



## Districts swamped in Bloemfontein

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

Water polo, rather than bowls, might have been better suited to conditions in Bloemfontein for the Perfect Delivery/Bowls SA Interdistrict Championships (HQ: Orangia). Flooded greens on two days meant hastily arranged 15-end games and an incomplete programme as in the end the men's and women's finals were called off as another thunderstorm drenched everyone.

Eventually last year's bronze medalists Johannesburg BA and Boland were declared joint winners; bronze medals went to Border and Eastern Province.

EP and Natal Inland won the women's title; JBA and WP took bronze medals.

Such a pity; so much preparation, practice and high hoping by all concerned.

WP (men) and Boland (women) respectively won the Bowls SA B Interdistricts finals at Gonubie, East London. WP beat Sables; Border defeated EP.

At the Perfect Delivery Seniors Interdistricts held at Wingate CC, Pretoria, Ekurhuleni took the women's gold from Gauteng North; Kingfisher and Boland earning bronze, while Gauteng North took the mens' gold from JBA, Eden Bowls and Northern Free State earned bronze medals.



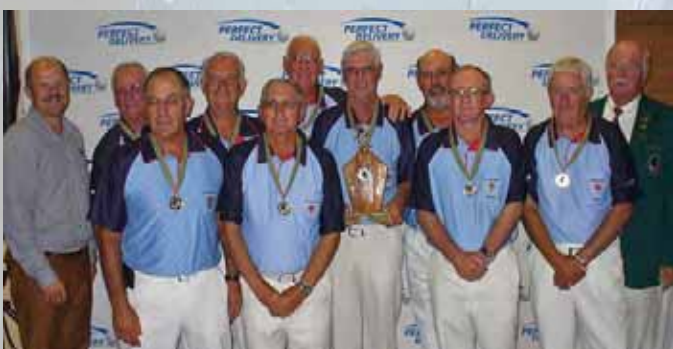
**WATER HAZARD:** Short ends look best at Orangia



**FISHING ANYONE?:** Nowhere for the Bloem-ing water to go!



**RAIN SMILE:** Parking guards had little to do but smile at rain-drenched Orangia



**OLD CHAMPS:** Gauteng North took Seniors' gold on home turf with sponsor GS Swanepoel, left



**WP B MEN TRIUMPH:** The victorious WP men's B side in East London



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**STYLE:** Free State's gifted Clinton Roets



**GOLDEN MAN:** Leftie Nic Rusling en route to gold >>>

## The bustle and battle for the SA Masters



**BACK TO BEST:** Tracy-Lee Botha silences critics



**OLD HAND:** Wayne Perry – vintage stuff



**CHAMP:** Jacqui Janse van Rensburg – junior queen



**Top: ICON:** The Wanderers – Terrific venue



**Top: WHISKER AWAY:** '13 winner Colleen Piketh, out on shot  
**Left: HAT-TRICK –** Ellie van Coller wins third Seniors



Above: PROMISING: Noah Mabula showed potential

Right: BORDER BOY: Darryn Stephen – top junior man



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## From the president's desk

### Shared districts Open title the first in 11 years

Hello fellow bowlers the Interdistricts have drawn to a close and I congratulate all bowlers who participated; in particular the medal winners – not that the weather gets any plaudits.

In Pretoria at the Seniors Championships there was rain every day, but I must compliment players and officials for seeing the tournament through successfully and ensuring one session only was not played.

At the Open Championship in Bloemfontein there was rain on the Tuesday which completely flooded greens (see the photographs in this newsletter) meaning no play. The Wednesday and Thursday saw three games of 15 ends each played and after more rain on the Friday the final session game was also set for 15 ends.

The final also scheduled to be 15 ends, but, alas, a thunderstorm struck so it could not be finished and so the gold medals were shared. In my 11 years I have been on the executive this is the first time that it has happened.

Thanks again also to GC and our faithful sponsor Perfect Delivery.

The B tournament in East London was played in good weather, except for a light drizzle on one day. All rounds were completed timeously; well done to the tournament committee on an excellent event.

Without referring to any particular event, unfortunately the Bowls SA web site was not always updated with results and pictures - we will ensure this service is improved for future events.



Entries for the national championships at both Durban and Cape Town are substantially lower than last year – the legacy of financial and leave constraints. It seems we'll need to take a strong relook at the format and consider a qualification or zonal process. Nevertheless, to all those who have entered thanks and good bowling.

**Allan Freeman**  
President, Bowls SA  
April 2014

## Nominations time for BSA executive

Bowl South Africa advises districts their workshop and annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 30 at noon and Sunday, August 31 2014 at 10.30 respectively. The venue will be advised after discussions regarding the future of the lease at Dunkeld West (formally Rosebank Bowling Club). Nominations must be received by BowlsSA by June 3 - 90 days before the AGM.

In terms of Clause 5 of the constitution, districts are invited to nominate persons for the executive committee.

### The relevant clauses are:

5.1 Composition:

5.1.1 The executive shall consist of six persons.

5.2 Nomination for election:

5.2.1 Each year the executive and every district shall have the opportunity of nominating one person to each of the following positions, with no more than two (2) persons from one district serving on the Bowls South Africa Executive.

5.2.1.1 President.

5.2.1.2 Vice-president.

5.2.1.3 Executive member.

5.2.2 The same person may be nominated for each position, but shall not be elected to more than one position.

5.2.2.1 The person(s) nominated for the position of president must have served at least two (2) years on the current executive. Where no candidate(s) are available, council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than one (1) year at a time.

5.2.2.2 The person (s) nominated for the position of vice-president must have served at least one (1) year on the current executive. Where no candidate(s) are available, council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than one (1) year at a time.

