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African States Tournament a rousing success ...

It's gold, gold, gold;

Proteas dominate in Windhoek

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

South Africa bounced back from their hiccup in Glasgow at the 8-Nations event to totally dominate bowlers from the African continent as their men and women Proteas steamrollered all and sundry at the African States Bowls Tournament (AST) in Windhoek, therefore, defending their titles.

This high quality, important international bowling event, sponsored by Vivo Energy, concluded at the Eros Bowls Club (Windhoek Country Club also hosted matches), with medals presented by the athletes' representative of the Namibian Olympic Committee (NNOC), Gaby Ahrens.

Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Malawi competed in singles, pairs, trips and fours.

SA's men took gold in all four disciplines, winning three unbeaten; the Protea women emerged top in singles, pairs and trips, but settled for third place in the fours, won by Zambia.

Said Bowls SA president, Allan Freeman, who attended the tournament and several significant World Bowls African Zone meetings: "It appears it was easy pickings for the Proteas; it was not. They had to play at their best, which they did, against plucky, skilful opponents; I would say African bowls is very much alive and well. I was also delighted at the camaraderie and the spirit in which the event was handled and contested."

The hosts' men, already qualified alongside SA for the Commonwealth Games in Scotland next year, gave due notice of their prowess, grabbing silver in throughout; Jean Viljoen, Ewald Vermeulen, Will Esterhuizen, Axel Krahnbuhl and Graham Snyman, can be expected to give a good showing in Glasgow.

Although their women did not fare so well, a silver medal in the fours meant glory - they will join their trips team in Glasgow for the Games.

Not bad for a nation with only seven bowls clubs -one in Tsumeb, two at the coast and four in Windhoek.

Bobby Donnelly (South Africa) was declared the men's player of the tournament; the women's award went to Obie Mosimanyana (Botswana).

Overall (Men):

South Africa 28 points; Namibia 24; Zimbabwe 20; Kenya 15;

Botswana 12; Zambia 9; Malawi 4. Women: South Africa 22; Zambia 20; Zimbabwe 15; Namibia 11; Botswana 10; Kenya 6.

South Africa:

Men:

Fours: Rudi Jacobs (N Free State), Gippo Vermeulen (P Natal),

Hertzog Meiring (S Free State), Stuart Milligan (PN); Trips: Vermeulen, Meiring, Milligan; Pairs: Jacobs, Bobby Donnelly (Johannesburg BA); Singles: Donnelly.

Women:

Fours: Susan Nel (Sables), Nici Neal (Sables), Bronwyn Webber (PN), Sylvia Burns (WP); Trips: Nel, Neal, Burns; Pairs: Louise Larkin (PN), Webber; Singles: Larkin. Head Coach: Theuns Fraser, Coach: Jessica Henderson.



HIGH HOPES: The Proteas, before the event with BSA president Allan Freeman, front, third from left



TOP GIRLS: The Protea women ended top overall



FOUR GOLDS: SA's men; triumphant throughout



^ **RUNNERS-UP:** Namibia's men with their coach, right, took silver overall
 > **TOP TWO:** Named as top players of the event were SA's Bobby Donnelly and Botswana's Obie Mosimanyana, seen here with the MD of the sponsoring company, Johan Grobbelaar



AFRICAN STATES BOWLS TOURNAMENT

OVERALL RESULTS SUMMARY

	TRIPLES			PAIRS			FOURS			SINGLES			TOTAL OVERALL		
	GAME PTS	SHOT DIFF	POINTS AWARDED	GAME PTS	SHOT DIFF	POINTS AWARDED	GAME PTS	SHOT DIFF	POINTS AWARDED	GAME PTS	SHOT DIFF	POINTS AWARDED	GAME PTS	SHOT DIFF	POINTS AWARDED
BOTSWANA	4	-10	3	4	6	3	5	-20	2	6	-8	4	19	-32	12
KENYA	8	18	4	6	-41	4	6	-19	4	4	-9	3	24	-51	15
MALAWI	0	-103	1	0	-151	1	2	-55	1	0	-95	1	2	-404	4
NAMIBIA	8	64	6	10	76	6	8	33	6	10	47	6	36	220	24
SOUTH AFRICA	12	65	7	12	110	7	10	57	7	12	58	7	46	290	28
ZAMBIA	2	-69	2	3	-25	2	5	-4	3	4	-19	2	14	-117	9
ZIMBABWE	8	35	5	7	25	5	6	8	5	6	26	5	27	94	20
	42	0	28	42	0	28	42	0	28	42	0	28	168	0	112



