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SABLES & JBA SNAFFLE AT OPEN DISTRICTS

Cape Town, like any mother city should, was on her best behaviour for the 2017 Perfect Delivery Bowls South Africa Open Inter-Districts Championships (20 teams of eight in men's and women's event), if anything it was too hot. Exciting, exacting and exhilarating, bowls in South Africa has never been stronger or better.

When the measures ended and the shadows began to lengthen in Cape Town's leafy Southern Suburbs over a resplendent WPCC and its wonderful greens, Sables narrowly won the women's title, while Johannesburg Bowling Association clinched the men's event from Sables.

Sables were district of the tournament, showing to the fore in Open, B and Seniors events.

For me, there are never upsets in top bowls. Any side good enough to be selected, can on their day, beat another side. And so it proved initially with some of the less favoured line-ups causing grief. But then again, the longer an event goes on, so concentration, skill and endurance (better sides use less energy maintaining high standards) prevail – good "big 'uns usually outlast good "little 'uns."

Bowls SA president Kallie Haupt remarked near the tournament's end: "High class performances. How the standard has improved; so many young future stars on view and the exciting players from former disadvantaged communities pulling their weight – we'll see many more next year. I thank the organisers (WP) for a tremendous event."



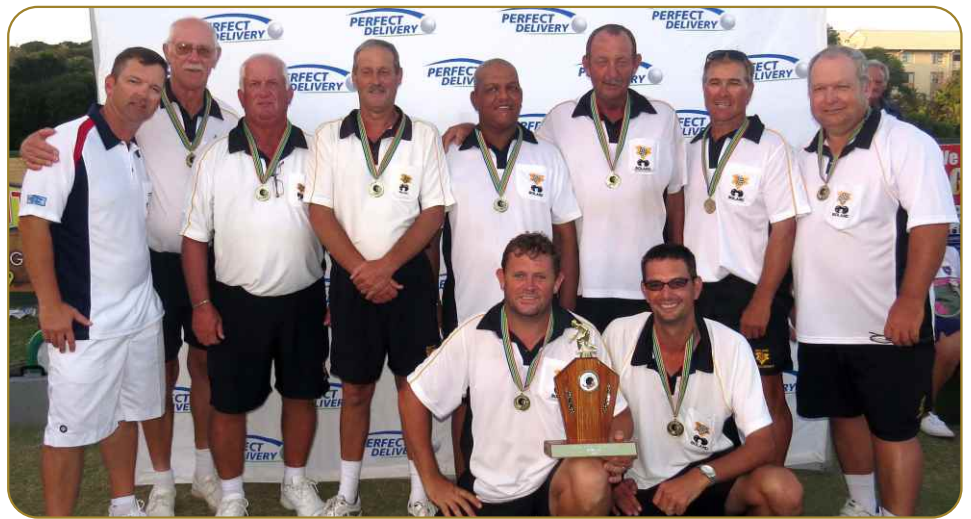
OPEN MEN'S CHAMPIONS: JBA - (Back) Jono Franks, Andrew Barrow, Prince Neluonde, Martin Lewis, Jason Evans, Gerry Baker. (Front) Victor Siphali and Alan Gordon



OPEN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS: SABLES - Nici Neal, Uta Smith, Debbie Perucatti, Rika Lynn, Susan Nel, Gaylyn Bedford-Owen, Moira Coombe and Karen Johnston



PLAYER'S OF THE MATCH - OPEN IDS :
Mervyn Lynn (SBA) and Anneke Snyman (BOR)



"B" MEN'S GOLD MEDALISTS: Boland



"B" WOMEN'S GOLD MEDALISTS: JBA

INTER DISTRICT MEDALISTS

OPEN WOMEN

- GOLD - Sables
- SILVER - Gauteng North
- BRONZE - Boland / Kingfisher

OPEN MEN

- GOLD - Johannesburg Bowling Association
- SILVER - Sables
- BRONZE - Gauteng North / Boland

SENIOR WOMEN

- GOLD - Ekurhuleni
- SILVER - Sables
- BRONZE - North West / Gauteng North

SENIOR MEN

- GOLD - Western Province
- SILVER - Sables
- BRONZE - Border / Eden Bowls

"B" WOMEN

- GOLD - Johannesburg Bowling Association
- SILVER - KwaZulu Natal
- BRONZE - Southern Free State / Kingfisher

"B" MEN

- GOLD - Boland
- SILVER - Eastern Province
- BRONZE - Johannesburg Bowls Association / Sables

speak to many players and officials. All enjoyed their week in the sun and I am happy to report camaraderie has never seemed higher.

