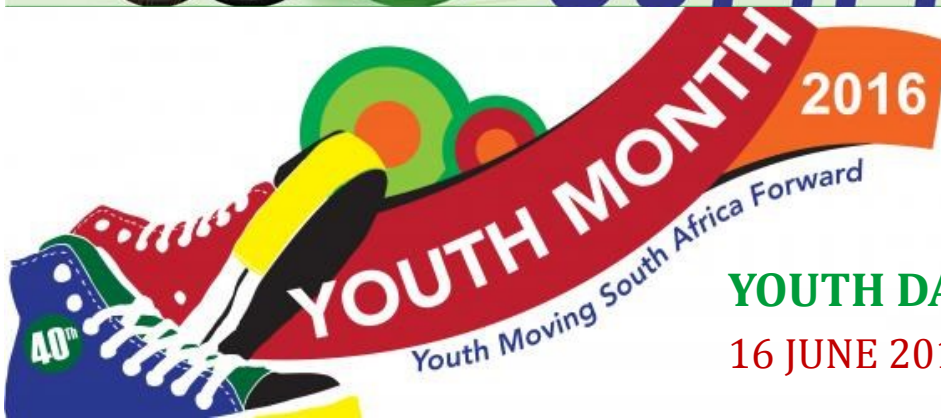




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YOUTH DAY
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S.A. YOUTH TAKE TO THE GREENS

A day of remembrance, a day of reconciliation, a public holiday, a day of rest or just a day to do something else. Every person celebrate the official public holidays in South Africa in a different way, depending on what the day stands for and its relevance to them. It is for some a way to reflect and for others a way to enhance and look for positives to draw from such a day. For those involved in sport, such days are usually spent with others enjoying their sport. So it is not unusual seeing bowlers on a bowling green involved with their favourite pastime, playing in an all day, tabs in (do you still play tabs in?). Whether it is a casual fun day or one with more structure, many clubs nowadays look at incorporating specific public holidays for the benefit of the sport.

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This past month was no different as the public holiday on the 16th June 2016 aimed at our Youth ended up as a means to invite those involved with our youth and the young people themselves to bowling greens to entice them to play bowls. **Kuruman BC** in the Northern Cape, **Goodwood BC** in the Western Province and **Swellendam BC** in the Boland are just some of the clubs that reported successful youth day events. **Duiwelskloof BC** used the month of June to have their **first ever inter schools tournament** which was enjoyed by young and old. The JBA Junior Masters took place during this month as did the Under 19 Youth Tournament in Eden. We have heard of districts that requested clubs to make use of Youth Day to invite young people of all ages to enjoy the game of bowls—well done to all!

Increasing your membership through inviting the schools, the principal & teachers and their learners will be a positive for your club and district. We salute the clubs and individuals working together to a better future and the growth of our sport.

We hope to hear the same good news during the month of August, on Woman's Day when clubs and districts should target woman and girls into playing the sport of bowls.

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ILZE BAKKES,
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CONVENORS CORNER

Being involved in the production of the u/19 video and viewing it a few times, fills me with gratitude for an opportunity to be involved in bowls. Thank you for all the positive feedback received from fellow bowlers, parents, grannies, grandads and friends. It is a joy to deliver a product you all can enjoy. It not only showcases youth talent, but most of all a future – legacies in the making!

That brings me to the marketing plan that was recently approved and you can get a copy of it on the website. A big thank you to Trevor and the Executive for approving it and giving NSC M&M the green light to get down to business. The NSC M&M is geared for the implementation thereof and will soon be supported by a marketing manager. This is a step in the right direction and I am enthusiastic about the progress that will soon be evident of the hard work done by the NSC M&M members. To them I want to say THANK YOU and KEEP IT ROLLING!! You are an inspiration.

