



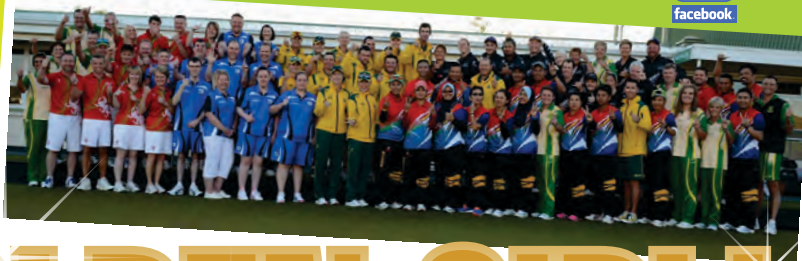
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GOLDEN GIRL: Colleen Piketh on her way to glory

Twelve of South Africa's finest went to Christchurch, New Zealand with the hopes of their 24 000 strong bowling community and many more sports lovers too boot they would find form against five of the top lawn bowls nations in the world.

The Proteas did not disappoint.

South Africa's men and women won a gold medal, a silver medal and two bronze medals and finished fourth in a another discipline, losing in a bronze medal play-off, for an overall superb performance.

They ended third overall behind Australia and New Zealand, followed by Malaysia, Wales and Scotland – containing the Commonwealth Games women's overall champions and with a man who is world singles champion! Australia ended most successful with four gold medals, two silver and a bronze from New Zealand, the hosts earning three gold medals two silvers and a bronze; fourth were Malaysia with two silver, followed by Wales with a silver and a bronze and Scotland with three bronze medals.

Dispensation was given to all nations to select

GOLDEN GIRL

PIKETH WINS SINGLES, SILVER FOR BAKER, BRONZE FOR FOURS

six players, instead of the customary five; to allow for redeployment during the event and as part of a warm-up for World Bowls at the same venue later this year. Indeed South Africa mixed and matched throughout, looking for combinations with an eye on that goal.

The six nations involved were New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, South Africa, Scotland and Wales – the cream of world bowls – a few other countries not involved, also among the best..

Practice and play was at the Burnside BC (three greens, HQ), Papanui BC (two greens) and Fendalton BC (two greens).

It should be explained to any doubters – plus the armchair critics' brigade – it is tougher to win medals at top level in bowls than in any other code. Since many thousands play and

the crème de la crème offer little quarter at international competition, South Africa's Proteas have demonstrated, particularly in the modern era, they are firmly level with Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and the UK home nations – in some instance superior.

Moreover to fly the thousands of miles to New Zealand, have a couple of days to settle, acclimatise and try to succeed against Australia and New Zealand – never mind the other formidable nations present – with the "locals" having plenty of time to attune to greens, is no easy task – but let me add, no excuse for anything. Moreover, it will be the same story at World Bowls in November.

Given that South Africa's sport is truly amateur only commitment, willingness to give up on personal and financial reward and



MEN'S FOURS: Rudi Jacobs, Jason Evans, Nic Rusling, Thinus Oelofse – bronze medal



WOMEN'S FOURS: Tracy-Lee Botha, Elma Davis, Susan Nel & Anneke Snyman – bronze medal

total dedication from themselves and their coaching and management staff have seen them to the pinnacle. Bowls South Africa has played no small part in encouraging and supporting their charges with meager means to do so.

Bowls South Africa president Kallie Haupt was ecstatic.

“We know we have enormous talent in South Africa, but they have to perform, often under testing conditions, always against the world's best. I am delighted they justified our faith in them – a satisfactory performance to say the least. Colleen and Gerry played so well to reach their singles finals. Now for World Bowls – we will again be a major force, as always, to be reckoned with.”



TOP MEN:
Gerry Baker - SA (SILVER),
Aron Sherriff - Australia (GOLD) and David Kingdon - Wales (BRONZE)

This article seeks in way to lament the billions poured into Bafana Bafana and the rugby Springboks for often restrained successes, save to say, on a relatively shoe-string budget, but thanks to great main sponsors Warwick Wealth and occasionally Lotto, Bowls South Africa and its excellent players and staff continually provide headline news with their gold medal hauls worldwide.

To have both men and women's singles finalist from the same nations speaks volumes. Colleen Piketh, a quietly-spoken superb sportswomen, without doubt South Africa's most versatile and successful bowler of recent times, although hurting, had presence and demeanour to put the devastating loss of her

beloved husband behind her and is certainly in the pantheon of SA bowling greats.

Gerry Baker, a tough, nuggety left-hander, who has dominated the SA bowls scene for years in all disciplines both domestically and internationally, always finds an extra gear against the best, to which himself belongs.

Their opponents in the final were World No 1 Karen Murphy and Aron Sherriff, a Commonwealth Games medalist and hat-trick holder of Australian player of the year award, respectively. No easy task.

We'll take Baker's match first.

It should also be explained the weather played a role. Different conditions daily made green difficult to read and heat and cold also mitigated against settling into a regular pattern of comfort zone.

Sherriff adapted to the green immediately and Baker, far from out of it, eventually had to bow the knee, so deadly was the Antipodean's attack. The score line of 21-8 appears extreme, but the match was a lot closer than that. On the day Sherriff was just too good; Baker, a World Bowls and Commonwealth Games champion himself, knows the score - his day was run there; but he will be back; truly, a magnificent silver medal effort by the



BEFORE THE STORM:
A team shot before hostilities began –
Back, from left: Jessica Henderson, manager;
Colleen Piketh, Elma Davis, Sylvia Burns,
Anneke Snyman, Tracy-Lee Botha, Susan Nel

multiple SA Masters hero.

Piketh went in as underdog. She had lost before to Murphy, a no-prisoners taken adversary with a record that stretches to the horizon. But the amiable Piketh also has great skill and she too is of the bulldog breed. When she gets her teeth in, beware!

The Johannesburg star from Bedfordview CC would defeat Murphy 21-14 in what was described as a showcase of excellence. This was no upset, each woman respects the other; each neither offers, nor asks for quarter.

Piketh drew blood early and it was not until



NICE AND EASY:
Quiet moment for, back: Jason Evans,
Pierre Breitenbach; front: from left:
Thinus Oelofse, Theuns Fraser, head coach,
Gerry Baker, Rudi Jacobs, Nic Rusling

the fourth end before world champion Murphy hit the scoreboard.

By the seventh end Murphy led 5-4 and when Piketh picked up a three on the eighth end, Murphy reacted by taking the next three ends and the lead 9-7.

Piketh replied with nine unanswered shots to lead 16-9, but Murphy is not the best nothing and she clawed her way back to 19-12, before Colleen put the pedal down and ended it 21-14.

Bowls SA and the selectors will no doubt pay attention to the pairs, which, unusually, failed to fire. Commonwealth Games and World Bowls gold have been easily earned, so it was somewhat disappointing both men and women's duos failed to reach a play-off spot in that discipline.

The men's and women's fours each earned bronze medals in scintillating displays; the women's trips lost a tight battle for bronze, the men's trips were off target, but a tweak will correct that.

Piketh and Rudi Jacobs then flew on to Warwilla BC in NSW for the World Cup Singles

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ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

MEN'S FOURS - Round 1: South Africa Beat Malaysia - 19/15, Scotland Beat New Zealand - 20/12, Wales Beat Australia - 22/17

Round 2: Wales Beat Scotland - 15/14, **Australia Beat South Africa - 19/11**, New Zealand Beat Malaysia - 18/9

Round 3: **New Zealand Beat South Africa - 25/9**, Malaysia Beat Wales - 17/13, Australia Beat Scotland - 19/15

Round 4: Australia Beat Malaysia - 22/12, **South Africa Beat Scotland - 26/14**, Wales Beat New Zealand - 19/15

Round 5: Scotland Beat Malaysia - 19/16, New Zealand Beat Australia - 17/15, **South Africa Beat Wales - 22/14**

MEN'S PAIRS - Round 1: Malaysia Beat Scotland - 18/12, New Zealand Beat Wales - 27/8, **Australia Beat South Africa - 23/15**

Round 2: **South Africa Beat New Zealand - 21/10** Australia Beat Scotland - 20/15, Malaysia Beat Wales - 22/14

Round 3: Wales Beat Scotland - 20/10, **Malaysia Beat South Africa - 18/14**, New Zealand Drew with Australia - 13/13

Round 4: Malaysia Beat Australia - 17/15, New Zealand Beat Scotland - 17/12, **Wales Beat South Africa - 21/5**

Round 5: New Zealand Beat Malaysia - 19/15, Wales Beat Australia - 17/9, **Scotland Beat South Africa - 18/9**

MEN'S SINGLES - Round 1: Scotland Beat Malaysia - 21/15, New Zealand Beat Wales - 21/19, **Australia Beat South Africa - 21/19**

Round 2: **South Africa Beat New Zealand - 21/8**, Australia Beat Scotland - 21/18, Wales Beat Malaysia - 21/20

Round 3: Scotland Beat Wales - 21/16, **South Africa Beat Malaysia - 21/8**, Australia Beat New Zealand - 21/16

Round 4: Australia Beat Malaysia - 21/16, New Zealand Beat Scotland - 21/14, **Wales Beat South Africa - 21/17**

Round 5: Malaysia Beat New Zealand - 21/20, Australia Beat Wales - 21/18, **South Africa Beat Scotland - 21/19**

MEN'S TRIPLES - Round 1: Scotland Beat Malaysia - 21/13, New Zealand Beat Wales - 17/13, **Australia Beat South Africa - 22/16**