The men's holders, WP, who played excellently except for "black Tuesday" when thrashed twice, just missed bronze; for JBA's powerful women's side it was a similar story and they too lost out on a bronze by a whisker. For WP second Eugene Ferreira was outstanding throughout, as was skip Nic Rusling; for JBA women, it was wonderful to see a slim, deadly Protea Tracy Lee Botha back to best, while the delightful Ashleigh Parks really stood out, as did Tracy Meyeridricks who took over skipping duties from young Roxanne Tingle after four matches – manager Glynnis Harris's move, in conjunction with the skips, almost saving the day.

The finals, often an anti-climax, were instead this year full of drama and nail-biting from a good bank as Sables went for the double.

Since the scoring format was three skins of seven ends, the intricacies would take up too much space. Therefore, I have decided to give you the results and then pick my players (nothing to do with organisers or BowlsSA) of the men's final by giving them points out of 10; I did not see enough of the women's event to comment fairly. The players of the tournament, decided by a panel of experts, were deservedly Mervyn Lynn Jnr (Sables) and

Anneke Snyman (Boland).

JBA men won the final 9-4, with Gerry Baker fighting to the end but losing 27-19 to Lynn; Baker's ex clubmate and fellow Protea Jason Evans, the SA Masters champion, however, produced the goods as his quartet overcame Mark Richardson 29-9 (7-1, 8-7, 14-1).

Sables played with a re-jigged side after withdrawal of Protea Morgan Muvhango and Rikus Heystek.

And two rinks away, World, Commonwealth Games and former SA Masters champion Susan Nel (now retired from international contest) had her hands full with last year's runner-up Gauteng North's Protea Esmé Kruger and a final skin charge from the



Pretoria star saw the light blues run out 21-20 winners, skins scores being 8-10, 4-5, 9-5. But another Protea on the comeback trail after having children, Sables' Rika Lynn (wife of the Sables men's skip) edged in 22-20 over former world champion veteran Loraine Victor, the skins scores being 8-3, 6-7, 8-10 translating into an 8-5 points victory.

No doubt, while there is great depth and talent in the women's game the retirement from the world scene of stalwarts Nel and WP's specialist lead Sylvia Burns, and JBA's excellent Esmé Haley must be filled with care.

Jenny Elliott, tournament committee convenor fulfilled a sterling job; catering (Sandy Wehrli), results (Chris Nurrish), TOs (Helen Edwards), greens (Graeme Kemp), bar, et al were of the highest order. WP president John Edwards (recovering from the loss of a leg; strength to you pal) can be proud of his organisers.

The B Inter-Districts at Kingfisher was won by: Men: Boland; JBA the womens event; the Seniors men's event at Maritzburg went to WP 12-1 from Sables; women's Ekurhuleni 8-5 over Sables.

The closeness of the Open skins tells the story.

Alan Simmonds
Media Officer Bowls South Africa



BEYOND THE COLOUR BAR: Donovan Ramage and Mathews Phiri (EKB)



PLAYER'S OF THE MATCH "B" IDS: Gavin Erasmus (JBA) and Rienie Lucas (BGN)

SIMMONDS' SCALE OF SKILL

My points for the Open Men's finals; out of 10:

JBA 1: Gerry Baker (8) Never gave up; his side was inconsistent / Andrew Barrow (5) Had his moments, but battled with weight / Victor Siphale(5) Not always as penetrative as a second might be / Prince Neluonde (6) Too many narrow bowls - unusual from a player of such class.

