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Fellow Members

As members of West Rand Sages, we always look forward to playing at Ruimsig and our scores generally reflect this enthusiasm. We had 114 players participating on the day. Looking at the scoring, I can certainly see why Ruimsig is such a popular and enjoyable course. There were lots of happy golfers sharing cooldrinks after the event, telling stories of how well they scored.



Being our "CANSA Day", we were pleased to have Corrien Roro, representing CANSA, joining us on the day. We were also pleased to have Tshogofatso Thobedi representing Caxton Newspapers. Her presence and coverage will help shine a light on the incredible camaraderie and charitable spirit that define our West Rand Sages Branch and will also help us share our story and amplify the impact of our efforts and the charitable cause we champion.



Our national sponsor, 3Sixty was also there to support us on the day.

We were also privileged to have Graham Smith, Ruimsig's Director of Golf, teeing it up with our members.

Thank you to Graham and the management and staff of Ruimsig Golf Club for accommodating and hosting us on the day. It is always an enjoyable outing, and a challenging course that our members always look forward to playing.

Furthermore, a big thank you to Larry Friedman, our Branch Secretary, for assisting with the organization. Trevor Woollett, our Treasurer and our Registration Desk and Scoring Officer, needs no further introduction when it comes to the hard work he puts in. We also thank Ian Wylde for his efforts to make our Newsletter fly. Ian is not on the Committee but does this as a volunteer and in the spirit of Sages, We thank you for your ongoing support, Ian.

Thanks again to Joe Alexandre and his Vaal Sages fourball who travelled through from areas around the Vaal River to share the day with us. These guys, together with our Rustenburg members travel long distances to enjoy our WR Sages camaraderie. Maybe we can reciprocate by playing one or two events on their 2026 schedule.

This month, we are pleased to welcome John Jenkins from The Els Club into our WR Sages membership. We wish you a memorable experience as a member.

As the WR Sages Committee, we are busy contacting clubs for the 2026 season and have one or two exciting changes lined up for our 2026 schedule.

On a sad note, our Merchandising Officer, Schalk Breytenbach has tendered his resignation from the Committee wef 31 December 2025. Thanks for your help and contributions Schalk.

In closing, we trust that all our members, who are currently unable to play due to illness, will be touched by God's healing hands and we hope to see them joining us on the fairways soon.

Best Wishes to All & Until Next Time!

Ed & West Rand SAGES Committee



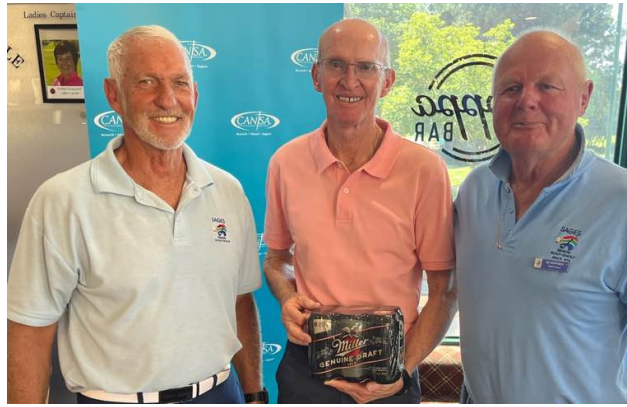
Winners at Ruimsig on 14 October 2025



FIRST PLACE

48 Points

Antois Pieterse
Robyn Wardle



Second PLACE

47 Points

Les Van Niekerk
Schalk Breytenbach



Third PLACE

47 Points

Danie Fourie
Pieter Bekker



Fourth PLACE

46 Points

Andre Pieters
Alan Boucher



Winners at Ruimsig on 14 October 2025



Fifth PLACE

46 Points

John Masie
Soraya Pandor



Sixth PLACE

45 Points

Steve and Anke
Frankland

Seventh PLACE

45 Points

Juice van Zyl
Connie Ashford



Eighth PLACE

45 Points

Johan and Cathalene
Oosthuizen

Ninth PLACE

45 Points

Andre Pieters
Marcio Sotto-Mayor



Winners at Ruimsig on 14 October 2025



NEAREST TO PIN

Antois Pieterse Danie Bosman, Gideon van Branden, Graham Smith.



2 CLUBS

Danie Fourie, Robyn Wardle, Graham Smith, Jim FurstenBerg.





Golf balls winner

Johnny Koch

Whisky winner

Erica Swart

Kindly donated by
Johan van Huyssteen



News from our Handicap and scoring sub-Committee

As can be seen below, the average Stableford score per player is the highest across all the courses we have played on so far this season. What is interesting is that we had a total 1,118 players participating across the 12 events last year (2024). With 2 games to go in 2025, we already have 1,009 players that participated in the 10 events so far this year.