Progress amongst other things involves change and yes change is not always easy and comfortable. What does change require to ultimately achieve progress? I often have the privilege to work with leaders in leadership and management and all of them agree that change must happen in the heart, thinking, vision, attitude and ultimately in the behavior. It requires creative and innovative thinking on all levels of management. I am of the opinion that bowls in South Africa needs to be re-designed along four pillars, which are:



- Reframing
- Restructuring
- Revitalising and
- Reinvention

Therefore I appeal to everyone to embrace the process of change as it will break the boundaries that prevent us or hamper our progression.

The upcoming AGM will provide opportunities for dialogue regarding changes proposed to ensure progress. Let us all apply honest and critical thinking that will give bowls in South Africa a new life and create exciting opportunities for generations to come. Talk to us, let us have your thoughts, share your knowledge and keep the end picture of success in mind.

Yours in Bowls
Ilze Bakkes





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COMPETITIVE KURUMAN

Kuruman Bowling Club invited schools from Kuruman to participate in a Bowls Awareness day on Youth Day 16th of June.

Three schools from Kuruman accepted and they brought along parents and teachers. The result was 5 adult teams made up of parents and 8 youth teams of which the youngest player was only 7 years old. After initial "coaching sessions" the children were not satisfied with just playing and insisted on having a competition with a final which was enthusiastically supported. The prize? A game against a team of club players! The final score was 10-6 to the bowlers (**thank goodness**).

Four of the teachers have already indicated that they are interested in joining the club and a follow up day will be arranged in the third term. Kuruman is determined to increase their junior ranks. Kalahari is proud of the efforts of the Kuruman BC to promote the wonderful game of Bowls. Anneke van Zyl and Anne-Marie Nel, with assistance of club members, organised the day. Anneke's 14 year old son, Jeandre represented Northern Cape in the recent U'19 Development Tournament in Bloemfontein.

The club recently made history when they won the Northern Cape Fours for the first time which was a magnificent effort seeing that they were trailing by 17 shots to zero after nine ends in the semifinals against a power packed team from Beaconsfield Park BC.



Teachers, parents and children together with club members seen during the Youth Day event at the Kuruman BC



Kuruman is a town in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa. It is known for its scenic beauty and the Eye of Kuruman, a geological feature that brings water from deep underground. It was at first a mission station of the London Missionary Society founded by Robert Moffat in 1821. It was also the place where David Livingstone arrived for his first position as missionary in 1841.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



“COOL” KIDS ON GREENS



Swellendam, established in 1745, is one of the oldest towns in South Africa, but that is not all this pretty town has to its name. Built beneath the foothills of the Langeberg mountains, Swellendam has one of the most beautiful mountain ranges and also on of the Western Cape's largest navigable river, the Breede flowing close by. Its location, seen as the Green Start of the Garden Route has various routes leading through it, one being to the famous R62 road and the Little Karoo.

The Swellendam Bowls Club is one of the outdoor sport activities. Youth Day presented to them the opportunity to have the youth on their greens. Linda Brown reports: “Being a local High School teacher and bowls player has made it easy to, over the past 5 years, attract youngsters to the sport. Of course in the beginning kids would have a laugh when I mentioned bowls practice and achievements (Swellendam has had players at Interprovincial for a few years ...) in assembly. Now I’m known as the bowls teacher.” She goes on to mention that the Grade 9 Life Orientation teacher decided one year to incorporate bowls in the practical and after a fun play day at the bowls club some learners started realizing just how challenging the sport was and that it then attracted some of the “cool” kids to start playing.

Swellendam has 14 regular players on the green every Tuesday afternoon during the school term. The young people play in their own youth club competitions which include pairs, trips, etc. The announcement that the Western Cape Education department has declared bowls a school sport from the end of 2015 was well received and people like Linda are thrilled! The club was also represented by six of their youth at the U19 Development Tournament in Bloemfontein 2016.



Group photo of players young and old at the Swellendam Youth Day



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COOL KIDS ...CONT

16 June 2016: Youth Day Fun Day

For any club it is important to integrate the youngsters with the current albeit older players. Swellendam decided to host a Fun Youth Day at the club where young and old could mingle.