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BOTSWANA	4	-35	2	4	-12	3	5	26	3	4	-8	2	17	-29	10
KENYA	4	-20	3	0	-112	1	0	-79	1	0	-51	1	4	-262	6
NAMIBIA	2	-42	1	2	-5	2	8	19	5	4	-18	3	16	-46	11
SOUTH AFRICA	8	65	6	10	72	6	5	13	4	8	41	5	32	191	22
ZAMBIA	6	36	5	6	6	4	8	26	6	6	21	4	26	89	19
ZIMBABWE	6	-4	4	8	51	5	3	-5	2	8	15	5	25	57	16
	30	0	21	30	0	21	30	0	21	30	0	21	120	0	84

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From the president's desk

Pleasing to watch our stars in action

How pleased I was with our teams' performances at the African States Tournament (AST) in Namibia. I watched, I must admit, with great pride as some truly competent and skilful African nations' teams were outplayed.

In all we took an amazing nine gold medals and a bronze medal out of 10! Our men had a clean sweep; the women winning four golds and a bronze medal.

You might think this was a cakewalk. Forget it; this was no pushover tournament for South Africa. I can assure all, the other competitors, thanks to excellent coaching and better fitness, now play top class bowls. In any case Botswana, Zambia, Kenya, Namibia and Zimbabwe have always been strong.

I attended the Zone V1 (Africa) meeting, but unfortunately our motions were not approved. Although the Atlantic Championship is now the only qualifier for World Bowls, most other states say they cannot afford to attend both the AST and Atlantic and as they want to exposure at International level they need the AST in particular and the PR Pairs to continue on an annual basis.

I can understand their reasoning; South Africa does get other opportunities.

At our workshop and AGM in August I was particularly pleased a motion (amended) from The Executive of Bowls SA was enthusiastically accepted. It read: "...Districts of Bowls South Africa, within a demarcated provincial boundary of South Africa, may elect representatives to participate in Provincial Sports Confederations with authority on behalf of Bowls South Africa and its districts to vote, in line with the policies of Bowls South Africa, on their behalf and to bind them insofar as needs be at Provincial Sports Confederation meetings..."



Good bowling to you all

Alan Freeman
President, Bowls SA
October 2013

No plain sailing for Proteas in Glasgow 8-Nations

Colleen Piketh shines, men's fours strive; others find it tough going

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

South Africa's vaunted Proteas mildly disappointed with their overall results against world class opposition in the 8-Nations Tournament at Glasgow, Scotland, last month. But they were "underdone" and as it turned out, required more time to adapt to the excellent, but slow greens.

The tournament was, however, hailed by all as a great pipe-opener for next year's Commonwealth Games bowls to be played on the same Kelvingrove greens.

Colleen Piketh (JBA) shone in her singles, reaching a final in which she was in contention at 15-15, before her opponent, England's Heather Melmore, one of the best woman singles player in the world, pulled away to win 21-15. Piketh, with a great record herself in international play, peeled at 15-15 on the 19th end; Pikketh had led 12-4 after 10 ends, but Melmore turned it around to lead 15-14 after 18 ends.

Elsewhere, the men's fours, under "veteran" Gerry Baker's baton, began indifferently, but improved dramatically to have a

tilt at a bronze, finally having to settle for fourth spot.

Nations taking part were Australia, Malaysia, Scotland (two sides) Canada, New Zealand, England, South Africa; all four disciplines were played...

Most surprising was the performance by Port Natal's Gidion Vermeulen; but alas for the wrong reason. Boasting a spanking record at home and abroad, the tall, strong prison warden was obviously never at ease and although he had won his district masters just before leaving, that form was absent. He suffered some big losses against opponents he had beaten before ... such is sport.

One comment (on Facebook) from a member of the Protea camp was: "... some sides brought a sports psychologist, others had dieticians or nutritionists; SA might have to re-consider for the Commonwealth Games..."

When the invitation event ended Australia and New Zealand's men predictably held sway overall from Scotland Clyde (one of their two top class sides); England's women ended top, by a point from Scot-

land Kelvin and Malaysia; in the Para-Sport event Scotland Clyde were overall winners ahead of Australia and Wales.

Said Baker in an interview (also on Facebook):

"...I think this venue is the best ever, the quality of the greens is far better than anything we had expected.

"The background, the setting and all the facilities here are fantastic. I can visualize hopefully thousands of people spectating so I think it's really going to be fantastic.

"Everything is just going to get better so I'm looking forward to a great summer next year.

"I've been around a while; I was gold medallist in Delhi in the Pairs with Shaun (Addinall), so the format (each player competes in two events) will be a little bit different in Glasgow and we will have two shots at a medal.

