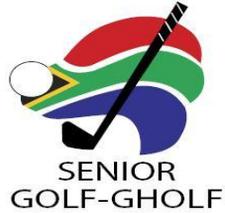


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PAR~TEE NEWS/NUUS Feb 2026

From the Editor's desk

The new Sages website is up and running and NMC have requested that we urge you to make use thereof as the contents are interesting and informative. You can access the site by logging in to www.sagesseniorgolfers.co.za and sign in by using the following details:

Username: memberlogin

Password: SAGESwebsite@2025

We also encourage you to visit the Vaal Sages Facebook page for the latest information from our branch. See [Sages Vaal | Facebook](#)

Our AGM was held on 10 February directly after the Tom Mullen game and was very well attended. The various reports that were distributed before hand were obviously well accepted as now new matters were placed on the agenda. The reports were tabled and accepted by all. The treasurer gave some detail in the financial status of the branch and indicated that the branch has sufficient reserves to cover the operation and any income above budget is been used in favour of our members. The free Tom Mullen game is an example of how any excessive funds are been applied. Great appreciation was noted for the way Jan Vorster is running the branch finances. The money towards charitable organisations was also discussed and Jan Lategan provided some feedback on that.

The Joker Draw money is split up 50/50 in two pockets. The funds in the one pocket goes to the benefit of the lucky winner who managed to draw the Joker out of the card pack after his/her number was drawn from the raffle list. The second 50% accumulates in a fund for charity purposes.

The detail of the charity contributions was covered in our January report, but we have promised some detail on the entity that received funds from our latest contribution. Free State Care in Action was the organisation identified by Petra and brought to the Committee for consideration. Since no other causes for consideration was submitted, this one did not initiate any second thoughts. The following was taken from their 2025 Annual Report.

Gedurende die 2023/2024 boekjaar is daar by Lotto aansoek gedoen vir fondse. Dit was afgekeur maar na 'n appelaansoek is daar n bedrag bewillig wat baie gehelp het met die noodsaaklike dienste wat gelewer word. Julle, die VVA se vriende, borge en donateurs wat skenkings op alle vlakke maak is ons grootste bate.

Services – Files on record – 537
Open cases – 388
Temporary placing of kids – 65
Child court cases – 64
Child abuse cases handled – 24
Neglected kids – 62
Uncontrolable kids – 52
Kids placed with relatives – 147
Kids with foster parents - 107

Substance abuse – currently three full time voluntary workers involved related to drugs. Drug abuse is the single biggest challenge as it runs hand in hand with negligence and abuse of the children. Two foster homes are being maintained, one in Tumahole, Lerato house of safety and the other in Parys. Chrissanloo, that currently houses 8 full-time foster children. The VVA (FSCA) also care for the elderly and two blocks of flats are being maintained for residents that has to make do with only SASSA grants.



Jan and Skoef with Sanette Boonzaier and one of the social workers with the hand-over of the confirmation letter of the contribution.

Please enter for our club championship on 2&3 March. Anton goes through great pains to negotiate favourable rates at the golf clubs, and if we don't make the projected numbers then we have to pay a higher green fee.

Please remember to notify Hilde if and when you change your golf club Membership. (our records should reflect the correct information)

The HNA Handicaps System

Every active golfer by now should know about the system upgrade of the handicaps system. The upgrade to the Web based system was reasonably plain sailing with just a few hick-ups, but the launch of the Android Application on the Google Play Store ran into unforeseen compliancy issues. The system was still pending when writing this report.

The impact on the registration for golf competitions is quite a challenge, since most players are used to enter their scores on their cell phones which currently is not an option. Our committee members by name of Dion, Anton and Petra had to work out a mechanism to make registration for Tom Mullen competition a smooth as possible. In order for that to function well, Dion had to extract every player's handicap index from the web based system, and Anton made up a list of all players with their handicap indexes and their course handicaps for Heron Banks. All three handicaps for the different tee boxes were recorded on the list. Here Dalene is active at the registration desk adding the relevant information onto each player's score card based on her or his choice of tee box.