The main aim was to invite new players and introduce the younger players to all while doing some fundraising for our Youth Development Fund (which helps cover costs of attending tournaments). We were fortunate that local businesses supported us by donating money (Kodak – SWD Photo) and a beautiful hamper supplied by Swellendam Superspar. Some club members who could not play also kindly made donations. It was well appreciated by the club.

We had 30 players on the green: 12 learners, 2 ex-learners, 13 club members and 3 beginners. The format we played was drawn trips, 3 games of 15 ends. Teams changed after every game and players carried through and accumulated their own score. Prizes were given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. To keep the fun we also gave small prizes to the player with the lowest score, the person playing the most wrong biases and some lucky draws. A kickback from Bloemfontein also came through when one of the shy youngsters asked me if he could be a “fine master” and promptly fined young and old for some strange habits!! One club member insisted on paying a fine for having so much fun!!



Photographs supplied by the Swellendam BC showing young and old on their greens on Youth Day



*The club **thanked** the parents and club members for their assistance and all the players for the enjoyment and fun they brought to the greens on the day. Young and old having fun together*

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GOODWOOD GET "THE BALL ROLLING"



Recently **Goodwood Bowls Club in Cape Town**, as part of their membership drive, **focused on the youth**. Various role-players got involved, some responding to a plea to assist while others were invited to get involved. Freelance marketer of the event, Glenda Pontes played a major role in putting everything together and with the support of her club the various events could take on form. Two dates were scheduled to **"Get the Bowl Rolling" for the Youth** by the introduction of getting schools and teachers involved with the youth and secondly to play bowls at the Goodwood Bowling Club.

The first event held on the **9th of June** was attended by various invited guests which included Alderman Clive Justus and Ward Councilor Cecile Janse van Rensburg, also members of the community and representatives of the Education Department. Representatives of bowls included Graeme Kemp, Vice President of the WP Bowling Association and Leon Venter, Convener of the Standing Committee: Development as well as representatives from the bowling clubs. Ronnie Cloete and Anina Black, both members of the Bowls SA Standing Committee: Membership and Marketing attended the event together with presenter and guest Trevor Davis, Executive Member of Bowls South Africa.



Goodwood BC "Get the Ball Rolling" with Anneke Snyman, Protea Player and Face of the Campaign together with current players



"Get the Ball Rolling"
Guests on the 9th of June gather for a quick photoshoot!

Trevor Davis gave an inspiring power point presentation and kept all attendees focused on the task of development, transformation, involving the teachers and of course getting our youth onto the green. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm with which this message was received. At the end of the day a photo session was held. Anneke Snyman, dual member of the Goodwood BC and Bredasdorp BC and the "face of the campaign" as well as several of WP under 19 players who attended the event went on to assist anyone who wanted to try their hand at bowls.





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“Get it Rolling” cont.....



Youth Day 16 June 2016

Membership:
Hard work pays off! As a result of the youth and membership drive, Goodwood BC has already received 8 applications for membership.

The second event of “Let’s get the Ball Rolling” was aimed at getting the feet on the green and literally “Getting the Ball rolling”. It was a fun morning with the Bowls SA trailer providing bowls for the young and any other potential players. It was wonderful to see the eager faces and to enjoy their enthusiasm. Once again various role players made a turn to show their support in this youth event. A surprise visit by celebrity entertainer and the Naledi Award Winner, Alvon Collison, was welcomed as he invited all present to sing 'What a wonderful world' with him. Goodwood BC put extra effort into the day with a variety of food stalls, face painting and some fun and games.

Other event:
Further to the events the club had a successful staff team building morning with the Educare Department of North Link College of it’s Goodwood Campus on the 20th of June.



Dignitaries from the community and club with Anneke Snyman and Glenda Pontes

North Link College neighbouring partnership

Congratulations
To Goodwood Bowling Club Executive Committee and members on this drive with the involvement of Glenda, your freelance marketer and your various sponsors, especially PK Print, which all assisted to attract new members. The NSC Membership and Marketing would love to see the growth in your club of your membership. Keep us posted!





