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## 2017 WARWICK BOWLS SA MASTERS JUNIOR WOMAN GOLD MEDALIST



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Roxy



Shimanda



Roxanne Tingle, winner of the gold medal in the recent Warwick Bowls SA Junior Woman Master Singles is excited about bowls. One of her dreams came true recently when she won the Gold Medal after a titanic game against Shimanda Nepgen.

Roxanne started playing bowls at the age of 11. Bowls is her passion and it is her goal and dream to represent South Africa. She is a member of the Bedfordview Country Club which forms part of Johannesburg Bowling Association. Her family, which had an influence on her starting to play bowls,

have always supported her. Roxanne says “my experience of winning Gold at this year’s SA Junior Masters was unbelievable, there are no words to describe the feeling. I am over the moon! Shimanda Nepgen was a tough and worthy opponent and played well, but what an amazing spirit our game was played in”.

Roxy, as we all know her, said she had such amazing support from her family and all her friends. She said that support is something that also helps one through the duration of any tournament.

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REPORT BACK ON NEWS AND INTERVIEWS AFTER THE RECENT SA MASTERS and the MARKETING EFFORTS of M&M



Left to right: A life feed for all internet spectators formed part of the finals, the Junior Woman in the final, Roxy and Shimanda, with marker Helen Gagiano and a view of the host club, Wanderer's Sport Club.

Photo Kim Kritzinger



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## M&M TEAM with the AUS TEAM after a day of play



Our hard-working M&M Team at the 2017 Warwick Bowls SA Masters with the Jackeroo visitors from Australia:

- Back: Ronnie Cloete  
Owen Calverley  
Trevor Davis (Exec)  
Steve Glasson (Aus coach)
- Front: Kim Kritzinger  
Carla Krizanac (Aus)  
Anina Black  
Barrie Lester (Aus)
- Absent: Roxanne Tingle  
Malcolm Webster



The Aussie visitors were great sports and were only too happy to autograph our caps. Once they had signed three of them, a queue developed and they were kept busy for quite a while. We then grabbed a few of the Proteas to also add their autographs to our caps. At least one of those caps will never be worn and will spend it's days adorning a wall. Who knows what it may be worth some years from now!



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## Jacquelyn Janse van Rensburg



"I started playing bowls when I was 16, thanks to my grandparents, at Humansdorp Bowling Club in the Eastern Cape. Along the way I have met many people who have helped me become the bowler I am today.

I have been selected for numerous U25 and Open training camps and played in my first BSA Junior Masters in 2010 and won Gold. I was runner up in 2013 and winner again in 2014, where I was given the opportunity to play in the BSA Open Masters. Playing in the Open has been an experience that has opened my eyes and driven me to work harder.

This year I made it to the final where I played Colleen Piketh. The emotions I felt knowing I had made it that far can't be described, I was playing against my role model after all! I was awed by the moment. Although I lost the game, I enjoyed every moment and came off the green proud of myself.

I love the game and will continue working at achieving my goals, one of which being honoured with the opportunity to play for my country."



**Dezi Rosenblatt** was one of a group of kids that got pulled out of class at school to try bowls during a Lotto sponsored Southern Cape (Eden) Bowls initiative to go around schools and promote the game under youngsters. Intrigued the 15 year old Dezi, at that stage residing in Still Bay, got involved. For-

mer World Transplant Games Gold Medalist, Kallie Mattheus, took Dezi under his wing and taught her how to play bowls. "This was my first exposure to the game as I am the only one in my family that plays. The club members was very open to youngsters in the sport and encouraged me even more to stick with bowls". Currently Dezi is playing for Walmer BC in Port Elizabeth and have been playing for 11 years. Dezi works as a Biokineticist at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

She says having the opportunity to play in the Junior Masters again was such a big honour. The fact that Bowls SA has changed the age from U25 to that of U30 have opened up the opportunity to all players to be considered for selection again. "I am sure that this will encourage younger players and especially those players over 25 to continue with this amazing game and not get lost in the system".

Dezi's biggest goal in bowls will be to represent the country, "feel the honour of walking onto the green for South Africa"!

## South African MASTERS

### As experienced by....

#### Ezile Fourie

started her bowls at the age of 12 She used to watch her grandfather playing bowls when she was only 3 years old. By the age of 9 she was eager to start but had to wait for her hands to grow a bit more as the bowls were far too big! Both Ezile's mom and her uncle, the U25 Boland Manager, Henry started playing bowls. At the age of 23 years Ezile has now been playing bowls for 11 years. She is a member of the Bredasdorp BC but due to her studies she has dual membership with Old Oak BC in Cape Town.



Winning the Junior Masters in 2016 was something she dreamed about ever since she got selected to play at the SA Masters in the Junior section. She set a goal to win the masters by 2017 for herself and worked hard to get there. She said "It was unbelievable to win the Junior Masters" and "that tears of joy fill you and she feels honoured to have won it". Her families support helped her to believe in herself.

This year Ezile played in the Open Masters. It was tough to compete in the Open Section but the main goal was to learn from every game played.

