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THREE YOUTH TOURNAMENTS



The annual pilgrimage to the central town of Bloemfontein for more than 300 young bowlers this year is another huge step for bowls in South Africa. Great statistics were part of the youth bowls week which is due to the positive growth of our sport in the younger generation. Another encouraging trend is the transformation figure has increased to 40% this year as a direct result of the focused promotion of bowls to all social and cultural groups not previously included.

Seven greens at three bowling clubs were bustling with activity from Tuesday 4 April to Friday 7 April when the three tournaments were

held. For the first time an Under 15 National Championships was held and understandably it had the largest parent spectator group. The biggest group of youngsters again took part in the Under 20's Championship. Sponsors were the Department of Sport and Recreation (U15 and U20) and Warwick Wealth (U30) and their contribution was greatly valued.

Each end was fiercely contested and many a game was tied at the second last end. The level of play, the skill of the youngsters and the wonderful enjoyment by all were, like every year, a pleasure to watch and share. In order to give the parents

and family that could not attend the chance to feel part of the tournaments, photographs and news were shared on the Facebook page and group.

The final rounds of all three tournaments were played at the Orangia Bowling Club with a huge crowd of spectators cheering on the teams. A WhatsApp group was set up to share end-by-end results of the semi finals and the finals of the three different tournaments – something that was appreciated by many supporters and family back home.

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We are so proud of our 1st Under 15 group—so see the Team Award Medals Page 4 and our Young Ones Page 10



- celebrate our youth!



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THE SPORT FOR ALL

Thabo Bandla, representing Border, was the first young player in a wheelchair at the Junior Tournaments. Thabo, a youngster who is always bubbling over with laughter and fun was pulled into the bowls community and like all of us who play bowls, enjoyed the game and at this tournament the whole week!

Thabo and fellow team mate Greg was awarded the Buddy Award at the Junior prizegiving function for them teaming up.

It was wonderful to see the ever smiling Thabo enjoying the sport of bowls together with fellow age group players. As the game of bowls is suitable for all ages, all genders, all cultural groups and all levels of physical ability it was the ideal sport for him to start.



Thabo in the wheelchair, followed by the rest of the Border team.



Trevor Davis (Executive member Bowls SA) welcomed Thabo as the first wheelchair player to the Under 15 tournament. With Thabo is team mate Greg, both Border players.



Annéka van Wyk (8) NFS, Trevor Davis (Bowls SA), Jessie Skingle (7) BGN is the youngest and shortest with Christiaan Kerr from JBA and Jacques Venter from Limpopo being some of the tallest.



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THREE YOUTH TOURNAMENTS CONTINUED

As with last year there was a camera present during the finals. Some of the youngsters were interviewed and filming of part of the finals took place.

The birds found the drone that was launched for part of the finals quite a strange species but for the spectators it was intriguing to watch how closely the filming could take place without a videographer being on the green!

The 72 entries from the various districts in South Africa, with the largest representation of teams in the under 20 category is proof of the positive work with our younger bowlers and their hunger for achievement at top level.

U15 National Championships 20 teams of four players plus reserves – 84 bowlers at Oud Studente Bowling Club. Sponsored by the Department of Sport and Recreation.

U20 National Championships 32 teams of four players plus reserves - 134 bowlers at the Orangia Bowling Club. As with the U15's the tournament was sponsored by the Department of Sport and Recreation.

The Warwick U30 Inter Districts had 22 teams playing in teams of four young adults - 92 bowlers. The preliminary rounds were played at the Municipals Bowling Club. The U30 Inter Districts were sponsored by Warwick Wealth.

A huge thank you goes to all the Bloemfontein clubs, the people and individuals that made it work, the Bowls SA Executive, coaches, selectors, the M&M team, the huge number of hard working individuals. Special thanks must go to our requested "part of the team" photographer and the BSA marketing officer as and the videographer.

Last but not least, thank you to all the team managers who made a commitment and brought our young people to play and of course to YOU our young players from all over our country who did us proud during a week that could only happen with your interest and involvement.

Share some of the fun moments on and around the green—right

The camera eye from above—Elma taking photo's during the finals - see the temporary structure!