HEAD TO HEAD IN KNYSNA



The enchanting town of Knysna in the Eden District is surrounded by the Outeniqua Mountain range, engulfed by indigenous forests and the protected marine reserve, better known as the 'Lagoon'.

Youth Day

16 June 2016

The Knysna Bowling Club is situated near the central business district was yet another club that enjoyed the privilege of having young bowlers at the club on Youth Day.

Riverwood Primary School were invited to visit the greens and enjoy the game of bowls. One of the members, Clarence assisted in getting the bowls for the youngsters whilst two of their club members, Kobus and Steve, coached the kids. The children partnered each other, rolling the bowls across the green at specific distances. The children and coaches had an absolute wonderful time on the greens.

The club is hopeful that bowls will be incorporated in the Riverwood Primary School's Physical Education Program every alternative Wednesday.

Club President Paula Dhanani says that this is a very positive step in the right direction and they hope that Riverwood will assist their club to network with other local schools too.



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DUIWELSKLOOF BOWLS INTER-SCHOOLS LEAGUE

The Duiwelskloof Bowling Club was the host of a very closely contested final between the top two teams from Duiwelskloof (Klofies) Primary School and Pfunanane Academy recently. The Duiwelskloof Bowls Club Inter-Schools League (oh yes, these are taking place around the country already) took place on **Wednesday 22 June 2016**.

Contesting teams played 7 ends each and not the usual ten as in the first 3 rounds of the contest due to timing constraints. The top two teams with skip Cricket (Pfunanane) & Hennie (Klofies) battled it out for supremacy, with both teams peeling on the 6th with 5 points each. "Before the last two bowls were played, Pfunanane were holding 2 shots. Cricket bowled her last wood and unfortunately clipped the jack, now only holding one shot. It was then Hennie's turn to play the last bowl and although he played it with confidence he did not pick up the shot".

The Committee & Members of Duiwelskloof Bowls Club extend their thanks & appreciation to Duiwelskloof (Klofies) Primary School and Pfunanane Academy for supporting this project "with a view to getting youngsters, as well as teachers, involved in this fantastic sport of bowls. Without your participation, this project would not have been possible". Another Inter-School's League is planned for later in the year.



DUIWELSKLOOF BOWLS CLUB																						
SCHOOLS LEAGUE - DUIWELSKLOOF PRIMARY vs. PFUNANANE ACADEMY																						
Team No	Log Pos	Skip	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3			Round 4			Accum	Aggr	Pts					
			Rink	18 May 2016	Win	Rink	25 May 2016	Win	Rink	01 June 2016	Win	Rink	22 June 2016	Win								
7	1	Cricket (Pfunanane)	T5	12	8	2	T3	9	7	2	T5	10	5	2	T3	6	5	2	37	25	12	8
2	2	Hennie (Klofies)	T4	19	3	2	T5	20	1	2	T6	21	1	2	T3	5	6	0	65	11	54	6
1	3	Martin (Klofies)	T3	17	2	2	T4	13	4	2	T5	5	10	0	T6	11	2	2	46	18	28	6
4	4	Thys (Klofies)	T6	16	3	2	T3	7	9	0	T4	15	5	2	T5	5	3	2	43	20	23	6
3	5	Jaco (Klofies)	T5	8	12	0	T6	9	9	1	T3	8	11	0	T4	9	3	2	34	35	-1	3
5	6	Katrina (Pfunanane)	T3	2	17	0	T5	1	20	0	T3	11	8	2	T5	3	5	0	17	50	-33	2
6	7	Sandra (Pfunanane)	T4	3	19	0	T6	9	9	1	T4	5	15	0	T6	2	11	0	19	54	-35	1
8	8	Sanra (Pfunanane)	T6	3	16	0	T4	4	13	0	T6	1	21	0	T4	3	9	0	11	59	-48	0

1st Place Team Pfunanane:

Jean Marie (Cricket) Meyer with Tinashe Mazodze, Delly Lebea & Thoriso Rabopala-Terwey

2nd Place Team Klofies:

Hennie Greyling with Jan Hendrik, Xander Roets & Motibedi Mortau

3rd Place Team Klofies:

Martin Havenga with Wiehann Cloete, Martin Venter & Mmabluta Maimela (Res Jaques Bezuidenhout)

Duiwelskloof Bowls Club extend their thanks and appreciation to the prize sponsors: Coca-Cola Fortune, Blue Label Telecoms & Pro Brand Corporate Promotions. During the prize giving function the eight teams who took part in this first Duiwelskloof Bowls Inter-Schools league were congratulated and the project seen as a huge success!



