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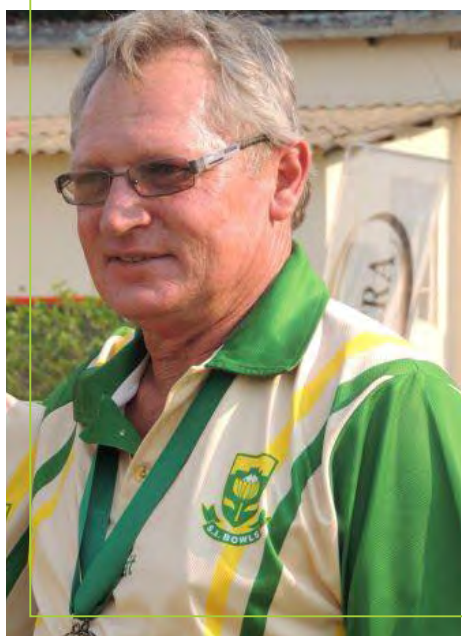
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CAN RUDI CONTINUE BLITZ AT SA MASTERS?



TOP DOG: Skillful Rudi Jacobs, holder triumphant

No quarter asked; none given. Friends at home, Protea teammates overseas, social pals; all is set aside when the cream of South Africa's bowlers take to the lush green grass of the Wanderers Club, Johannesburg for the 2016 Warwick Wealth Bowls South Africa Masters Championships.

From February 13-15 the cream of this nation's elite, Senior and Junior talent aged between 15 and 70 strut their stuff on four superb, refurbished greens before a host of ogling spectator and eagle-eyed national selectors.

The ambiance is sensational. Piped music, bowls accessories on sale everywhere food and drink in cornucopian quantities and not more than 50 paces away the luxurious Protea Hotel – an adjacent haven for the defeated or exhilarated alike.

It will be hot, extremely so. The mercury often

exceeds 100deg/F during play – afternoon lightning and thunderstorms are unwanted distractions.

Annually I talk of talent; yearly it improves. Youngsters, fresh from development camps and all communities of South Africa's Rainbow Nation kaleidoscope, vie for attention. They will receive it – spectators to bowls are always players themselves and understand the vicissitudes and demands of an easy to learn, but almost impossible to master, major global sport.

February offers mouth-watering fields with champions and runners-up returning to the fray. Like the immortal Bard's "greyhounds straining in the slips" each knows a form burst for three days could mean a coveted green and gold shirt and a Protea emblem on the chest.

All provide a feast of great spectator enjoyment. Focus often swivels to several players barely out of their teens who burst on to the scene.

Sixteen men and women comprise each Open

event; fields of 12 make up Senior and Junior clashes. Many previous champions compete; 10 in the open line-ups have won before.

South Africa's albatross-like contestants, who travel far and who have dominated World, Commonwealth and African continent internationals in 20 months' of successes, have already turned eyes to World Bowls in Christchurch, New Zealand next year from November 29-December 11; the Masters is an obvious springboard.

Says new Bowls SA president, Kallie Haupt: "I have attended many Masters. I am amazed at so many factors – both on and off the greens. It just gets better and better. Thanks to our fantastic sponsors we can offer those named to enjoy three days of intense competition, pampered and cosseted as befits players of their brilliance. Government recognises bowls as South Africa's best administered sport; annually we proudly present the nation with more gold medals internationally than any other code. Development and transformation is ensuring Bowls SA demonstrates the route to take – we are fully committed to making our sport truly the game for all."

2015 SA MASTERS MEDALISTS

OPEN MEN:

Gold: Rudi Jacobs (NWB)
Silver: George Lotter (SED)
Bronze: Gerry Baker (JBA)
Jason Evans (JBA)

OPEN WOMEN:

Gold: Esmé Haley (JBA)
Silver: Colleen Piketh (JBA)
Bronze: Elma Davis (EDB)
Anneke Snyman (BOL)

SENIOR MEN:

Gold: Theuns Fraser (Holder, SBA)
Silver: Kevin Campbell (WPBA)
Bronze: Lewis Klopper (JBA)
Eddie Fann (KBA)

SENIOR WOMEN:

Gold: Loraine Victor (BGN)
Silver: Jenny Smith (JBA)
Bronze: Arlene Bosse (EDB)
Trish Young (WPBA)

JUNIOR MEN:

Gold: Scott Elliott (NCB)
Silver: Cecil Bornman (BGN)
Bronze: Chad Wakeford (BOR)
Stephan de Jager (BOL)

JUNIOR WOMEN:

Gold: Ashleigh Parks (JBA)
Silver: Roxanne Tingle (JBA)
Bronze: Carmen Taljaard (BGN)
Rienie Lukas (BGN)

It is futile to try to tip a winner in any category, but ...

The wags say form is temporary; class is for ever – Rudi Jacobs, at 56, the oldest man in the field, from tiny Parys BC on the banks of the mighty Vaal River about 70km (45+ miles) north west of The Wanderers Club, is fortunate – he has both attributes; in spades. And the man he beat last year, George Lotter, from just up-river at Vanderbijl Town, Sedibeng; he of the easy delivery and fuss-less demeanour will again nag, nag away at his opponents.

But what about Jacobs? Ah, there's an enigma!

Absent from the game for quite a while, while none doubted the ability of the man with the yellow bowls, few envisaged a burst back into the limelight; some limelight ...

In 18 months of glory, Jacobs has become SA Masters champion, SA Singles champion, African States, Quadrangular and club and district champion - the former Free State farmer of the laid-back disposition, but unerring accuracy, is the target at which all will aim. Even record-equalling (the late, great Doug Watson) lefty Gerry Baker (five gold, five silver, seven bronze in 20 years of brilliance) will be tested. But the Johannesburg man is resilient and



RECORD SEEKER:
Amazing lefty Gerry Baker

can never be discounted as other overseas stars can lament.

The usual plethora of worthies make up the field – the 2011 runner-up, Bobby Donnelly is on home greens; no doubting, a bowls genius, but whose mercurial skills rise and fall like a spring tide; Durban-based prison officer Gideon Vermeulen, out of salts and form for a while, is back in the fold where he belongs. Gentle Nic Rusling and bronze medallist Jason Evans will again challenge.

Armchair prognosticators love to fantasise about upsets. My tip - not this time. The top guys and girls will be in at the kill like a pack of wolves on an injured moose – the only thing missing will be blood on the grass.

The women's field is also power-packed with

similar attractions.

Titleholder, Esmé Haley (Steyn) an elegant, skillful consistent winner of major singles events and the brilliant Colleen Webb Piketh, both at Johannesburg clubs, begin favourites for a final encounter. But both (Piketh goes for a fifth win) will need to guard against the precocious talent of Tracy Lee Botha already a triple champion while still in her twenties.

Boland's 21-year-old prodigy Anneke Snyman, a bronze medallist last year, who debuted as a full Protea at the Atlantic Championships at Pathos, Cyprus, Eden's effervescent Elma Davis and last year's Junior Men's winner Scott Elliot (NC), 24, now in the top event, seek even more fans.

In the coveted 16 in February are new and old faces – Karen Korkie (EP), delightful Ashleigh Parks (JBA); 2007 bronze medallist Esmé Kruger (BGN) returns; Brendan Ainley (NIBA), Stephan de Jager (BOL) and the ebullient 2015 Junior gold medallist Scott Elliott (NC).

But sport is a curious mistress – you never really know when something quite extraordinary will turn up.

