

**MAY 2025**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This is Boland SAGES Newsletter for May 2025. It also includes news from the National Tournament held in Bloemfontein.

## **FEEDBACK NATIONAL AGM 2025**

The National Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 15 May 2025 at Bloemfontein (Schoeman Park).

Highlights of the meeting are:

New NMC Members. The new NMC members that were elected are:

Andre Blom – National President

Con Esterhuysen – National Vice President

Elfie Alston – National Secretary (Elfie has since resigned due to personal and health reasons.) The portfolio of National Treasurer is therefore vacant, and a process of nomination and election will follow soon.

Eddie Mantle – National Treasurer.

Assistants for the Secretary and Treasurer.

A motion was tabled proposing that an assistant is appointed for the National Secretary due to lighten his workload and to ensure continuity if something unforeseen happens. The motion was approved and extended to include the National Treasurer. As there were no nominations yet, the meeting decided that the NMC must negotiate with suitable candidates and appoint them in the positions.

Future National Tournaments. The meeting decided that the following branches will host the forthcoming National Tournaments:

2026 – Jimmy Gowans

2027 – Outeniqua

2028 – Zululand

2029 – Eastern Free State

2030 – Eastern Province

Future Regional Tournaments. The meeting decided that the branches of a specific region must decide on the host branch for that region at the next and future Regional Tournaments.

Honorary Life Membership – Eddie Mantle. A motion that Honorary Life Membership is granted to Eddie Mantle, National Treasurer. The motion was approved.

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12 - 16/05 Bloemfontein (SAGES National Tournament). The SAGES National Tournament was held in Bloemfontein and hosted by the Free State branch. The tournament was played at the Schoeman Park and Bloemfontein Golf Clubs. Both courses were in a fine condition considering the drought earlier in the year.

The weather was very good although the mornings were fairly cold with temperatures ranging between 2 and 4 degrees. It became warmer later in the day.

There were 20 members from Boland in the tournament.

Format. The first two days were 4BBBS and played in pairs and four-ball teams. The four players in the four-ball team must be from the same branch to qualify for the team prize. The last two days were played as individual competitions. The "A" division played medal, and the other divisions played individual Stableford.

## Results

Better-ball. The results were calculated in different categories. The first category was for the teams and pairs that started the Monday on Schoeman Park course and the second category for the teams and pairs that started the Monday on Bloemfontein course.

Boland started on the Schoeman Park course, and the four-ball of Anton van der Spek, Con Esterhuysen, Hugo van Zyl and Frans Conradie finished in the 6<sup>th</sup> position. The four-ball of Andre de Klerk, Kobus Müller, Des de Wet and Liam Dyason

finished in the 10<sup>th</sup> position. Hugo van Zyl and Frans Conradie finished in the 7<sup>th</sup> position for the pairs over the two days.

There seems to be a technical glitch in the scoring system as the four-ball of Anton, Con, Hugo and Frans finished on a combined score of 169, which would have put them in the 9<sup>th</sup> position overall, but their names do not appear on the final result list.

Individual. The results were again calculated according to the starting course. Des de Wet finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the A (medal) division. Morne de Wet finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the D-division overall.

Two-club. Frans Conradie had a two-club on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole on Monday at Schoeman Park.

29/05 Hermanus (Quadrangular Tournament Boland, Langeberg, Overberg and Western Province). The competition was played as a better-ball and team competition.

The weather was good but there was a very strong northerly wind blowing, which made it difficult to play.

There were 30 players in each team.

Boland won the team competition with 535 points. Western Province was second with 531 points, Overberg third with 503 points and Langeberg fourth with 491 points.

Unfortunately, the complete results are not available, but Hugo van Zyl and Frans Conradie won the Better-ball pairs competition with 43 points. Bill Steyn/Gert Geldenhuys 40 points, Des de Wet/Liam Dyason 40 points and Morné Philander/Neville Minnaar 39 points were also in the prizes. Oswald Kesner/Exul le Roux also had 39 points but were not in the prizes.

### **TWO-CLUB BALLS**

**Players are again reminded that they must collect their "two-club ball" directly after the game from the scorer, with the scorecard as proof. Two-club balls will not be kept as is the case with the other prizes.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **JUNE 2025**

12/06 Wellington. Hugo van Zyl is the Organiser.

26/06 Strand. This is the Inter-branch competition between Boland and Western Province. Frans Conradie is the Organiser.

A maximum of 60 players per team are allowed. Final numbers will be made available soon.

### **JULY 2025**

10/07 Devonvale. Gert Geldenhuys is organising the game.

24/07 Stellenbosch. This is the annual Inter-branch against Langeberg. Frans Conradie will be arranging the game. A maximum of 60 players per branch will be allowed.

### **BOOKLETS 2025-2026**

The booklets for 2025/2026 are available from the Secretary. **Please ask for your copy.**

### **JOYS AND SORROWS**

Gerrit Vermeulen is making good progress in recovering.

June Perrett has passed away on 10 May 2025.

The Committee is not kept up to date or informed of members or direct relatives who became ill or have serious problems and can, therefore, not always report on the latest status.

We wish all those that were previously mentioned and are recovering a speedy recovery.