5.2.2.3 The term of office for a president to be no longer than three (3) consecutive years. Where no candidate(s) are available, Council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than one (1) year at a time.

5.2.3 Nominations for election to the executive shall be made on the official BowlsSA form which must be accompanied by the nominee's curriculum vitae.

## National ranking system to assist selectors

Johannesburg. - South African Bowls' more than 26 000 members are to join a national ranking system to assist national selectors consider the records of the best players in the country. A review of the Talent Identification (TID) Programme is also underway.

Announcing the plan, the president of Bowls South Africa, Allan Freeman, says his executive considered two options before deciding on a computerised system, now under development through a Bowls SA sponsor Perfect Delivery Brokers.

"This system weights players' performances according to membership numbers in each of Bowls SA's 20 districts; individuals' records are captured directly into the system by the bowler," says Freeman.

Several other major bowls nations enjoy a similar concept, where it has proved of value to national selectors.

A panel to finalise the concept under the chairmanship of Freeman (Gerry Baker, Bobby Donnelly, Theuns Fraser, Allan Gordon, GC Swanepoel, sponsor), will keep districts informed.

TID, introduced in 2009, permit districts to uncover talent through submission of individual performance which is then objectively measured statistically. Bowls SA's executive is concerned, however, about a lack of TID results and accepts other criteria are required for the selection process.

Districts are asked to respond in writing about TID and suggest modifications to implementation and administration, by March 28.

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## Tiny Porterville turn up heat with 5 new members

Porterville Bowling Club on the Olifants River staged a tabs-in membership recruitment day (other clubs please note) and Warwick, as usual, were at hand to help with cash and product, writes Rob Martin, Warwick sport officer.

Club president Dudley Munn, treasurer Estie Munn, secretary Avril Bickford and their committee's fun day proved most successful in spite of a baking sun; no fewer than five new members joined the small Boland club.

Play began in 40Deg C+ heat, and towels usually meant for dusting off bowls before delivering became welcome brow mops. When it was totting up time a tie was declared - every-one won.

But in spite of the temperature great fun was had and laughter was the order of the day. Everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly as renowned Boland hospitality again shone through.

And Dudley (pic right) was the winner of a bottle of Scottish Leader Whisky

A big thank you to all at Porterville



# Vital changes to greens publication: Part 1

The Bowls SA publication Better Greens breed better Bowlers (2005 edition) has been amended and the information contained in the replacement of pages 27-43 is now the standard throughout South Africa to grade bowling greens and should be adopted with immediate effect by all district standing committees greens and all club greenkeepers. Bowls SA will be printing a limited inserts for future sales of the publication; districts are requested to circulate the following information to all clubs and other relative personnel.

Requirements for the inspection and assessment of a bowling green are not static and although the introduction of a larger stimpmeter provided inspectors with a tool to accurately assess draw and weight, unfortunately time constraints restricted its use to clubs with the time to assess their greens.

With the introduction of a smaller stimpmeter to assess the speed of the green as "distance run", to test run-off into the ditch and to test specific parts of a green where there appears to be a change of texture of the grassy mat format changes were required.

A greens' score sheet has been revised - marks are now allocated only to the old Section B which deals with the health of the green and levels and "run off." No marks are allocated to the speed of a green or consistency of draw and weight - an inspector will simply express an opinion.

The addendum (pp 27-43) is:

## Sub- section A

### 1.0 LAWS OF THE GAME

Lawn Bowls is a game played all over the world and it is important that players playing in different countries should be able to compete under the same rules. (The Laws of the Game)

It is for this reason that the inspector must confirm that the green he is inspecting conforms to these basic requirements.

The requirements as set out in the Laws of the Game allow a certain amount of latitude and while the various items mentioned in the laws are within those parameters the green can be approved.

The length of the green in the direction of play should be between 31.0 m and 40.0 m

The green is divided into rinks which should be between 4.3 m and 5.8 m wide. Wherever possible all rinks should be the same width

For SA Tournaments the rinks must be 5.0 m wide

Any deviation from the Laws of the Game must

be reported to the Tournament Committee of that particular event or to the District Authorities.

Note The Inspector does not condemn a green, only informs the Tournament Committee of the fact that certain features of the green are not in line with the Laws of the Game.

### 2.0 BANKS AND DITCHES

The banks, ditches, pegs, numbers and surrounds are all an integral part of the game of bowls but do not directly reflect the health of the grass or the playing surface.



While no marks will be allocated or deducted in this Sub- Section any deviations from the norm or irregularities must be noted in the appropriate block on the Evaluation Sheet

The inspector should take note of the following -

### 2.1 PEGS OR STRAPS

Pegs must conform to the Laws of the Game and must be correctly positioned on top of the bank (not more than 100 mm from the face of the bank) or flat against the bank The pegs or straps should not be more than 25mm wide.

Pegs will be placed on top of the bank while straps will be positioned against the bank. Anything placed against the bank must not be of a material which might injure or divert the bowl or jack.

They must clearly define the boundaries of the rink or the 25m mark

### 2.2 BANKS and DITCHES

#### 2.2.1 Banks

##### Grassy Banks

Uniformity on all four sides is the primary consideration =Same Height, Angle, and Texture

The grass making up the bank must be healthy with no bare patches or weeds intruding.

The upper edge must be sharp and not rounded

The bottom edge must not be undercut

The top of the banks should be, at least, 230mm above the surface of the green

The banks can be vertical and set at 90 degrees to the surface of the green or have a slope of not more than 35 degrees off the vertical.

### Artificial Banks

The main consideration being how often a bowl would rebound

There must be uniformity in their appearance and in the standard of maintenance.