THE TOUGH KEEP GOING AT... BOWLS!

HANDRÉ VISAGIE



Philip Heyns and Handré Visagie show off their medals!

Handre Visagie were a motivational speaker during a tennis tournament. Here he is seen with some of them, in front left to right: Minette van Vreden, Blanca Koen, Handre, Taril Brohns en Mila Hartig; back: Maretha Burger, Brunhilde Botha en Lisa Moolman

Handré Visagie, a Quadriplegic, started playing bowls in December 2015. Handré, studying at the University of the Free State and member of the Old Students Sports Club in Bloemfontein has always been a keen sportsman and wanted to actively take part in a sport again after a diving incident landed him in a wheelchair in 2004.

Handré watched people with disabilities play lawn bowls during the Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow, Scotland in August 2014, when the South African team won gold in the Para-Bowls Trips. "The SA team consisted of one leg amputee, one person with cerebral palsy, and one paraplegic who bowled from a wheelchair".

Inspired by this he shared his thoughts with a family friend. Together they planned, designed and then built a contraption that fits over Handré's wheelchair with a chute that holds a bowl and gets released through Handré's limited hand control and arm movement due to him not having the hand grasping ability to pick up a bowl, nor the strength to deliver one from the mat. This proved revolutionary to get Handré playing the game. With the help of Philip Heyns, who loads every bowl into the chute and then positions Handré's wheelchair according to where Handré tells him to, Handré can now manipulate the swing on the chute and release the bowl through a trigger movement. This allows him to play short ends.



After Philip and Handré managed to make the chute the progress and growth in his bowls were remarkable. Their goal was to take part in the National Tournament for the Disabled held in Kimberley earlier this year. They both returned with a gold medal for the player and assistant, already looking ahead at other tournaments where he can compete.

We wish Handré and Philip all the best for the tournaments ahead of them. Thank you for your inspiration to young players and those with a disability.



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THE TOUGH KEEP GOING AT... BOWLS!

According to Disability Bowls the “International classification of Disability Bowls B5 is an ambulant or wheelchair bowler with restricted grip and upper body limb function, poor balance and co-ordination, unable to bowl a full length jack. A splinting device for bowlers with limited grip/release hand function may be used. (Separate from a Bowling Arm).

As a result the rules for competition in Disability Bowls competition are that because of their reduced strength B5 bowlers can bowl from a designated mark on the 23 metre line. If there are sufficient B5 bowlers all well and good, and all will bowl from the same point. However, it is the normal experience that B5’s are in the minority and thus have to compete against bowlers in higher classifications with greater strength. To accommodate the difference in strength, a ruling has been introduced that allows all B5’s to bowl from the 23 metre line, while their stronger opponents will bowl from wherever they choose (within the normal rules of the game) if the mat is theirs, but bowl from the 2 metre mark when the mat is held by the B5 Bowler (or at a length of the B5’s discretion). This system worked very well during the 2016 Disability Bowls Nationals and allowed the two competing B5’s to at least be competitive”.

Accordingly they recommend **“to all bowls competition organisers that they afford a similar concession to Handré and any other classified B5s.** The beauty of lawn bowls is that it is a sport that enables a wide spectrum of ages, sex and diversity of disability to compete on a relatively even keel. Allowing B5 bowlers to start at the designated mark on the 23 metre line will enable the sport to overcome any perceived discrimination and allow individuals who would otherwise be side-lined from involvement, to compete with their fellow bowlers”.