"This week in Glasgow is part of our selection process. South Africa has a squad of 12, five of them are here, and five are playing in the African States competition next month. Then they'll narrow it down (sic) to

around seven and they will finalise the side around January next year.

"Hopefully, if I make the side, this will be my fifth Commonwealth Games, but I think if I make the team for Glasgow it will be my last.

"When you've been around 20 years it's a long haul every four years and it's also a World Championships every second year..."

SA's disabled trips side, our only entry, went down fighting against Scotland Clyde 22-4. Skip Derrick Lobban (category: B7; Johannesburg), second: Fred Sterrenberg (B7, N Cape), lead: Deon van der Vyver (B6, Border), were never in it, but did superbly to reach the final to take silver.

The event was organised by Bowls Scotland in partnership with Sport Scotland, Glasgow 2014, Commonwealth Games Scotland, Scottish Disability Sport, Event Scotland and Glasgow Life.

SA sides were:

Women:

Fours: Santjie Steyn (Boland) René Swanepoel (on debut, WP) Tracy-Lee Botha (Johannesburg BA), Esmé Steyn (Johannesburg BA);

Trips: Santjie Steyn Rene Swanepoel Esmé Steyn.

Pairs: Colleen Piketh Tracy-Lee Botha.

Singles: Colleen Piketh.

Men:

Fours: Gerry Baker (Johannesburg BA), Nic Rusling (Sables), Pierre Breitenbach (North West), Jason Evans (Johannesburg BA).

Trips: Gidion Vermeulen Nic Rusling Jason Evans.



HERE WE ARE: SA No1 Gerry Baker adjust his glasses watched by Sables' Nic Rusling; the disabled trips sort themselves out on arrival; in Scotland

Pairs: Gerry Baker, Pierre Breitenbach

Singles: Gidion Vermeulen.

Head Coach: Theuns Fraser (Sables), **Coach/Manager:** Jessica Henderson (Kingfisher).

Disabled: Trips: Skip: Derrick Lobban (category: B7; Johannesburg BA), second: Fred Sterrenberg (B7, Northern Cape), lead: Deon van der Vyver (B6, Border). **Manager:** Brian Sneag (Sables).

Final logs from Glasgow

Women

Singles	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	Pts
England	7	7	0	0	147	84	63	14
South Africa	7	5	0	2	137	110	27	10
Scotland Kelvin	7	4	0	3	134	113	21	8
Malaysia	7	4	0	3	132	129	3	8
Scotland Clyde	7	3	0	4	119	128	-9	6
New Zealand	7	2	0	5	114	122	-8	4
Australia	7	2	0	5	107	134	-27	4
Canada	7	1	0	6	76	146	-70	2

Pairs	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	Pts
New Zealand	7	5	0	2	106	75	31	10
Scotland Clyde	7	5	0	2	96	77	19	10
Scotland Kelvin	7	4	1	2	109	89	20	9
England	7	4	0	3	104	84	20	8
Malaysia	7	3	0	4	97	85	12	6
South Africa	7	3	0	4	88	107	-19	6
Australia	7	2	1	4	89	95	-6	5
Canada	7	1	0	6	64	141	-77	2

Triples	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	Pts
England	7	7	0	0	117	70	47	14
Malaysia	7	4	0	3	100	92	8	8
Scotland Kelvin	7	4	0	3	88	85	3	8
Scotland Clyde	7	4	0	3	86	93	-7	8
Australia	7	3	0	4	88	86	2	6
New Zealand	7	3	0	4	95	99	-4	6
South Africa	7	3	0	4	86	90	-4	6
Canada	7	0	0	7	65	110	-45	0

Fours	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	Pts
Malaysia	7	6	0	1	123	78	45	12
Scotland Kelvin	7	5	1	1	110	68	42	11
Australia	7	4	0	3	109	88	21	8
England	7	4	0	3	95	107	-12	8
New Zealand	7	3	0	4	95	86	9	6
South Africa	7	3	0	4	87	85	2	6
Canada	7	1	1	5	65	135	-70	3
Scotland Clyde	7	1	0	6	77	11	-37	2

Men

Singles	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	Pts
Australia	7	6	0	1	133	99	34	12
Canada	7	5	0	2	135	119	16	10
New Zealand	7	5	0	2	131	121	10	10
Scotland Kelvin	7	4	0	3	127	129	-2	8
Scotland Clyde	7	3	0	4	135	115	20	6
England	7	3	0	4	134	123	11	6
Malaysia	7	1	0	6	102	146	-44	2
South Africa	7	1	0	6	90	135	-45	2

