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VICTORIAN



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COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

Progress continues
around the 9th Dam
as we enhance
our Club.

SPRINGBOKS VS ALL BLACKS

Rugby's greatest
rivalry returns.

DOUBLE CELEBRATION

Employee of the Month
honours for Thabi and
Nene.

PICKLEBALL HAS ARRIVED!

The first game gets the
thumbs up.





IN HONOUR OF
GARY PLAYER

AFRICA'S MAJOR GETS EVEN BIGGER

DeChambeau to make his debut as the
Nedbank Golf Challenge returns to Sun City



Golf legend Gary Player
with Bryson DeChambeau
ahead of DeChambeau's
debut in the Nedbank
Golf Challenge.

The Nedbank Golf Challenge in honour of Gary Player returns to the Gary Player Country Club at Sun City from 3 – 6 December 2026, bringing together an exclusive field of 66 players competing for a US\$6 million prize fund.

The Nedbank Golf Challenge is already one of the most prestigious events on the African golfing calendar. In December, however, "Africa's Major" is set to turn up the volume once again.

A STAR-STUDDED FIELD

American superstar **Bryson DeChambeau** will make his Nedbank Golf Challenge debut, marking his return to the DP World Tour for the first time since 2022.

He will be joined by a stellar line-up that already includes **Justin Rose, Viktor Hovland**, defending champion **Kristoffer Reitan**, **Casey Jarvis** and **Marco Penge**.

For South African fans, the prospect of seeing some of the world's most recognisable golfers tackle the Gary Player Country Club makes December's tournament particularly compelling.

A COURSE WITH A NEW CHALLENGE

Gary Player has personally overseen a series of strategic and aesthetic changes to the iconic layout, designed to challenge the world's best while creating more drama for spectators.

- Bush on the right of the par-three 4th has been cleared, opening up the view of the green and water from the tee.
- The 7th has a new tee complex, with the professional tee moved 25 metres further back, while a bunker has been removed from the front left of the green.
- On the par-five 9th, the removal of the right fairway bunker is designed to tempt the world's longest hitters into taking an aggressive line – potentially setting up the kind of risk-and-reward golf that makes tournament viewing so exciting.
- Further changes around the 14th and 15th holes will also test the players' course management and decision-making.

It is classic Gary Player thinking: give the world's best players opportunities, but make sure every aggressive decision comes with a price.

SOUTH AFRICAN PLAYERS IN THE 2026 FIELD

South Africa will be strongly represented with the following 13 local players:

Aldrich Potgieter
Daniel van Tonder
Thriston Lawrence
Jacques Kruijswijk
Dylan Frittelli
Ockie Strydom
Dylan Naidoo
Shaun Norris
Christiaan Bezuidenhout
Garrick Higgo
Christo Lamprecht
Yurav Premllall
Jayden Schaper

Subject to final field confirmations.

DATES

3 – 6 December 2026

VENUE

Gary Player Country Club
Sun City Resort
North West Province

PRIZE FUND

US\$6 MILLION

FIELD SIZE

66 PLAYERS
NO CUT

TOUR

DP World Tour
Opening Swing of the
Race to Dubai

More than four decades on, the Nedbank Golf Challenge remains uniquely African, proudly carrying the legacy of Gary Player while showcasing world-class golf on home soil.





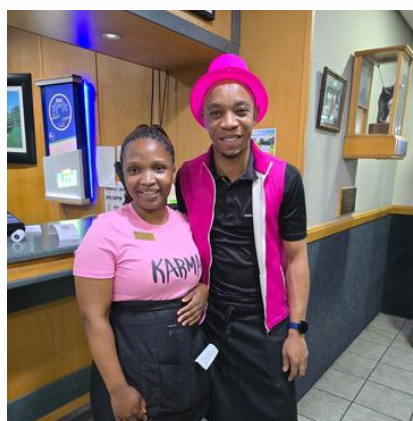
PLAYING PINK, GIVING BACK

Victoria Country Club turns pink in support of Women's Month and the Play Pink Drive

Victoria Country Club was awash with pink on Wednesday, 19 August, as members, guests and staff came together for our main fundraising day in support of the VCC Play Pink Drive.