	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
Goldfields West (January)	93	2,752	29.6	94	2,614	27.8
Krugersdorp (February)	108	3,194	29.6	114	3,288	28.8
Ruimsig (March)	95	2,897	30.5	114	3,332	29.2
CMR (April)	75	2,257	30.1	83	2,147	25.9
Krugersdorp (May)	109	3,261	29.9	118	3,558	30.2
Magalies Park (June)	96	2,366	24.6	92	2,532	27.5
Rustenburg (July)	70	1,963	28	62	1,831	29.5
Jackal Creek (August)	81	2,443	30.2	107	3,113	29.1
Eagle Canyon (September)	76	2,093	27.7	112	3,340	29.8
Ruimsig (October)	111	3,616	32.6	113	3,560	31.5
MagaliesPark (November)	93	2,130	22.9			
Krugersdorp (December)	111	3,376	30.4			
	1118	32,348	28.8	1009	29,315	28.9



News from our Handicap and scoring sub-Committee

40+ CLUB for 2025

The Ruimsig conditions were very favourable to 10 players who scored 40 or more points.

NAME	GROSS	POINTS
Andre du Plessis	85	43
Robin Wardle #	82	42
Soraya Pandor	92	42
Steve Frankland	91	42
Cindy Diss	104	41
Danie Fourie	78	41
Les van Niekerk	90	41
Marcio Sotto-Mayor	102	41
Antois Pieterse #	74	40
Mona Motjuwadi	96	40

Further to that, we had another 14 players scoring 36 to 39 points.

Well done to all. That's absolutely great and enjoyable golf. It's no wonder we had so many happy chappies at the post-match gathering. To balance this out, there were 10 or 12 players that might have been a little disappointed with their game.

2025 RACE TO KGC

With 2 events left, we've had some interesting movements, particularly with the above scores. This really opens the race up.

Just for interest, the following page lists our top 29 players in "The Race".

Another interesting fact is that we have 10 players who've played in each and every event (10) so far this year. That is a noteworthy achievement. Thank you for your commitment, guys and girls



WEST RAND SAGES - 2025 RACE TO KGC
ORDER of MERIT - INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD POINTS across all TOURNAMENTS

	NAME	January Goldfields	February Krugersdorp	March Ruimsig	April CMR	May Krugersdorp	June Magaliespark	July Rustenburg	August Jackal Creek	Sept Eagle Canyon	Oct Ruimsig	TOTAL INDV STAB	No Of Tournaments	Avg Stab Points/Game
1	Johnny Koch	27	34	36	32	34	35	30	34	34	36	332	10	33
2	Andries Klaassen	37	37	34	33	35	35	41	37	39		328	9	36
3	Antois Pieterse	33	31	37	29	30	31	34	30	30	40	325	10	33
4	Johann Oosthuizen	27	30	31	29	30	31	30	34	37	33	312	10	31
5	Gerhard Jacobs	30	42	32	32	28	30	20	31	32	23	300	10	30
6	Ian Shaw	29	27	28	30	22	34	31	32	31	30	294	10	29
7	Nico Van Wyk	30	26	30	35	30	24	26	28	28	33	290	10	29
	Alan Boucher	38	38	35	23	36	38		29	16	37	290	9	32
8	Andre Du Plessis	34	25	31		29	26	35	24	41	43	288	9	32
9	Pierre Roux	23	25	35	28	32	28	28	27	27	34	287	10	29
	Eddie Brooks	33	32	32	27	40	30	31		32	30	287	9	32
	Ed Hoffmann	34	25	24	25	28	32	30	25	28	35	286	10	29
10	Billy Pollock	29	39	35	33	32	20	26	38		34	286	9	32
	Cathalene Oosthuizen	29	31	36	17	25	27	31	29	24	33	282	10	28
11	Jacques Bezuidenhout	31	32	30		32	34	31	28	35	29	282	9	31
12	Boeta Luus	33	29	39	33	32	23	32	30		30	281	9	31
13	John Masie	33	35	31	29	32	32	32	27	26	34	279	9	31
14	Henry O Dell	37	38	31		34	31		39	37	31	278	8	35
15	Clem Lindeque		37	28	30	32	24	25	34	35	32	277	9	31
	David Steele	28	39	21	28	35	33		27	31	35	277	9	31
16	Andre Pieters	29	32	35	29	33	29		31	26	31	275	9	31
17	Eugene Louw	31	29	26	35	34	26		32	31	30	274	9	30
18	Schalk Breytenbach	29	38	38	32	37	30		32		36	272	8	34
19	Jeff Rogers	29	32	32	27	34		27	34	25	30	270	9	30
20	Danie Fourie	32	33	35	34	34	25			34	41	268	8	34
21	Robin Wardle	24	24	30	31	35	22	28		31	42	267	9	30
22	Leon Labuschagne	18	31	35		29	25	24	35	32	36	265	9	29
23	Rusty vd Walt		20	26	27	37	30	34	29	31	30	264	9	29
24	Peter Crighton	25	36	32	23	27	24		31	31	34	263	9	29
25	Trevor Woolett	30		39	23	38	23	26	25	24	31	259	9	29
	Soraya Pandor	32	39	35		42			35	34	42	259	7	37
26	Carol Haywood	29	25	30	29	24	25	34	32		30	258	9	29
27	Ian Wylde		27	29	23	34	26	31	29	25	32	256	9	28
	Estelle Harris	34	26	36	29	35	36		27	33		256	8	32
28	Darryl Bradley		33	21	26	39	28	28	22	35	23	255	9	28
29	Marcio Sotto-Mayor	30	32	29	31	27	26		37		41	253	8	32