Pairs	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	Pts
Australia	7	7	0	0	115	68	47	14
Scotland Clyde	7	5	0	2	102	78	24	10
England	7	5	0	2	102	86	16	10
Scotland Kelvin	7	4	0	3	113	81	32	8
New Zealand	7	3	0	4	79	108	-29	6
Canada	7	2	0	5	75	103	-28	4
South Africa	7	1	0	6	73	97	-24	2
Malaysia	7	1	0	6	79	117	-38	2

Triples	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	Pts
Australia	7	5	0	2	116	83	33	10
England	7	4	1	2	96	77	19	9
New Zealand	7	4	0	3	97	90	7	8
Canada	7	4	0	3	85	94	-9	8
Scotland Clyde	7	3	2	2	85	83	2	8
Scotland Kelvin	7	3	1	3	88	92	-4	7
Malaysia	7	2	0	5	89	101	-12	4
South Africa	7	1	0	6	71	107	-36	2

Fours	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	Pts
New Zealand	7	7	0	0	128	61	67	14
Australia	7	5	1	1	121	76	45	11
Scotland Clyde	7	3	0	4	106	87	19	6
England	7	3	0	4	73	109	-36	6
South Africa	7	3	1	3	95	93	2	7
Canada	7	3	0	4	78	100	-22	6
Scotland Kelvin	7	1	1	5	79	114	-35	3
Malaysia	7	1	1	5	81	121	-40	3

Make sure all take part in National Awareness Day

Bowls SA has set aside October 26/7 so that all districts and clubs support this membership drive and marketing of bowls. Clubs may decide on either weekend day, or stage a weekend bonanza.

National Awareness Day will become an annual event on the bowls calendar; it is vital for the survival of bowls that each and every district, club and bowler lend full support.

Purpose of the drive

- > Attract Non-bowlers
- > Addressing the Image of Bowls
- > Market the game of bowls

Benefits

- > Fundraising event for club
- > Recruit New Members
- > Support Disability Bowls
- > Support Charity of own choice (optional)

Target Market

- > expose bowls to the general public especially the younger generation
- > under 45s
- > friends and family of bowlers
- > churches
- > government departments: armed forces, hospitals,

municipalities, etc

> business league players, corporates and business executives, schools & educational facilities and many more..... estate agents, media correspondents, local businesses.

DISABLED BOWLERS: Each club is requested to collect funds with a 'spider' for the disabled bowlers on the day of the event. Each club to deposit the 'spider' monies collected directly into the Bowls SA Banking Account.

CHARITY OF YOUR OWN CHOICE (Optional): In addition to the spider clubs may decide to further support any charity of their choice from profits made during the event.

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Icy spring morning warms into summer day

It was ironic that Warwick Wealth's Spring Day at Morningside began with one of the coldest mornings this year; no matter, it soon warmed into a beautiful day, writes Fonyy Meyeridricks.

Members were welcomed with champagne and orange juice followed by a bacon and egg roll. It was a fun day for members – who played a morning of tabs and then tried their hand at croquet and petanque; all played in a light-hearted and non-competitive spirit.

Lunchtime saw the official opening of the new outside bar and terrace (see pictures) – completed only the night before. After a brief presentation, Theresa Fry was presented with her Platinum Certificate by Fonyy (see picture); Reeva Schoeman from Warwick's Johannesburg office also attended in the morning.

A braai was enjoyed after the presentation and most stayed until evening. The event generated great interest in Warwick products.



Warwick 6s again a wow at Westville

For a third year running Warwick Wealth sponsored Westville Country Club's Warwick 6s and for the 14 teams of four men and two ladies a side, the bowls was superb, reports Stuart Milligan. In a closely contested event, Wayne Evelyn's team pipped Errol Eichstadt to win the all-day event. Two games of mixed trips were played in the morning, followed by a game of mixed fours and men's pairs in the afternoon. Thanks to co-sponsors Scottish Leader, three bottles of whiskey were provided for a draw. Warwick's Investment Specialist Wade French presented Hugh van Laun, with a Platinum Certificate



SIX OF THE BEST:
Wayne Evelyn's winning team:
Sylvia Munro,
Colin van Rensburg,
Jeanne Clarke,
Winston Watts,
Bryan Munro,
Harry Hirsch



RUNNERS UP: Errol Eichstadt's team - second on the podium



HUGH HOPES: Wade French presents Hugh van Laun, with a Platinum Certificate



TIPPLE TIME: Scottish Leader Whisky prize winners, Shirley Walsh, Daphne Hill, Lyn Garrett.



Nomads outdoor surfers at 'Bay

The perennial surfers had to make way as the centre of attention when the week-long 31st Nomads Nationals (Kouga District), sponsored by Warwick Wealth, was hosted by Jeffrey's Bay.