Round 2: **New Zealand Beat South Africa - 17/11**, Australia Beat Scotland - 20/14, Malaysia Beat Wales - 35/5

Round 3: Scotland Beat Wales - 25/9, **South Africa Beat Malaysia - 22/20**, Australia Beat New Zealand - 16/12

Round 4: Malaysia Drew with Australia - 13/13, New Zealand Beat Scotland - 17/16, **Wales Beat South Africa - 19/15**

Round 5: New Zealand Beat Malaysia - 20/12, Australia Beat Wales - 18/10, **Scotland Beat South Africa - 21/13**

WOMEN'S FOURS - Round 1: Scotland Drew with Malaysia - 16/16, Wales Beat New Zealand - 26/14, **Australia Beat South Africa - 36/7**

Round 2: **South Africa Beat New Zealand - 14/13**, Scotland Drew with Australia - 20/20, Wales Beat Malaysia - 14/13

Round 3: Wales Drew with Scotland - 13/13, **South Africa Beat Malaysia - 17/16**, New Zealand Beat Australia - 20/9

Round 4: Malaysia Beat Australia - 16/14, New Zealand Beat Scotland - 29/11, **Wales Beat South Africa - 22/8**

Round 5: New Zealand Beat Malaysia - 26/5, Wales Beat Australia - 19/15, **Scotland Beat South Africa - 19/13**

WOMEN'S PAIRS - Round 1: Malaysia Beat Scotland - 20/12, New Zealand Beat Wales - 16/13, **Australia Beat South Africa - 16/9**

Round 2: **New Zealand Beat South Africa - 22/11**,

Australia Beat Scotland - 28/10, Malaysia Beat Wales - 21/9

Round 3: Scotland Beat Wales - 25/17, **Malaysia Beat South Africa - 19/10**, Australia Beat New Zealand - 19/12

Round 4: Australia Beat Malaysia - 23/6, Scotland Beat New Zealand - 18/15, **Wales Drew with South Africa - 14/14**

Round 5: Malaysia Beat New Zealand - 20/15, Australia Beat Wales - 21/13, **Scotland Beat South Africa - 16/15**

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Round 1: Malaysia Beat Scotland - 21/14, Wales Beat New Zealand - 21/19, **Australia Beat South Africa - 21/18**

Round 2: **New Zealand Beat South Africa - 21/15**, Australia Beat Scotland - 21/11, Malaysia Beat Wales - 21/10

Round 3: Scotland Beat Wales - 21/18, **South Africa Beat Malaysia - 21/11**, New Zealand Beat Australia - 21/19

Round 4: Australia Beat Malaysia - 21/13, New Zealand Beat Scotland - 21/12, **South Africa Beat Wales - 21/6**

Round 5: Malaysia Beat New Zealand - 21/14, Wales Beat Australia - 21/18, **South Africa Beat Scotland - 21/20**

WOMEN'S TRIPLES - Round 1: Scotland Beat Malaysia - 15/12, Wales Beat New Zealand - 17/9, **Australia Beat South Africa - 18/12**

Round 2: **South Africa Drew with New Zealand - 12/12**, Australia Beat Scotland - 17/16, Wales Beat Malaysia - 16/14

Round 3: Scotland Beat Wales - 23/11, **South Africa Beat Malaysia - 21/9**, New Zealand Beat Australia - 15/11

Round 4: Australia Beat Malaysia - 24/10, New Zealand Beat Scotland - 19/16, **South Africa Beat Wales - 15/10**

Round 5: New Zealand Beat Malaysia - 23/6, Australia Beat Wales - 24/7, **Scotland Beat South Africa - 29/9**



HAPPY TEAM: The Proteas after their successes Down Under

PLAYOFF POSITIONS

PLAY-OFF POSITIONS IN EACH DISCIPLINE:

MEN'S FOURS - NZ 16 vs Australia 13, **SA 16 vs**

Wales 12, Scotland 21 vs Malaysia 15

WOMEN'S FOURS - NZ 21 vs Wales 11, **SA 23 vs**

Scotland 22, Australia 18 vs Malaysia 16

MEN'S TRIPLES - Australia 21 vs NZ 14, Scotland 20 vs Malaysia 6, **Wales 14 vs SA 11**

WOMEN'S TRIPLES - Australia 13 vs NZ 9,

Scotland 21 vs SA 14, Wales 18 vs Malaysia 13

MEN'S PAIRS - NZ 14 vs Malaysia 13, Australia 19 vs

Wales 17, **Scotland 21 vs SA 14**

WOMEN'S PAIRS - Australia 16 vs Malaysia 12,

Scotland 19 vs NZ 15, **SA 18 vs Wales 13**

MEN'S SINGLES - Australia 21 vs SA 8, Wales 21 vs Scotland 20, NZ 21 vs Malaysia 13

WOMEN'S SINGLES - SA 21 vs Australia 14,

NZ 21 vs Malaysia 13, Scotland 21 vs Wales 16

JACOBS, PIKETH STRUT THEIR STUFF WITHOUT REWARD AT WORLD INDOOR



COLOUR BLAST: The contestants before play in Australia, Colleen Webb Piketh and Rudi Jacobs are seen on the left front row

No one said it would be easy – ask South African Proteas Colleen Webb Piketh and Rudi Jacobs, who after the strain of the Six Nations Test Series at Christchurch, New Zealand, had little time for more than a dash to the airport for the World Bowls Indoor Singles at the Warilla Bowls Centre, north of Sydney, Australia.

The two stars, switching from grass to carpet, were obviously going to find those who had acclimatised a handful and so it proved. But not before each left a scar on players hoping for glory.

When the dust had settled it was the former Ireland international Jeremy Henry and Norfolk Island's much-admired Carmen Anderson who struck World Cup indoor singles gold at Warilla.



EYES AHEAD: Colleen Webb Piketh concentrates Down Under

It is an unprecedented fourth title in past five years for Henry, who was imperious in an "all-Ireland" final, defeating Andy Kyle 8-6 9-3.

Kyle, a 37-year-old sales manager who plays his bowls at the County Antrim Indoor Club in Belfast, was impressive throughout and good judges rated him a fair prospect to topple his former international teammate. But, timely scores in the seventh and eighth ends of the first set, then a collection of nine shots over five consecutive ends in the second was the difference.

Henry eclipsed Scott Roberts from the USA in his semi-final clash to secure his appointment with Kyle; hats off to Roberts, the reigning US Open Singles champion, who only had limited experience on indoor greens prior to his arrival at Warilla, while the lights, camera and action of a televised world final must be a daunting experience for anyone; Kyle outgunned young New Zealand star Shannon McIlroy.

With focus in major events aimed at young players, the effervescent Anderson, who turned 60 last July, struck a heart-warming blow for mature age competitors when she clinched the women's final.

She defeated defending champion Siti Zalina Ahmad of Malaysia in straight sets 6-5 7-6 in front of a large and appreciative audience. The final was a tightly-contested affair with the scores level going into the last end of both sets; Anderson claimed the vital winning shot on each occasion.

It is 20 years since the diminutive Norfolk Islander rocketed onto the international scene when she captured the world outdoor singles championship in England at Royal Leamington Spa.

Ahmad, a two-time Commonwealth Games singles gold medallist, claimed her berth in the main event by defeating Priscilla Westlake of Canada in their semi-final.

African American Westlake, a 20-year-old university student, enchanted the crowds at Warilla throughout the tournament and outplayed the Malaysian great during the qualifying rounds. However, when the big moments arrived in their match on the television rink, Ahmad demonstrated her wealth of experience to snatch victory; Anderson toppled classy young Australian Carla Krisanic in another match of the highest quality.

Praise too for Baven Balendra (Botswana), who offered great poise in winning three matches. Interviewed in Australia by the media, he showed a calmness to suggest we will hear even more of this talented young Indian player.

Bowls South Africa's president, Kallie Haupt, heaped praise on his representatives:

"It cannot be easy to play at the highest level outdoors, win medals, then rush off to another country and begin all over again on a surface to which one is unaccustomed for most of the year.



ACTION MAN: Rudi Jacobs on the carpet in Australia

"I and South Africa are delighted with Rudi and Colleen's efforts and demeanor – we are fortunate to have individuals of such calibre."

Sa's Jacobs, a bronze medallist as skip of the fours in Christchurch, transferred to the four-bowl format with ease and hovered around qualification, but fell just short. Nevertheless, his strong showing in fourth spot in his section - which provided the eventual champion - was not unexpected, as he is highly thought of by international opponents. Moreover as an ambassador for South African bowls he was praised for his good company and knowledge of the code

by no less a person than the outstanding editor of Bowls International, David Allen.

Piketh, winner of a stunning singles gold medal at the Six Nations, was understandably just short of adrenalin and vrooma. Off to sluggish start, she ended with a victory, but was off the pace throughout and was probably glad to go home after an overwhelming emotional and

physical 18 months.

Both can be congratulated for being their normal gracious selves – wonderful representative of South African bowlers.

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(thanks to David Allen,
Editor, Bowls International, for input)



CHAMPS: Norfolk Island's Carmen Anderson and Australia's Jeremy Henry

Australia claimed five of six Trans Tasman trophies, including the coveted Overall Open and Development Trophies in wrapping up the final test of the three-day series with New Zealand played at Christchurch, New Zealand.

In spite winning only two of the six games played on the last day, the Australian Jackaroos men captured the Open Men's Trophy courtesy of their test wins on the opening and penultimate days, which ensured an unassailable lead.

