



## **2019 PGA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE AT DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB**

Diners Club and The Professional Golfers Association (PGA) of South Africa are proud to announce that the 2019 PGA National Championship presented by Diners Club will take place at Durban Country Club from Monday 20 to Thursday 23 May 2019.

The sponsorship of this event is a beneficial partnership between the financial institution and the PGA. Diners Club continues to offer its cardholders opportunities to extend their enjoyment of the finer things in life, and the PGA National Championship is one of the major events on the Diners Club cardholders' golfing calendar. Diners Club is proud to have a growing involvement in this sport.

96 PGA Professionals will be teeing off at Durban Country Club on Tuesday 21 May in the annual PGA National Championship presented by Diners Club. The Championship is contested over 54 holes stroke play and the winner will receive a cash prize of R37 500. Total prize money is R225 000.

Louis Destroo, Chairman of the PGA of SA, says the Championship provides a great opportunity for PGA members to compete against their peers, 'The Championship will be hosted at the iconic Durban Country Club and the Membership is looking forward to testing themselves against an all time great Championship layout that has produced numerous global Champions. The PGA would like to thank Diners Club for their continuous support, making the event possible. Best of luck to all the players'.

Ivano Ficalbi, chief executive of the PGA of SA, says the PGA is extremely proud of its partnership with Diners Club South Africa. "Through the PGA's partnership with Diners Club, the PGA is able to promote the PGA Professional and their facilities to Diners Club members while also improving the revenue generation through golf facilities within South Africa.

The championship is rotated amongst the PGAs five Regions and the Championship at Durban Country Club looks to improve on the exciting Championship that was last held within the KZN Region at Cotswold Downs Golf Estate in 2013. The winner of the Championship will be announced on Thursday 23 May.

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**Notes to editors**

### **About the PGA National Championship and Diners Club affiliation**

Diners Club South Africa has sponsored the PGA National Championship annually since 2013. The affiliation with the PGA offers Diners Club cardholders a number of benefits and discounts, including exclusive access to play the course the day before the championship opens; 10% discount on green fees at specific golf courses and

driving ranges; 20% off all golfing lessons; 30% discount on introduction lessons for beginners, and free club fitting for golfing equipment.

### **About Diners Club South Africa**

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