Message from SAGES President

Dear SAGES Members and Fellow Golfers,

As we approach the end of another memorable year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the progress we have made as a SAGES community. This past year has again reminded us why SAGES is such a unique organization — a place where golfers older than 50 come together not only to enjoy the game, but also to share fellowship, friendship and a deep sense of belonging.

Throughout the year, our members have shown enthusiasm, commitment and generosity and it is this attitude that continues to strengthen SAGES values across all our branches.

Leadership and Governance

The NMC functioned very effectively as a team. Although we were one committee member short, the NMC members handled their portfolios with commitment and dedication – Con managed and coordinated the CANSA relationship and fund raising, Eddie looked after the finances, administration and development of the new website while I focused on relationship building – both internal with our members as well as external with our sponsor.

Support for CANSA

This year, all SAGES branches once again hosted their annual CANSA golf days, and I am delighted to report that contributions have grown significantly. Current indications show that we will be able to donate more than **R1 million** to CANSA — a remarkable achievement and a milestone for our organization. We are also on the brink of crossing the R 10 million mark donated to CANSA since we adopted them as our charity of choice.

A sincere word of thanks goes to **Con Esterhuysen**, who played a key role in coordinating efforts between CANSA and our branches nationwide.

Financial Health

The financial position of SAGES remains strong. Under the guidance of **Eddie Mantle**, effective systems and controls are firmly in place to ensure sound and transparent financial management. Our national sponsor, **3Sixty Global Solutions Group and Doves Group Holding**, has given SAGES a substantial boost, helping us move closer to our goal of becoming a more self-sustaining organization.

Growth, Participation and Member Engagement

Our events, tournaments, and branch activities throughout the year enjoyed enthusiastic attendance, and it was encouraging to welcome 390 new members into the SAGES family. Whether competing, socializing, or simply enjoying good company, our members continue to embody the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie that defines SAGES.

This year we also had the privilege to welcome back our Lower South Coast branch, who after an absence of +- 4 years, reopened in October in Margate as our 29th SAGES branch.

Launch of the New SAGES Website

There is widespread excitement around the launch and implementation of our new website. Members are encouraged to explore the site and make full use of its features — it has been designed to be easily accessible and to provide information beneficial for both individual members, branch management and the public.

Please acquaint yourself with the content of the website by logging in on **https://www.sagesseniorgolfers.co.za**. Use the supplied Executive or Member sign on details to get access to the website.

A special word of thanks to **Eddie Mantle**, who played a key role in the development and successful launch of the website.

In closing, thank you to every SAGES member for your ongoing support, participation, and enthusiasm. Whether you are chasing trophies, enjoying the walk, supporting charity, or simply sharing good humor on the fairways, you are the heartbeat of this great organization.

On behalf of the NMC and myself, I wish each of you a **Merry Christmas**, filled with peace, family, and joyful moments — and a **Happy New Year**. May 2026 bring you good health, many miles on the fairways, and abundant happiness.

I look forward to the year ahead and to seeing many of you on the golf courses across the country.

Warm regards,
Andre Blom
President of SAGES