BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria, South Africa

NEWSLETTER
MARCH/APRIL 2026
#3 OF 2026

Wishing you a joyful **Easter** filled with hope, renewal and new beginnings. May this season bring peace to your heart and light to your days.

CLUB NIGHT

FRIDAY | 10 APRIL
18H30 for 19h00

APRIL CLUB RIDES

Poker Run
Sunday | 12 April
with Emilia Wagenaar

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Saturday | 18 April
with Paul Greebe

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30 April – 3 May 2026

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Distance: ±1200 km

Duration: 4 Days
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Sweep: Paul Greebe

Lesotho

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Dear Members and friends of the BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria,

As we move into April, we are reminded of what makes our club special, a shared passion for riding, camaraderie and the spirit of adventure that brings us together.

Thank you to each and every member for a well attended and engaging AGM. Your active participation, along with the trust and support you place in the elected Main Committee, is truly appreciated. A warm welcome to our new committee members and thank you for your willingness to serve the club and its members.

Looking back at March, it was encouraging to see strong participation across our rides. From the V8 Roadhouse outing to the Bike2Hike adventure, these experiences remind us that our club is about more than the ride, it's about the people and connections we build.

April brings an exciting calendar, including the Poker Run, Moon Ride and the Lesotho long weekend, offering something for everyone, from social rides to true adventure.

We cannot ignore the challenge of rising petrol prices. This affects how often we ride, but I encourage members to stay involved where possible, through shorter rides, social events or simply staying connected. Being part of this club is not measured only by distance travelled.

"It's not about how far we ride, but how we ride together."

As we celebrate Freedom Day this month, we are reminded that in unity we shape our future. This is a message that reflects our club community.

To our new members, welcome, and to all members, thank you for your continued support.

Let us ride smart, stay safe and keep the spirit of shared riding pleasure alive.

Warm regards,
Marius
Chairman – BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria

MEMBER BENEFITS

10% Discount

@ **BMW Motorrad Centurion** for Club Members
(proof of membership required)

APRIL birthdays

3 Ruan Theunissen
3 Joshua Kembo
4 Richard Schuster
4 Gustav Scholtz
4 Ian Greyling
7 Niel Futcher
8 Grenville Shenker
9 Alice Steiner
11 Eddie Immelman
11 Norbert Gehrmann
12 Andre Botha
13 Althea Weldon
15 Johan Naude
15 Philip Woite
16 Hannetjie Voges
16 Francois van Zyl
18 Elize de Beer
20 CJ Venter
21 Carel Pieters
23 Lindri Stander
23 Christo Venter
24 Pieter Lourens
25 Cathryn Stevens
25 Johan van Zyl
26 Joachim Saayman
27 Pikkie du Plessis
28 Marius Grundlingh

April CLUB RIDE

Lead: Emilia Wagenaar

Sunday, 12 April 2026

Poker Run – ready to play your hand?

Join us for this year's exciting Poker Run — a day filled with great riding, good company and a chance to walk away with a winning hand!

For just **R100 per hand**, you can take part in the fun — and you're welcome to play as many hands as you like to increase your chances of winning. There will be **fantastic prizes up for grabs**, so it's all to play for.

On the morning of the event, **Annelize and Paul** will be at the starting point to assist you with your Poker Hand Forms. Payments can be made by **cash or card.**

Along the route, keep an eye out for the **JOKERS at designated stops**, where you'll have the opportunity to purchase extra cards - so be sure to bring a little extra cash for those winning opportunities.

Most importantly, all funds raised during the day will go towards our **charity organisation,** making this not only a fun ride, but one that makes a difference.

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Come along, enjoy the ride and let's see who holds the winning hand at the end of the day!

Depart from BP Centurion Car wash @ 07:30 – 08:00 (no later than 08:15)

IMPORTANT All riders to report at the final destination not before 11:30 but not later than 12:00.
You must manage your time along the route not to arrive at the end destination to early.
Co-ordinates and clues will be handed out at each stop for the next venue stop.