#### 2.2.2 Ditches

The ditches can be between 200mm and 380mm wide.

The ditches can be between 50mm and 200mm deep.

Within the above limits there must be uniformity re depth and width on all four sides

It is accepted that as a result of regular top-dressing the surface of the green will rise in relation to the ditch boards. The GKP should not allow the surface to become more than 10mm above the ditch board.

### Check on Surface.

It must be a holding surface. The inspector must roll a jack manually or off a short stimpmeter from a point 2m from the ditch and at an angle of 45 degrees to the ditch to establish how freely the jack would run in the ditch.

The inspector should comment on this in the appropriate space.

### 3.0 EQUIPMENT

Steps and ramp, speed board, records, and a wind indicator must be displayed. The other equipment should be available for inspection.

The surface of the green should be uniformly smooth. If it is not smooth or there is any indication that the equipment is not being used correctly the inspector should examine the mowers and other equipment.

#### Mowers

##### - Horizontal

When examining, check the following:

Condition of mower:

Cutting cylinder - sharp leading edge - adjustment against bottom blade

Condition of bottom blade

Tension of drive chain

Evidence of regular service

Setting bar and mowing height.

Clutch - free play.

Electrical points and cables.

Rear roller.

#### - Vertical Mowers

Examine Pins of scarifier and blades of verticutter and groomer

#### Bank Cutter

The condition and appearance of the banks will confirm how efficiently the bank cutter is being used.

#### 4.0 COMMENTS

Although no marks are awarded in this section the inspector must still be assured that, within the parameters of the Laws of the Game, there is still uniformity as far as the banks and ditches are concerned and that the equipment is not only adequate, but well maintained and correctly adjusted.

#### 5.0. PRESENTATION

Inspectors must put themselves into the mind of the visiting bowler arriving at the club to play in a major tournament. First impressions will have an important bearing on how comfortable they will feel about playing at that club.

If the gardens and surrounds appear to be well kept, the green has been mown correctly, has a smooth appearance, and the ditches are clean and free of any debris the visiting player will feel the members care about their club.

If the greens and Banks look scruffy, there are mower marks and there are weeds all over the approach paths then it must be noted.

If the Inspector is not in agreement with certain aspects of the presentation of the green and surrounds he can comment in the blank area of the evaluation sheet.

#### SUB – SECTION B: 100 Points

In Section "B" there are many items – each representative of one or more aspects of a GKP's management programme.

Each item will be scored on its own and the grand total will serve as a reflection of the GKP's ability to produce and maintain a green of the required standard.

While it must be acknowledged that a GKP often "inherits" a green with inherent deficiencies (Levels and Foreign grass) which might preclude him from attaining top marks the other results will reflect his ability to overcome these deficiencies.

#### 1.1 THE GRASS COVER: 20 Points

A GKP is expected to provide members with a playing surface which is completely covered by a mat of even thickness throughout which allows the bowl to run at an acceptable speed without compromising the health of the grass – a balancing act between "leaf area" and speed.

The ability of the grass plant to produce its own food (carbohydrates) by the process of photosynthesis depends on the number and size of the leaves exposed to sunlight, i.e.

- The number of leaves lying in the mat which are exposed to sunlight

- The length of leaves left protruding from the mat after mowing.

The grass plant will be under stress when the available leaf area can no longer produce sufficient "food" to maintain healthy grass growing at the appropriate rate. Weak and bare areas, weeds, fungi and other symptoms of stress will appear.

A prudent GKP would always ensure enough leaf area to maintain the growth expected of a grass plant on a bowling green, but having done so must, now, "thin out" the mat regularly to remove superfluous material.

Any area on the green where the mat varies in thickness or there is a limitation of growth either because the growth is sparse compared with the rest of the green or where there is no growth at all (bare area) must be examined carefully to confirm the cause.

It is up to the inspector to assess whether varia-



tions in the thickness of the mat or weakened growth are as a result of the actions of the GKP (grass abuse) or some other unforeseen incident.

Points are deducted according to -

- The cause of the damage (mat wear is probably the commonest cause of a weak or bare area) – is the damage still evident or has the GKP already taken steps to limit it;
- the length of time this area might take to recover;
- the size of the weak or bare areas and the influence such an area might have on the behaviour of the bowl ( a bowl will run faster over a weak or bare area) and,
- variations in the thickness of the mat due to grasses of different texture. (Heinz Green).

NB: A green with bare spots should be rejected outright unless the GKP has a full season available to restore the grass cover completely.

a) For every weak or bare area greater than 500mm in diameter; Deduct 2 points for each such area

b) If the affected areas are smaller than 500mm in diameter then points must be deducted according to the number of such areas; Deduct 1 point for each such area

c) If the mat is so thick that it slows down the bowl and there is evidence that the grass is not healthy – water repellence or thatch; Deduct 3-6 points

d) If the ditch board is more than 10mm below the surface of the green maximum points can be deducted if edges are frayed and cannot "hold" a bowl at the edge: Deduct 1-2 points.

NB: Marks must be deducted as shown above if there is no evidence that the GKP is aware of what has happened and done nothing about it. If there is evidence that the GKP has re-planted a bare area or is nursing a weak area the inspector can be more lenient.

#### 1.2 COMPACTION / ROOTS: 10 Points

Unless the particle size analysis of the soil shows that the percentage of clay is 20% or more root depth and compaction are usually linked.

The inspector must use a probe (screw-driver, nail) to determine whether there is any compaction hindering the penetration of the probe.

Depending on the severity of the compaction: Deduct 1-10 points.

To deduct all the points there must also be evidence of the health of the grass being severely affected and there is no evidence that the GKP has been aerating the green

It is up to the inspector to establish what the GKP has done to cope with or avoid compaction.

