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Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

South Africa's skilful Protea bowls sides contest the Commonwealth Games at Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia from 4-15 April. It will be tough going; extremely tough going.

Heat, jet lag, acclimatisation, pace of greens and nerves; yes, even the best have nerves.

In international bowls, especially in sections where all competition is fierce, there is no time to play one's self in. This not a five-day cricket test match where a batsman/woman has license to adjust to pace, poise and opposition.

Not that the Proteas are afraid of top competition – they provide most of it themselves.

At the 2014 Commonwealth Games Glasgow, Scotland, the team – open and physically disabled – won five gold and two bronze medals – the women, in particular, demolishing their opponents; the disabled won their events with aplomb; the deservedly vaunted Aussies went home devastated.

This time, conditions at Broadbeach BC will be different; the home side will be in everyone's

faces. But New Zealand, Britain and Malaysia are major stumbling blocks.

The Malaysian national lawn bowls team won silver medals in the men's pairs and women's fours.

South African-born national coach Dr Simon Botha said: "We are targeting more than medals. The team will be announced this month after international matches against Australia and New Zealand.

The SA selectors' line-up for the XXI Games is predictable; some might say conservative. Experience has been chosen rather than youth – unlike, say, with a twist, by Australia.

The average age of the men's side is 46.5; the women's 43.5 – compared with Australia's 35 and 30 respectively. Fair to say, however these "youngsters" are more like grizzled veterans, so long have they been at the top.

The SA women's side shows four changes from Glasgow; several players have retired from the big stage.

Colleen Webb Piketh (Bedfordview CC, JBA) is the sole survivor.

The superb Johannesburg player, equally adept on carpet will play the singles. Her opposition could not be tougher, but she has gone so close to gold in several international events since 2014, she cannot be ruled out.

She won 2014 gold in the pairs with Tracey Lee Botha - to me a disappointing exclusion this time - and a stunning bronze in the singles – a tight measure away from a finals place earlier.

Elma Davis (George, Eden), who has sparked and danced her way into everyone’s hearts, is most deserving of a place. Adept on any surface and in any position, she will fight for every shot.

No surprise selection is Nici Neal (Leases, Sables). SA Masters, national and almost a world singles title (she won silver), she is another who can play up front or at the back. Quite the “quiet assassin”, Neal remains, however, calm, collected and humble.

Youngest in the entire team is effervescent Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp, Boland).

The “Boland babe”, consistent and reliable, has gradually worked her way through the ranks after appearing on the scene with a bang after demolishing the 2013 SA Masters Junior opposition, subsequently winning bronze twice in the main event and proving to be the real deal in Protea colours elsewhere.

Tall, determined Esmé Kruger (CBC Old Boys, BGN) appeared as a runner-up in the 2007 Master. Since then has won her spurs in international events, triumphed at the SA Nationals. At last year’s Masters she won bronze and is the selectors’ “go-to” girl for any reason.

Bowls South African president, Rob Forbes said in Port Elizabeth:

“One of the greatest bowls shows on earth and in which South Africa has a glorious record. This time, under antipodean conditions it will be a slog for our men and women. I hope they don’t go in ‘undercooked’, but hit peak form from day one.

“I have no doubt they are all top class material and will acquit themselves honourably win or lose. Our fantastic world champion para-bowlers will for sure be the ones to beat in their events.

“I can’t wait for the Games to begin. Good luck to all”

The men’s side has a more familiar ring to it.

What more can be written about Gerry Baker (Bryanston Sports, JBA)?

“Leftie”, the brilliant, dogged doyen of men’s bowls in South Africa, has plied his amateur trade at the top for almost 20 years. Winner of countless club, district, national and international events, he will skip the fours in Australia, with a few old scores to settle.

In Games terms, Baker won pairs gold with Shaun (now Father) Addinall, playing probably the most outrageous winning shot in Games history for gold from the last bowl of the event at Delhi in 2010; Baker twice won bronze in the singles – 1998 and 2002.



Gold Coast 2018
XXI Commonwealth Games
QUEENSLAND

VISUALLY IMPAIRED



FLIP WALKER



PRINCESS SCHROEDER

PHYSICALLY DISABLED



WILLEM VILJOEN



TOBIAS BOTHA



CHRISTOPHER PATTON

At 58, a successful businessman, this might be his swansong – what better way to end an illustrious service to South Africa with another medal?

Another selected in 2014 was silky-smooth, affable Rudi Jacobs (Parys, NW). He launched a “blitzkrieg” on every SA event and cleaned up as well in internationals. But before he could send down one bowl in Glasgow, he suffered an injury – now also 58, he gets a second chance here.

But that injury opened the way for then non-travelling reserve Pierre Breitenbach (Potchefstroom Town, NW), this year the youngest man in the side at 31.