Running throughout August, the Play Pink Drive is Victoria Country Club's contribution to Women's Month, bringing our Club community together to have a little fun, wear a little pink and, most importantly, make a difference.

Wednesday was a wonderful demonstration of what happens when the Victoria community gets behind a cause. From the golf course to the clubhouse, members, guests and staff embraced the spirit of the day – proudly wearing pink and showing their support for the initiative.



♥ ONE CLUB. ONE COMMUNITY. ONE CAUSE. ♥

THANK YOU TO THE NAIL GARDEN

Our sincere appreciation goes to Savania Chetty and her team from The Nail Garden, our Wednesday School sponsorship. We decided us on course at the 7th hole and brought their own special touch to the day.



THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST

We were equally delighted to have the Piernautsburg & District Community Chest, our fundraising partner for the initiative, represented in the form of a link to go to Mr Richard Ranghiah, Executive Director of the Community Chest, for his continued support.



THANK YOU TO CALLAWAY

Adding another dimension to the day was Callaway, with Connor on course conducting custom fittings and giving golfers the freedom to think theme. The experience the latest equipment while supporting the day's activities.



THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF

And, of course, a huge thank you to our Victoria Country Club staff. From the golf course to the clubhouse, our team enables us to think theme and got behind the cause wholeheartedly. It was wonderful to see everyone playing their part.



The Play Pink Drive continues until the end of August, with all funds raised being handed over to the Piernautsburg & District Community Chest. The funds will ultimately support **Abriina Esther House**, a safe shelter for abused women and children.



**ABRINA
ESTHER
HOUSE**

A place of safety, support and hope



IMPROVEMENTS ON THE DAM ON THE 9TH

Things are shaping up.

Our course staff are working tirelessly to get the course looking as it should.

Things are shaping up, and hopefully soon everything will be looking as Victoria should.

Please note that track marks on the 18th and around the dam on the 9th are still GUR.

Please note that all course and club rules apply.



We thank you for your patience and understanding in that we are trying to make **Victoria** a better and more playable course all year round.

SHAUN POLLOCK JOINS THE ICONS

TEAM SOUTH AFRICA WELCOMES ANOTHER CHAMPION.

Proteas legend Shaun Pollock has officially joined Ernie Els' Team South Africa for the inaugural Icons Cup South Africa.

Pollock, who plays off an impressive handicap of 1, brings a winning mentality and fierce competitiveness to an already formidable South African line-up.

A former Proteas captain and one of South Africa's great all-rounders, Pollock enjoyed an illustrious international career, finishing with more than 12 000 international runs and over 800 wickets.

He joins Captain Ernie Els, AB de Villiers, Fourie du Preez, Butch James and Vernon Philander as the team continues to take shape for this highly anticipated showdown.

The Icons Cup is more than golf – it's a three-day celebration of sport, entertainment and unforgettable moments with the world's greatest icons.

THE ICONS CUP EXPERIENCE

WORLD-CLASS SPORT

Ryder Cup-style team match play featuring fourballs, greensomes and singles.

ICONIC ATMOSPHERE

Fan zones, live entertainment, meet-and-greets and unbeatable access to the icons.

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GLOBAL REACH

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THE TEAMS SO FAR

TEAM SOUTH AFRICA	TEAM WORLD
CAPTAIN ERNIE ELS	CAPTAIN JOSÉ MARÍA OLAZÁBAL
AB DE VILLIERS	ASH BARTY
FOURIE DU PREEZ	BRIAN LARA
BUTCH JAMES	JOHN TERRY
VERNON PHILANDER	DWIGHT YORKE
SHAUN POLLOCK NEW	

More players to be announced.