The green and gold contingent continued their clinical performance in the last test of the men's and women's development events, keeping an unblemished record in the last test with six straight wins each to wrap up proceedings with three consecutive test wins.

New Zealand claimed their sole trophy win in the open women's event, after they prevailed in five of six games staged today to secure their second test victory.

As a result of Australia's performances, it also claimed the Overall Open Trans Tasman Trophy, with combined match wins of 60-48, and the Overall Development Trans Tasman Trophy, with an outright clean sweep of six tests.

Bowls Australia congratulated the High Performance team on their success at the 2016 Trans Tasman, and acknowledge the assistance and funding provided by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association to Bowls Australia for athletes in the "Gold Coast GOLD" 2018 programme.

The Gold Coast GOLD programme was devised

by the ACGA to maximise podium performances at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, and assist athletes who are expected to be nominated for selection to the 2018 Australian Team.

FINAL STANDINGS AFTER PRELIMS

MEN:

Section 1: Shannon McIlroy (New Zealand) 27 points +174 shots, Andy Kyle (Ireland) 27 +63, Scott Roberts (USA) 24 +69, Ryan Dixon (Norfolk Isles) 21 +17, Fairul Muin (Malaysia) 18 +72, Christian Huang (Singapore) 18 -13, Clive McGreal (Isle of Man) 12 +32, Baven Balendra (Botswana) 9 -76, Hong Lam (Macau) 6 -58, Stan Tafatu (Nui) 3 -150, Ali Akbar (UAE) 3 -156.
Section.2: Jeremy Henry (Australia) 24 points +77 shots, Pete Bonsor (Spain) 24 +39, Hommer Mercado (Philippines) 18 +48, **Rudi Jacobs (South Africa) 15 +34**, Su Fung (Hong Kong) 12 -28, Gavin Ansari (Scotland) 12 -10, Vincent Mai (Canada) 9 +2, Jun Koyama (Japan) 9 -60, Samuela Tuikiligana (Fiji) 6 -38, Ozkan Akar (Turrkey) 6 -54.

WOMEN:

Section 1: Siti Zalina Ahmad (Malaysia) 18 points +74, Pricilla Westlake (Canada), 18 +9, Carla Krizanic (Australia) 15 +22, Dorothy Yu (Hong Kong) 15 +8, Lisa Bonsor (Spain) 12 -15, Sheral Mar (Fiji) 9 -40, Sonia Bruce (Philippines) 9 -49, **Colleen Webb Piketh 6 +28**, Midori, Matsuoka (Japan) 6 -36.
Section 2: Carmen Anderson (Norfolk Isles) 18 points +41, Jo Edwards (New Zealand) 18 +38, Emma Saroji (Malaysia) 18 +45, Stacey McDougall (Scotland) 9 +45, Beng Hue Lee (Singapore) 9 +7, Alexis Vanden Bos (USA) 6 -49, Joy Peuroux (Nui) 6 -63, Bernice McGreal (Isle of Man) 0 -64.

AUSSIES DOMINATE TRANS TASMAN TROPHIES



CHAMPS: Australia dominated the tournament throughout



BLACK CAPS: New Zealand's powerful squad at the Trans Tasman

Final results: Open Women Series - NZ; Open Men Series - Aus; Overall Open Trans Tasman Trophy - Aus; Development Women Series - Aus; Development Men Series - Aus; Overall Development Trans Tasman Trophy - Aus.

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA CODE OF CONDUCT



1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this code of conduct is to articulate the acceptable standard of behaviour expected of a member of this association.

It represents a formal statement of the values and ethical standards that guide individuals in the sport of bowls. It further outlines a set of principles and norms to which people can be held accountable both when representing and administering their Federation at all levels.

The aim thereof, is not to simply learn more rules but rather develop certain interpretive sensitivity towards them. This can also be used as a point of reference when dealing with disciplinary procedures.

2. OBJECTIVE

2.1 To outline incorrect and unacceptable actions/behaviour within our sport and to encourage ethical behaviour so that when the code is contravened the appropriate disciplinary action can be taken consistently. Thus responding to offences and preventing re-occurrence.

2.2 To help resolve conflict.

2.3 To make ethical behaviour infringement easy to identify.

2.4 To enhance the ethical reputation of bowls.

2.5 To promote respect for human dignity, rights and social justice.

2.6 Provide a framework for all persons to conduct their activities according to the following ethical standards:

- Embrace the spirit of fair play.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.
- Be fair, considerate, honest and respect for the law.
- Be trustworthy and professional, accepting responsibility for your actions.
- Refrain from racial, gender, verbal, physical or emotional abuse or harassment.
- Make a positive contribution and refrain from destructive criticism.
- Act in the best interest of the sport. Respect all religions as equal.

3. PRACTITIONERS

We pledge to:

3.1 Conform to our federation's code of conduct.

3.2 Commit to promote equality for all and to ensure that all are given an equal opportunity to participate regardless of gender, or ability or cultural background.

3.3 Discourage people from promoting violence in sport. The spirit of fair play should apply.

3.4 Ensure that all equipment and facilities comply with the specified International standards.

3.5 Ensure that no player is advantaged by any modification of equipment.

3.6 Ensure that the age and maturity levels of children are considered in programme development, rule enforcement and scheduling.

3.7 Pride of participation should balance the will to win.

3.8 Ensure that the code of conduct is distributed, understood and agreed upon by, coaches, players and officials.

3.9 Ensure that technical officials, coaches and players promote fair play in their conduct.

3.10 Disclose personal interest by all participants at all levels.

3.11 Ensure that the standards set out in the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act are adhered to.

3.12 Promote the respect of culture beliefs of humanity and ensure that all protocol is observed at competitions/events.

3.13 Ensure that the spirit of ubuntu and fair play is promoted by all.

3.14 Ensure that no member of the federation shall bring the sport into disrepute.

3.15 As officials, discourage the promotion of tobacco and alcoholic products in sport.

3.16 Resist all forms of corruption, rules violations, pressures and other compelling circumstances, which go against the spirit of fair play.

3.17 At all times work within the guidelines of the governing authority of the sport.

3.18 Display mutual respect towards all fellow practitioners and resolve conflict through consultative dialogue.

3.19 Never actively promote anti-social behaviour, lewd acts or abusive language.

3.20 Adhere to the provisions set out in the federation's communication policy.

4. PLAYERS

We will:

4.1 Conform to our federations' code of conduct.

4.2 Respect the rules and participate in the spirit of fair play.

4.3 Display high standards of behaviour that promote a positive image for the sport.

4.4 Respect for other fellow players and officials.

4.5 Pride of participation should balance the will to win.

4.6 Give my teammates positive inputs and feedback.

4.7 Respect the usage of facilities and equipment prescribed for an event.

4.8 Shall not breach the laws of the game.

4.9 Accept and observe the authority and decisions of match officials and other ruling bodies.

4.10 Shall not use foul or abusive language to fellow competitors, team mates, match officials or spectators.

4.11 Shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the gender, or ability or cultural background.

4.12 Commit to the fight against banned substances in sport.

4.13 Commit to the WADA code of conduct and contribute to fight drug abuse.

4.14 Resist and report all forms of corruption, pressures and other compelling circumstances, which go against the spirit of fair play.

4.15 Display exemplary behaviour in and out of play, promoting fair play in sport.

4.16 As sports men and women discourage the promotion of tobacco and alcoholic products in sport.

4.17 Commit ourselves not to bring the sport into disrepute.

4.18 Arrive in good timing to be present when match times are due.

4.19 Wear appropriate kit for the occasion.

4.20 Learn and play by the rules. Adhere to the provisions set out in the federation's communication policy.

4.21 Adhere to the provisions set out in the federation's communication policy.

5. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

We will:

5.1 Conform to our federations' code of conduct.

5.2 Make sure that the game is played in the spirit of fair play.

5.3 Ensure that all equipment and facilities comply

with the specified federations International standards.

5.4 Not tolerate unacceptable behaviour towards officials, athletes, spectators or ourselves.

5.5 Disclose personal interest by all participants/officials at all levels.

5.6 Handle all conflict firmly but with dignity.

5.7 Display exemplary behaviour in and out of play, promoting fair play in sport.

5.8 Develop ourselves to meet the high standards of officiating.

5.9 Make ourselves available to discussion issues before and after the game.

5.10 Commit to the fight against banned substances in sport.

5.11 Submit to the WADA code of conduct.

5.12 As technical officials discourage the promotion of tobacco and alcoholic products in sport.

5.13 Resist and report all forms of corruption, pressures and other compelling circumstances, which go against the spirit of fair play.

5.14 Respect other officials and players.

5.15 Adhere to the provisions set out in the federation's communication policy.

6. COACHES

We will:

6.1 Conform to our federations' code of conduct and the National coaching policy.

6.2 Make sure that all players play the game in the spirit of fair play.

6.3 Ensure that confidentiality of player's affairs is respected.

6.4 Ensure that athletes know how to manage conflict resolution and stress and use good judgment.

6.5 Be generous with praise and give the team positive inputs and feedback.

6.6 Develop ourselves to meet the high standard of coaching.

6.7 Commit to the fight against banned substances in sport.

6.8 Submit to the WADA code of conduct.

6.9 As a coach discourage players to promote tobacco and alcoholic products in sport.

6.10 Resist and report all forms of corruption, pressures and other compelling circumstances, which go against the spirit of fair play.