April MOON RIDE

A night of great vibes at Harlequin Rugby Club

Quin & Bull | 18 April 2026

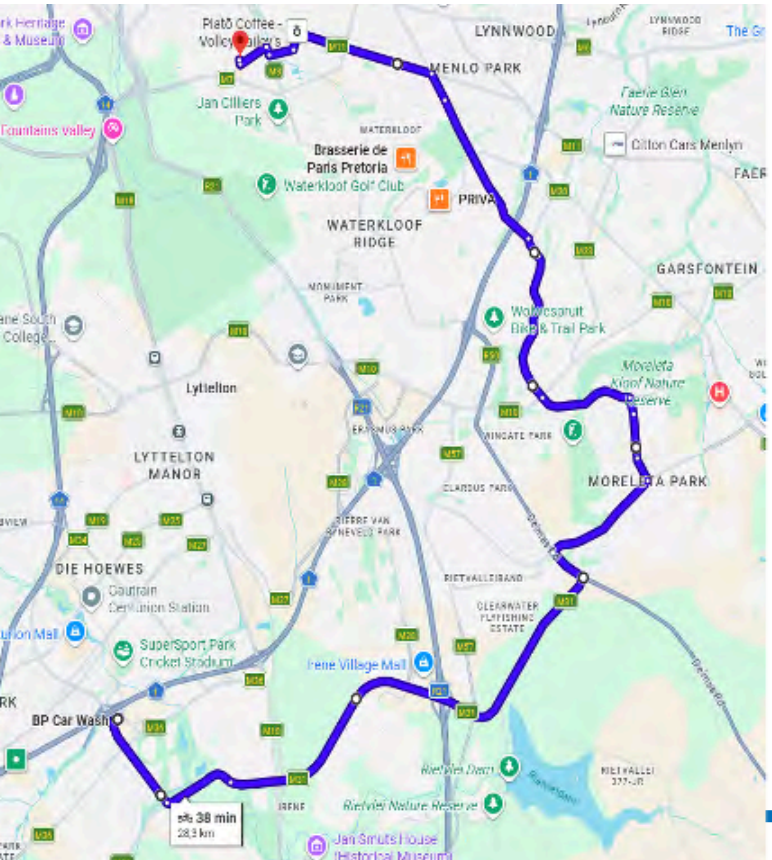
Depart from BP Centurion car wash: 17:00 – 17:30

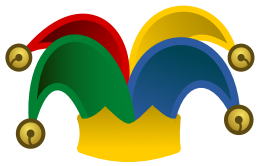
Join us for an evening where modern flair meets old school tradition at the iconic home of the Harlequin Rugby Club, one of Pretoria's oldest and most loved venues.

Enjoy live music, delicious wood fired pizzas and a selection of ice cold beverages, all served in a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere at **Quin & Bull.** An exciting menu awaits, perfect for a relaxed and social night out...

...with Paul Greebe

the route...





And who knows... we might just finally catch up with the Joker who went missing during the Poker Run!

April
LONG WEEKEND AWAY

30 April – 3 May 2026

Lesotho

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Departure point: Engen Route 21, Nellmapius Road
Distance: ±1200 km

Duration: 4 Days
Ride leader: Dieter Lettau
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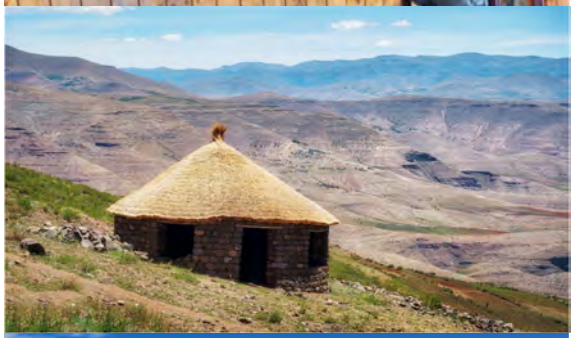
Join us for an unforgettable long weekend ride through the spectacular mountain landscapes of **Lesotho**.