At Glasgow, he grabbed his chance, winning the trips gold medal and subsequently the 2016 SA Masters and a clutch of other medals and accolades worldwide. He is tipped, rightly so, as Baker’s successor. He plays singles on the Gold Coast – watch out for him; he has much kinetic talent.

Pin-up boy Jason Evans, a charming family man, with a penchant for music, has patiently improved year by year since 2014. A close friend and past club mate of Baker, Evans is a game changer.

He won the 2017 SA Masters through sheer pig-headedness – he refused to lose. That trait will serve South Africa well in the contest ahead.

New face in the side from Glasgow is Sables star Morgan Muvhango, 39, selected ahead of excluded better-known club mate of Baker – Prince Neluonde, a member of the winning trips side in Scotland and champion of the highly competitive Johannesburg Bowls Association Open Singles.

Quietly-spoken Muvhango, twice a nationals’ titleholder and a successful gold medallist Protea in African States and other intentional clashes, he is dedicated to the game and deservedly takes his place on the grand stage.

So, no Neluonde, no singles and trips Games’ champion Bobby Donnelly, no sight of younger men, such as excellent Thinus Oelofse from Benoni or Free State’s “enfant terrible” experienced Clinton Roets, nor SA singles winner and gold medallist as a debut Protea in the African States Tournament Wayne Ritmuller (Port Natal) – they must wait another four years for their chances.

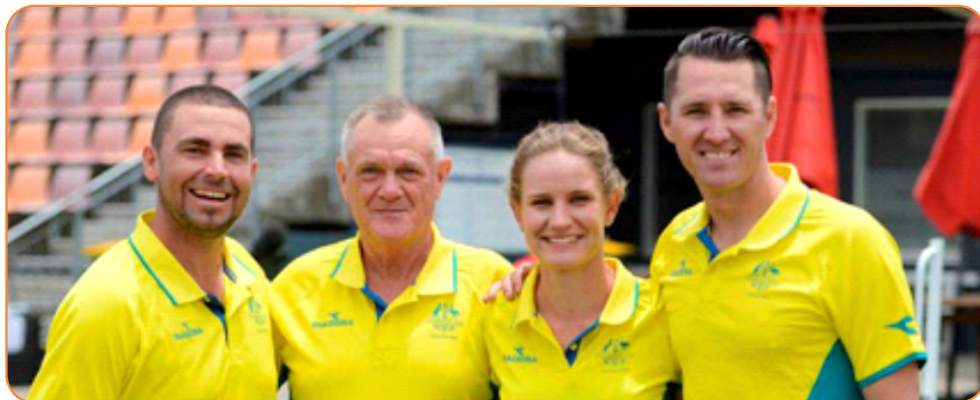
The excellent coaching/managerial duo of Theuns Fraser and Jessica Henderson again travel; as Shaw wrote: “Ministers come and ministers go, but I go on forever...”

Disabled and visually impaired compete in April, hoping to again see the gold medal table. Changes galore, but the one B8 disabled trips side and the B3 visually impaired duo take South Africa’s No1 world rating with them into the fray.

The players are: B8: Tobias Botha, Willem Viljoen, Chris Patton; B3 visually impaired are Flippie Walker (Hermanus Scholtz is injured and forced to retire) and iconic Princess Schroeder with their directors Annetjie Viljoen and Graham Ward. Manager/coach is a legend for his outstanding work in this genre, Geoff Newcombe of Port Elizabeth.

Top SA technical officials Jeanette Williams and Trevor Davis will umpiring at the Games.

AUSTRALIA HAVE DEPTH AND STRENGTH



VICTORIAN-BASED GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES REPRESENTATIVES:
Josh Thornton, Ken Hanson, Carla Krizanac and Barrie Lester – the last two named were wonderful visitors to the SA Masters last year

Australia's Bowls Team for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games will boast a mix of youth and experience, with six Games debutants among the 17 bowlers named by Commonwealth Games Australia.

The 17-person squad include seven in the para-sport team; including two vision impaired bowlers, accompanied by their directors, and three bowlers with a disability.

Making maiden Games campaigns appearances are two reigning world champions in the open category - Aaron Wilson (26, Cabramatta, NSW) and Tasmanian Athlete of the Year Rebecca Van Asch (29, Invermay, TAS).

Additionally, four of the five para-sport athletes will compete in their inaugural Games, including bowlers with a disability Josh Thornton (36, East Shepparton, VIC) and Ken Hanson (68, City Colac, VIC) and both vision-impaired pairs competitors Jake Fehlberg (23, Burleigh Heads, QLD, Director: Grant Fehlberg) and Lynne Seymour (67, Thuringowa, QLD, Director: Robert Seymour).