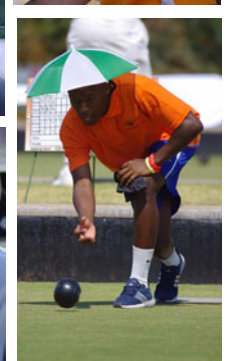
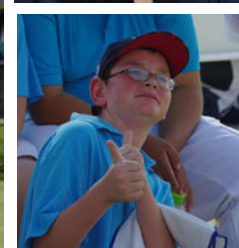
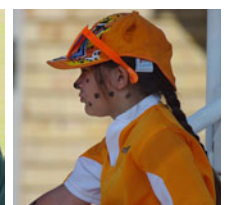
The eye in the sky—the drone provided by the videographer

There! Yes, there it is! Wow, that drone sure does go very high!

Henco interviewed some of the U20's on camera for the M&M 2017 promotional video



Watch this space for information regarding the video





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MEDALLIST UNDER 15

The Department of Sport and Recreation
Bowls SA Under 15 National Championships



BOLAND "A"

BRONZE MEDAL

BOLAND B

Skip	JANA COETZEE
Third	MICHAELA MAREE
Second	WILLEM VD MERWE
Lead	ZIDANE LANGSTON
Manager	THEUNS COETZEE



NORTHERN CAPE "B"

NORTHERN CAPE B

Skip	JEANDRE VAN ZYL
Third	HENLO VAN NIEKERK ^(NATAL INLAND)
Second -	WALDO VAN NIEKERK
Lead -	CASPER DU PLESSIS
Manager	WILHELM MALAN



JBA

SILVER MEDAL

JOHANNESBURG BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Skip	XAVIAN KRAMER
Third	LETHABO MATHIBELA
Second	SHAYNE MULLER
Lead	MATTHEW MULLER
Manager	TERRY TURNER



WP A

GOLD MEDAL

WESTERN PROVINCE A

Skip	ARMAND ASCARAY
Third	JASTUS JACOBUS
Second	JUAN JOUBERT
Lead	JAYDEN HEYMAN
Manager	ALOMA SMITH

TEAM AWARD MEDALS



BOWLS SA award various medals after the completion of the tournament. The team showing the most courage and sportsmanship for the duration of the tournament, even in adversity, was handed to the UNDER 15 TEAM from LIMPOPO.

SKIP	TINASHE MAZODZE
THIRD	EDUAN VOLSKENK
SECOND	DIOGO DE SOUSA
LEAD	MARCO LABASCHAGNE
RESERVE	DELMON LEBEA



MEDALLIST UNDER 20

The Department of Sport and Recreation
Bowls SA Under 20 National Championships

BRONZE MEDALS

EKURHULENI B

Skip JOSH BRITZ
Third NATHAN DWINGER
Second NOXOLO NGAM
Lead SIFISO NKOSI
Manager BARBARA RICKARD

JBA A

Skip JOSH WOOKEY
Third LIAM ARMSTRONG
Second TYLER BOONZAIER
Lead KYLE SMITH
MANAGER ANTHONY FRANKENBERG

SILVER MEDAL

NATAL INLAND

Skip SCOTT FRASER
Third TRISTON EVERTON
Second KHOLWANI KHANYILE (KWA)
Lead DENNIS KREBSER
Manager ROY FRASER

GOLD MEDAL

EDEN B

Skip ENRICO SLINGER
Third DILLON BOOYSEN
Second GILLIAN YOUNG
Lead KIM JUMAT
Manager LYLA YOUNG

EKURHULENI



JBA



NATAL INLAND



EDEN B



U20 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

This tournament is now classified as a National Championships and another huge step for Bowls South Africa.

This tournament has become a prestigious championships in its own right – the intensity and skill, the head to head duels between district teams and the excellent way in which these young people conduct themselves on and off the green is a wonderful example of sportsmanship and the beautiful growth of our sport.

Border and Northern Free State each

entered a single team. Boland and Western Province sent 3 teams with Johannesburg Bowls Association (JBA) sporting no less than 4 teams! Eden, Ekurhuleni, Bowls Gauteng North, KZN Country Bowls, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Natal Inland, Northern Cape, Sables and Southern Free State all had 2 teams representing their youngsters. *(If your district's name is not listed here, perhaps it is a sign that you should ask why your up-and-coming young bowlers were not this major annual event!)*

It is encouraging to notice that our young players, on leaving school, are joining clubs in sometimes other districts to continue playing their sport.

Although the sport of bowls is not an active sport code at the universities, most of the university campuses are situated close to a club.

We encourage clubs therefore to invite young adults to join your club and help them to continue their progression in this sport.



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OWEN CALVERLEY
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The renamed 2017 Bowls SA under 15 and under 20 National Championships broke new ground in many respects as they established a whole new set of norms for bowls in South Africa.

