

JIMMY GOWANS TEE TALK



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BIRDSEYE VIEW

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S SCORECARD

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NEXT GAME:

COURSE:

Eagle Canyon

DATE: 18 AUGUST

GAME FORMAT:

BBS.

PLAYING FEE:

R 420-00 *CART INCL*

R 210-00 *OWN CART*

Hi JG Members,

It's been a while since our last newsletter and a lot has happened since then.

- We had our Club Championship in **February**, followed by our AGM. It was very good to see one of our oldest and longest serving members win the Championship. Congratulations to Tom Buckle on a very well-deserved win.

The AGM went smoothly with no issues discussed. The minutes were distributed to all our members and no feedback was received.

The Committee for 2026/27 is as follows:

Chair : Anton Korb.

Vice Chair/ Captain: Steve Griebenow.

Secretary: Johan Woest.

Treasurer: Wynand Walters.

Clothing Portfolio: Elca Faure.

Additional members: Ivor Randall and Till Jaeger.

- Jimmy Gowans had the privilege to host the annual Sages National Tournament at Randpark during the week of 16 to 20 **March**. A lot of hard work was put in by the Tournament Organizing Committee, consisting of Anton Korb, Johan Woest, Steve Griebenow and Wynand Walters in conjunction with the NMC. Planning started in October 2025 and continued throughout the holiday season up until the actual event. The competition took place on both the Firethorn and Bushwillow courses. A total of just under 300 players from branches all over the country and Namibia entered. The tournament was scheduled to be played on Monday and Tuesday as a better ball Stableford competition, followed by an individual competition on Thursday and Friday in various categories.

Unfortunately, Tuesday's matches had to be called off at about 13h00 due to a very serious threat of lightning. Firethorn was in fact struck in the afternoon. This was

obviously very disappointing for all concerned, but players' safety must always come first.

Then on Wednesday, on the day off, the heavens opened and the course was almost washed away. The Randpark management had no option but to close both the courses for Thursday. The course personnel worked flat-out on Thursday to get the courses playable for Friday and they did a sterling job of it.

We were approached by some of the team captains who requested that we change the draw to enable players who played on Bushwillow on Monday, to play on Firethorn on Friday and similar arrangement for Firerhorn, thereby enabling players to experience both the courses. This resulted in late changes, but we managed to accommodate everybody.

Some of the teams decided on Thursday to call it a day and left the tournament. This was due to the uncertainty regarding Friday's play. As a result of teams returning home on Thursday, the attendance of the Friday night gala dinner and prize giving was also affected, but nevertheless, we still had a good attendance and enjoyed a well-arranged event.

The 4-player team competition was won by Jimmy Gowans team consisting of Rich Lavelle, Phil Dawson, Wollie Winter and Mike Gamble with 88 points based on the results for Monday. Well done to all of you. This is the first time since I have been involved with Jimmy Gowans that we have won any prize at a National Tournament.

The individual medal competition was won by Jacques van Wyk from Jacaranda with a gross round of one under par. This competition was also competed over the one round that was played on Friday.

The important lesson learnt from this experience was to not arrange a tournament of this nature in a region's rainy season. You can predict the weather, but you can't control it.

- Our monthly game in **March** was held on the 31st at CCJ on the Woodmead Course and we had a reasonable turnout. As always, CCJ proved to be excellent hosts, and everybody agreed that the course was in a very good condition.
- **April** saw us visiting Krugersdorp for a welcome change of scenery at a very affordable price. This course always surprises people with the way it is kept up to a standard where it regularly hosts national tournaments. Again our turnout was not great, but adequate.

This game also saw the birth of a new competition between us and West Rand. The two committees agreed that we'll play in a challenge twice a year, hosted alternatively by the two branches. Each branch will nominate 16 players to compete in a Stableford

betterball competition in which the respective 8 two balls scores are added together to produce a total. The first challenge was won by West Rand by a narrow margin. The next leg for this year will take place during our game at CCJ in November. We'll be slightly better prepared for this one and we are convinced that we can take the trophy away from West Rand.