The Nomads announced a yearly haul of R53 000 collected for charity.

An extremely jovial group of close on 200 (some wives included), burst on to this surfers' paradise in the Eastern Cape for fun and bowls - they succeeded well with both, reports Brian Kelly.

The weather was kind, barring the last day which rained out

before the end of the first game, but this did not upset the final results. There was some excellent bowling on the three greens; it was a pleasure to watch.

This was my first Nomads Nationals and I was taken totally unawares at the prize giving which lasted about 90 minutes. It was impossible to jostle for photos and write down all the names, too many names for inclusion here, I am afraid. There are 21 Nomads districts around the country, which amounts to around 600 bowlers, all doing their bit for charity.



THE SPOILS: Prizewinners at the Nomads Nationals collect their items

Hot & humid, but fun at Umtentweni

As expected, it was hot and humid as 32 club members enjoyed an afternoon of Warwick Wealth social afternoon tabs-in bowls on a warm, humid afternoon at Umtentweni, followed by a great array of snacks. Tyrone Ferguson, (club president), welcomed Warwick's National Sport Network Manager, Michael Feinberg

and your reporter, Stuart Milligan. After thanking the club for the introduction and making a short presentation, a Platinum Certificate was awarded to Peter Brewer and Louis Marx, as those in the kitchen did themselves and all present proud.



THIS HOW ... Stuart Milligan explains the Warwick magic at Umtentweni



'SHINY': Platinum award for Peter Brewer (l) presented by Stuart Milligan & prize winners: Astrid Jackson, Isobel Kilian, Hazel Lough.



Bowls South Africa Price List-As at August 2013



1	Markers Guide for Beginners Merker's Gids vir Beginners	R 15.00	R 12.00	If more than 10
2	An Introduction to Bowls Inleiding tot Rolbal	R 15.00	R 12.00	
3	Laws of the Sport of Bowls		R 20.00	
5	The Etiquette of Bowls Rolbal Etiket	R 20.00	R 15.00	
6	Better Greens Breed Better Bowlers Greens Improvement Programme		R 18.00	
7	Technical Official & Markers Log Books		R 12.00	Districts only
8	Coaches Log Book		R 12.00	Districts only
9	Technical Official Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R 45.00	Districts only
10	Markers Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R 45.00	Districts only
11	Coaches Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R 45.00	Districts only
12	Technical Official Level 3 & 4 Badges, Certificates and Log Books		Free	Districts only
13	Coaches Senior & Elite Badges, Certificates and Log Books		Free	Districts only
14	Technical Officials/ Coaches / Markers Registers		R 8.00	Districts only
15	Development Guidelines		R 24.00	Districts only
16	Green Keeping Level 1		R 50.00	Districts only
17	Play Bowls		R 60.00	
18	Walk the Line DVD		R 50.00	
19	SA Masters DVD		R 50.00	
20	Coaches Reference Manual - Hard Copy		R 300.00	
21	Coaches Reference Manual - CD		R 25.00	
Kindly order items through your District Office				



BAREFOOT BOWLS DOWN UNDER.

Pic: www.yarragolf.com.au

BowlsSA president attends Kowie Ladies' Classic



Kowie Bowling Club at Port Alfred staged the Warwick Wealth Kowie Ladies' Fours Classic. The event was attended by Bowls South Africa's recently re-elected unopposed president Allan Freeman who lives in East London.

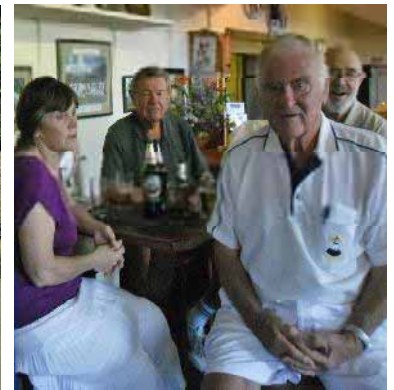
He travelled to watch his wife Maureen play. After a frosty green start, the day warmed up and all had a great time, reports Brian Kelly.



HAPPY QUARTET: Winners, from left, (blue shirts) Suzette Jonk, Moira Buchanan (skip), Pietro Toerien, Sunette Terblanche



EAGLE EYE: Bowls SA president Allan Freeman (green shirt, on bench) down from East London to watch his wife play



DOWN THE HATCH: Allan Freeman enjoys some refreshment

Chiltern Park enjoy Warwick visit

Warwick Wealth were well represented at a great evening had by all at Chiltern Park, Port Natal. After a welcome to Warwick representatives by Roy Muller (president), Sports Officer Stuart Milligan thanked club delegates and members; National Sport Network Manager, Michael Fienberg, made a short presentation about the sponsor. Thanks went to Marie van Rensburg for all her effort over the snacks she presented at the Warwick social.

