



Bowls development in South Africa continues apace. It is not the same as "putting bums on seats", say for sport spectator attendance, rather systematic use of scientific and technical knowledge to meet specific objectives, plus vitally a process of economic and social transformation based on complex cultural and environmental factors and their interactions. In short, development is an umbrella paradigm to reap just rewards for all. Bowls South Africa's executive and its associates' effort and planning into membership, club infrastructure, junior involvement and community participation has gathered magnificent momentum. But it also requires all lovers of the sport to contribute, regardless of how small a gesture might be; clubs and players are urged to help BowlsSA ensure that the next century of bowling pleasure be guaranteed...

South Africa a world leader in the development of bowls

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

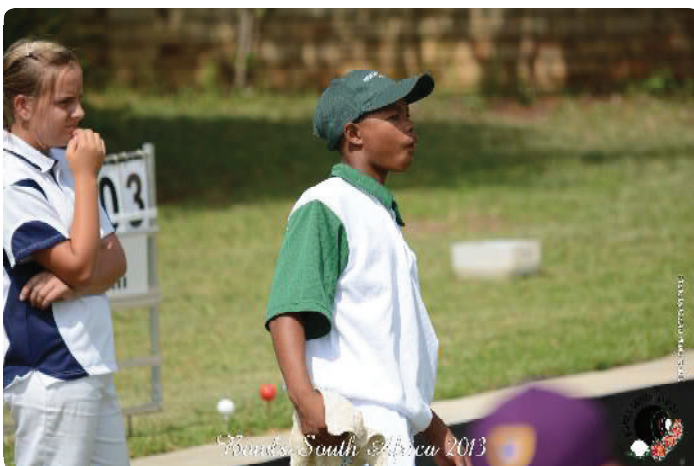
Bowls South Africa invested in excess of R2-million on overall development of the sport in 2013; maybe double that for 2014. Apart from the more than 2 200 new players who have joined clubs this year alone, a similar number is poised to follow. Coaches, development officers and clubs' members and officials themselves are enthusiastically following the call to reverse two decade of decline caused by natural attrition, security concerns, costs, emigration and major change in social communication – the vital link to development success.

When he took up his onerous challenge as president of BowlsSA

more than three years ago, Allan Freeman said: "We have a duty to ensure bowls is perpetuated in South Africa. To do that a conscientious effort by all must take the game into new areas of the entire community. Development is not just teaching people to bowl, but creating a mindset of sporting excellence and enjoyment. To that my executive is committed."

That credo has been accelerated; the results speak for themselves as Phoenix-like, bowls, which boasted 80 000 members 30 years ago, now a growing 26 000, re-invents itself at every level of skill and success.

It has not and will continue not to be, a simple or easy task. There



L: TALENT: U-19s showing the way



R: CHAMPIONS: Unbeaten winners of the fours at the inaugural quadrangular tournament in Namibia, from left: Morgan Muvhango (also the SA National Singles champion), lead; Pierre Breitenbach (still only 25, a gold medallist at the Commonwealth Games) third; Gerry Baker (SA No 1 for many years) skip and Thinus Oelofse (an emerging young talent), second



GIRL POWER: Brilliant Boland youngster Anneke Snyman – an U-25 star, ready for her Protea future

will also always be detractors, but visual and real progress generally disposes of, dismays and sidelines armchair critics. Bowls SA recognises development is not solely about putting children onto bowling greens. As Freeman adroitly indicates "Our focus is also directed firmly towards the 30-45 age group."

Inflation, changes in demography and a complex impact of social upheaval viciously struck at the very roots of bowls. The mass exodus of South African teenagers and young graduates 20-25 years ago impacted later on bowls with devastating effect as the parents of those who had left, many of them bowlers, also departed to be with adult children and grandchildren.

With clubs closing (rates, taxes, municipal lack of interest, too few members) and, therefore membership suffering (a global phenomenon impacting severely on New Zealand, Australia and Britain), a strong hand on the rudder and a foot on the brake were required. Club amalgamations, negotiations with municipalities, careful budgeting – mostly Bowls SA assisted – has seen accelerated transformation. There is still a way to go, but the bleeding appears to have been stopped; the future appears brighter.

Overseas, bowls is played across Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) countries and backgrounds. In Australia, many clubs have opened doors to people of all cultures; municipalities have joined the trend. Australia's Victorian Bowls Multicultural Bowls Programme assists migrants and refugees assimilate to the Australian culture and equip clubs with skills and the wherewithal to adapt to the changing demographics of their local communities.

To the delight of Bowls SA and its faithful, black players have made a major breakthrough. Two, Prince Neluonde (JBA) and Morgan Muvhango (Sables) have been deservedly awarded Protea colours, winning fame and accolades at top international level. They are the role models for the thousands more who aspire to play and cross into what was for many years perceived (probably justifiably) as a white-dominated and undoubtedly a racist sport. In saying that, it was not that bowlers were or are racist, but the nature of the sport and the playing parameters in the "old era" gave that firm suggestion.