JBA 2: Jason Evans (8.5) Skill, poise; handled his side well / Allan Gordon (9) Played superbly - several telling running shots on demand / Jonathan Franks (4) Not his best day, talented but did not fire / Martin Lewis (8.5) laid a foundation on a regular basis.

SABLES 1: Mervyn Lynn Jr (9.5) Bravura performance all round / Andrew Neal (7.5) neat efficient player / Stuart Coombe (7.5) Moments of delight / Graeme Morton (7.5) Pretty consistent effort.

SABLES 2: Mark Richardson (5) Flat show / Neal Perucatti (6) Outplayed by opposite number / Corrie Tagg (3) Bright future; not his day / JJ Bedford Own (7) Fine player usually, hit Lewis in top form.





SENIOR MEN'S GOLD MEDALISTS: Western Province



SENIOR WOMEN'S GOLD MEDALISTS: Ekurhuleni



**by Alan Simmonds
Media Officer Bowls South Africa**

International greats Jeremy Henry and Jo Edwards struck World Indoor Singles Cup gold in Australia at the Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club, near Sydney, New South Wales.

Irish-born Henry, the adopted Aussie known as 'Jezza' to his mates, was the defending champion and defeated young Malaysian star Soufi Rusli in the men's final; Edwards clinched the women's title over a valiant Lucy Beere of Guernsey in the Channel Isles.

It was a fifth World Cup triumph for each, adding to a collection of other world titles achieved during brilliant careers.

Proteas Colleen Piketh (JBA) and Pierre Breitenbach (NWB), each a World Bowls, Commonwealth Games and SA Masters star represented South Africa with great distinction.

It was a fantastic final fourth sectional spot for Johannesburg's Colleen Webb Piketh after round 11 on Day 6, the Johannesburg-based SA No 1 player giving her all.

It should be remembered South African players

do not have the exposure to the lightning-fast carpet indoor arena enjoyed by virtually all other serious protagonists, which makes their amazing performances all the more remarkable.

Breitenbach's great run came to an end on Day 7 when, when, after ending runner-up in his section following a bye and his nearest opponent winning, the Potchefstroom star's shot difference just failing to see him though, he lost after a play-off tie-break to Soufi Rusli of Malaysia 12-3- 4-11, 1-3.

Both watched and enjoyed the finals, describing their experiences (Breitenbach was on debut indoors; Piketh has done well before) before returning safely to South Africa.

The hard-fought first set of the men's final climaxed when the scores were 5-5 with an end to play and Henry played a superb drive to claim the winning shot. Then, in the second nine-ender, the big former Irish, unleashed his full repertoire to win 11-2 in just seven ends.

Rusli, another brilliant young Malaysian stars coming through the ranks, showed he is a force to be reckoned with in the future. He

possesses a fine delivery technique while his weight control is outstanding – his coach is Dr Simon Botha.

Legendary New Zealander Jo Edwards reaffirmed her mantle as the sport's No 1 lady when she annexed a fifth World Cup after an entertaining battle with Beere.

The rangy Kiwi roared through the first set winning 8-5, but the diminutive Beere turned the tables in the second, only allowing Edwards one scoring end in a sparkling 9-2 match leveller.

However, a tardy first tiebreak end saw Edwards pounce and collect three before Beere responded with a fine cannon to garner a single. But Edwards – the reigning Commonwealth Games singles gold medallist – applied the coup de grace in the decider when a courageous Beere conversion threw up an outside chance and she drew the championship-winning shot.

Edwards fought back tears in dedicating her roller-coaster 8-5, 2-9 (4-1) triumph to her mother Brenda, who passed away a few months ago.



CHAMPIONS: Jeremy Henry and Jo Edwards

"It has been emotional losing my mum a few months ago and coming in here after getting silver at the world (championships) and silver in the Premier League and get to another final. Fortunately, this time I got over the line," Edwards said.

"It was a titanic final. Lucy never stopped fighting. She played better than me in the second (set) but I got my form back in the tie-break; leading 3-0 I still don't know how she made that shot in the second; but I was able to get there, just."

Coincidentally, three of the four section winners - Forsyth, Ronnie Duncan (Scotland) and Australia's Natasha Scott lost their semi-finals in spite of being the top player in the pool phase; Henry beat Rusli in his first preliminary game and again in their last game - in the final!

