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AN OASIS AT HOWICK BC

They say that big things start from small beginnings!

The Oasis Preparatory School held its second Annual Bowls Day recently at the Howick Bowling Club in which 48 interested and very excited bowlers participated on the day. This was an improvement from last year when the club only had 12 would be bowlers. Altogether 12 teams took part in this competition with a wide selection of players from first time bowlers to skilled veterans.

Teams sized up their opponents and certainly held their breath to see if the other teams might play a pro where an experienced bowler would be playing their bowls for them and therefor score a donation for the school.

Keen competition was certainly the order of

the day and the winning team with Judy Ferns, John de Pinna, Raj Bisnath and Peter Grenfell (member) played an exceptional game before rain stopped play in the second round.

The competition was well supported with a wealth of prizes from our generous sponsors.

Many thanks to Howick Bowling Club and their representatives Bill Dougherty, Dennis Lariviere and Allan Dakers who assisted with coaching first time bowlers and oversaw the children's team.

This is just one of the events in which Howick takes the sport to the community and involves the community in the sport.

The club will continue to develop bowls in the town and surrounding areas.

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CONVENER'S CORNER CALL THE PLUMBER!

While chatting to a few of my bowling buddies the other day, I came to the disturbing realization that so much of what is happening in our sport at district, national and especially international level, is simply not reaching the majority of our players on the greens. I tested this with players from other clubs and districts further afield and the general blissful ignorance is even wider spread than I originally feared.

Are we as administrators failing to keep our members informed, is there a general feeling of “who cares” at ground level or a bit of both? I have regularly heard the comment “BSA does nothing for me, why should I pay affiliation fees?” But that same person has never visited the BSA website, looked at the BSA Facebook page, read ANY of the official newsletters or even bothered to enquire what is happening with their sport beyond their own club boundary fence. In those cases, one can preach the good news of bowls growth until you are red in the face and

they will still stick to their storyline.

Changing their attitudes is a long-term project, so let's just accept their presence for the moment and get on with the job of reaching those who are ready and willing to hear. And that is where the most work appears to be needed. Here are four typical “blockages” in the communication pipeline which just may need to be urgently addressed at your club and/or district:

- (1) Newsletters, circulars and newsflashes reach the district secretary but stop there and are not passed on sideways and downwards.
- (2) Newsletters, circulars and results stop at the club secretary and are not passed on to members.
- (3) The club does not have an email system to reach all members.
- (4) Member email addresses are outdated and/or incomplete.

All of these blockages are actually very simple to overcome and just require

the relevant person to do what they are mandated to do. If YOU are that person, please gather your tools and get to work clearing that blockage. Our sport is poised to make great strides into the future, but if information is not flowing smoothly in BOTH directions we have a major problem that could push bowls into the realm of just another minor social activity.

If you want to test the communication pipeline at your club simply ask this question at your next bowls gathering: “In which country will the next Commonwealth Games be held and when?” Please let me know what the response was. Let's work to get those blockages rolling right out of the system!

Yours in bowls,

Owen

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YOUTH DAY & MEMBERSHIP

To share in the celebrations of youth month, please send your club or district story and photo's to Kim Kritzinger at mandm@bowlssa.co.za for inclusion in our next issue!

VALUE ADDED

BY: JULIAN CARTER

Ever asked the question – what is bowls about for me? Recently, one of our readers who has been playing bowls for 42 years did exactly that.

We take up on his story when he started being “pretty competitive and enjoyed playing in the League for his club, and also in every competition that was available”. Due to various reasons, work, change of residence, etc. he joined different clubs over the years and in some were selected to committee and the executive. He got involved with Nomads’ and enjoyed bowls as frequently as possible.

Now in his eighties, Julian says the bones have become “creakier” and that for some years he found himself looking for something a bit more. Something that added that bit extra to his enjoyment of the game. Julian visited many local clubs to find what he calls “Value Added” – not just the normal bowling club. Finding himself playing regularly at one club that not just made him feel welcome, but where the atmosphere was different, still competitive but more focussed on the enjoyment of the game, he put down roots. He says the emphasis of the game is that of friendship both on and off the green, with the competitive edge being kept.

He feels that every club should strive to achieve an extra edge or that “value added” extra which will attract members and will encourage younger bowlers to come on board. Does your club have that extra “value added”?



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LEVEL 1 COACHES COURSE IN THE LOWVELD!

A Level One Coaches course was recently held at the Nelspruit Bowling Club in the Lowveld. There were nine participants and the facilitator, Jerry Gertzen, assisted by Lood van Rooyen and Brian Sayce, was on hand during the first weekend.

Something marvellous manifested itself at Matumi during that time in the most delightfully tranquil surroundings!

The course got off to an unexpected but very welcome downpour of rain, which restricted all to the classroom on Day 1, however, things were re scheduled and soon got into the swing of things. The weather improved and once they were outside all could learn the practical side of coaching newcomers to the sport of Lawn Bowls.

