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SAGES METROPOLITAN MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

On 26 May 2025 we hosted our May 2025 "Club Championship" competition at Umdoni Park Golf Club. 36 Players participated in the competition, which is a bit disappointing. Thank you to the Umdoni Staff, Groundsmen, Kitchen and Bar staff for hosting the competition.

Lifting the Club Champion trophy was based on the lowest Gross score (need to putt out) and playing off the white tees and playing medal.

On Tuesday the air was filled with excitement, camaraderie, and the unmistakable sound of golf balls soaring through the sky as players gathered for our highly anticipated "Club Championship" competition. It was a day to remember, filled with spectacular swings, impressive putts, and a vibrant spirit of sportsmanship.



Philip Bacchus and Billy Pritchard surprised us with beautiful new Club Championship Trophies. Thank you, Philip and Billy.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMPETITION

STELLAR PERFORMANCES

2 CLUBS

Participants showcased their skills and determination as they navigated challenging hazards, unpredictable winds, and long par 5s. Some standout moments included **2 x 2-clubs**.

Left: Fred van Prooijen and **Right:** Kevin Delay



NEAREST THE PINS



Left: Gabriel Michael: **Hole 3**



Left: Fred v Plooijen: **Hole 7**



Left: Herman Grotius: **Hole 12**



Right: Paul Thomas: **Hole 16**

The Players' Spirit

While the competition is fierce, the spirit of friendship and mutual respect is evident throughout the day. Golfers supported one another with encouraging words, shared laughs during breaks, and applauded great shots, even when made by their competitors. This camaraderie truly emphasized the unifying power of golf.

WINNERS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

After hours of intense play, the results were in. The leaderboard reflected some incredible performances, and we'd like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our champions:



Ladies Best Gross: Suzette Olivier (36)



Ladies Best Net: Shirly Chalupsky (35)



Club Champion 2025: Poën Olivier (76)



A Division Best Net: Gabriel Michael (72)



B Div. Best Gross: John O'Conner (36)



B Div. Best Net: Andy Young (35)

A DAY BEYOND THE GREENS

The golf competition wasn't just about the game. It was also about bringing together a community of golf enthusiasts to celebrate our shared passion. Off the course, participants enjoyed delicious refreshments at the clubhouse, engaging conversations, and even a delightful fines collection.

OUR COMMITTEE AND SPONSORS

This event wouldn't have been possible without the tireless efforts of our committee. From organizing logistics to ensuring smooth play, your dedication shone through every aspect of the day. A special thanks also goes out to our sponsor SAGES, whose generous support for the members added an extra layer of excellence to the event.

BIRTHDAYS – JUNE 2025

Sam Dwyer (8th)

Janet Beckerley (20th)

Vleis Visagie (27th)

LOOKING AHEAD

As we reflect on this successful competition, we eagerly look forward to future events where we can once again gather, compete, and enjoy the game we love. Whether you're a seasoned player or a newcomer to golf, we encourage you to participate in our upcoming tournaments. Let's continue to make memories on the greens!

SAGES NATIONAL / REGIONAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

1. Elfie Alston resigned as SAGES National Secretary.
2. WhatsApp received from Gregg Bye, KZN Midlands:- This year's regionals will be held in Pietermaritzburg Golf Club on the 22nd and 23rd September 2025.
Accommodation can be booked at Aintree Lodge or Ascot Inn. They do BB if needed.
Further communication to follow with costs and formats. (WhatsApp forwarded SAGES Met members.)

STAY CONNECTED



SAVE THE DATE: Next competition Umkomaas on 24 June 2025, better ball.

Don't forget to stay in touch with us for updates on upcoming events, competitions, and golf-related news. Let's keep the spirit of golf alive and thriving!

Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and contributed to the success of this event. Together, we make SAGES competitions not just a game, but a celebration of the sport we all cherish. Until next time, may your drives be long, your putts true, and your days filled with joy.

Warm regards

**SAGES MET
Committee**