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**SWINGING INTO ACTION:**

Dear Sages Members,

Welcome to the Last Edition of the SAGES FN Newsletter – 2025

Dear SAGES,

As we approach the close of another memorable year on the fairways, it's a pleasure to bring you our final—and festive—edition of the SAGES Newsletter. This is a time to reflect on the camaraderie we've shared, the competitions that kept us sharp, and the countless moments that reminded us why we love this game.

Whether you've celebrated personal milestones, improved your handicap, or simply enjoyed the company of fellow members, we hope this year has been as rewarding for you as it has been for our clubs.

In this special edition, you'll find highlights from the season, important updates, festive wishes, and a look ahead to what's in store for the coming year. So grab a cup of something warm (or perhaps something celebratory!), settle in, and enjoy the final read of 2025.

Wishing all our members a joyful festive season and many more great rounds ahead.

Warm regards,

The SAGES Committee.

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**Club Membership:**

**Drakensig Club:** 40 members. Club doing well and more applications expected as people come of age to join.

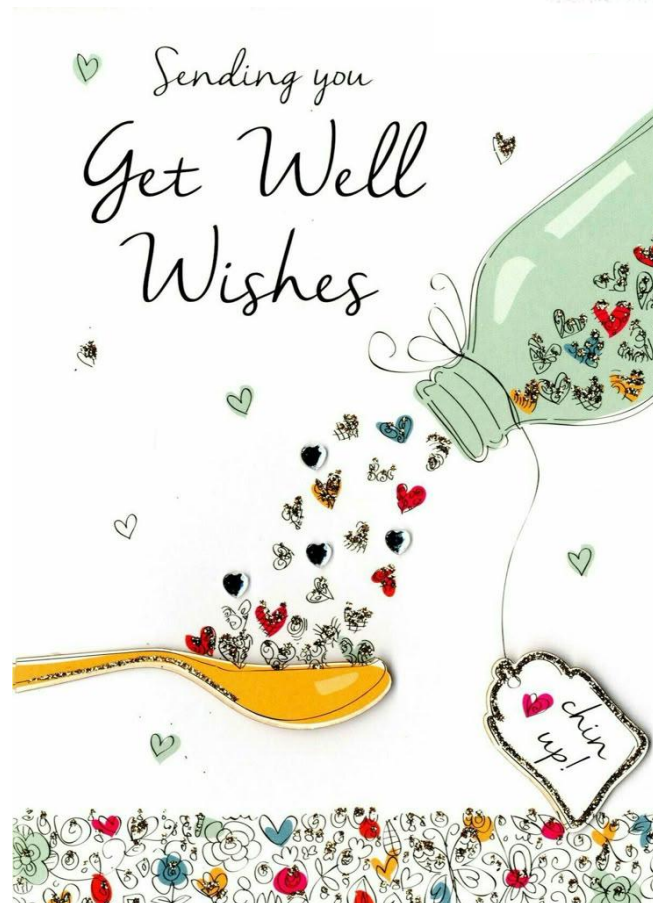
**Phalaborwa Club:** 18 members. Club doing well and more applications expected as people come of age to join.