Planned route highlights...

Our journey begins with a scenic ride towards Clarens for a light lunch before heading to the border and onward to Afriski.

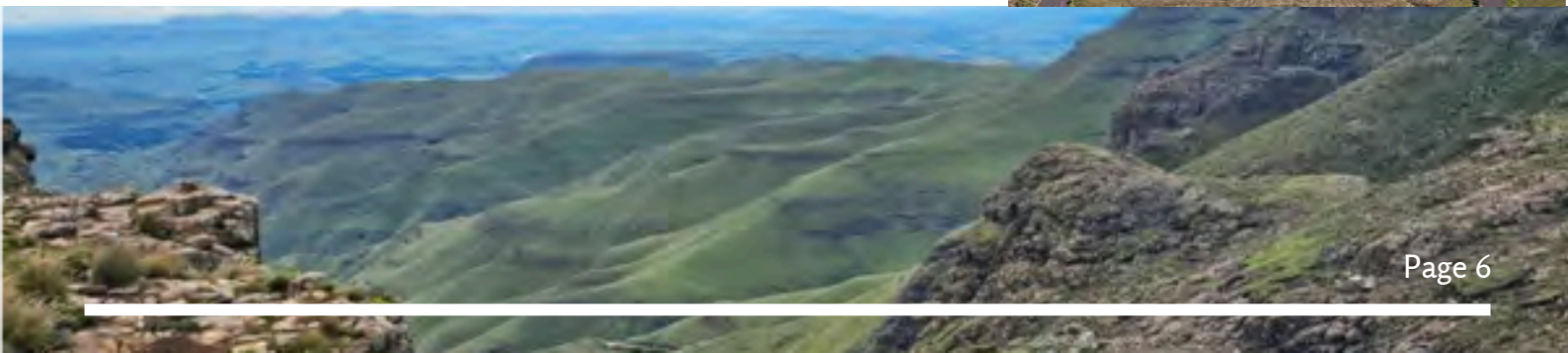
On Day 2, we ride to the iconic Sani Mountain Lodge — home to the "Highest Pub in Africa" — for lunch, followed by a visit to the impressive Katse Dam. Accommodation will be at Bruvita Guesthouse.

On Day 3, we return toward the border and continue to Bethlehem for a well-earned rest and overnight stay. Sunday morning sees us making our way back home.



IMPORTANT NOTES

- Roads are generally good, though potholes can be expected , particularly in towns.
- Expect numerous mountain switchbacks in Lesotho.
- Please remain alert for animals and children on the road.
- This trip is pillion friendly.



March REPORT BACK

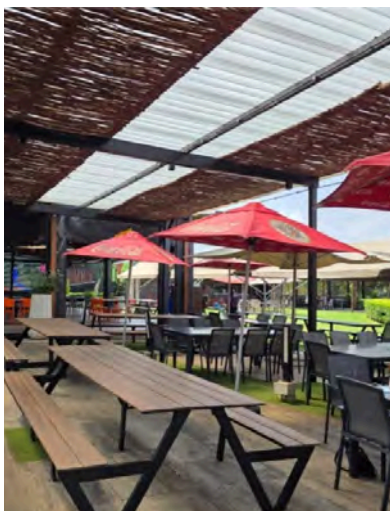
To V8 Roadhouse *with Paul Greebe*

Sunday, 8 March brought a welcome break in the rainy weather, treating riders to a cool, overcast day, perfect for a scenic outing.

A total of 26 club members on 17 motorcycles set off on a tar ride to the V8 Restaurant near Hartbeespoort Dam. The route offered beautiful scenery and enjoyable riding conditions, making for a relaxed and thoroughly entertaining experience.

Road conditions were generally good, although riders remained mindful of the ever-present potholes along the way.