Seven players from Devon – five of them from Torquay's Kings Bowling Club – have been called up to the England squad for next year's Commonwealth Games in Australia.

Brother and sister Sam and Sophie Tolchard, and husband and wife Jamie and Natalie Chestney – who all bowl with Kings in the summer and won medals at the last Commonwealth Games in Glasgow – will be joined this time by teammate Louis Ridout, who will be making his championship debut on the Gold Coast next April.

Natalie Chestney won a gold medal in the women's singles competition at the 2010 Games in Delhi, India, before picking up two silvers in Glasgow in 2014 in the women's singles and as half of the women's pairs team. Sophie Tolchard won her gold as part of the

Reigning world singles champion Karen Murphy (42, Cabramatta, NSW), who clinched a Games gold medal in the pairs in 2006 in addition to silver medals in 1998 in the fours, 2002 in the singles and 2014 in the triples, has been selected for her fifth Games appearance; equalling Rex Johnston OAM for the most appearances from an Australian bowler.

In addition to Van Asch and Murphy, the women's team boasts three-time world champion Natasha Scott (27, Raymond Terrace, NSW), Australia's number one female bowler Carla Krizanac (27, Sunbury, VIC) and international stalwart Kelsey Cottrell (27, St Johns Park, NSW), who has enjoyed a stunning 12-year career after becoming the youngest Australian representative in history as a 15 year-old.

Joining Wilson in the men's squad is Australia's number one male bowler Barrie Lester (35, Mulgrave Country Club, VIC), and a trio of Gold Coasters in Australian Jackaroos vice-captain Brett Wilkie (44, Club Helensvale, QLD), four-time Bowls Australia International Bowler of

FIVE FROM ONE CLUB IN ENGLAND SQUAD

women's triples in Glasgow. Jamie Chestney won a silver medal as part of the men's fours team there, playing alongside Sam Tolchard.

Also travelling to Australia will be Crediton Bowls Club's Robert Paxton, and Alison Yearling from Plymouth, who will be competing as one half of the para-lawn bowls visually impaired mixed pair with Somerset bowler Steve Simmons.

WOMEN'S TEAM:

Kelsey Cottrell (St Johns Park, NSW)
Carla Krizanac (Sunbury, VIC)
Karen Murphy (Cabramatta, NSW)
Natasha Scott (Raymond Terrace, NSW)
Rebecca Van Asch (Invermay, TAS)*

MEN'S TEAM:

Barrie Lester (Mulgrave CC, VIC)
Nathan Rice (Club Helensvale, QLD)
Aron Sherriff (Club Helensvale, QLD)
Brett Wilkie (Club Helensvale, QLD)
Aaron Wilson (Cabramatta, NSW)*

PARA-SPORT TEAM:

DISABILITY TRIPLES:

Tony Bonnell (Brighton, QLD)
Ken Hanson (City Colac, VIC)*
Joshua Thornton (East Shepparton, VIC)*

VISION-IMPAIRED PAIRS:

Jake Fehlberg (Burleigh Heads, QLD, Director: Grant Fehlberg)*
Lynne Seymour (Thuringowa, QLD, Director: Robert Seymour)*

OFFICIALS:

Peter Brown	Team Leader
Steve Glasson OAM	Head Coach
Kelvin Kerkow OAM	Coach
Faye Luke	Team Manager
Mark McMahon	Sport Psychologist
Gary Willis	Coach

* = debutant

the Year Aron Sherriff (32, Club Helensvale, QLD) and Nathan Rice (38, Club Helensvale, QLD).

The only para-sport player to have been chosen for a consecutive Games appearance is Tony Bonnell (50, Brighton, QLD).

Commonwealth Games Australia Chef de Mission for Gold Coast 2018 Steve Moneghetti said he was excited by the high calibre of bowlers.

Australia's bowlers have won nine gold, nineteen silver and ten bronze medals since 1930, with women not playing until 1982.

Info courtesy of Bowls Australia



BOWLERS AT KINGS BOWLING CLUB IN TORQUAY: Sam Tolchard, Jamie Chestney, Natalie Chestney & Sophie Tolchard

"I am over the moon to be selected for the Games. To play for our country is such an honour and (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



THE YEAR AHEAD

SASCOC has announced our team to represent Bowls South Africa at the XX1 Commonwealth Games in Australia in April (see lead story this newsletter). On behalf of the executive I wish the team named all the best and am certain they will return justly rewarded for their endeavours.

Lawn bowls has a proud record of achievement at the Games with the medals won since readmission second only to those earned by swimming.

Playing under conditions that we do not often experience presents its own challenges, but I have every confidence that we have the skills and tenacity to master this and provide strong opposition in all phases of competition.

