BOLAND SAGES

NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

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01/10 Langebaan. Langebaan was a slight challenge being different to Durbanville where we played just three days earlier. The greens were tricky but very good.

The weather was good and the course was in a good condition.

There were 72 players, including 5 new members, Jan Rossouw, Frik Venter, Cas Mouton, Gatto van der Merwe, Clive Tavener, and 7 guests.

Format. 4BBBS

Winners:

First. Arnold Rohlandt, Joyce Shumba 47 points.

Second. Anke van Niekerk, Frans van Niekerk 46 points.

Third. Exul le Roux, Oswald Kesner 45 points counted in.

Fourth. Dion Opperman, Jan Rossouw 45 points counted out.

Nearest to the Pin:

Hole 03. Victor Hunt.

Hole 11. Frans Conradie.

Hole in One. None.

Eagle. Johan Britz 15.

Two-Club. Andre Keyser 16, Frans Conradie 11, Anke van Niekerk 03 and 16, Frans van Niekerk 16, Francois Steenkamp 16, Dirk Heyns 03, Nicho le Roux 11, Gustav van Wyk 11.

Best Nett Score (less than 70 nett). Anke van Niekerk 65, Johan Britz 67, Frik Venter 68, Naomi Oberholzer 69, Arnold Rohlandt 69.

Raffle Winner. Isaac Kora.

Attendance Draw. Suresh Sanjit. Prize returned for auction at next CANSA day (11 March 2027 at Malmesbury).

26-27/10 St Francis Bay (St Francis Bay and St Francis Links) (Cape Regional Tournament). This was the annual SAGES Cape Regional Tournament hosted by KOUGA branch. The tournament was held at the St Francis Bay Golf Club and the St Francis Links Golf Club. All Cape branches participated.

The weather on the Monday was marginal with light rain at certain times. The weather on the Tuesday was fine but with a fair wind.

The courses were in a very good condition with the greens slightly quicker than expected.

The competition was played as an Inter-branch competition over both days and a two-ball alliance (combined scores) competition at St Francis Bay on Monday 26 October 2026 and a 4BBBS competition at St Francis Links on Tuesday 27 October 2026. The Playing Handicap on both days were at 85% of Course Handicap.

Results.

Average Teams Scores:

Kouga 50.1

Southern Cape 49.9

Langeberg 49.1

Combined Teams Scores:

Johan Crafford, Theunis Ebersohn (SC) 113 points.

Ben van Wyk, Casper le Roux (OUT) 107 points counted in.

John Price, Michael Price (EP) 107 points counted out.

Alliance (Day 1):

Eddie Kensley, Joseph Rhode (WP) 71 points.

Nic Marais, Leon Neveling (SC) 69 points counted in.

Johan Crafford, Theunis Ebersohn (SC) 69 points counted out.

Better-ball (Day 2):

John Price, Michael Price (EP) 46 points.

NT Snyman, Andries Hill (OUT) 45 points counted in.

Jannie Joubert, Sean Cunningham (EP) 45 points counted out.

Individual Stableford (All Days):

Sean Cunningham (EP) 74 points.

Carina Theron (KOU) 70 points counted in.

Terrence Vencencie (WP) 70 points counted out.

(Note: Boland did not do as well as expected and hoped, but the team enjoyed the hospitality and the fellowship between fellow golfers. Next Regional Tournament will be hosted by Western Province and played at Atlantic Beach Golf Club.)

TWO-CLUB BALLS

Players are again reminded that they must collect their "two-club ball" directly after the game from the scorer, with the scorecard as proof. Two-club balls will not be kept as is the case with the other prizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2026

05/11 Strand. Gert Geldenhuys is organising the day.

19/11 Vredenburg. Andre de Wet is organising the day on behalf of Dion Opperman.

DECEMBER 2026

03/12 Somerset West. Gert Geldenhuys is organising the day. This will be our last competition for 2026.

JOYS AND SORROWS

Some members went through medical procedures and are recovering well or have recovered fully.