Bowls SA has in the last few years introduced a plethora of interventions such as club management, junior involvement, the touring nationally of carefully devised, designed and constructed bowls "trailers" to demonstrate and publicise the sport, sponsorship involvement, university bowls, corporate bowls, barefoot bowls, an annual awareness weekend, weekly visits from execu-

tives, motivational speakers, literature and financial assistance via equipment and green keeping technique.

Infrastructure at club, district and national level has led to favourable comment from World Bowls and placed this country in esteem with other major bowling nations in both hemispheres. An on-line newsletter affords Bowls SA a mouthpiece and thousands of readers a gateway to bowls news both local, national and international. A experienced journalist acts as media officer, also editing the monthly newsletter on the BSA website (www.bowlssa.co.za) and daily spreads the word to the print media at home and overseas via a top class marketing company.

From 2015, clubs from other countries are welcome to play the Warwick Wealth/BowlsSA National Fours and Pairs, while entries into the innovative Spec-Savers Pro 10 Pairs at District level have more than doubled in those Districts already beginning the 2015 event; the shorter two-bowl format is hailed.

Examination of the Bowls SA scenario unlocks an amazing picture of commitment and effort into total development. Greens, club management, coaching and training videos and the spread of an e-mail setup through computer literacy and availability of a tabs-in streamlining programme also play roles.

Space precludes anything more than a résumé of what has happened between 2013 and this year, but it makes impressive reading.

- The U-19 Development Tournament was held at Collegians BC in Maritzburg in April with 24 teams (96 players) enthusiastically participating. The event was won by Natal Inland from JBA. From next year the U-19 and U-25 (this year attended by 18 teams; 72 players; in Margate, Kingfisher) national events will be permanently situated in Bloemfontein, saving travelling and exorbitant expense. Bowls SA sank R230 000 into these events – much provided by the Department of Sport & Recreation;
- The Bowls Trailer continues to be used extensively. While at Strand BC it featured on Al Jazeera TV. The TV article can be seen by following the link provided on www.bowlssa.co.za. The trailer plays a significant role in the increase of registered bowlers and the enhancement of bowls' image. Equipment and expert instruction accompanies the trailer. Bowls SA also assisted Eden Bowls (formerly Southern Cape) to brand their own trailer; the BSA executive also approved commissioning a third trailer set to roll in December and the NSCPD continuously applies for funds to build more trailers for national deployment. The district workshops programme ended in Port Elizabeth in May where it was decided the original trailer move to Cape Town permanently after the Port Elizabeth varsity event described later in this article;
- The R120 000 Varsity Project began in May. Bowls SA assisted JBA and Johannesburg University at Auckland Park Bowling Club, with 40-50 participants. A second event saw Pretoria University at Sunnyside BC with 110 students attending and the



GIANT KILLER: Ashleigh Parks – humbled her classy older opponents in Namibia

Wishing all readers an enjoyable, tranquil holiday/festive season and a prosperous and peaceful 2015:

Bowls SA, its executive, staff, and the editor and staff of the Bowls SA Newsletter

event covered by SABC TV; a third event was held at Potchefstroom Town BC with more than 150 students turning up and,

- Through Awareness Day(s) public from all walks are invited to "open day(s)" at clubs to have fun, get on a green and bowl, then savour something of club camaraderie and the joy brought by the sport. One young woman who tried and liked, described bowls and its ambiance as infectious.

At all varsity events the faithful trailer was used. Enjoyment was exceptional; many students continued the sport and each fresh happening saw numbers grow. After a break to allow for year-end examination and holidays March dates are scheduled for Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein varsity events.

Success breeds success. The Proteas' triumphs at the Commonwealth Games saw SABC TV and ETV express great interest; coverage has become available on request, something unheard of under earlier administrations. Moreover, Bowls SA players were invited to interviews on no fewer than seven TV programmes and 16 radio talk shows in the last six months.

Bowls SA are also negotiating to establish a monthly TV magazine programme; playing weekly as a repeat. Viewing time and cost remain major discussion points. If sponsorship arrives and the rest is resolved, another major break though is on the cards.

An example of careful planning and exceptional administration was with TV coverage for the Accumulo Challenge at Bedfordview CC in August; Bowls SA also organised and managed a fundraiser for Disability Bowls (South Africa's visually impaired and handicapped bowlers are world champions) at Lombardy East BC with extensive SABC TV coverage. It culminated in R12 600 being raised towards the disabled's World Championships in New Zealand in February.

With bowls being one of few sports played for a lifetime, modified equipment which enables a bowler to continue long after the body tells them to slow – those with hip or knee injuries or even arm disabilities - has been introduced; Bowls SA advises and encourages.

Membership is always seen as a barometer of how successful is a sport and with SA sailing on a new tack into a freshening wind the figures for this year are heartening.

A breakdown indicates new bowler figures for 2014 as: January 411; February 262; March 181; April 202, May 157, June 96, July 126, August 241, September 207, October 374, a total of 2 257 and with 1 383 (61%) of them under 50. In another innovation rapidly gathering momentum, 410 new bowlers were recruited through existing members introducing them while taking advantage of a free from affiliation bonus initiative.