Bring it on – I for one cannot wait.

Alan Simmonds
Media Officer, Bowls South Africa



SMOOTHIES: Holder Esmé Haley plays; the fantastic Colleen Piketh contemplates, in last year's final won by Haley

OPEN MEN: Brendan Ainley (NIBA); Gerry Baker (JBA); Pierre Breitenbach (NWB); Stephan de Jager (BOL); Bobby Donnelly (JBA); Jason Evans (JBA); Scott Elliott (NCB); Rudi Jacobs (Holder, NWB); George Lotter (SED); Morgan Muvhango (SBA); Prince Neluonde (JBA); Thinus Oelofse (EKB); Wayne Perry (JBA); Clinton Roets (SFS); Nicholas Rusling (WPBA); Gidion Vermeulen (PNB)

OPEN WOMEN: Tracy-Lee Botha (JBA); Elma Davis (EDB); Esmé Haley (Holder, JBA); Jacqui JV Rensburg (JBA); Karen Korkie (EPB); Esmé Kruger (BGN); Tracy Meyeridricks (JBA); Nici Neal (SBA); Susan Nel (SBA); Ashleigh Parks (JBA); Colleen Piketh (JBA); Nan Roos (KZN); Charlotte Rossouw (JBA); Anneke Snyman (BOL); Maggie van Zyl (WPBA); Bronwyn Webber (PNB)

SENIOR MEN: Kevin Campbell (WPBA); Theuns Fraser (Holder, SAB); Eddie Fann (KBA); Geoff Gowar (EPB); Laylon Howard (NIBA); Tommy Jamie (BGN); Willie Kilian (EPB); Lewis Klopper (JBA); Danie Loubser (WPBA); Mike Marnewick (SBA); Ryk Neethling (SFS); Bernardus van der Spuy (BGN)

SENIOR WOMEN: Arlene Bosse (EDB); Marina Brink (WPBA); Ellen Cawker (KBA); Cathy Dryburgh (JBA); Sharon Glenn (JBA); Lynne Marnewick (SBA); Maureen Muller (KBA); Jenny Raymond (EDB); Jenny Smith (JBA); Ellie van Coller (EKB); Loraine Victor (Holder, BGN); Trish Young (WPBA)

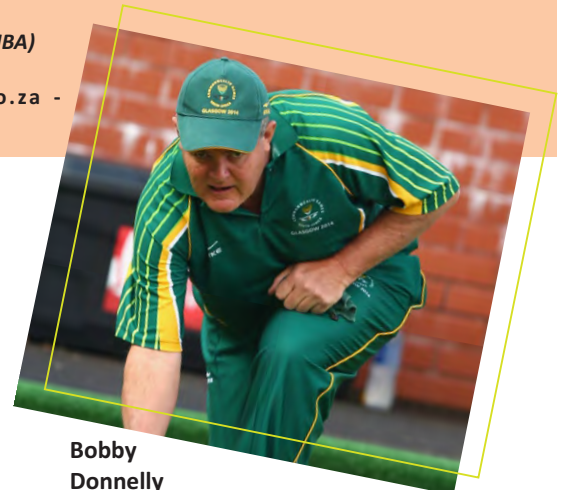
JUNIOR MEN: Brendan Bakkes (SFS); Cecil Bornman (BGN); Stephanus Botha (NWB); Wilson Malobolo (SBA); Andrew Marshall (EKB); Charles Mathewson (NCB); Tarquin Ormston (BOR); Jarryd Ramsden (PNB); Corrie Tagg (SBA); Chad Wakeford (BOR); Rowan Watkins (SFS); Paul White (PNB)

JUNIOR WOMEN: Bridget Calitz (LIM); Jackie Rabie (EDB); Ezile Fourie (BOL); Lavona Gordon (WPBA); Bronlynn Jumat (EDB); Cicile Krige (SFS); Rienie Lucas (BGN); Jennifer Mackay (NFS); Shimanda Neppen (EKB); Aimée Schnetler (KZN); Carmen Taljaard (BGN); Roxanne Tingle (JBA)

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Ashleigh Parks



Bobby Donnelly

GOOD BOWLS, CHEER IN 2016

As we approach the end of the year and prepare for the festive seasons and New Year - often among love ones - I would like to convey a few personal thoughts.

Before I start, I want to remember those who have passed on this year. May we observe a moment silence in their remembrance on Christmas Day!

We have all been through some challenging times. My take-over as president was beset with difficulties challenging Bowls South Africa with accusations threatening to unsettle the administration of our sport. Thanks to council's wise interpretation of events, that is hopefully, now past.

A winning team needs a shared value system in order to perform well over an extended period of time. The foundation of our behaviour in sport is based on our level of moral thinking, reasoning and exposure to socialisation. The most difficult stages in our lives are also those in which we grow personally and learn the most; no pain; no gain.

The important part is this experience serves as a basis for us to adjust, not merely as individuals, but as social beings in our personal relationship with ourselves and the people with whom we work, play and live. Let friendly and embracing care on and off the bowling green flavour our world in 2016.

A well done to Sables' Nici Neal (a brilliant silver medal) and Morgan Muvhango (a superb fourth in a tough section) who excelled in Australia at the Champions of Champions and good hunting and safe passage to our Proteas and administrators set for Cyprus and the Atlantic Championships.

May the holidays be filled with warmth, tranquillity, peace and joy; may you spend them surrounded by your loved ones.

A Merry Christmas, happy Chanukah and Eid to all our wonderful members and a prosperous, healthy and enthusiastic 2016.

**Kallie Haupt - President
Bowls South Africa**



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DAVIS TO OVERSEE COMMITTED NEW DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The National Standing Committee: Promotion & Development will be managed by executive member, Trevor Davis on behalf of the executive of Bowls SA. He will supervise implementation of a development plan together with an approved budget.

To install a committee with commitment and passion we are seeking individuals to make themselves available. It would be appreciated if districts could canvass their respective members and submit nominations to Bowls SA.

Detailed CV, with district backing, should be submitted to Bowls SA on or before December 11, 2015.

Nominees should indicate which positions interest them:

1. Two positions are reserved for people formerly involved in promotions and marketing at corporate level, prepared to assist with promotional and marketing material for Bowls SA and to create awareness and market bowls and change perceptions.
2. One position is reserved for an innovative individual to swell the number of junior bowlers up to the age of 25; currently involved with junior bowls in his/her district.
3. One position is reserved to have bowls registered/recognised as a school sport at national level.
4. Two positions are for people to develop bowls through business/corporate

players. These individuals will be expected to add value by committing themselves to increasing club membership on a national scale.

The successful candidates will focus on individual portfolios, but also work as a team.



The executive of Bowls South Africa, the sponsors, Warwick Wealth, the Editor and Design Editor of this newsletter, wish all readers from all communities, religions and persuasions a peaceful and enjoyable festive season and a healthy, prosperous 2016.

STAND-UP NEAL - GREAT STUFF!

MUVHANGO SHOWS HIS CLASS

To the rank and file bowlers, South Africa's national singles champions are mystical souls who hardly register in the tabs-in brigade's memories. Perhaps after the efforts in Australia of Sables' Nici Neal and Morgan Muvhango, the 2014 titleholders, that perception might alter?

Competing overseas against the champions of all major bowls playing nations, Neal won a silver medal in the women's division; Muvhango came darn close to grabbing a coveted play-off spot in the men's event.