### **BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE 2025**

- 02. Poke Pienaar.
- 05. Madeleine du Plessis.
- 08. Roland Sallmann.
- 11. Andy James, Loraine Smit.
- 26. Ken Robertson.
- 27. Victor Hunt.
- 29. Rosely Hurter.
- 30. Hannelize Upsher.

We trust that they will all have a wonderful day.

### **SCORECARDS**

A special request goes to all players to assist the scorekeeper in checking the cards for completeness and correctness. Please complete the scorecard in full. This includes the individual points and adding up those points.

**SCORECARDS MUST BE HANDED TO THE SCORER WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF FINISHING YOUR ROUND. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CARD IS HANDED IN. IT IS EVERY PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE SCORECARD IS COMPLETED, SIGNED AND HANDED IN. THIS APPLIES TO BETTER-BALL**

**AND ALLIANCE SCORECARDS AS WELL. SCORECARDS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE CORRECT PLACES BY BOTH THE PLAYER AND THE MARKER.**

**PLAYING PARTNERS**

**Players are reminded that they MUST play with the partner in a Better-ball Competition as the names appear on the draw/tee-sheet. The habit of arriving at the venue and then deciding who to partner with makes it extremely difficult to speed up proceedings, as the computer is set up to finalise scores ASAP after completion of play.**

**OPENING OF ROUNDS**

The opening of a round is the **PERSONAL** responsibility the player. At the smaller Clubs they do not have the facilities to open rounds for the players due to computer system constraints and internet connections. **IT IS ADVISABLE THAT ALL MEMBERS DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL THE HNA APP ON THEIR CELLPHONES AND USE THAT TO OPEN AND CLOSE ROUNDS.** Some players at recent competitions did not open rounds and some, after being requested to open their rounds, still did not do so. If a player does not open a round and enter his/her score, his/her home Club will be contacted and informed of the situation, as we are bound to play by the rules as per R&A and HNA.

**LOCAL RULES**

**AS FROM 01 JULY 2024 MOST, IF NOT ALL, GOLF CLUBS WILL APPLY A "NO PLACING RULE" AS DEMANDED BY THE R&A.** Some Clubs may have variations or adaptations to the placing rule, especially what to do when you need to clean the ball.

Local rules of the host Club, such as hitting of powerlines/pylons, bunkers, free drops around trees and other obstructions and other rules, **MUST** be adhered to. Breach of a local rule will be penalised by **TWO** shots.

Take note that these local rules are applicable to a **specific** Club and may not apply to other Clubs.

**CONFIRM THE LOCAL RULES BY CHECKING THE NOTICE BOARD OR ASKING THE PRO-SHOP OR STARTER BEFORE PLAY STARTS.**

**CLOTHING**

For any clothing requirements please contact Debbie de Wet 083-212-8996 or dewetdeborah5@gmail.com.

To enable the new members and those who require clothing, an attempt will be made to have

Debbie de Wet playing as late as possible to be available to sell clothing.

The players who are not properly dressed either on the course or at prize-giving will be informed that they are not following the dress code. Their names will be recorded, and future adherence will be monitored.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Cape Regional Tournament 2025. The dates for the Cape Regional Tournament in 2025 have been confirmed as 13 and 14 October 2025. The Tournament will be hosted by Boland. The venue will be Langebaan Country Estate. The qualification period for this tournament will be from 01 September 2024 until 31 August 2025.
2. SAGES National Tournament 2026. The venue will be Randpark in Johannesburg. The tournament will be hosted by Jimmy Gowans. The dates must still be confirmed but will be during March 2026.

**FIXTURES FOR 2025/2026**

- 12 June 2025 – Wellington – Hugo van Zyl.  
26 June 2025 – Strand – Bol vs WP – Frans Conradie.  
10 July 2025 – Devonvale – Gert Geldenhuys.  
24 July 2025 – Stellenbosch – Bol vs Lang – Frans Conradie.  
14 August 2025 – Shelley Point – Andre de Wet.  
28 August 2025 – Strand – Bol vs Ovb – Frans Conradie.  
11 September 2025 – Langebaan – Andre de Wet.  
18 September 2025 – Helderberg Village – Gert Geldenhuys.  
02 October 2025 – Malmesbury – Hugo van Zyl. (The venue might be changed due to condition of the course.)  
**13 – 14 October 2025 – Langebaan – Regional Tournament – Boland.**  
23 October 2025 – Kuilsrivier – Gert Geldenhuys.  
03 November 2025 – Durbanville – CANSA – Hugo van Zyl.  
20 November 2025 – Vredenburg – Andre de Wet.  
04 December 2025 – Somerset West – Gert Geldenhuys.  
15 January 2026 – Kleinmond – Gert Geldenhuys.

29 January 2026 – Langebaan – Andre de Wet.

**12 February 2026 – Kuilsrivier – Club Championships/AGM** – Hugo van Zyl.

26 February 2026 – Wellington – Hugo van Zyl.

12 March 2026 – Strand – Gert Geldenhuys.

**Date to be confirmed – Randpark Johannesburg – National Tournament – Jimmy Gowans.**

26 March 2026 – Ceres – Hugo van Zyl.