**Tzaneen Club:** 13 members. Club doing well and more applications expected as people come of age to join.



**Love and Loss:**

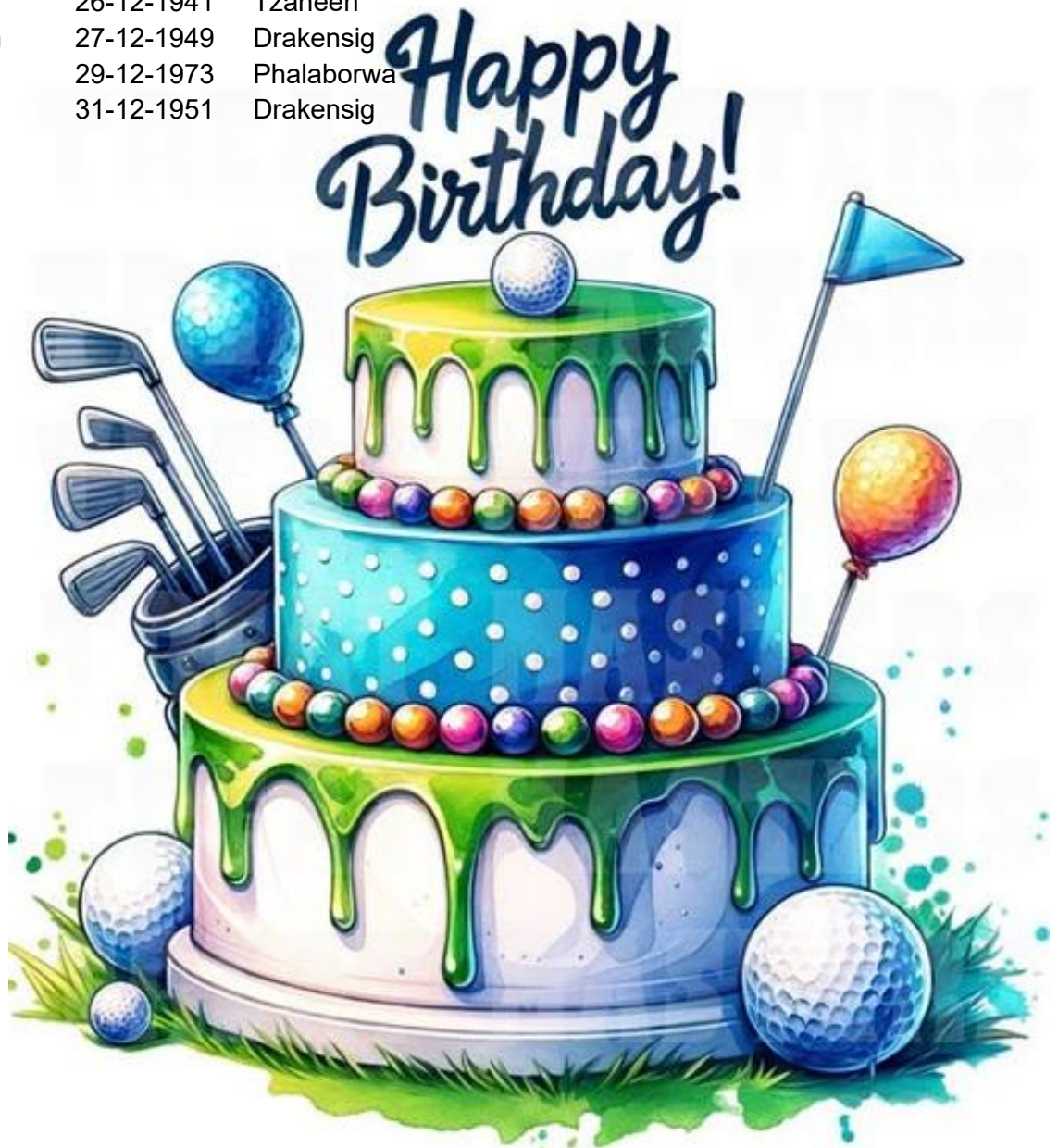
Wishing all who are ill  
or undergoing treatment  
a speedy and full recovery.



## **Birthdays October to December**

We wish all who have had and will be having a birthday all the best and we hope that the coming year will be blessed with health and happiness.

Norman Mathebula	01-10-1960	Tzaneen
Deon Steytler	15-10-1963	Drakensig
Sarel Van Zyl	17-10-1959	Drakensig
Jono Soames	02-11-1961	Drakensig
Christine Du Preez	06-11-1959	Drakensig
Jean Marc Piteux	06-11-1958	Drakensig
Lynette Strauss	07-11-1963	Drakensig
Dawie vd Merve	15-11-1971	Drakensig
Mike Batchelor	16-11-1944	Drakensig
Prop Du Plessis	17-11-1972	Tzaneen
Hendrik Knoesen	21-11-1947	Phalaborwa
Gary Hampton	24-11-1964	Drakensig
Pieter Botes	26-12-1941	Tzaneen
Chris Edmeston	27-12-1949	Drakensig
Jennifer Ludick	29-12-1973	Phalaborwa
Tony Richards	31-12-1951	Drakensig



## CANSA GOLF DAY 25 OCTOBER 2025



Joan Acutt

Chairlady

SAGES FAR NORTH BRANCH

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3 November 2025

Dear Sponsors Sages Golf CANSA Day

### Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Generous Donation to the SAGES/CANSA Golf Challenge

On behalf of the SAGES and the CANSA organizations, we extend our deepest gratitude for your generous contribution to our recent charity golf tournament. Your support plays an integral role in the success of this event and in advancing our shared mission of fighting cancer and providing critical support to those affected by it.