#### 1.3 PESTS AND DISEASES: 10 Points

It must be noted that the incidence of pests is usually due to the grass being under stress and unable to resist the invasion of the pest. If the GKP has taken steps to strengthen the grass and there is evidence that the grass is recovering and able to cope with the invasion then the Inspector should be more lenient before deducting points.

The inspector must bear in mind that certain weeds eg: Dichondra, Pearlwort, could naturally appear on the green in late winter when the grass plant is most vulnerable.

Any inspector should note that there is a time lag between the original invasion of the grass

plant by a pest and the appearance of plant damage.

In the same way a damaged grass plant which has been treated will take time to recover.

NB: When inspecting a green affected by pests it is unlikely two or more pests will be present at the same time – for a severe infestation the inspector can deduct the maximum amount of points even if there is only one pest..

### 1.3.1. Weeds

a) If the invasion of weeds takes over more than 50% of the green: Deduct 8 points

b) For a lesser invasion of weeds: Deduct 2-4 points

The inspector can be more lenient if there is evidence that the weeds are being treated and that the normal grass is gaining on the weeds.

### 1.3.2. Fungi and Algae

If the total area of infestation is less than 7m<sup>2</sup> no points will be deducted

a) If the area affected is more than 7m<sup>2</sup>: Deduct 6- 8 points

b) If the affected area has been treated: Deduct 2-4 points

### 1.3.3 Insects

If there is evidence of the green being invaded by insects: Deduct 2-8 points

If the GKP has already initiated treatment the inspector can be more lenient.

### 1.4. FOREIGN GRASS: 10 points

While a single-strain green will always be more desirable it must be accepted that in the RSA the majority of the greens will have more than one strain of grass. A multi-strain (or Heinz) green does not only influence the run of the bowl but presents untold problems for the GKP who has to produce a uniform playing surface when dealing with many strains of grass each with it's own texture.

When inspecting such a green the inspector must be aware of the probability that there will be inconsistencies in the draw.

In some instances the green would have originally been planted with more than one variety of grass or, alternatively, what had previously been a single-strain green had been invaded by a coarser variety because of negligence on the part of the GKP.

### Scoring

Any multi-strain green: Deduct 2 points

If a single strain green has a few small ((less than 500mm) patches of foreign grass but there is evidence that the GKP is actively trying to eliminate it then no points will be deducted)

### Management of a Multi-strain green

At the discretion of the inspector – the amount deducted would depend on what the GKP has done to minimise the variations in the texture of the grasses.

If the GKP is, by regularly dividing the stolons in the mat, achieving a form of equality between the different grasses and there is no evidence that there are inconsistencies in the draw the inspector can be more lenient: Deduct 1- 8 points

### 1.5 APPEARANCE / SMOOTHNESS: 10 points

The player would prefer to play on a green of the same colour throughout and there are no bumps or hollows which might affect the smooth passage of the bowl.

A mottled green where there are dark patches interspersed with lighter patches can cause doubts in the mind of the player regarding the consistency of the surface.

Evidence of bad mowing techniques with uncut areas or shaving should, also, be penalised.

#### 1.5.1 Colour of green

a) If there are large patches of different colour on the green: Deduct 2-3 points

b) If the patches of different colour appear to blend into each other: Deduct 1-2 points

#### 1.5.2 Texture

If there are thicker patches alternating with patches where the covering is sparser giving a patchy appearance (whatever the reason): Deduct 2-3 points

#### 1.5.3 Overall Impression

If there are bare patches, re-sodded areas, mower lines, anything jarring the senses (including the surrounds) - depending on extent: Deduct 2- 4 points

#### 1.5.4 Smoothness (To be tested with a jack)

Bumps - Depending on severity: Deduct Accordingly

### 1.6 RUN-OFF: 10 points

A bowl increasing pace as it draws near to the ditch and inevitably falling into the ditch is most annoying to a bowler. As it is something which can easily be averted the GKP must be "punished"

The small stimpmeter must be set up in such away that the jack will run 300mm from and parallel to the ditch for a distance of about 5m. For each side where run-off occurs: Deduct 2.5 points

### 1.7 LEVELS: 30 Points

#### 1.7.1 The Level Profile

No inspector or club committee can assume that there are no inconsistencies in the draw

without access to a level profile.

A recent level profile (three-years-old or less) submitted by a competent person (ie: A person approved by the district greens committee) is the only complete tool available to verify the consistency of the draw over the whole green. By taking note of the variations in levels it is possible to decide whether they would affect the draw or not.

The levels to the nearest 1 or 2mm must be taken at 2.0 or 2.5m centres.

### 1.7.2 Acceptance for SA competitions

1 All clubs applying for consideration for a SA competition must submit an up-to-date profile of their greens with their application to the district.

2 These profiles submitted to the SA Bowls Greens Committee prior to a visit to the district.

3 NB: Any club not submitting a profile conforming to 1.7.1.(above) will not be considered for the competition.

### 1.7.3 Scoring a Level Profile

#### NB:

1 Variations between the readings on the perimeter and the first row inside are not considered in the scoring. These readings will be used when assessing the "run-off".

2 Although greens used for International events should not have a variation of more than 3mm over 2.5m it is accepted that this measurement would normally apply to a green speed in excess of 14.0sec / 27m. South African greens are normally slower and a variation of 4.00mm over 2.5mm would not influence the run of the bowl.