VERJAARDAE VIR NOVEMBER 2026

01. Debbie Vlok.
02. Peter Holmes.
04. Johan Britz, Jerry Erasmus, Jan Rossouw.
08. Jeanette Williams.
13. Gavin Petzer.
14. Nico Kemp, Peter Kenmuir.
16. Nicho le Roux.
18. Karel Cupido, Dirk Heyns.
20. Clive Tavener.
22. Ollie van Schalkwyk.
26. Pieter Brink.
27 Anton van der Spek.
28 Norman Wallace.
30. Norman Langford.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER 2026

01. Deon Meyer.
02. Roelf Beyl.
05. Louis Nieuwoudt.
11. Godfrey Myers, Hugo van Zyl.
12. Oswald Kesner.
15. Esther Colebank.
22. Nicolette Dunbar.
23. Angelo Petersen.
24. JJ Provoyeur.
25. Johan Bekker.
28. Pierre Hofmeyer.
31 Morné Philander, Suresh Sanjit.

We trust that they will all have a wonderful day.

PLAYING PARTNERS

Players are reminded that they MUST play with the partner in a Better-ball Competition as the names appear on the draw/tee-sheet. The habit of arriving at the venue and then deciding who to partner with, makes it extremely difficult to speed up proceedings, as the computer is set up to finalise scores ASAP after completion of play.

OPENING OF ROUNDS

The new HNA system is not as straight forward as the old system. The best way to overcome the challenges is to stay awake and read the App. Make sure that you enter the correct scores.

Some Clubs might not be able to open rounds, and it remains the player's responsibility to ensure that the round is opened and that the correct score is entered.

When opening a round after completing the game ensure that the correct date, time of day (AM or PM) and tee-box used are selected.

LOCAL RULES

Each Club have its own challenges with respect to course conditions, environment and weather issues.

Each Club will therefore issue local rules to enable proper playing conditions. It is important to check the notice boards for the latest rules applicable.

CLOTHING

For any clothing requirements please contact Debbie de Wet 083-212-8996 or dewetdeborah5@gmail.com.

To enable the new members and those who require clothing, an attempt will be made to have Debbie de Wet playing as late as possible to be available to sell clothing.

SAGES Dress Code. During a meeting between the NMC and representatives from attending branches at the recent Cape Regional Tournament at St Francis Bay (St Francis Bay and St Francis Links Golf Clubs) on 26 October 2026, it was made very clear by the National President that the enforcement of the approved dress regulations and code will be strictly applied. **Boland players were dressed according to the dress code**., but some other branches were informed that they did not conform. The NMC instructed all branch Executives to enforce the dress code and ensure that all members are properly dressed at all SAGES games and functions, including prize-giving ceremonies and the Annual General Meeting. If the branch Executives do not comply the allocations for members at Regional and National tournaments may be reduced. The dress code is explained in the National Constitution and Operating Manual as well as in the Boland SAGES booklet. For clarity it is repeated below:

Quote From Booklet:

3.8. Dress. The official SAGES dress is compulsory. The Committee may from time to time, as required, make amendment to the dress code. The dress is as follows:

3.8.1. Playing Dress

3.8.1.1. Men. The playing dress for men is navy blue trousers with matching socks, or navy-blue short pants/Bermuda type shorts with predominantly white sock and a sky-blue golf shirt with the SAGES insignia on the left breast. In cold weather the navy blue or sky-blue SAGES jersey or pullover or the navy blue or sky-blue windbreaker with the SAGES insignia on the left breast may be worn. In rainy weather the sky -blue rain jacket with the SAGES emblem on the left breast may be worn.

3.8.1.2. Ladies. The playing dress for ladies is navy blue long or short pants or navy-blue skirt with predominantly white socks and sky-blue golf shirt with SAGES insignia on left breast. In cold weather the navy blue or sky-blue SAGES jersey or pullover or the navy blue or sky-blue windbreaker with the SAGES insignia on the left breast may be worn. In rainy weather the sky-blue rain jacket with the SAGES insignia on the left breast may be worn.