Platinum clients Trevor and Margaret Prior and Neville Ollis received certificates, presented by Warwick Investment Specialist Wade French. Scottish Leader Whisky prize winners: Mary Smit, Lynne Kelly and Jenny Muller.



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(L) HIGH POINT:
Trevor Prior with
Wade French

>>
(R) WELL DONE:
Neville Ollis and
his platinum
certificate



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CHEERS:
Mary Smit
with
Warwick's
Wade French





TO THE POINT

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1. THE QUANDARY OF THE 23 AND 25 METRE MEASURES

Law 18.3.2 states "In any end, the start of play is the delivery of the jack by the first player to play in that end".

Law 19.1.1 states "Before the start of play in each end, the player to play first should place the centre line of the mat lengthwise along the centre line of the rink, with the mat line at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 25 metres from the front ditch".

Law 19.1.2 states that "If, before the jack has been delivered, a player or the marker finds that the mat has not been placed as described in law 19.1.1, the player to play first should correctly position the mat".

Law 19.1.3 states "If after the jack has been delivered but the first bowl is delivered, a player or the marker finds that the mat line has not been positioned within the distances prescribed in law 19.1.1, the opposing player should place the mat as described in law 19.1.1 and re-deliver the jack, making sure that it is centred, but the opposing player should not play first".

Law 19.1.4 states "After the first player to play has delivered the first bowl, no one has the right to challenge the legality of the original distance of the mat from the rear and front ditches.

From the above, it is clear that the mat can be positioned at any point on the centre line of the rink with the front edge of the mat being between the 2 metre mark from the rear ditch to the 25m mark from the front ditch.

The often asked question in a singles game is "Does the marker have the right to call for a 23 metre measure?" The marker, much to the consternation of many players not only has the right to call for a measure, but in terms of **law 55.2.2**, the marker should make sure that the jack is at least 23 metres from the mat line after it has been centred. The importance of the distances between the mat line and the jack or the front ditch is stressed again in the law book in **law 56.2.3**, which states "The umpire should decide whether the distance of the mat from the rear and front ditches and

the distance of the jack or a bowl from the mat line are in line with the laws of the sport of bowls.

2. POSITION ON THE MAT AND FOOT FAULTING

Law 20.1 states "Before delivery a player should be standing on the mat with one foot fully on the mat. At the moment that they deliver the jack or a bowl, they should have all or part of one foot on or above the mat".

Law 20.2 states "Before delivery, a player using an approved wheelchair should have one wheel on the mat and, at the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player should have all or part of one wheel on or above the mat.

Law 20.3 states "Any player not meeting the terms of this law is committing a foot fault and law 21 will apply.

Law 21.1 states "If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal by one of the skips or opponents in singles, decides that a player has not met with the terms of Law 20, the umpire should, on the first occasion, warn the player in the presence of the skip and advise the manager or the coach when they are present that a warning has been given".

Law 21.2 states "On each occasion after this the umpire should have the player's bowl stopped and declared dead.

Law 21.3 states "If it has not been possible to stop the bowl and it disturbs the head, the opponent should choose whether to:

Law 21.3.1 replace the head

Law 21.3.2 leave the head as altered: or

Law 21.3.3 Declare the end dead".

Law 21.4 states "If a player has been given a warning and still fails to meet the terms of law 20 while delivering the jack, law 23.2 will apply".

Law 23.2 states "If a player improperly delivers the jack. The opposing player should place the mat as described in law 19.1.1 and re-deliver the jack, making sure that it is centred, but the opposing player should not play first".

From the above laws it is very clear that running onto the mat and delivering the bowl

or the jack is an illegal practice as law 20.1 requires that the player should be "Standing" on the mat. The provision in law 21.1 to permit a player to appeal is justified as it is not always possible for the umpire to see everything that is happening on a green all the time – there are times that the umpire is occupied with other duties.

Contrary to the beliefs of some players, it is not the umpire's duty to be preoccupied with only looking for foot faulting. Trained umpires will observe the stance that players adopt on the mat during the trial ends to gain an indication as to which players "could" be prone to foot faulting, and observe those players on the mat from time to time.

3. DWINDLING NUMBERS

Year	Number	Year	Number
2008	281	2009	474
2010	600	2011	510
2012	319	2013	224

Apart from the dwindling number of bowlers active in our sport, there seems to be an alarming trend not to want to be involved in the administration of our sport. It is becoming harder to get bowlers to serve on a club committee or a district executive committee etc.