The inspector should look at adjacent readings to determine if there are acceptable or unacceptable variations and score it accordingly

If the variations on the grid are:

a) More than 10 mm over 2.5m: Deduct 1 point for each variation more than 10mm

b) Between 6 and 10mm over 2.5m: Deduct 1 point for every 2 such variations

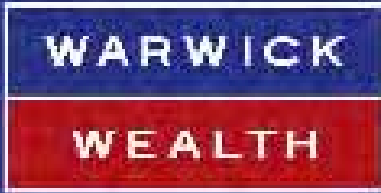
c) 5 mm. over 2.5 m: Deduct 1 point for every 3 such variations

### 1.7.4 District or Club Competitions

If Level Profiles are available when greens are inspected for District competitions the above schedule will apply.

Sometimes a District Greens Committee might be called upon to assess a green where there is no profile or the profile is more than three years old.

No Profile or an unacceptable profile: Deduct 20 points.



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# NEWSLETTER ITEMS

National Standing Committee: Promotion and Development

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## SPORT AWARDS FOR YOUNG BOWLER

*In December 2013 MANDLENKOSI SIXOLO received two awards, the Sportsman and Junior Sportsman of the Year from the City of Cape Town Sport and Recreation District 6.*

Mandla is a bowler from the Strand, where he joined as a development member in October 2010. He represented Western Province during 2012 and 2013 at the SA National U19 Development Tournaments. During the past year, Mandla has excelled in all aspects.

Mandla had to overcome various obstacles during his young life. He has surpassed all the odds after being badly burnt in an accident a few years ago and having to fend for himself whilst living on his own in the Strand whilst attending school. He was recently adopted by a couple living in Pringle Bay. His great personality and good leadership skills were rewarded when he was selected as Head Boy of Rusthof Secondary School in 2013. He passed matric with 4 distinctions. Residing in one of the hostels, Mandla has now joined Stellenbosch University to further his education. Apart from enjoying bowls, Mandla also enjoys acting and drama and loves singing. He is a promising bowler, well behaved, makes friends easily, always smiling and always prepared to assist. He has been the Master of Ceremonies on occasions.

Mandla was nominated by Western Province Bowls Association to attend the National Sport and Recreation Youth Camp 'YOUTH IN MOTION' held in Tulbagh between 8 and 9 September 2012. Showing great leadership at this camp he was subsequently invited to attend the follow-up seven day youth camp between 29 September and 6 October 2012 in the Witzenburg area in the Boland. At this camp he once again excelled and was selected as a group leader.

A SABC 2 TV INTERVIEW was held with him at Rusthof Secondary School in the Strand and broadcasted on SABC 2 on 17 September 2012. The interview had mainly to do with a bursary to further his studies after he matriculates. During the interview he said he loved playing bowls and numerous calls were received from bowlers saying that they were impressed with his charm and ability to communicate.

At Strand BC's prize giving ceremony 2013 he delivered an excellent speech and crept into the hearts of everyone present after receiving the U19 Strand Bowling Club's Junior Singles U19 title. At the Under 19 Development Tournament in



Klerksdorp he sang the National Anthem at the Opening Ceremony. He is a true young ambassador for bowls.



## **MandlaSixolo**

Winner of both the Sportsman of the Year and Junior Sportsman of the year Awards presented to him by Bongani Flip on behalf of the City of Cape Town, Sport and Recreation (District 6).

He represented Western Province in the Under 19 Development Team that won the first Cape Province Mini-Inter-Districts Tournament held at Bonnievale during September 2013.

During a recently held Development afternoon on 26 January 2013 at the Strand Bowling Club, Robin Adams of Aljazeera TV did a shoot of the development players and had an intensive interview with MandlaSixolo. It will be broadcasted on DSTV Channel 406 AljaZeerain the near future.

### **2014 Under 19 Development Tournament**

The Annual Bowls SA U19 Development Tournament will take place in Pietermaritzburg from 1 to 4 April 2014. It will be hosted by Natal Inland Bowling Association and the Head Quarters is at Maritzburg Collegians Bowling Club.

The Tournament Committee is:

Convener: Johan Barkhuizen  
Members: Elna Fraser Roy Fraser  
Bob Radcliff Frank Taggart.

We wish all the young development bowlers, coaches and team managers of the 20 entered team's success and good bowling.

### **2014 Under 25 Tournament**

This year the U25's will be travelling to Margate. A number of top U19 Development players have now moved into the Under 25 group and once again the NSCPD wish them all good bowling.

### **Warwick Bowls SA Masters Singles**

During February the Warwick Bowls SA Master Singles Championships took place. Several of the players in action came through the ranks of the U19 Development and the U25's. Congratulations once again to all the players, especially the runners up and winners. In the U25 we had: Men - Darryn Stephen (SFS) and Chad Wakeford (Bor) with the Ladies - Jacqui J v Rensburg (JBA) and Ashleigh Parks (JBA). Congratulations!

## **2014 YOUTH BOWLS CAPE PROVINCE**

*The successful 2013 Mini-Inter-District U19 Development Tournament between Boland, Border, Southern Cape (Eden) and Western Province took place in the Boland as Bonnievale during 27 and 28 September 2013.*

It saw the result of an initiative to grow and develop the game of bowls between a number of districts' youth bowlers, keeping the high standard of achievement but making it affordable and possible for a larger number of players to participate. It was agreed that this should be an annual tournament to "expand on this beautiful game of ours and growing the game amongst our youth" as Theo van Aswegen, one of the organizers mentioned.

The Bonnievale tournament was an overwhelming success and a follow up tournament is scheduled to take place in Oudtshoorn, Eden Bowls District, from 4 to 5 October 2014 and will be named the "Envar Buys Tournament". It is the repeat of the Bonnievale mini-inter-district U19 Development Tournament with the same format for both the A & B Sections. There is a sponsor in place. It was reported that the organizers will try and keep the costing as low as possible.

