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Whew! I am still exasperated from just watching the thrilling last day of The Masters in Augusta, Georgia. History was made! Wys jou net weer : liewer 'n amper-mis as 'n amper-raak! A worthy winner, Rory McIlroy and classy runner-up, Justin Rose.

Tydens die AJV het julle almal voorgestel dat ons 'n bykomende fondinsameling loods om fondse in te samel vir kankerpasiente in die Kouga streek: die dag wat daarvoor gereël is, is in Junie en by Jeffreysbaai gholfbaan. Op navrae waarom ons nie ons CANSAdag by JBGK hou nie, het ek verduidelik dat die ondersteuning van die boere-gemeenskap daar ver beter is. Daarom daag ek elkeen nou uit om (1) Spelers te werf vir ons Junie dag en (2) Items te verkry wat as pryse gebruik kan word of wat opgeveil kan word. Sonder jou hulp kan ons glad nie hierdie bykomende dag doen nie. Kontak myself of Cecile dus dadelik as jy 'n bydrae gaan lewer. Onthou niks is te gering nie... asb, sien die versoek as 'n uitdaging aan JOU.



Ons het weereens saam met bure Outeniqua Sages heerlik op Goose Valley gespeel op 22 April. Die wedstryd, wat as 'n Scramble Dryf geadverteer is, is op die nippertjie na 'n IPS verander, net om op die afslaanbof weereens te verander na 'n Beterbal! Aanpasbaarheid op sy Allerbeste! Gholf is gholf, die baan is in 'n puik toestand. Wat 'n plesier.



Ons Fynbos kompetisie in April is in pragtige, aanvanklike windstil weer gespeel deur 20 spelers. Die baan is onder nuwe bestuur en is in 'n puik toestand. Ten spyte daarvan het niemand wafferse tellings aangeteken nie. Daar is op 'n laat stadium besluit om dit 'n Beterbal te hou, en nie minder nie as 4 spanne was gelyk!

Gelukkig was daar 'n onbetwiste Beterbal wenpaar, in persoon van Derek Dowd en Sakkie Meyer. 'n Interessante verdere feit is dat slegs 7 spelers met al die pryse weggestap het.



1e: Derek & Sakkie 38pte



2e: Hannies & Sven 36 pte



Langste dryf: Sakkie Meyer



Looitjie wenner : Derek



NTPP : Wilfred Stephan op # 4 Hannies Ferreira op # 17



Gustav Botha op # 8



2Clubs: Wilfred en Hannies



En so van bure gepraat, ons het ook die geleentheid gebruik om saam met EP Sages op St Francis dorpsbaan te speel op 24 April. En behalwe vir 'n blou kol vir die uwe, het ek en Derek minstens die prys vir die tweede plek gekry. Dankie julle, soos ek baie sê, dis altyd voordelig om 'n Sages lid te wees.

Ek herinner weer almal aan ons baie informatiewe Facebook blad "SAGES (Kouga Region)" waar geheime en statistiek maandeliks gedeel word met almal wat aangesluit het. Tans is daar 41 deelnemers. Daar word deurgaans statistiek en wetenskaplike gedeel deur ons entoesiastiese statistikus.

In Meimaand gaan 'n Kougaspan van 5 lede ons streek by Nationals verteenwoordig. Baie sterkte aan Almero & Carina asook Derek & Etienne met Bloemfontein se winterbane. Ek speel as 'n individuele speler.

Kouga Sages se volgende wedstryde is by St Francis (8/5) en Hankey (29/5).



Wel en weë. 'n Hartlike geluk aan ons Johan Nienaber wat so in die stilligheid die C-Afdeling wenner in die Jeffreysbaai klubkampioenskappe was!



Petrus de Klerk, Brian O'Donaghue, en 'n aantal manne wat steeds besig is om van hul kanker te herstel. 'n Paar manne se gades word ook deur kanker gepla. Baie sterkte aan hulle ook.

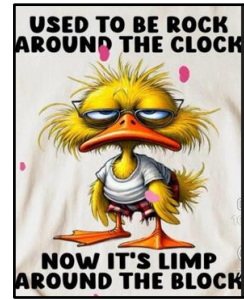
Celéste Scheepers - Voorsitter



Mei Verjaarsdae:

4 e - Carina Theron
 24e - Bokkie Gerber
 25e - Pierre de Villiers
 27e - Raymond Butler





What is The Masters 2025 prize money?

The prize money at The Masters is \$20 million in total. The only **PGA Tour** events with more are The Players Championship (\$25m) and the **Tour Championship** (\$100m).

Here is what the top five in the Masters leaderboard will earn:

- **Winner:** \$3.6m
- **Runner-up:** \$2.16m
- **3rd:** \$1.36m
- **4th:** \$960k
- **5th:** \$800k



Die oomblik waarvoor Rory McIlroy 11 jaar gewag het. Die oorkandiging van die Meesterstoernooi se gesogte groen baadjie. Foto: Getty Images



Fairways hit hy handicap:

20-25 HCP: 50%
15-20 HCP: 51%
10-15 HCP: 55%
5-10 HCP: 56%
0-5 HCP: 60%
Scratch: 63%

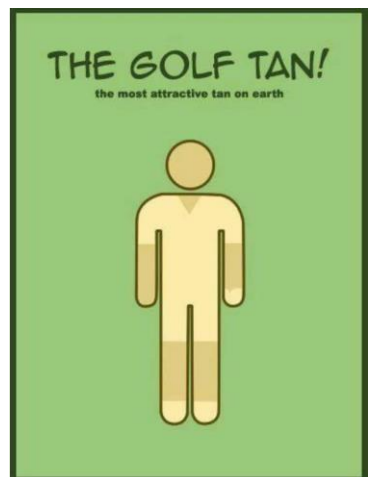
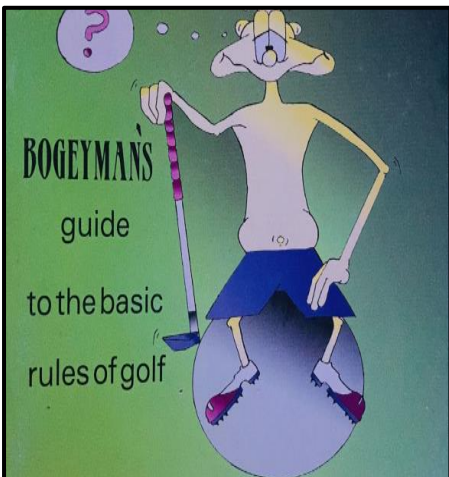
Temper your expectations.