The destination did not disappoint. The V8 Restaurant's menu catered to all tastes, and the vibrant outdoor setting added to the overall experience. Positive feedback from members confirmed that this is certainly a venue worth revisiting for future club rides.



March REPORT BACK

with Donna Reid

BIKE2HIKE ADVENTURE

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

We were holding our breath watching the weather leading up to the trip. After two weeks of rain, the forecast still looked uncertain, but as riders know, adventure doesn't wait for perfect conditions.

Donna (lead), Cathri-Ann and Marius (sweep) met at the Engen Quickshop on the R21 off Nelmapius, setting off via the R50 towards Delmas and joining the N12 en route to meet the East Randers, Karen and Jurie, at the N4 Ultra City in Middelburg. *Everything was on track, until it wasn't.*

In a split second, things changed. Just by the N12 on ramp, Donna hit a massive pothole, leaving the front wheel damaged. A reminder that on the road, you never quite know what lies ahead.

Enter our heroes, Rick and Sue, who quickly arranged a trailer to recover the bike and ensure it made its way safely back to Boksburg.

After some deliberation, the group made the call to continue. Marius stepped up as lead, with the lead becoming pillion and it proved to be the right decision. *The weekend unfolded into something truly special.*

The accommodation was a hit, the hiking unforgettable and the scenery simply breathtaking. Good weather stayed with us almost the entire time, only giving way to pouring rain in the final 3 kms of the hike. But even that couldn't dampen spirits. *If anything, it added to the adventure.*

Evenings were filled with lekker kuier, laughter and the chance to connect with new people from different walks of life, all sharing the same love for the outdoors.

True to form, Chairman Marius was also hard at work, doing a bit of recruiting along the way and we may just have some new members joining us soon.

It was clear to all: this was the first of many Bike2Hike adventures. While it may appeal to a smaller group within the club, it is absolutely worth experiencing.

Here's to the next Bike2Hike - may it be just as memorable but with fewer potholes!

March REPORT BACK

with Donna Reid

BIKE2HIKE ADVENTURE

"The road brought us together, the mountains tested us and the journey made it unforgettable."

March REPORT BACK

Moon Ride to West Cafe

with LeRoy Olivier

The ride departed from our usual meeting point, heading west along the N14 before turning left onto the Ben Schoeman Highway back towards Pretoria. From there, the group exited left onto Eeufees Road, followed by a right turn towards the Fountain Circle. After navigating the circle, we joined the R21 in the direction of OR Tambo.

The route continued with a left turn onto the N1 North, followed by another left at Garsfontein Road. Riding along Garsfontein, we turned right into Nuwe Hoop Street, then left into Maroelana Road, following it until the venue came into view on the right. All 14 motorcycles entered the basement undercover parking together.

A total of 20 club members participated in the ride, including five pillions, along with three guests. An additional four members (wives and daughters) made their way to the venue by car.

Traffic along the route was heavier than anticipated; however, the group maintained excellent cohesion throughout. The coordination between pointsmen and sweep riders ensured minimal delays, with no riders getting lost or needing to stop for fuel along the way.

For the ladies ...

To all the incredible women in our club – this is your moment to ride together, stand proud and celebrate International Female Ride Day (IFRD). **Want to join the ride? Contact Donna on 083 309 0774**

Purchase your ticket on this link **PLUS** Once you've purchased your ticket, please finalise your registration on this link