Besides being the first NATIONAL Championships, we also saw the following benchmarks being set for national youth tournaments: over 200 bowlers participating; the youngest skip ever; the youngest manager ever; the youngest bowler ever; the first disabled young bowler and the first time a drone was used to shoot footage of a bowls tournament!

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As tournament organisers, we can only claim credit for the last one – the hard work was done by bowlers in clubs all around the country who have decided to give back to the sport they love by raising up a new generation of bowlers.

The commitment that really stood out for me was seeing district presidents, district executives and Protea players serving at the tournaments in the role of manager and leading from the front – a fantastic demonstration of how to set the example by giving back. We salute all the players, parents, managers, coaches and district officials who have embraced the vision of writing a whole new narrative for the future of bowls. You are going that extra mile - well done!

Running three tournaments (U15, U20 and U30) with three different formats simultaneously at three clubs presented its own logistical challenges. We undertook to have all results available on all platforms (club notice boards, Bowls SA website and Facebook pages) within 30 minutes of the end of each round and fortunately only missed this target once by a few minutes when a result had to be verified with the managers concerned.

The use of social media was also again used very effectively to get photos and updates to parents and supporters back home. As in 2016, we used Facebook and WhatsApp groups for the delayed and live feeds.

A key player here was our official photographer and “eye in the sky” Elma Davis, who shot, edited and uploaded more than 1 000 outstanding photos of teams and players. As data bandwidth increases (and costs hopefully decrease) we want to provide even better coverage at national and international tournaments.

We all dream of live TV coverage for bowls, but the reality is that this is increasingly becoming available only to the four major spectator sports.

Social media feeds and live streaming via internet is where the future lies and NSC M&M is focused on using these mediums to reach an ever wider audience to help grow our sport. Let’s all do our bit to keep it rolling!

Yours in the Sport of Bowls

Owen Calverley

U15/20 PERSONALITY & PLAYER AWARDS

BOWLS SA award medals after the completion of the youth tournament for both the Personality of the U15’s and U20’s and the Player of the Tournament for each group.

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| PERSONALITY U15 | ASPEN SHAW (KZN) |
| PLAYER U15 | ARMAND ASCARAY (WP) |
| PERSONALITY U20 | CECILIA CHALLIS (BOLAND) |
| PLAYER U20 | BRIDGET CALITZ (LIMPOPO A) |

The personality of the tournament is nominated by the teams, whereas the player of the tournament is one player that is nominated after each game by the two teams playing each other.

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| PLAYER U30 | GERDUS BEUKES (PORT NATAL) |
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Congratulations to each individual!



Cecilia with Kallie Haupt



Armand with Kallie Haupt



Bridget with Kallie Haupt



Gerdus showing his medal



WARWICK MEDALLIST U30

The Warwick Bowls SA Under 30 Inter Districts Medallist for 2017

BRONZE MEDAL

BOLAND A

Skip STEPHAN DE JAGER
Third ANNEKE SNYMAN
Second WESLEY TAYLOR
Lead EZILE FOURIE
Manager HENRY FOURIE

BOLAND "A"



SABLES B

Skip CORRIE TAG
Third DYLAN LEADER
Second KIRSTIN LEADER
Lead DAVID PIETERSE
Manager NICKY NEL

SABLES "B"



SILVER MEDAL

KZN COUNTRY

Skip BRENDAN VAN VREEDEN
Third FRAN BALERI
Second ALWYN MARTIGNONE
Lead FLIPPIE VAN VREEDEN
Manager PHIL ROOKE

KZN COUNTRY



GOLD MEDAL

PORT NATAL

Skip PAUL WHITE
Third GERDUS BEUKES
Second JARRYD RAMSDEN
Lead WAYNE ROBERTS

PORT NATAL



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MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

This was my first experience of the annual youth tournaments in Bloemfontein and I can honestly say that my already-high expectations were surpassed.

From the host clubs that went out of their way to make us feel at home, the ladies in the kitchen who kept us well fed and stocked up with caffeine to keep up with the long hours, the organising teams that pulled together as a unit to get things done, the parents and supporters who brought their best cheering voices, the Protea players who set an example for the youth to follow, the team managers who assisted with the scoring and of course the players who brought their A game, team spirit and great attitudes!

With a reach of over 42 000 and post engagement of over 140 500 on the BSA Facebook page alone for this event, and the transformation fig-

ures increasing to 40% this year, it's clear that we're moving in the right direction. Planning is already underway to make sure that next year's tournaments will be bigger and better than before!