- Monday, 18 **May** saw us compete in the annual Pentagonal tournament, which was hosted by Jacaranda at the Waterkloof Golf Club in Pretoria. This event is competed between us, West Rand, East Rand, Vaal and Jacaranda. Waterkloof is a beautiful course with lovely views from the hillside. For those of you that still remember your Army days, it is very close to Fort Klapperkop where many Tukkies students took their girlfriends to enjoy the "view" to the other side, overlooking Pretoria to the North. This year's competition was won by East Rand, with Jacaranda second and Jimmy Gowans third.

Mike Gamble and Wollie Winter delivered the best score for Jimmy Gowans with 44 points to share 2nd spot overall in the BB competition. Wollie also made 41 points on her own for a shared 2nd spot overall (*Source. ScoreCapture*)

- A week later Jimmy Gowans went all the way East to play at Observatory, another club in our area that we have not visited for some time. A most enjoyable round of golf was enjoyed by everybody according to reports received.
- **June** was Killarney's turn to welcome us. As always, very challenging with the sloot lurking to gobble up any stray golf balls. Congratulations to Brian Lodge with his hole-in-one on the 17th hole. That is one way to take the sloot out of play. Well done!!!
- Houghton was penned down for **July**, but they could not match the favorable rates offered to us in 2025. Ruimsig came to the rescue. This is probably the closest we can get to playing a links course in our area, and any ball that did not find the fairway was severely punished. Congratulations to Scotty Idle who draw the joker and winning the Joker Jackpot with appreciation from all for the round that Scotty bought with his winnings.

All the results can be seen under the 19th Hole further down.

- The Committee has a special request to all JG members. We know that some of you are great mates and like to play together as a fourball. The guys from Bryanston have set a great example by providing us with 2 ball pairings that we can then mix and match with players from other clubs. That creates a great opportunity to meet other JG Sages members that you won't normally play with and thus make your circle of golfing friends so much bigger. Please consider this request seriously as we feel that by not doing it this way, we miss a very vital part of why we belong to Sages, namely, to meet new players and expand our golfing community.
- We as a committee, who must do the scoring every time we play, respectfully ask that you check the format of the competition of the day and score accordingly. It seems

that players assume that the format will be BBS and score that way, although it may be a combined competition or a multiplier or whatever. The result is that we must redo the card and that leads to delays in getting the prizegiving under way. Please help us with this very minor detail

- We also ask that players upon arriving at the course, familiarize themselves with the local rules of the club. It often happens that players are 5 holes down the track that somebody will ask for a ruling on a lie or a penalty area and then rules are made on the spot. Steve has undertaken that he will enquire from the golf office of every club we play at before the time as to their local rules and include it in the start sheet. However, rules can change overnight because of rain or course maintenance, and it is therefore important that we still ask the starter if it is not posted on a board what the local rules are. It just helps to make the playing fields level.
- The annual Northern Regional Tournament will take place at Reading Country Club on 21 and 22 September and is arranged by South Rand branch. We were allocated 12 spots and will communicate further arrangements in due course.
- Our annual CANSA tournament will, as usual, take place in October at Randpark. We remind members that this tournament has the objective to raise funds for CANSA and as such, the tournament is open for anyone to join. Please reach out to your family and friends to come join us on the day of fun, while raising funds for such a worthy cause. If anyone knows of someone who can assist with sponsorship (holes, prizes, items to auction or just straight funds), please contact any one of the committee members.
- Lastly, we would like to congratulate Ms. Winter who is now Mrs Gamble, and wish Mr Gamble the best of luck going forward. We were told by the then Ms. Winter that we are not invited to the wedding reception, but if applicable, we are all invited to the christening. May you spend many happy years together Wollie and Mike.

Best of luck for the rest of the year Jimmy Gowans.

Anton and the Team.