The Bowls SA executive, aware bowls is played across many Culturally And Linguistically Diverse (CALD) countries and backgrounds considers anything that might be of benefit to South Africa.

Australian bowls clubs have opened doors to all cultures. The Victorian Bowls Multicultural Programme assist migrants and refugees assimilate to the Australian culture, also equipping clubs with the skills to adapt to the changing demographics of their local community.

More people in Scotland will be encouraged to emulate Team Scotland's World Bowls and Commonwealth Games stars through a Scottish Government's national agency for sport initiatives investing an amazing £420 000 (R7.2-million) over four years to help recruit development officers and a coaching manager, giving people the chance to try the sport and to help clubs attract new and retain existing members - Minister of Sport and Recreation Fikile Mbalula please note.

Schools development has made great strides and the number of



WINNER: The eyes tell it all for KZN ...

young bowlers has grown unbelievably. Proof of their progress might be measured by the manner in which a Junior Protea (Under-25) side dented the pride of their illustrious South African, Namibian and Zimbabwean full internationals at an inaugural Quadrangular Tournament held in Namibia. SA's U-19 players, some as young as eight, from urban and platteland pods, show



YOUNG TALENT: The successful SA Juniors side in Namibia

skills and composure beyond their tender years.

"We know where we are going and we will succeed. But again I call on all bowlers to do something to help us to help all. We have committed executives (none of whom incidentally receive a penny for their work) great weather, superb greens, wonderful sponsors, top coaches and administrative personnel to ensure success – the rest required is up to you the club players. I am confident together we shall continue our success," says Freeman.



YOUNGER STILL: "Bowls Babes" perpetuating the code

Ecstasy, then agony at sports awards

Johannesburg. – A major South African sports award went to Bowls SA's brilliant Protea women, winners of two gold and two bronze medals at the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, with the 2014 Spar gSport Award for Federation of The Year. A week later the team that won seven Games medals – five gold – was disappointingly not named as Team of the Year after making the final three at the Department of Sport & Recreation's SA Sports Team of The Year awards at Sandton writes **Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, BowlsSA**

At the Spar presentation at The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg, women's captain at the Games, Susan Nel (Sables), accepted the trophy from sports legend Blanche Moila for BSA then said: "It was an honour representing South Africa at the Games, now Bowls SA, who prepared us so well, fittingly more than shares this major award for administrative excellence."

"This is the culmination of another great year for our women players with gold medal performances also in the African States Championships and the Quadrangular Test event in Namibia," said BSA operations manager, John Ravenscroft, who nominated the gSports winners and attended the Wanderers presentation on behalf of president, Allan Freeman.

At the Sandton Centre, the bowls team faced Games' gold medalists Springbok Rugby 7s side and the victorious SA under-19 cricket champions, but in spite of the most stellar performance of the Games, went unrewarded...



JUST REWARD: Susan Nel, captain of the BowlsSA Proteas' women's team at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, left, accepts the 2014 SPAR gSport Federation of the Year Award from inspirational SA running icon Blanche Moila, at the 2014 SPAR gSport Awards at the Wanderers Club, Johannesburg. Picture: Rebecca Hearfield, gSport

** Full details in next edition of BowlsSA Newsletter

From the president's desk:

Major trophies 'earned through dedication'

Hello Fellow Bowlers,

I believe that our sport has had a fantastic year on the international scene, comparable if not better than all the other SA sports federations.

Following extraordinary success at the Commonwealth Games, our women's team won the Spar gSports Federation Of The Year Award, and to cap it all Lawn Bowls made the final three at the Department of Sport and Recreation's Team of the Year award at a gala dinner held at the Sandton Convention Centre last Sunday; they faced the U-19 SA Cricket side and the Games' Rugby 7s gold medalists for the top spot and, disappointingly, for a side that won seven medals, five gold, did not prevail.

On behalf of us all I salute and congratulate our international bowlers on what they have achieved as a result of hard work and dedication; it augurs well for 2015 and the World Bowls Championships to be held in New Zealand in 2016.

Before I sign off I wish all bowlers a joyful and peaceful festive season, a stunning 2015 and if you are travelling, please be safe.

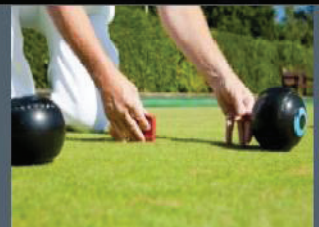
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Warwick events provide joy and excitement

Banners Rest Bowling Club (Port Edward) put on a great show for their Warwick Nominated Trips, won by Barry Payn, Mariaane van Buuren and Sergio Ruperto (Port Edward) from Joe Ashworth and team (Banners Rest), reports Warwick Lifestyle Network Manager, Stuart Milligan, accompanied by Denise Ralfe. Twelve nominated mixed trips braved a cold, windy morning on the Natal South Coast for two games of 10 ends (skins format). The event was supported by the three other clubs in the area, whose greens were under annual renovation. The eventual winners did exceptionally to drop only one skin (two points) during the entire. After a short Warwick Wealth presentation and prize giving a superb array of snacks was served.