This year's World Cup takes pundits back to 2013 when Edwards won her fourth and Henry his second - now we are five!

HOW THE AFRICAN PLAYERS FARED?



THE BEST: The 2017 Indoor World Bowls Championships field

DAY 1

MEN: Sec.1: Rd.1: Olivier (NAM) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 16-1 12-2. Rd.2: Henry bt Olivier 17-2 17-4, Jones bt Gaborutwe 15-3 9-4. Sec.2: Rd.1: **Breitenbach bt Le Ber (GUE) 5-5 8-8 5-4**, Rd.2: Breitenbach bt Kumar 19-2 10-3,

WOMEN: Sec.1: Rd.1: Anderson (NFI) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 16-2 21-0, Rd.2: Lai bt Gaborutwe 22-2 18-3, Anderson bt Hili 8-6 7-3. Sec.2: Rd.1: **Piketh (RSA) bt Merle Apter (ISR) 21-1 11-6**. Rd.2: **Piketh bt Tham 9-9 9-6**.

DAY 2

MEN: Sec. 1: Davis (JER) bt Olivier (NAM) 9-3 7-5, Babona (PNG) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 14-4 13-6. Rd.4: Duncan bt Gaborutwe 7-4 11-6, Emura bt Olivier 8-6 7-6 Sec.2: Rd.3: **Breitenbach (RSA) bt Yahya (BRU) 17-4 13-5**. Rd.4: **Hanley bt Breitenbach 8-9 10-5 5-2**.

WOMEN: Sec.1: Rd.3: Salleh (BRU) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 13-3 11-4. Rd.4: Ismail bt Gaborutwe 17-1 14-4. Sec.2: Rd.3: **Piketh (RSA) bt Jones (NFI) 14-4 5-9 4-1**. Rd.4: **Piketh bt Rambo 12-3 10-3**.

DAY 3

MEN: Sec.1: Rd.5: Rogers (ESP) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 8-8 11-4, Cabous Olivier (NAM) bt Selwyn Hare (ISR) 4-12 13-5 3-2. Rd.6: Lam bt Gaborutwe 6-7 14-4 3-1. Rd.7 (split round): Henry bt Gaborutwe 10-6 10-3.

WOMEN: Sec.1: Rd.5: Broomfield (ESP) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 7-5 16-2. Rd.6: Hili bt Gaborutwe 8-4 10-6. ec.2: Rd.5: Rd.6: **Edwards bt Piketh (RSA) 7-3 9-5**.

DAY 4

MEN: Sec.1: Rd.7: Cabous Olivier (NAM) bt Jones (NFI) 6-9 10-2 5-1 Henry (AUS) bt Gaborutwe 10-6 10-3. Cabous Olivier withdrew after the death of his mother on March 16. Rd.8: Hare bt Gaborutwe 10-6 12-5, Bhartu (CAN) bt Olivier (w/o) 10-5 10-5. Rd.9: Bhartu bt

Gaborutwe 14-6 10-8, Rusli bt Olivier (w/o) 10-7 9-6. Sec.2: Rd.7: **Breitenbach (RSA) bt Akar (TUR) 17-2 16-5**, Rd.8: **Breitenbach bt Forsyth 7-4 7-5** Rd.9: **Breitenbach bt Tan 18-0 5-5**.

WOMEN: Sec.1: Rd.7: Tam (MAC) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 6-7 9-5 5-0, Rd.8: Prasad bt Gaborutwe 10-2 12-4, Ismail bt Hili 10-5 10-5. Sec.2: Rd.7: **Piketh (RSA) bt Masako Satoh (JPN) 10-4 10-5**.

DAY 5

MEN: Sec.1: Rd.10: Tom Rogers (ESP) bt Cabous Olivier (NAM) walkover 13-6 12-5. Rd.11: Davis bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 15-3 9-4, Duncan bt Olivier (w/o) 12-7 11-6. Sec.2: Rd.10 **Breitenbach (RSA) bt Lai (HKC) 8-3 7-7**. Rd.11: **Breitenbach bt F Roberts 8-7 7-4**

WOMEN: Sec.1: Rd.9: Beere (GUE) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 18-0 10-5. Sec.2: Rd.8: **Greenlees (PHI) bt Piketh (RSA) 9-7 10-2**, Sec 2 Rd.8: **Piketh bt Babona 11-6 11-4**.

