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## PAR~TEE NEWS/NUUS May 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](http://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](#)

### The HNA System Update:

No new changes released to the system this month so far. Functionality is currently on par to the previous system. Still to get use to the current layout and process within the system, and the general feedback is that most people are now satisfied with the functionality.

### Maccaulei 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary: (End April 2026)

A couple of us took the opportunity to play in the Seniors Golf Day that made out part of their Centenary celebrations. Below is a short report I (Editor) did after the day. (Google Translate for non Afrikaans speaking members.)

Hier volg bietjie ietwat van n storie. Maccaulei is besig om hulle 100 jarige bestaan te vier en Dinsdag het ek die geleentheid gehad om in die dag eenkant gesit vir Seniors te speel.

Was wonderlik georganiseer en met prysuitdeling was daar n persoon wat so bietjie die agtergrond van Vereeniging geskets het.

Die destydse Vrystaat regering het ene Smith aangestel, om vir steenkool te prospekter. Dit word toe in 1872 ontdek by die sameloop van die Taaibos en Vaalriviere. Op daardie stadium was diamant ontginning in Kimberley al sterk aan die gang maar hulle energie behoeftes het veroorsaak dat al wat doringboom in die omgewing al afgekap was. Sammy Marks was sterk betrokke by die diamand bedrywighede en besef die steenkool is n oplossing. Om n lang storie kort te maak som ek op. Transportwaens was gebruik om die steenkool aan te ry. Deurkom plek deur die rivier om in Kimberley se kant uit te kom was n groot uitdaging. Toe word goud op die Witwatersrand ontdek en nog meer vraag na steenkool. Hulle het toe somer tunnels van die myn onderdeur die Vaalrivier gegrawe om die steenkool met koekepanne in die Transvaal se kant te kry. So ontstaan die dorp Vereeniging toe. Die naam is die laaste deel van die mynmaatskappy se naam wat Bla bla bla vereeniging was. Sammy Marks het twee sportmal seuns gehad en hulle koop toe die grond om die gholfbaan te ontwikkel. 1926 in gebruik geneem.



## Three Corners Memorial @ South Downs on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

This an annual competition we have against East Rand and South Rand. South Rand in this case was the host branch for the competition. About 100 players entered the competition and the Vaal River had 46 players taking part in the event. The day was nearly hi-jacked by the weather as the course was drenched by heavy rains over the previous 24 hours. All fortunately cleared up in the early morning and the course was declared fit for play. Patches on the course were quite soggy and little roll was experienced on the fair ways, but all and all, a very pleasant day and the rain gave us a window to complete the game and a heavy shower came down again during prize giving after the game. Vaal came with the intention to reclaim the trophy after losing it the previous year, but again be beaten to the finishing line and had to do with second place.



Our team on the left.

And Dion so pleased with his 2-club that he juggled the ball.



And the 2-club earned Dion nearest to PIN prize as well.



Anton, Stompie, Joe and Johan had the privilege to take a share in the second prize. What was the Three Musketeers motto? "All for one and one for All" No favouritism at South Rand, why spoil a prize with a count-out process.



Another Valie in the prizes. Sonja with her longest drive for the ladies.

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**Some non Sages achievements:**



The Horns again crowned champions at the SWHK championship.

And Jan Vorster had another Hole-in-One this time at the 8<sup>th</sup> hole of Maccauveli.



## Pentagonal Tournament @ Waterkloof on 18 May 2026

It was an early start for our Vaal players, who negotiated the traffic on Monday to Pretoria to take part in the Pentagonal Tournament, which was hosted by Jakaranda Region.

Waterkloof course was in an impeccable condition, but the reading of the greens were very interesting to some of the players. More like flabbergasted at the lines chosen and the speed of the greens.

Camaraderie was good and making new friends always a pleasure. Weather turned out to be pleasant for golf.

The results favoured the home region, as they were the eventual winners, closely followed by East Rand, Jimmy Gowans, West Rand and Vaal regions.

We unfortunately can't win all the tournaments, which incidentally as memory serves us correctly we were the defending region, having won the Tournament last year at Ebotse.

Once again, the Vaal players proved that we have the "gees".  
Until next year.....

Joe Alexandre.  
(Thank you for the report Joe)



## Charlie van Houten Tournament @ Heron Banks on 19th May 2026

Charlie van Houten sages gholfdag by die welbekende Heron banks gholfbaan was meer spesiaal as ooit tevore.

Wie is Charlie van Houten.?

Hy is 'n 90 jarige baanbreker wat al 31 jaar 'n Vaal Sages lid is. Hy het jare gelede 'n Wisseltrofee geskenk. Vandag se kompetisie het nog 'n R1000 pryse ingesluit vir dames wat 1ste 2de en 3de plekke kon behaal.

Ons dames wenner met 46 punte vandag was Resa vd Merwe..

'Coen Fourie 'n gas van die Oosrand wat vandag deelgeneem het sommer 'n arend gehad op die 4de putjie...sjoe ons spelers is net buitengewoon.

Dankie vir al die organisering en aan elkeen van die 64 spelers, julle maak Vaal Sages net die beste groep om aan te behoort..

