

CBC OLD BOYS NEWSLETTER

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Remembering the Club's Wartime Connection

The club was recently contacted by a researcher and archivist from Glenwood High School in KwaZulu-Natal, who has been documenting former pupils from South African schools who lost their lives during World War II.

After completing research into Glenwood's fallen alumni, he was approached by a CBC Kimberley Old Boy to investigate former CBC pupils who served during the war. His work later extended to CBC Pretoria (St Gabriel's), resulting in a remarkably detailed historical record connected to the club's memorial history.

For many members who spent time at CBC during the 1980s, one particular reminder of that history will still be familiar: the military tank that once stood on the club grounds.

The tank was later moved to the MOH (Memorable Order of Tin Hats) clubhouse in Lyttelton, where it remains today.

Pictured is former groundskeeper *Banda Nelson* alongside the tank during its years at CBC. For many older members, it remains a lasting part of the club's history and character.



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CBCOB MEMBERS ENJOY ADDED VALUE ACROSS THE CLUB.

Members who have been with the club for six months or longer qualify for **50% off venue hire**, making it easier to host private functions and events at the club.

All members also receive a **10% discount** at the main club bar - The Pavilion Pub.

*Memorial Hall Upgrade***RENOVATIONS UPDATE**

Recent upgrades to the Memorial Hall have included the installation of new soundproofing panels, dramatically improving the acoustics inside the venue.

The difference has already been noticeable, particularly during meetings, conferences, presentations and private functions, where reduced echoing has created a far more comfortable and professional environment.

The work forms part of the club's continued investment into improving its event and conferencing facilities.

**BEFORE**

Work underway inside the Memorial Hall as the next phase of venue improvements began taking shape.

**AFTER**

The upgraded Memorial Hall now offers a far more refined and comfortable space for meetings, conferences and private events.

Venue bookings can be made through venue manager Cheyna on [074 802 1990](tel:0748021990) OR click the link below to fill in an enquiry form for events at CBCOB.

[ENQUIRY FORM](#)**2026 AGM COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

CBCOB members elect new committee at Annual General Meeting held on 15 April 2026.

The following members were elected to serve on the CBC Old Boys committee for the period of 2025-2026:

- **Johan Grobler** - Chairman
- **Renier Smit** - Vice Chairman
- **Rod Watters** - Secretary
- **Martin Ryan** - Committee Member
- **Wesley van den Heever** - Committee Member
- **Dylan Kotze** - Committee Member

We thank these members for their dedication and commitment to the growth and sustainability of the club.

CLUB CELEBRATIONS

Club Manager, Ursula King, celebrates her birthday this May.

We wish Ursula a wonderful year ahead and thank her for the energy, dedication and passion she continues to bring to CBCOB. Her contribution behind the scenes plays an important role in keeping the club running smoothly and creating a welcoming environment for members and visitors alike.

FOOTBALL CLUB DEVELOPMENT



CHARLTON ATHLETIC TRAINING CLINIC

As part of the club's ongoing commitment to elite player development, CBC Old Boys recently hosted Charlton Athletic for a high-performance training clinic led by UEFA-licensed coaches.

The sessions focused on technical detail, decision-making and overall game understanding, giving players direct exposure to professional coaching standards.

The clinic formed part of The Football Union's growing partnership with Charlton Athletic, creating meaningful international exposure and future development pathways for local players.



Club & Activity Corner

OUR RESIDENT FOOTBALL CLUB

The Football Union runs a full club programme at CBC Old Boys under Blue Hills United, catering for players aged 6–19.

Club teams train weekly in a structured, high-quality environment led by qualified Football Union coaches, with a strong focus on development, enjoyment and progression. Players compete in the Pretoria LFA league on weekends, giving them regular match exposure alongside training.

The programme continues to grow at CBC, creating an environment where young players are challenged, supported and encouraged to develop their game in a positive team culture.