DAY 6

MEN: Sec.1: Rd.12: Rusli (MAS) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 16-4 16-1; Sec.2: Rd.12: **Breitenbach (RSA) bt S Roberts (USA) 11-6 7-7**.

WOMEN: Sec.1: Rd.10: Pricilla Westlake (CAN) bt Obakeng Gaborutwe (BOT) 12-4 18-2. Rd.11: Scott bt Gaborutwe 23-1 11-4, Sec.2: Rd.10: **Doig (SCO) bt Colleen Piketh (RSA) 8-8 10-2**; Rd.11: **Piketh (RSA) bt Corrie Windle-Braam (NED) 9-5 17-4**

FINAL STANDINGS: Scott 30 points +112 shots, Beere 30 +99, Ismail 27 +114, Carmen Anderson 24 +109, Hili 21 -11, Lai 18 -2, Westlake 15 +2, Prasad 12 +29, Broomfield 12 -23, Hajjah Salleh (BRU) 6 -59, Hilda Tan (MAC) 3 -137, Gaborutwe 0 -233.

FINAL STANDINGS: Jo Edwards 27 points +131 shots, Lesley Doig 27 +118, Greenlees 24 +45, **Piketh 21 +65**, Tammy Tham (SIN) 18 +42, Petal Jones 15 +27, Masaka Satoh (JAP) 12 -28, Merle Apter (ISR) 9 -111, Loa Babona

(PNG) 6 -88, Corri Windle-Braam (NED) 3 -110, Margi Rambo (USA) 3 -91.

DAY 7

MEN: Sec.1: Rd.13: Ken Emura (JPN) bt Gaborutwe (BOT) 16-4 12-4, Gariga Babona (PNG) bt Cobus Olivier (NAM) walkover 11-5 11-5.

FINAL STANDINGS: Ali Forsyth (NZL) 33 points +143 shots, **Pierre Breitenbach (RSA) 33 +129**, Curtis Hanley (USA) 30 +73, Matt Le Ber (GUE) 27 +51, Lai 24 +49, Scott Roberts (USA) 21 +29, Mark McGreal (IOM) 15 +52, Osman Yahya (BRU) 15 -109, Ozkan Akar (TUR) 12 -100, Melvin Tan (SING) 9 -55, Munesh Kumar (FIJ) 9 -63, Shaun Parnis (MLT) 3 -90, Frans Roberts (NED) 3 -109.

MEN ELIMINATION FINALS: Henry (AUS) bt Hanley (AUS) 8-7 14-1, **Rusli (MAS) bt Breitenbach (RSA) 3-12 11-4 3-1**.

WOMEN ELIMINATION FINALS: Lucy Beere (GUE) bt Lesley Doig (SCO) 9-8 6-8 2-1, Nor Hashima Ismail (MAS) bt Ronalyn Greenlees (PHI) 10-5 8-5.

DAY 8

MEN SEMI FINAL: Henry (AUS) bt Ronnie Duncan (SCO) 7-5 7-7

WOMEN SEMI FINAL: Lucy Beere (GUE) bt Natasha Scott (AUS) 8-7 9-5, Jo Edwards (NZL) bt Nor Hashimah Ismail (MAS) 10-2 9-5.

DAY 9

MEN SEMI FINAL: Rusli (MAS) bt Ali Forsyth (NZL) 9-2 11-6.

MEN FINAL: Jeremy Henry (AUS) bt Soufi Rusli (MAS) 6-5 11-2;

WOMEN FINAL: Jo Edwards (NZL) bt Lucy Beere (GUE) 8-5 2-9 4-1

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



SATISFACTION FOR THE SELECTORS

Hello fellow bowlers. How good was Pierre Breitenbach's performance (see this newsletter) at the World Indoor Singles Championships in Australia?