6.11 Respect other coaches, officials and players.

6.12 Encourage individuals to continue their participation in sport.

6.13 Ensure that all equipment and facilities comply with the specified federations international standards.

6.14 Commit and cooperate with all medical and testing protocols of SASCOC.

6.15 At no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with any minor player.

6.16 In case of minors communicate and cooperate with the player's parents or legal guardians, involving them in management decisions pertaining to their child's development.

6.17 Ensure that you do not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any person.

6.18 Adhere to the provisions set out in the federation's communication policy.

GLOSSARY

Fair Play

- Much more than playing within the rules.
- It incorporates the concept of friendship, respect for others and always playing in the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking not just a way of behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of cheating, sportsmanship, gamesmanship, doping, violence (both physical and verbal), exploitation, unequal opportunities, excessive commercialization and corruption.

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA CODE OF CONDUCT



Bring the Sport into Disrepute

- Tarnish the name of the sport.
- Damage the reputation or image of the sport.
- Bring the sport into dishonor.
- Cause the sport to lose prestige.
- Bring the sport into discredit.
- Scandalise the sport.
- Disgrace the sport.

International Standard

- The standard prescribed by a national federation, International body.

National Federation

- Means a national governing body of a code of sport

in the Republic of South Africa, registered as such by the relative International body and by SASCOC as the only authority for the administration and control of the relative code of sport.

WADA

- The World Anti-Doping Agency.
- Enforces rules and regulations which govern the abuse of banned substances in sport worldwide.

Player

- Any person who participates in sport under the authority of a sport federation or representing a team in competition.

Coach

- A registered coach who is a holistic assistant to a player participating in or preparing for sport competition.

Technical Officials

- A person preparing for sport competition or technical presentation of facilities to be used in such competition.
- Judge, umpire or scorer.
- Person who enforces the rules and control of play of the participation of players, coaches and managers in the competition.

Practitioners

- A person responsible for the administration and management affairs of a sporting code

COMMITMENT

In the case of any violation of the provisions of this Code of Conduct, disciplinary measures as prescribed in the respective constitutions of shall be instituted and sanctions appropriately applied. Adherence and compliance to this Code of Conduct is therefore mandatory.

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA COMMUNICATION POLICY



INTRODUCTION

Bowls South Africa (BSA) a National sports federation is recognized by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) as the supreme governing body for the sport of Lawn Bowls in South Africa.

In managing the affairs of BSA and meeting its obligations to all its stakeholders it is recognized that the federation will, from time to time, provide communication in various formats and across various media. BSA has a responsibility to provide effective communication that is open, honest and responsive to requests made.

PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to help BSA to formalise the quality of information that is conveyed within the sport to Members (Council), Associated members (Clubs) and Affiliated members (individuals) and exists to assure that information disclosed by BSA is timely, accurate, comprehensive, authoritative and relevant to all aspects of BSA. Adherence to this policy is intended to provide an effective and efficient framework to facilitate the timely dissemination of information.

Effective communication will ensure all stakeholders are timeously aware of information to facilitate the effective operation and awareness necessary for informed decisions to be made to the mutual benefit of all.

SCOPE

This communication policy applies to all Executive, Standing Committee members and staff of BSA.

This policy covers all internal communication and external communication through the following channels:

- News media including broadcast.
- Electronic media.
- Print media.
- Social media.

COMMUNICATION AIMS

- To increase understanding among stakeholders of the service we provide.
- To ensure stakeholders are aware of matters pertaining to the management of BSA.
- To promote a positive image of BSA and the sport of Lawn bowls.
- To seek the most cost effective method of dissemination of information. This will include, but not limited to, new technology.
- Open and honest.
- Timely and consistent response to comments and queries.

- Clear and concise.

- Two-way – allowing for full involvement with feedback channels.

STAKEHOLDERS

The target audience of communication will vary dependent on the particular piece of information being communicated

Stakeholders include:

- The Executive and Council members.
- Districts.
- Clubs.
- Individuals.
- Sponsors.
- Parent bodies and their associated provincial bodies.
- Statutory bodies including the Department of Sport and Local municipalities.
- Media (press, radio and television).
- Employees of BSA.

DEFINITION OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

Internal communication

Internal communication is the transmission of information between stakeholders and takes place across all levels of the organisation.

Examples of this are:

Verbal - either person to person, telephonic or through Electronic media (eg. Skype)

Written - either person to person, organisation to organisation and can be done through personal mail or through electronic media.

Print Media

The means of mass communication in the form of printed publications. This may be regarded as static media.

Examples of this are:

- Newspapers**
- Newsletters**
- Booklets**
- Pamphlets**
- Magazines**

Electronic Media

The means of communication that takes advantage of electronic technology for the end user to access the content.

Examples of this are:

- Television**
- Radio**
- Internet**
- Fax**
- CD's and DVD's**

Social Media

The collective of online communication channels

dedicated to community based input, interaction, content sharing and collaboration.

Examples of this are:

Blogs

Facebook

Instagram

Instant messaging systems

LinkedIn

MySpace

Social Bookmarks

Skype

Snapchat

Twitter

YouTube

GUIDELINES FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To communicate clear and concise information through the appropriate media channel.
- To inform stakeholders about BSA activities before they are informed by external mediums.
- To use the correct mechanism for such communication.
- To provide meaningful and concise information on the activities of BSA be that operational or on the playing field.
- To help create and increase accurate public awareness of BSA and the sport of bowls.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

Internal communication

- Communication on policy decisions should be issued by the office of BSA and should only be released once majority approval from the Executive has been obtained.
- Communication designed to provide stakeholders with updated information should be released from the office and should be done in conjunction with the Operations manager and the President.
- The President may from time to time seek to address stakeholders. Such communication may be undertaken once majority approval from the Executive has been obtained.
- Executive members may from time to time seek to address stakeholders. Such communication may be undertaken once approval has been obtained from the President.
- Staff members, in the normal course of their duties, will be required to communicate with stakeholders. No prior approval is needed unless such communication relates to policy decisions in which case approval must be obtained from the Operations manager.
- Conveners of Standing committees, in the normal course of their duties, will be required to communicate with fellow committee members and other stakeholders. No prior approval for such communication is needed however the Executive member responsible must be copied on all such communication.
- All verbal communication which has reference to



queries relating to policy and organizational updates must be followed up with appropriate written confirmation of such discussion.

Print Media

- The designated organisations official media officer should be the first point of departure through which all print media communication is directed.
- The media officer is designated to disseminate information in a manner and at such time as he considers appropriate in order to maximize exposure.
- Print media communication is often done with a view to 'immediate release' and because of the nature of the industry. It is considered appropriate for the media officer to make such statements as he believes will be best serve the sport. Should he, however, determine that there is potential for dispute in his media release it shall be incumbent upon him to advise the President immediately upon such release.
- No other persons are authorised to make any releases to the print media save if circumstances prevent timeous access to the media officer. In such circumstances explicit permission must be obtained from the President. Such authority to be confirmed in writing or via sms.
- If called on for print media statement members should not say that they are not allowed to speak to the press. Instead please advise the person seeking comment that it is BSA policy that all media inquiries are directed through the media officer.
- It is conceivable that members may be confronted for media statements and ignoring such requests may be seen as detrimental to the image of the sport or organisation. In such circumstances members are advised to limit responses only to the question posed and not offer any additional information. Members should at all times display courtesy and professionalism with the media. Such interventions and the contents of such statement must be shared immediately with a member of the Executive.
- Members are expressly prohibited from making any statements; whether it is their opinion or not; regarding any decision in which they were not personally involved.

Electronic Media

- The President, or his designated official, should be the first point of departure through which all electronic media communication is directed. This communication could be in the form of verbal

interviews or portraying of images.

- Electronic media information should be submitted in a manner and at such time as he considers appropriate in order to maximize exposure.
- Electronic media communication is often done with a view to 'real-time release' because of the nature of the industry. It is considered appropriate for the President, or his designated official, to make such statements or portray such images as he believes will be best serve the sport. Should he, however, determine that there is potential for dispute in his media release it shall be incumbent upon him to ensure statements made or images captured are not injurious to the sport.
- No other persons are authorised to make any releases to the electronic media save if circumstances prevent timeous access to the President. In such circumstances explicit permission must be obtained from the President.
- If called on for electronic media statement members should not say you are not allowed to speak to the media. Instead please advise the person seeking comment that it is BSA policy that all media inquiries are directed through the President.
- It is conceivable that members may be confronted for media statements and ignoring such requests may be seen as detrimental to the image of the sport or organisation. In such circumstances members are advised to limit responses only to the question posed and not offer any additional information or images. Members should at all times display courtesy and professionalism with the media. Such interventions and the contents of such statement must be shared immediately with a member of the Executive.
- Members so engaged with the electronic media must ensure that their appearance and use of language is presented in such a manner as to portray a positive image of the organisation and the sport.

Social Media

Surely the fastest growing and greatest exposure to the public domain lies in the huge amount of social media available. It is very conceivable that images and or statements made by individuals make there way onto this platform without consent. The dangers of exposure are unlimited and caution is the watchword in all activities in which members are deemed to represent the organisation.

- Only the recognised person responsible for the control of this media platform may post any information or images on the BSA registered sites.
- No information, verbal or imagery, which could bring BSA or any of its officials or staff into disrepute, may be posted on any social media platform.
- No comments or images that are deemed to be

speculative or have an actual or likely negative impact on BSA's reputation or cause embarrassment to BSA, its partners, employees or members should be posted.

- Comments or images with the potential to cause harm or conflict should not be posted.
- Comments or images about reports of national announcements should not be posted until after such announcements have been distributed through the normal communication channels.

