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BARRYDALE PRESIDENT'S DAY



The Officiating Party at Barrydale's President's Day was Ds Theuns Putter, Rector Kyle Jonas, the Executive Mayor of Swellendam, Nicholas Myburgh, with life member Johannes Makriga and Club Co-ordinator Cliff Franklin.

Recently the Barrydale Bowling Club celebrated a new era when the club was re-opened with the committee putting together a President's Day to celebrate, have lots of fun and of course play bowls. The club which forms part of the Barrydale Recreational Club is part of an easy going community and eager, committed people. The club created a market style atmosphere to compliment the day, showcasing a wide range of small business initiatives which are unique to Barrydale around the perimeters of the bowling green to showcase a wide range of small business initiatives which are unique to Barrydale.

At the Opening Ceremony was the Executive Mayor of Swellendam, Nicholas Myburgh, church minister Theuns Putter and Rector Kyle Jonas. Representing club bowlers was Cliff Franklin and Johannes Makriga. Players from 14 different clubs encompassing the Cape Winelands, the Overberg and Eden with 4 teams representing Boland (the Executive), U30, U20 and U15 took part. One of the members present was Ronnie Cloete, member of the Membership and Marketing Committee Bowls SA. Part of the ceremony was the rolling of first bowls which was done by Barrydale team members. The lead, Johannes Makriga, a life member of the club and

previously the green keeper and singles champion on three occasions, was the first person to roll his bowl. This symbolised the transition from the old to the new after Cliff Franklin had rolled the Jack. Theuns Putter and Kyle Jonas delivered their bowls with the skip, Nicholas Myburgh, Executive Mayor of Swellendam, delivering his bowl and to a round of applause landed "on" the Jack!

The mayor, on behalf of the Municipality, addressed all present, gave his full support and thanked the Barrydale Bowling Club for their community initiative. With the official stuff out of the way, the bowls could get underway.

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Please send us your news and views about bowls, feedback on your club's events and ideas and tools that you've used at your club to encourage new members to join. Your ideas might just help another club! Thank you to those who have shared their good news with us!



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BARRYDALE BC PRESIDENT'S DAY cont.

Between lots of laughter, the normal bowls jargon and a beautiful sunny day, the bowls players relaxed and enjoyed the game.

The winners for the Barrydale Presidents Day on 22 April 2017 were in the first place STILBAAI Bowling Club in second place BARRYDALE Bowling Club. In the 3rd place were MONTAGU Bowling Club and 4th place a team of Executive members from BOLAND.

Footnote: A men's team represented the club for the first time during the All Cape in Plettenberg Bay: Harold Franklin, Cliff Franklin, Chris Eccles, Johannes Makriga and Kosie Joubert.

Thank you Cliff Franklin for the news, photos and updates. All the best to the Barrydale BC!



The winning team at the President's Day was Stilbaai BC.

OUTDSHOORN YOUTH BOWLS TOURNAMENT

The Oudtshoorn Youth Tournament will take place on 1 and 2 July 2017 at the Oudtshoorn Club. The tournament is aimed at the youth but not limited to them entering. Trips will be played in an Under 15, an Under 20 (both open and development section) and an Under 45 age group section. The members of a team need not be from one club. Please contact the Tournament Organiser at the Oudtshoorn Bowling Club for further information.

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Ben and Martie Barnard and Fochville BC President, Alida Rossouw next to the Ben Barnard Green.



Club members and participants, the Challengers and the Daredevils, with invited guests of the event: Ron Palmer, President of the North West Bowls Region and the Barnards.

30 HOURS CONTINUOUS BOWLING AT FOCHVILLE

During April 2016 the Fochville Bowling Club achieved a South African record for 24 hours continuous bowling (see the "Get it Rolling" newsletter ISSUE 02 MAY 2016, page 8). The club said it was a great challenge, but went about it in a happy go lucky sort of fashion. In the end the club did achieve the 24 hours of continuous bowling and were deservedly proud of their achievement!

The same Fundraising Officer from the first event then made a suggestion that the Fochville BC should challenge themselves and hold a 30 hour continuous bowling event. This was a totally different ball game because if you challenge your own record, you actually challenge your own event! However the committee considered the challenge and all in all realised that it would mean that everything else would have to be better than the previous time. So the work will be more, the time span longer and of course the expectations from everyone so much higher.