He may have shown the national selectors they need not look further for a long-term international singles player. Now, both he and

the equally amazing Colleen Webb Piketh must receive maximum exposure against quality opposition under all types of conditions and on all surfaces.

Hats off to the organising committee of the International Blind Bowlers Championships 11th world event in Cape Town, under the baton of hard-working, efficient Jenny Phillips. This has significantly enhanced bowls image and reputation to be able to successfully host international events.

The inter districts' sets format scoring was accepted well by all players. Also, the method of drawing teams in accordance with their previous year's performances added to both sections being strongly contested, with

strength playing strength.

I was pleased to see a record number of teams entered this year for the three junior national events in Bloemfontein; fear not, the national selectors will be there to identify talent. The Cape Districts are to be commended for entering a maximum number of teams.

Keep well and prepare for winter – let's hope the rain is sweet, cool and prolonged.

**Kallie Haupt -
President, Bowls South Africa**

HAUPT NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION

The president of Bowls South Africa, Kallie Haupt, will not stand for re-election at the AGM, but the remaining executive members will do so on August 27. An election shall take place and districts' nominations should reach Bowls SA on or before May 29 in terms of clause 5.2.3 of the constitution.

A workshop takes place from 10.30 on Saturday, August 26; the AGM on August 27, from 10.30am; both at Edenvale Bowling Club, Ekurhuleni.

Clause 5 of the constitution lays out:

5.1 Composition:

5.1.1 The executive shall consist of six persons.

5.2 Nomination for election:

5.2.1 Each year 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 executive and 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 (1) 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 Bowls SA form which must be accompanied by the nominee's CV.

5.2.4 A list of nominations for each position, together with a copy of each nominee's curriculum vitae, shall be sent to each District 45) days before the AGM; (July 14).

5.2.5 The names of the nominees shall be placed on the AGM agenda.

Notices of motion and resolutions.

In terms of clause 13.1 of the constitution "Any motions/resolutions to be moved at a meeting of council shall be submitted in the full extract form at which it is intended it shall be adopted and shall be in the hands of Bowls SA not later than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting.

Districts are requested to let Bowls SA have any items they wish placed on the workshop agenda for discussion on or before May 29.



BUSINESS LEAGUE FUN AT THE COAST

Strand Bowling Club's business league is flourishing reports Aloma Smith - 32 rinks took part in the last SBL Strand Business League (see pictures).

Winners received a shirt and trophy and there were many other prizes. One player remarked "Wow this is great, where else can you play and drink?"



SA RETAIN VISUALLY IMPAIRED WORLD TITLE



The South African team retained their overall title at the International Blind Bowls Association's 11th World Championships played at WPPC bowls club, Cape Town. [Full details and pictures in the May newsletter]

Final placings: Gold: South Africa 96points, +292 shots; Silver Australia 79, +160; Bronze Israel, 60, -19. Ten nations competed (Editor).





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The popular Warwick Wealth/Durbanville BC Ladies' Challenge near Cape Town proved a great success, reports the sponsor's representative Douglas Street.

This traditional event has been running for some time and is always one of the club's show pieces.

Teams from out of town joined from as far as Langebaan up the West Coast and Paarl. Greens were superb and special mention must go to the greenkeepers – speeds were 13-13.5 sec. A packed three greens saw two games,

one of 16 ends and another of 12 ends, was separated by the popular Spider (see pictures). Great hospitality from Durbanville BC which has become their trademark; well done to the organising team and a special thanks to all gents who served the ladies on the day - with their red banners.

First prize winners were skipped by Pam Nel, second prize went to Sandy Wehrli and team, Marge Wilmot' sides from Senior Masters' player Marina Brink, came next.

Other pictures include the LCE Ladies, a busy lunch scene and some spider pics.