Before our players embark on the trip Down-Under there is the "small matter" of our annual Warwick Wealth Masters tournament which this year is being hosted at picturesque Wingate Park.

The Masters showcases the best of our singles players from across the country and as such is a highly sought after national title. Those competing in the Open section will, by the time the final is played, have contested seven hard fought matches. Mental and physical strength will be tested with each match.

My executive and I wish all the participants a successful tournament, where I'm sure memories of many a hard fought encounter will be made.

Early next month Colleen Piketh and Pierre Breitenbach set off to Australia to represent us in the World Indoor Singles tournament. Both players are multiple winners of national titles and have excelled in this tournament in the past. We wish them all the best as they represent us against the cream of world bowls singles players.

Recently someone shared with me the Bowls Australia strategic plan for 2018-2022. The theme of their plan is called 'Bowls Unleashed' (see this newsletter) and their vision is to ensure that all Australians engage with bowls during their lifetime.

Much as our Health and Skills benefits poster, that I shared with you last year, sets out the health and social benefits associated with our sport likewise Bowls Australia recognise the health and social benefits of bowls as a sport and this should be our competitive advantage that sets us apart from other codes.

The demographics of our country with its rural and urban population spread will create a huge challenge in matching the vision of each person engaging with bowls during their lifetime, but there is no reason why we can similarly attempt to engage with as many people as we can within the sphere of our capability and resource capacity.

Since the advent of the first business league some years ago to the current situation more and more clubs are turning to this activity as a means to encourage participation and sustain themselves financially. Ask any club to have engaged in this activity and they will tell you of the huge benefits this has brought.

While not necessarily giving rise to immediate increase in membership numbers, it offers us, however, an opportunity to parade the competitive advantage that bowls has over other sports.

As with the Australian vision I am a firm believer we need to give as many people as possible a 'taste' of our sport.

Without this, people pondering sport choices will not have experienced the excitement and challenges provided by bowls and will simply base their decision on perception which, we know, is historically biased against us.

I, therefore, encourage each and every club without a business league to get one going. It doesn't matter if you start small, experience has shown us demand for participation increases. I believe the long term benefits of this engagement will ultimately to be advantageous.

In similar vein, we need to follow the example of all the good work being done around school participation. As with business leagues there are numerous examples of diligent people making it their mission to expose our sport to the young. Their work is outstanding and as with business leagues I encourage clubs to take up the challenge of engaging with a local school.

We will not grow the sport based purely on having a facility and people need to use it; only if we actively bring people to participate for it is here where the real beauty and challenges of our sport can be found and that desire for a return to action created.

Have a wonderful year's bowling.

**Rob Forbes -
President, Bowls South Africa**



SILVER MEDALIST: Natalie Melmore triumphant in the 2014 Women's Singles.
(Image: Harry Trump/Pinnacle)

the Commonwealth Games is the pinnacle of my bowling career.

Natalie Chestney was Natalie Melmore when she won her gold and two silvers – so her goal now is to pick another medal at a third Games, under her married name. She said: "I am really lucky that this will be my third Commonwealth Games and the second alongside my husband, which makes it even more special.

"Lawn bowls is not a sport that people often associate with elite level competition – but the Commonwealth Games give us an opportunity

to promote our great sport to the wider public. I cannot wait!"



Info courtesy of Bowls England



COMPLICATED, BUT VITAL ANTI-DOPING PROCEDURE

Bowls SA is a signatory of an agreement regarding drug-free sport, as part of the world-wide organisation – World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (SAIDS) implements world-wide protocols in this regard.

Despite Coaches being informed of the compliance requirements for many years and circulars about this matter, a player tested positive for the prohibited substances, Hydrochlorothiazide which is categorised as a Class S5 – Diuretic as well as Cathine which is categorised as a Class S6 – Stimulant on the World Anti-Doping Code 2017 Prohibited List International Standard when SAIDS implemented their testing protocols at the 2017 National Mixed Pairs Tournament. The source of the prohibited substances came from Enapco (blood-pressure tablets) and Relislim (slimming tablets).

The Player sanction was a four (4) month suspension.

In the future, it is virtually guaranteed SAIDS will be at future tournaments – all tournaments at any level – but especially national and district level tournaments. We can also be assured that future cases will be viewed far more strictly than this first case involving a Bowls SA member.

Players must take note that the supplements industry is not regulated, and the majority of these products contains banned substances, even if not listed on the label.

NB: These supplements include the majority of ‘energy’ shakes/drinks.

SAIDS is not obliged to notify federations which events they intend to visit and may arrive at any tournament and randomly target any players they choose. The players and their managers/coaches have no option about complying with their requirements and taking responsibility for

the consequences.