STYLE: Morgan Muvhango impressed all with his serene composure
Picture: David Allen

Neal, a prolific winner of international, international, district and club gold medals and the ever-improving former greenkeeper Muvhango, now an established Protea with a similar track record as his female counterpart, confirmed South African bowlers, is in good hands administratively and taking a closer look at the No 1 spot on the world playing stage.

It is never easy to play in Australia. Lightning fast greens – at the 2015 World Champion of Champions at Club Helensvale, Queensland, Australia, speeds of 19 sec were recorded – a far cry from the 13 sec average greens of usually verdant South Africa and the temperature hovered around the 40DegC mark – another obstacle to withstand.

That our duo not only mastered such conditions, but to all intents and purposes triumphed, says much for their fortitude and skills. They are to be complimented on being such amazing ambassadors.



FLAG DAY: Nici Neal celebrates after taking the silver medal. Picture: Hertzog Meiring

Others before them – Bobby Donnelly and Colleen Webb Piketh, Esmé Haley (Steyn) and Bruce Makkink to name others - have put up fair showings, but no medals accrued in spite of valiant effort. Neal put that to right.

Neal began meaning business, leading her section to almost the last day of the grueling qualifying event – 11 rounds, then a quarter-final, semi-final and the final. Muvhango won his opening round, then lost close games to run off the pace, before ending with three straight victories to end joint fourth and a measure from a play-off spot. Interestingly it was revenge for Emma Saroji whom Neal had beaten in a round robin match early on.

Malaysia demonstrated their brilliance at singles (they were coached at times by former South African deputy chief coach Dr Simon Botha) taking the women's gold and men's silver medals. Ireland took the men's gold.

Let the results do the talking – they are provided for you, day by day.

As manager and national selector Herzog Meiring (Free State) said in a dispatch: "South Africa should be proud of the manner in which



PALS: SA's Nici Neal, left and Emma Saroji of Malaysia who won gold in their final. Picture: David Allen

our representatives have conducted themselves."

We are!

Alan Simmonds
Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

With many thanks for information and pictures to David Allen, editor of World Bowls' superb online magazine Inside Bowls



UNITED NATIONS: The World Champion of Champions field before the start

Day 1:

Men: Sec.1: Rd.1: Scott Thulborn (Aus) bt Alex Barkley (Zam) 11-5 17-4, Russell Forsyth (Jpn) bt Waisea Senibici (Fij) 4-12 11-5 6-1, **Morgan Muvhango (RSA)** bt Alf Wallace (Can) 12-10 9-11 2-1, Pete Bonsor (ESP) bt Tim Morton (Bot) 12-3 8-6, Lee Williamson (Eng) bt Terence Lee (Sin) 11-2 11-2.
Rd.2: Lee bt Barkley 8-7 14-4, Thulborn bt Forsyth 10-4 8-8, Bonsor bt **Muvhango** 10-3 9-5, Williamson bt Senibici 15-2 12-8, Boaz Markus (Isr) bt Morton 7-6 13-4.
Men: Sec.2: Rd.1: Terry Bowes (Zim) bt Ileremia Tuteru (CKI) 9-4 12-7, Neil Mulholland (Ire) bt George Gray (Cyp) 8-6 8-6, Andrew Klubberud (USA) bt Stanley Lai (HKC) 5-8 9-5 3-1, Fairul Muin (Mas) bt Ozkan Akar (Tur) 7-5 9-3, Kevin Anderson (Sco) bt Ryan Dixon (NFI) 9-3 8-5.
Rd.2: Klubberud bt Mulholland 8-6 5-9 6-0, Lai bt Dixon 8-7 7-7, Anderson bt Gray 13-1 12-6, Akar bt Bowes 11-7 10-5, Muin bt Willem Esterhuizen (Nam) 9-8 11-4.
Women: Sec.1: Rd.1: Nici Neal (RSA) bt Norma Duin (Ned) 11-5 8-5, Katrina Wright (Aus) bt Jane Rigby (Zim) 9-6 10-12 4-2, Litia Tikoisuva (Fij) bt Emma Woodcock (Wal) 9-4 7-4, Dee McSparran (USA) bt Kazuko Matsubara (Jpn) 7-7 11-7.
Rd.2: Woodcock bt McSparran 11-6 9-3, Matsubara bt Duin 2-14 9-3 4-0, Neal bt Tikoisuva 6-7 10-5 5-0, Rigby bt Emma Saroj (Mas) 6-12 10-5 3-2.
Women: Sec.2: Rd.1: Foster Banda (Zam) bt Pauline Lekone (Bot) 6-4 6-5, Lorna Smith (Sco) bt Tokorangi Mouauri (CKI) 15-5 8-7, Joanna Van Den Bergh (Nam) bt Bernadette O'Neil (Ire) 8-5 6-10 5-2, Leigh Griffin (NZL) bt Dorothy Yu (HKC) 9-9 9-5, Jean Roney (Can) bt Ann Allen (ESP) 10-7 9-5.
Rd.2: Smith bt Allen 8-4 11-3, Yu bt Banda 9-8 7-11 5-0, O'Neil bt Mouauri 11-5 11-5, Van Den Bergh bt Roney 7-5 4-11 2-1, Griffin bt Lekone 12-2 7-6.

Day 2:

Men: Sec.1: Rd.3: Scott Thulborn (Aus) bt Lee Williamson (Eng) 4-5 8-4 4-2, Boaz Markus (Isr) bt **Morgan Muvhango (RSA)** 7-3 8-8, Russell Forsyth (Jpn) bt Terence Lee (Sin) 13-6 10-6, Waisea Senibici (Fij) bt Alex Barkley (Zam) 5-10 10-5 4-0, Alf Wallace (Can) bt Tim Morton (Bot) 8-3 10-1.
Rd.4: Morton bt Lee 10-2 5-10, Markus bt Williamson 10-4 8-8, Thulborn bt **Muvhango** 8-6 7-6, Wallace bt Forsyth 9-7 7-8 3-2, Pete Bonsor (ESP) bt Barkley 17-2 15-4.
Progressive: Thulborn 8 points +31 shots, Bonsor 6 +48, Markus 6 +20, Williamson 4 +26, Forsyth 4 +2, Wallace 4 +15, Lee 2 -21, Senibici 2 -15, **Muvhango 2 -18**, Morton 2 -32, Barkley 2 -56.
Men: Sec.2: Rd.3: Kevin Anderson (Sco) bt Andrew Klubberud (USA) 12-4 3-13 3-1, Fairul Muin (Mas) bt Ileremia Tuteru (CKI) 18-1 11-4, Stanley Lai (HKC) bt George Gray (Cyp) 8-9 7-6 4-0, Neil Mulholland (Ire) bt Ryan Dixon (NFI) 9-7 3-9 2-1, Willem Esterhuizen (Nam) bt Terry Bowes (Zim) 15-1 12-4.
Rd.4: Klubberud bt Tuteru 11-5 10-5, Esterhuizen bt Dixon 8-7 7-7, Mulholland bt Bowes 13-6 6-6, Muin bt Anderson 6-5 5-7 2-1, Ozkan Akar (Tur) bt Gray 8-5 8-4.
Progressive: Muin 8 points +39 shots, Anderson 6 +26, Mulholland 6 +9, Klubberud 6 +12, Akar 4 +8, Esterhuizen 4 +15, Lai 4 Sq, Bowes 2 -28, Dixon 0 -7, Gray 0 -29, Tuteru 0 -45.
Women: Sec.1: Rd.3: Emma Saroj (Mas) bt Norma Duin (Ned) 9-3 10-5, **Nici Neal (RSA)** bt Kazuko Matsubara (Jpn) 18-4 12-7, Emma Woodcock (Wal) bt Jane Rigby (Zim) 9-5 7-8 5-1, Katrina Wright (Aus) bt Dee McSparran (USA) 12-8 13-3.
Rd.4: Woodcock bt Wright 9-7 5-13 5-0, Neal bt Saroj 7-9 10-4 3-1, Duin bt Rigby 10-6 6-9 5-0, Litia Tikoisuva (Fij) bt McSparran 13-4 7-5.
Progressive: Neal 8 points +26 shots, Woodcock 6 Sq, Tikoisuva 6 (5 sets) +15, Wright 4 (4 sets) +21, Saroj 2 +8, Rigby 2 -6, Duin 2 -13, Matsubara 2 -19, McSparran 2-31.
Women: Sec.2: Rd.3: Dorothy Yu (HKC) bt Bernadette O'Neil (Ire) 10-7 9-9, Foster Banda (Zam) bt Ann Allen (ESP) 10-6 9-7, Johanna Van Den Bergh (Nam) bt Tokorangi Mouauri (CKI) 12-6 8-7, Leigh Griffin (NZL) bt Jean Roney (Can) 7-5 5-8 5-4, Lorna Smith (Sco) bt Pauline Lekone (Bot) 8-6 9-5.
Rd.4: Van Den Bergh bt Yu 9-3 8-11 2-1, Smith bt Roney 18-2 4-9 3-2, Griffin bt Mouauri 13-5 11-3, Lekone bt Allen 5-11 6-5 7-0, O'Neil bt Banda 10-6 5-12 5-0.
Progressive: Smith 8 points +40 shots, Griffin 8 +30, Van Den Bergh 8 +4, Banda 4 +15, O'Neil 4 +7, Yu 4 -7, Roney 2 +2, Lekone 2 -25, Allen 0 -20, Mouauri 0 -46.