This year's tournament was a tremendous success, thanks to the contributions of compassionate and community-minded individuals like you. Your generosity helped us raise **R136,561.41** after costs and audit (38% increase on 2024 total) which will go directly to CANSA.

Beyond the financial impact, your participation and support send a powerful message of hope and solidarity to individuals and families facing the challenges of cancer. It is through partnerships with donors like you that we can continue to make a meaningful difference in our community.

SPONSORS SAGES 25 OCTOBER 2025		
4 BALL SPONSORS	PRIZES	DONATIONS
1. Frik Coetzee/ Bosveld	1. The Great Outdoors	Proper Golfers R10 000
2. Wayne Larmont / Buzzi Woodworks	2. Brewery	Ryan Forder Properties R5000
3. Trevor Muller / Donerite	3. Sleepers	Drakensig Golf Club R10 000
4. Hennie Booysse / Maroela Bar	4. Buck and Berg	Anton Smit R500
5. Dan Pietersen / Bekmar	5. Thirsty Giraffe	Africhem Stefan van Wyk R2500

6. J. Acutt / Mist of Gold	6. Sephaku	Ron Carlisle R2000
7. Piet Scheepers / Wisemen	7. PnP Hoedspruit	Gary Hampton R3000
8. Piet/ Chris Maritz / Patatas	8. Spar Hoedspruit	Brian Saverton R2000
9. Betus Myburg / KM Bolt	9. Anton Smit	Morning Donation Various R1400
10. Proper Golfers 1	10. Cap Company	Andre Blom R500
11. Proper Golfers 2	11. Cap Company	Anonmy mous R500
12. Peter Bottomley / Roadies	12. PnP Hoedspruit	<b>RAFFLES PRIZES</b>
13. Martin Glodiek / Skipco	13. Padel Hoedspruit	Maroela Bar
14. Kerneels Claase / Hoedspruit Hotel	14. Anton Smit	Gerrit Breytenbacht
15. M Rossouw G Saunders/ Batiki	15. Sages Far North	Chris V D Westehuizen
16. SJ Van Hennigeng	16. Cristiena Kruger	Batiki - Impala
<b>HOLE SPONSORS</b>	<b>AUCTIONS / BUYER</b>	J. Acutt
1. Mist of Gold / R40 / SAGES	1. Delwyn Mc Lennen Print / Peter Bottomley	<b>MULLIGANS / FINES / RAFFLES</b>
4. Bekmar / Maroela Bar	2. Sarel van Zyl Print / Peter Bottomley	Sold R5950
7. Chass Everritt	3. David Pinnell Putter/ Elliot	Chase 8 at Maroela Bar R31 012
	4. Maroela Bar Brandy / Ron Carlisle	
<b>GOODY BAGS</b>	5. Vanessa Lomas Painting / Cristiena Kruger	<b>MUSIC VENUE AND OTHER</b>
1. Eric / Cap Company	6. Trevor Muller Smith Shirt/ Daniel Victor	Angelo Lowveld Slabs
2. R40	7. Rod Bloye Buff head / Mike Viljoen	Gerhard sound sponsor
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	8. P. Strauss Timbili Hunt/ C vd Westhuizen	Ryan and Denise Acutt support auction
1. Sages Far North / Mandy Coetzee	9. Olea Game Drive / Trevor Muller	Brian Saverton Auction
2. Amanda Champagne		Maroela Bar Venue



WINNING TEAM – PROPER GOLFERS 1



Sunflower Best Dressed Trophy

Was shared by

MIST OF GOLD – Sunflower Team

MAROELA BAR



Once again, thank you for your kindness and commitment to this cause. We hope you enjoyed the event and felt the warmth of the community spirit that your generosity fosters. Together, we are making strides against cancer, one swing at a time.

With warm regards and heartfelt appreciation,

Yours sincerely

**Joan Acutt**

### Don Harty Memorial/ Regional Competition

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## AGM 2026

- The first competition for 2026 will be held on 25 January 2026.
- The yearly AGM will also be held before T-OFF.
- **We kindly request that as many members possible will attend the AGM.**
- The following documents will be submitted by 5 December 2025
  - **Notice of AGM date will be re-submitted.**
  - **Minutes of 2025 AGM.**
  - **Nomination Forms** – please complete and submit by 5 January 2026
  - Financial Statements will be submitted in January before the AGM.
  - Additional points for discussion to be submitted to the Far North Secretary (Mandy Coetzee) before 5 January 2026.
  - Agenda will be submitted by 22 January 2026.