DURBANVILLE UP TO THE CHALLENGE



WINNERS - Team Nel



RUNNERS UP - Team Wehrli



3RD PLACE



4TH PLACE



COLD DAY BUT WARWICK FUN AT HOWICK



STU-PENDOUS: Winners, Stuart Milligan, Des Smith, Barbara Cuthill

Coldish weather greeted 48 stalwarts participating in the Warwick Wealth sponsored drawn trips afternoon at Howick, reports Stuart Milligan, accompanied by Conrad Clifford. With a point per end and four points for a win the winners were decided on only the final

couple of ends. The top four places were separated by only four points and the afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all. Warwick voucher winners were Ian Forrrest, Frans Brooks, Nicky Wallis, Ray Bester, Heather Findlay. Norman Chemaly received his



WHAT A CARD: Premier Card awarded to Norman Chemaly

premier card award from Conrad Clifford; Bill & Ellen Dougherty were unavailable.

'OLD DOG' SHOWS THEM THE TRICKS

The Warwick Wealth Men's Fours at Bluff Bowling Club, Port Natal saw Port Natal stalwart John Connellan (Stella Park) skip his side to victory after six games of 15 ends. Competition was fierce throughout and any of five teams could have walked away with the main prize reports Lifestyle Networks Manager, Stuart Milligan, who was accompanied by Conrad Clifford. John Connellan, Dion Audie, Ryan Jacobs, Duane Thomas outlasted Mark Burgess (Queensburgh Bowling Club), Travis



TOP DOGS: Team Connellan

Engelbrecht, Grant Mandich, Terrance Arnold. Warwick voucher winners were Wayne Smith, Martin Gaunt, Ray du Cray, Shawn Sadler and Terry Micholson. Kurt Spack (see pictures) was on hand to receive his Premier Card award from Conrad Clifford, but Heather Jackson and Joy Gillespie were unavailable on the day. Hot

and humid conditions greeted the 48 men's fours teams on both days of this annual Warwick Wealth/Bluff tournament. The event was well supported by the clubs in the greater Durban area. Booby prize winner Team Hoffmann received a liquor hamper donated by Booths Bottle Store.



BOOBY PRIZE - Team Hoffmann



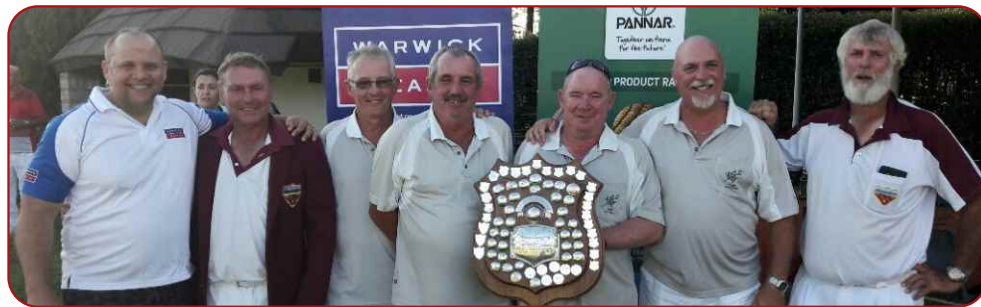
PREMIER CARD RECIPIENT - Kurt Spack

The Warwick Wealth/ Langebaan Country Estate/Warwick Mixed fours saw a packed immaculate green, reports Douglas (Sandy) Street, accompanied by Richard Filer and the CEO of Warwick Private clients, Marc Wiese. Random teams were placed strength vs strength and no one walked away empty-handed. The top seven sides all got their entrance fee back; the others were all in the prizes. Three Warwick Hampers were given out. A big thank you to the local braai champ and expert fisherman Terry Boucher (see pictures) Winners were Derek Elcock, Julie Vander Merwe, Ann Tromp, Hennie Hatting from Floris Venter, Miems Louw, Giel Rossouw, Kyle Stemmet with Tony Mehl, Andrew Whittal, Thea Steyn, Linda Rossouw in third place. Proceeds from a spider went to the Blind Bowlers Association. Well done to Eddie Bremner and his team for a great all-round performance.