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The fourth Warwick Doug Watson Classic at Margate Bowling Club saw the spoils go to Mike Jeffrey, Lenie Geyer, Sandy Jeffrey, Ken Tonge of the host club. Stuart Milligan reports he and Joanne Schmitt (a Warwick investment specialist from Durban) attended. This event was the brain child of the late, great bowls Springbok Doug Watson and held annually in his honour. Teams consist of two men and two women who play a mixed trips game followed by a fourth player playing singles before lunch on day one. That afternoon the teams split into a game of men's and women's pairs. Day two opens with mixed pairs combinations doing battle and concluded with mixed fours. Great bowls and sportsmanship was on display with international players from throughout the district. Seen in their red strip are, **left to right: Mike Jeffrey, Lenie Geyer, Sandy Jeffrey, Ken Tonge).**

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Margate also staged a Warwick Social Event, with the sponsor's Stuart Milligan and Ryan Fleming (Warwick' Investment Specialist from Durban) attending. A dozen mixed fours participated under in windy conditions. Bill Brown (club president) welcomed Ryan to open proceedings with a short introduction of Warwick's products. This was followed by two games of 12 ends (skins format) before lunch and a further game of 18 ends. Good bowls and great sportsmanship was on display in trying weather. Winners were



HAPPY DAYS: A Leisure Isle team won the Gonubie Strawberry Classic, from left: Magda du Preez , Helen Herr , Wendy Ballentine , Jenny Raymond, with Quinton Durant (Lifestyle Network Manager, Port Elizabeth)

Jokkie van Buuren, Leonie Booth, Mariaane van Buuren and Rob Lyle (Port Edward BC) I runners-up were Shane Nienaber's team skipped by Athol Roberts. The Warwick Wealth lucky draw winner was Jokkie van Buuren (shirt) and Keith Thiele (whisky),

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At Gonubie Bowling Club (East London) the Warwick Wealth Ladies Strawberry Classic attended by Lifestyle Manager/ Investment Specialist Quinton Durant, saw two full greens of players from all over the Border district - 22 teams in all. The event was a great success and the weather played along on the day one; but on day two a strong wind tested patience. The club and players thanked Warwick for their generous sponsorship, on-going support and prizes, presented by Quinton.



SA Juniors give Proteas a wake-up call in Namibia

Windhoek, Namibia. – Zimbabwe's men bowlers, often an "almost entity" came good in the inaugural Quadrangular Test Series played in perfect conditions between South Africa, SA Juniors, Namibia and Zimbabwe. "Mugabe's Men" won overall from perennial champions SA; SA juniors came third. SA's women held sway from their brilliant juniors; Zimbabwe ended third, writes Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa.

Pairs, Triples, Fours and Singles were played with medals going to discipline winners.

Talking point was the introduction of SA Junior sides (mostly from the Under-25 elite squads). BowlsSA president, Allan Freeman said before the event he was looking forward to how they would stand up to their senior counterparts; he needed have worried, at one stage they threatened to win overall, giving notice bowls development was alive and well in South Africa.

If there was a MVP award it would have to go to Ashleigh Parks (Central Gauteng) of SA Juniors. The bubbling Warwick/BowlsSA Junior Masters 2014 silver medallist crushed her three opponents in the women singles, recording an amazing +34 shots. Included in her "scalps" was multi-SA Masters and SA Singles champion Colleen Piketh, a Commonwealth Games gold medalist in Glasgow, humbled 21-4.

Most disappointing, more for the player than for the team, was the apparent lack of form of talented SA Masters champion Nic Rusling (WP) who at the other end of the scale surprisingly lost all his singles clashes – it sounds harsh, but probably cost SA the overall gold – such is bowls.

After the first day the Junior Proteas gave notice they were not just there to make up the numbers.

In the men's division, the youngsters (mostly from SA's talented Under-25 elite squad) narrowly lost their opening Triples match to SA (who then lost to Zimbabwe), before thrashing Namibia. Simultaneously, their Pairs duo took no prisoners, beating SA and Namibia to lead the standings; SA beat Namibia.

The Junior Women crushed SA and Namibia in the women's fours; SA edged in against Zimbabwe and Parks completed her mayhem run; credit to a shell-shocked Piketh who rallied to win her other two clashes.

Skipping internationally for the first time SA's brilliant double Glasgow golden girl Tracy-Lee Botha produced the goods and is set for a long successful Protea career.

In a separate event, SA Senior men drew the first Test with Namibia's Over 60s side; the women won 7-1.

Day two saw much of the same; Zimbabwe emerging strongest. But veteran SA skip Gerry Baker, Games gold medallist Pierre Breitenbach, Thinus Oelofse and black debutant Morgan Muvhango claimed a Fours whitewash and the SA women took control in triples and pairs.