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## GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH



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### **The 12 Days of Christmas, a festive golf tip guide**

Ah, the season of jingle bells, festive cheer, and... golf? That's right! As the holiday season unfolds, let's unwrap some golfing wisdom inspired by the classic "12 Days of Christmas."

Let's tee off into the New Year with some jolly good advice!

#### **On the First Day of Christmas, My True Love Gave to Me: A Partridge in a Pear Tree**

##### **Tip: Perfect Your Posture**

Start your golf improvement journey with posture. Like a perfectly perched partridge, align your spine. Keep your feet shoulder-width apart, knees slightly bent, and back straight. This foundational gift will help maintain a consistent swing.

#### **On the Second Day of Christmas...Two Turtle Doves**

##### **Tip: Teamwork with Your Driver and Putter**

Cultivate a relationship between your big hitter and your subtle finisher. Practice driving accuracy by teeing up two balls and aiming for different targets. Then, refine your putting by attempting two different putts to the same hole. This harmony will reflect on your scorecard.



#### **On the Third Day of Christmas...Three French Hens**

##### **Tip: Manage Your Hybrids**

Hybrids and strategy should be in your bag like the delicate balance of three hens. Perfect your use of this club for tricky fairway shots, which will help you hit more greens in regulation.

### **On the Fourth Day of Christmas...Four Calling Birds**

#### **Tip: Keep Your Mind on the Game**

Listen to the calling birds and focus on your game like they focus on their song. Golf is as much a mental sport as it is physical; practice mindfulness and visualization techniques before your shots to quiet distractions.

### **On the Fifth Day of Christmas...Five Golden Rings**

#### **Tip: Grip It Right**

Those golden rings symbolize the importance of grip. Ensure your hands form a 'V' pointing toward your trail shoulder, and experiment with grip pressure. A grip that is too tight can choke your swing, while one that is too loose may cause it to slip away.

### **On the Sixth Day of Christmas...Six Geese A-Laying**

#### **Tip: Lay Up Strategically**

Like geese carefully laying their eggs, smart lay-up shots can prevent overly ambitious long shots from ending up out of bounds. Recognize when to make a strategic play instead of taking unnecessary risks.

### **On the Seventh Day of Christmas...Seven Swans A-Swimming**

#### **Tip: Glide Through the Sand**

Swans navigate water effortlessly; you should learn to do the same in bunkers. Focus on opening the clubface and sliding through the sand without hitting the ball directly. With practice, you can remove your fear of the sand with swan-like grace.



### **On the Eighth Day of Christmas...Eight Maids A-Milking**

#### **Tip: Milk the Par 5s for What They're Worth**

Manage par fives strategically. Treat these holes as three individual shots—driver, lay-up, and approach. Plan each stroke carefully to maximize your chances for birdies.

### **On the Ninth Day of Christmas...Nine Ladies Dancing**

#### **Tip: Footwork Fundamentals**

Observe the dancers and focus on your footwork. Efficient movement during your swing provides balance and power. Practice with alignment rods to ensure you step correctly every time, but don't hesitate to show your own unique style occasionally, like Scottie Scheffler!

### **On the Tenth Day of Christmas...Ten Lords A-Leaping**

#### **Tip: Get into the Habit of Leaping Practice Sessions**

Like those lords, jump into regular practice. Create short, focused sessions for putting, the short game, and driving. This will enhance specific skills without leading to burnout.



### **On the Eleventh Day of Christmas...Eleven Pipers Piping**

#### **Tip: Tune Your Short Game**

A single note from a piped tune—whether pitch, chip, or putt—can create the harmony needed to lower scores. Master these techniques to save strokes around the green.

### **On the Twelfth Day of Christmas...Twelve Drummers Drumming**

#### **Tip: Find Your Rhythm**

Your swing's consistent rhythm echoes the drummer's drumming. Work on maintaining a steady pace from address to follow-through, leading to more flushed shots.

Happy holiday golfing, and may these tips help you finish the year with lower scores and higher spirits. Aim for the stars and sink a few putts as you drive into the New Year!





Joke of the Month:

