



WATER BILLS

The HOA has received a number of complaints from residents about high water bills for January. We have checked with Voltano and confirmed that December was a short billing month due to the Christmas holiday period. Voltano did the meter readings on 23 December, rather than a day or two before month-end which is normally the case.

This resulted in a shorter billing period (26 days) and lower bills for December, followed by a longer billing period (37 days) and higher bills for January.

The February readings will be done on 26 February, resulting in a 28-day billing period.

The impacts of these variations in billing periods are offset by the HOA's adjusted tariff scale. An explanation of how the scale works is available [here](#).

Residents are welcome to submit any queries to the HOA via info@pvhoa.co.za. Payment arrangements can be discussed directly with the Finance Manager, Ina Nieuwoudt, at ina.nieuwoudt@pvhoa.co.za

REMINDER: SECURITY TOWNHALL MEETING

Residents are reminded of the informal townhall meeting, together with Val de Vie Estate neighbours, to discuss security and key developments for the year ahead.

- Riaan Crafford, Chairperson of the Security Committee, will outline the 2025 security strategy.
- Waal de Waal, COO of Bidvest Protea Coin, will introduce the new security provider and their innovative approach to estate safety.
- A live demonstration will showcase Bidvest Protea Coin's advanced capabilities.

Date: Thursday 6 March 2025

Time: 17:00 for 17:30 – 19:00

Venue: The Ballroom, Polo Pavilion, Val de Vie Estate

Email Relene Celliers at info@pvhoa.co.za by Friday 28 February 2025 to book your spot.

REMINDER: MUNICIPAL PROPERTY VALUATION ROLL

Drakenstein Municipality has opened the General Valuation Roll for the 2025 to 2029 financial years for public inspection. The Roll is available on the municipality's website www.drakenstein.gov.za or click [here](#) for a copy.

Owners have the right to lodge an objection to the valuation, which must be done no later than 24 March 2025. The prescribed forms are available on the website or can be downloaded here:

[Objection Form General Valuation](#)

[Valuation Notice \(Media\)](#)

An objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the valuation roll as such. An objection can only be done by the owner of the property.

The HOA cannot object on a homeowner's behalf. However, the HOA has reached out to Drakenstein to request a public hearing for our ward, where we can all make clear to Drakenstein our objections to a roughly 70% increase in property valuations in the last 4 years.

We will keep you informed of any developments, but urge all owners to lodge an objection to the unjustified level of increase for each property.

PVHOA Trustees

HOA COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The HOA often receives messages from homeowners and residents indicating they haven't received our email newsletters or WhatsApp updates. In most cases, this is due to outdated contact information. We urge all members to inform the HOA promptly of any changes to their contact details.

Additionally, spouses, partners, or other household members who are not the registered property owner may not receive our updates. Please note that only registered homeowners and tenants are automatically added to our communication system by default. If additional household members would like to be included, please contact us at info@pvhoa.co.za, and we will gladly add them to our records.

As technology, especially cybersecurity, continues to evolve, our communications may occasionally be blocked by security measures beyond our control, e.g. company firewalls and anti-spam filters. If you experience issues receiving updates, the HOA staff will be happy to investigate and assist in finding a solution. However, the HOA is not responsible for managing individual device settings.

PEARL VALLEY GOLF

How to Hit High, Soft Chips: A Guide to Better Short Game Control

In golf, the short game is often the difference between a good round and a great round. One of the most valuable skills to develop around the greens is the ability to hit high, soft chips. These shots allow you to carry the ball over obstacles like bunkers or rough, then drop it gently and quickly on the green—ideal for stopping the ball close to the hole. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you hit those high, soft chips with confidence.

1. Choose the Right Club

The key to a soft, high chip shot lies in selecting the right club. Most golfers opt for a lob wedge (58-60 degrees) or a sand wedge (54-56 degrees) for this type of shot. These clubs have more loft, which allows the ball to get airborne quickly and land softly. If the shot is very delicate, a lob wedge is often your best bet.

2. Set Up with Open Stance

To hit a high chip, start by positioning your body correctly:

- **Feet:** Keep them close together, with your weight slightly forward (towards your front foot). This will help you focus on making crisp, clean contact.
- **Hands:** Position your hands slightly ahead of the ball, ensuring the shaft of the club is leaning forward. This helps promote a more downward strike, which is crucial for getting the desired loft.
- **Open Clubface:** Open the clubface slightly (without overdoing it) to increase loft. This will give you a higher trajectory, allowing the ball to float softly.

3. Focus on the Follow-Through

A critical component of hitting a high, soft chip is your follow-through. To ensure the ball gets enough height and lands softly:

- **Length of Follow-Through:** Keep your follow-through relatively short but smooth. A longer swing can create too much spin or force, leading to a more aggressive bounce rather than a soft landing.
- **Finish High:** The key to a soft chip is maintaining a high finish. This helps ensure you don't hit the ball too hard, and it stays airborne longer, landing gently on the green.

4. Keep It Simple: Focus on Clean Contact

While technique is important, simplicity is key. Try to avoid overcomplicating the swing. Focus on making clean, consistent contact with the ball. Think of it as brushing the grass lightly under the ball, using the club's loft to lift it into the air without excessive force. A crisp strike will ensure a soft, high ball flight and better control.

5. Practice Makes Perfect

As with any golf shot, the more you practice, the better you'll get at it. Spend time around the practice green, hitting different types of chips and experimenting with various setups to discover what works best for you. You'll quickly gain the feel for how much loft to use and how much control you can exert over the distance and trajectory of your chip shots.

By following these tips, you can improve your ability to hit high, soft chips and start seeing more of your shots stop close to the hole. The combination of proper technique, correct club choice, and consistent practice will elevate your short game and lower your scores. Keep practicing, and soon you'll have more confidence in those tricky chip shots around the green!



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THE VALLEY RESTAURANT



The main graphic is a stylized calendar page. The top row features three items: a tomato on a yellow and white patterned background, a green leaf on a red and white patterned background, and a banana on a green and white patterned background. The middle row contains three panels: a dark green panel with the text 'EVERY TUESDAY FROM 17:00', a white panel with 'ENJOY A DELICIOUS PASTA OR PIZZA FOR JUST R 135', and a red panel with 'INCLUDES A COMPLIMENTARY Dessert'. The bottom row features a dark blue panel with 'MAKE YOUR RESERVATION' and contact information, and a large illustration of a wine bottle pouring red wine into a glass, with a plate of spaghetti and a bowl of pasta with sauce and green sauce. The background is a light yellow and white striped pattern.

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Time	17:30 for 18:00
Cost	R1 875 per seat

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L'HUGUENOT VINEYARDS



FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025 | TIME: 17:00 - 21:00



Enjoy your Friday and feel at home!
Bring your friends, family and neighbours to kick off the weekend
with our fine selection of wines at cellar door prices,
tasty food, beautiful sunsets, live music, kids play areas and more!

Bookings are essential: experience@lhuguenot.com | T: 021 876 8037
Food orders close on Thursday at 12:00
Take-away orders are welcome!

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WOTM

wine of the month



Valentine Month Wine Special

Celebrate the month of love in pink!
Get 10% discount on a case (6) - or more

Deliveries to your door: Tuesday - Thursday (T&C)*

Polo Club Chardonnay/Pinot Noir @R85.00
Leopard's Leap Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir @R115.00
Leopard's Leap Culinaria Pinot Noir/Chardonnay @R130.00

(T&C) Home deliveries:

Tuesdays - Thursdays
Minimum order of one case
Same day delivery for orders before 9AM
Credit card or EFT payment

Email: orders@lhuguenot.com your wine order + address + payment method



CS BIODYNAMICIST AT PEARL VALLEY GYM

Biodex testing

Isokinetic testing provides physicians with valuable information regarding strength deficits and muscle imbalances that may predispose a particular joint to further injury. Information obtained through the tests provides your therapist and your physician with objective data used in monitoring your rehabilitation. This data is used to establish sound parameters to determine

when it is safe to return to sport and to work.

For more information about this analysis, kindly send an email to csbiokineticists@gmail.com.



PEARL VALLEY CONTACT DETAILS

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- ✉ info@pvhoa.co.za
- ✉ debtors@pearlvalley.co.za (Levy Accounts enquiries)
- 🌐 www.pvhoa.co.za

SECURITY

- ☎ Security Control Room – 021 867 1201
- ☎ Pearl Valley Main Gate - 021 867 1203
- ☎ Val de Vie Main Gate - 021 863 6110/6138
- ☎ Berg River Registration Centre - 021 863 6137

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

- ☎ ER24 Paarl - 084 124
- ☎ Paarl Mediclinic - 021 807 8000
- ☎ Medicross Paarl - 021 872 3867
- ☎ SAPS - 021 807 4000
- ☎ Ambulance - 101 77
- ☎ Paarl Fire Brigade - 021 872 2323
- ☎ Drakenstein Municipality - 021 807 4500
- ☎ Voltano Metering App - 086 186 5826

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