Day 3:

Men: Sec.1: Rd.5: Scott Thulborn (Aus) bt Pete Bonsor (ESP) 9-10 9-6 3-2, Terence Lee (Sin) bt Boaz Markus (Isr) 11-10 10-3, Tim Morton (Bot) bt Alex Barkley (Zam) 9-5 9-4, **Morgan Muvhango (RSA)** bt Russell Forsyth (Jpn) 6-6 10-3, Alf Wallace (Can) bt Waisea Senibici (Fij) 10-3 3-11 4-0.
Rd.6: Muvhango bt Morton 9-6 6-13 3-1, Thulborn bt Lee 7-8 11-4 3-0, Bonsor bt Senibici 11-3 9-6, Markus bt Wallace 11-2 5-9 4-3, Lee Williamson (Eng) bt Forsyth 8-8 14-4.
Progressive: Thulborn 12pts +39 shots, Bonsor 8 +57, Markus 8 +17, Williamson 6 +36, Wallace 6 +9, **Muvhango 6 -15**, Lee 4 -19, Forsyth 4 -15, Morton 4 -19, Senibici 2 -25, Barkley 0 -65.

Men: Sec.2: Rd.5: Fairul Muin (Mas) bt Ryan Dixon (NFI) 12-9 14-1, Kevin Anderson (Sco) bt Ozkan Akar (Tur) 10-3 9-6, Neil Mulholland (Ire) bt Ileremia Tuteru (CKI) 10-4 3-11 3-2, Stanley Lai (HKC) bt Willem Esterhuizen (Nam) 6-12 12-4 5-0, Terry Bowes (Zim) bt George Gray (Cyp) 7-5 5-5.
Rd.6: Dixon bt Bowes 7-13 18-3 2-1, Akar bt Tuteru 5-5 10-8, Mulholland bt Esterhuizen 11-7 7-9 3-2, Anderson bt Lai 16-3 8-6, Andrew Klubberud (USA) bt Gray 11-5 10-11 2-1.
Progressive: Anderson 10 pts +51 shots, Muin 10 +55, Mulholland 10 +9, Klubberud 8 +17, Akar 6 Sq, Lai 6 -13, Esterhuizen 4 +11, Bowes 4 -35, Dixon 2 -24, Gray 0 -36, Tuteru 0 -45.
Women: Sec.1: Rd.5: Katrina Wright (Aus) bt Norma Duin (Ned) 11-5 9-2, Emma Woodcock (Wal) bt **Nici Neal (RSA) 14-7 11-2**, Jane Rigby (Zim) bt Kazuko Matsubara (Jpn) 6-8 15-4 5-1, Emma Saroj (Mas) bt Litia Tikoisuva (Fij) 8-7 12-7.
Rd.6: Tikoisuva bt Duin 4-9 10-7 2-1, Saroj bt Matsubara 14-6 12-2, Neal bt Wright 12-10 3-14 6-0, Rigby bt Dee McSparran (USA) 3-8 12-5 3-0.
Progressive: Neal 10 pts +13 shots, Woodcock 8 +16, Saroj 6 +32, Wright 6 +31, Tikoisuva 6 +27, Rigby 6 +5, Duin 2 -24, McSparran 2 -34, Matsubara 2 -46.
Women: Sec.2: Rd.5: Ann Allen (ESP) bt Johanna Van Den Bergh (Nam) 10-4 8-8, Jean Roney (Can) bt Dorothy Yu (HKC) 10-9 9-4, Bernadette O'Neil (Ire) bt Pauline Lekone (Bot) 6-6 13-5, Foster Banda (Zam) bt Tokorangi Mouauri (CKI) 12-3 13-2, Leigh Griffin (NZL) bt Lorna Smith (Sco) 6-10 9-8 5-1.
Rd.6: Smith bt Banda 7-4 7-7, Van Den Bergh bt Lekone 10-7 14-2, Yu bt Mouauri 11-3 10-7, Griffin bt Allen 7-7 15-4, O'Neil bt Roney 11-3 13-2.
Progressive: Griffin 12 pts +38 shots, Smith 10 +46, Van Den Bergh 10 +11, O'Neil 8 +34, Banda 6 +34, Yu 6 -2, Roney 4 -11, Allen 2 -27, Lekone 2 -48, Mouauri 0 -78.