Women Riders World Relay

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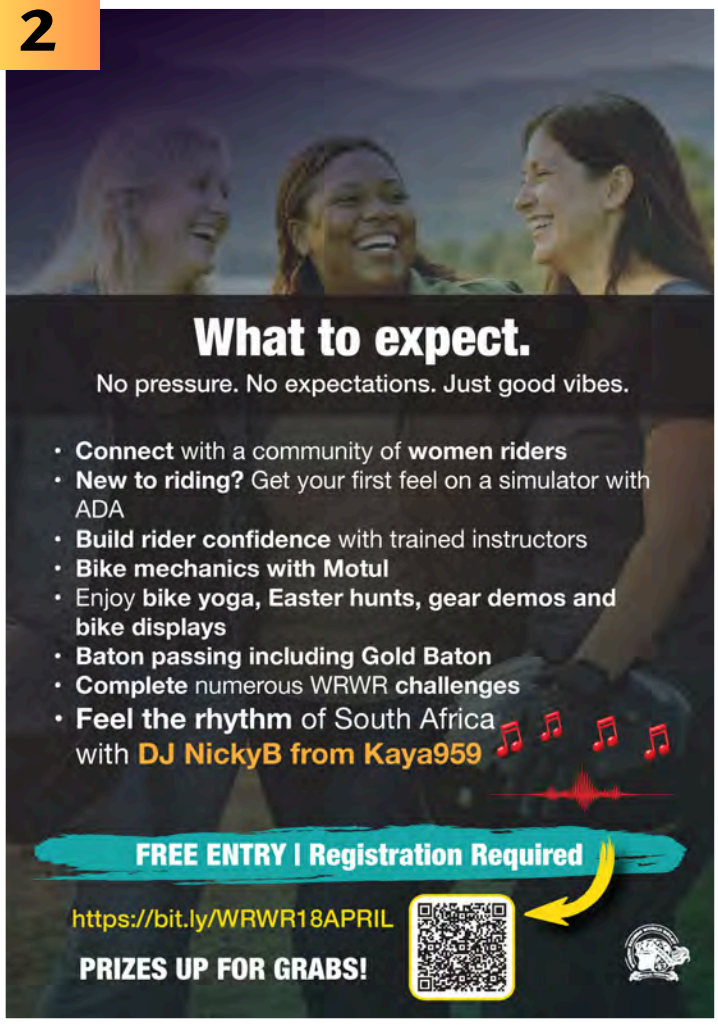

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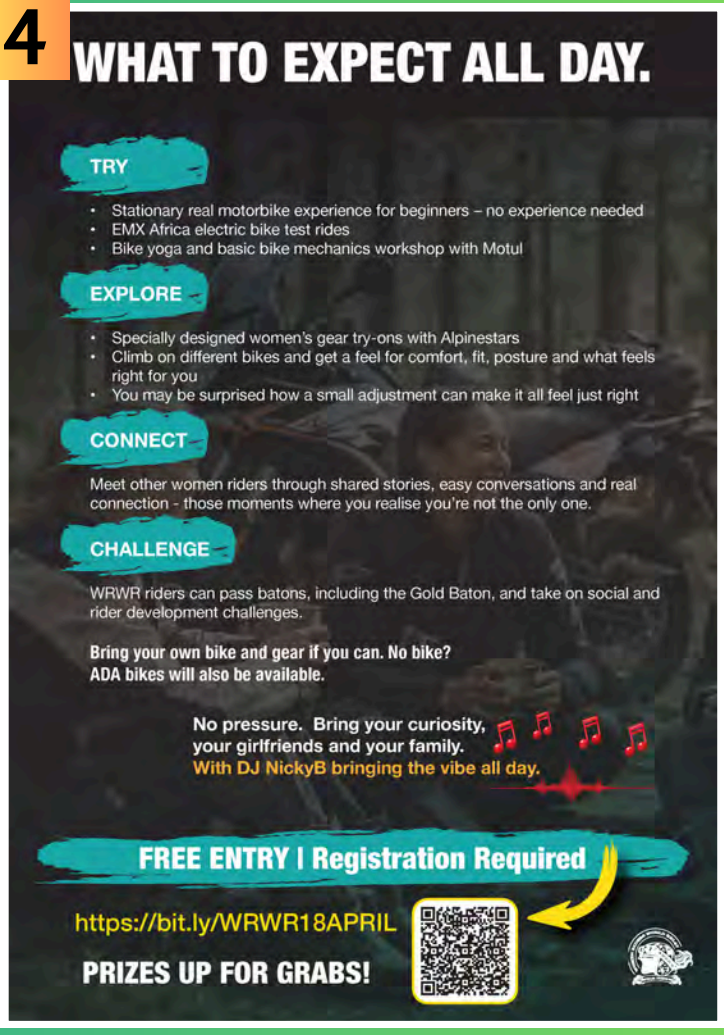

