

MIDLANDS SQUASH UNION NEWSLETTER

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INSIDE THE MIDLANDS SQUASH CIRCUIT

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NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

The year is young, and the courts of **Pietermaritzburg** are already buzzing with the promise of an incredible season ahead. The **Midlands Squash Union (MSU)** is thrilled to kick off 2026 by sharing a glimpse of the upcoming events designed to keep your adrenaline pumping and your racquets flying. Whether you are a seasoned league veteran or a newcomer looking to sharpen your drop shot, this year's calendar is packed with opportunities to compete, connect, and celebrate the sport we love.

REPS MEETING

23 FEB 2025

The REPS meeting will be held on Monday the 23 February 2026. We are hoping to fill up leagues 1 to 7 and possibly create an 8th league. Contact your club rep as soon as possible to enter. Deadline for submission of entries by the clubs is 16 February 2026

MASTER'S SUBSCRIPTION

Your Subscription fee for 2026 remains unchanged from last year at R650 which includes the SA Masters Levy, entry into the Spring League and a Shorts / skort (if paid before the 31 March 2026.

Eligibility: Men: Age 35+

Ladies: Age 30+ (Doubles) | Age 35+ (Singles)

The duly completed Masters form must be submitted via google docs

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SPORTYHQ REGISTRATION

There has been an increase in SportyHQ registration fees for 2026. All players participating in any league or tournament are required to register with Squash SA at the cost of R 300.00 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.

SCAN TO JOIN MIDLANDS MASTERS

BECOME A MIDLANDS SQUASH MASTERS MEMBER

Price: Only R650 for 2026

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- SA Masters Levy
- Free entry into the Midlands Spring League
- Free Shorts/Skort



01

Open your camera or
QR Code scanner

02

Point your camera or app at the
QR Code until its recognized

03

Complete the
Masters Subscription form



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DID YOU KNOW? ?

The longest professional squash match in history lasted 170 minutes (2 hours and 50 minutes), played between Leo Au (Hong Kong) and Shawn Delierre (Canada) on January 24, 2015, in the semi-finals of the Holtrand Gas City Pro-Am in Canada. Leo Au won the match 3-2 (11-6, 4-11, 11-6, 7-11, 16-14).

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

6 & 13 MARCH 2026

We are continuing with our Development of Squash in the form of Youth Development Programs. The development roadshows are proving to be very successful and enjoyed by all ages. Dates have been confirmed, and details will be sent out via email, facebook & Whatsapp.

INTERTOWN

11 APRIL 2026

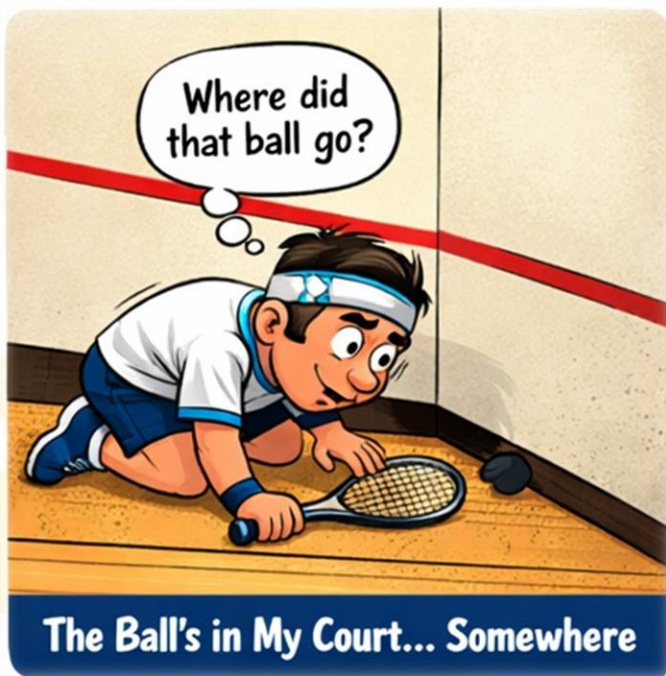
The first Inter Town takes place on Saturday the 11TH April in PMB and is open to all Midlands players.. young and old

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

MIDLANDS SOCIAL DOUBLES

20 MARCH 2026

This tournament is open to all players in the Midlands region and will be held on Friday 20th March at Collegians followed by a bring and braai. This is a social tournament to encourage and provide camaraderie amongst our Midlands players of all ages.



CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

5-9 MAY 2026

The Midlands Squash Closed Championship returns from 5–9 May 2026, and once again promises a week of high-quality squash, great sportsmanship, and fierce but friendly competition.