A Valentine poster created by Petra, what a nice touch. Thank you Petra.

Would it be too much to ask of you to register on the Web based HNA System where it is possible to enter the rounds you play during the absence of the familiar Cell Phone system. We need this to protect the integrity of the handicaps system. Please contact any of our committee members should you need assistance with this.

Later addition to the already captured detail of the report:

The Google Play Store version went live on Sunday 15 February 2026, and all members need to uninstall their old version on the cell phones and download/install the latest version of HNA Handicaps. The look and feel has changed and may need some practice to acclimatise to the new version. Please play around with it and do not wait for the first game to try it out.

Tom Mullen @ Heron Banks on 10 Feb 2026

10 February 2026

Tom Mullen qualifier BBS.

76 players of all shapes, sizes, and ages, competed today in a BB yearly competition I over heard the following: .

Golf balls sway and clubs betray. It s not me, it's the course, I say..

Natuurlik speel almal nie altyd hulle beste nie..Die beste bête ons mos vir die volgende keer. Valentyn marshmallows om die dag te begin sodat almal op n hoê suikervlak kan begin.

Geluk aan al die gewoonte weners, Anton en Stompie .

Natuurlik het die dames by name Sonja en Marietjie die tweede plek ingeneem..

Ons verwelkom weereens n nuwe lid. FATS TSHEKEDI.

To a few of us: I know that golf taught me never to quit .

You never know when luck might be on your side when you hit a very difficult fairway bunker shot out and right on the green in the hole. Ask Vanda, she did it..

Our AGM has proven that we are stronger than ever as a Sages group. Our financial status tells the real story of a capable well organized and focused committee.

They were chosen without any dispute and stays the same. Congratulations to our great leaders by names; Anton Dicks, Dion v Rooyen . Petra v d Merwe , Jan Lategan, Chris Horn, Jan Vorster, Hilde Venter and Skroef Schrøer.

Mag die volgende byeenkoms ons klub weereens goedgesind wees.

Tot dan. Mooi bly .

Marietjie Emslie



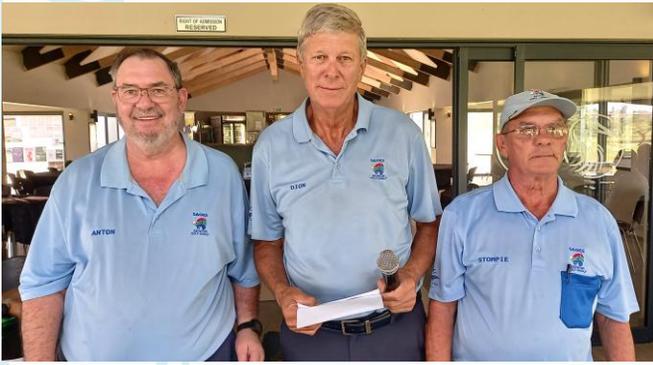
Dion and our latest member Fats Tshekedi



Joker Draws: 2 Card Packs

Sorry Mike and Stompie
no luck this time.





The winners with (close your eyes) 49 pnts
Anton Dicks en Stompie Calitz
Unbelievable what a day!



Second with a "winning score" of 46 pnts
Marietjie Emslie and Sonja Botes
Well done ladies



Third with 44 pnts c/o
Malcolm Cox and Toni Syrzysko



Fourth with 44 pnts c/o
The very happy couple of Carene and
Tulie le Roux



Fifth with 43 pnts c/o
A pair that has proven that size
counts less than skill in this sport!
Pieter Oliën and Martin Scheepers