This trend is also creeping in to the number of candidates coming forward to become Technical Officials as evidenced by the figures from Bowls South Africa. In the last few years the number of bowlers in South Africa has fallen from close to 30,000 to 26,000 this past year.

The above table shows that the number of bowlers being trained as Technical Officials over the last 5-years has also fallen dramatically:

This trend is being noticed by most District Standing Committees as fewer candidates are volunteering to attend courses run by the District Technical Officials Standing Committees. Also more and more sponsored competitions, league games and district competitions are being played without any umpire present!

This year so far ten Districts have not trained any Technical Officials. There still remains time to reverse this trend as the year finishes 31 March 2014 but this will take an extremely

concerted effort from all District Executives to encourage clubs to motivate their members to attend courses and become involved in the marking and umpiring at competitions. Qualified trainers are available in most of the districts, and if not, there are in neighbouring districts. Please make use of their expertise to train new Technical Officials. We pride ourselves on being the best administered amateur sport in South Africa but if we do not have an adequate number of trained Technical Officials we risk losing this title.

4. SKIPS AND THE CARD

Despite this Law coming into force in 2010, there is still resistance from a small minority of bowlers to this requirement. The Law was enacted to bring all games into line whereas previously in Pairs the skip kept the card but in Triples and Fours the second usually kept the card so; it made sense as the Skip is in charge of the game and has to sign as to the correctness of the score at the end of the game, that they be responsible.

The Law may be reviewed next year but until any changes are made we would ask all bowlers to play the sport in compliance with all the Laws and not just the laws that they like!

5. SA STEEK DIE HAND VAN VRIENDSKAP UIT NA `N BUURLAND

Op versoek van die Namibiese Rolbal Assosiasie het twee lede van die SA Staande Komitee, Tegniëse Beampies nl , Neville Savage en Renée Venter na Windhoek gereis en `n Merkers, 'n Vlak 1 en 'n Vlak 2 kursus aangebied.

Ons het `n hartlike ontvangs gehad en in die tyd tot ons beskikking het ons daardie kandidate laat sweet. Die entoesiasme waarmee hulle gewerk het was ongelooflik.

Altesaam het ons elf Vlak 1 tegniëse beampies opgelei en twee kandidate, Alexander Joubert en Dave Hutchins het Vlak 2 deurgekom.

Namibië spog dus met dertien splinternuwe opgeleide Tegniëse Beampies.

Ons opregte dank en waardering aan die Oos Gauteng Tegniëse Komitee vir hul bydrae tot die kursus material.



Dit is nou sweet tyd in Windkoek

6. WESTERN PROVINCE TRAINS TECHNICAL OFFICIALS



The Western Province district has the largest number of registered bowlers of all the districts in South Africa. In line with this, in an effort to provide sufficient Technical Officials to be able to cater for their requirements, they trained a further 13 markers and 11 Level 1 umpires during August. Well done to both the Technical Officials Standing Committee of Western Province. And, to the candidates who are now both trained and prepared to give of their time for the betterment of the sport, enjoy your time officiating at competitions.

7. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Controlling Bodies should decide on what Conditions of Play are necessary to govern their competitions. Club competitions of a social nature that do not lead to a club title or qualify for a district or national title can be played in accordance with Conditions of Play which include aspects that are different from those that are described in the laws of the

sport of bowls. Controlling Bodies that govern competitions leading to club titles or qualify for district or national competitions should ensure that their Conditions of Play are in line with the requirements as described in Appendix A1 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

The Conditions of play should be available to umpires and entrants who ask for them and should be clearly displayed at all venues throughout the course of the event.

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Members of 140-year-old pub bowls club, accused of being a 'noisy nuisance' by landlord, face eviction...

No more room at the 'Inn?'

Elderly members of a 140-year-old bowling club have been turfed off their own green, following a string of complaints about rowdy behaviour and vandalism.

Pensioners who play for the New Inn Bowling Club, based in Harborne, Birmingham, were left shocked after they were kicked out because of "poor levels of etiquette."

The new licensee of the host pub - who owns the green - accused the bowlers of causing a nuisance, smashing up toilets and not bringing in enough revenue.

Landlord Matt Scriven, 39, allegedly banned the 35 members from playing on the green and planned to turn it into a beer garden.

It's the oldest bowling club in Birmingham, whose members have an average age somewhere between the mid to late-60s; teams have played four times a week since it opened in the 1870s.



OUT!: The 35 members of the bowling club have been banned from playing on their plush green,

Shell-shocked pensioners - some in their late 70s - have vowed to fight the ban.