The districts involved are requested to make every effort to send as many teams as possible. Northern Cape and Eastern Cape will also be invited to attend the tournament in Oudtshoorn.

## Youth Festival of Bowls

A Youth Festival of Bowls will be held at the Oudtshoorn Bowling Club from 28 to 29 June 2014. It is not just a tournament for only the youth but open to everybody who wishes to enter a trips team. Entry fee is only R450. Total prize money is R10 000. If you wish to enter a team or receive information contact:

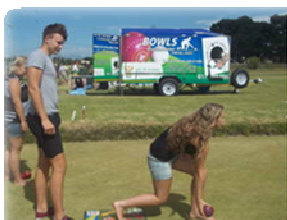
Alwyn Koegelenberg at cell 076 797 0252 or

[info@bowlsoudtshoorn.co.za](mailto:info@bowlsoudtshoorn.co.za)

## **BOWLS SA TRAILER SHOWCASED IN WP**

WOW! The Bowls SA trailer, already such a success in Gauteng and popular in use by various clubs, it is certainly one of the **best marketing tools that bowls can have!**

Recently the trailer was taken to the Western Province, which was no small task as this bowls trailer is heavy to tow and require skilled driving.



The trailer was successfully used at **Parow Bowling Club** during the re-opening on **18 January**. Almost 200 people attended the day. Altogether 94 people who never played bowls before made use of bowls and other equipment carried in the trailer.



**Plumstead Bowling Club** during the Western

Province Pairs and a get together for the Under 25's on **19 January**. The trailer was displayed for the visitors and used to market the game of bowls.



**Strand Bowling Club** requested the trailer on 26 January for the TV and Video shoot (see article). The afternoon saw various groups of people being able to view the trailer. The Development players made use of the equipment and it was left open for viewing during the business league to showcase it to the businesses and public.



**Bellville Bowling Club**, where the trailer is "housed while in Cape Town" used the trailer on **31 January**. The club held a Takkie-evening where almost 40 people attended of which 18 people bowled for the first time.



Due to various requests, the NSCPD has decided to extend the trailer “visit” in Western Province for another month after which it will be used by Boland for Development of the Sport in their District. They have extended their appreciation to all involved to ensure the trailers positive message is carried throughout the Western Cape and Boland to further our sport.

## **NEWS FROM THE FORCES**

In a combined effort between North West Bowls and the Police, with input from Bowls SA, SASCOC and the National Lottery, the small town of Parys had recently investigated the possibility of starting a Schools League with specific emphasis on development and the use of Sporting codes to fight Crime.

Bowls SA and the South African Police are dedicated to ensuring that the bowls programs are achieving positive youth development outcomes and to increase access to such programs, especially for disadvantaged youth.

Careful planning has now resulted in a local Schools league being held at Parys.



**Documentation extracts: Schools League with specific emphasis on Development and the use of Sporting codes, specifically Bowls, to fight Crime.**

### Why Sport against Crime?

- Get the kids off the streets
- Get young learners to channel their energies and minds in activities that will benefit them
- Get “problem learners” positive and active to focus on creating a better life for themselves

### Impact of Sport on Youth

- Sports-based youth development is a methodology that uses sports to provide the opportunities and supports that youth need to become healthy, contributing citizens.

- SBYD programs teach sports skills along with life and leadership skills in a safe, fun, and challenging environment.
- This experience involves caring relationships, facilitated and experiential learning, and physical activity.

Research has shown involvement in sport leads to less smoking and alcohol with lower risk of illegal drugs. It also promotes a higher level of physical fitness especially when older, with lower rates of death and illnesses. Sport is directly linked with positive academic performance.

### Purpose of the drive

- To attract non-bowlers
- To address and market the game of bowls
- To target especially the U 19 school age group
- To identify and develop talent
- To identify and train coaches/trainers
- To establish a schools league
- To grow the sport of bowls in the district(s)

### Target Market

- Expose bowls to the general public especially the younger generation at school
- Teachers, friends and family of school kids
- government departments: department of education, municipalities, saps, etc
- schools & educational facilities (varsity cup)
- Register U19 players as development players at North West & Northern Free State Bowling Associations enabling the selection of stronger district teams.

### Strategies identified

- It is up to each person to assist in the growth and development of our Sport – Up2Us!
- Define and increase the quality of programs so that they achieve youth development outcomes
- Involve more kids in sports-based youth development programs, especially in underserved communities
- Engage more people to work and volunteer in sports-based youth development programs
- Educate the public about the value of sports-based youth development programs
- Deliverables were identified

## Schools League

Schools in Klerksdorp, Tumahole, Vredefort, Parys, Schonkenville, Potch & Fochville were identified to participate in the launching of the Schools Bowls League.



*For further information contact Henk Prinsloo, Promotion and Development committee member.*

## **DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES**

Following on requests from Districts, here is another extract from the **Bowls Development Guideline**, published in *February 2006, CH Dixie & Ozzie Dawson*. In this issue we are focusing on:-

### **Who Develops Bowls?**

**Everyone** plays a role in bowls development. This includes administrators, coaches, technical officials, bowlers, teachers, and all sports leaders in their various fields.

We will need to ensure that these people have the right information at their disposal so that bowls can be one of the options that are included in the array of many other sports.

Bowls in South Africa, through its many Clubs, exists to provide organized sports activities for its members and prospective members. Several other sport service providers, such as local councils, can provide not only the infrastructure, like facilities, but can also encourage participation through sports festivals and other community organized events.

Some of the role players in bowls development are: Metropolitan & Divisional councils; Sports councils and sports forums at all levels; Department of Sport & Recreation at National, Provincial, Regional and District level; Education at National, Provincial, Regional and District level; Businesses and sponsors; 3 Macro-structures such as

SANDF, Correctional Services, Police; and, most important of all, the individuals, Clubs and their target communities, where development will take place.