Sommer net n lekker foto



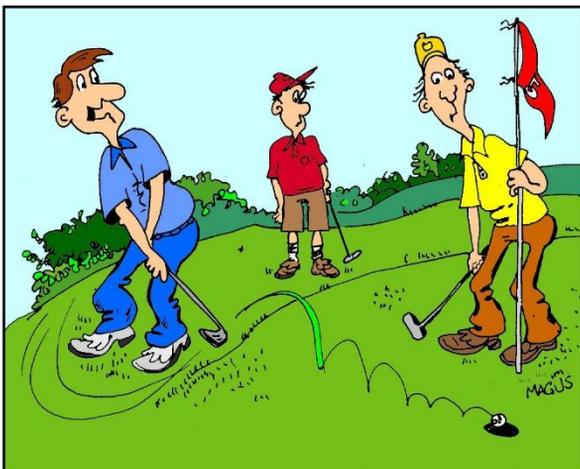
All the nearest to pins:
 Jonas Ragetsi 14th, Jimma Wood 5th, Tulie le Roux 17th,
 Koot Fourie 3rd and Hardus Visagie 10th



Koot with a near hole-in-one
 That was an easy two club Koot



The long hitters on the day:
 Bonnie Jordaan has proven that it was
 not a lucky shot by taking both drives
 on Red and Pink.
 Christo Hattingh and Hardus Visagie
 has taken White and Blue respectively.



I've spent many hours practicing my short game,
 but it still takes me seven shots to get here!



When he started this shot, that
 wasn't a sand trap... it was just
 a divot.

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Our preparation to the National Tournament

The invitation to the Nationals was for 16 players. The top 21 players on the merit list were contacted and the 16 allocations came from those that were available to play. Petra then tried for 8 more slots, and eventually 4 more slots were allocated to Vaal and the Committee allocated the players to fill the additional 4 slots. The teams are as follows:

A	van Rooyen	Dion
A	van der Merwe	Petra
A	Jordaan	Bonnie
A	Greyling	Johan
B	Dicks	Anton
B	Ungerer	Johan
B	Wood	Jimma
B	Hatting	Christo
C	Horn	Chris
C	Horn	Julie
C	Louw	Chris
C	Steyn	Christo
D	Vorster	Jan
D	Emslie	Marietjie
D	Emslie	Charles
D	Ungerer	Johan
E	Lategan	Jan
E	Lategan	Dalene
E	Alexandre	Joe
E	de Wilde	Marinus

The tournament is hosted at Rand Park golf club and both the courses will be utilised to accommodate all the players in playing their 4 required rounds. Two rounds will be on a Better Ball basis and the last two days will be IPS. We as per above will have 5 teams of 4 players each. We thank our players for their willingness to travel to Rand Park at their own cost and time, for the 4 days of the Tournament, and wish them well and trust they will return with some honours for our branch

MERIETE LYS SPANKEUSE REELS

Die volgende punte geld vir die meriete toernooie vir die jaar vir beperkte veld toernooie soos aangedui op die jaar program vir 8 tot 32 allokasies

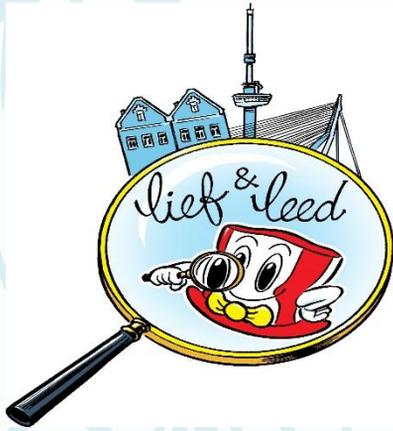
- 3 Bestuurs lede per toernooi
- Die res van die spelers word opgemaak met die merietelys met hoogste gekeurde spelers kry eerste opsie . As 1 speler nie beskikbaar is nie word die volgende posisie aanvaar. As enige van die komitee lede kwalifiseer op meriete word hul nie gesien as komitee nie. Lede word persoonlik genooi met 'n klein veld en tuis toernooie. Met groter velde sal uitnodigings met versoeke uitgestuur word. Indien die komitee meer spelers ontvang, sal die lys van merietespelers gebruik word om die span saam te stel.
- Merietelys word op 'n rollende 12 maande basis bepaal
- Die afsnypunt vir nasionale toernooi-kwalifikasie sal 4 maande voor die toernooi wees.
- Enige addisionele plekke vir die meriete toernooie wat onderhandel word, deur die bestuur, kan gevul word op die bestuur se diskresie.

