



1. Main Entrance
2. Ballroom
3. Reception
4. Coffee Shop
5. Sushi & Champagne Bar
6. Terrace Restaurant
7. Squash Courts
8. Pool Bar
9. Workshop
10. Gym
11. The Poolside Cafe & Bar
12. Pool
13. Kids Play Area
14. Tennis Courts
15. Rose Garden
16. Cricket Pitch
17. Rugby Field
18. Back Gate
19. Kelvin Lodge
20. Bowling Greens
21. Croquet Greens
22. Sports Pavilion

Kelvin Grove - History Walk

1. Start at Main Entrance

1924

12 gentlemen (Sport & Legal personalities) attended a meeting in the Argus Boardroom. Maj Gideon Brand van Zyl (later Governor-General of SA) chaired the meeting. December 24 it was resolved to float a company to be known as the Western Province Sports Club.

1925

Property bought from Mr JC Rimer in June. On 25 September the directors send out a circular letter inviting applications for membership to debenture holders. The Birth of the Club.

1929

Look up above the Coffeeshop/Deli.

These Rooms overlooking the grounds were available for residents. Tariff monthly R31, Weekly R8.40 and daily R1.50. Meals: breakfast 26c, luncheon 35c and dinner 45c.

2. 50 meters pass Terrace Lounge (opposite rose garden)

1896

Mr James Cook Rimer buys Kelvin Grove and Sir Herbert Baker redesigns the homestead, the gabled building leading to the grand staircase.

1957

First Grill Room opened.

2008

The Club had the privilege of welcoming famous Hollywood film stars, Richard Gere & Hillary Swank to the club taking part in a film shoot for the movie *Amelia (Brodie – balcony if you look up)*

3. 100 meters (down alley by Tennis Courts/towards Squash)

1927

351 members of the Peninsula Dance Club were invited to join the Club, 237 became full members. The Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII, dined at the Club and played squash with Clive Corder.

1964

Swimming Pool opened.

2000

Opening of the Pool Restaurant (now known as the Pool bar) – a self-service buffet area.

2002

Redevelopment of the front entrance to the Club, for members to gain exclusive use via boom gate; a new roof over the gymnasium; new pool side facility (Waterside Restaurant) and renovation/redcoration of Pool Bar.

Kelvin Grove had 8200 members.

1928

First Squash Courts were built.

4. 200 meters (rugby field past WP Rugby)

2005

First Fundraising Dinner partnering with Western Province Rugby, raising funds for CBPJ Players Fund Raised R35 818

2018

Reached the R1 Million Rand Mark in Raising funds for CBPJ Players Fund at our Annual Dinners with the DHL Stormers

1931

Tennis had been played on the old Rimer courts, and new ones were completed.

5. 400m pass Tennis Courts

2019

Davis Cup Tennis Group II Competition hosted at the Club. Bulgaria vs South Africa

6. 500m – pass Bowling Greens

1926

Mr Walter Herbert (Wally) Mars stood surety for a lease of £15,000 from the SA Mutual which made it possible for the development of the Club to go ahead. The first committee was elected. Wally was elected Chairman in 1926 and continue serving until 1945.

The first AGM was held on the 5th November

attended by 46 members. After the meeting, Mr Wally Mars was overheard saying to Mr Jim Wiley.

“Jim, did you hear what one person suggested? That we should have a bowling green. We can’t have that class of person at Kelvin Grove.”

1931

First Bowling Green was laid, but it was not until 1933 until a Bowls section was formed and first Bowls dinner held, with 33 members attending. In 1950, the second bowling green was laid down. In 1961 the Ladies bowls formally inaugurated.

7. 700m – Palmtrees

Original Entrance – The Palmtrees were planted in 1912.

“Palmyra” comes from the Greek for palm. One of the venues available for functions can be hired from the Club and overlooks the trees.

8. 800m – Barn

1980

Rebuilding of damaged sections and additions completed.

The Barn Restaurant opened, originally stables, renovated and opened as a Restaurant.

1999

The Barn Restaurant is refurbished and extended into the courtyard to create space for a new, intimate bar, casual lounge seating and extra tables for dining.

9. 900m Ballroom

1936

The Ballroom was built. The Club had its financial frustrations in the 1930’s but found willing sponsors. Jim Wiley (Vice-Chairman of the Club) lent building funds from the estate of his father, John Robert Wiley to fund the project.

FINISH

1933

Club colors registered (Peacock Blue, Maroon & Gold) but only recognized officially by the State Bureau for Heraldry on 12 October 1984.