

**Clockwise from top left:** Bridesmaids Caryn Hockey, Natalie Hawkins and Hayley Adendorff with Samantha.

They wore dove grey, three-quarter length silk dresses. • Samantha and flower girl, Morgan Ross. • The flower girls, Brittany Ross (who witnessed the engagement), Morgan Ross and Kyla McLoughlin, all nieces, wore winter white with a dove grey sash and flower garlands in their hair. • Samantha's bouquet contained white and cream roses, lisianthus and lilies



# SAMANTHA & MARK COX

11 NOVEMBER 2006





*The couple and bridesmaids with groomsmen Keith Howell, Thomas Raatgever and Paul Blackman*

**THE BRIDE** Samantha Ross, 24, beauty therapist  
**THE GROOM** Mark Harry Cox, 33, agent and sales manager

**THEIR STORY** Mark and Samantha met at a nightclub through a mutual friend. Mark plays golf for KZN and had captained South Africa; Samantha's parents had recently caught the golf bug and she played with them sometimes, so they had lots to talk about. They met again about a month later and from then on were inseparable.

**THE PROPOSAL** Mark proposed on Christmas Day 2005 while on holiday with family in Richard's Bay.

**THE BIG DAY** 11 November 2006 at Kloof Methodist Church. The reception was at Kloof Country Club

**ONE THING I'VE LEARNT** 'If you see something you like, book it or buy it then and there. Don't waste time trying to compare; you will know if it is right,' insists Samantha.

**T**he venue was chosen as it is very beautiful but, more importantly, it has been a part of the couple's relationship: Mark has been a club member for ages and Samantha had played golf there with her parents. And obviously, the couple have played there together (usually with Mark caddying for Samantha!)

They wanted their wedding to capture a fairy-tale elegance: cream organza overlays, pearls and lilies and crystal wine glasses. The main table had fairy lights, silver goblets and pewter votive candles.

Samantha says that the church service was the highlight for both of them – and judging by the tears from the guests, it was for everyone else too. 'The whole day had such a happy feeling,' she concludes.





Guests found grey organza bags containing macadamia nougat bonbons at their plate settings



The couple are self-confessed chocoholics and their cake was made from three tiers of Austrian chocolate torte covered with chocolate ganache piece. Each layer was topped with white and milk chocolate balls and miniature roses



The main table was decorated with fairy lights and a row of alternating silver goblets and pewter gravy boats filled with flowers



Samantha wore pearl earrings and a tiara with Swarovski crystals and pearls to match the pearl and crystal detail on her dress



Loose arrangements of lilies, roses and lisianthus topped tall glass vases containing strings of pearls and a single rose. Five pewter votive candles surrounded each vase at the base

### MENU HIGHLIGHTS

Chicken and sweet corn stacks with orange sauce  
Roast lamb, chicken and beef with roast potatoes and vegetables  
Honey and nougat parfait

### SERVICE PROVIDERS

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