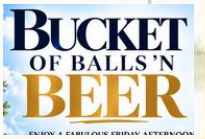
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OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2 	3 MONTHLY MUG 	4
5 	6 	7 	8	9 GOLF DAY 	10	11 
12 KZN SENIOR LADIES	13  TURF MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION	14 	15	16 	17 	18
19 KZN MONTHLY SENIORS	20 KZN SENIOR SOCIETY	21 	22	23 GOLF DAY MICHAELHOUSE HUDSON BENNET GOLF DAY	24 	25
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RESULTS

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SATURDAY CLUB COMPETITION

10 OCTOBER - CLUB COMPETITION BETTERBALL

1st : Karl Habermann, Conner Gardiner - **47 Points**
2nd : Jeff Sherman, Russell Goosen - **43**

LADIES RESULTS

13 OCTOBER - BIDVEST MCCARTHY TOYOTA - PINEHURST

1st : Mandy Leigh Bekker, Kelly Bekker - **43 Points**
2nd : Aaria Bhagwandeen, Pippa Payne - **40 oco**
3rd : Joy Chimombe, Paulette Truter - **40**

WEDNESDAY OPEN GOLF DAY

14 OCTOBER - DVN STEEL 4 BALL ALLIANCE

1st : Reece v Niekerk, John Barr, Tom Maher, Tyson O' Sullivan - **91 Points**
2nd : Luke Hayward, Mike Smith, Mark Dixon, Matt v Rooyen - **89**
3rd : Warwick Hulbert, Lloyed Moffat, Ian Morrow, Jeff Walker - **87**

LET US TAKE CARE OF YOU!

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TUESDAY *Ladies* COMPETITION

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OPEN GOLF DAY
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Pietermaritzburg
ON COURSE
V23
BORN TO PLAY
WEDNESDAY
21 OCTOBER 2026

Victoria Country Club
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SWING 'N SIP

FRIDAY
16
OCTOBER
3PM – 5PM

A little practice. A little refreshment.
A lot of Friday fun.



R100

FOR A BUCKET OF GOLF BALLS AND 2 ICE COLD CASTLE LITE BEERS!

Happy HOUR

SAB BEERS
2 FOR 1
4PM – 6PM



FROM THE OVEN
GET 2 VICTORIAN
PIZZAS
FOR JUST
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SAVE THE DATE

HAMPER DAY!!!

25 NOVEMBER 2026



Must have played in 15 Wednesday competitions to qualify.


Bring the Kids!
EGRET EXPLORERS
CLUBHOUSE
Victoria has an enchanting clubhouse just for the kids!
There's all sorts of fun activities to be had, with a dedicated child minder on hand, so that you can relax and enjoy your time at the Club.
It's golf, good food and great entertainment for the whole family!
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INDOOR PLAY AREA WITH EXCITING ACTIVITIES
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