UNACCEPTABLE COMMUNICATION

Each individual must be aware that any communication undertaken has the potential to sit in the public domain and as such parts or the whole thereof may be used to discredit individuals or the organisation. It is often forgotten that anything communicated to one person might be seen by a great many other. Once communicated it is then not possible to revoke. Caution is thus the key word. The words of Napoleon Hill may well apply to all communication.

'Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another.'

The following are deemed to be unacceptable in any communication:

- Communication that could potentially result in operational or reputational risk to BSA or anyone associated with BSA.
- Contains profanity, obscenity, derogatory or abusive remarks.
- Could be viewed as discriminatory whether on the grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, nationality, religion or belief.
- Contains nudity or images of sexual nature that could cause offence.
- Could be construed as libelous by the person about whom the comment is made.
- May have the effect of creating an intimidating or hostile environment for others.
- Could lead to allegations of bullying or harassment.
- Discloses confidential information or information that is not readily available to those outside of BSA. This would include any information given in confidence that is reasonable for BSA to consider confidential.

CONTRAVENTIONS OF THIS POLICY

Should anyone in any manner whatsoever, whether intentionally or negligently, cause conflict due to non-compliance with the application of this policy, they will be deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct policy and subject to the appropriate disciplinary action.

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA COMMENTS ON CODE OF CONDUCT & COMMUNICATION POLICY



A number of queries and enquiries have been directed to Bowls SA regarding these two policy documents and in order to establish clarity around the reason for and the effect of these documents the following comments are made.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In November 2011 the Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) held a sports Indaba. As a consequence of this it was agreed to adopt a National Sport and Recreation plan with the view to promoting a healthy lifestyle for all South Africans.

In support of this it was agreed that there was a need to implement measures to ensure that sport is played in an equitable, ethical and fair environment. It was thus recommended that to support the National Sport and Recreation plan a code of conduct be established which all National Federations shall become signatories to.

It was against this background that SRSA initiated the process of ensuring that a reputable and irrefutable code of conduct is made available.

The code of conduct thus became a document that will enable all National Federations to hold all sport practitioners accountable for their actions.

The code of conduct became a document that SASCOC through regulatory mechanisms and inclusion in their articles of the constitution became signatories to. As a consequence of our affiliation to SASCOC we, and indeed all other Federations under their umbrella, are required to show our commitment to this code and the President of Bowls SA as our representative will sign this document on behalf of our federation.

As we are required to conform to the requirements of SASCOC and indeed SRSA failure by us to endorse this policy will mean we are in breach of their constitution. The consequences of this could be withdrawal of all

support, no more awarding of national honours and a total ban on any participation in international events.

The critical element of this document is around the wording under the heading Objective and that is 'To outline incorrect and unacceptable actions/behaviours.... And to encourage ethical behaviour.' So when the code refers to for example 'discourage the promotion of tobacco and alcoholic products' the issue here is not creating an environment for example where these products are shown as beneficial to one's health or say during school programmes encouraging participants to partake of these products.

Many clubs, if not all, would not survive if there was no 'bar facilities' available the question here is how do we actively promote that facility or the products therein. The code does not say you can't use or sell



these products it merely seeks restraint by participants in the manner in which these products are used or advertised.

Likewise if you reference the point not to use foul or abusive language the issue here is the manner or intent with which foul or abusive language is used. Almost all of us utter obscenity from time to time and in most instances this is done without and malicious intent. It is when that language becomes of such a nature that it causes harm to another person's image or feelings that this becomes a real issue.

One of the major benefits of the code of conduct is that it sets clear acceptable and behavioral standards which should be applicable whenever we participate or administer the sport. Having members aligned to this gives them a clear indication of what actions they undertake may breach this and so define the area under which discipline may be exercised.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Part of the responsibility Bowls SA has is to provide effective, timely and accurate information. In our

modern world with quicker response times in digital media and social media it has become important that we set parameters for the effectiveness of communication.

The scope of this policy is limited to all Executive, BSA Standing committee members and BSA staff and players invited to events at the request of BSA or those who represent South Africa. Thus Districts who feel the provisions of this policy cannot effectively be instituted are not expected to have a policy of this nature in place. Recent experiences where communication has been abusive would suggest that if not the whole of this policy that at least portions of it should be considered for adoption by Districts.

SELECTORS LOOKING AHEAD TO WORLD BOWLS

South Africa being one of the top six nations and competing against the other top countries most whom are professional players and then be placed third overall after Australia and hosts NZ in the competition can be proud of its achievement by bringing home a gold, a silver and two bronze medals. However plenty of work still to do for the national selectors in bringing together a winning squad for World Bowls. The Selectors will have another look during the Malaysian Three-Test Series (although indoors) 2-28 May at Midstream.

Bloemfontein has been readily accepted as a permanent venue for the U/19 and U/25 Inter Districts and I am delighted to see an increase in support – a big welcome to a team from Namibia, offering an international flavour. The national selectors will attend and Bowls South Africa intends to put a programme in place for

the development of talented youngsters. For many it will be the first time at this level and they will experience the thrill of competitiveness, companionship and the generosity of their opponents.

During the Commonwealth Games in 2022 in Durban South Africa must provide at least 30 international qualified tournament officials. Executive Fred Kruijs and his committee have put together a programme and I suggest you contact him for details - fredkruijs@wa.co.za or 083 321 8882.

To expand our search for talented players with international potential, six zone camps are being organised for the weekend of 24 - 26 June at Maritzburg, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, Welkom, Bella-Bella and Edenvale. Districts have been requested to nominate players in three categories and selectors will have by the end of March nominated their attending squads. Moreover, convenors of all district selectors helping to establish a national network for talent identification must submit details of Open Inter Districts sides to the national selectors.

Good bowling to all; we'll talk again next month.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



LEVEL A COACHES' DSCC MODUS OPERANDI

The training material for the Level A – Assistant Coach – training & certification has been approved and may be accessed at <https://goo.gl/t8xnX6>.

The Level A course is aimed primarily at school-affiliated teachers, to co-ordinate school playing sessions at clubs and assist club coaches; interested affiliated club members may also participate.

All courses run at local clubs throughout the district, should be held under the auspices of the district standing committee for coaching (DSCC), with DSCC-appointed facilitators, who require a current Level 1 qualification, with appropriate experience.

In addition, an updated DSCC modus operandi is also provided (in modus operandi folder of the link) for adaptation by districts to suit local needs – this MO should form part of district by-laws.

The Coaches Info link, published in Forum 38, proved problematical – please e-mail the updated link to district coaches - <https://ggo.gl/LgKeiB>

Contact Dix:
dixie@nmmu.ac.za
041 378 1971 / 082 220 3707
for further information.

COACH TRAINING AND PATHWAYS

The need for coaching is needed now more than before. With an influx of younger players it is noticeable they seek good coaching - matching their sport participation throughout their schooling – paying attention to the coach and putting training & advice to good use.

Depending at what level they wish to perform, so there is a need for coaches qualified and experienced at different levels.

The basis for support and training at all levels is Lawn Bowls Coaching – a reference book on player development for coaches around the country (available via your District Office from Bowls SA @ R300 per copy). In addition, NSCC has created a shared cloud space for all coaches to access and add to, to share additional information with each other – <https://goo.gl/LgKeiB>. This Coaches folder contains Bowls SA policy documents, clinic programmes, fun forms of training and much more.

The current structure of the Bowls SA National Standing Committee for Coaching (NSCC) training is in 6 courses for a variety of purposes – these are facilitated either by trained facilitators of the District Standing Committees for Coaching (DSCC) or NSCC.

Level 4 coaches are appointed by Bowls SA, in acknowledgement of the work they have done in coaching, usually over many years.

The long-term coach development pathways

	COURSE	FOCUS	PRE-REQUISITE (EXTRACT)	PRESENTED BY
1	Level A - Assistant Coach	Primarily aimed at school teachers to facilitate school bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bowling experience Affiliated to school or Bowls SA 	DSCC (as required)
2	Level 1 - Club Coach	New players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonably experienced player Good communicators 	DSCC (as required)
3	Level 2 - District Coach	Existing players and squads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 hours @L1 Supported by district players & management 	NSCC (every even year - depending on numbers)
4	Level 3 - Academy Coach	Elite Players and squads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 hours @L2 Supported by district players & management 	NSCC (every odd year - 1)
5	Train-the-Trainer (Coach Developer)	Training facilitators to train / refresh new coaches (LA & L1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experienced coaches Good communicators Usually DSCC members 	NSCC (every odd year - 4 main regions)
6	Coach2Coach Days	Refresher for coaches at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified coach 	DSCC (regularly) & NSCC liaison member (every 2nd year)

could progress in mainly two ways – the first (according to SASCO's Coaching Structure) is as a player coach, developing through the ranks from coaching new players, club squads, district squads and eventually, the top few would become involved in coaching players identified through the zone camps as having potential to develop, National squad players and the Protea players competing internationally.

A second pathway is as a coach developer – training coaches at increasingly higher levels to fulfil duties as player coaches as outlined above.

This pathway also includes developing

material to support coaches in their tasks at the various levels. With increasing collaboration between the various standing committees at National level, including the national academy, more and more opportunities should soon be opening up for coaches to progress steadily along a long-term developmental pathway.

For further information contact Dix (dixie@nmmu.ac.za), NSCC member responsible for training and material development or Trevor Davis (tpdavis@mweb.co.za), ExCo member responsible for coaching and marketing & membership growth.

LEVEL 2 COACHES' COURSE OFFER

The NSCC invites applications from active club coaches (Level 1) interested in upgrading to District Coach (Level 2).