The 18 year old quadriplegic, **Ruan Belcher** enjoyed his first attempt at rolling a bowl down the chute on the 16th of June.

Ruan, an aspiring differently abled player and near drowning survivor was accompanied by his helper. Ruan enjoyed the day and says his mom, Sheila Belcher, a Programme Organiser for Iris House Children's Hospice, “he wants to join the club and play bowls to make new friends, have fun and feel like a normal kid”.

Past Principal and Pre-school teacher for Ruan, Glenda said “it was the first time I have seen Ruan since his tragic accident in 2003 and seeing his happy face was without doubt the highlight of the day for me”.

She also said that the one thing she has realised is “that there is a place for everyone through this sport and both old and young have an opportunity to make a positive impact on people’s lives”. This is indeed a Sport for Life and One Sport for All.



Ruan Belcher rolls a jack from the chute during his first attempt at bowls during Youth Day at the Goodwood BC. His assistant and mom Sheila shared his enjoyment.



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PERSONALITY

TINAYE RUNGANO



Tinaye received a small gift and a certificate from Trevor Davis for being the youngest player at the U¹⁹ Tournament this year.

BOWLS GAUTENG NORTH U19 PLAYER

His name is **Tinaye Rungano**, a grade 4 at General Jacques Pienaar Primary School. His favourite subject is Mathematics, favourite sports chess and bowls. He enjoys playing computer games and drawing.

Tinaye started playing bowls in 2015. He says “My brother and I were introduced to the sport by the Secretary, Hilda Jansen van Vuuren at the School. It was the first time I heard about the sport. When I went for my first practice, I did not understand or enjoy the sport because I thought it was only for the aged and for white people. During the second day of practice when I started to understand the game, and with encouragement from my coaches and colleagues, I started to enjoy the game”.

“What I like about the sport is that it’s a relaxing sport and teaches concentration. What I also enjoyed so far about the sport is that I get to meet and interact with different kinds of people. During the beginning of April 2016 I had the most amazing experience when our team went to Bloemfontein for the Under 19 Development Tournament. I enjoyed being part of the team and playing against different teams from other places. I also enjoyed the opportunity to play with and against older players especially seeing I was the youngest player at the tournament”.

JBA JUNIOR MASTERS

The JBA Junior Masters was held during the weekend of the 18th of June at the Wanderers BC. There was some strong competition as the JBA youth can easily field more than one team to both the Under 19 and the Under 25 Inter Districts.

The winner of the 2016 JBA Junior Masters was **RYAN SMITH** from the Randburg BC Ryan has now earned himself a place in the Presidents Cup.

Congratulations Ryan!





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Bowls Gauteng North Champion of Champion
Runner-up for the BGN Presidents Cup 2016
With his team they won gold in the Mid Week 4's
With his team they won gold in the BGN Trips
Club Singles Champion for 2016 (he has won this for the last 3 years)
In the BSA Men's National singles in Durban in 2016 he reached the last 16.

WHO IS THE PLAYER?

Well it is Jonty Rhodes, but not the cricketer - the bowler!



Thank you Joe Nadar for sending us the information

Jonty Rhodes started playing Bowls in his home town of Oudtshoorn in the Eden District. He worked at the Oudtshoorn Military Base where he initially played rugby. One day one of his seniors suggested that he start playing bowls. Jonty decided to give it a try and enjoyed it. Although self-taught, he practiced hard and became a stronger player. When Jonty was transferred to Pretoria he joined the Pretoria Military Bowls Club in 2008. He is currently the Competition Secretary for the Pretoria Military Bowls Club.

His bowls record for the year 2015/6 reads like a story: In the National Singles he beat Thinus Oelofse but lost to Bobby Donnelly. Finishing within the last 16 this year has given him valuable experience playing against the country's best bowls and has been a tremendous boost to his confidence. This year Jonty joined the top players in the district not participating in the Masters who were invited to play in the BGN Presidents Cup on 11 & 12 June 2016.