In the Seniors' second Test the men won 6-2 to win overall 10-6 (+10 shots); the SA women won 8-0 (+28) and a dominating 15-1 (+54)

Freeman was enthusiastic. "It goes to show that sound administration, dedication from coaches and commitment from the players, most involved in work or studies, can produce international class effort. I am delighted and proud of all our players – but especially the Junior sides."

The Namibian selectors, naturally elated over their players' good showing in Glasgow must be mystified at the hosts' unfortunate performance here – it's back to the drawing board there.

Scores:

Men:

Triples: SA 16, Namibia 10, SA Juniors 10, Zimbabwe 26; SA 18, SA Juniors 15; SA 17, Zimbabwe 19; SA Juniors 23, Namibia 3; Final log: Zimbabwe 6 points, +31shots; SA 4, +7

Pairs: SA 25, Nam 14, SA Jun 13, Zim 20, SA 16, SA Juniors 19, SA 18, Namibia 13; SA Juniors 18, Namibia 13. Final log: SA 4, +13, SA Jun 4, +1; Zim 2, -3; Nam 2, -11

Fours: SA 24, Namibia 9; SA Jun 11, Zim 27, SA 18, SA Jun 11; SA 21, Zim 11, SA Jun 23, Nam 9, Final log: SA 6, +32, Zim 4, +21, SA Jun 2, -9; Nam 0, -44



YOUNG STARS: Boland's Proteas of the near future – from left: Anneke Snyman, Stephan de Jager, Ezile Fourie – all shone in Windhoek

Singles: SA 8, SA Jun 21; SA 16, Zim 21; SA 6, Nam 21; SA Jun 18, Nam 21; SA Jun 21, Zim 18. Final Log: SA Juniors 6, +34; SA 4, -4; Namibia 2, -19; Zim 0, -11

Women:

Fours: SA 34, Nam 6; SA Jun 14, Zim 18; SA 8, SA Juniors 22, SA 18, Zimbabwe 17; SA Juniors 23, Namibia 12; Final Log: SA 4, +19; SA Jun 4, +17; Zim 2, +10; Nam 0, -46.

Singles: SA Juniors 21, SA 4; SA Juniors 21, Namibia 4; SA Juniors 21, Zimbabwe 18. SA 21, Zimbabwe 16; SA 21, Namibia 13; Final Log: SA Jun 6, +34; SA 4, -4; Nam 2, -19; Zim 0, -11

Triples: SA 16, Nam 14; SA 19, SA Jun 13, SA 14, Zim 15; SA Jun 27, Nam 9, SA Jun 12, Zim 17. Final Log: Zimbabwe 6, +7, SA 4, +7, SA Jun 2, +7, Nam 0, -21.

Pairs: SA 24, SA Jun 13, SA 12, Zim 12, SA 17, Nam 16; SA Jun 18, Nam 16, SA Jun 22, Zim 13. Final Log: SA 5, +21, SA Jun 4 +0, Zim 3, +8, Nam 0, -23.

Medals (gold, silver, bronze): Men: Pairs: SA, SA Jun, Zim; Fours: SA, Zim, SA Jun; Singles: Zim, SA Jun, Nam; Triples: Zim, SA, SA Jun. Women: Pairs: SA, SA Jun, Zim; Fours: SA, SA Jun, Zim; Singles: SA Jun, SA, Nam; Triples: Zim, SA, SA Jun.

Teams:

Proteas: Men: Fours: Gerry Baker, Pierre Breitenbach, Thinus Oelofse, Morgan Muvhango; Singles: Nick Rusling; Pairs: Baker/Rusling; Trips: Breitenbach/Oelofse/Muvhango; Women: Fours: Tracy-Lee Botha, Elma Davis, Rika Lynn, Nici Neal; Singles: Colleen Piketh; Pairs: Piketh/Lynn; Trips: Botha/Davis/Neal

SA Seniors: Men: Fours: Geoff Gowar (EP), Laylon Howard (Natal Inland) Eddie Fann (Kingfisher), Mike Marnewick (Sables); Singles: Allan Gordon (Gauteng); Pairs: Fann/Gordon; Trips: Gowar/Howard/ Marnewick. Women: Loraine Victor (Gauteng N) Jenny Smith (Gauteng), Glenda Matthews (Port Natal), Trish Young (WP) Singles: Sharon Glenn (Gauteng); Pairs: Glenn/Young; Trips: Victor/Smith/Matthews

SA Juniors: Men: Fours: Conrad Potgieter (Border), Brendan Ainley (Natal Inland), Stephan de Jager (Boland), Tarquin Ormston (Border); Singles: Shawn Jansen van Vuuren (Mpumalanga); Pairs: Van Vuuren / De Jager; Trips: Potgieter/Ainley/Ormston. Women: Anneke Snyman (Boland), Roxanne Tingle (Gauteng), Ezile Fourie (Boland), Jacqui Janse van Rensburg (Gauteng); Singles: Ashleigh Parks (Gauteng); Pairs: Tingle/Parks; Trips: Snyman/Fourie/Van Rensburg. Coach: Theuns Fraser; Manager: Jessica Henderson.