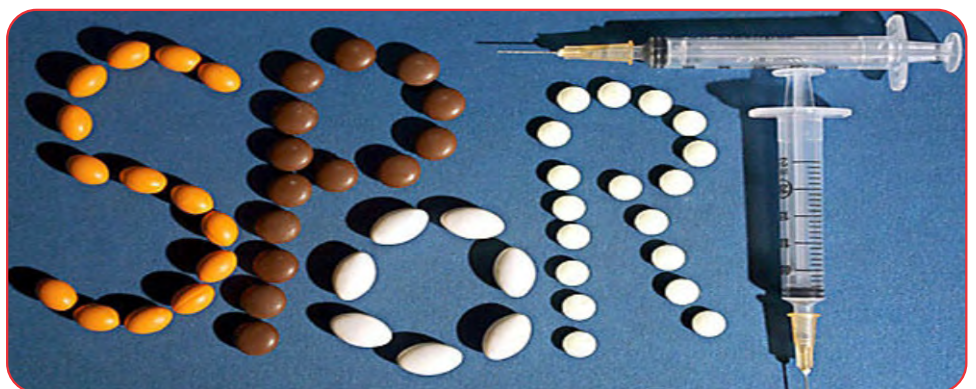
To protect your clubs, your district, your coaches and your players, it is vital you provide the following for every player entering district tournaments:

1. Bowls SA 2017/Circulars 8 and 32
2. This information (Circular 70)
3. The compliance form
4. The therapeutic use exemption document (if necessary) to be found at this link: (<http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/tue-application-form-contacts/>)

Since 2016, coaches are deemed responsible for players and may suffer similar penalties as players.

Players must check medications/ list of ingredients on the SAIDS web-site (links provided). Should any medication or ingredients of any medication be indicated as a banned substance (anything other than green), the player should consult his/her GP for an alternative. If this is unavailable, player then applies.

No district tournament entries should be accepted until the compliance form and, where applicable, the TUE document, are uploaded onto the membership database (process provided). Should districts choose not to comply Bowls SA will not be in a position to assist in any cases against such players.



THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR COMPLIANCE:

1. The attached completed Bowls SA SAIDS Acknowledgement & Compliance form signed as required.
2. A copy (electronic or printed) of the TUE document, if necessary, must accompany the returned form.
3. The following outlines the proposed specification to include the documentation and consent information required by SAIDS for all Bowls SA Members participating in District & National Tournaments.

The data on the Database is entered and maintained by Club Administrators, District Administrators and National Administrators according to their relevant access profiles and is superintended by the Systems Administrator.

- i. We have a Members table listing all relevant biological, residential and personal information of all members – check that the contact information is up to date.
- ii. All members will have an indicator on their record, indicating that the required documents are either uploaded or need to be uploaded. This will be an automated process.
- iii. By changing the indicator, the administrator will automatically be requested to upload the documents not yet there (or remove and upload a replacement should information change in the future)
 - a. Scanned image – Completed Bowls SA SAIDS Acknowledgement & Compliance form
 - b. Scanned image – TUE (if applicable)

These documents are not required for initial registration of the member, but it will be the responsibility of the Club Administrator to ensure that the documents are in place on the database before any member is allowed entry to any official tournament.

Managers/coaches will also be required to sign the entry document for all national tournaments, to confirm all players were timeously informed of the SAIDS requirements, in order to provide time for them to apply for the TUE prior to the tournament.

I PLAY FAIR

SAY NO! TO DOPING

ONLINE INFORMATION ACCESS:

- Drug-free Sport website: <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za>
- Drug-free Sport Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/drugfreesportZA>
- SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules: <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/SAIDS-Anti-Doping-Rules-2016.pdf>
Any player competing at top-level should be familiar with the content of this document, along with the coaches/managers involved. Note that in future, players and coaches/managers should check the SAIDS website (link provided above) for the current rules.
- Prohibited List: <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/prohibited-list/>
- Medication Check: <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/online-medication-check/>
Mobile phone app: Do not use any of the free app downloads. You must use the app from the Drug-free Sport website's home page, which must be downloaded annually every January. Scroll down to "View our medication, check App" click there, then add it to your home screen on your phone using the browser's menu. (The icon will then be added to your home screen, where you can quickly access this website). Type the item in the "Search Medication" box and tap View All.
- TUE application: <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/tue-application-form-contracts/>
- WADA-Process (current): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jgmfPsZbrs>
- Sample Collection Process (current): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=388W2sk4l4A>
- The Athletes View (e.g.): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVoQg-IZ1yE>
- World Anti Doping Rules 2016 (Bowls SA website): http://www.bowlsa.co.za/files/Publications/SAIDS_Anti-Doping_Rules_2016.pdf