TEeing OFF – FIRST TIMERS

We welcome Mike Arnold, Koos Botha, Clive Groeneveld, Garth McNab, Budjie Maharaj, Troy Maidwell, Sonny Masanabo, Avis Naidoo, Colin Opie, Spags Spagnoletti, Craig Holmes and Gill Isaac. We look forward to many enjoyable rounds with you.

FIRST AID CORNER

Brian Jory Burgess is back and playing. Welcome back Brian.

Andries Coetzee is still out of action.

Jeremy Campion had a setback with clots in the lungs and is recovering at home. No golf for some time.

I had to have my knee replacement redone after one of the prosthesis failed to attach properly. I'll be out till September.

If anybody else is not well, please take care and get better soon.

GETTING ON – MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

To all our members who celebrated birthdays from February till the end of August, we wish you all a great year of health and happiness on the golf course. The list is too long to name you all individually. We'll resume that in the next Tee Talk.

		JIMMY GOWANS WINNERS Randpark-Firethorn 17-Feb-26			
COMPETITION : I.P.S.		HANDICAP : 100%			
PLACE	NAME(S)	RESULTS	PRIZES (11)		
1st Place :	Michael Anderson (V) (53)	40 Pts OCO	R200 Cash and R400 Thundergun Voucher		
2nd Place :	Tom Buckle (76)	37 Pts OCO	R100 Cash and R400 Thundergun Voucher		
3rd Place :	Glenn Cuthbertson (62)	37 Pts OCO	R450 Cash		
4th Place :	Deon Rossouw (61)	37 Pts OCO	R400 Cash		
5th Place :	Coenraad Fourie (SV) (60)	37 Pts OCO	R350 Cash		
6th Place :	Deon Loubser (69)	36 Pts OCO	R300 Cash		
7th Place :	Llewellyn Loxton (65)	36 Pts OCO	R250 Cash		
8th Place :	Anton Fourie (65)	36 Pts OCO	R200 Cash		
9th Place :	Ian Lottering (64)	36 Pts OCO	R150 Cash		
10th Place :	Donald Eales (71)	35 Pts OCO	R100 Cash		
NEAREST THE PIN (Sleeve of Balls)		TWO CLUBS (2 Balls)			
5 th :	Craig Johnston	Lindsay Botes, Craig Johnston, Mike Young			
8 th :	Don Eales	Avis Naidoo			
15 th :	Xiaowei Pan	Cobus Bester			
17 th :	Coen Fourie	Glen Cuthbertson			
WINE :		Chris du Preez			
WHISKEY :		Mark Burrell			
NEXT GAME - 2026-Mar-31 - C.C.J.-Woodmead					





JIMMY GOWANS WINNERS

C.C.J.-Woodmead 31-Mar-26



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COMPETITION : B.B.Bonus Bogey		HANDICAP : 100%	
PLACE	NAME(S)	RESULTS	PRIZES (4)
1st Place	Danie Gouws(72) and Colin Opie (V)(11)	12+ B Bogey	R400 Thundergun Voucher each
2nd Place	Elca Faure(70) and Peter Langley(68)	11+ B Bogey	R250 Cash each
3rd Place	Joe Bester(72) and Anton Korb(72)	8+ B Bogey	R200 Cash each
4th Place	Ian Hall(65) and Steve Griebenow(79)	8+ B Bogey	R150 Cash each
NEAREST THE PIN (Sleeve of Balls)		TWO CLUBS (2 Balls)	
4 th	Colin Opie - 3m		
8 th	No Winner	Anton Korb	
13 th	Tielman Burger - 8m		
15 th	Lindsay Botes - 3.5m	Lindsay Botes	
WINE	Garth McNab		
WHISKEY	Steve Griebenow		

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GLOBAL SOLUTIONS GROUP

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1st Place - Danie Gouws and Colin Opie