Courses will be held at two possible times at different venues, depending on applicants and the main area the majority is located. If only one course, it will be from 28 August (pm only) - 1 September (am only) – either centrally, if one only, or north if there are enough applicants to warrant two courses - from 25 November - 28 November (full days). Applicants must fund their entire expenses.

Pre-requisites are: DSCC & district executive must motivate applications to NSCC (on-line form) – candidates must be acceptable to elite and district players as a coach. A maximum of 18 candidates will be accommodated per course. If more than one candidate is nominated by a district their nominees must be prioritised (on-line form).

Portfolio (on-line): The primary goal is to get to know something about candidates prior to the course; ±100 hours of coaching at Level 1

with the bulk of these hours accumulated over the past 4 years.

Computer literacy is highly recommended (Word – word processing, Excel – spread sheets, PowerPoint – presentations, e-mail communication, Internet – research). Computer literacy is not a requirement – assistance will be provided; minimum of a current Level 1 Technical Official qualification; knowledge of first-aid is recommended.

For financial constraints the BSA executive decided in 2014 Level 2 candidates must cover all costs themselves. Registration fee per candidate (R150), to be paid directly to Bowls SA on confirmation of acceptance by NSCC – invoices will be sent from Bowls SA to each district.

Districts and clubs are encouraged to support and to assist candidates in covering this cost as qualified Level 2 coaches are a great asset to district and club.

Each candidate must have a printed copy of

Lawn Bowls Coaching, which should be ordered (at a cost of R300) from Bowls SA, through their district secretary

Applications to:
Applicant Coach:
<http://forms.nmmu.ac.za/websurvey/q.asp?sid=1608&k=jctxnzmlbq>

Executive & SCC Support:
<http://formsnmmu.ac.za/websurvey/q.asp?sid=1607&k=hmycvpxsvm>

Contact Dix (dixie@nmmu.ac.za) if there are any problems in access of assistance.

Applicants will be advised of their acceptance in April and provided with information and pre-course preparation instructions at least 4 weeks prior to a course. Should fewer than eight applications be received, both courses will be cancelled and offered again only in 2018. Further inquiries:

Dix: 041 378 1971 / 082 220 3707.

'FAB FOUR' THE TOAST AT KLEINFONTEIN



BIG DAY: Ekurhuleni Bowls League history at Kleinfontein BC:
from left, Mzwakhe Toni, Banele Ngam, Sibonelo Msekelo, Sifiso Brian.

It was significant day in the history of South African bowls and for Mackenzie Park's Kleinfontein Bowling Club when the club fielded the first competitive all-African bowls team in the Ekurhuleni Bowls League's Division Five, playing their first game of the season against Heidelberg BC.

Team players Banele "Hotshot" Ngam (skip), Mzwakhe Toni (third), Sibonelo Msekelo (second) and Sifiso Brian (lead), all from Ephes Mamkeli Secondary School in Wattville, are participants in the Ekurhuleni Bowls Development Programme, hosted by Denise Field, Maureen Smith, Jenny Jones and Barbara Rickard.

The players are also all members of the U-19 Ekurhuleni Bowls Development Squad and have a few years of experience at competition

and inter-provincial level, thanks to the time and effort spent by the Kleinfontein women.

The club also has two young women from the same school in their midst, with Noxolo Ngame and Zee Ntabeni participating in the Ekurhuleni Development Programme and as members of Kleinfontein's women's teams.

Like their male counterparts, they have also competed at interdistrict level.

Big cheers went up at the club when life member and trustee of the Kleinfontein club Brian Fleetwood arrived with the youngsters - club members turned put in forces to show support.

Club chairwoman Wendy Fleetwood said the reality of this momentous occasion had not yet sunk, in as the team were focusing hard on

putting in an admirable effort in this their first ever league game.

Vice-chairman Marius Nepgen added the was proud to be a part of the historical happening and it now was time for businesses to offer sponsorship in all forms - shoes, shirts, trousers, hats, jackets and, hopefully, a set of bowls each as they played development squad sets which could be required for use by others.

Team's captain, Shaun Field, was full of praise for the youngsters' ability to win their first game.

In his team talk, before the start of the game, he advised them to take their time, concentrate and read the game end-to-end and adjust where necessary to counteract their opposition's style.

He also encouraged them not to be disheartened if they were behind.

After a superb start, the young bowlers were 9-0 up on the first skin (set of seven ends), taking two points, before experience told as Heidelberg began to get into the game, picking-up two points to win the second skins by seven shots to five. The third skins also went in Heidelberg's favour, with seven shots to six for another two points.

But the youngsters had a higher overall score, 20 shots for and 14 shots against, picking up another two points and drawing the game.

It was high fives all around as excitement overflowed to fellow members.

Team skip Ngam said: "We are confident of putting in a great performance at all our league games and make our club and Ekurhuleni Bowls proud of us."



ALL SHOULD ASSIST M&M STRATEGY

Part of the National Standing Committee: Marketing & Membership (M&M) committee's strategy is to build a positive brand and image of bowls in our country. To do this the plan is to create a winning culture through creating a winning image.

There are numerous examples of positive work being done that put the image of our sport exactly in the light we wish to portray. We want

to spread the good news of all the positive achievements achieved at Club, District and National level. One example of this, amongst many, is the news that in fact out there we have bowling clubs that are extending their playing facilities and increasing their membership.

This request is for clubs and districts to share their good news and give recognition to those members who have gone the extra mile promoting our sport.

M & M will publish these achievements in their monthly bowls publication. Apart from showcasing success stories hopefully the add-on benefit will be to create an environment where these stories stimulate others to follow on their success.

Districts and Clubs are encouraged to contribute to this venture and help create the image our sport deserves.

Articles and photos can be submitted to Anina Black, who will be the editor at (blackanina@gmail.com) and/or directly to their National M&M appointed committee

member who will make regular contact with you to ensure that every club and district gets positive coverage.

Sharing this newsletter on our social media sources such as our website and Facebook will extend our readership footprint and hopefully engender the image and goals of M&M.

The first issue will concentrate on the U19/U25, therefore any good stories that you have regarding your build-up for this tournament would be welcome.

The success of this project is dependent on positive input from everyone and the M&M committee look forward, together with you, of creating the image and brand that our sport deserves.

It would be appreciated if Districts would appoint a Media Officer, preferably from their local M&M/Development committee to feed information to Anina Black and to our Media Officer, Alan Simmonds (twickers@gmail.com)



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WARWICK JOINS PEACEFUL SCENE AT REDHOUSE



TOURNAMENT WINNERS: Cheslyn Ingram (Warwick) Werner Arndt, Annette Herselman, Vince Osborne and Andre Botha

Warwick travelled north of PE and on an extremely windy Saturday morning joined Redhouse Bowling Club for a Fours Competition. The hosts managed a successful bowling event on the banks of the Swartkops River. Warwick Wealth Lifestyle Manager and Investment Specialist Ryan Hendry and Cheslyn Ingram respectively were in attendance. The greens were heavy to begin with, but as the day warmed, so the speed of the greens increased, as did the competition. Strength v strength was the order of a successful day. The village of Redhouse is situated on the Zwartkops River, and is host to the Redhouse Yacht Club. There are more than 10 000 water birds present during summer, including beautiful flamingos aplenty. There are no shops or businesses in Redhouse, apart from two Bed & Breakfasts; this village is truly a hidden gem. There is a lawn bowling club, a squash court, a sailing club and quaint village hall; a superb destination to relax and find peace. The Warwick Lucky Prize (umbrella and bag) was won by Dave de Klerk; William Owen represented the club.



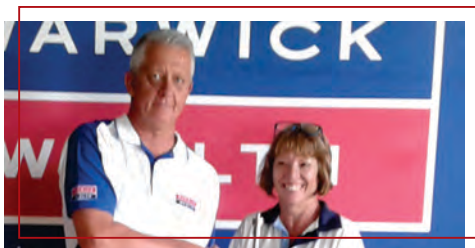
"A GLOOMY START TO THE MORNING"



Lucky draw winner – Dave de Klerk

VANDA MAKES HER MARK AT WANDERERS

The finals of the 39th annual Tower Novices Singles was held at the Wanderers Bowls Club, Johannesburg. This five-week tournament is co hosted by Wanderers and the Italian Bowls Club. The event is run by Gus Aspeling of the Italian Bowls club. It was an honour to offer a sponsorship to a tournament that promotes bowls for new bowlers, reports Warwick Wealth's Lionel van Niekerk. The winner of the men's section was Matthew Jago from the Italian Club; the ladies winner was Vanda Clark of Randburg Bowls club.



WELL DONE: Vanda Clark (Randburg BC) accepts the trophy from Warwick's Lionel van Niekerk at The Wanderers BC

KOOS PUTS ON A SHOW AT SOMERSET EAST

Warwick experienced a first taste of the inland hospitality by hosting a bowls tournament at the home of Somerset East BC, where Warwick Wealth's Ryan Hendry, Gerrit Smit and Enrico Cudin attended the Somerset East Regional Tournament.

Several clubs from the surrounding areas supported the day and Graaff Reinet – the fourth oldest club in South Africa - came out tops in the ladies division and Somerset East in the men's division alongside Graaff Reinet.

Koos Putter and his team can be proud of an excellent tournament enjoyed by all players young, old, experienced and novices.