Queries regarding various aspects:

Should there be any queries regarding this process, please contact the relevant person on the list below:

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- SAIDS / WADA Education & Compliance
Trevor Davis - tpdavis@mweb.co.za

GREAT DAY FOR SA FAVOURITE SHAUN

Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

What a momentous occasion for our beloved Father Shaun Addinall. The former Protea and a Commonwealth Games champion and winner of every major title in South Africa, who



gave up his city high roller existence to serve his church has been ordained. After years of study in Rome and in South Africa, he has achieved his goal. He was ordained into the Catholic Church by His Grace, The Most Reverend Stephen Brislin, Archbishop of Cape

Town at Our Lady Help of Christ, Lansdowne, Cape Town on December 15. On behalf of the president of Bowls SA Rob Forbes, his executive and the staff of this bulletin, many good wishes to one of this world's most charming and delightful people. Sit laus Deo.



Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

All 10 of our SA Proteas destined for the Commonwealth Games in Australia in April will strut their stuff at the 2018 Warwick Wealth/Bowls South Africa SA Masters at 70-year-old Wingate Country Club, Pretoria, over Feb 9-11.

They are (see lead story this newsletter): Men: Gerry Baker, Morgan Muvhango, Jason Evans, Rudi Jacobs, Pierre Breitenbach; women: Colleen Piketh, Elma Davis, Esmé Kruger, Nici Neal, Anneke Snyman.

Naturally, there will be those who are disappointed, but they will have a chance to show the selectors they were wrong by shining at the Wingate elite extravaganza.

Back to Masters, good news is Eden's Billy Radloff, a former silver medallist is back and he is joined by Francois Koen (BGN), 2017 Junior Masters champion Wilson Malobolo (SBA), runner-up and Gold Squad member Stephan de Jager (BOL), Bradley Robinson (NIBA) making a stir, the all-conquering National Singles and African States double gold medallist Wayne Ritmuller (PNB) plus, WP's Joel Roëbert who has vigorously knocked on the door for three years.

Music man Evans defends, runner-up last year, the silky Jacobs (NW), bronze medallists Baker (JBA) – a perennial podium man – and Brendon Ainley (NIBA), the latter substituting late and shining, classy Breitenbach (NW) the 2016 champion, George Lotter (NW), Martin Lewis (JBA), pin-up star Thinus Oelefse (EKB) and SA pairs and fours medallist Muvhango (SBA) return.

But it will be a shock to some former Commonwealth Games champion Bobby Donnelly (JBA) is missing as are the immaculate Prince Neluonde (JBA). WP leftie Nic Rusling, the 2014 titleholder, Protea Wayne Perry (JBA),

GAMES STARS ON SHOW AT SA MASTERS

Free State enfant terrible, Protea Clinton Roets and Port Natal favourite Gippo Vermeulen, winner in 2012 and 2013.

Who will win? The answer, of course, is yes; you tell me. My picks – Baker, Ritmuller, Evans, Radloff might be in the shake-up; an each-way bet goes to Jacobs.

The women's event boasts South Africa's best. And champion Piketh – to represent SA in Australia at the World Singles with Breitenbach - looks hard to oppose, but in bowls to speculate is risky.

Back come the five-time champion, the versatile Davis, multiple champion everywhere Protea Esmé Haley, last year's silver medallist Jacqui Janse van Rensburg (JBA) prolific winner Kruger, nationals specialist and super Protea Nici Neal her district pal Susan Nel a two-time winner, Boland wunderkind Snyman, consistent Sue Tarr (BGN) and steadily improving Maggie Zyl plus Linda Stringer who impressed on her 2017 debut.

Back is triple champion Tracy-Lee Botha (JBA), also my favourite for the title, Leone du Rand (BGN), consistent lead Charlotte Rossouw (JBA) and up is bouncy Roxanne Tingle (JBA) the 2017 Junior Masters champion.

Out go top-class Tracy Meyerdricks (JBA) who has decided to quit the elite ranks, Ezile Fourie (Boland) back to the Junior Masters and, unfortunately, bubbly Ashleigh Parks (JBA).

The Seniors have the usual quota of former elite players; the juniors the future of this sport – but more black faces a required to make these divisions.

Organisation will be top class under the watchful eyes of convenor Sanette Kritzinger, Elbert Broer, Francois Schute, Joy Slotow and Len Carver. The greens will be excellent.