Namibia: Men: Will Esterhuizen (Pairs/Fours); Douw Calitz (Pairs/Fours); Steven Peake (Trips/Fours); Axel Krahenbuhl (Trips/Fours); Graham Snyman (Trips/Singles); Women: Diana Viljoen (Trips/Fours); Sheena du Toit (Trips/Fours); Lesley Vermuelen (Pairs/Singles); Anjuleen Viljoen (Trips/Fours); Renetta de Kock (Pairs/Fours).

Zimbabwe Squad: Fours: Denis Streak, Tom Craven, Clive Robertson, Jono Evans; Trips: Craven/Robertson/Terry Bowes; Pairs: Streak/Evans; Singles: Bowes; Reserves: Mark Fieldus, Mike Eaton; Women: Fours: Kerry Craven, Silva Kenda-Ball, Heather Singleton, Ally Dale; Trips: Jane Rigby/Singleton/Kenda-Ball; Pairs: Craven/Dale; Singles: Rigby.



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Bowls SA Roundup

Prior learning move

The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) have agreed to the concept of recognition of prior learning to open the pathway for coach's qualifications and certification as part of the implementation of the South African Coaching Framework.

Bowls South Africa recognises previous coaching experiences and physical educational qualifications which are underpinned by functional competency.

The RPL programme will be conducted in line with the following principles and be managed by the National Standing Committee for Coaches (NSCC):

1. Approval to be obtained from the NSCC for the RPL of any candidate;
2. Full motivation to be submitted by districts for the RPL of any candidate and reasons why a candidate should be considered;
3. Certificates of any sports education and details of previous practical coaching experience must accompany the application.
4. Districts to indicate how the candidate will be employed in their coaching structure.
5. Name of coach (es) responsible for the RPL and certification of candidate to be indicated.
6. The NSCC reserve the right to interview a candidate.

Marker and umpire 'tools'

BowlsSA policy for its official singles international singles events where it the controlling body is:

Marker: May use only a box string measure; bullet string measure; wedges for bowls and a jack.

Umpire: A box string measure; bullet string measure, telescopic measure. callipers; feeler gauges; long string measure; 30m tape, retractable boundary string/ mirror and a square, edges for bowls and jack.

Choose the best, says BowlsSA

All restrictions concerning selection of teams for the 2015 Interdistrict Championships have been removed, save the 60+ detail for seniors. The proposal adopted by council at BowlsSA's annual meeting rescinded a decision taken at the 2012 AGM regarding team selection.

Regulations now indicate:

Perfect Delivery: BowlsSA Open Interdistricts: No restrictions; best possible combinations required.

Perfect Delivery: BowlsSA Senior Interdistricts: Players must be 60+ on the first day of the event.

BowlsSA B Interdistricts Districts: should select best possible combinations after Open selections.

Warwick Wealth: BowlsSA U-25 Interdistricts: All men and women under 26 on the first day of the event qualify districts experiencing player shortages may "borrow" from other districts and any gender combination may comprise a rinks side.

BowlsSA U-19 Development Tournament: Both genders under 20 on the first day of the event are eligible; Districts may borrow from other districts; any combination of female and male players may be included in the composition of a team of four players. Districts and any gender combination may comprise a rinks side.

Club discipline explained



RADIANT RED: Boland youngsters strut their stuff at Ceres – harvest time, fruit and great bowls ...

In order to effectively manage discipline, clubs are recommended to call a special general meeting, or pass motions at an annual meeting to amend constitutions by adopting the clauses as set by BowlsSA here. A guide to procedures to be followed when conducting a disciplinary hearing is available on the Bowls SA website (www.bowlsa.co.za) under the icon Admin on the home page.

First Addition

"A club shall accept and abide by the spirit and terms of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport (SAIDFS) Anti-Doping Programme and the Anti-Doping Rules, including the application of its sanctions to individuals and shall respect the authority of and co-operate with SAIDFS and the hearing bodies in all anti-doping matters which are not governed by the rules of the relevant International Federation."

Second Addition

"The club and its members shall abide by all agreements entered into between BowlsSA and any authority relating to the promotion, control or testing of prohibited substances and drug use by any member of any club in the republic of South Africa."

Third Addition

Disciplinary Procedure: The club through its committee shall be obliged to take appropriate disciplinary action against any member who contravene any applicable code of conduct, rule, bylaw or resolution by the club committee, District or Bowls SA, or who commits any act deemed to be harmful to the sport of bowls or any other member or person at any club, bowls facility or bowls event or any other act which brings the sport into disrepute."

Fourth Addition

"It is the responsibility of each club member to ensure acquaintance with the relevant disciplinary code of conduct as well as the disciplinary procedure of the club."