Women Riders World Relay

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SCHEDULED HIGHLIGHTS

plus ongoing activities throughout the day

09h00	Registration opens
09h30	Welcome and overview
10h00	Kiddies Easter egg hunt
10h30	Yoga on the motorbike
11h00	Picking up and walking your bike safely
12h00	Braai available
12h45	Off-road experience
13h45	Slow race
14h30	Finale
15h00	Thank you and closure

Join what interests you and enjoy the day your way.
Expert-led training runs all day. Join at your own pace.

REGISTER HERE

FREE ENTRY

Learn. Laugh. Connect.

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OPEN TO ALL. EXTRA POINTS FOR WRWR.

Not WRWR registered? No problem. Just show up.
Meet people. Explore. Have fun. Ride your way.
WRWR riders? Earn points. Pass batons. Smash challenges.

WRWR | ADA Hartebeespoort

18 April 2026 | 09:00 - 15:30

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SOME OF THE WRWR CHALLENGES AND EXPERIENCES

Connect. Learn. Ride. Have fun.

Community and industry challenges

- Pass the baton and support a new rider
- Meet and connect with women riders
- Snap pics with bikes (Honda, Triumph and electric)
- Explore Alpinestar gear and connect with brands
- Join or create a group ride to and from venue
- Promote and participate in this event
- Get your Gold Baton from Morag on registration

Rider development challenges

- **Mechanical workshop** with Motul, covering bike basics, simple maintenance tips and tyre awareness
- Try on **women's riding gear** and learn about safety features
- **Yoga on the bike** - balance challenge. Prizes up for grabs.
- Learn how to **pick up a bike safely**
- Experienced riders **try different bikes** — including electric
- Support fellow riders and build confidence
- Improve **slow riding** and **off-road skills**
- **ADA bike rental - available for selected activities at R5**

REGISTER HERE

FREE ENTRY

South African vibes all day with DJ NickyB from Kaya959

Learn. Laugh. Connect.

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GOOD TO KNOW

Are men welcome?
Yes, but this is a women-focused event. Guys = braai duty with EngelE.

Food and drinks
Pre-order your braai packs online. Snacks and drinks on sale. No cooler boxes. Support EngelE.

Easter egg hunt
For the kids... but adults can join the vibe

Not WRWR registered?
No problem. Everyone's welcome! (WRWR = points, batons and challenges only)

Want to ride but don't?
Perfect. Try bikes, gear and the experience

No bike?
Still come! ADA bikes and helmets available

Alcohol
No alcohol before riding activities

Rain?
We ride anyway. Undercover space available.
Mud = more fun

FREE ENTRY | Registration Required

https://bit.ly/WRWR18APRIL

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

SMART RIDING MATTERS

ALL THE GEAR. ALL THE TIME.

It's not about if you fall. It's about how well you're protected when you do.

Full face helmet

Impact protection shell → absorbs crash energy
EPS liner → reduces brain injury risk
Visor → protects eyes from debris, wind and rain
Chin bar → critical protection for jaw and face
Ventilation system → prevents fogging and overheating

Neck brace

Limits excessive head movement (forward/back/side)
Reduces cervical **spine injury risk**
Distributes impact load from helmet to shoulders
Especially useful for off-road / adventure riding

Armoured Jacket

CE-rated armour (shoulders + elbows) → impact zones
Back protector → spine protection
Abrasion-resistant material (textile/leather)
Reflective panels → visibility in low light
Weather protection → wind + rain barrier