3.8.2. Prize-giving at Branch Level, Quadrangular and Inter-branch Tournaments-/Competitions

3.8.2.1. Men. The formal dress at Branch, Quadrangular and Inter-branch prize-giving functions is grey or navy-blue trousers with sky blue shirt. The wearing of a SAGES tie is optional. In cold weather the navy blue or sky-blue SAGES jersey or pullover or the navy blue or sky-blue windbreaker with the SAGES insignia on the left breast may be worn. The navy blue or sky-blue blazer with the SAGES insignia on the left pocket is optional. Playing clothes may be worn at these prize-giving functions. It MUST, however, be playing clothes and not a mixture of playing clothes and non-SAGES dress. Golf shoes, closed shoes or neat sandals must be worn. Slip-

slops or "plakkies" are not permitted.

3.8.2.2. **<u>Ladies</u>. The formal dress at prize-giving at Branch, Quadrangular and Inter-branch prize-giving functions is a navy-blue skirt or grey or navy-blue slacks with a sky-blue blouse. The wearing of a SAGES scarf or tie is optional. In cold weather the navy blue or sky-blue SAGES jersey or pullover or the navy blue or sky-blue windbreaker with the SAGES insignia on the left breast may be worn. The navy blue of sky-blue blazer with the SAGES insignia on the left pocket is optional. Playing clothes may be worn at these prize-giving functions. It MUST, however, be playing clothes and not a mixture of playing clothes and non-SAGES dress. Golf shoes, closed shoes or neat sandals must be worn. Slip-slops or "plakkies" are not permitted.**

3.8.3. **<u>Formal Dress</u>**

3.8.3.1. **<u>Men</u>. The formal dress for men is the same as the formal dress for prize-giving functions at Branch, Quadrangular and Inter-branch levels, except that a SAGES tie and navy blue or slate blue blazer with the SAGES insignia on the left pocket is <u>compulsory</u> at National and Regional functions and receptions. The wearing of the navy blue or sky-blue windbreaker is only allowed if the tournament rules allow it.**

3.8.3.2. **<u>Ladies</u>. The formal dress for ladies is the same as the formal dress for prize-giving functions at Branch, Quadrangular and Inter-branch levels, except that a navy blue or slate blue blazer with the SAGES insignia on the left pocket is <u>compulsory</u> at National and Regional functions and receptions. A SAGES scarf or tie is compulsory at National and Regional functions and receptions. The wearing of the navy blue or sky-blue windbreaker is only allowed if the tournament rules allow it.**

Unquote

The NMC instructed all branches that members will/must not be allowed to attend prize-giving ceremonies if not properly dressed. Members who want to shower before the prize-giving must again dress in playing clothes or formal dress. Any member who does not comply will not be allowed to receive their prizes.

(A copy of the letter received from the NMC is attached at the end of the document.)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

1. <u>SAGES National Tournament 2027</u>. The venues will be George and Kingswood Golf Clubs in George. The tournament will be hosted by Outeniqua. **The dates are 05 to 09 April 2027**. **The qualification period is from 01 January 2026 to 31 December 202**6. The most important of the criteria is the number of games played during the qualification period.
2. <u>SAGES Regional Tournament 2027</u>. The host branch is Western Province. The venue is Atlantic Beach Golf Club, and dates are 18 and 19 October 2027. **The qualification period will be from 01 September 2026 to 31 August 2027**. The most important of the criteria is the number of games played during the qualification period.

FIXTURES FOR 2026

05 November 2026 – Strand – Gert Geldenhuys.

19 November 2026 – Vredenburg – Andre de Wet.

03 December 2026 – Somerset West – Gert Geldenhuys.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2027

The Boland SAGES membership is due for renewal by **<u>31 December 2026</u>**.

