



SAGES West Rand

August 2025 Newsletter

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Fellow Members

How Blessed we were as West Rand Sages, to share this beautiful end of winter morning with warm sunny blue skies and a feel of spring in the air.

It was so nice to be around the excited chatter of 107 members getting ready to depart to their allocated tees for the shotgun start.

Another WR Sages record! 107 Players took to the course, beating our previous best of 81 players at Jackal Creek last year. Our field sizes must be the envy of other Sages branches across the Republic. Well done to all!

A big thank you to Ashley Roestoff and his Jackal Creek management team for hosting us on the day and to Soraya Pandor (WR Sages and Jackal Creek Club member) for assisting us with the cost negotiations. The course was enjoyed by all.

Although I also enjoyed my day, my score of 105 gross did not reflect this. To illustrate this, I hit a drive down the hill, middle of the 11th fairway. Well bunkered on either side. Our fourball searched high and low on the fairway and bunkers and eventually scouted off the fairway before giving up. Despondently and not understanding what could have happened to that ball, I walked the hole without firing another shot. As we came off the green on the following short hole, Eugene Louw from the fourball behind us came along with this bright yellow ball and asked why we didn't bother to play it from the middle of the previous fairway. He was ready to hammer me with a big fine, but fortunately for me, I had to remind him that we don't have a "Fines Box". I was however happy to have the mystery solved.

Thanks again to all, for a well-attended post-match Prize-giving in the Function Room.

Best Wishes to All & Until Next Time!

Ed & West Rand SAGES Committee



Winners at Jackal Creek on 12 August 2025



FIRST PLACE

90 Points

Clem Lindeque, Henry o Dell, Frik Blom, Gary Diepram



SECOND PLACE

89 Points

Schalk Breytenbach, Les van Niekerk, Naas Fritz, Ben van Heerden



Winners at Jackal Creek on 12 August 2025



NEAREST TO PIN

Dave Campher, Craig Schovell, Neville Sanders, Piet Swart



2 CLUBS

Chris Breytenbach, Neil Crighton





Golf balls winner

Billy Pollock

Whisky winner

Jacques Bezuidenhout

Kindly donated by
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News from our Handicap and scoring sub-Committee

NEWS FROM THE HANDICAP & SCORING SUB_COMMITTEE

40+ CLUB for 2025

We have another new member joining the 40+Pointer Club for 2025 - Stienie Geldenhuys who scored a solid 40 points. Well done Stienie.

Besides Stienie scoring 40 points, we had a total of 12 players scoring 36 points or better. That's great golf! Well done to all.

HOWEVER,

As the Handicap and Scoring Sub-Committee, we're still beating the same old drum. We still have the odd player shooting a nett sub-par round and then either capturing the round totally incorrect in their favour or not capturing it at all on the HNA system.

Can you believe that this still happens after almost every monthly event. Besides it being unfair, it shows NO RESPECT for the GAME we love and also shows NO RESPECT to the rest of our 150 plus fellow WR Sage MEMBERS we compete against each month.

This just brings to mind a reminder of our Guiding Principles;

- 1. **Tradition** – Honouring the game and the shared history of Sages.
- 2. **Fellowship** – Building strong friendships through shared experiences
- 3. **Excellence** – Strive to run quality events that members look forward to
- 4. **Respect** – Respect for the Game, the Courses we visit as well as one another

Let not winning be our only aim, it matters how we play the game

	2024			2025		
COURSE / VENUE	2024 Total No of Players on the Day	2024 Total No of Individual Stableford Points	2024 Average Ind Stableford Score/Player	2025 Total No of Players on the Day	2025 Total No of Individual Stableford Points	2025 Average Ind Stableford Score/Player
Rustenburg (July)	70	1,963	28	62	1,831	29.5
Jackal Creek (August)	81	2,443	30.2	107	3,113	29.1

Till Next Time, happy golfing!

The Handicap and Scoring Sub-Committee

MEMBER PLAYER PROFILE – LARRY FRIEDMAN

To add a personal touch to our West Rand SAGES newsletter, we introduce a Player/Member Profile, of our new **WEST RAND BRANCH SECRETARY: Larry (Laurence) Friedman**, to share with our members. Some of our newer members, (Brian Cornelissen – Uncle Larry to you now Brian) weren't even born when Larry first took to the fairways.