Included in the course was how to assist disabled Bowlers. The Course was a great success, and after four days of intensive learning, the nine Bowlers from respectively Sabie, Lydenburg, LVCC, Secunda and White River went home ready to start with their coaching skills and full of enthusiasm!



Left: The Lowveld level one couches course attendees with their facilitators.

Right: Disabled bowler, Hans, came to assist with the course. Merlé, one of the "students" tried to bowl using a wheelchair herself.



KLEINMOND WARWICK TRIPS

Recently the coastal village of Kleinmond attracted 24 teams to their Warwick Trips, which was held on a beautiful sunny day in the month of May. The club president, Valerian Strydom, welcomed visiting teams from Parow, Hermanus, Old Oak, L'Agulhas, Bellville, Caledon, Oakdale and Worcester. The sponsor representatives, Douglas Street and Michael Feinberg were also welcomed to the day of bowls and fun.

After the completion of play the sponsor explained that Warwick Wealth offers a Financial and Estate Planning.

They sponsor Bowls and Bowls Clubs country wide and have tabled a budget of R20 million over the next three years for continued sponsorship.

As bowlers, we are privileged to have such generous sponsors to support us.

The winners were Tiki Rossouw (skip), Cai Classen and Jacques Fourie from Kleinmond with the runners up Nadine Ascaray, Armand Ascaray and Corne Naude from Parow.



Douglas Street with the 1st price winners, Jacques Fourie, Cai Classen and Tiki Rossouw



Michael Feinberg with 2nd price winners Nadine & Armand Ascaray and Corne Naude

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JJ BEDFORD- OWEN – PASSING

During June the Bowls SA office informed of the passing of JJ Bedford-Owen.

As mentioned by them, JJ served the sport of bowls with distinction. One had to only see the comments on social media to realise that JJ was a team and club member and enjoyed his bowls. He played in the Inter-Districts and also served as President of Sables Bowling Association.

JJ assisted the M & M team with the adverts for Perfect Delivery. We thank his team for the contribution that JJ made to the newsletter and our sport.

The M & M team extend our condolences to his loved one's.



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AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT - FRANCOIS KOEN BGN

Francois did a hat trick and more during the 2017 season.

He won the prestigious Bowls Gauteng North (BGN) Men's 2017 Singles Masters, the 2017 BGN Men's Open Singles and as the Skip in the Fours side the team won Gold in the Bowls SA Nationals Fours 2017.

What a great achievement by one individual. From individual performance to group excellence.

This year was his 28th consecutive year that Francois Koen played in the A side in a Bowls SA Inter Districts Tournament and they won Bronze.



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MIXED PAIRS IN MPUMALANGA

CHRIS COLVERD

With 51 years age difference between them, the two players that recently won the Mpumalanga Mixed Pairs Competition exhibited an excellent performance.

The climax of the Mpumalanga Mixed Pairs competition took place on the immaculate green of Nelspruit Bowling Club on a cool, overcast Sunday morning in front of a fair gathering of fellow bowlers. All eyes were on White River's Dean Paiva and Beryl Biggs as they contested in the final against Sakkie Mokwena & Phina Setswalo from Witbank Golf Bowls Club whilst in the play off for third position, Malalane's Piet and Marina Smith were playing against David and Anneke Roos from Groblersdal BC.

In the play off for 3rd position the winners were Piet and Marina Smith winning by 21-14 but with 5 ends to play only had a single shot difference. The other game was a very "studious affair". As previous runners up in this competition, both Sakkie and Phina wanted to finish top. But so did Dean (26) and his experienced partner, Beryl (77). The latter kept their cool and turned out as the winners by 23 shots to 21. *Well done to all the players and winners.*



The Falcons Rugby Club on the green celebrating their club birthday and the start of the season. Photo in the middle is that of Rudi Joubert, the CEO of the Falcons Rugby Club with one of the M&M Junior Correspondents, Jaun Gibbons.

FALCONS RUGBY TEAM BUILDING

The Falcons Rugby Club decided to share a day with the bowling community at Kempton Park Bowling Club during April to have a team building day for the new rugby season and to celebrate the rugby club's 70th season.

The event started with a warm welcome from Geoff Truter, the Vice President of Kempton Park B.C. which was followed with a the "basic guide to playing bowls" in a presentation given by Jaun Gibbons, a member at Edenvale B.C and a former Provincial player.

The teams were divided into fours with a total of 32 players. During

play they could receive further coaching to ensure the correct format of play and determining shots. Ten ends were played. After play a social corner to corner where played with the winner receiving a prize from Kempton Park BC as well a prize from the Falcons CEO.

The Falcons invited the members of Kempton Park BC and others involved with the event to join them in a spit braai.

The event ended with a great speech from the Falcons Captain and CEO in which he also thanked Kempton Park BC for their hospitality.

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Witbank Golf Club's Sakkie Mokwena and Phina Setswalo played in the final against White River's Beryl Briggs and Dean Paiva

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