2nd Place
Elca Faure and Peter Langley



JIMMY GOWANS MONTHLY GAME WINNERS

Krugersdorp 21-Apr-26

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2026/04/29 18:05

COMPETITION : B.B.S.		HANDICAP : 100%	
PLACE	NAME(S)	RESULTS	PRIZES (5)
1st Place :	Joe Bester(72) and Mauritz Vermeulen(68)	42 Pts	R400 Thundergun Voucher each
2nd Place :	Richards Adams (SV)(64) and Nico Harris (SV)(66)	42 Pts	R300 Cash each
3rd Place :	Craig Johnston(62) and Wayne Smith(56)	42 Pts	R250 Cash each
4th Place :	Ian Hall(66) and Mike Gamble(65)	40 Pts	R200 Cash each
5th Place :	Till Jaeger(67) and Lindsay Botes(71)	39 Pts	R150 Cash each
NEAREST THE PIN (Sleeve of Balls)		TWO CLUBS (2 Balls)	
4 th :	Joe Bester	Logan Corns, Lindsey Botes	
6 th :	Spags	Logan Corns	
11 th :	No Contest		
14 th :	No Contest		
WINE : D Schalk Breytenbach		3 sixty DGH GLOBAL SOLUTIONS GROUP DOVES • GROUP • HOLDING	
WHISKEY : C Wayne Smith			
NEXT GAME - 2026-May-26 - Ruimsig			

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1st Place
Joe Bester and Mauritz Vermeulen



2nd Place
Richard Adams and Nico Harris



JIMMY GOWANS MONTHLY GAME WINNERS

Observatory 26-May-26

2026/08/04 16:1

COMPETITION : B.B.Medal		HANDICAP : 100%	
PLACE	NAME(S)	RESULTS (BBM)	PRIZES (3)
1st Place :	Wynand Walters(71) and Mike Hayes(72)	68 Nett	R400 Thundergun Voucher each
2nd Place :	Elca Faure(70) and Till Jaeger(67)	68 Nett	R250 Cash each
3rd Place :	Peter Langley(68) and Brian Lodge(61)	69 Nett	R150 Cash each
NEAREST THE PIN (Sleeve of Balls)		TWO CLUBS (2 Balls)	
4 th Hole :	Elca Faure		
8 th Hole :	Mike Young		
11 th Hole :	Mike Young		
15 th Hole :	Wollie Winter	Lottering/Philips	
WINE :	3 sixty GLOBAL SOLUTIONS GROUP DGH DOVES • GROUP • HOLDINGS		
WHISKEY :			

NEXT GAME - 2026-Jun-23 - Killarney

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No pictures available of the 1st and 2nd place players

JIMMY GOWANS MONTHLY GAME WINNERS

Killarney 23-Jun-26

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2026/06/23 17:3

COMPETITION : 2-Ball Combined		HANDICAP : 100%	
PLACE	NAME(S)	RESULTS (2BC)	PRIZES (4)
1st Place :	Avis Naidoo(71) and Gordon Muller(65)	66 Pts	R400 Thundergun Voucher each
2nd Place :	Koos Botha(79) and Mike Young(68)	63 Pts	R250 Cash each
3rd Place :	Paul Henry(70) and George Burness(83)	62 Pts	R150 Cash each
4th Place :	Sonny Masanabo(53) and Craig Johnston(62)	62 Pts	R100 Cash each
NEAREST THE PIN (Sleeve of Balls)		TWO CLUBS (2 Balls)	
4 th Hole :	Sonny Masanabo 4m		
6 th Hole :	Ian Hall 1.2m		
14 th Hole :	Tielman Burger (SV) 1.1m		
17 th Hole :	HOLE IN ONE - Brian Lodge		
WINE :	Clive Groeneveld	3sixtyDGH GLOBAL SOLUTIONS GROUPDOVES • GROUP • HOLDINGS	
WHISKEY :	Dino Philips		
NEXT GAME - 2026-Jul-21 - Ruimsig			

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1st - Gordon Muller & Avis Naidoo