For more information or to get involved, contact The Football Union at info@thefootballunion.co.za

A PLACE TO GATHER



New furniture has recently been added to the squash club viewing area, continuing the club's focus on creating one of Pretoria's leading squash environments both on and off the court.

The handcrafted Kiaat tables and steel-frame seating add a warm, modern touch to the space while giving members and visitors a comfortable place to connect after matches, training sessions and club events.

The ongoing upgrades form part of CBCOB Squash's commitment to building a club culture that players are proud to be part of.

NEW SQUASH KIT UNVEILED



CBCOB Squash recently unveiled its new club kit, proudly sponsored by member Sivert Wiid through **Super Agri Science**.

The new look kit brings a fresh identity to the squash section and reflects the continued support shown by members towards club sport and development.

Super Agri Science supplies nutraceutical, anti-bacterial and natural products to the poultry, pig, ruminant and animal processing industries, with a strong focus on sustainability and responsible farming practices.

More information can be found at:

www.superagriscience.co.za

CBCOB members modelling the newly launched squash kit.



Did You?
KNOW?

SQUASH ON THE OLYMPIC STAGE

Squash will officially make its Olympic debut at the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles after missing out on inclusion on several previous occasions.

The sport will feature men's and women's individual events, with 16 players competing in each division. In a unique twist, the squash events are expected to take place on the Universal Studios Lot in California.

The reason had nothing to do with the game itself. The touring side had to leave to catch their ship home.

The result was recorded as a draw.

With squash continuing to grow both internationally and at club level, it marks an exciting moment for players and supporters of the game, including the CBC Old Boys squash community.

CBCOB COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT

Dirkie van der Merwe completes full Ironman South Africa

CBC Old Boys congratulates Dirkie van der Merwe of Bicycology, one of the club's tenants and neighbours on the CBCOB property, on completing the full Ironman South Africa last weekend.

The event is recognised as one of the toughest endurance races in the world, consisting of a 3.9km swim, a 180.2km cycling leg and a full 42.2km marathon run.

Completing the race is a remarkable achievement requiring months of preparation, endurance and determination. CBCOB congratulates Dirkie on an outstanding accomplishment.





MEMBER ADVERTISING

Do you own a business?
 CBC members who own businesses can advertise here. Reach the club community directly.

Limited space available each month.

JOIN THE CBCOB COMMUNITY



Stay connected with everything happening around the club through the official **CBCOB Memorial Club WhatsApp Community**.

Receive updates on club news, upcoming events, sporting fixtures, venue specials, announcements and community notices directly from CBCOB.

Members and supporters can join by scanning the QR code or by clicking the community link above.



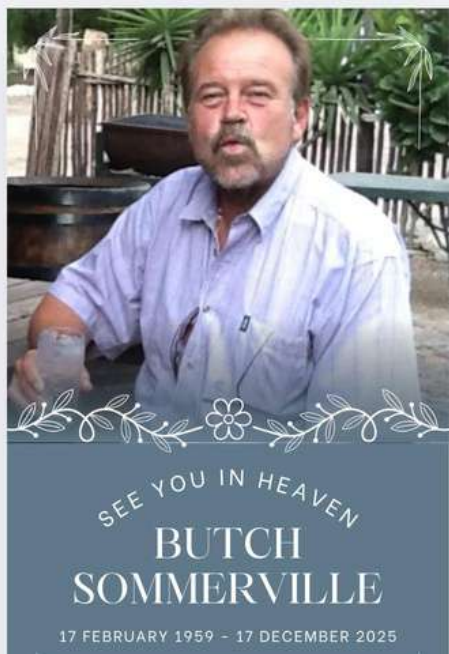
CBCOB Memorial Club
 WhatsApp community



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Members Memorial



CBC Old Boys remembers member *Butch Sommerville* and extends its condolences to his family, friends and fellow members.

Our thoughts remain with his family, friends and fellow members.