As one of the region's most anticipated tournaments, the Closed Championship brings together Midlands players of all ages and skill levels, offering a fantastic platform for seasoned competitors and emerging talent alike. With multiple sections, the tournament caters for experienced and beginners across the Midlands community.

This event is open to all Midlands players, Please note that there will be no Winter League fixtures during this week, allowing full focus on championship action.

All finals will be played at Collegians, followed by the prize-giving ceremony and a cocktail party to celebrate the week's achievements and enjoy the social side of the sport.

We look forward to an exciting championship week filled with competitive matches, great camaraderie, and memorable moments on and off the court.

Don't miss it!

CHAMPIONSHIP CORNER

Big Matches. Bigger Moments.

GROWTHPOINT JARVIS IPT

6-10 JULY 2026

The Growthpoint Interprovincial Tournament (IPT) takes place from 6–10 July 2026 in Mossel Bay, with teams from across the country gathering for what is widely regarded as the highlight of the South African squash calendar.

This prestigious event showcases the very best provincial talent and delivers an intense week of top-class, highly competitive squash. Midlands Squash is currently in the process of selecting and preparing our strongest possible teams to represent the province at this premier tournament.

The IPT not only provides an opportunity to compete at the highest level, but also to test depth, resilience, and team spirit against the country's leading players. Midlands Squash is currently assembling our strongest squads, bringing together our best talent to take on the nation's finest. We look forward to proudly flying the Midlands colours and wish all selected players the very best as preparations continue.



WINTER LEAGUE

14 APRIL – 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

A massive thank you to Denis Harel for his continued support and belief in our squash community—your commitment truly makes a difference

Winter League matches are usually played home-and-away, giving teams the chance to host and travel. While catering isn't compulsory, a little courtesy goes a long way—please let your opponents know ahead of time if snacks won't be on offer.

Protea, our well-deserved 2025 Club of the Year, will proudly host the prizegiving on 25 September—an event not to be missed! With the date falling on the Heritage Day long weekend, make sure you keep that Friday free

A quick reminder that all junior players must wear protective eyewear, in line with SquashSA regulations—safety first.

To keep up with results, logs, standings, and fixtures, all players are encouraged to register on SportyHQ:

www.sportyhq.com

Finally, the Men's 1st League finals will once again be played at a single venue. Keep an eye on our social media pages and WhatsApp groups for updates and announcements.



CLUBS & PROVINCIAL PATHWAYS

Squash Life, Midlands Style.

DSIPT

18-20 SEPT 2026

Get ready, Midlands! We're thrilled to invite you to the 37th Dave Short Masters Invitational IPT, taking place 18–20 September in Pietermaritzburg. With the World Masters happening earlier in the month, the DSIPT has shifted dates—but the energy, fun and quality squash remain firmly in place.

This prestigious Masters event brings together players from across South Africa for three days of competitive squash, and even better camaraderie. Expect matches across multiple courts and daily social functions where friendships are made. Ladies 30+ plus and Men 35+ can enter.

We're currently on the lookout for a major sponsor for this iconic tournament. If you—or someone you know—would like to connect with a passionate, nationwide squash audience through meaningful exposure, please contact Rennisha at the MSU office.

SAVE *the* DATE



37TH DAVE SHORT INVITATIONAL INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

18-20 SEPT 2026

Pietermaritzburg



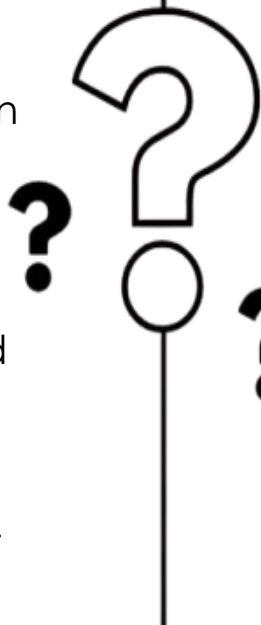
To become a main sponsor or for more info contact:

Rennisha Larkin

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DID YOU KNOW? ?



Squash has its origins in the older game of rackets, which was played in London's prisons in the 19th century. Later, around 1830, boys at Harrow School noticed that a punctured ball, which "squashed" on impact with the wall, offered more variety to the game. Hence the name squash

MASTERS IPT SINGLES

12-16 JUNE 2026

This is being held in East London and is open to Masters Members only.

Players will play in sections according to strength and not based on age, 5 players per team, 6 teams per section.

