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OUR PEOPLE

Friendship.
Competition.
Community.



SOLHEIM CUP AT VICTORIA

Great golf, stronger friendships and a true Victoria spirit.

SOLHEIM CUP
Spirit Comes to Victoria Country Club

There was plenty of colour, camaraderie and friendly rivalry at Victoria Country Club on Monday, when 24 ladies from VCC and Gowrie came together for our very own ladies' Solheim Cup.



Inspired by the famous Solheim Cup — the women's professional team competition between Europe and the USA, first played in 1990 — our ladies were mixed across two teams, with Team Europe in blue and yellow and Team USA in red, white and blue. Just like the real event, the day featured foursomes, betterball and singles match play, played over a total of 27 holes.

And what a competition it turned out to be! After 27 closely fought holes, there was just a single point separating the two sides, with Team USA eventually claiming victory over Team Europe by 12½ points to 11½.

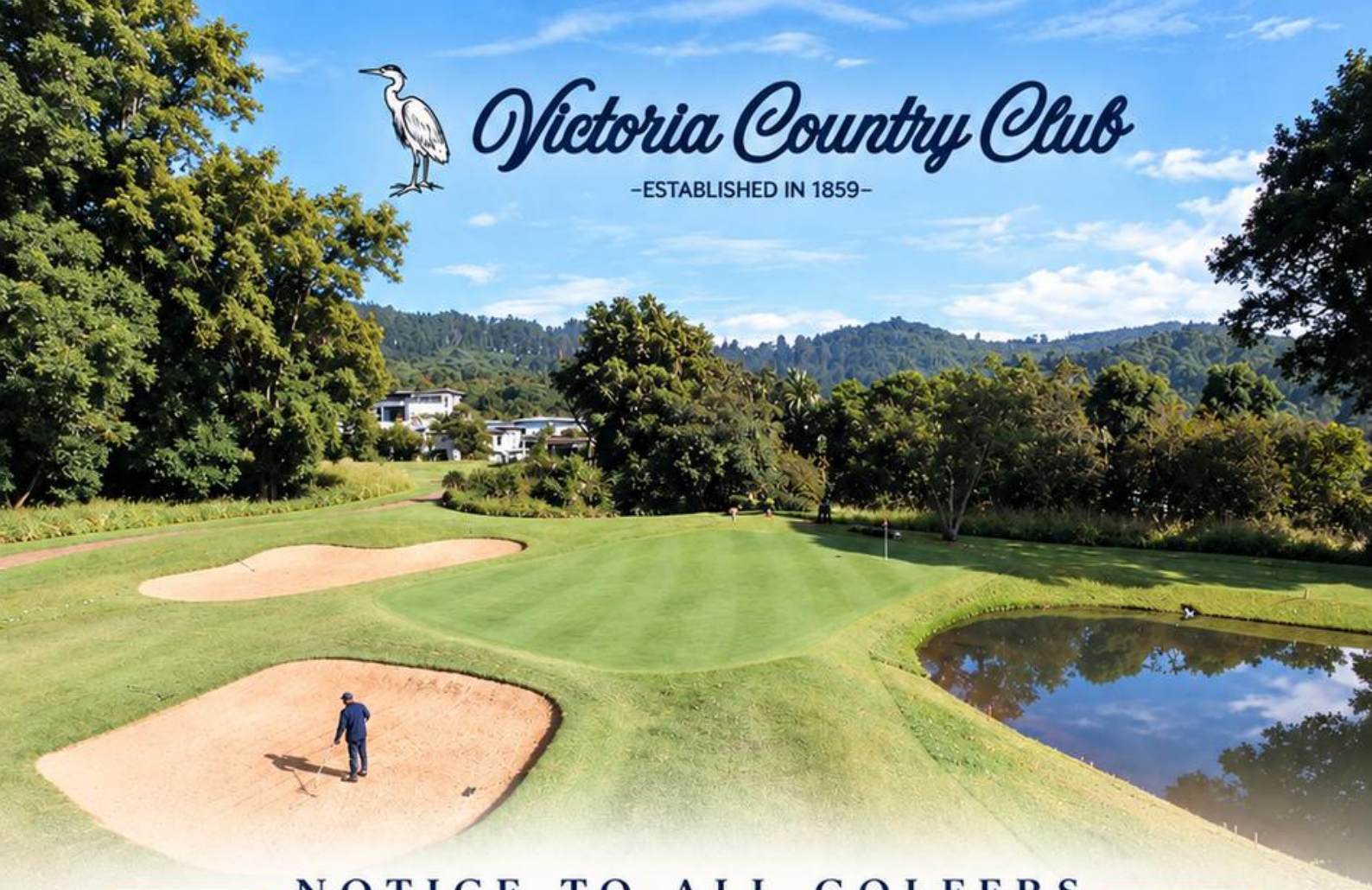


There was no shortage of team spirit along the way. The colourful outfits, flags, balloons and plenty of friendly banter added to the occasion, while the match-play format brought out just the right amount of competitive spirit.

