



ZULULAND NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

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Dear Sages

JUNE BIRTHDAY BABY :



Colin Anger - 01 June 2025

Results of our 6th game (IPS) at Kwambonambi : 15 June 2025

1st : Hugo du Preez - 38 points

2nd : Fafs van der Merwe - 36 points

3rd : Mike Byars - 35 points

Nearest to pin (No 9) : Johan Meeding

Most Golf : Eddie Smith - 23 points

Whisky Draw : Dawie Pretorius

Birdies on the day : Johan Meeding x 2; Des Millin x 1; Peter de Klerk x 1

and George van Wyk x 1



First Place : Hugo du Preez



Second Position : Fafs van der Merwe



Third Position : Mike Byars



Most Golf : Eddie Smith (Right)
Faf on hand to help out Eddie with his prize.



Whisky Winner : Dawie Pretorius



Birdie Winners : Peter de Klerk & George v Wyk

Committee member Wilhelm Jansen van Rensburg handed out all main prizes.

TWO Extraordinary Golf Stories

1. Club House Approach Shot

Playing in the English Amateur Championship of 1974 Moortown [Golf Club](#) in Leeds, Nigel Denham's ball bounced off a path and flew through an open door of the clubhouse.

At that time, the clubhouse was not deemed out of bounds, so Denham went to look for his golf ball. It had ricocheted off a wall and into the bar, where it had come to rest under a table.

So he just followed the shouts of the revelers. An idea quickly came to his mind and Denham started contemplating an unusual strategy for his approach shot to the 18th hole.

With numerous clubhouse patrons egging him on, Denham studied the situation and wondered if a shot might be possible. He moved the table and chairs and saw he could make a swing.

He then opened one of the windows overlooking the 18th green and played a delicate chip off the carpet. His ball zipped through the window, landed on the green, and rolled up to within five feet of the hole. Of course, he holed the putt for a phenomenal par four!

2. Lightning Strike

By the summer of 1974, Lee Trevino was a champion of four majors and was competing against the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Johnny Miller to be the world's best golfer. However, that changed in 1975. Trevino was playing in the Western Open when he was struck by lightning! A bolt hit Trevino's umbrella, rendering him unconscious.

He suffered burns to his back and legs. In the years that followed, he had to endure multiple surgeries. Despite the interventions, he was permanently weakened by the injuries.

But, he did not quit and continued to play on the PGA Tour. To overcome his loss of power, he relied on his accuracy. This paid off and he went on to win eight more times on the PGA Tour after the lightning strike.

Trevino talked about his harrowing encounter 16 years later at the Senior PGA Championship, which was plagued by lightning strikes, "It was a nice, warm feeling," Trevino said. "Evidently, I was gone. The electricity stopped my heart. When I woke up, I was in pain. The doctor said if I hadn't had such a strong heart, I would be dead."

"Golf: The only sport where you yell 'fore,' shoot six, and write down five."

"Hear the one about the bad-tempered golfer who bought a new set of TaylorMade clubs? After playing with them for a couple of rounds he returned to his pro shop and told the pro, "These were the best clubs I have ever played with. In fact, I can throw these clubs 40-yards further than my old ones!"

At the Annual General Meeting of SAGES National Executive Council held at Schoeman Park Golf Club on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 19h30 the following members were elected to serve on the National Management Committee for 2025:

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SAGES LIV GOLF FIXTURES - 2025		
DATE	VENUE	FORMAT
19 July	Mtunzini	4 Ball Alliance (3 Scores to Count)
23 August	Kwambonambi	4 Ball Alliance (3 Scores to Count)
06 September	Richards Bay	4 Ball Alliance (3 Scores to Count)
25 October	Empangeni	4 Ball Alliance (3 Scores to Count)
29 November	Kwambonambi	4 Ball Alliance (3 Scores to Count)
06 December	Felixton	4 Ball Alliance (3 Scores to Count)

Zululand BRANCH FIXTURES - 2025		
DATE	VENUE	FORMAT
13 July	Mtunzini	Ryder Cup
16 August	Richards Bay	CANSA Open Day (Pink Ball)
07 Sept	Richards Bay	IPS
22-23 Sept	Pietermaritzburg	Regionals
04 Oct	Kwambonambi	Sages Open Golf Day (4BBBS)
12 Oct	Monzi	IPS - Hidden Partner
09 Nov	Empangeni	Club Champs
07 Dec	Kwambonambi	Committee Revenge Game Christmas Game (Awards)

Best regards
GF van Wyk
Secretary/Zululand Sages