The very first step was to plan in more detail. The club members and committee spent hours on this step.

Getting the greens ready, pitching gazebos, organising food, a bar person, wood to burn through the night, score boards and cards, continuous display of the count down and scores, setting up more or less the same teams as previously, as well as the time slots they would play and all the other small details.

The second step was to market the event. The club put up notices at the supermarket and on a big billboard. They invited the President of the North West Region, Ron Palmer, to do the official opening. The couple responsible for the original greens, Ben and Martie Barnard were invited.

On Friday 7th April 2017 after the welcoming, the National Anthem and the raising of the National Flag some of the Fochville Bowling Club Members did the Fochville Bowling Club Haka. Ron Palmer did the official opening. Ben and Martie, respectively 83 and 80 years of age, were pleased to see the greens in such good condition.

At exactly 12:00 the very first jack was rolled in the challenge. The spectators supported the players during

play in rain or shine. Even though it was only the people in the kitchen and at the bar, the person keeping scores on a computer and reflecting it to a projector for 30 hours and the group of players on the green, the bonfire during the night helped with the efforts. On the Saturday morning with more spectators arriving the atmosphere became electrifying! Music was played all the time. At 18:00 on Saturday 8 April the spectators took part in the count down of the last seconds. Fochville Bowling Club did it! They broke their own record and are now the proud owners of a new South African Record of Thirty Hours continuous bowling.

Altogether 35 players played physically during the thirty hours. The Challengers beat the Daredevils with 210 points to 197. They played 228 ends in total which equates to 3648 bowls! The club decided to challenge any other club to take on Fochville on their own greens at a similar challenge.

Thank you to the Fochville BC President, Alida Rossouw.



HISTORY OF THE BARRYDALE BC

The original idea of a bowling club in Barrydale was first discussed in 1980 by the Mayor of that time, Manfred van Heerden. To find out if and how many people would support such an initiative, Philip Lategan was approached and a management team was set up with Philip being selected as chairman. The erf where the green is situated was bought from Piet and Jim Smit. The bowling club was started with just over a R1000 in the bank but with lots of hope and will power. It could not have taken place without people like Boetie and Albert Fullard, Bertus Cooke and others from the farming community that assisted with their knowledge



and the necessary equipment, vehicles and workers without asking for anything in return. In November 1984 the first BOWL was rolled out. The club participated in their first tournament during March 1985 in Ladismith. Phillip and Hester Lategan with Quintus and Naomi Rousseau duly brought home the TROPHY! In 1999 the men won the Southern Cape League with players Bertus Cooke, Cliffie Smith, Quintus Rousseau and Doug Foley. Quite a number of players were winners of

trophies and more than one time winners of the club singles. The club was recognised in the Boland and both the inspirational coach, Carel Blom and the green keeper, Johannes Makriga made major contributions. Although many a person played a major role in the earlier developments of the club and the club has duly made a list and honoured these players during the opening ceremony of the club recently, the space in this column is just too limited! Let it be known that all those that formed part of the club over the years are thanked for their participation and involvement.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances the Barrydale BC closed during the 2008/9 season. In the subsequent years the Barrydale Recreational Club which embraces both the bowls and tennis elements carried on in a purely SOCIAL environment. The BARRYDALE RECREATIONAL CLUB was on the verge of closure around JUNE 2015. Through the efforts of Dave Simpson and Lawrie Mabin and the committee of the time, closure was halted.

With the arrival of Cliff and Harold Franklin during June 2016, the return of Faan and Alta Joubert and the involvement of several residents of Barrydale, notably Chris Eccles,



Johannes Makriga (life member and the original green keeper) and Kosie Joubert, the game of bowls was revived and now epitomises all the great qualities of the game and the club and members hope to pave the way for a new beginning.

During October 2016 Barrydale BC was welcomed back into the fold of Boland Bowls and Bowls South Africa as a fully affiliated club. Since then the club has been actively involved at all levels within the Overberg Bowls competitions and within the Boland bowling communities.

As part of the growth two programmes have already been started. The one initiative is a youth development programme that will embrace the schools and younger generation. This will be rolled out under the mentorship of Johannes Makriga and Luan Els, the latter a teacher from Caledon who is based in Barrydale. The second initiative is a social league for the farmers and local businesses with the coordinators being Fanus Oberholzer, Cliff Franklin and Janru Schade.