While there was, of course, a trophy to play for, the real success of the day was bringing 24 ladies together for a wonderful day of golf, friendship and fun. Judging by the laughter, camaraderie and smiles both on and off the course, our ladies' Solheim Cup is certainly a tradition worth keeping alive.

Congratulations to Team USA, and here's to the next one!

by Kelly Bekker



Victoria Country Club

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NOTICE TO ALL GOLFERS

FUEL LEVY

ON EVERY ROUND

R10

ADDITIONAL FUEL LEVY PER ROUND

Due to rising fuel costs required to maintain our course, an additional R10 fuel levy will be added to every round.

This contribution helps us continue to maintain the course to the standards our golfers expect.

Thank you

FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



Supporting *Wednesday Golf*

It takes a club, a sponsor and a community.

Every Wednesday at Victoria Country Club is more than just a competition. It is a showcase of the generosity and support of our sponsors, who make the day possible for all our golfers.

More than just a name

Securing a Wednesday sponsor involves time, meetings, consultations and careful planning. Our sponsors invest in Victoria because they value our Club, our members and our golfing community.

On the day

Many of our sponsors close their businesses for the day and bring their staff to the Club. They spend hours on the course, engaging with golfers, assisting with the competition and creating a presence around the Club. They give up valuable time because they want to be part of the Victoria experience.

Prizes made possible

The sponsorship covers the cost of the prizes — our popular meat prizes that everyone looks forward to — and helps ensure the competition remains enjoyable for all. Without sponsors, it would be a significant challenge for the Club to sustain these prize offerings.

Prize-giving matters

Staying for prize-giving is a simple but meaningful way to show your appreciation. Whether you have won a prize or not, it is a chance to thank the sponsor, meet their team, celebrate the winners and enjoy the camaraderie that makes Victoria special.

Show up, say thank you

So, when you play in a sponsored Wednesday competition, we encourage you to stay for prize-giving. Your presence shows respect for the sponsor's investment, supports their efforts and helps us continue to attract sponsors who make these days so enjoyable for everyone.



"The scorecard may tell us who won. The clubhouse is where we build the community."

Great golf. Generous sponsors. A stronger Victoria.

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ALL PLAYERS WELCOME.



A DAY FOR OUR CLUB.

HOSTED BY VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB. FOR VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB.

On **14 November 2026**, Victoria Country Club will host the **Palmer Agricultural Summer Classic**, a golf day created not only to bring people together for a great day on the course, but to give back to the club we call home.

This fundraising golf day is being hosted by the club, for the club, with the funds raised going directly towards the continued maintenance, care and development of our course and facilities.

A PREMIUM COURSE TAKES A TEAM.

Behind every beautifully maintained fairway, every carefully prepared green and every playable surface is a team of people investing countless hours, expertise and resources. It takes planning, equipment, manpower and ongoing investment to keep our course performing at the standard our members and visitors expect – and that comes at a real cost.

The Summer Classic is about helping us meet that cost together.



OUR CLUB. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR HOME.

Golf has always been about more than the scorecard. It is about friendships, competition, community and having a place that feels like home.

We want our members, guests, businesses and friends of Victoria to come on board and support this special day – whether by entering a fourball, becoming a sponsor, supporting a prize or simply getting behind the event.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

1st TEE / 11th TEE PARTNER First Tee & Eleventh Tee Boxes	R950
REFRESHMENT PARTNER Watering Hole – 6th & 13th	R1,000 each
WELCOME PARTNER Registration	R1,500
PUTTING GREEN PARTNER Putting Green	R2,500
PRIZE GIVING PARTNER Sponsor prizes	POA
PLAYER GIFT PARTNER Sponsor golfer goodie bags / gifts	POA
19TH HOLE PARTNER Branding at prize giving as the 19th Hole sponsor	R1,500

BE PART OF THE SUMMER CLASSIC.

14 NOVEMBER 2026
VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB

To secure your sponsorship opportunity, contact **marketing@victoria.co.za** or the Pro Shop.

UP. UP. UPGRADES!!!



We are pleased to inform our members that the **Clubhouse roof is currently being completely replaced.**

This is an important investment in the long-term maintenance, safety and integrity of our Clubhouse, and will ensure that Victoria Country Club continues to be a welcoming and well-maintained home for our members, guests and visitors for many years to come.