STAY CONNECTED WITH CBCOB

Follow CBC Old Boys Club Pretoria across our social platforms

Keep up to date with club news, events, venue updates, sporting highlights and community features by following CBC Old Boys Club online.

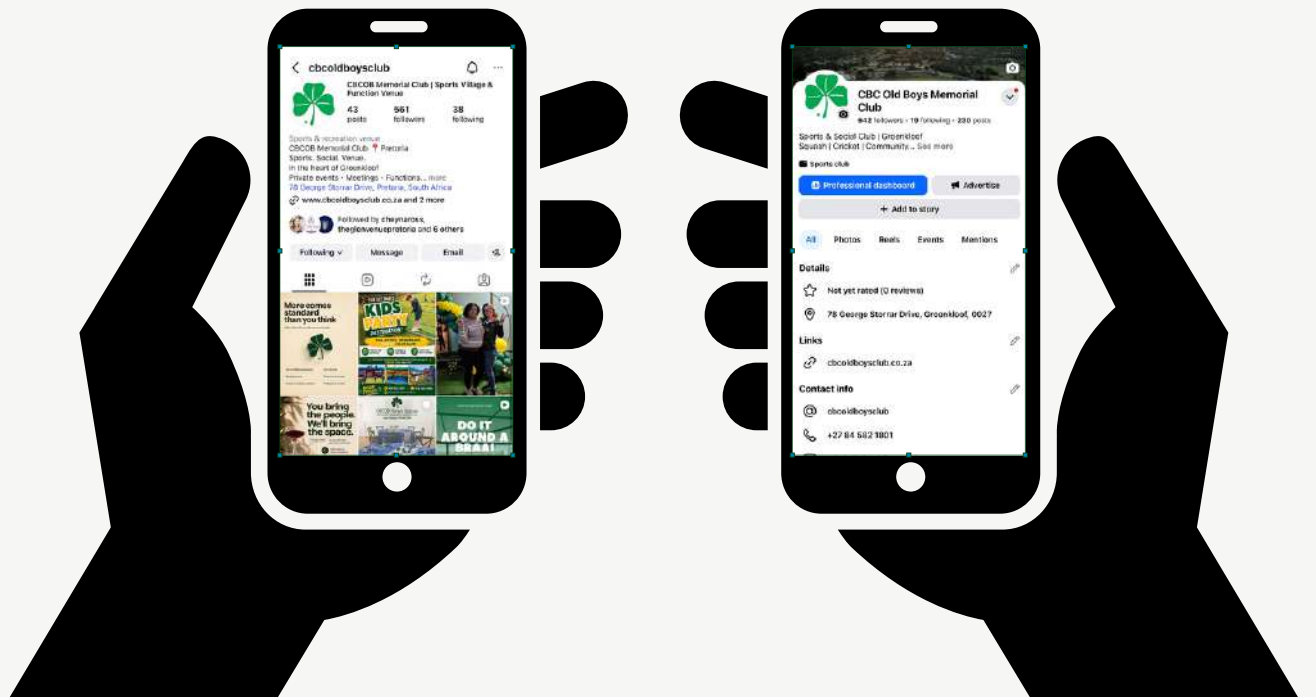
From matchday moments and member updates to venue showcases and club announcements, our social platforms are the best way to stay connected with everything happening around CBCOB.



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CBCOB Venue Spaces

Host your next event at CBC Old Boys
Memorial Club.



CBCOB Venue Spaces

Memorial Hall - Heritage Room - Pavilion Pub Patio

Looking for a Venue?

We offer various venue
options to suit your needs:

- Conference / Private Venue
- Meeting Room
- Braai Area
- Patio
- Sports Facilities
- Prep Kitchen available



Optional self-catering, our various venue spaces can help you host your next conference, meeting, team building, or private event like birthday parties, engagement celebrations, or kitchen teas.

Venue Inquiries & Bookings:

074 802 1990 | www.shescheyna.co.za

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