Member Profile – Eddie Mantle



As a personal touch to our West Rand SAGES newsletter, we would like to introduce and share with you the Player Profile of Eddie Mantle.

Now as Eddie is a very quiet, humble and unassuming member of West Rand Sages Branch, I've taken the liberty (mainly for the purpose of our newer members) to put Eddie's profile into a bit more perspective. Eddie has been a member of West Rand Sages for about 13 years. During which time, he has served in a number of portfolios on our WR Sages Committee. His strong work ethic and dedication elevated him to a role on the Sages National Executive. Eddie currently fills the position of National Treasurer as well as standing in as the National Secretary. He also is responsible for running the Ruimsig Golf Club Mid-Week Seniors competitions. Amongst all of this, Eddie finds the time to play the game as well. He must be running on "Duracell Batteries" and maybe something even stronger!.

I must also add that Eddie has always been willing to share his experience as I've navigated through the role of WR Sages Chairman over this past year.

But here's over to Eddie.

Basic Information

1. **Name & Surname - Nickname (if any):** Eddie Mantle
2. **Home Club and last home club handicap?** Ruimsig Country Club - 15 off Blue

Golf-Related Questions

4. **How long have you been playing golf** I started playing golf in 1979 but I never took it seriously. Mostly played in Corporate golf days - really just 'once in a while'. Since I retired in 2011 I started playing on a more regular basis.
5. **Which golf course (anywhere in the world) that you have played on is your favourite, and why?** Any golf course where I shoot a good round becomes a favourite golf course. Like to play new challenging golf courses.

6. **Personal Best round ever that sticks in your mind** . Two sub 80 rounds at Eagle Canyon and Pinnacle Points springs to mind.
7. **Most memorable golf moment?** When I achieved my first eagle on the 1st at Ruimsig CC
8. **Favorite club in your bag** (maybe why)? Any club on the day that treats me well. 3 and 5 woods maybe the favourites
9. **Strengths and weaknesses in your game?** The only strength I have is that I am a keen golfer – weakness is consistency.
10. **Any golf superstitions or pre-game rituals?** Not really.

Fun & Personal Touch

12. **Best piece of golf advice you've ever received?** From the little Red Book of golf – take dead aim.
13. **What's your go-to drink at the 19th hole?** No favourite - Depends on the company.
14. **Apart from golf, what keeps you busy or do you have any hobbies or interests?** Golf, Golf administration, 'Oupa' privileges and I love travelling
15. **A fun fact about yourself that most members don't know?** Nothing that I can think of.



Our next Game

NEXT EVENT

MagaliesPark Golf Club - Tuesday 11 November 2025. Shotgun Start @ 07h30

Details will follow.





The following West Rand members will be celebrating their birthdays during November 2025.

We wish them the very best for the following year and may God bless them with good health and prosperity.

Pieter	Bekker	2
Byl	Bezuidenhout	3
John	Martin	3
Elsabe	Van Niekerk	4
Colin	Marsden	5
Kobus	Van Loggerenberg	5
Daniel	Joubert	10
Gerhard	Jacobs	16
Eugene	Louw	18
Mariana	Meyer	24
Maarten	Willemse	26
Johan	Ras	27
Christopher	Stockton	28
Carol	Haywood	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