Nationals' entry forms

Entry forms for the Warwick: Bowls SA National Championships may, which have been sent to all clubs, may also be downloaded from the Bowls SA website (www.bowlsa.co.za) via the "Tournament" icon on the home page. Provision has been made on the form, for players travelling to the Nationals taking part in fours and pairs to apply for vacancies in the singles draw. These are usually caused by districts not taking up their quota of qualifiers. Players are requested to indicate on the form if their application is to enter the open or senior singles. The tournament committee will conduct a draw of applicants and publish the final draw on the Nationals website, at least three weeks before the tournament to permit participants to complete personal arrangements. Districts should confirm qualifiers on or before March 31, 2015. If a district singles event is not completed before deadline the previous year's results may be used to complete entries and allocations.

Green fees at nationals rise

Daily round robin green fees at the Warwick Wealth/BowlsSA National Championships will increase to R15 to be paid to the host club and continues to the end of the phase of each discipline.

District (Level 2) Coaching

Applications from active club coaches (Level 1) interested in upgrading to Level 2 are invited to attend the next district coaches course Outeniqua BC (Eden) from November 16-20 or at The Wanderers BC from January 11-15, 201; all are required to fund expenses. Pre-requisites are: DSCC & district executive must motivate applications to

NSCC (ask clubs); the candidate must be acceptable by elite and district players as a coach. A maximum of 18 candidates will be accommodated. If a district nominates more than one candidate preference must be indicated; Portfolio; to get to know something about candidates; About 100 hours of coaching at Level 1; the bulk accumulated in the past four years; Computer literacy is highly recommended, but not a requirement – assistance at course provided; Minimum of a current Level 1 Technical Official qualification; Knowledge of first-aid recommended.

Level 1 coaching protocol

The National Standing Committee for Coaching (NSCC) reminds districts of the well-established protocol for running Level 1 courses in their districts, as communicated since 2011 through the Train-the-Trainer (T-t-T) courses. There are reasons why this needs to be adhered to as closely as possible: Notification six months before: Clubs plan schedules well in advance; the district-liaison NSCC member should check availability and organise for a fellow member to attend if unavailable; Bowls SA needs make travel arrangements well in advance to take advantage of reduced fares; Districts are recommended to follow the programme provided at T-t-T courses: the sequence allows a flow in the build-up of knowledge (although weather may influence this); candidates need to complete the post-course projects, monitored by DSCC facilitators, preferably within two months of the course. All candidates need to participate in the course (at all three levels) and complete relevant post-course project(s) to ensure maintenance of coaching standards throughout South Africa: while some candidates may have good knowledge in some areas, they are not necessarily proficient at all levels. Constraints are not there to restrict participation as coaches, but to ensure quality coaching. All queries to Jill Atkinson, NSCC Co-ordinator of Club Coach courses (jil-latkinson@bergmail.co.za).

Tournament venues for 2015

BowlsSA advises a resolution at the AGM was adopted whereby districts would apply to host Bowls SA tournaments for two years in advance. Districts are, therefore, requested to apply on or before January 31, 2015 to host the following events for 2016 and 2017:

The National Standing Committee: Greens will complete their inspections for the 2016 events over the period April-June 2015. Districts will be informed of the inspection programme after the next executive meeting on February 12, 2015.

- The Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Inter-District Championship.
- The Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Senior Inter-District Championship.
- The Bowls SA B Inter-District Championship.
- The Bowls SA Mixed Pairs Championship.

• Districts are requested to apply to host national events for 2016/2017 by January 31, 2015; inspection of hosting clubs for the 2016 events will be between April-June.

Closing dates

Closing date for entries into the following events is Monday, February 2, 2015. Districts are requested to ensure are sent using the appropriate forms, to the relevant e-mail addresses to reach tournament committees on or before the closing date.

The draw for the Interdistrict Championships has been posted to the Bowls SA website www.bowlsa.co.za:

Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Inter-District Championship portnaltbowls@telkomsa.net attention: Maureen Florens.

Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Senior Inter-District Championship secretary@bowlssc.co.za attention: Christine Lombard.

U-19 and U-25 events for Bloem

Closing date for entries into the 2015 events is Monday 2 February 2, 2015. The cost assistance structure will be:

- Every district confirming an entry to the Under-19 Development

event shall receive R5000 (one).

- Every district shall receive an additional R1000 for every team entered where **at least 50% of the team incorporates players from previously disadvantaged communities.**

A resolution adopted at the 2014 AGM means districts are entitled to enter either single gender or mixed gender teams in any combination. This ruling applies to both the U-19 and U-25 events.

Districts are required to submit entries directly to the tournament secretary:

- Warwick/BowlsSA U-25 Championship: sfsbowls@gmail.com
- BowlsSA U-19 Tournament: sfsbowls@gmail.com

Bowls SA's executive has allocated the BowlsSA U-19 and Warwick Wealth/BowlsSA U-25 interdistricts events to Bloemfontein for 2016/2017 pending a resolution being proposed at the 2015 AGM to make this a permanent feature. Districts are therefore not required to apply to host these events as earlier requested.