THE ACCUMULO LAWN BOWLS FESTIVAL

The 2016 ACCUMULO BOWLS FESTIVAL was recently launched at the Bedfordview Country Club!

Participants from across South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia have been invited to participate in the CHALLENGE and FESTIVAL. The competition field incorporates all bowlers of all standards from league or social players to Provincial and National Protea bowlers. The Accumulo Rainbow Trips further includes bowlers in wheelchairs; sighted or visually impaired; able-bodied or physically disabled; young, adult, senior of any race, colour, creed or gender. All will come together in August to compete in one of the three Bowls Challenges to be run over three consecutive weekends. More than 380 competitors will take part in this prestigious lawn bowls festival.

The competition raises funds for cancer (both breast – Pink Drive – and testicular – MBTM - *More Balls Than Most*) as well as for Disability Sport and various other services.

This year, the competition is comprised of three different events, namely:

The ACCUMULO HOLLAND QUALIFIER (13 – 14 August)

THE ACCUMULO CHALLENGE (19 – 21 August)

THE ACCUMULO RAINBOW TRIPS (27 – 28 August)





YOUTH TOURNAMENT—EDEN DISTRICT

Outeniqua BC, George. The weekend of the 25th/26th June was a great weekend at the Outeniqua Bowling Club as they hosted the U19 Youth Tournament. Ten novice teams and six open teams from Eden, WP and Boland had a wonderful time competing in glorious balmy winter weather. Good bowling, smooth greens and plenty of food made for a fantastic weekend of sport and social interaction. For the majority of the players this was their very first match so they simply absorbed the experience like sponges. Most were totally worn-out at the end of the first day. As one of them put it: "But sir, nobody told me that bowls could be so exhausting!"

This tournament is normally held in Oudtshoorn with its four greens which can accommodate many more players, but due to external circumstances this year the tournament had to be moved in a hurry and Outeniqua BC kindly stepped in as new hosts. With only two greens available for the tournament, it was smaller this year but it still had its usual impact.



This tournament is the first regional U19 competition on the Western Cape calendar, so it is used to sort out teams and get the youngsters ready for the Envar Buys Tournament which comes up later in the year. It has proved invaluable for this purpose, so while the teams are focused on winning their games, their managers and coaches are much more concerned with the fine tuning and the learning that takes place. What was great to see this year was the support from parents, coaches and local bowlers who turned out to watch the games. Many of the non-bowling parents still find it amusing to watch their normally exuberant offspring actually focusing on something for more than an hour at a time. As one parent put it: "My son has no fear of anything. He's an adrenaline junkie and plays goalie for his school hockey team. Bust just look at how focused and calm he is on the green!"



The open section was won by the team of Marx Fourie (Somerset West BC), Armand Ascaray (Parow BC) and Justin van Rooi (Strand BC) with Esona Tyeda and Ezile Mkhosi (both Helderberg BC) and Chawnae Petro (Strand BC) in second place. The winners of the development section were Sheldon van Kersen, Gillian Young and Dylan Lunt. (All three from Outeniqua BC.) Well done to all of you!



Thank you and well done to Philip Hattingh (in the photographs) and his team at Outeniqua Bowling Club.



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YOU are welcome here! - by Owen



What single item will attract new members to your club and at the same time help to retain members? Is it the quality of your greens? Your club's ranking in the district league? The number of Protea players you have in your A-side or the well-stocked bar in your clubhouse?

I have been fortunate enough to play at more than 20 different clubs over the last year and looking back, it is not the greens (though some were outstanding and others shocking) or the facilities that have left the strongest impression with me. Quite simply, it was how the members of those clubs react to strangers arriving at their door.

Sometimes I am obliged to play at a certain club with outstanding greens, but you always feel like an outsider when you go there, even though you know half of the members. No one greets you spontaneously—you have to go up to them and greet them first. They are not necessarily unfriendly, just distant. The atmosphere is cold. The only one who speaks to me directly is the person taking the greens fee. On the other hand, there is another club in our area where the opposite is true and people actually enjoy playing there, even though your game can best be described as “adventure bowls” as you negotiate the ruts, sand traps and other hazards. The members welcome visitors as they walk in the door and immediately make them feel at home. Guess which of the two clubs is growing and which one is stagnating? Your facilities are not what will attract and retain members. People attract people.

