



Kouga Sages

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Ons lieue Kouga Sages gholfer, John Joubert, is 80 jaar jonk, en watter merkwaardige man is hy nie!! Baie geluk. Dis 'n voorreg om jou vriend te wees.



Soos gewoonlik, was ons weer bevoorreg om Outeniqua te besoek en op die pragtige Goose Valley te speel. Tot my ergernis was die formaat 'Alliansie Menigvuldiger' wat myns insiens die mees negatiewe spelformaat vir 'n sosiale kompetisie is. Desnieteenstaande het ons daarin geslaag om 4de te eindig. Ek kan net weer sê "Goose is mooi!"

Op internasionale front, het julle seker, soos ek, vasgenael gesit voor die Televisie om die Meesters te kyk!! Sjoel! Ons gewone gholfers kan net daarvan droom.



 THE 2026 MASTERS PRIZE FUND BREAKDOWN			
1.	\$4,500,000	26.	\$180,000
2.	\$2,430,000	27.	\$173,250
3.	\$1,530,000	28.	\$166,500
4.	\$1,080,000	29.	\$159,750
5.	\$900,000	30.	\$153,000
6.	\$810,000	31.	\$146,250
7.	\$753,750	32.	\$139,500
8.	\$697,500	33.	\$132,750
9.	\$641,250	34.	\$126,000

Met ons PEGC wedstryd het ons onself oortref deur 24 aanvanklike inskrywing, waarvan 3 ongelukkig later onttrek het. PE golf course was surprisingly dry and looking at the results, suited our Jeffreys Bay members. Gustav Botha broke this year-to-date "39 IPS-result" spell with his splendid 40 IPS points.



1e : Gustav Botha 40pte

2e : Chris Hiten 37pte

3e : William Honiball 36pte

On a PEGC Notice board



CTTP: Sven v Rie #2

George Lawrie #5

Hein Vermeulen #14

Pieter du Preez #17



Longest Drive William Honiball

New Members : Chris Hiten

& Lawrence Bernard

Raffle winner Franco Castiglioni

For our Fynbos game, we challenged Outeniqua Sages to play in the Fynbos Cup, but for their first-ever clash against Kouga, they could only muster up a disappointing 8 players. Hopefully this will improve in future. Almal moes noodgedwonge kennis neem van die berugte Fynbos wind, wat almal onder beheer gehou het. Een paar Outeniqua spelers het hul egter nie daardeur van stryk laat bring nie en met die louere weggestap. Kouga spelers was kort op hul hakke. Uiteindelik het Kouga geseëvier met 'n gemiddelde Beterbal telling van 38.5 versus Outeniqua se 37.5. Ons hoop om volgende jaar die nuwe tradisie voort te sit.



1e : Kallie & Gerhard Dreyer 43pte

2e : Lynn v Biljon & Almero Weyers 41pte

3e : Petrus de Klerk & Sakkie Meyer 40pte



Longest Drive : James du Plessis



2Clubs : Derek & Almero



CTTP : William, Derek, Petrus & Kallie



Raffle winner : Sakkie Meyer



The new FYNBOS CUP



First winners of the Fynbos Cup : Kouga Sages



Dankie aan Kouga Sages vir die borg van ons pryse

And some important HNA news: All Playing Handicap calculations should now be done via the HNA App, club systems or approved digital platforms, to ensure accuracy and compliance with the WHS™. You would have noticed that the charts with tables have been removed from all golf clubs.

Alle reëlins vir die komende Pentagonal is in plek en gelukkig sal ons as Kouga darem 'n 'kleedrepetisie' kan hou wanneer ons op 7 Mei ons Beterbal wedstryd op St Francis speel. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the few Kouga members that volunteered their services for the 2 days of the tournament - forever grateful to you (and to the Jeffreys Bay GC Ladies).

En laastens, ons het so pas verneem dat twee Sages lede vanaf Richardsbaai na ons streek oorgeplaas is. Ons sien uit daarna om die Ferreiras binnekort hier te verwelkom.

Celéste Scheepers – Voorsitter

Mei verjaarsdae

- 4e - Carina Theron
- 24e - Bokkie Gerber
- 26e - Pierre de Villiers
- 27e - Raymond Butler
- 27e - Chris Elliot

The official numbers are out...Let's make it even bigger and better in 2027?!

Nielsen Sports SA data shows the landmark event at Steyn City attracted a live unique audience of 186,771 viewers, while capturing over 90% of SuperSport's golf viewership during the tournament window underlining its dominance among local audiences.