Riding gloves

Knuckle protection → absorbs impact
Palm reinforcement → prevents severe abrasion
Grip material → better throttle + brake control
Wrist coverage → protects joints

Reflective + visibility features

Reflective strips on jacket, arms, legs
Improves **night-time visibility**
Helps other road users **see you earlier**

Riding pants

Abrasion-resistant fabric → prevents road rash
Hip protection → absorbs side impacts
Reinforced stitching → durability in slides
Designed for **flex + protection while riding**

Knee armour

High-impact protection zone
Often **CE-rated inserts**
Protects one of the **most injury-prone areas**

Riding boots

Ankle support → prevents twisting injuries
Reinforced toe +heel → crush protection
Shin protection (on higher boots)
Oil-resistant, non-slip sole → better footing
Gear shift reinforcement

NEW REGALIA

LAUNCHING NOW!

Stand out in the crowd, sporting the latest range of quality clothing items **chosen specifically for OUR CLUB MEMBERS.**

HOW TO ORDER

1. Email: lifestyle@bmwclubs.co.za
2. WhatsApp: Donna 083 309 0774
3. Order at Club Night

Sublimated Golf Shirt - Drop Needle

R450

How to determine your golf shirt size:

To measure the half chest of a golf shirt, lay the shirt flat on a surface, then measure the width across the chest, typically from under the armpits to the opposite side seam. This measurement represents half the overall chest circumference of the garment.

MENS GOLFER		LADIES GOLFERS	
SIZES	1/2 Chest (CM)	SIZES	1/2 Chest (CM)
22	34.5	22	30
24	37	24	32
26	39	26	34.5
28	42	28	37
30	44	30	39
XS	48	XS	42
S	52	S	47
M	55	M	48
L	59	L	52
XL	62	XL	55
2XL	65	2XL	59
3XL	69	3XL	62
4XL	72	4XL	65
5XL	76	5XL	69

SUBLIMATED SOCKS

R150 per pair

UNISEX SHIRTS	
SIZES	1/2 Chest (CM)
22	37
24	40
26	42
28	44
30	46
XS	49
S	53
M	56
L	59
XL	62
2XL	66
3XL	70
4xl	73
5xl	76
6xl	79

How to determine your rider shirt size:

To measure the half chest of a rider shirt, lay the shirt flat on a surface, then measure the width across the chest, typically from under the armpits to the opposite side seam. This measurement represents half the overall chest circumference of the garment.

Sublimated Long Sleeve Rider Shirt

R650

Sublimated Softshell Jacket Dullip Elastic

R950

How to determine your hoody/softshell size:

To measure the half chest of a hoody/softshell, lay the shirt flat on a surface, then measure the width across the chest, typically from under the armpits to the opposite side seam. This measurement represents half the overall chest circumference of the garment.

SOFT SHELL JACKET			
SIZES	1/2 Chest (CM)	SIZES	Length (CM)
22	40	22	55
24	42	24	57
26	44	26	59
28	46	28	62
30	48	30	64
XS	50	XS	67
S	52	S	69
M	56	M	72
L	61	L	75
XL	63	XL	76
2XL	65	2XL	78
3XL	70	3XL	81.5
4XL	72	4XL	83

HOODY	
Full Zip And No Zip	
SIZES	1/2 Chest (CM)
24	41
26	44
28	47
30	50
XS	54
S	57
M	60
L	63
XL	66
2XL	69
3XL	72
4XL	75
5XL	78

Sublimated Hoody Brushed Fleece Full zip

Navy &Light Blue

Lorem ipsum

R800

Aluminium Water Bottle

680ml

R180

Please note that we require payment before we can place an order.

To place an order with our supplier:

- A minimum of 5 shirts, softshells or hoodies are required.
- A minimum of 10 pairs of socks is needed.
- A minimum of 5 water bottles are required.

SAMPLES available for fitting at Club Night

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BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria

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Pretoria, South Africa

Yours in shared riding pleasure
On behalf of the BMW MCCP Main Committee