

# SAGES Senior Golfers

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Goud is hier op 3 Junie 1883 ontdek. Van die eerste prospekteerders was Graham Barber wat in Junie 1884 verslag gedoen het van n ryk goudrif. Hy en sy twee neefs het later besoek ontvang van die mynkommissaris, David Wilson. Hierdie Brit het hul kamp tot woonbuurt verklaar en dit amptelik Barberton genoem. Tydens die Anglo-Boereoorlog het Lord Roberts op 19 Julie 1900 opdrag gegee dat alle vrouens en kinders wat op Boereplase gevind is na die verskriklike wrede plundering deur die imperialiste, gestuur moes word na n Burgerkamp op Barberton. Hierdie konsentrasiekamp het ongeveer 2600 mense gehuisves. Dit het later bekend gestaan as die Burgerkamp-hospitaal. Die kamp was geleë waar die dorp se gholfbaan nou is. Die Boeremagte het in daardie tyd dit behoorlik op hul herrie gekry, die Britte het alles ingesit om die goudriewe te annekseer. Die Britte het toe koning gekraai, maar vandag op 21 Mei 2026, 126 jaar later, op dieselfde stuk grond waar boerevroue en kinders uiterstes moes verduur, baie moes verloor, swaar gekry het, het twee Afrikanervroue gewen! By name: Loks Meyer (nee Cronjé) en Eileen Horak (nee Hart). Voorwaar 'n toonbeeld van 'ons sal vir julle wys!' -- dis jammer dat daardie Britte, soos hier bo genoem, dit nie kon sien nie.

En, ons roep saam met Barberton se lede uit, kykhoelykitnou!.. Die gholfbaan is in 'n puik toestand en ons 52 spelers het 'n aangename dag beleef. Everyone had fun in the sun. We did not think of war and suffering and differences. We had enough to be thankful for.

- **BESOEKERS:**

Gabriel Alfonso, Eddie Viljoen, Percy Holmby, Eben van Zyl, Rassie Breedt, Marius Pansegrouw.

- **VERSKONINGS:**

Lappies, Pieter B, Jakes, Rudi, Andre, Pieter d V, Gert, Mxolisi, Gerhard, Nico, Dawie, Cobus, Deon, Phillip, Len, Hennie, Dolf, Flip, Koot, Jurgens, Danie, Archie, Gerrie, Japie, Sandy, Dennie, Jaap, Roelf, Bert en Wilma. Verskoon as ek iemand uitgelaat het.

- **BEDANKINGS:**

Barberton Golf Club for the use of their facilities. Chantelle J van Rensburg (manager), Dries Johnson (club captain), Louis Rautenbach, Eugene Reynecke, Johan van Wyk, Daleen and Dennie Taljaardt, Eben van Zyl and other members. The catering by the club was very good. Thank you all.

- **JUNIE VERJAARSDAE:**

Piet Cronje 03/55, Sydney Chadwick 9/49, Atlas van Vuuren 27/73

- **PERSONALIA:**

George du Toit is beseer in 'n frats ongeluk op Barberton, hy sterk aan met 'n 'Moon Boot'. Ons vertrou dat sy enkel goed sal herstel.

Jaap Combrinck en Bert Griesel het albei operasies ondergaan en is aant gesondword. Dink aan hierdie manne asb.

- **SPONSORS:**

Eddie Viljoen at Barberton Abbatoir donated the meat for our lunch. All the Barberton Sages members contributed towards the prizes.

Today's comp. IPS

- **WINNERS:**

1st Loks Meyer 40 pts.

3rd James Warrington 36 pts.

2nd Eileen Horak 37 pts.

4th Herklaas du Preez 36 pts.

5th Alex King,  
7th Danie du Toit,  
9th Rian Schoeman. All on 35 pts.

6th Dave Shiels,  
8th Chris Koch,

Spog twee: Loks Meyer

Nearest to pin: Nelius Potgieter en Rian Schoeman

Langste dryf: Percy Holmby en Christo Smith

Quantity Golf: Bennie Kruger en nie Dawie Smuts nie. (regstelling)

Fines: Dawie Smuts het bymekaar gemaak vir ons jaareindfunksie.

Vlag: Sys Meyer vir Kumbako

Algemene Inligting van ons Sages Laeveld Bestuur:

1. Sages Nationals will be held in George : 4th -9th April 2027.
2. George du Toit's nomination for Honorary membership has been accepted at the recent AGM. The honor will be handed to him by our National President Andre Blom at White River in July. Eileen Horak will also receive her 'Ladies Nationals Winner" trophy at this event.
3. The sponsored prize—OBS bottle for the longest day. It is confirmed that Andre Doman will, thankfully, still sponsor this prize and it will be available at each event.
4. Regarding The Sages Club Championship event: Our committee member Peet Rabie did some research with other Sages branches. To alleviate confusion in the future, the winner as Club Champion will be determined from the best NETT-MEDAL score. This competition will be played from any available tee-box of the member's choice and the handicap applicable to that tee-box will apply. Furthermore, it will be conditional that the players nominate BEFORE teeing- off whether they will participate in the MEDAL competition or in the IPS competition. Players can not change the competition either way whilst playing the round. The available prizes should cater for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in the MEDAL comp. In the IPS comp. prizes as per normal availability.
5. Regarding the Longest Drive prizes: It is not compulsory to have the 'Longest Drive' in any event . If the hosting club does have these prizes for

over and under 70's we encourage them to use holes where the white and blue markers on a tee-box are the closest positioned. It was also decided that players using the red tee-markers will not be eligible for the longest drive prizes. The hosting club may have a separate prize for the red marker tee-box. Players using the red markers are still eligible for the nearest to the pin prizes available.

6. Fundraiser for Barberton club: re- safety markers for the ditch next to the 9/18 hole as a result of the recent accident involving Sages members. A member of White River (Alex) suggested that we arrange a fundraiser/auction event at the next White River game to make a financial contribution towards safety markers at the mentioned ditch. The Auction-request for valuable items will be made at the starting of the bookings for our next White River game in July. Proceeds to be paid over to Barberton Golf Club.

NEXT MEETING will be held at the KAMBAKU GOLF CLUB in Komatipoort on 18th June 2026.

Slot gedagte:

As ons omgee vir mense wat anders lyk, anders dink en anders maak en doen soos ons dit doen, is Suid Afrika en veral die Laeveld, eintlik 'n wonderlike plek om in te woon. In Die Bybel, (ek dink dit is in 1 Petrus. 5 êrens) staan daar, " God weerstaan die hoogmoediges, maar vir die nederiges gee Hy genade."

Om die minste te wees is nederigheid, nie swakheid nie. Daar is winste in die minste. Wees jy die minste en kyk wat kry jy daaruit—meer as wat jy verwag het. Terloops, die teenoorgestelde van omgee (liefde) is nie haat nie - dis selfsug. Ons almal het genade broodnodig om die selfsug te oorkom. Die 'ekkegheid' te bêre. Dit maak dat ons NOU dieper en 'n bietjie verder dink as gister, nê?

But, I have this difficulty in me to postpone, to do a thing later, so I joined a support group for procrastinators, the trouble is, we haven't had a meeting yet. Help!

Groete,

**Leon du Plessis**