Ezile said that she has set her goals for the next three years to be included in the gold squad as well as being selected for the masters again, doing well in the U30 tournament as well as the Boland Open side team.



#### Corrie Tagg

started playing bowls due to both his parents being involved with the sport. At the age of 23 Corrie has played the game since the age of 15. He mentioned to us rather tongue in the cheek that he actually played bowls much earlier as his mom was playing bowls whilst pregnant. He plays his bowls for Discovery Bowling Club.

Corrie won the Junior Masters in 2017 and he said the feeling was "fantastic and that it was great to put the Sables district name on the map playing against a fellow Sables bowler in the finals". He is very excited that the age restriction is no longer Under 25. Corrie would like to represent South Africa in bowls.



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**KIM KRITZINGER**  
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## MARKETING AT THE SA MASTERS

This was the first time that I'd had the privilege of personally attending a bowls event of this scale and prestige. I wasn't disappointed.

The M&M team arrived in Johannesburg bubbling with energy and motivation. We set up the gazebo, tables and banners, put some of the Toolkit items on display, arranged the caps and bowls towels to be sold and then jumped straight into marketing our sport.

The level, skill and talent shown by the South African and Australian bowlers was inspirational to say the least. In addition to that, what surprised me most was the friendliness of those who stopped by to have a chat: officials and administrators wanting to discuss ways to market bowls in their home towns, players keen to take marketing ideas back to their clubs, spectators who offered to help where needed by handing out 1Sport4Life flyers and

taking photos for us to use on social media, and non-bowlers who were interested in giving bowls a try. Bowls SA sponsors, Warwick Wealth, Perfect Delivery and Aero Bowls were there too, chatting to bowlers about what's important to them and Stuttaford Van Lines, Paktool Engineering and Perfect Pak were there to show their support for development bowls.

If this is an indication of how South Africans (and our Australian friends!) can work together to promote bowls then I have nothing but optimism for the future of our sport!

Kim Kritzinger



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## UMPIRING IN THE FINALS

Nico Nell, one of the two Umpires involved with the finals at the recent SA Masters is an avid Technical Official. He is a member at Discovery BC (Sables) with joint membership at Roosevelt Park BC (JBA). He has completed most of his work as an Official under JBA.

Having started his road trip as a Technical Official during 2008, Nico is currently a level 3 Umpire and, like so many of the Technical Officials, says it was not always an easy road. His first experience at the SA Masters was in 2013 when his passion and dedication was recognised.

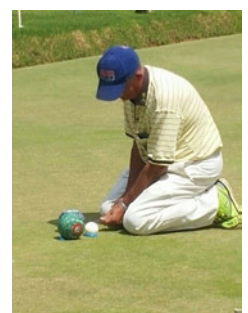
At the Masters, most Umpires prefer to be marking the game, as you are directly involved with the game, whereas the Umpire has to watch a green of players and markers at all

time. As a marker you however have lots of work and up too recently sometimes three score areas to complete (scoreboard, flip board and the card). Many a marker or Umpire can tell you stories of things that have happened to them (especially during the Masters) and Nico is no different. He mentioned that once he forgot to complete the card and only realised that on the 15th end! He also indicated the shot for the opposition player by holding up the incorrect colour shot indicator – all of this in a final! He loves the game and the adrenalin rush of working at the Masters and, although he has no preference as to which group he enjoys most, it is always a privilege to mark for either the Men or the Woman Open Singles. The players at this level appreciate the markers and their dedication to

give up of their time to be at the tournament. The tournament gives all the Technical Officials the platform to improve oneself and of course gives an insight of top singles players' style and method of play. It is such an honour to be involved at this prestigious tournament.

Like so many of our players, Nico's dream is to one day represent South Africa as an International Technical Official and would like to do duty at the Commonwealth Games....

...which will unfortunately no longer be taking place in Durban!





## BOWLS IN THEIR BLOOD



*Bowls family—Brian, Lance and Keegan Sayce.*

Keegan Sayce, one of the young talented players that will be in action in Bloemfontein during April is 18 years old, raised in Edenglen and now currently living in the Edenvale area. He plays bowls at Bedfordview BC part of JBA. His father is Lance and granddad Brian. Bowls has always been their family's blood and as such Keegan has been involved in this sport his whole life. His mom has recently started playing again but none of his siblings play yet.

Keegan, one of the team players in the Junior Tournament every year, only started playing bowls at the age of 13, but says he "this was just messing around and going with my dad or granddad to the Edenvale BC, but

where my bowls career started". He officially started at the age of 15 in 2014. Obviously his dad and granddad play a major role in his approach to bowls as both of them achieved their provincial honours. One of his big role models is Gerry Baker, inspiring him to work harder.

Although his friends make comments about him playing bowls Keegan says that he invites them to try their hand at the game before making further comments. Being in matric this year, he has to make some serious decisions, one being in which direction he is moving after school. But at the moment it will most likely be something in the financial field. Other than bowls, he plays cricket at school and

soccer with friends and enjoys gaming on his PlayStation.