DATES
11–13
DECEMBER
2026

VENUE
THE LINKS AT FANCOURT
GEORGE,
SOUTH AFRICA

FORMAT
TEAM SOUTH AFRICA
VS
TEAM WORLD

BROADCAST
LIVE TO OVER
150 COUNTRIES



RUGBY'S GREATEST RIVALRY

Springboks v All Blacks — the battle begins again

The most iconic rivalry in world rugby returns to Johannesburg.

On **Saturday, 22 August**, Ellis Park will host the first Test of the four-match "Rugby's Greatest Rivalry" series between the Springboks and the All Blacks.

It is more than a Test match. It is a clash of history, pride, passion and two nations that have defined excellence in rugby for more than a century.

Springbok head coach Rassie Erasmus has asked South African supporters for one thing before the battle begins — respect.

He wants the Ellis Park crowd to remain silent during the All Blacks' haka, just as the Cape Town crowd did, so that this powerful tradition can be heard in full.

“

I would love it if the people at Ellis Park did the same as the guys in Cape Town, where it's quiet, where we hear the haka 100%.

”

— RASSIE ERASMUS

THE HAKA

A tradition of pride and respect

The All Blacks perform two haka: Ka Mate and Kapa O Pango. Ka Mate, composed by Ngāti Toa chief Te Rauparaha in the early 1800s, speaks of life, death and rebirth:

*"Ka mate, ka mate; ka ora, ka ora."
I die, I die; I live, I live.*

It is a connection to their ancestors, their culture and to one another. Silence is not expected — it is earned.

THE RIVALRY

More than a century of history

Since their first meeting in 1921, these two rugby nations have given the world some of its most memorable moments.

From the political tensions of the past to the unity of 1995 at Ellis Park, when Nelson Mandela presented the Webb Ellis Cup, to the epic 2023 Rugby World Cup final, this rivalry has shaped the game and inspired generations.

It is respect. It is intensity. It is the ultimate benchmark.

THE SERIES

Why this one matters

The Boks are the reigning back-to-back Rugby World Cup champions. South Africa and New Zealand are the top two ranked nations in the world.

The All Blacks have shown their form on this tour with commanding victories over the Stormers, Sharks and Bulls.

Now the real test begins.

Four Tests. Two giants. One trophy.
Let the rivalry continue.



CASTLE
DOUBLE MALT

*Let us honour the haka with silence and the game with passion.
May the best team win.*



**RUGBY'S
GREATEST
RIVALRY**

THE FIRST TEST OF THE 2026 SERIES



SPRINGBOKS *VS* ALL BLACKS

RUGBY'S GREATEST RIVALRY RETURNS



SATURDAY

22 AUGUST 2026

KICK-OFF

17:10
SAST



LIVE AT REGGIE'S BAR

VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB CLUBHOUSE

MATCH-DAY DRINK SPECIALS



SAB
BEER
BUCKET

6 FOR
R170



CASTLE LITE
DRAUGHT

R35
EACH



KVV
DOUBLE
BRANDY
& COKE

R50
EACH



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ON COURSE

SATURDAY | 22 AUGUST 2026

AT VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB



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Premier League

PLAYING AT HOME



23 AUGUST 2026



FROM 7:00 AM

VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB IS PROUD TO HOST
KZN GOLF UNION'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Eight teams from across KwaZulu-Natal.
One home course. **One** great day of golf.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR PREMIER LEAGUE

Let's get behind our team as they take on
the best from across KwaZulu-Natal — **right here at home.**

GOOD LUCK, VICTORIA!





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WHAT THE PICKLE!

Pickleball has arrived at Victoria — and the first game has already received a very enthusiastic **thumbs up**.

SOCIAL WEEKEND



FRIDAY
28 AUGUST

BRING & BRAAI

18:00 – 20:00

Victoria Country Club will supply the rolls and salad.



SATURDAY
29 AUGUST

SOCIAL PICKLE

08:00 – 10:00

Victoria Country Club will provide boere rolls and salad.

See the fun for yourself!



Come and discover pickleball at Victoria.

Come. Play. Pickle.





Huge Congratulations

THABI & NENE

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

JULY 2026

In July, we simply could not choose between two extraordinary ladies who go above and beyond every single day at **Halfway House**.