Die dames is natuurlik die mooiste deel van Vaal Sages. Ons bring kleur ,fleur en geur.

Dink net hoe vaal sou Vaal Sages gewees het daarsonder. Marinus de Wilde sometimes causes havoc when he tries to outdrive the ladies from the red T when he competes for longest drive for Ladies under the name Marina de Wilde..

I hope he paid for both of them today he he.

See soon again.

Marietjie Emslie.



Dion, Petra and Anton paid Oom Charlie a visit after the game. Petra was the photographer.





***Nearest to PINs:***

Shaun Bailey, Camm Dixon, Kobus de Beer, Glen Smit. Apologies from Louis Malherbe.



All the two clubbers of the day. (Easy course, Coen Fourie on the left made his on the long 4<sup>th</sup> par 4 hole) I wish I could have seen it. What an Eagle 2.



***Longest Drives:***

Jonas Ragetsji - from Blue  
 Trix de Beer – from Pink  
 Marinus de Wilde - from Red  
 Richard Walsh - from White



***Charlie van Houten's 3 Lady Prizes:***

Winnie Cochrane – 3<sup>rd</sup> with 38 pnts  
 Rèsa van der Merwe – 1<sup>st</sup> with 46 Pnts  
 and also the competition trophy winner.  
 Julie Horn – 2<sup>nd</sup> with 41 pnts



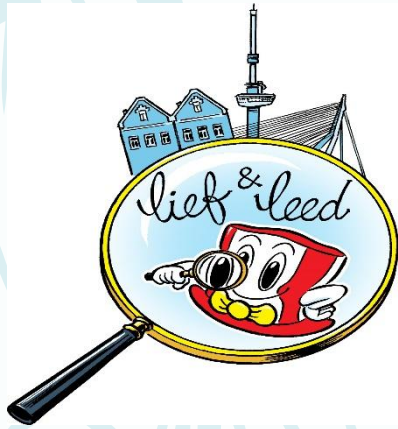
***The winning 5 positions from right to left:***

Rèsa vd Merwe – CvH Champion with 46 pnts  
 Anton Dicks – 2<sup>nd</sup> with 41 pnts  
 Julie Horn – 3<sup>rd</sup> with 41 pnts  
 Johan Greyling – 4<sup>th</sup> with 39 pnts  
 Joe Alexandre – 5<sup>th</sup> with 39 pnts



***Positions 6 to 10:***

Johan Unger Snr – 38 pnts  
 Winnie Cochrane – 38 pnts  
 Toni Syrzysko – 37 pnts  
 Vanda van Niekerk – 36 pnts  
 Marinus de Wilde – 36 pnts



Keith Els and his family need all our prayers. Stay strong Keith. Anne-Marie van Baalen also needs all our support and prayers with the loss of Bertie. Our condolences with the family. Johan Greef is fighting infection in his knee that came with the replacement surgery.

Geoff Lass had a knee replacement and Jannie Schoeman is playing again after the knee arthroscopy.

Martin Scheepers is suffering from his back and has chosen the therapy option. Pieter Oliën also battles with his back. Charles Emslie is still recovering from his terrible foot injury. This was serious and he would not be playing for quite a while.

Apologies to Marinus de Wilde for not getting a mention in the previous newsletter with his hernia surgery. Glad all went well and Marinus is already back this month and in the prizes. Glad to report that Jacqui Coetser had a successful recovery from her back surgery 6 months ago after her fall. We'll see her one of these days back on the course.

Please let us know if you know of any other members struggling with health issues.

## Bye bye's

## Hello

### Pieter de Jager



Baie welkom **Pieter** by ons Vaal Sages groep.

Pieter is oorgeplaas vanaf Noord Vrystaat tak. Nog n Parysenaar.

Pieter het nou volkome herstel van ligte beserings en begin nou weer gholf te speel.

Glo jy gaan sommer baie nuwe vriende maak hier by ons.



# Verjaarsdae



Rodney	Moseley	2	Jun
Johan	Greyling	7	Jun
Colin	Clifford	9	Jun
Raymond	Rampton	9	Jun
Dave	Daniels	10	Jun
George	Inkster	11	Jun
John	Maine	11	Jun
Chris	Heynie	20	Jun
Chris	Louw Jnr	29	Jun
Liki	Moletsane	29	Jun
Jacomie	Craemer	3	Jul
Colin	Bekker	4	Jul
Sidney	Majake	5	Jul
Shaun	Bailey	8	Jul
Hennie	Huygen	9	Jul
Dave	vd Merwe	13	Jul
Roelof	Berg	14	Jul
Kobus	Botes	14	Jul
Manie	Smit	14	Jul
Amanda	Boshoff	15	Jul
Piet	De Jager	17	Jul
Joe	Alexandre	21	Jul
Jacqueline	Coetser	21	Jul
Fats	Tsheketi	22	Jul
Butch	Lombard	23	Jul
Resa	vd Merwe	26	Jul
Tony	van Houten	27	Jul
Pieter	Olen	31	Jul
Linda	vd Berg	31	Jul

## Vaal Sages 2026 Programme

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	
18 May	Pentagonal	Waterkloof	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, and Richard Evans

