

## *EAST RAND NEWS | OOS-RAND-NUUS*

(SOUTH AFRICAN GOLFING EMBASSADORS SOCIETY)

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### **MARCH 2026**

Good day Sages/Goeiedag Sages

#### **MATTERS THAT NEED ATTENTION:**

##### **1. APRIL TOURNAMENT:**

Our April tournament at ERPM will take place on the **1st APRIL 2026, WHICH IS A WEDNESDAY** and will be a shotgun start at 07:30.

##### **2. 2026 KNOCKOUT:**

The qualifying round for this year's knockout will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Kempton Park GC. I will put out a list at our next game for you to put down your and your partner's names.

##### **3. 2026 NATIONALS:**

This year's Nationals have come and gone and were a bit of a disappointment in that we could only play on two days instead of four, due to inclement weather.

It was, nevertheless, enjoyable. Our team did not win any prizes, but overall did not do too badly, considering that there were almost 300 players from all over the country and Namibia:

Betterball: 7<sup>th</sup> Vivian and Retha du Toit  
 11<sup>th</sup> Mannie Merckel and Danie Kruger

Team: 5<sup>th</sup> Vivian and Retha du Toit, Bill Berry and Andy Bremner  
 11<sup>th</sup> Mannie Merckel, Danie Kruger, Johan Gebhardt and Frans Venter.

Individual C div: 7<sup>th</sup> Johan Gebhardt

At the AGM there were a few interesting

motions on the table, eg to amend the name of Sages to change the word "Embassadors" to "Enthusiasts". The motion was, however, defeated.

The 2027 Nationals will be hosted by Outeniqua, but it is not clear on which courses in the George region it will be played.



The opening ceremony at the Nationals



The Sages flag raising during the opening ceremony at the Nationals

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BILL BERRY RECEIVED HIS PRIZE FOR CLOSEST TO THE PIN

We, as branch, donate R25 000 to Cansa, made up of the Joker Draw and a further, about R17 000, from our funds.

To place this into perspective, I would like to mention that every year at the Nationals a trophy is awarded to the branch that donates the most money to Cansa for the year. This year it was won by Far North who donated R136 561.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Highveld (R128 810). We are a bit far off the mark, but there are a few branches who are more or less in the same category as us.

### **VORIGE TOERNOOI MODDERFONTEIN:**

Wat belooft het om 'n toernooi te wees waarna ons almal so uitgesien het, het toe uitgereën!

MAAR....Die goeie nuus is dat ons weer daar gaan speel en ons sal nie weer hoef te betaal nie behalwe vir karretjies!

Die toernooi is dus uitgestel na **16 JULIE 2026**. Dit is nie soos gewoonlik die eerste Donderdag van die maand nie, maar 'n ekstra toernooi.

### **MAART-VERJAARDAE:**

3de Rene Matthee  
 9de Marlene Corrie  
 19de Susan Beyleveld  
 19de Danie Kruger  
 21ste Phil Mayeza  
 24ste Raymond Esterhuysen  
 26ste Nick Greyling



### **JOKER DRAW FOR CANS:**

There are now only 11 cards left. We had a good income this month and the total Jackpot now stands at R8 280!

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### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

1. Willie Spies
2. Jack Botha
3. Elfie Alston
4. Luis Almeida
5. Erich Schmidt
6. Ian Daws

### UPCOMING GAMES:

Apr 1 ERPM

Apr 16 Kempton Park Knockout Qualif

May 5 SOUTHDOWNS: MEMORIAL

May 7 Pollak Park

MAY 18 WATERKLOOF PENTAGONAL

**NB: TO BOOK A GAME, CONTACT  
RETHA AT 082 454 9233**

### MEMBERSHIP:

We say welcome to the following new members. We hope that you will enjoy your golf and the comradery with us:

Dries Lombard  
Manney Roodt  
Dick Daschner (old member returning)

### WERD OM TE WEET:



This is the logo that our team at the Nationals had on their shirt sleeves.

**REGARDS / GROETNIS**

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