MASTERS SELECTION 2018

WOMEN'S OPEN

SECTION 1

Colleen Piketh (JBA)
Charlotte Rossouw (JBA)
Roxanne Tingle (JBA)
Leone du Rand (BGN)
Bronwyn Webber (PNB)
Nici Neal (SBA)
Maggie van Zyl (WPB)
Anneke Snyman (BOL)

SECTION 2

Esmé Kruger (BGN)
Sue Tarr (BGN)
Jacqui Rensburg (JBA)
Esmé Haley (JBA)
Susan Nel (SBA)
Linda Stringer (WPB)
Elma Davis (EDB)
Tracy-Lee Botha (JBA)

WOMEN'S SENIOR

SECTION 1

Lorraine Victor (BGN)
Cathy Dryburgh (JBA)
Jenny Raymond (EDB)
Louise Larkin (PNB)
Lynne Marnewick (SBA)
Trish Young (WPB)

SECTION 2

Marina Brink (WPB)
Sylvia Burns (WPB)
Rea Potgieter (BGN)
Pam Cole-Cook (KBA)
Nan Roos (KZN)
Glenda Matthews (PNB)

WOMEN'S JUNIOR

SECTION 1

Shimanda Nepgen (EKB)
Rienie Lucas (BGN)
Ezile Fourie (BOL)
Dezi Rosenblatt (EPB)
Kimberly du Preez (SBA)
Samanthe Olivier (WPB)

SECTION 2

Meaghan Kitley (EKB)
Elizanne du Toit (EKB)
Liette JV Zyl (BGN)
Bridget Calitz (LIM)
Cicile Krige (SFS)
Lavona Gordon (WPB)

MEN'S OPEN

SECTION 1

Jason Evans (JBA)
Francois Koen (BGN)
Pierre Breitenbach (NW)
Wilson Malobolo (SBA)
George Lotter (NWB)
Stephan de Jager (BOL)
Bradley Robinson (NIB)
Gerry Baker (JBA)

SECTION 2

Rudi Jacobs (NWB)
Martin Lewis (JBA)
Thinus Oelefse (EKB)
Morgan Muvhango (SBA)
Billy Radloff (EDB)
Wayne Rittmuller (PNB)
Joel Roëbert (WPB)
Brendan Ainley (NIB)

MEN'S SENIOR

SECTION 1

Theuns Fraser (KZN)
Piet Robbertse (EDB)
Eddie Fann (KBA)
Mike Marnewick (SBA)
Kenny Kyriacou (BGN)
Geoff Gower (EPB)

SECTION 2

Bernardus vd Spuy (BGN)
Kevin Campbell (WPB)
Willie Kilian (EPB)
Tony Doyle (SBA)
Lewis Klopper (JBA)
Tommy Jamie (BGN)

MEN'S JUNIOR

SECTION 1

Conrad Potgieter (BOR)
Ryan Smith (JBA)
Paul White (PNB)
Cecil Bornman (BGN)
Brendan Ferns (WPB)
Brendan Bakkes (SFS)

SECTION 2

Wayne Roberts (PNB)
Brendan Wysoke (JBA)
Eugene Ferreira (WPB)
Corrie Tagg (SBA)
Chad Wakeford (BOR)
Charles Mattewson (NCB)



WINNERS - Team Robbie Piketh

ROBBIE'S DISTRICT SIDE PREVAILS

On a breezy weekend January morning, 36 teams of four competed in the annual Warwick Edgemoed Classic, one of the most significant club tournaments on the Western Cape Bowls calendar, with prizes to the value R65 000, reports the sponsors' Cape lifestyle manager Margeaux Jooste, accompanied by Warwick's 2014 SA Masters champion and Protea Nic Rusling. The team were of exceptional quality with past Protea players and the Western Province Open districts side present. The event, which finished on a wet and cold Sunday, was greatly enjoyed. After play of a high standard, the winning team was the WP districts side skipped by Robbie Piketh, ably assisted Eugene Ferreira, Theo van der Walt and Kevin Douglas (see top picture); close second was the team skipped by Raysford Cruywagen (see second picture). The tournament was well organised and run by Graeme Kemp president of Edgemoed and Western Province.



RUNNERS UP - Team Raysford Cruywagen

WARM WORK AT ESHOWE

The annual Warwick Wealth Eshowe Fours saw 24 fours teams (any combination) descend on the north coast Eshowe Bowls Club. Club president, reports Warwicks Bobby Beukes, Tienkie van Vuuren and Bill Kruse (competition secretary) together with their team of helpers must be congratulated for another well organised weekend of bowls.

With three rounds on the Saturday and two on Sunday, played in warm conditions, it was Steve Oberholzer's team (Gloria Garbett, Magriet van Heusden, Chalk Kelloway) which won with second spot going to Mike Bowman (Mike Butler, Tommy Bishop, Dam Germishuys) followed by Brian Scott (Gayle Shaw, Joey Evans, Anita Scott).