Hole-in-One Killarney 17th
Brian Lodge

JIMMY GOWANS MONTHLY GAME WINNERS

Ruimsig 21-Jul-26

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COMPETITION : B.B.S.		HANDICAP : 100%	
PLACE	NAME(S)	RESULTS (BBS)	PRIZES (5)
1st Place :	Elca Faure(70) and Brian Lodge(61)	49 Pts	R400 Thundergun Voucher each
2nd Place :	Steve Griebenow(79) and Cobus Bester(66)	47 Pts	R250 Cash each
3rd Place :	Maureen Henshall(69) and Melinda Meikle(70)	47 Pts	R200 Cash each
4th Place :	Koos Botha(79) and Gill Isaac(75)	45 Pts	R150 Cash each
5th Place :	Vivian du Toit (SV)(76) and Retha du Toit (SV)(65)	45 Pts	R100 Cash each
NEAREST THE PIN (Sleeve of Balls)		TWO CLUBS (2 Balls)	
5 th Hole :	Steve Griebenow - 3m		
7 th Hole :	Elca Faure - 6m		
11 th Hole :	Mike McLean - 1.5m		
17 th Hole :	Phil Dawson - 1.36m		
WINE :	Gill Isaac	3 sixty DGH GLOBAL SOLUTIONS GROUP DOVES • GROUP • HOLDING	
WHISKEY :	Brian Lodge		
NEXT GAME - 2026-Aug-18 - Eagle Canyon			

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**Stop naming
hospitals after dead
people, give us
some hope.
Like, where's the
Keith Richards
Memorial Hospital?**

**If you're a Gen Xer or a Boomer,
you've walked like an Egyptian,
moonwalked, walked this way,
walked on the wild side, walked
on sunshine, walked the line,
and walked 500 miles. We've
walked a lot... we're tired.**



2026 CALENDAR

JIMMY GOWANS 2026 CALENDAR* V1								
*SUBJECT TO CHANGE								
	2026			EVENT	VENUE	FORMAT	GREEN FEE	CART COST
1	Jan	20	Tue	JG Monthly	Huddle Park	BBS	R150	R280
2	Feb	17	Tue	JG Monthly Club Champs & AGM	Randpark	IPS	R350	R340
3	Mar	16-20	week	SAGES- 48th Nationals	Randpark = FT & BW	BBS & IPS	R1,350	R455
4	Mar	31	Tue	JG Monthly	CCJ-Woodmead	BBBB	R408	R401
4	Apr	21	Tue	JG Monthly	Krugersdorp	BBS	R150	R300
5	May	18	Mon	Pentagonal- JAC , ER, Vaal, JG, WR	Waterkloof	BBS	R260	R480
6	May	26	Tue	JG Monthly	Observatory	BB Medal	R250	INCL
6	Jun	23	Tue	JG Monthly	Killarney	2BC	R350	R480
7	Jul	21	Tue	JG Monthly	Ruimsig	BBS	R200	R305
8	Aug	18	Tue	JG Monthly	Eagle Canyon	BBS	R210	R420
9	Sep	21-22	Mon/Tue	Northern Regionals (SR)	Reading CC	??		
10	Sep	29	Tue	JG Monthly	Kyalami	BBBB		
11	Oct	13	Tue	5-Corner NW , Vaal, JG, WR, SR	Goldfields	??		
12	Oct	27	Tue	JG Monthly CANSA	Randpark	BBS		
13	Nov	17	Tue	JG Monthly	C.C.J. - Rocklands	2BC		
14	Dec	01	Tue	JG Monthly	Wanderers	BBS	R290	R440
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		2026		2027		2028		2029
PENTAGONAL :		Jacaranda (18 May)		Jimmy Gowans		West Rand		??
5-CORNER :		North West (13 Oct)		West Rand		Vaal		??
N REGIONAL :		South Rand (21 Sep)		Highveld		Far North		??
NATIONAL :		Jimmy Gowans		Outeniqua		Zululand		Eastern Freestate
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