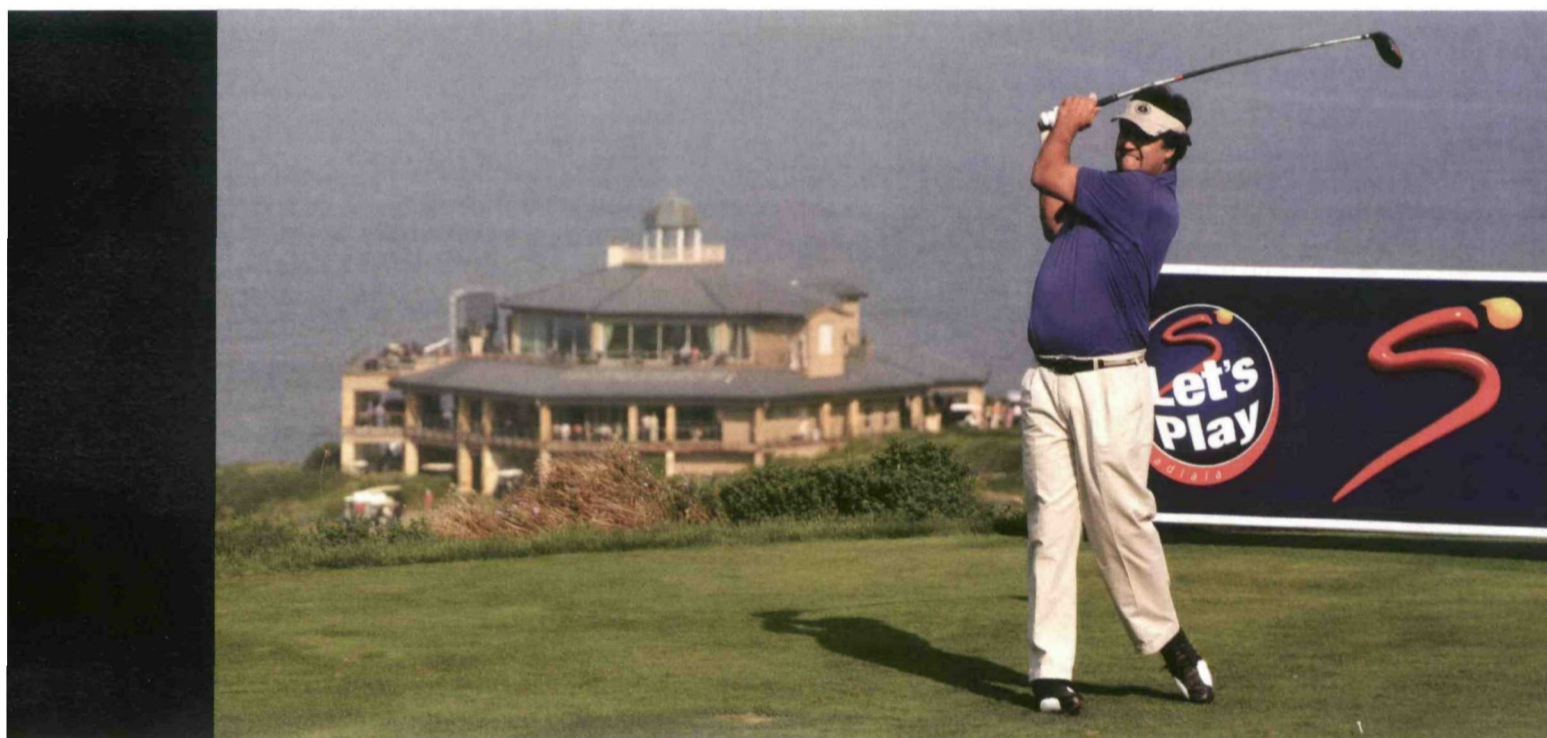


2008 Review

Tournament of Champions

The Pilsner Urquell SuperSport Shootout enters its sixth year in 2009 and is still a firm and eagerly awaited fixture on the SA golf calendar. *Matthew Poarce* explains how it is a tournament of champions in more ways than one.



Firstly, it celebrates the success of South Africa's champion sports teams and individuals of past and present, bringing a variety of sporting codes together to share experiences, tactics and wisdom while recounting glorious memories and achievements in a relaxed atmosphere.

It celebrates the champions of South Africa's public and private enterprise, bringing together key government leaders and captains of industry to network, strategise, renew current business relationships and establish new ones.

Yet arguably, the real champions are the beneficiaries of the charitable aspect of this event, for which it has become famous. The Gozololo Trust and the SAB Caddies Educational Trust Fund are the primary recipients and have been able to provide hope and effect tangible change in the lives of so many people less fortunate

than those who get to participate in this glamorous event.

Through personal donations from the golfers and the auctioning of some rarely available sports and travel experiences, millions of rands have been raised to ensure the ongoing success of these tireless and inspiring charities.

Given the time of year in which the event takes place, the keenest participants are usually the Proteas national cricket team, whose love for golf is well-documented. In 2009 the presence of a number of the squad will be made that much more special by their recent test and one-day series wins in Australia, stories from which will doubtless flow late into the evenings.

The cricketing fraternity has dominated the individual competition for the past three years with Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher and Tich Smith all finishing in the top two; Smith