If you haven't followed us yet, here are the links:

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Kim—Media Officer Bowls SA

Editor's note:

We thank Kim for her hard work to keep all parents and supporters of the U15/20 and U30 tournaments up to date on the various platforms



U15 AND U20 PRIZEGIVING

The junior tournaments are not just about playing the game, but also about reuniting bowling districts and friends, seeing the growth not only in each individual's play but also, as so many a parent would know, the physical growth as they progress from child to teenager!

During the National Championships the players select one player after each game played that showed leadership, sportsmanship and also played well. These individuals are awarded a medal from Bowls SA for the Player of the Tournament in the three different age groups. (see the names of the winners on previous page). Then teams also selected a person that had a positive personality and endeared themselves to all.

Nominations were also made during the U15 and U20 tournament for the team that showed good spirit, the best dressed team and the ever faithful (and some new) mascots that were present at this tournament. For more see page 9 in this issue.

The prize giving function on the Thursday evening was attended by some of our country's Protea players as well as designated Executive Members from Bowls SA.

Elma Davis, current Protea player, delivered a very moving speech, one which is sure to motivate and uplift many a young player. Each of the Protea players were introduced to the young people as well as the coaches and selectors.

The Under 15 Championships saw the following teams and individuals honoured:-

Youngest player of the tournament was Jessie Skingle (BGN) at only 7

The best dressed team went to the team of Border.

The best spirit went to Sables.

The Buddy Award was given to

Thabo and Greg from Border where Greg assisted his wheelchair bound team mate Thabo to move around the green and clubhouse with swiftness.

Western Province received the runner up award for the mascots to the tournament. Nelri from SFS walked away with the Mascot of the Under 15 tournament—no surprise at all as it was the first time a team selected a non playing youngster to be their walking, talking mascot – with cheetah colours, spots and the right attitude!

The Under 20 Championships saw the following teams and individuals honoured:-

The best team spirit went to the Ekurhuleni B team .

Eden wore their new shirts with pride and received the best dressed team award.

There was some new mascots (as some others made their way to the u15's) and after the voting by the ladies of the club took place it was clear cut that Limpopo were runners up and Eden the winners. Eden Bowls had another ostrich member joining the ostrich bowling family (now newly dressed and ready for action with their bowls)!

Altogether 12 reserves took part in an individual one against one mini bowls match organised by M&M team member Henk Prinsloo (also music, speakers, microphone, etc)

Well done to all the individuals , teams and mascots!



Top: Greg and Thabo received the Buddy Award; Jessie was the youngest player.

Bottom: The Mascot of the U15's Nelri (SFS) next to the green in her cheetah colours in support of the SFS team with the different WP Mascots.

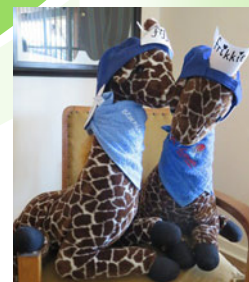


Bottom: Mascot of the U15's, Nelri, seen here (without paint, etc) with Owen during the U15/U20 prizegiving



Right: The Marketing and Membership "mascot", Henk, had to assist with a variety of items, including organising play for the reserve U20 players!

Left: Eden's ostriches show off their new set of bowls and winners in the U20 Mascot. Right: The Limpopo giraffes





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THE YOUNG ONES

For the first time an Under 15 tournament was held and kids from all over the country were entered by their districts. Some of these youngsters could hardly hold on to their bowls! The managers, coaches and parents are thanked for the hard work and belief in these young bowlers.

The Under 15 category was introduced this year to accommodate the growing number of primary school bowlers who have been introduced to the sport. It is indeed a fact that the Protea team which will represent South Africa at the 2022 Commonwealth Games could well include some of our current Under 15

players. One must also not forget that the Junior Commonwealth Games will be taking place in 2020 and once again the two players representing South Africa at the Junior Commonwealth will come from this category.

The youngest boy, Jessie Skingle (age 7) is a member of Bowls Gauteng North. The youngest girl at the tournament was Annéka van Wyk (age 8) who together with her brother, Johannes (age 10), played for the SFS team. They made the headlines of the local newspaper, the Volksblad on Thursday 6 April together with with Jessie and Rynard van der Schyff (age 11) from Eden.

Seeing these very young kids play for the first time, many a person were stunned to see that bowls has indeed become a sport which the younger generation take part in and enjoy with fierce enthusiasm. It has also happened at such a speed as a direct result of the assistance and vision of many of our veteran players, coaches and administrators in our districts. In its first year, it was a learning curve especially the decision to only play 10 ends and four games a day – next year we will have even more Under 15 kids playing bowls!