TRIPLE JOY: Manager Herzog Meiring, centre, flanked by joint fourth in his section Morgan Muvhango, left and silver medallist Nici Neal. Both are from Sables
PICTURE: Herzog Meiring

Day 4:

Men: Sec.1: Rd.7: Terence Lee (Sin) bt Waisea Senibici (Fij) 14-5 10-5, Scott Thulborn (Aus) bt Boaz Markus (Isr) 10-7 8-8, Tim Morton (Bot) bt Russell Forsyth (Jpn) 6-5 9-4, Pete Bonsor (ESP) bt Alf Wallace (Can) 9-7 6-8 3-0, Lee Williamson (Eng) bt Alex Barkley (Zam) 20-0 4-6 5-1.
Rd.8: Senibici bt Morton 7-12-7 9-7 3-0, Lee bt **Morgan Muvhango (RSA)** 2-12 13-2 4-1, Markus bt Barkley 17-2 14-3, Bonsor bt Forsyth 7-6 12-3, Williamson bt Wallace 12-7 7-8 5-0.
Progressive: Thulborn 14 pts +42 shots, Bonsor 12 +67, Williamson 10 +58, Markus 10 +40, Lee 8 -4, Wallace 6 +5, Morton 6 -10, **Muvhango 6 -16**, Forsyth 4 -31, Senibici 4 -42, Barkley 0 -109.
Men: Sec.2: Rd.7: Kevin Anderson (Sco) bt Ileremia Tuteru (CKI) 16-4 14-3, Fairul Muin (Mas) bt Terry Bowes (Zim) 11-6 8-7, Neil Mulholland (Ire) bt Stanley Lai (HKC) 6-9 12-5 3-0, Andrew Klubberud (USA) bt Ryan Dixon (NFI) 11-5 5-14 3-1, Willem Esterhuizen (Nam) bt Ozkan Akar (Tur) 5-12 4-13 3-1.
Rd.8: Klubberud bt Akar 8-5 10-8, Muin bt Lai 9-7 15-2, Dixon bt Tuteru 12-5 12-4, Anderson bt Bowes 8-3 11-6, Esterhuizen bt George Gray (Cyp) 8-6 14-6.
Progressive: Anderson 14 pts +84, Muin 14 +76, Klubberud 12 +17, Mulholland 12 +13, Esterhuizen 8 +23, Akar 6 -7, Lai 6 -32, Dixon 4 +6, Bowes 4 -51, Gray 0 -46, Tuteru 0 -83.
Women: Sec.1: Rd.7: Dee McSparran (USA) bt **Nici Neal (RSA)** 12-1 6-8 4-3, Litia Tikoisuva (Fij) bt Kazuko Matsubara (Jpn) 11-4 12-3, Norma Duin (Ned) bt Emma Woodcock (Wal) 10-6 10-4, Emma Saroj (Mas) bt Katrina Wright (Aus) 9-9 11-7.
Rd.8: Wright bt Matsubara 11-4 16-2, Duin bt McSparran 4-10 8-5 5-3, Saroj bt Woodcock 8-10 10-5 3-1, Jane Rigby (Zim) bt Tikoisuva 7-6 6-7 4-2.
Progressive: Saroj 10 pts +39 shots, Neal 10 +4, Wright 8 +48, Tikoisuva 8 +23, Rigby 8 +5, Woodcock 8 +3, Duin 6 -17, McSparran 4 -22, Matsubara 2 -83.
Women: Sec.2: Rd.7: Bernadette O'Neil (Ire) bt Ann Allen (ESP) 8-5 9-6, Johanna Van Den Bergh (Nam) bt Lorna Smith (Sco) 7-5 5-11 3-2, Foster Banda (Zam) bt Leigh Griffin (NZL) 9-5 8-5, Jean Roney (Can) bt Tokorangi Mouauri (CKI) 8-5 9-5,

Dorothy Yu (HKC) bt Pauline Lekone (Bot) 8-7 7-9 2-1.
Rd.8: Lekone bt Mouauri 13-4 5-7 5-0, Roney bt Banda 9-11 9-6 7-0, O'Neil bt Smith 6-10 7-6 4-2, Yu bt Allen 5-8 9-8 4-1, Griffin bt Van Den Bergh 12-9 9-4.
Progressive: Griffin 14 pts +39 shots, O'Neil 12 +39, Van Den Bergh 12 +1, Smith 10 +53, Yu 10 -5, Banda 8 +39, Roney 8 -3, Lekone 4 -40, Allen 2 -29, Mouauri 0 -92.

Day 5:

Men: Sec.1: Rd.9: Pete Bonsor (ESP) bt Boaz Markus (Isr) 10-5 15-0, Alf Wallace (Can) bt Terence Lee (Sin) 10-6 8-4, Scott Thulborn (Aus) bt Waisea Senibici (Fij) 13-8 7-6, Russell Forsyth (Jpn) bt Alex Barkley (Zam) 17-2 21-2, **Morgan Muvhango (RSA)** bt Lee Williamson (Eng) 9-6 9-6 6.
Rd.10: Thulborn bt Wallace 12-2 10-5, Markus bt Senibici 11-4 4-8 3-2, Tim Morton (Bot) bt Williamson 9-5 6-7 3-1, Bonsor bt Lee 7-9 10-2 3-0, **Muvhango** bt Barkley 16-2 13-1.
Progressive: Thulborn 18 pts +63 shots, Bonsor 16 +93, Markus 12 +23, Williamson 10 +49, **Muvhango 10 +16**, Wallace 8 -2, Lee 8 -18, Morton 8 -7, Forsyth 6 +3, Senibici 4 -51, Barkley 0 -169.
Men: Sec.2: Rd.9: Kevin Anderson (Sco) bt Neil Mulholland (Ire) 9-7 7-6, Fairul Muin (Mas) bt Andrew Klubberud (USA) 11-5 8-5, George Gray (Cyp) bt Ryan Dixon (NFI) 8-8 7-6, Willem Esterhuizen (Nam) bt Ileremia Tuteru (CKI) 12-4 5-5, Ozkan Akar (Tur) bt Stanley Lai (HKC) 6-5 8-8.
Rd.10: Esterhuizen bt Anderson 10-5 8-8, Muin bt Gray 14-1 13-4, Lai bt Tuteru 12-6 4-8 5-0, Mulholland bt Akar 19-1 9-7, Terry Bowes (Zim) bt Klubberud 10-7 5-10 3-2.
Progressive: Muin 18 pts +107 shots, Anderson 16 +82, Mulholland 14 +30, Esterhuizen 12 +36, Klubberud 12 +10, Akar 8 -26, Lai 8 -31, Bowes 6 -53, Dixon 4 +5, Gray 2 -67, Tuteru 0 -93.
Women: Sec.1: Rd.9: Katrina Wright (Aus) bt Litia Tikoisuva (Fij) 11-7 8-8, **Nici Neal (RSA)** bt Jane Rigby (Zim) 3-12 9-6 3-2, Emma Saroj (Mas) bt Dee McSparran (USA) 6-6 7-6, Emma Woodcock (Wal) bt Kazuko Matsubara (Jpn) 17-4 18-3.
Final standings: Saroj 12 pts +40 shots, Neal 12 -2, Wright 10 +52, Woodcock 10 +31, Tikoisuva 8 +11, Rigby 8 +11, N Duin (Ned) 6 -17, McSparran 4 -23, Matsubara 2 -111.
Women: Sec.2: Rd.9: Jean Roney (Can) bt Pauline Lekone (Bot) 9-4 5-13 4-2, Leigh Griffin (NZL) bt Bernadette O'Neil (Ire) 7-7 16-3, Lorna Smith (Sco) bt Dorothy Yu (HKC) 7-3 12-5, Johanna Van Den Bergh (Nam) bt Foster Banda (Zam) 9-6 14-4, Anne Allen (ESP) bt Tokorangi Mouauri (CKI) 9-9 16-2.
Final standings: Griffin 16 pts +52 shots, Van Den Bergh 14 +14, Smith 12 +54, O'Neil 12 +24, Roney 10 -6, Yu 10 -16, Banda 8 +26, Allen 4 -15, Lekone 2 -37, Mouauri 0 -106.
Play-offs: Women's elimination finals: Katrina Wright (Aus) v Lorna Smith (Sco) - winner to play Emma Saroj in semi-final. Johanna Van Den Berg (Nam) v **Nici Neal (RSA)**; winner to play Leigh Griffin (NZL) in semi-final.