Keegan's sight is set on playing in the B Inter Provincials and then the Open Provincials and his dream is to represent his country.

His dad, Lance also plays at Bedfordview. He has just returned from the Inter Provincials. Some of his achievements include winning Gold in the Open Inter Provincials a few years back while still playing for Eastern Gauteng, and winning the Gauteng open 4's in 2014. He won gold in JBA during 2016. Brian, granddad to Keegan, does not play that much anymore but is currently involved in coaching, being one of the level 4 coaches in the country.

## M&M TEAM surrounded by caps, banners, posters, etc



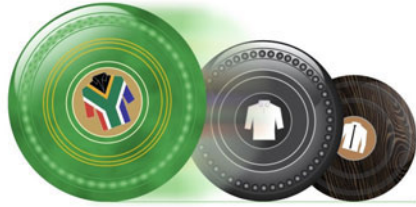
*The standing committee M &M were well presented at the 2017 SA Masters.*

*Photo on left: Malcolm, Kim and Ronnie.*

*Right photo: Ronnie, Malcolm and Owen.*

*A variety of marketing material was available to the public .*





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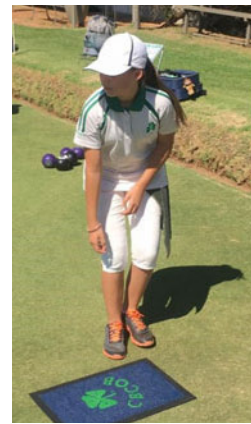
## BGN ORGANISING THEIR OWN PRO 10

Since it was announced that Specsavers has withdrawn their sponsorship from the Bowls SA Pro 10 2017 tournament, the future of this format of play was at risk – a nice compact, action filled, two bowl pairs game where the best four bowls count – short and powerful and different from the traditional style of play.

BGN, however, is organising its own event through the involvement of two sponsors that want to be involved i.e. Lynnwood Motors and Rumorsports. Clubs in the district will play in their own club tournaments determining the Pro 10 winner at each.

BGN will then hold the BGN Pro10 Finals on 11 June 2017 with not only the club winners participating but also a team from the U 30's, U 20's and a Disabled Team. The finals will take place at the CBCOB Bowling Club. The day will be fully sponsored with refreshments, lunch and playing fees sponsored whilst the prize money be R3 000 for Gold, R2 000 for Silver and R1 000 for Bronze. No cost to the participants and officials. Furthermore, two of the players at CBCOB, Tony Rea and Linda Scheepers respectively representing Lynwood Motors and Rumorsports will donate R5 000 each to the BGN Pro 10 Tournament.

This is such a wonderful initiative born from a popular format that was played over the past three seasons. Bowls in Gauteng North is as healthy as can be with new innovative ideas allowing for all forms of the sport to be played by all age groups.



*CBCOB youngest bowler at 12 is Lolly Skindel. She will be a team member of BGN at the U15 Tournament during April.*



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## TECHNICAL OFFICIALS AT THE MASTERS

Every year the SA Masters forms part of the annual calendar of Bowls SA. Each year the top singles players congregate on the greens in the Open, Senior and Junior Singles showing off their skill and determination and fulfilling their dreams of being part of this prestigious event.

Yet give some thoughts to our Technical Officials who, like the players, also congregate at this event, giving of their time and their skills to do duty, standing often for hours in the hot sun, not moving while the players are on the mat, not engaging in general chatting nor wanting to be anywhere but on the green marking the best of the top bowlers. However, the difference between our players and our officials is that each of our officials has to pay their own way to improve their umpiring and marking skills; if you want to be there it is up to you to pay your way and hope to get the best games and have a successful, enjoyable weekend.

We asked the convener of the Technical Officials to give us some stats and Dirk Malongre shared the following:

“The Masters require 48 Markers and 16 Umpires each day. The biggest challenge for this past Tournament was to find enough Markers and Umpires for the Friday. For example this year 2 days before the tournament we had 4 reserve markers on the list but one day before the tournament we were suddenly 4 markers short due to cancellations”.

The Umpires and Markers have to do duty virtually every second round on any of the four greens with either the Senior, Juniors or Open group. A high standard is ensured of officiating. The Markers use shot indicators, must flip the score on the board and must ensure the basic measuring equipment is on hand. “The Masters currently have 24 sets of each of white, black, yellow, blue, green and red shot indicators. There are also 8 sets each of orange and brown”.

The indicators assist not only the players in knowing who is holding the shot but also the spectators surrounding the greens. Should there be a bigger number of officials at the tournament, each of the rinks will have both a marker and a flip board operator, which comes in handy at a tournament like this, as a marker has a lot to do during a game at this level of play.

All in all, it is enjoyable to be part of a game which can change every time a bowl is rolled to the head! The excitement, the concentration, the determination and the skill as well as the pure art of play is something that one cannot share unless you have been there! Players are in general considered of the tasks for the marker and all the players, especially those in the junior section, show good sportsmanship and lots of enthusiasm.

This year each of the Markers and the Umpires received a markers bag as a memento and a thank you for their work”.

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