MASTERS IPT DOUBLES

5-7 NOVEMBER 2026

2026 will see us travelling to Johannesburg from the 5-7 November.

We will keep you updated on this tournament news once we receive it.

DOUBLES SPRING LEAGUE

5 OCT – 23 NOV

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 5 October to the 23 November 2026 at Collegians Club This is a doubles only tournament and entries will be limited. Enter early to avoid disappointment.



GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER

12 JUNE 2026

Our golf day will be held at Maritzburg Golf Club on Friday 12 June 2026, with pre allocated tee off times in order to accommodate those that need to go into work first. We anticipate a minimum of 25 four-balls (100 players) involved in the day's event, at R1 800.00 per team, which includes automatic entry into the hole in one competition valued at R25000.

We kindly request that you consider one of our sponsorship options below;

Sponsorship of holes

The bar – R1000.00

The putting green (which has prime viewership from the bar and function area): R1800.00

Premier holes –1 & 10 @ R1800 each.

Hole 18 (viewable from the Club house / road) @ R800.

Par 3 holes: R700.

Remainder of holes: R500.

You are welcome to provide drinks and or snacks on any of the holes you sponsor.

These sponsorship options include full access to the entire hole (Tee, Fairway and Green/ Bunkers) and freedom to place any advertising/marketing material that you would like, provided it doesn't interfere with play or block the hole / green). There is no limit to advertising material on your specific hole and creativity is encouraged here.

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 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.



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Egyptian players revolutionised squash from the 1990s onward, transforming it from a traditional, endurance-based game into a fast-paced, aggressive, and artistic sport.





MIDLANDS SQUASH UNION

GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER

12 JUNE 2026

Maritzburg Golf Club
Tee off from 10:00am

GOLF PRICING: R1800 PER 4 BALL

Includes green fees, competition fees, hole-in-one prize, grab & go meal, refreshments and prize-giving function.

GOLF FORMAT

4 Ball Alliance – 2 to count on all holes.

Scramble drive on all holes (each player's tee shot used at least 3 times).

Maximum handicap for non-handicapped golfers: 16.

Limited carts available – must be booked through MGC

TEL: 033 396 2356.

TO ENTER CONTACT:

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EFT PAYMENTS TO:

Midlands Squash Union, Standard Bank, Account No: 1024451806, Code: 051001
Reference: Your name/company

* Cash only accepted on the day

Connect with us!

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/GlwreSP0vvC65mQAJ2T8qN>
- Scan our QR Code for our website
- Tel/WhatsApp: 068 601 8975

CONCLUSION

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

MIDLANDS SQUASH UNION





MSU UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 JAN-
JUNE

19 JAN

MIDLANDS SQUASH AGM
AT COLLEGIANS HORSE SHOE BAR

REPS MEETING

AT COLLEGIANS UPSTAIRS BAR

23 FEB

13-15 MAR

GPOINT SA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUNIOR REGIONAL HUBS - PIETERMARITZBURG

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

AT COLLEGIANS

6&13 MAR

11 APR

INTERTOWN DOUBLES
PIETERMARITZBURG

WINTER LEAGUE

VARIOUS CLUBS

14 APR - 15 SEP

4-8 MAY

MIDLANDS CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS
VARIOUS CLUBS

GROWTHPOINT SENIOR REGIONALS

PIETERMARITZBURG

5-7 JUNE

12 JUNE

MSU GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER
MARITZBURG GOLF CLUB

SA MASTERS IPT SINGLES

EAST LONDON

12-16 JUNE

Contact info@midlandssquash.co.za for further info

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MSU UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 JUN-
DEC

5-7 JUNE

GROWTHPOINT SENIOR REGIONALS
PIETERMARITZBURG

SQUASH SA CONVENTION
JOHANNESBURG

20 JUNE

6-10 JULY

GROWTHPOINT JARVIS IPT
MOSSEL BAY

TOP SCHOOLS
PIETERMARITZBURG

7-10 AUG

21-23 SEPT

GPOINT SA NATIONALS SENIORS & U19
CAPE TOWN

WORLD MASTERS
PERTH - AUSTRALIA

30 AUG - 6 SEP

18-20 SEPT

DAVE SHORT INV. IPT
PIETERMARITZBURG

WINTER LEAGUE AWARDS
PROTEA

25 SEPT

5 OCT - 23 NOV

MIDLANDS DOUBLES SPRING LEAGUE
AT COLLEGIANS

SA MASTERS IPT DOUBLES
JOHANNESBURG

5-7 NOV

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