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OUTENIQUA

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2026

"*Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots–but you have to play the ball where it lies.*" - *Bobby Jones*

October was a busy month for the Sages. Outeniqua played its monthly tournament on 13 October at Goose Valley Golf Club in Plettenberg Bay and sent a team of 28 players to compete at the Cape Regionals Tournament in St. Francis Bay.

GOOSE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

13 OCTOBER 2026



Not even the current high fuel prices could dampen the spirit of the field of 52 players (i.e. 26 pairs) participating in a better ball competition at the pristine Goose Valley golf course. The staff gave us a warm welcome, and the carts were marked and ready for the tournament to tee-off from 08:00! The club's restaurant also sponsored the whiskey for the Whiskey Draw. That shows the excellent partnerships that Sages are building with all our golf courses in the Outeniqua region.

It is no wonder then that pairs had to produce big scores to be among the winners!

RESULTS

The Winners:



1st Gerhard Dreyer & Jeandré Barnard (Guest – scratch handicap!) **45 points!!!**



2nd Marisa & Riaan van Niekerk - 44 points



3rd Delfim Alves & Lloyd Gosling - 43 points (c/i)

4th	Martin & Eleonor Speelman	43 points (c/o)
5th	David Smith & Koot Viljoen	43 points (c/o)
6th	Alan Rudman & Ernie Blommaert	43 points (c/o)

NEAREST TO THE PIN:



Sakkie Meyer (Guest - 5); Piet Theron (13); Fanie Engelbrecht (11) and Wim Louw (2)

TWO CLUBS:

Eleonor Speelman (2 & 11th holes!)

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to everybody that contributed to make this a truly wonderful day!

CAPE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
26 & 27 OCTOBER 2026

9 Sages Branches from Western Province to Border participated in this event hosted by the Sages Kouga Branch, playing on the St Francis Bay Golf Club as well as the St Francis Links Golf Course. A Total of 124 players participated, with Outeniqua allotted 28 players due to the size of the Branch.

The team got together on Sunday afternoon (25 October), where the Captain, Pat McClintock, surprised them with, amongst other items, a unique bottle of wine, a golf towel and a personalised Sages pet, engraved with their names. A huge thank you to Captain Pat!

After the capping ceremony the players went to do sight-seeing, pool-playing, food-finding and what-not to prepare themselves mentally for the next day's tournament.

The tournament was well organised and after breakfast and the opening ceremony on 26 October, the players tee-off at 09:00, using a shotgun start.

OUTENIQUA RESULTS (best 3 results for branch):

Day 1: Alliance (85% handicap)
4th Ben van Wyk & Casper le Roux (68), 9th Charles Botha & Gert Jordaan (66); 12th Dawie van Rooyen & Emil Vermeulen (64)

Day 2: Better Ball (85% handicap)
2nd Andries Hills & NT Snyman (45); 12th Jimmy Steele & Raymond Swenson (42) and 13th Graeme Hjul & Sylvia de Moor (42), Ben van Wyk & Casper le Roux (39)

Overall: Combined Teams
2nd Ben van Wyk & Casper le Roux (107); 10th NT Snyman & Andries Hills (104) and 11th Charles Botha & Gert Jordaan (104)



Good friends after the day's play!



Jan van Wyk (middle) with his Nearest to the Pin prize!!

Upcoming Events:

10 November 2026: *George Golf Club (Year-end)*
26 November 2026: *CANSA Day! – Kingswood Golf Estate*
18 January 2027: *Oubaai Golf Club (AGM & Club Championships)*

"Achievements on the golf course are not what matters, decency and honesty are what matter." **-Tiger Woods**

Birthdays, Many happy returns!

November 2026

Marais	Johan	3
Jordaan	Gert	4
Hanekom	Eddie	5
Jansen	Hannes	6
Bennett	David	7
Du Plessis	Francois	8
McClintock	Pat	12
Matthee	Jacques	19
Van Greunen	Eduard	21
Beneke	Hennie	22
Nagel	David	25
Nortje	Rabe	25

May your birthday be a hole-in-one kind of day!

Warm regards,

Branch Management Committee

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