MERIT LIST TEAM SELECTION RULES

The following points apply to limited-field merit tournaments with 8 to 32 player allocations

- 3 Committee members
- The rest of the field is made up of the top merit list players. If 1 player is not available, the next player on the merit list becomes eligible. If any of the committee qualifies on the merit list, they are not seen as committee choice members. Members are invited in person with a small field and home tournaments. With larger fields, invitations will be sent out with requests. If the committee receives more players the merit players list will be used to establish the team.
- Merit list is determined on a rolling 12-month basis.
- The cut-off for National tournament qualification will be 4 months before the tournament.
- Any additional allocations that were negotiated by the committee for the merit tournaments will be filled at the committee's discretion.

Lief en Leed



Keith Els still receiving treatment for his illness. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep Paul Ernst's family in consideration. His daughter had stroke like symptoms and had heart surgery to correct the cause. We are please to report that Paul's daughter is much better after the surgery.

Amanda Boshoff and Jacqui Coetzer are also still recovering from their respective surgeries.

Then we had two traumatic incidents. Hennie Alberts' wife has passed away after an extensive illness, and Dave Daniels' daughter has passed away unexpectedly. Our sincere condolences are with both families during this difficult time.

Then some pleasant news. Christo Valentine has met a soulmate again, and the wedding is one of these days. Congratulations Christo, may the two of you make the best of your twilight years.

Bye bye's

Hello

Fats Tshekedi



Wellcome to Vaal River SAGES,
Fats

It has taken Liki almost 2 years
to convince you to join.
Enjoy your golf with us.



Verjaarsdae



Vaal Sages 2026 Programme

Trix	De Beer	7	Feb
Zita	Jacobs	11	Feb
Hennie	Troskie	11	Feb
Andre	Van Heerden	18	Feb
Hardus	Visagie	18	Feb
Jan	Vorster	25	Feb
Naas	van den Berg	26	Feb
Stompie	Calitz	27	Feb
Johann	Coetzer	1	Mar
Christo	Valentine	2	Mar
Toni	Syrzysko	3	Mar
Dalene	Lategan	6	Mar
Johan	Ungerer	16	Mar
Jooste	Coetzee	19	Mar
Bonnie	Jordaan	23	Mar
Anne-Marie	Van Baalen	23	Mar
Martin	Scheepers	27	Mar
Johan	Venter	31	Mar

Date 2025	Competition	Venue	Host	Comments
20 Jan	Spike Bootha	Parys	VR	(singles)
10 Feb	Tom Mullen	Heron Banks	VR	(doubles) AGM
2 & 3 Mar	Club Champs	Maccauvlei	VR	
16 - 20 Mar	Nationals	Randpark	JG	
31 Mar	Monthly	Vaal de Grace	VR	
13 & 14 Apr	Regionals	Schoemanpark	CFS	CFS, EFS, NFS,NW, VR
5 May	3 Cnrs Memorial	South Downs	SR	SR,ER, VR
19 May	Charlie v Houten	Heron Banks	VR	
20 May	Pentagonal	TBA	JK	JK,VR, ER, WR, JG
2 Jun	George Potgieter	Maccauvlei	SR	SR, VR
14 Jul	Monthly	Emfuleni	VR	
18 Aug	Monthly	Meyerton	VR	
1 Sep	Hannes Burke	Parys	VR	VR, NW
22 Sep	Cansa	Heron Banks	VR	
13 Oct	5 Corners	Gold Fields	NW	WR, NW, SR, JG, VR
27 Oct	John Lockley	Vaal de Grace	VR	NFS,VR
3 Nov	Monthly	Emfuleni	VR	
17 Nov	Year End	Maccauvlei	VR	
1 Dec	Christmas Comp	Vaal de Grace	VR	

****Merit list selection because of limited player allocation****

Members missing out on playing currently, due to past illness, injuries, other medical, or family commitments.

Charlie van Houten, Pat Cochrane, Richard Evans and Hennie Alberts