### **1.6 Participation in Bowls Development**

The participants in bowls development are:

The whole family – young, middle-aged or senior citizens; Whole communities; People with disabilities; Men and women; School children & teachers; Lecturers, professors and their students from tertiary institutions; Sports administrators, coaches, technical officials; Sport science and medical practitioners including bio-kinetics and high performance specialists; and Local, Provincial, National and International bowls players.

**Bowls development impacts on every person** participating or who may potentially participate in bowls – men, women, and children, the disabled, elite bowlers or social bowlers; from metropolitan or rural areas.

**It is EVERY bowler's responsibility** in one way or another, not merely to take their own pleasure from our sport, but also give time and effort to the growth of bowls in our country.

Special collaboration is required between development officers, coaches & technical officials to ensure that development is interactive, not only at the different levels of administration but also amongst all the different service providers within the different levels.

*It is up to YOU to assist your club in growing the membership!*

*YOU can benefit by introducing a (first time bowler) member right now!*

*Provided that all procedures are followed and the new member is fully paid up and registered, the **current member** who introduces the new member will not pay Bowls SA Affiliation Fees.*

*Refer to Bowls SA Circular 41/2013*

## **BUSINESS LEAGUES – GROWTH FOR CLUBS**

Business Leagues – is this giving BSA positive growth in gaining members at clubs?

Several clubs stage annual business leagues. We would like to hear about your club's business league and whether your club has actually gained members and corporate sponsorships. Please also send us photographs!

## **NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS**

### BUSINESS LEAGUES/BESIGHEIDLIGA'S

#### **Strand Rolbalklub (WP)**

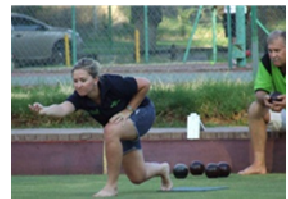
Die jaarlikse Strand Rolbal klub besigheids liga is onlangs voltooi. Altesame 24 gemeng deviere spanne het deel geneem.



#### **Upington Klub (Kalahari Rolbal)**

Die jaarlikse SASKO Besigheidsliga van Upington is onlangs voltooi. Nou reeds in die 7de jaar is dit heel moontlike van die gewildste en die grootste rolbal besigheids ligas. Dit is besliseen van die mees social egeleenthede in Upington! Hierdiejaar het 56 besighede ingeskryf. Die inskrywings stroom behoortlik in wanneer dit oopmaak. Spanne betaal R300 inskrywing. Die klubbe perk die besighede tot een span per besigheid beperk. Daardeur word baie meertoeskouersna die baangelok.

Die klub het slegs een baan en moet daardus Maandae tot Vrydae van af sesna middag gespeel word oordrie en 'n half weke. Spanne, watnie net tot vier speelerse beperk word nie, word in afdelings van 4 ingedeel. Die wedstryde is 12 koppe lank. Die weners van die afdelings gaan deurna die uitspeel wedstryde. Daar is baie mense in die ouderdoms groep van 25-45 wat deel neem, asook leerders (wat in hul ouers se spanne speel) wat deel geneem het.



**Ons speel  
lekker!**



Klube deneem glad nie deelaan die kompetisie nie. Die doel van die Besigheids liga is om ledevir die klub teweef en om die klub se finansies 'n hups toot te gee. Sover

het daar alreeds 3 nuwe lede by die klub aangesluit met 'n verdere 5 wat aangedui het dat hulle by die klub gaan aansluit.

Die weners was die span van Trelidor.



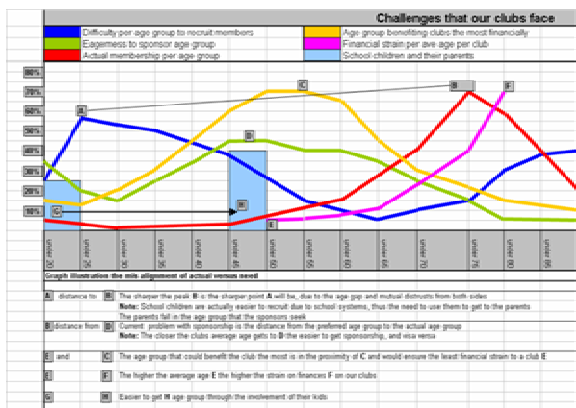
ANDER NUUS!

## BOLAND

Die Boland Ontwikkelings Staande Komitee is op en wakker en het onlangs na vorsing ngesamel vanaf al die klubs omso doende 'n vergelyking tekantre fang aande die ledetalle en watter pogings aange wends almoet word omte verseker datle detal groei. Hier is een van die tabelle met van die statistiek.

The dark blue indicates difficulty per age group to recruit members, the green an indication of the eagerness to sponsor a specific age group. Red shows the actual membership per age group and yellow the age group from which clubs benefit most financially. The pink is the financial strain per average age group and the light blue blocks is an indication of the schoolchildren and parents slotting into a club.

Well done to Boland.



Always worth reading is the **Quarterly Bulletin of Boland Bowls**, named

**Raaskoot/Toucher.** Several development success stories are featured as well as the news and views of clubs, the zones and the players. The February 2014 issue also showcases an article in a local school's newspaper dedicated to the young bowlers.

## MOTORPLAKKERS – ROLBAL BEMARKING

Boland se L'Agulhas klub help aktie fom rolbal te bemark. Hul het plakkers wat op 'n karge plaas kan word gemaak. Hul wonder hoe nie-spelen delede van die publiek daarop sal reageer. Voorts behoort dit hopelik spelendel edetemoti veerom die spelonder familie en vriende te bevorder.