Day 6:

Men: Sec.1: Rd.11: Alf Wallace (Can) bt Alex Barkley (Zam) 13-4 7-6, Scott Thulborn (Aus) bt Tim Morton (Bot) 16-3 10-4, Lee Williamson (Eng) bt Pete Bonsor (ESP) 8-8 11-4, **Morgan Muvhango (RSA)** bt Waisea Senibici (Fij) 15-1 8-4, Boaz Markus (Isr) bt Russell Forsyth (Jpn) 12-10 8-2-1.
Final standings: Thulborn 20 pts +82 shots, Bonsor 16 +87, Markus 14 +15, Williamson 12 +56, **Muvhango 12 +34**, Wallace 10 +8, Terence Lee (Sin) 8 -18, Morton 8 -26, Forsyth 6 +11, Senibici 4 -69, Barkley 0 -179.
Men: Sec.2: Rd.11: Terry Bowes (Zim) bt Stanley Lai (HKC) 9-8 8-5, Ileremia Tuteru (CKI) bt George Gray (Cyp) 5-5 8-7, Neil Mulholland (Ire) bt Fairul Muin (Mas) 7-6 5-7 3-1, Ryan Dixon (NFI) bt Ozkan Akar (Tur) 10-8 10-4, Willem Esterhuizen (Nam) bt Andrew Klubberud (USA) 15-3 5-12 2-1.
Final standings: Muin 18 pts +108 shots, Kevin Anderson (Sco) 16 +82, Mulholland 16 +29, Esterhuizen 14 +39, Klubberud 12 +5, Akar 8 -34, Bowes 8 -49, Lai 8 -35, Dixon 6 +13, Gray 2 -68, Tuteru 2 -92.
Men: Elimination finals: Mulholland bt Markus 12-2 12-3, Bonsor bt Anderson 9-9 7-4.
Semi-finals: Fairul Muin (MAS) bt Pete Bonsor (ESP) 3-9 6-4 3-0, Neil Mulholland (IRE) bt Scott Thulborn (AUS) 9-5 3-8 3-2.
Final: Mulholland bt Muin 10-10 8-3.
Women: Elimination finals: Katrina Wright (Aus) bt Lorna Smith (Sco) 11-2 9-6, **Nici Neal (RSA)** bt Johanna Van Den Bergh (Nam) 9-3 0-11 5-4.
Semi-finals: Neal bt Leigh Griffin (NZL) 9-8 8-1 6-0, Emma Saroj (Mas) bt Wright 11-1 4-10 3-2.
Final: Emma Saroj (MAS) bt Nici Neal (RSA) 9-3 9-8.

Buoyed by Roodepoort's own Nici Neal's silver medal triumph in the World Bowls Champion of Champions event in Australia last week, the South African Proteas men and women's bowls sides jet-off at 7pm from OR Tambo, Johannesburg, on Friday (Nov 27) for Cyprus and the significant Atlantic Championships, from November 30 – December 13.

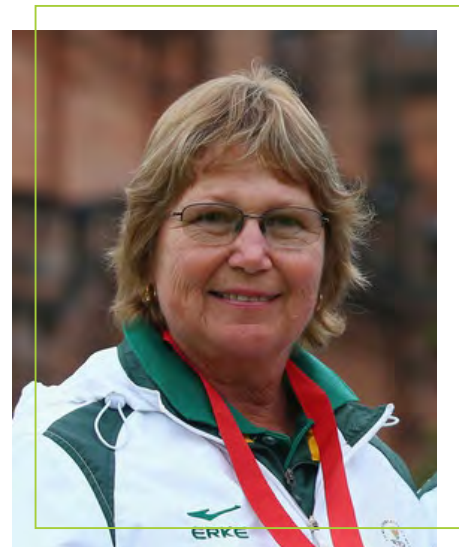
Although nudging the No 1 spot in the world after gold medal successes at World Bowls, the 2014 Commonwealth Games and internationals worldwide, the 10 men and women and their manager/coaches (Theuns Fraser, head coach; Jessica Henderson, manager / coach) must take the event seriously - the championships is a qualifier for World Bowls next year (all nations must qualify) and although they should encounter few problems, the Proteas face tough opposition from many hopefuls.

Venue is Athena Beach Hotel, Paphos, with its superb adjacent greens; only those finishing in the top 10 of each discipline (singles, pairs, triples, fours) qualify to compete at Christchurch, New Zealand at the end of next year. Already qualified are Australia's men and women (overall world champions from 2012) and the hosts. For the rest it is "take no prisoners."

The top class Protea sides, packed with World Bowls and Commonwealth Games champions also includes Protea debutante Anneke Snyman, a 21-year-old prodigy from Bredasdorp in the Boland.

The men's side is again spearheaded by perennial SA No1 Gerry Baker of Johannesburg. In great form this season, leftie Baker, a 2015 JBA champion with clutch of victories at international level, skips fours and pairs – in the latter with his heir apparent Pierre Breitenbach

LOOK OUT ATLANTIC HERE COME THE PROTEAS



BIG CHEESE: The Proteas' fours skips in Cyprus, Gerry Baker and Susan Nel

(NW), who plays third in the fours. The amiable and reliable SA Masters bronze medallist Jason Evans (JBA) at second; seemingly invincible Masters and SA Singles champion Rudi Jacobs (NW), singles and pairs with Evans and silky Prince Neluonde, another JBA champion this season, (JBA), leading in fours and trips

The women are also a superb outfit, with no-nonsense Sables back-rankers Susan Nel, controlling the fours, with Nel at third; Snyman, who shone as a junior at this year's Quadrangular in Bulawayo against full international competition, slots in at second and at lead is the "jack happy" Sylvia Burns

(WP). No SA women's team is complete without Colleen Piketh, a Commonwealth Games Pairs champion and hugely experienced player, who takes the singles slot.

South African star Tracy Lee Botha (JBA), automatic for the side, was unavailable; non-travelling reserves are SA Masters Champion Esmé Haley (JBA) and Thinus Oelofse (EKB)

Expect another medal haul from these great sides.

Alan Simmonds
Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

BSA CALENDAR 2016

JANUARY

- 21 - 24 Training Camp - Women
Midstream, BGN
- 28 - 31 Training Camp - Men
Midstream, BGN

FEBRUARY

- 12 - 14 Warwick Bowls SA Masters
Singles Championship
Wanderers, JBA
- 12 - 14 Warwick Bowls SA Senior
Masters Singles Championship
Wanderers, JBA
- 12 - 14 Warwick Bowls SA Junior
Masters Singles Championship
Wanderers, JBA

MARCH

- 06 - 11 Six Nationals International
Christchurch, New Zealand
- 13 - 24 World Cup (Indoor) Singles
Warilla, Australia

MARCH / APRIL

- 29 - 08 Warwick Bowls SA U/25
Inter District Championships
Bloemfontein Municipals, SFS
- 29 - 08 U/19 Development Tournament
Orangia, SFS

APRIL

- 04 - 08 Perfect Delivery Bowls SA
Open Inter District Championship
Edenvale, EKB
- 04 - 08 Perfect Delivery Bowls SA
Senior Inter District Championship
Belgravia, JBA
- 04 - 08 Bowls SA "B" Inter District
Championship
Port Elizabeth, EPB
- 03 - 09 Disability Bowls Nationals
Kimberley, NCB