EDDIE PUTS ON SHOW FOR WARWICK AT LANGEBAAN



PRIDEAUX BROWN FROM THE PETER BROWN



The weather was warm and the play was hot when Warwick Wealth, Pannar Seeds and FNB sponsored the 70th Peter Brown men's fours at Bergville Bowling Club in spectacular view of the Drakensberg, reports Warwick Lifestyle Manager, Stuart Milligan who was accompanied by Warwick finance guru Stuart McMurtrie. Format was four games of 21 ends with a point per end and four points for the win, which resulted in five teams having a chance to win the tournament going into the final round. The local Klipbank team ended up pipping two Durban teams from Bluff BC. Hospitality/catering was outstanding from the Friday evening till Sunday evening or let's say the early hours of Monday morning. Hearty congratulations to Peter Scott (president of Bergville) and all the helpers for a most enjoyable tournament.

WINNERS: Eros Jannon, Rod Perrin, Bob Corringham, Rod van Deventer (Klipbank BC)



PIPPED: Chad Wilson, Ryan Warren, Eddie Human, Dudley Dorrofield (Bluff BC)



ALSO PIPPED: Greg Dorrofield, Johnny Goosen, Spider Williams, Deon Els (Bluff BC)



DINNER TIME: Feeding the gang

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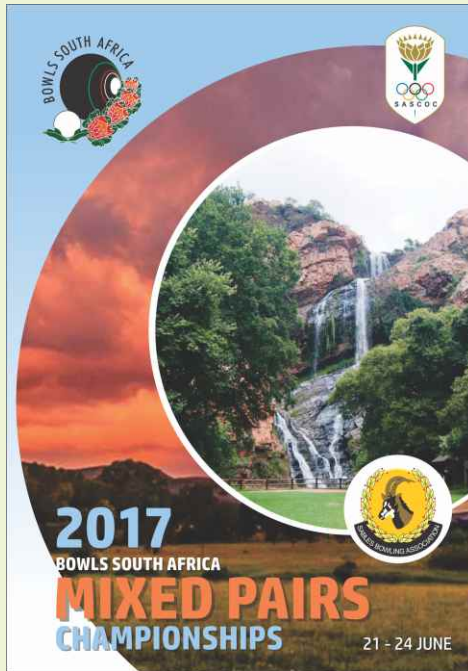
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BOWLS SA ROUNDUP

SWEET MIXED FOR HONEYDEW

The 2017 BSA Mixed Pairs is at Honeydew Bowls Club, Sables, from June 21 – 24. Districts should send in the names of their winners of their District Mixed Pairs, on or before May 2 - to convenor, Lynne Marnewick at lynne.marnewick@gmail.com

- The T/C has arranged for accommodation at the Benvento Hotel - including breakfast. Players of the same gender shall be required to share.
- Transport between the hotel and the venue is by Bowls SA. Should teams arrange their own accommodation they will be required to arrange and pay for transport.
- Teams flying to Johannesburg should arrange arrival at the OR Tambo airport around late morning to midday on June 20. Departure is late afternoon on Saturday June 24. Transport to and from the airport by Bowls SA.
- Teams may practice on June 20 and should attend an opening cocktail party at Honeydew BC from 6pm.



YOUNGER THAN SPRINGTIME: Five-year old Darren sends one away in Bristol, England.

NATIONAL SINGLES BEEFED UP

This serves to advise that with the increased entries into the National Singles for both Men and Women, four (4) sessions shall be played on the first day of the event. Players shall be expected to play three (3) games during the day.

In order to assist the hosting districts players are expected to mark games when not involved in play.

LIMPOPO ON THE MAP

Limpopo has a Facebook page:
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PROTOCOL ADJUSTED

The Zone Talent Development Programme protocol distributed with circular 11/2017 has been thoroughly tested. It was found the time needed was far too long to fit it all in on one day and still allow players travelling long distances to get home before dark.

As attacking skills count 20%, it was decided not only to weight the final scores 80% (drawing) : 20% (attacking), but also that the number of bowls played follow the same ratio. The adjusted protocol replaces that distributed with Circular 11.

This protocol, the player protocol (limited version of the same document), score sheets and data sheets will be sent directly to the personnel involved in each district. or can be found at-

http://www.bowlssa.co.za/files/circulars/2017%20Circulars/Circular_18_-_ZTDP_Protocols.pdf

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