TOURNAMENT WINNERS: Ronel Krige, Charlene Burger, Rita Du Preez and Lizette Moore (Graaff Reinet Bowling Club)



BOWLS SA ROUNDUP

THE FINAL WORD ON FULL HOUSE PRIZE CLAIMS

SETS SCORING FOR 2016 DISTRICTS

Following a player's representative meeting held at the Open Inter-Districts in Durban last year, Bowls South Africa's executive have freshened up the three Inter-District championships by adopting a sets scoring system. It will come into effect this year, writes Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa.

Each of the three districts events will be played in two sections on a league basis with all teams in a section playing one another over 21 ends, split into three sets of seven ends.

The winner of the toss decides who takes the mat, but at the start of the second and third set, the winner of the previous set must take the mat. If a set is drawn, the winner of the last scoring end in that set must take the mat. At the start of any other end, the winner of the previous end must take the mat.

One point is for a set won, two for a winning team per game and three bonus points to the overall winners - net aggregate shots of the combined two teams to count. If a set, game or match be drawn, points are shared; total points available a match -13.

If play is abandoned scoring is: Sets: One point for the winner of each completed set; points shared for incomplete sets; games: After two sets (14 ends) are completed, a team with most shots (based on completed ends), wins.

If fewer than two sets are completed, points are shared; Overall: Bonus points go to the side with the most shots, based on completed ends, irrespective of how many are completed.

Section winners and runners-up are decided by, in order: Points, highest net score, highest shot percentage, then the winner of the game between the two in sectional play; if still a tie, a sudden death (one-end) tie-breaker.

Sectional winners meet for gold or silver medals; if the final is tied, sudden death extra ends decide the result; sectional runners-up each automatically receive bronze medals.

In most insurance policy wordings, underwriters request a letter from the hosting bowling club to verify a full house. Bowls SA have been made aware of abuse of such requirement.

Here are actual full house parameters:

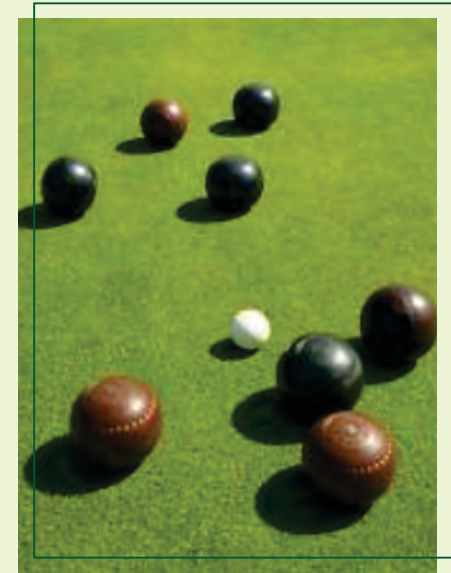
- If you score 4 shots in a singles game where every player plays with 4 bowls.
- If you score 6 shots in a 2 bowl trips game where the 3 players in a team play with 2 bowls each.
- If you score 6 shots in a 3 bowl pairs game where the 2 players in the team play with 3 bowls each.

Counting are:

- If you score 8 shots in a fours game where the 4 players in the team play with 2 bowls each.
- If you score 8 shots in a pairs game where the 2 players in the team play with 4 bowls each.
- If you score 9 shots in a trips game where the 3 players in the team play with 3 bowls each.

NB: Bowlers qualify for an 8 or 9 badge only in respect of the last 3 highlighted examples. These constitute qualification for a full house. Moreover, to qualify for 8 or 9 badges, the full house must be achieved during an official competition either at club, district or national level, thus excluding tabs or social games. BSA instructs hosting clubs to issue letters for full houses only if: **A full house is achieved when a**

team scores 8 or 9 shots in a bowls competition played in terms of the rules of Bowls South Africa, at any recognised bowling club in the country. The hosting club should verify the full house in a letter stating the players' names, the date and level of competition as well as the 8 or 9 scored. The letter must be on a Club's letterhead and clearly indicate the writer, as well as full contacts details.



BIRTHDAY BOY: Neil Burkett, Colleen Piketh, Rudi Jacobs, at Warwilla during the World Bowls Indoor Champs

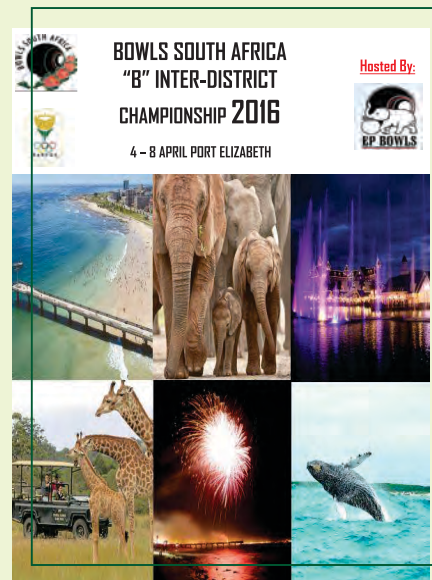
BIG PRIZES AT AUSTRALIAN OPEN



Prize money at this year's Australian Open on the Gold Coast has been increased and initiatives introduced. - prize money totals \$250 000 (almost R5-million) and restructured breakdown, to reward to a greater number of players; introduction of Over 60s Pairs disciplines for both men and women as an alternative to Open Pairs; up to

three new host clubs, adding to the already outstanding 12 host clubs from the 2015 event; introduction of a Player of the Tournament to reward the best and most consistent individual player from open disciplines.

See www.australianopen.bowlsaustralia.com.au for more.



B DISTRICTS VENUE CHANGE

Bowls SA advises the greens at the Park Drive BC, Port Elizabeth have been withdrawn; games scheduled at this venue will now be played at Walmer BC.



SA PARA-STARS SET FOR MEGA GOLD COAST GAMES

As many as 300 para-athletes will compete in seven sports for men and women- a significant increase from 2104 Glasgow – at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games - in 38 medal events across seven sports, representing an increase of 45% more athletes and 73% more

medals compared to the para-sport competition in Scotland.

The Commonwealth Games Federation and the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Committee has ensured it ties up with the 2016

theme of an Inclusive Commonwealth across 71 nations and territories.

Sports contested by para-athletes are athletics, track cycling, lawn bowls, power-lifting, swimming, table tennis and triathlon with an equal number of men's and women's events.

Says South Africa's Brian Sneag, president of International Bowls for the Disabled: "We welcome the opportunity offered to showcase our athletes' talents. Moreover, we are overjoyed para-bowlers have once again been included in the programme as the interest and support our event received during the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games was amazing and a wonderful advertisement for the sport of lawn bowls. I am confident of a similar spin-off in 2018.

Categories for bowls are B2/B3 Mixed Pairs and B6/B7/B8 Open Triples.

South Africa's physically disabled and their visually impaired bowler counterparts are current world champions.

The Queensland Minister for the Commonwealth Games, Stirling Hinchliffe, joined Australian para-athletes Evan O'Hanlon OAM, Brenden Hall OAM, Madeleine Hogan OAM, Rowan Crothers and Sara Tait to announce details at an event in the Queensland capital, Brisbane. In London, para-athletes attended the annual Commonwealth Day Service at Westminster Abbey and met Queen Elizabeth II at a special reception at Marlborough House, home of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Sharing Info ↔

In addition to the Coaches' Forum, NSCC has created a dynamic space in the 'cloud' for ALL to reference AND add to, using a folder (*Coaches Info*) in Google Drive – for those of you who are not majorly computer-literate, *don't be scared to try it*. To access this, Ctrl-Click on the link below and you can see the start:

<https://goo.gl/LgKeiB>

The first time you go in, add the page to your Favourites, so that you can easily access it any time you want to. You are welcome to copy any of this info to your own computer, but make sure you just copy – don't move, delete or try to change the information! This space is still very much under construction and we plan to add lots of interesting things in the future.

Many of you have lots of information that could be shared with everyone – don't keep interesting stuff to yourself, send it to dixie@nmmu.ac.za and we can place relevant stuff in the folder for all to access. If the files are large, we can figure that out! No direct additions or adverts please! This is to ensure that we can keep the space organised.

The organisation of the information will evolve as we get a feel on how to make the space more access-friendly, so expect changes as well as additions, especially at the start of this venture! You can always do a search using a key-word, to find where something has moved to.

We hope you will find this resource useful! *CH Dixie*

Updated Level 1 & T-t-T (continued!)

The roll-out of the updated Level 1 Course continued in Pietermaritzburg and Edenvale. Jill is waiting with bated breath to receive all the **applications to run Level 1 courses this year** – please remember to get your applications in early, to ensure that they can be fitted into NSCC's schedule as well as your own!



10 coaches from Natal Inland, KZN Country & Kingfisher contributed their all in an intense course mid-January, very ably hosted by Maritzburg BC.

12 coaches from North West, JBA, EKB and (5!) from Mpumalanga enjoyed the hospitality at

Edenvale BC while discovering what discovery learning is all about!

Due to calendar problems, the Middle Districts (Sables, NFS, SFS & N Cape) will not run at this time, but hopefully NSCC will be able to run a T-t-T course for them in 2016, with the only outstanding districts being Port Natal, Limpopo & Sedibeng. Hopefully these districts will come on board with the support and assistance of NSCC in the near future.

CH Dixie

Level 2 Coaches' Course(s)

See Circular 19 for details & Circular 21 for the updated links to apply on-line ASAP.

Using Technology in Coaching

Video analysis has become a huge factor in the analysis of technique for all sports like soccer, golf tennis etc. One only has to look at the products on the market today to see why top athletes perform so well and keep on achieving greater heights.