Die bewoording van die drie plakkers is:

1. I PLAY BOWLS - AND YOU?
2. SPEEL ROLBAL & LEEF LANGER
3. PLAY BOWLS & LIVE LONGER.

Die rolbal mannetjie maak deel van elke plakke ruit. Klubs kan die plakkers teen R10 stuk (posgeld ingesluit) by 0829227849 bestel by Alwyn Smit of reëlings tref dat dit deur spelers per hand afgelewer word. E-pos: [alwynpsmit@isat.co.za](mailto:alwynpsmit@isat.co.za)

Alwyn Smit, president van L'Agulhas Rolbal klub, het on middel lik na ontvangs van die eerste toets plakker shierdie twee fotos geneem en aan *Raaskoot* gestuur.

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## WESTERN PROVINCE

### Strand Rolbalklub

Op 26 Januarie 2014 het Robin Adams van Al Jazeera TV 'n opname van die ontwikkeling spelers by Strand Rolbal klub gedoen en vir die doel is die Rolbal SA Sleepwa (BSA trailer) op die terreinge plaas om die TV opname meer kleur voltemaak.



Die sleepwa se rolballe is die mid dagookvir die 60 ontwikkelingspelers gebruik wat deel geneem het. Toevallig het die Strand se Besigheids liga laat middag die selfde dag begin en saam met die besighede se

baniereen die kleurvollesleepwa het alles mooi op die terreinvir die TV opnam evertoon.Dit was 'n goeie advertensie vir rolbal!

Robin het verskeie onderhoude gevoera met Aloma Smith (verteenwoordiger van NSCPD), Paul Cohen (WP verteenwoordiger) asook Mandla Sixolo, een van die onder 19 Ontwikkelingspelers.

*Nota: Die TV opname saluit gesaai word op DSTV Channel 40 hopelik later in die jaar.*

### REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The NSCPD would like to request all districts and clubs to submit interesting articles or relevant development news. You may send it directly to either Aloma Smith or Anina Black or to the contact person of your district.

Region 1: Bowls Gauteng North,  
Ekurhuleni (previously EB),  
Sedibeng, Sables and JBA

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Region 3: Northern Free State, North West  
and Southern Free State

**HenkPrinsloo** [henkp@lantic.net](mailto:henkp@lantic.net)

REGION 4: KZN Country Bowls, N Inland,  
Port Natal

**Philip Olivier** [philip.o@vodamail.co.za](mailto:philip.o@vodamail.co.za)

REGION 5: Western Province, Boland and  
Eden Bowls (prev. Southern Cape)

**Aloma Smith** [alomasmith@telkomsa.net](mailto:alomasmith@telkomsa.net)

REGION 6: Border, Kingfisher, Eastern Province.

**Neville Hort** [yank@netactive.co.za](mailto:yank@netactive.co.za)

# Bowls SA Roundup

## Laws re-visited

The Laws Committee of World Bowls has suggested changes to the laws to be approved at the World Bowls Biennial Council Meeting in Glasgow on August 2 after national authorities have had their final say.: Law 37.1.9: 37.1.9 Skips can, at any time, delegate their own powers and any of their own duties to any other members of the team as long as they tell the opposing skip immediately ... watch this space.

## First club call

Members of more than one club within a district must annually, at the beginning of each district financial year nominate their 'first call club'. Members of more than one club who wish to change their 'first call club' during a financial year should in writing, via the new club, re-nominate their 'first call club' to be entitled to compete in the balance of the years district competitions. A waiting period of 30 days from the notification of change applies before a member is entitled to compete in any district event in which they have already participated. Bowlers wishing to represent a second call club at the national championships may do so provided that they provide the tournament committee with written permission from their first call club.

## What is a novice?

The Bowls SA executive have declared a bona fide member of a club affiliated to Bowls South Africa, having been registered as a member with any national bowling association for not more than three (3) years at the date of the commencement of the specific event, is considered a novice. Any bowler having won a national, provincial, district or club Singles Championship shall not be eligible to be viewed as a novice.

## National singles entry routes

Opportunities to enter the national singles are reviewed; the following applies from this 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.

NB: Entry forms for the Warwick Wealth/BowlsSA National Championships 2014 (men and women) are available at [www.bowlssa.co.za](http://www.bowlssa.co.za) and may be accessed through the "Tournament" icon on the home page. Club secretaries should bring this to the attention of members wanting to enter the singles at either event.

## Glasgow format disclosed

World Bowls has announced the finalised format of play for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Kelvingrove, Glasgow, from July 23-August 2 as singles 21 shots; three-bowl pairs to 15 ends; two bowl trips to 15 ends and fours over 15 ends, with an imposition of 2hrs 15 min (not including trial ends) for all sectional (group stage) matches. There is no time limit for the KO stages, slow play rules apply.

## Affiliation fees for 2014 from:

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.



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Bowls South Africa Price List-As at August 2013		
1	Markers Guide for Beginners Marker's Gids vir Beginners	R 15.00 R 12.00
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
8	Coaches Log Book	R 12.00
9	Technical Official Badges, Certificates and Log Books	R 45.00
10	Markers Badges, Certificates and Log Books	R 45.00
11	Coaches Badges, Certificates and Log Books	R 45.00
12	Technical Official Level 3 & 4 Badges, Certificates and Log Books	Free
13	Coaches Senior & Elite Badges, Certificates and Log Books	Free
14	Technical Officials/ Coaches / Markers Registers	R 8.00
15	Development Guidelines	R 24.00
16	Green Keeping Level 1	R 50.00
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

If more than 10

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