Having splashed out £500 ((more than R7 000) on fees, club chairman John Beeston, 76, fears "the end of an era."

He said: "In 30-years I've been a member we've only had one complaint, and that was from the pub manager.



CHEERS: Part of the team in 1990, including Smith, second from right and pub owner Ron Worthington, centre



BAN: Chairman John Beeston, right and secretary George Smith, out for alleged rowdy behaviour



HISTORY: Smith, fourth from right in a picture of the club from the 1960s

"As far as the noise is concerned, I thought that was quite accepted - you get teams cheering on their players. How come not a single resident has complained directly to us?"

"I think it's a bit rich. The pub had a jazz band playing there one Sunday last autumn. We're not the only people using the toilet, so why point the finger at us?"

"There's loads of people use that toilet on a Saturday and Sunday, it's always open to the public.

"From what I saw some handles were broken off the cisterns in the toilet - the landlord wanted to charge us £200 (more than R 2 600) for it, which was extortionate.

And some South African club members think they are hard done by?

(All pics: Caters News Agency)

Bowls SA Roundup

For greenkeepers...

Bowls SA has released Level 1 Greenkeeping which deals with the basics and daily tasks required to ensure good management. Written by Dr Charles Louw, it is available from Bowls SA at R50; orders may be placed through respective district offices. An updated price list of all Bowls SA publications is available on the www.bowlssa.co.za website.

...and for coaches

Now available is Lawn Bowls Coaching, a comprehensive coaching manual produced by the National Standing Committee: Coaches (NSCC). It is the result of a four-year project and written to meet the needs of coaches at every level. This practical book informs readers about the most fundamental coaching technique, including mental and physical training methods designed to help players perform to their highest standard.

The manual includes sections on:

- Principles of coaching;
- teaching, learning and communication strategies;
- biomechanics of bowls;
- fault correction;
- building mental toughness;
- lifestyle issues and,
- squad coaching

Supported with more than 80 illustrations and dozens of tables, this publication, printed in loose-leaf format to assist easy updating of material and offering easy access to all of the key principles relating to the delivery of the jack and bowl, is available from the office at R300; order through district secretaries (see this newsletter for list).

National fixtures decided

In the events calendar for 2014 note the change of venue for the SA Mixed Pairs - now in Bethlehem.

Warwick: Bowls SA Masters: Wanderers Bowling Club, Johannesburg; Warwick: Bowls SA Men's National Championship: Western Province Cricket Club (HQ), Durbanville Bowling Club (sub HQ); Warwick: Bowls SA Women's National Championship: Wanderers Bowling Club (HQ), Morning-side Bowling Club (sub HQ); Warwick: Bowls SA Under-25 Interdistricts Championship: Margate Bowling Club (HQ), Uvongo Bowling Club (sub HQ); Bowls SA Under-19 Devel-

opment Tournament: Maritzburg Collegians Bowling Club (HQ), Lynwood Bowling Club (sub HQ), Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Interdistricts Championship: Orangia Bowling Club (HQ), Bloemfontein Municipal Bowling Club, Bloemfontein Bowling Club

Oude Studente Bowling Club;; Bowls SA B Interdistricts Championship: Gonubie Bowling Club (HQ), East London Bowling Club, Old Selbornian Bowling Club, Comrades Bowling Club; Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Senior Interdistricts Championship: Wingate Park Bowling Club (HQ), Lynwood Bowling Club, PHSOB Bowling Club, Pretoria Municipals Bowling Club; Bowls SA Mixed Pairs Championship: Bethlehem BC (N Free State).

National singles entry routes

Opportunities to enter the national singles are reviewed; the following applies from next year:

- The entry remains restricted to 128 for Open Singles; 64 entries for the Seniors;
- players in National Singles still qualify through district events according to allocations;
- provision on the entry form exists for players to participate in fours and pairs to apply for any vacancies in the singles ;
- the tournament committee will conduct a draw from applications to fill the main draw and,
- final draw will be published on the nationals' website at least three weeks before the event; districts will be required to confirm qualifiers by March 31 (tournament committee). If their district singles are incomplete, the previous year's results may be used.

Affiliation fees for 2014 from:

January R175; February R160,40; March R145,85; April R131,25; May R116,65; June R102,05; July R87,50; August R72,90; September R58,30; October R43,75; November R29,25; December R14,60.

Bowls SA office closed dates

The Bowls SA office will be closed for the year-end break between December 17 and January 6.

Tab-in

Amiable, competent Bobby Cron (Constantia, WP) who represented his districts with distinction and he also did Bowls South Africa as a national selector for several years, has died. His contribution made to the sport of bowls was considerable; condolences to family and friends.

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