The amount is **R280,00**, which consist of R90,00 National levy and annual subscription of R190,00.

NEW MEMBERS FEES

Members recruiting new members are requested to inform those "recruits" about the initial cost of joining Boland SAGES. The amount excludes clothing.

The amount is **R480,00**, which includes additional fees such as joining fees of R90 and the Boland name badge of R110.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM NMC REGARDING DRESS CODE

SAGES Dress Code Compliance and Enforcement

1. Background and Current Concerns

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, SAGES has adopted a more lenient approach regarding the wearing of formal SAGES attire at official functions. The National Management Committee (NMC) has no intention of deviating from this practice. However, this concession does not suspend, change or abolish the official SAGES dress code, which remains fully applicable and must be adhered to at all SAGES functions, tournaments, and monthly club games.

The NMC is increasingly concerned about the growing disregard for the prescribed SAGES dress code during monthly games and tournaments. It has become common to see members participating in attire that does not comply with SAGES standards, including caps or hats of any colour or design, trousers in non-approved colours, non-SAGES shirts in shades of blue, locally designed blue shirts bearing a SAGES logo, and socks of any colour.

While some instances of non-compliance involve only one or two incorrect items, others involve attire that bears little or no resemblance to the official SAGES uniform. Regardless of the extent of the deviation, all members are expected to comply fully with the prescribed dress code.

The NMC has therefore resolved that the current situation can no longer be tolerated. Wearing official Sages attire has long been one of the Society's traditions and forms an important part of our identity, image, and sense of belonging. The NMC remains committed to preserving this tradition and restoring the standards expected of all members.

2. Immediate Implementation of Dress Code Requirements

With immediate effect, all Branch Executives are instructed to ensure strict compliance with the official Sages Dress Code and the enforcement measures set out below.

2.1 New Members

Branches must ensure that the subscription fees payable by new members include provision for at least the following official SAGES items:

- *One official SAGES shirt.*
- *One official SAGES cap or hat.*
- *One official SAGES name tag.*

The objective is to ensure that every new member receives the essential items of official SAGES attire upon joining the Society and understand the importance of complying with the dress code from the outset.

2.2 Monthly Club Games

Branch management is responsible for ensuring that all members participating in monthly club games comply fully with the official SAGES dress code.

The following enforcement measures will apply to members who fail to comply:

- *Refusal to tee off: Members who are not correctly dressed may be refused permission to participate.*
- *Forfeiture of prizes: Members who compete while not complying with the dress code may forfeit any prizes won, subject to the applicable rules and procedures.*
- *Fines: Habitual offenders may be fined at the discretion of Branch Management.*
- *Suspension of membership: In cases of serious or repeated non-compliance, temporary or permanent suspension of membership may be pursued in accordance with the SAGES Constitution and applicable disciplinary procedures.*

Branch Executives are expected to take ownership of this responsibility and apply the dress code consistently and without favouritism. Previous tolerance of non-compliance cannot be regarded as a precedent for future conduct.

2.3 Regional and National Tournaments

The captain of each team participating in a Regional or National Tournament is responsible for ensuring

that all team members are correctly dressed in official SAGES attire.
The following measures will apply in cases of non-compliance:

- *Refusal to tee off: Members who are incorrectly dressed may be prevented from participating.*
- *Forfeiture of prizes: Members found to be in breach of the dress code may forfeit tournament prizes, subject to the applicable rules and procedures.*
- *Fines: Offending members may be fined at the discretion of the Tournament Organizing Committee.*
- *Exclusion from future tournaments: Members who repeatedly or seriously disregard the dress code may be excluded from future Regional and National Tournaments in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures.*
- *Consequences for branches: Branches that consistently fail to enforce the dress code may be subject to sanctions including the possible exclusion from future tournaments or the forfeiture of tournament allocations, subject to the authority and procedures provided for in the SAGES governing documents.*

Team captains and Branch Executives must ensure that these requirements are communicated to all team members well in advance of any tournament.