2023 stats

10 Nine-hole courses in Eastern Cape (HNA Statistics)

Course	# Members	# Rounds p/y
- Zwartbosch	84	78
- Kirkwood	90	866
- Alexandria	80	969
- Somerset East	101	1 237
- Kragga Kamma	83	2 068
- Sardinia Bay	119	2 596
- Hankey	241	2 854 (6000)
- Fynbos	96	2 994
- Graaff Reinette	114	3 012
- Jeffreys Bay	244	7 542 (14 286)
- Uitenhage	240	6 000
- St Francis	530	20 000
- Little Walmer	850	(24 200)



Golfing in the Cold and Rainy Months A Light-hearted Guide for the ladies and gentlemen

Ah, winter golf! It's the time of year when your breath fogs up faster than your golf ball can roll. While many might hang up their clubs until spring, true golf enthusiasts know that with a little adjustment and a sprinkle of humour, you can still enjoy the game even when it's colder than a polar bear's toenails!

Embrace the elements:

First things first: dress for success! Layering is key. Think of yourself as a walking onion (Give credit to Shrek for this line) with lots of layers to keep you warm! Start with moisture-wicking base layers to keep sweat away from your skin).

Add an insulating layer like a fleece or sweater, and finish with a waterproof jacket. Don't forget about your extremities; gloves and thermal socks are essential.

Adjust your grip:

Speaking of grip, let's talk about how the cold affects your game. When temperatures drop, so does your grip strength. Consider using oversized grips or gloves designed for wet conditions to maintain control over your club

Club selection:

Now, onto club selection! In colder weather, the ball doesn't travel as far due to denser air and colder temperatures. This means you might need to club up, yes, that means hitting with more power than usual! If you typically use a 7-iron for 150 meters in summer, consider reaching for that trusty 6-iron instead.

Just think of it as giving yourself an extra challenge. Who doesn't love a good plot twist?

Perfect your swing technique:

Focus on making smooth swings rather than powerful ones; this will help maintain balance and control in slippery conditions. Plus, if you happen to take an unintentional slide into a bunker? Just call it "creative course management"!

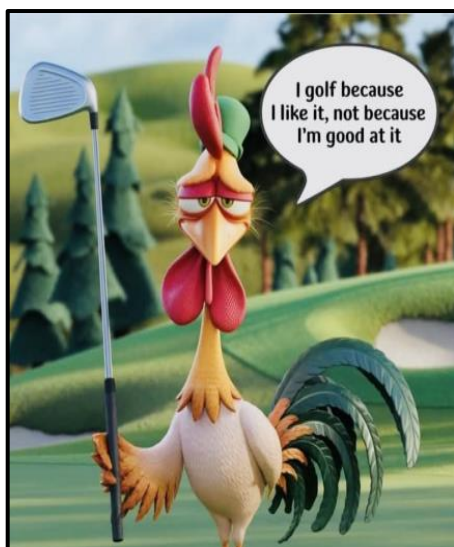
Mental game: Keep it light:

Let's not forget about the mental aspect of winter golfing. It's easy to get frustrated when the weather isn't cooperating or when you're struggling. Instead of letting those negative thoughts creep in, try embracing the absurdity of playing golf in such conditions. Laugh at that mud stain on your pants, it's just nature's way of saying "you're having fun!" And remember: every shot counts double when it's cold outside!

Post-round Warm-up:

After your round (or after you've decided it's too cold), treat yourself to some hot chocolate (perhaps with a dash of rum and share stories about how you conquered the elements.

With these tips in mind, grab those clubs and head out to the greens this winter season! Who knows? You might just discover that playing golf in chilly weather can be as refreshing as a cool drink on a hot summer day.



Upcoming golf competitions for May 2025:

THE SORBET LADIES OPEN

9 MAY 2025 FRIDAY
PEGC - THE HILL

Prize for the best dressed fourball representing Sorbet colours.

CLOSING DATE: 30TH APRIL
FORMAT: 4 BALL ALLIANCE (3 SCORES TO COUNT)

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BESPOKE MIXERS
LADIES OPEN
24 MAY 2025
MORNING FIELD
BETTERBALL FORMAT

ALL-IN - R150
MEMBER - R295
VISITOR - R295
MEAL INCLUDED
THEME - BLACK&WHITE

BEST DRESSED AMONGST THE LOT OF DIFFERENT PRIZES TO BE WON!!

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Moorland Hadedra Classic '25

Shot-gun @ 12h30
R2000pp
Includes: 3Days
1. TEAM & INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION
2. REFRESHMENTS BEFORE TEE-OFF
3. HALFWAY MEAL
4. WATERHOLE
5. DINNER
6. AWARDS PRIZES
7. LUCKY DRAWS
8. ENTERTAINMENT

Shot-gun @ 07h15
R1500pp
Includes: 3Days
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We wish our 5 Kouga Sages team members well for the Sages National Championships in May:



Etienne Keyser & Derek Dowd



Carina Theron & Almero Weyers



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