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# NEWSLETTER

MIDLANDS SQUASH UNION

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## WELCOME

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We are thrilled to bring you the very first edition of our 2025 newsletter. This marks the beginning of an exciting journey where we aim to keep you updated with the latest news, events, and developments in the world of squash within the Midlands region.

Thank you for being a part of our squash community. Together, let's continue to grow and promote the sport we love.

Happy reading and see you on the court!

Always  
warm-up  
before going  
on court and  
stretch  
thoroughly  
after you  
play.

ALL I WANT TO DO IS



## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

We are thrilled to announce the continuation of our dedicated **Youth Development Programs!** These programs play a crucial role in nurturing young talent and fostering a love for squash within our community.

**Dates:** To be confirmed soon.

**Stay Informed:** Watch for further details and updates via email, Facebook, and WhatsApp.

PMB Children's Home and Sunlit Gardens has joined our development program and many of the children lacked essential equipment such as shoes and racquets due to their circumstances. To ensure continued participation, Midlands Squash Union is seeking donations of:

**Used Squash Shoes and Used Squash Racquets.** These donations will play a crucial role in enabling these children to fully engage in the sport. You can drop off your donations with Rennisha at the MSU office

## REPS MEETING

24 FEB 2025

The REPS meeting will be held on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025. All Clubs are to please ensure that a league representative is available to attend this meeting or appoint a suitable delegate to represent your club

## MASTER'S SUBSCRIPTION

Your Subscription fee for 2025 is R650 which includes the SA Masters Levy, entry into the Spring League and a Warm-up Top (if paid before the 31 March 2025). Kindly indicate your size on the google docs form. Membership is open to anyone 35 years and older. The proof of payment and duly completed Masters form must be submitted via google docs. [2025 Masters Subscription](#)

## SPORTYHQ REGISTRATION

There has been an increase in SportyHQ registration fees for 2025. All players participating in any league or tournament are required to register with Squash SA at the cost of R 275.00 per annum. Most clubs have included this fee into their membership fees for the year, please check with your club first before doing an individual registration.



## THE OTHER SPORTS ARE JUST SPORTS SQUASH IS A LOVE

### CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

**5-9 MAY 2025**

The Midlands Squash Championship is a highlight of the local squash calendar, catering to different skill levels, ensuring a challenging and rewarding experience for everyone..

This tournament is open to all Midlands players, young and old and provides a stage for both seasoned players and emerging talent to demonstrate their abilities and get ranked. There will be no Winter League during this week. All finals will be played at Collegians followed by the prize giving and cocktail party.

Entries will be done via SportyHQ. We are looking for a sponsor for this tournament in return the sponsor will receive exclusive naming rights, prominent logo placement on all emails, letterheads, Social Media etc. and exposure to a passionate and active community.

### INTERTOWN

**12 APRIL 2025**

Kick-off April with a competitive Inter Town!

The first Inter Town takes place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April in PMB and is open to all Midlands players. The second Inter Town is a Masters' event and will take place later in the year in Durban, in preparation for IPT Doubles.

This is always a good measure for ours and KZN's Doubles IPT sides prior to the Tournament.

### MSU SOCIAL DOUBLES

**28 MARCH 2025**

The MSU Social Doubles is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow Midlands players and enjoy a social evening. This event is now open to all players in the Midlands region. Keep a lookout for entry details

### GROWTHPOINT IPT

**7-11 JULY 2025**

The Growthpoint IPT takes place in Port Elizabeth this year from **7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**. This is the highlight of our squash calendar, and we are currently putting together our best players to participate in this very competitive event.



## DSIPT

**5-7 SEPT 2025**

Join us for the 36th Dave Short Masters Invitational IPT from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September in Pietermaritzburg. This prestigious Masters tournament brings together players from across South Africa for three days of exciting competition and camaraderie. Enjoy matches across various courts and daily social functions to connect with fellow players.

We are currently seeking a major sponsor for this esteemed event. If you or someone you know is interested in reaching a targeted audience of passionate squash players across South Africa through impactful advertising opportunities, please contact Rennisha at the MSU office.

Further information regarding the tournament, including entry details and prize schedules, will be released soon.

## WINTER LEAGUE

**17 APRIL – 18 SEPTEMBER 2025**

We are excited to share that **CUT RIGHT KITCHENS** has renewed their sponsorship with Midlands Squash for 2025! A huge thank you to Denis Harel of **CUT RIGHT KITCHENS** for his unwavering commitment to our squash community.

Games usually occur in a home-and-away style, where teams play on each other's assigned courts. Although Catering isn't required, politeness is essential! Kindly notify your opponents ahead of time if you will not be offering a meal/snack.

The 2024 Club of the Year, VCC, is set to hold the prizegiving ceremony on the 26<sup>th</sup> September

Just a reminder, it is required for all junior players to wear protective eyewear during matches, as per Squash SA regulations.

We urge every player to register on SportyHQ [www.sportyhq.com](http://www.sportyhq.com) to remain informed about results, logs, standings, and additional information!

The Men's 1st League teams will compete again in a final held at a single venue. Keep an eye on our social media accounts and WhatsApp for more information.