Ignorance of the dress code will not be accepted as an excuse for non-compliance.

3. Authority of the NMC and Amendments to Governing Documents

The NMC regards the current level of non-compliance as sufficiently serious to warrant immediate intervention.

The NMC reserves the right to incorporate the requirements and enforcement measures contained in this notice into the SAGES Operations Manual.

Should these measures fail to achieve the required level of compliance, the NMC will consider submitting formal motions to the Annual General Meeting seeking amendments to the SAGES Constitution to provide for the necessary requirements, sanctions, and enforcement mechanisms.

The objective is to ensure that dress code compliance is clearly defined, consistently enforced, and fully supported by the Society's governing documents.

For the avoidance of doubt, any fines, suspensions, exclusions from tournaments or other disciplinary sanctions must be implemented in accordance with the Constitution, the Operations Manual and any applicable disciplinary procedures. Where additional authority is required to impose or strengthen such sanctions, the necessary constitutional processes will be followed.

4. Responsibility of Branch Executives

All Branch Executives are hereby requested to communicate this notice to every member within their respective branches and ensure that the requirements are properly understood and implemented.

Branch management must take responsibility for enforcing the dress code at monthly club games, while team captains must ensure compliance at Regional and National Tournaments.

The NMC expects all branches to support this initiative and to apply the rules fairly, consistently and without favouritism. A dress code cannot be effective if it is enforced selectively or if members are allowed to disregard it without consequence.

5. Conclusion

The SAGES dress code forms an important part of our Society's identity, tradition, and collective pride. While we recognise that a degree of flexibility regarding formal attire has been accepted since the COVID-19 pandemic, this should not be interpreted as permission to disregard the official dress code during monthly club games or tournaments.

The NMC is committed to restoring the required standards and expects the full cooperation of every Branch Executive, team captain, and member in achieving this objective.

We trust that all branches will give this matter the urgent attention it deserves and ensure that these requirements are communicated clearly to all members.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued commitment to upholding the traditions and standards of SAGES.

EXTRACT FROM HIGHVELD SAGES

(as suggested by National Vice President Con Esterhuysen (also Boland member))

(Acknowledgement to Highveld SAGES)

Golf Rules Refresher

Here is a quick refresher of the core Rules of Golf and the World Handicap System (WHS) as applied in South Africa through GolfRSA and The R&A. [1, 2, 3].

Essential On-Course Rules

Situation / Rule	Key Guideline	Penalty
Ball Search Time	You have **3 minutes** to search for a lost ball from the moment you reach the area.	Ball is lost; play stroke-and-distance (1 stroke).
Dropping a Ball	Drop from **knee height** so it lands and stays in the relief area.	1 penalty stroke if dropped in-correctly and played.
Measuring Relief	Measure using the **longest club** in your bag (except your putter) — either 1 or 2 club-lengths.	General penalty if measured improperly.
Ball Moved During Search	If you or anyone accidentally moves your ball while searching for it, replace it on its original spot.	**No penalty**.
Yellow Penalty Area	Play from previous spot (stroke-and-distance) or back-on-the-line relief.	1 penalty stroke.
Red Penalty Area	Same as yellow, plus lateral relief (within 2 club lengths of entry point, no nearer the hole).	1 penalty stroke.
Bunkers	You can touch or move loose impediments (leaves, twigs) but cannot ground your club in the sand right behind/in front of the ball.	2 strokes (stroke play) or loss of hole (match play).
Putting Green	You can repair spike marks, animal damage, and move loose impediments; accidentally moving your ball has no penalty.	**No penalty** (just replace the ball).
Club Damage	If a club is damaged during the round, you can continue using it or have it repaired but cannot replace it.	Disqualification if you replace a broken club.

Additional Rule		
Position of Ball on Tee Box	The ball must be placed within two club-lengths between or behind the two markers. **NOT IN FRONT OF THE MARKERS**.	**Two strokes penalty** – similar as playing the ball from the wrong position.