MAY

- 14 - 22 Warwick Bowls SA Men's
National Championship
Parkhill, PNB
- 14 - 22 Warwick Bowls SA Women's
National Championship
Wingate Park, BGN

JUNE

- 22 - 25 SA Mixed Pairs Championship
Sol Plaatjies, NCB

- 24 - 26 Transformation Camp
Edenvale, EKB

JULY

- 29 - 31 International Quadrangular
Edenvale, EKB

AUGUST

- 12 - 14 National Camp
Wingate Park, BGN
- 27 Bowls SA Annual General Meeting
Edenvale, EKB

SEPTEMBER

- 10 - 11 SpecSavers Bowls SA Pro10 Pairs
WPCC, WPBA

NOVEMBER

- 14 - 20 World Singles CoC
Christchurch, New Zealand

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

- 28 - 11 World Bowls Championships
Helenvale, Australia



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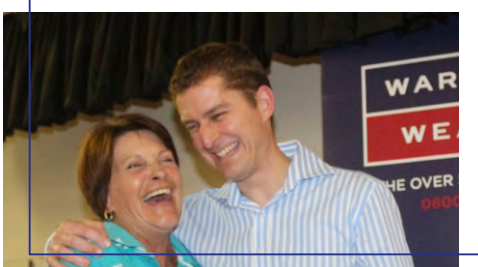
TOPS: Doreen Salmond, Alf and Denise Bingham, Eric Klopper (Amanzimtoti) with Warwick's Conrad Clifford and Stuart Milligan, extreme right

DOREEN SURELY THE TOAST OF TOTI

Amanzimtoti BC in Natal hosted its annual two-day Warwick Wealth-sponsored tournament with 24 mixed four's teams fighting it out for top honours, reports Stuart Milligan, Warwick Network Manager; accompanied by Senior Investment Specialist Conrad Clifford. Blessed with good weather, great food and sportsmanship was the order for the whole weekend. Doreen Salmond skipped her team to the top of the table, ahead of Glen Scorgie's side. They were followed by SA Masters and senior Protea player Glenda Matthews and team, skipped by former legend Bruce Makkink. Most clubs from the upper South Coast took part in a well-organised even. The piped music playing throughout provided a festive atmosphere. Well done to all.



NEARLY: Glen Scorgie, Alec & Nicky Stirzaker, Jackie Holdricks (Amanzimtoti) with the Warwick guys



LUCKY DRAW: Julie Sutherland (Amanzimtoti) shares a laugh with Conrad Clifford



THIRD: Glenda Matthews, Bruce Makkink, front left, Marsha McCrimmon, Al du Toit, Adriane Robbins (sub) (Durban BC) and the sponsors' representatives

PORT NATAL CHAMPS BOOST SIDE TO WARWICK WIN



TOPS: Clive Hornby, Sandy le Roux, Francis Sneed, Kris Dunleavy, Craig Worst, Nick Horne (Westville)

Westville CC hosted the popular annual Warwick 6's tournament. The teams consisted of six - four men and two women - playing three x 15-end sessions, reports Stuart Milligan (Warwick Network Manager). The first session was men's fours and ladies pairs followed by two games of mixed trips; finally men's pairs, the balance playing mixed fours. With the field full of provincial players and great weather the standard of bowls was out of the top draw. The Hillcrest team, with Craig Worst and Nick Horne - Port Natal men's pairs champions - were in superb form to take first place from Ray le Roux's Parkhill BC squad. A great day and top sportsmanship for all augurs well for bowls.



CLOSE: Alec Morrison, Mo Morrison, Marge Migdol, Ray le Roux, Gary Watson, Lorraine Morrison (Parkhill)



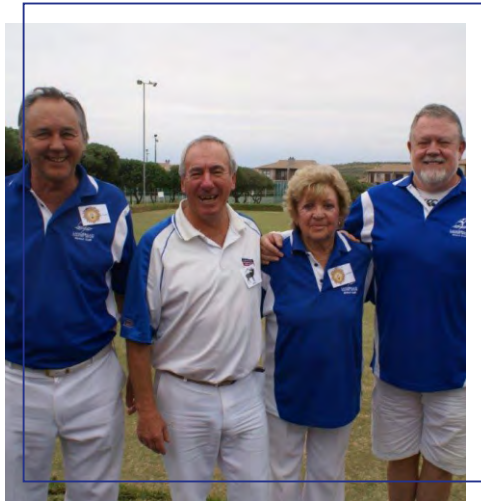
LUCKY LADY: Moira Brown (Westville CC)

NO WIND, SO CHERYL AND TEAM MAKE HAY

A full field of 56 women graced the greens at Oakdale near Cape Town for a Warwick-sponsored fours day. The Cape Doctor was on house calls elsewhere, so the weather was warm, reports Warwick's Brian Yarwood (Sports Officer). Fantastic bowling followed by sumptuous food meant the whole event superbly managed by Lynn de Bruyn was a great success. Claude was the W.S. In attendance and the winners names are below.



TOO GOOD! Protea Cheryl Cox, Joan Gilliomee, Connie Finikarides, Wendy Adams (Edgemead)



WARWICK ENJOYS VICTORIA PARK OUTING



TOP TAB: Port Elizabeth's Victoria Park Bowling Club hosted sponsor Warwick Wealth earlier this year for a tabs-in special, reports Margaret Dreyer. With Warwick' experts Ryan Hendry and Carl Vermeulen in attendance, 34 players enjoyed a successful event. The weather remained fine, the wind stayed away. Danny Zdanow represented the club's lifestyle committee. Winners were Vivian Trobec, Dave McGlen, Glenda Weitz (Walmer CC), with Ryan Hendry Winner of an umbrella and bag was Rhona Douglas (Walmer CC) pictured right



WEST COAST WIND-UP WITH WARWICK

A great day up the WP West Coast for a Warwick tournament at Langebaan CC, saw Francois Venter (Paarl BC) Maureen Neumeyer, Mike Dewar (LCE BC, Boland) triumph (see picture with Brian Yarwood, second left). It was a very competitive tournament with the winners overcoming there opponents by just one point. Windy, warm, wet (afterwards in the clubhouse!), reports Brian Yarwood (Warwick Sports Officer).

96 COMPETE AT KIRKWOOD IN SEARING HEAT



BAGMAN: Peter Kotze (with Monica Canter), lucky draw winner at Kirkwood

A magnificent field of 96 players from various clubs in the Eastern Cape played a Warwick Mixed Fours event. It was an extremely well-organised tournament in scorching heat, which included six games of 15 ends, culminating in a "vlakvark" on the spit on the Friday night. So, a big thank you to Monica Canter and her team on a great bowls event - from Warwick's Ryan Hendry and Carl Vermeulen.



AUSTRALIA GETS ITS SQUADS ORGANISED

Sydney, Australia. - Bowls Australia have confirmed 86 of the sport's most talented players as members of the state-based National Training Centre programme. Overseen by National coach Steve Glasson, the NTC squads serve as a feeder program for the top tier Australian Jackaroos and provided with invaluable support from the five NTC coaches spread across the nation.

A modified pathway format now sees the NTC squads feed directly into the Australian Jackaroos squad, which incorporates the nation's best 10 male and 10 female players.

Queensland's NTC program, headed by former world number two Brett Wilkie as coach, has the biggest change of personnel, with eight

new or returning members to the 23 player team.

Pint-sized 12 year-old Marcus Simpson, who impressed the bowls fraternity with stunning efforts at the Australian Under-18 Championships, staged at his home patch of Nightcliff, is included.