Thabi and Nene are the heart of Halfway. They work silently, consistently and with so much pride, keeping the halfway running smoothly while creating an environment filled with **smiles, laughter, conversation, love** and **community**.

They keep our members engaged and well taken care of, always anticipating what is needed and always delivering the best service.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and Management of Victoria Country Club, we thank you both for your **outstanding service** to our Club, our members and our community.

Thank you for keeping Halfway House such a wonderful environment. You make a real difference, every day.

“Your dedication, warmth and care are truly appreciated.”



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THANK YOU THABI & NENE
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any destination, we've
got you covered.

YOUR JOURNEY, *our priority.*



AUGUST 2026

Plan. Play. Enjoy.
MAKE EVERY MOMENT COUNT.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						MONTHLY MUG
2	3	4 LADIES GOLF	5 GAS & GENERAL WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY GAS & GENERAL	6	7 COWAN HOUSE COWAN HOUSE GOLF DAY	8 SPRINGBOKS ARGENTINA VS SA 20:00 SuperSport
9 <i>Happy Women's Day!</i> Celebrating the strength, grace and contribution of women everywhere.	10 <i>Public Holiday</i>	11 spec savers LADIES GOLF	12	13 FREE LADIES GOLF CLINIC BOOKED BY EMAIL	14 HILTON PRE-PRIMARY	15 GRAHAM BROWN TROPHY
16 VRYDER CUP GOLF DAY	17	18 SAFIRE LADIES GOLF	19 THE NAIL GARDEN WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY THE NAIL GARDEN	20	21 All Saints United Church ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOLF DAY	22 iCAR SA VS NEW ZEALAND 19:00 SuperSport
23 Premier League	24	25 spec savers LADIES GOLF	26 Seeff MIDLANDS WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY SEEFF MIDLANDS/MOFFAT OTICAL	27	28 LADDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL LADDSWORTH PRIMARY GOLF DAY	29 SA VS NEW ZEALAND 17:30 Cape Town
30 <i>Spring Treatment</i>	31 <i>Spring Treatment</i>					

Here's to strong women. May we know them. May we be them. May we raise them.

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SATURDAY CLUB COMPETITION

15 AUGUST - GRAHAM BROWN TROPHY

1st : Brian Parsonage, Colin Everson - 48 Points

2nd : Brenda Maher, Alan Maher - 45

3rd : Mike Smith, Ashley Tarr - 45

LADIES RESULTS

18 AUGUST - SAFIRE - MEDAL & PUTTS

SILVER DIVISION

1st : Wendy Carruthers - 68 Nett

2nd : Pippa Payne - 71

3rd : Judy Anderson - 76

BRONZE DIVISION

1st : Robyn Becker - 65 Nett

2nd : Marion Todd - 68 oco

3rd : Sue Tatham - 68



INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

1st : Rita Forder - 35 oco

2nd : Heather Hayter - 35

3rd : Veronica Shearer - 28

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

19 AUGUST - THE NAIL GARDEN - 4 BALL BETTERBALL

1st : Kriben Gounder, Larry Brown - 46 Points

2nd : Bevan Pillay, Jaden Chetty - 45

3rd : Pippa Payne, Brenda Maher - 44



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VISITOR RATES

 DAY	 GREEN FEES	 CART FEE PER CART
MONDAY & THURSDAY	R190 BEFORE 9AM R330 AFTER 9AM	R400
WEDNESDAY	R490 (INCLUDING COMP FEE)	R450
SATURDAY	R525	R450
SUNDAY	R460	R450



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Full Social Membership	R1 908	R215
Junior Golf Membership	R2 796	R310
Male Intermediate 1 (23–30)	R6 710	R740
Male Intermediate 2 (31–40)	R8 946	R985
Full Male Golf Membership (10 Rounds)	R10 262	R1 675
Full Lady Golf Membership	R9 000	R990

FINANCIAL YEAR: JANUARY – DECEMBER



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