Basic Information

1. **Name & Surname - Nickname (if any):**

Laurence Friedman (Larry)

2. **Home Club and last home club handicap?**

Krugersdorp 17 White



Golf-Related Questions

1. **How long have you been playing golf**

54 years

2. **Which golf course (anywhere in the world) that you have played on is your favourite, and why**

No particular course, but will say Durban Country Club cause that's where I had a **HOLE IN ONE**

3. **Personal Best round ever that sticks in your mind**

Humewood Golf Club where I shot a 72 gross off an 8 handicap, made 48 individual points, the guys where not impressed at prize giving

4. **Most memorable golf moment?**

Having the hole in one although memorable, cost me a round of drinks at a golf day

5. **Favorite club in your bag**

9 Iron for those chips when just off the green

6. **Strengths and weaknesses in your game? Eg. Driving, Approach shots, Chipping, Putting or Other**

10. Any golf superstitions or pre-game rituals?

Only tie my shoe laces once I get to the course

Fun & Personal Touch

12. Best piece of golf advice you've ever received?

Keep your head down!!

13. What's your go-to drink at the 19th hole?

Always beer

14. Apart from golf, what keeps you busy or do you have any hobbies or interests?

Gym 5 days a week, still read a newspaper every day, holidays

15. A fun fact about yourself that most members don't know?

Love food, chocolate and a good glass of red wine

Our next Game



EAGLE CANYON GOLF CLUB

TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2025

COMPETITION – FOURBALL ALLIANCE

2 BEST SCORES TO COUNT

PLEASE NOTE: We will have a SHOTGUN Start. This will mean teeing simultaneously off all 18 Tees at 07h30 sharp. Keep up with the players ahead of you as they also will have an afternoon field.

Please make sure you're there early to enable registration, cart collection and getting to your allocated tee on time for the **07h30 shotgun start**.

Give yourself enough time to check in through the booms. They will give us the Code for the Entrance Booms a few days leading up to the day. I have also discussed expired licences. Please make sure you have a form of identity with you.

GREEN FEES INCLUDING CART FEES (per seat):

MEMBERS	– R420.00 PER PLAYER
VISITORS	– R470.00 PER PLAYER

GREEN FEES EXCLUDING CART FEES (OWN CART)

MEMBERS	– R240.00 PER PLAYER
VISITORS	– R290.00 PER PLAYER

As per normal, we prefer an EFT for your Green/Cart Fees into our WEST RAND SAGES ACCOUNT:

Account: West Rand Sages

Bank : FNB

Branch: Clearwater

Acc Number: 62308580754

Ref No: SurnameInitial/EagleC

If paying cash, try and bring the right amount at registration on the day. Our cash float for providing change is limited on the day. Please also note, we do not have POS Handheld Devices at registration.

HALFWAY HOUSE: Halfway House will be a "Grab & Go" . Please play at least 5 Holes before stopping at the Halfway House. There are toilets about half way on each nine.



A warm,
sunny winter's
day shared with
great friends !



*The following
West Rand
members will be
celebrating their
birthdays
during September
2025. We wish
them the very
best for the
following year and
may God bless
them with good
health and
prosperity.*

Leon	Botha	1
Lenny	Richardson	1
JC	Smith	1
Connie	Ashford	6
Chris	Du Toit	6
John	Masie	6
Johan	Jansen van Vuuren	8
Willie	Van Eeden	8
Ben	Van Heerden	8
Darryl	Bradley	9
Hein	Hefer	10
Pam	Koertzen	11
Kobie	Jamneck	12
David	Mc Bride	14
Piers	Halton	17
Tielman	Burger	23
Nico	Harris	24
Leon	Meintjies	26
Sonja	Swanepoel	27
Robin	Wardle	28
Hannes	Le Roux	29

WR Sages 2025 Program



WEST RAND SAGES PROGRAM FOR 2025		MONTHLY
		5 CORNER
		REGIONAL
		NATIONALS
DATE	VENUE	EVENT
21 JANUARY 2025	GOLDFIELDS WEST	MONTHLY
11 FEBRUARY 2025	KRUGERSDORP	AGM AND 1ST LEG OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
11 MARCH 2025	RUIMSIG	2ND LEG OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
8 APRIL 2025	CMR	MONTHLY
13 August '25	EBOTSE	NORTHERN 5 CORNER
12-16 MAY 2025	BLOEMFONTEIN	NATIONALS
20 MAY 2025	KRUGERSDORP	MONTHLY
17 JUNE 2025	MAGALIES PARK	MONTHLY
8 JULY 2025	RUSTENBURG	MONTHLY
21/22 JULY 2025	BENONI CC	NORTHERN REGION CHAMPS
12 AUGUST 2025	JACKAL CREEK	MONTHLY
9 SEPTEMBER 2025	Reading	5 CORNER
16 SEPTEMBER 2025	EAGLE CANYON	MONTHLY
14 OCTOBER 2025	RUIMSIG	MONTHLY - CANSA DAY
11 NOVEMBER 2025	MAGALIES PARK	MONTHLY
2 DECEMBER 2025	KRUGERSDORP	MONTHLY