Thank you

FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING

During this process there may be some noise, restricted areas and temporary disruption around the clubhouse. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to complete this essential upgrade.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Mr Ron Jury

Victoria Country Club extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Ron Jury, a valued member of our Club.

May the memories of his life, friendship and time shared with our Club remain a lasting source of comfort.

Our thoughts are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

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MONDAY
5 OCTOBER 2026

10:00 AM

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UNDER 40'S

OVER 40'S

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A FAIRWAY TOGETHER.

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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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RIVALRY ON THE FAIRWAYS



BOKS, BIRDIES & BLUNDERS

Grant Edkins shares a tour guide's extraordinary journey with 78 New Zealand rugby supporters

On Wednesday, 30 September, Victoria Country Club was treated to a truly entertaining and insightful evening with Grant Edkins, who shared his remarkable experience as an unexpected tour guide for 78 New Zealand rugby supporters.

What began as an emergency role quickly turned into an unforgettable adventure as Grant navigated his group through the highs and lows of South Africa while they were here to witness the rugby's greatest rivalry – the Springboks vs New Zealand.



> *"Sometimes we all live in bubbles, and it's nice to hear about the experiences of others so we can learn."*

A journey with its challenges

Grant shared many amusing – and at times frustrating – stories of the realities of South Africa. From unexpected obstacles with crime, theft and fraud, to the everyday challenges that we, as locals, so often take in our stride, his stories gave a unique insight into what first-time visitors experience. Yet, through it all, Grant's group of Kiwis remained positive and enthusiastic.

Warmth, hospitality and Ubuntu

Despite the challenges, the New Zealand supporters were deeply impressed by the warmth, hospitality and Ubuntu of South Africans. They loved the people, the spirit, the camaraderie and the incredible beauty of our country. Grant's stories were a reminder that, while South Africa has its difficulties, it also offers an experience that leaves a lasting impression on visitors from around the world.

Boks, Birdies and a little revenge

The tour wasn't just about rugby. The Kiwis also played a round of golf in Cape Town, where they took on a South Africa vs New Zealand golf tournament – and this time, the New Zealanders came out on top! Although the Springboks triumphed on the rugby field, the Kiwis walked away with the golf trophy.

There is now a proud challenge ahead: when the next rugby series travels to New Zealand, our South African golfers will have the chance to reclaim that trophy!

Thank you, Grant!

To Grant Edkins, and to Rob for helping bring this presentation together, thank you for sharing your stories with us. It was an entertaining, thought-provoking and valuable reminder of the many perspectives that exist beyond our own.

Victoria Country Club truly appreciates your time and the wonderful insight you brought to our members and guests.





OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2 	3 MONTHLY MUG 	4
5 	6 specsavers	7 FIRST BATTERY CENTRE	8	9 GOLF DAY The Wykeham Collegiate	10	11
12	13 McCarthy TOYOTA OUR PEOPLE DELIVER Proudly Bidvest	14 DVN STEEL	15	16	17 	18
19	20	21 ICAR Pietermaritzburg	22	23 GOLF DAY MICHAELHOUSE CORPORATE GOLF DAY	24 	25
26	27 SAFIRE INSURANCE SINCE 87	28 Floor Smart	29	30 GOLF DAY MARITZBURG COLLEGE	31	

RESULTS

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SATURDAY CLUB COMPETITION

26 SEPTEMBER - 4 BALL BETTERBALL

1st : Mark Coetzee, Eckard Habermann - **49 Points**
2nd : Deron Naidoo, Farhan Pillay - **46**
3rd : Pat Trimborn, Olie James - **44 oco**

LADIES RESULTS

29 SEPTEMBER - ARAUJO ATTORNEYS - 4 BALL ALLIANCE

1st : Mandy Leigh Bekker, Pippa Payne, Brigid Lutz, Sue Tatham - **91 Points**
2nd : Jenny Hallowes, Wendy Haynes, Brenda Maher Mieke Walsh - **88**
3rd : Annette Balcomb, Pamela Grundy, Marin Todd Simone Raymond - **81**

WEDNESDAY OPEN GOLF DAY

30 SEPTEMBER - PMB & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST - 4 BA

1st :Allistair Moores-Pitt, Mark v Heerden, Roger Newman Michael Smith - **86 oco**
2nd :Warwick, Hulbert, Lloyd, Moffat, Peter Newman Dawie Louw - **86**
3rd : Derrick vd Merwe, Braan van Heeden, Dawie de Wet Colin Everson - **85**

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