As the club said at the President's day in April – it is a COMMUNITY VENTURE facilitated by the BARRYDALE RECREATIONAL CLUB for the COMMUNITY!



CONVENER'S CORNER

Nature has one unavoidable truth: a system will prosper and grow only as long as you put in more than what you take out. This applies to any system, anywhere, at any time. It applies to engines, organisations even sporting clubs. The moment you take out more than what you put in, decline is inevitable. Stop charging your cell phone and the battery will go flat. It's that simple: you cannot expect to get out more than what you put in. If members of a club just pay their subs and expect their money's worth, the club may survive, but it certainly will not flourish. It will only require a few of those members to fall behind with their subs to cause the system to collapse. Similarly, an organisation needs people to do the various jobs that keep it running smoothly. If certain tasks are ignored, the system will also go into decline. Our country's state owned enterprises are excellent examples of what happens when you take out more than you put in.

Since I started playing bowls I have heard countless times "I pay my subs, so I expect the greens to be in good condition and the building well maintained." That sounds fine, but if you think for a moment you can spot the obvious problem. If we all just pay our subs, we are only putting in what we get out, nothing more. The system just needs one small hiccup and it goes into decline.

Similarly the question "What has Bowls SA ever done for me?" begs the obvious response "What have you done to ensure that bowls survives and thrives as a sport?" If we all just give what is expected and nothing more, we can expect our clubs and our sport as a whole to ultimately become just a memory. I challenge you to give this serious thought and decide how you can add value to the sport of bowls. YOUR active involvement is vital.

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Owen Calverley



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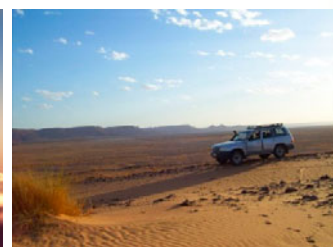


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MPUMALANGA LOWVELD BOWLS

The 2017 Mixed Pairs Competition was sponsored by Nelspruit Bowling Club and was contested over two successive weekends during March, with Sectional Games and completed the first weekend in April with the Semi Finals and Finals to determine the three pairs who would go forward to the Provincial Tournament at the end of April.

35 Teams playing in 7 sections battled it out over the 2 days with the following teams advancing to the Semi-finals: Diane & Ben Enslin (Nelspruit), Piet & Marina Smith (Malalane), Denis & Miranda Paiva (White River), Hardus Korf & Lynn Nicholas (White River), Brian Coulson & Elda Rautenbach (LVCC), Francois Hanekom & Gwyn Korf (White River), Richard Quinnell & Anne Co-



Piet and Marina Smith from Malalane (left) were the winners of the Mpumalanga Lowveld Mixed Pairs with the runner's up (right) Miranda and Denis Paiva from White River.

etzee (Sabie) and Dean Paiva & Beryl Biggs (White River).

In the Quarter Finals, Piet & Marina Smith, Denis & Miranda Paiva, Dean & Beryl Biggs went through, with the big surprise being the brilliant performance of the Sabie pairs Richard Quinnell and Anne Coetzee, who after winning all four of their Sectional matches, continued in winning vein, by upsetting one of the pre-tournament favourites, Ben & Diane Enslin!

During the first weekend in April, total different playing conditions prevailed.

Piet and Marina Smith were given a hard fight by the Sabie Pair, who at one stage led by 12 shots to 7, but a 5 on the penultimate end sealed victory for the Bowlers from Malalane. Denis

and Marinda Paiva had a somewhat easier passage to the Final, whilst disposing of son Dean and Beryl Biggs.

The Final, played in front of a small but knowledgeable crowd, saw some absolutely stunning bowls played, the two Leads, Marina and Miranda, matched each other shot for shot, and put on a great display of drawing Bowls, whilst simply everything Denis Paiva tried, Piet Smith had an answer for, and more, as he led his team to a stunning victory, by such a wide margin that they had secured the match by the 18th end!

Dean Paiva and Beryl Biggs took third place, over a somewhat tired looking Sabie pairing, who can be very proud of their achievements, nonetheless!

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