WINNERS: Team Oberholzer



RUNNERS UP: Team Bowman



3RD PLACE: Team Scott



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BOWLS SA ROUNDUP



OBITUARY



Mary Bond

Mary Bond, who served as a president of the Southern Free State Women's Bowling Association and was involved with the merger of the men and women's associations into the current Southern Free State Bowling Association, has died.

Bowl SA extends condolences to her many friends and family.



Henk Hengeveld

Henk Hengeveld who served as a national selector has died. His contribution to our sport is appreciated.

Condolences to his many friends and family.

NSCC DATES SO FAR FOR FEB & MAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
19-22 February	09:00-16:30	LIMPOPO Level 1	Lekkerbreek
4 March	09:00-16:30	BOWLS GAUTENG NORTH C-2-C	TBA
21 March	09:00-16:30	EASTERN PROVINCE BOWLS C-2-C	MPBC

2018 VENUES

PERFECT DELIVERY / BOWLS SA OPEN INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- **Eden Bowls**
 - George BC (Head Quarters)
 - Outeniqua BC
 - Oudtshoorn BC

NB: Women's sections shall play all their sectional matches at the Oudtshoorn BC; men at the two clubs in George.

PERFECT DELIVERY / BOWLS SA SENIOR INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- **Port Natal**
 - Westville CC (Head Quarters)
 - Parkhill BC
 - Stella Park BC
 - Westville BC

PERFECT DELIVERY / BOWLS SA "B" INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- **Johannesburg**
 - Roosevelt Park BC (Head Quarters)
 - Linden BC
 - Ferndale BC
 - The Wanderers BC

BOWLS SA U/20 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- **Southern Free State**
 - Orangia B.C

BOWLS SA U/15 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- **Southern Free State**
 - Oud Studente BC
 - Bloemfontein Municipals BC

WARWICK / BOWLS SA MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- **Eastern Province**
 - Westview BC (Head Quarters)
 - Walmer BC

WARWICK / BOWLS SA WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- **Ekurhuleni**
 - Edenvale BC (Head Quarters)
 - Modderfontein BC

SA MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS -

- **Ekurhuleni**
 - Alberton BC

SENIOR ID'S VENUE CHANGE

Hillcrest BC have withdrawn their greens as a venue for the Perfect Delivery SA Senior Inter Districts, March 12-16. They have a problem which cannot be resolved in time.

The venue is replaced by Westville BC.

WAY FORWARD FOR AUSSIES

Bowls Australia have unveiled their Strategic Plan, titled Bowls Unleashed, to guide the sport forward from 2018 to 2022, a continuation from the 2013-2017 Strategic Plan which was launched on October 28, 2013, the latest instalment has been developed to cater for all facets of the sport as they move in a new direction.

Bowls Unleashed has been developed for the Bowls community to:

- Provide vision and direction
- Guide the future growth and capacity
- Encourage coordination, cooperation and collaboration
- Maintain the relevance of Bowls in the Australian sporting sector
- Ensure the sustainability of Bowls in a changing Australian sporting landscape

Contributions from all stakeholders involved in the sport around Australia was invited and the changing dynamic of Bowls was the focus of this refreshed approach to the sport's future. Their common vision is for all



Australians to engage with bowls socially or competitively during their lifetime and the strategic priority areas created to achieve this vision are:

1. A Business Model – They will work collaboratively through aligned behaviours, to build an industry leading national sports business.
2. More Play - To make the sport more accessible to all Australians and inspire the next generation of players, coaches, officials and volunteers.
3. Winning Teams - Delivering winning

teams on the international stage that inspire and excite Australians.

4. Inspired Fans - Continuing to improve the live spectator experience whilst driving innovation in how to bring bowls to the widest possible audience.
5. Staying ahead of the game - Open to new ideas and different ways of thinking; they are prepared to be challenged, remaining committed to sharing ideas and information to benefit the sport.

Info courtesy of Aiden Davies



COLL & PIERRE SET FOR OZ

Protea stars Colleen Piketh (JBA) and Pierre Breitenbach (NW) who showed to good effect last year, will again represent South Africa at the World Cup Singles (indoor) at Warilla, near Sydney, Australia from 12-25 March 2018. We wish them luck.

LANDMARK AGREEMENT



World Bowls president John Bell with WIBC president Sandra Bailie, World Bowls chief executive Gary Smith and WIBC secretary/treasurer David Phillips.

Following a succession of constructive meetings between leading officials of World Bowls and World Indoor Bowls Council, both organisations have announced a draft agreement is in the process of being finalised whereby World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC),

renamed as International Indoor Bowls Council, will affiliate to World Bowls. Said World Bowls president John Bell: "It is an example of administrative bodies working to enhance the quality, credibility and profile of world events."



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