Players come from throughout Australia.

Meanwhile, Warilla's Aaron Teys has been elevated to the Australian Jackaroos Squad.

Warilla's Aaron Teys has been confirmed as a late inclusion in the Australian Jackaroos Squad for 2015/16, following a stunning showing at



TALENT:
The Australian junior squad

the national high performance selection camp in New Zealand last week.

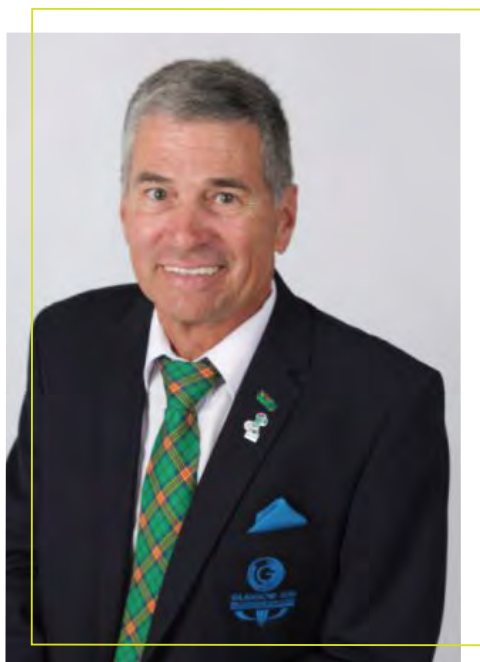


YOUTH SHINES: Two of Australia's brightest young stars, NSW's Molly Wilton and Queensland's Jacob Nelson, who claimed the coveted Junior Golden Nugget trophies at Tweed Heads, NSW

Teys, 21, thoroughly impressed National Coach Steve Glasson and his selectors during the gruelling six-day camp, which was used to trial 21 players on the surface and in the conditions of next month's 18-nation Asia Pacific Championships event in Christchurch.

Teys joins the 20 player Jackaroos team as the youngest current male member, but alongside a host of fresh blood in a new-look contingent that was announced in July, including Ellen Ryan (18), Kristina Krstic (21), Aaron Wilson (23), Max Kleinig (26), and Ray Pearse (31).

The Australian Junior Squad us: Tiffany Brodie (Victoria), Jayden Christie (Victoria), Amelia Bruggy (Victoria), Joshua Corless (Victoria), Kate Mathews (NSW), Jono Davis (NSW), Tayla Morison (Victoria), Nic Gosley (Queensland), Taleah Putney (Queensland).



BIG HONOUR: Bowls SA executive member & top technical official Trevor Davis (Eden), seen in his 2014 Commonwealth uniform, has been selected to officiate at the 2016 World Bowls Championships in New Zealand. With him will be 10 Australian umpires; one from Canada, three from England, one from Hong Kong, nine from New-Zealand, eight from Scotland. Well done and good luck.

BOWLS SA ROUNDUP

DISTRICTS' CLOSING DATES

Closing date for entries into the following events is Monday, February 1, 2016. Districts are requested to ensure that their entries are dispatched, using the attached forms, to the e-mail addresses as indicated to reach the tournament committees on or before the closing date:

- Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Inter Districts - dave.loseby@vodamail.co.za
- Perfect Delivery Bowls SA Senior Inter Districts - comps@jbabowls.co.za
- Bowls SA "B" Inter Districts - wildmanp@mweb.co.za

JUNIOR DISTRICT DETAILS

Closing date for entries to the 2016 Warwick Bowls SA U/25 Inter District Championship & Bowls SA U/19 Development Tournament is Mon, 1 Feb 2016. Forms & consent forms should be used when submitting entries. Districts shall once again be assisted with their costs when entering teams into the development tournament as follows: Any district confirming an entry to the U/19 event receives a single payment of R5 000, plus an additional R1 000 for every team entered where at least 50% of the team incorporates players from previously disadvantaged communities. Districts are entitled to enter either single gender or mixed gender teams in any combination of four male and female players. This ruling applies to both the U/19 and U/25 events. Districts are required to submit their entries for both tournaments directly to the tournament secretary at roewiid@gmail.com

NIGEL SMITH NEW BOWLS AUSTRALIA PRESIDENT

Bowls Australia have elected South Tweed Heads' Nigel Smith as their new president following the AGM on the Gold Coast. Smith who takes over from Des Skinner, has been on an integral part of the board for the past three years, is a more than capable bowler in his own right on the green and brings a strong business acumen to his new role.

ADVICE FOR SENIOR PLAYERS

Bowls Australia has launched an exciting new partnership with RDNS, Australia's oldest home nursing and aged care provider. Thousands of people in all states will be able to access health and wellness sessions from RDNS nurses and educators courtesy of a unique partnership with Bowls Australia. Not-for-profit aged care service provider RDNS has partnered with Bowls Australia, the governing body for the sport of bowls in Australia, to share with bowlers and the broader community information on key health issues including skin care, first aid and CPR, nutrition and positive ageing. The innovative alliance will see RDNS visit bowls clubs in every state, talking with groups to promote health and wellbeing. Australian bowls is one of the largest sports within Australia's sport and recreation industry, with more than 600 000 regular participants annually and 180 000 playing members across 1 927 clubs around the nation.

OBITUARY



Outstanding administrator Felicity Rafferty, who served bowls with distinction for many years as the secretary and as president of Central Gauteng Bowls Association has died. Bowls South Africa remembers her contribution to the sport with fondness and appreciation and extends our condolences to her family and many friends.

TRAIN THE TRAINERS COURSE IN AMANZIMTOTI 2015



A successful train the trainers course was held in Amanzimtoti. Nineteen candidates from 16 districts attended and the course was vibrant and positive. Candidates interacted well and problems facing districts were discussed. A well-loved, respected and capable convenor of Bowls South Africa Technical Officials, Neville Savage had to step down due to ill health at the end of September. Prior to that served as a member for a number of years. The standing committee thanks him for his dedication.

RECRUITING UMPIRE CANDIDATES

It is becoming harder for district standing committees to recruit candidates for umpires' courses Club committees are requested to assist the committees to encourage members. Thought must be given to the fact that South Africa is hosting the Commonwealth games in 2022 and we are going to need many international umpires to do duty. World Bowls do not allow technical officials who are not suitably qualified to do duty at International events so if we in South Africa cannot field sufficient numbers of ITO's, BSA will have to "import" umpires from other countries at their (and in the end our) expense. To achieve an international accreditation one needs to be a

Level 3 Technical Official so if you are not an umpire, now is the time to get started. Believe me, I speak from experience, there is nothing better than umpiring at a World Bowls Tournament such as the Commonwealth Games encourage your club mates to do the next Level 1 course. And you in turn can offer to do more duty at your club or district competitions and in this way accumulate the umpiring hours you need to upgrade to the next level and who knows? You might well be seen on TV doing duty at the Commonwealth Games in Durban in 2022

WELL DONE TO THE PLATTELAND!

PASSED!: North West Technical Officials presented a Level 1 course in Lichtenburg in October and all 11 candidates passed. Also present were 3 Level 1 Technical Officials whom qualified in 2010 and felt a refresher necessary. With three Level 2 umpires to assist in practical assessment, a great course was enjoyed, the only small problem was the English in the more Afrikaans environment. Needless to say the food was excellent and hospitality "net soos die platteland dit kan doen."





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