Take your own club: If a stranger walks into your club right now wanting to find out about bowls, how will they be received? Be very brutally honest. Will they wander around and have to interrupt a conversation or will someone drop what they are doing and assist them? Will they be ignored or welcomed?

Every club has amongst its members at least one friendly soul who is outgoing and sociable. Do the obvious thing and appoint that person as your Membership Officer or head of your Membership Committee and let them focus on making your club more user-friendly. Make it their mission in life to make contact with visitors and to integrate them into your club. This is not rocket science - most bowlers are there because they enjoy the social contact. So when a stranger shows up, drag them in and make them feel welcome. In fact, do that with ANYONE who shows up at your club unexpectedly, whether they be the local security guard or a delivery van driver. They are ALL potential bowlers and potential club members.

And our sport needs them!

GROWING YOUR CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP



Remember this?

Circular 41/2013 regarding the **Bowls SA Membership Drive Incentive Scheme** still applies! If you have not seen it, ask at your club / district, click on it or download it from www.bowlsa.co.za



Knocking on the office door...

BOWLS SA? PROTEA COLOURS?

Ever wondered about the Awarding of Colours and the Protea? When and where? We asked John Ravenscroft at the office for insight.

“The National Bowls Team representing South Africa are awarded “Protea” colours sanctioned by SASCOC. The Protea is issued by SASCOC and recorded by them. The Commonwealth Games is played by MNA [Member National Authority] and in the Protea colours. Even at non-official tests played between two countries, teams play in official colours, of which the recent Malaysia test was an example. The minute a player represents South Africa, the colours have to be requested from SASCOC before they can wear them. *The photo represents the team for World Bowls.*

The Junior Bowls Team and the Senior Bowls Team representing South Africa at international level compete under the Bowls SA banner and are awarded Bowls SA Colours. The Bowls South Africa Junior and Senior teams playing in the International Quadrangular are issued with official Bowls SA colours, not official Protea colours. The 2 Protea logo was used for the shirts and regalia for the Senior & Junior teams at the Quadrangular.

In the attached Photo you have Elma in her Protea colours and Arleen in her Bowls SA snr side colours.



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Operation Jamie (feel good story)

The Aaahhh Moment!!!!

From down South this feel good story – proof that Facebook reaches real people!

Doreen de Power of Western Province received a phone call from Jamie's mother, a player at the Sunningdale BC. Her daughter Jamie, a 12 year old pupil from Edgemoad was keen on horse riding, but due to the expenses, chose to play bowls as her mother is a keen bowler. However even though they tried to get some bowls to fit her tiny hands they could not find any. On this day she spoke to Doreen about their problem, the answer came in Doreen placing a request in the "Bowls @ Cape Town" Facebook group. Within a hour Doreen got a reply from Brenda Voigt offering to give up her good set of 00's as she was buying new bowls. Sandy Wehrli then gave up a very good pair of two 2-bowl bags as well, all as a donation to get this young bowler started.

Recently they got Jamie to come to Pinelands where Trevor Davis, Executive Member Bowls SA and Doreen de Power, Past President WP Bowls handed these bowls over to a very grateful and excited young girl. It has been said that Jamie is an absolute achiever and WP feel confident that she will apply herself to the game of bowls and hopefully set an example to many others.

In a letter of thanks Jamie that wrote to those involved she mentioned "that she loves to ride horses, enjoy exploring and now also play bowls!" She noticed that her mom "would be on a natural high every Saturday after bowls even if she did not win" and after rolling up with her mom she also got hooked. Jamie expressed her gratitude towards Doreen and the members donating the bowls and bags. She said that she "absolutely loves the turquoise bowls" and that her goal is to make everyone involved very proud.



Jamie Fagan
with Trevor Davis



Thank you all!