2015 venues confirmed

BowlsSA advises the following venues have been confirmed for 2015 national tournaments after inspections conducted by the National Standing Committee: Greens: **Warwick/BowlsSA Masters: The Wanderers (JBA); Perfect Delivery/BowlsSA Open Interdistrict Championships Park Hill (P Natal); Stella Park, Durban, Westville; Perfect Delivery/BowlsSA Senior Interdistrict Championships: George (Eden), Outeniqua, Oudtshoorn. (Men) 4 greens; BowlsSA B Interdistrict Championships: Wingate Park (Gauteng N), Irene, Meyerspark, Vriendekring; Warwick/BowlsSA U-25 Interdistrict Championships: Bloemfontein Municipal (S Free State); BowlsSA U-19 Development Tournament: Orangia (S Free State)**

World Singles Champion of Champions Fendalton Bowls Club, Christchurch NZ

Round robin final results: Section 2: Holt 18 points +60 shots, Chan 14 +69, Walters 12 +70, R Donnelly (SA) 12 +26, Kingdon 10 +66, Brault 10 +5, Emura 6 -56, Robinson 6 -58, Pita 6 -47, Mijnhijmer 4 -28, Akar 2 -107. Women: Section 1: Noor 12 points +60 shots, Jim 12 +28, Smith 10 +63, Abe 10 +50, Goda 10 +29, Heiser 8 -14, Yan 6 -37, J Hackland (SA)4 -38, Hewitson 0 -141.

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.

Obituary:

Sandy Bannister a former president of Eastern Transvaal Bowling Association and an Honorary Past President of Ekurhuleni Bowls has died. Condolences to family and friends

BSA office closed

BowlsSA's office will be close from 12pm on Friday, December 12, 2013 until Monday January 6, 2014.

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

DATE	EVENT	DISTRICT	VENUE
	Gold Squad Camp		
13 - 15 Feb	Warwick Bowls SA Masters Singles Championship	JBA	Wanderers
13 - 15 Feb	Warwick Bowls SA Senior Masters Singles Championship	JBA	Wanderers
13 -15 Feb	Warwick Bowls SA Junior Masters Singles Championship	JBA	Wanderers
07 – 15 March	World Junior Championships	Gold Coast	Australia
09 - 13 March	Perfect Delivery Bowls SA Open Inter District Championship	Port Natal	Park Hill
09- 13 March	Bowls SA "B" Inter District Tournament Championship	Gauteng North	Wingate
09- 13 March	Perfect Delivery Bowls SA Senior Inter District Championship	Eden Bowls	George
07 – 10 April	Warwick Bowls SA U/25 Inter District Championship	Southern F S	Bloem Muni
07 – 10 April	U/19 Development Tournament	Southern F S	Orangia
13 -24 April	World Cup (Indoor) Singles	Warilla	Australia
19 -25 April	Disability Bowls Nationals	Gauteng North	Wingate
16-24 May	Warwick Bowls SA Men's National Championship	Ekurhuleni	Edenvale
16-24 May	Warwick Bowls SA Women's National Championship	Eastern Province	Port Elizabeth
10-13 June	SA Mixed Pairs Championship	Boland Bowls	Hermanus
26-27 June	Transformation Camp	Ekurhuleni	Edenvale
30 July - 2 August	International Quadrangular		
14 – 16 August	National Camp	JBA	Wanderers
29 August	Workshop	Ekurhuleni	Edenvale
30 August	AGM	Ekurhuleni	Edenvale
12 - 13 Sept	SpecSavers : Bowls SA Pro10 Pairs	JBA	Wanderers
Dist Discretion	Family Day	ALL	ALL
30 Nov – 13 Dec	Atlantic Championships	Cyprus	Paphos
16 – 22 Nov	World Singles Champion of Champions	Queensland Aus	Helenvale BC

Bowls South Africa Price List-As at September 2014

1	Markers Guide for Beginners / Merkers Gids vir Beginners	R20.00	R15.00	(If more than 10)
2	An Introduction to Bowls		R25.00	
	Inleiding tot Rolbal		R25.00	
3	Laws of the Sport of Bowls		R30.00	
5	The Etiquette of Bowls / Rolbal Etiket	R20.00	R15.00	
6	Better Greens Breed Better Bowlers		R25.00	
	Greens Improvement Programme			
7	Technical Official & Markers Log Books		R15.00	Districts only
8	Coaches Log Book		R15.00	Districts only
9	Technical Official Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R45.00	Districts only
10	Markers Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R45.00	Districts only
11	Coaches Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R45.00	Districts only
12	Technical Official Level 3 & 4 Badges, Certificates and Log Books		Free	Districts only
13	Coaches Senior & Elite Badges, Certificates and Log Books		Free	Districts only
14	Development Guidelines		R25.00	Districts only
15	Green Keeping Level 1		R50.00	Districts only
16	Lawn Bowls : Greens Management		R300.00	
17	Play Bowls		R60.00	
18	Walk the Line DVD		R50.00	
19	SA Masters DVD		R50.00	
20	Coaches Reference Manual - Hard Copy		R300.00	
21	Coaches Reference Manual - CD		R25.00	
22	Replace lost /stolen badges including postage		R35.00	BSA 2014

Please order items through your district office

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