A smartphone or tablet with a video app has become one of the most useful coaching aids in a coach's 'box'. The first one that comes to mind is Dartfish Express (only available for Apple devices ±R90), which is used by Theuns Fraser and Simon Botha in the National Academy.

Other apps (free) that can be used on Android devices as well are:

- Uber Technique (version 4.3 or later)
- Coaches eye
- Quick Coach V3.

There is another app called EasyTAG which is very useful to keep track of an individual's or a team's performance during skills training or a game (game notation) and have cumulative analysis of the results both during and straight after the session.

Brian Sayce

Frequently Asked Questions

Please email your FAQ's to dixie@nmmu.ac.za for inclusion in future publications.

1. **How do we solve the problem of coaches networking more frequently?** (from Chris Theron, JBA)

- DSCCs should be running at least one Coaches' Day a year to allow coaches to get together, network and share information, finding solutions for common problems, etc. These days are not necessary 'refresher'

days (although these should be held regularly as well – at least once every 2 years), but days where coaches can share new information or existing information organised from a new perspective. This re-energises and ‘upskills’ the coaches to fulfil their roles, often in isolation, at their clubs.

- NSCC are working on publishing short Coaches’ Forums more regularly and would like to distribute these directly to all the coaches around the country – but this is only possible with correct and current information from the DSCCs (see *Coaches’ Data in Forum 37*), who rely on each coach to provide them with the information – so if this is to work, it is up to each individual coach (see *FAQ 3 in Forum 37*) to co-operate!!
 - NSCC have created a shared digital space (see *Sharing Info above*) where all coaches around the country can participate in two ways – i) getting information that is in the folder and ii) sending in information to place in the folder – a 2-way street, that we hope will become a multi-lane, 2-way highway!
- 2. When people are fainting from extreme heat conditions during a competition and the rest of the players are told to continue, how can this be handled better so that the players do not suffer debilitating consequences? (from C2C, Natal inland)**
- According to the South African Weather Service, “*When temperature and humidity are high at the same time, humans’ ability to cool their bodies through sweating is reduced. This can be a real threat*” All clubs should have the phone number of the **local** Weather Service office available for Tournament Officials to check the Discomfort Index and follow the recommendation this office makes to remain indoors when this index is too high. (Ctrl-click this link for the full brochure [http://www.weathersa.co.za/images/PDF_docs/Weather%20Awareness%20Material/Weather Awareness Brochures/Weather%20Awareness Brochure English.pdf](http://www.weathersa.co.za/images/PDF_docs/Weather%20Awareness%20Material/Weather%20Awareness%20Brochures/Weather%20Awareness%20Brochure%20English.pdf))
 - The City of Cape Town has a good explanation of the Heat Index and the Discomfort Index – Ctrl-click this link for this: <https://www.capetown.gov.za/en/DRM/Pages/HeatWave.aspx>
 - What the Laws of Bowls say: Law 32.1 refers to how a game may be stopped – 1. “*the Controlling Body*”, 2. “*the umpire after an appeal has been made by the players*” or 3. “*agreement between the players when an umpire or a representative of the Controlling*

Body is not present” – this law is actually about the consequences.

- All tournaments should include something about what should happen in the event of adverse weather conditions in the Conditions of Play, so that there are clear guidelines as to how extreme adverse weather conditions should be handled – this extreme weather would usually include lightning, hail, excessive rain AND extreme heat.
- 3. Skips wat ongeduldig is met nuwe spelers / Skips who are impatient with new players**
- Play with the new player in the front-rank for the first few tabs-in games – this protects them from any shenanigans that may occur as well as helping to build their confidence.
 - Arrange with the Tabs Master to gough the draw to ensure sympathetic skips for the new players at least the first few months.
 - As the coach, communicate assertively with club players (e.g. at every club AGM when they are all together!) about how the club needs them to be patient and supportive of the new player.
 - Maybe even have a club ruling, that brand-new players play 2nd (in fours) until they have settled a bit and then add the pressure of the jack delivery and open head – if the uncaring skip has bowls in the head from the lead, the lack of accuracy / consistency from the new player becomes less of an issue. *I asked a bunch of new-ish players about this and they all thought that it would be a really good idea!* Skips would need to be educated though, that they should only ask these new players to draw – nothing fancy!
- 4. Should a coach offer advice to players with bio-mechanically awkward deliveries – e.g. koeksister, or butt-in-the-air?**
- Even if the player is successful (and the don’t-fix-wot-ain’t-broke rule should apply), this is an area where the coach should offer to help (always explain WHY).
 - If the player has been experiencing pain after play (e.g. neck as playing butt-in-air; knees / hips due to koeksister), they are usually more willing to make the change for their health, rather than any problem with their play!

Around & About

Skills Afternoons in Eden

George BC has become a hive of activity from 3pm onwards every Monday afternoon *and evening!*

People are driving from as far away as Outshoorn, Knysna and Great Brak to attend – “*they don’t want to stop*” says Trevor Davis, who started this for his club members, but finds that it is expanding every week. A team of novices who have been regular attendees of these clinics won the Eden Ladies’ Snr Fours last year and reached the semi-finals of the Eden Trips – just shows what training and being able to draw and draw and draw does for a team ☺.



The way Trevor and his assistant coaches, Betty Mason, Elma Davis and Peter Lazenby organise it is, a six rink drawing circuit set up at different lengths. They play in pairs to each target and each of the three coaches take responsibility for 2 rinks, while Trevor oversees all 6 rinks – each player is assisted and faults corrected. Some of the players enjoy it so much that they start at 3 o’clock and finish when we close the circuit at 18:30.

The players are so enthusiastic that when we get to the club to set up the green they are already on the green practicing and warming up. The Provincial bowlers join the skills from 4 to 6 – especially the ladies.

We hope you will be inspired to try this at your club too – this lifts the standard of play by the participants and also allows them to have much more fun! It is much more fun to consistently play well than only every now and then, by accident!*E Davis*

Setting up your Skills Clinics

(Skills Afternoons in Eden- follow-up)

A number of people have asked how this works so that they can replicate it in their own areas. Since Forum 38, a number of Trevor’s players have done extremely well in Eden competitions – one of his novices has just won the Eden Novice Singles and was named the Most Improved Player of the Year in the district. These results automatically provide even more marketing for the skills afternoons – the green space he needs grows all the time! How Trevor organises his Monday afternoons at George BC:

- Started off offering it to club members but it has since expanded to players from around the

district, from Novice to A-Inter-District players.

- Players generally arrive in 2 groups – 3pm-5pm & then the workers arrive at 5pm to play until 7pm (or darkness!). As players arrive, they slot into the circuit.
- A 6-rink circuit of drawing skills is set up, depending on what skills (not only technical) will be worked on during that session:
 - Start off with random length drawing – can observe, analyse & correct general delivery routines (which include technical issues around grip, stance & delivery), psychological skills, etc.
 - E.g. If working on PoA & depth-perception, one rink will be set up with the mat-line at 2m & target at 23m and the mat-line at 23m & the target at 2m on the next rink – same length, similar angle, but different delivery-line.
 - E.g. if a number of more elite / experienced players, may set up a 4-rink circuit of various attacking-type shots on a separate green, especially if there are large numbers (± 50 players) to relieve pressure on 6-rink drawing circuit.
- One of the main draw-cards for these sessions is not merely players practising particular skills in preparation for competitions, it is also that the players’ delivery routines and other skills like psych skills and depth perception (weight), are improved through Trevor’s fault analysis and correction assistance – some things as a group and some as needed by individuals. Trevor will observe them all (with his Assistant Coaches who could be coaches from Level 0 – Level 3) and then stand on one particular rink in the circuit and tweak individuals as they come through. This occasionally causes a bit of a bottleneck, but then he’ll keep that player back and allow others to go through to keep the circuit flowing reasonably well.
- Due to the growing numbers, Trevor has a number of Assistant Coaches – up to 8 – helping him with the set-up, player observations & play on each rink – through discussions around the analysis of these observations, leading to a particular ‘thing’ being tweaked for individual players, his clinics have turned into coach-development sessions as well as player development sessions – a really useful platform for information sharing to take place in a very practical way. If possible, try to include other coaches from the club or your area, as with Trevor’s current Executive duties (and life!) he cannot be there every Monday himself – but his Assistant Coaches can still provide the session for the players – a must for continuity!

- Some players arrive at 3pm and don't want to leave at 5pm! To relieve the pressure on the circuit for the 2nd group, Trevor gets these players to go to the next green and play games, to put into practice what they have been practising in the circuit.
- Players who need to travel long distances to attend, have taken the circuits back to their own clubs and attend Trevor's sessions maybe once a month, to receive his personal attention

regarding their individual needs.

If anyone has further questions about this, please email Trevor at the address given at the end of this newsletter.

Ed: What we like about Trevor's timing is that: i) players may have realised they have a problem over the week-end and can immediately do something about it; and ii) they have a week to practise any tweaks to their technique before the next week-end's competition!

Graham's Coaching Corner

The most common fault at this time of the season is the lack of good timing – as a result, players find that they are dropping short. Their (incorrect logic) to overcome this is to speed up the delivery action – BUT the quicker the backswing, the quicker the forward step, causing the player to rush the forward swing; playing catch-up with the faster step. This tends to result in a total loss of timing and increased frustration for the player!

It is essential to keep the backswing slow in order to provide appropriate timing of the step. The speed of the bowl is controlled by the forward swing of the arm only.

Slow backswing + step = timing

Forward arm movement = speed (length / weight)

Graham Mackenzie

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