**What sport do all spiders refuse to play?**



**SQUASH!**

## **MASTERS IPT SINGLES**

**23-27 MAY 2025**

This is being held in Johannesburg and is open to Masters Members only. There will be no age groups this year – seeding only. To Enter your team contact the MSU office.

## **MIDLANDS DOUBLES SPRING LEAGUE**

**6 October – 24 November 2025**

This was originally a Masters League but is now been open to all players in the Midlands region and will be held every Monday from 6 October to the 24 November 2025 at Collegians Club This is a doubles only tournament and entries will be limited. Enter early to avoid disappointment.

## **MASTERS IPT DOUBLES**

**5-8 NOVEMBER 2025**

2025 will see us travelling not too far this year. Durban will be hosting the 2025 Masters IPT Doubles from the 5-8 November. We will keep you updated on this tournament news once we receive it.

## **MSU GOLF DAY**

**16 MAY 2025**

Our annual Golf Day fundraiser will be held on **Friday the 16 May 2025** at the Maritzburg Golf Club.

The monies raised from this event, in addition to the monies raised from other fund-raising efforts during the year, are important to support the MSU's financial commitments and to grow the game of squash in the Midlands.

We have spots available for hole sponsorships at a cost of R300, R600 and R800. Your company will be able to set up branding at the area that you have been assigned to.

The cost to participate is R1600 per team, which includes green fees and an on-the-go lunch. We will also be running a raffle during the day, with prizes donated by local businesses.

We hope that you will join us for this fun and important event. To register as a team or to book a hole for sponsorship, please contact anyone of the numbers on the golf day poster.



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# GOLF DAY

# 2025

**FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**MARITZBURG GOLF CLUB**

**Tee off times from  
10.00am**

**TO ENTER, CONTACT**

**info@midlandssquash.co.za (068 601 8975)**

**robouweloos@gmail.com (081 279 4578)**

**brad.white@psg.co.za (083 659 9490)**

**R1600 PER 4 BALL**

*Includes green fees, competition fees, grab & go meal, refreshment and prize-giving function*



## GOLF PRICING

4 ball alliance, 2 to count on all holes.

Scramble drive on all holes (must use each players tee shot at least 3 times).

Maximum handicap for non handicapped golfers is 16.

**Limited carts available and must be booked through MGC**

## GOLF FORMAT

**PAYMENTS VIA EFT TO:**

Midlands Squash Union, Nedbank, acc. No. 13405 39993, Code: 134025  
Ref: Your name/company.

**\* Cash only accepted on the day**



## BANKING INFO

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“The tougher it gets on the Squash court, the more passionate the victory becomes”

- *Nour el Sherbini*



## CONNECT WITH US

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### Stay Connected:

- Visit the MSU website (<https://www.midlandssquash.co.za>) for detailed information and registration links.
- Follow us on Facebook/Instagram (@MidlandsSquashUnion) for updates, photos, and behind-the-scenes action.
- Join the MSU WhatsApp group for quick announcements and a vibrant community of squash lovers.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DjnNYKM0CqhLVRAo8n8nCS>

- Scan our QR Code for our website
- Tel/WhatsApp: 068 601 8975

## CONCLUSION

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Get ready for a thrilling year of squash in Pietermaritzburg! The MSU is committed to hosting a variety of events for all ages and skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, there's an opportunity for you. Check out the **tentative** 2025 event calendar and join the fun!

Connect with fellow players, experience the thrill of the game, and discover your potential on the court

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# MSU UPCOMING EVENTS

**2025** JAN-  
MAY

**20 JAN**

**MIDLANDS SQUASH AGM**  
AT COLLEGIANS HORSE SHOE BAR

**MSU REPS MEETING**  
AT COLLEGIANS HORSE SHOE BAR

**24 FEB**

**28 MAR**

**MASTERS SOCIAL DOUBLES**  
PIETERMARITZBURG

**INTERTOWN DOUBLES**  
PIETERMARITZBURG

**12 APR**

**17 APR**

**WINTER LEAGUE STARTS**  
VARIOUS CLUBS

**MIDLANDS CLOSED CHAMPS**  
VARIOUS CLUBS

**5-9 MAY**

**16 MAY**

**MSU GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER**  
MARITZBURG GOLF CLUB

**SA MASTERS IPT SINGLES**  
JOHANNESBURG

**23-27 MAY**

Contact [info@midlandssquash.co.za](mailto:info@midlandssquash.co.za) for further info

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# MSU UPCOMING EVENTS

**2025** JUNE  
-DEC

**GROWTHPOINT SENIOR REGIONALS**  
PIETERMARITZBURG

**6-8 JUNE**

**7-11 JULY**

**GROWTHPOINT JARVIS/KAPLAN CUP**  
PORT ELIZABETH

**DAVE SHORT MASTERS IPT**  
VARIOUS CLUBS

**5-7 SEPT**

**26 SEPT**

**WINTER LEAGUE AWARDS**  
VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB

**MIDLANDS DOUBLES SPRING LEAGUE**  
PIETERMARITZBURG

**6 OCT –  
24 NOV**

**OCT**

**INTERTOWN DOUBLES**  
DURBAN

**MASTERS IPT DOUBLES**  
KZN

**5-8 NOV**

Contact [info@midlandssquash.co.za](mailto:info@midlandssquash.co.za) for further info

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