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BIGGER
SOUTH AFRICAN TV AUDIENCE
THAN 3 OUT OF 4 MAJORS

On The Back Nine

the sam parker

I still like to hit em
they just don't go as far
I don't do a lot of walking
I usually ride in a cart
Not quite what I once was
but doing just fine
I'm not over the hill
I'm just on the backnine



I keep my eye on the ball
though at times a bit blurry
I've learned to pace myself
I don't get in a hurry
I don't get too upset
now days I unwind
I'm not over the hill
I'm on the back nine

I'm on the back nine
and that's just fine
I'm enjoying life
and taking my time
Some say I'm over the hill
and on the decline
but I'm just making the turn
I'm on the back nine



THE PERFECT START Guide to Teeing Up Like a Pro

Success starts before the swing. Use these **7 essentials** to set up with confidence and start every hole on the right note.

- 1 The Half Ball Key**
Tee up your driver so that **half the ball sits above the top of the clubhead** for a high launch and more distance.



- 2 Tee Up on Par-3's?**
Always use a tee! Give yourself the perfect lie for clean club-to-ball contact.



- 3 Two-Club Depth**
You can tee up to **two club-lengths behind the markers**. Move back to find better turf or a better angle.



- 4 Logo Alignment Tip**
Point a line or the ball logo at your target. It's a **built-in aiming line** for every shot.



- 5 Trouble-Side Setup**
Tee up on the side of the hazard (e.g., water left = tee left). This creates a wider angle away from danger.

- 6 Tee Height for Iron Shots**
Hover the ball just off the grass. This keeps turf from getting between the face and the ball for a nice clean strike.

- 7 The Level Feet Check**
Feel the level of the ground with your feet. Avoid "side-hill" lies that tilt your shoulders and push the ball off-line



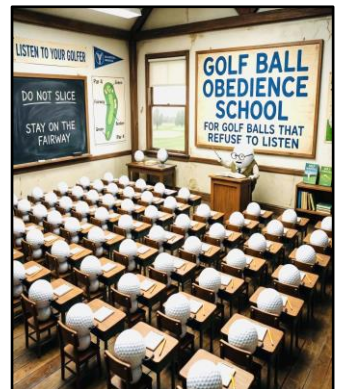
Jbay Club Champs : William Honiball, Winner Bdiv



Hylton Winnan, Best Nett B div



Henry Eybers, winner C div





South African golfers Christiaan Bezuidenhout and Erik van Rooyen secured a solid tie for 17th place at the 2026 Zurich Classic of New Orleans on Sunday.

Navigating the demanding alternate-shot format at TPC Louisiana, the resilient duo carded a final-round 69 to finish at 24-under par, claiming a highly lucrative payday in the process.

The pair pocketed a handsome \$50,191.50 (about R900 000) each for their efforts in the team event. The closing round, renowned for punishing even minor errors, saw the South African pairing expertly negotiate the course to solidify their spot inside the top 20, according to [USA TODAY](#).

(2) When Relief Is Allowed from Interfering Ball. If a player reasonably believes that another player's ball anywhere on the course might interfere with the player's own play:

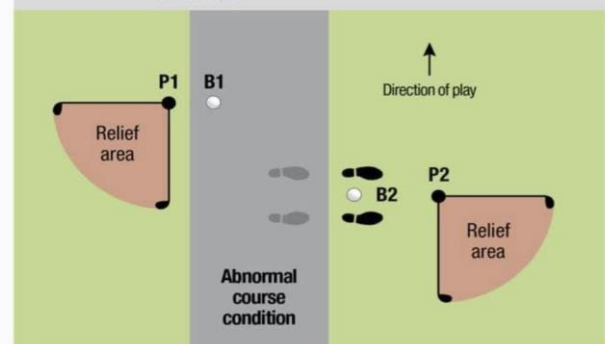
- The player may require the other player to mark the spot and lift the ball (see Rule 14.1), and the ball must not be cleaned (**except** when lifted from the putting green under Rule 13.1b) and must be replaced on its original spot (see Rule 14.2).
- If the other player does not mark the spot before lifting the ball or cleans the lifted ball when not allowed, they get **one penalty stroke**.
- In stroke play only, a player required to lift their ball under this Rule may play first instead.

A player is not allowed to lift their ball under this Rule based only on the player's own belief that the ball might interfere with another player's play.

If the player lifts their ball when not required to do so by the other player (**except** when lifting the ball on the putting green under Rule 13.1b), the player gets **one penalty stroke**.

See Committee Procedures, Section 8; Model Local Rule F-6 (the **Committee** may adopt a Local Rule denying relief from an **abnormal course condition** that only interferes with the area of intended stance).

DIAGRAM 16.1a: WHEN RELIEF IS ALLOWED FOR ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION



- The diagram assumes the player is right-handed.
- Free relief is allowed for interference by an abnormal course condition (ACC), including an immovable obstruction, when the ball touches or lies in or on the condition (B1), or the condition interferes with the area of intended stance (B2) or swing.
- The nearest point of complete relief for B1 is P1, and is very close to the condition.
- For B2, the nearest point of complete relief is P2, and is farther from the condition as the stance has to be clear of the ACC.

What NOT to wear at any Sages Competition. Outeniqua



members were fined for incorrect competition clothing



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