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DUNDEE BOWLING RECORD

Reading about the record attempt held by Fochville Bowling Club to play bowls continually over a period of 30 hours, thereby breaking their own SA record attempt of 24 hours, the Dundee Club decided to host a similar event but of course attempt to break the current record! The idea was well received by the members and the planning started for this special day.

Finally, the weekend had arrived! Members started gathering at the club from 07:00 on Friday the 10th November 2017. With all the preparations in place it was time to execute Dundee Bowling Club's plan to break the record of 30 hours of continuous bowling and set a new record of 48 hours.

A brief welcome was given by Greg Conolly and the conditions of play were reiterated. The members gathered around the flag pole as Oom Dougie Slabbert with help from Jo-Ann Mellville raised the club flag and the National flag. The members then sang a heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem.

The first four players gathered on the green. The toss, won by the Redcoats, got ready to start the 48-hour challenge. Gavin Slater from

the Dundee Die Hards, in full military attire, stood ready to fire the shot that would officially start the challenge. 10,9,8,7.....1, the cracking sound of the rifle shot rang out together with shouts from the bank and from some who were recording the start. Essie Slabbert delivered the jack and the first of 24 sessions of 2 hours was under way.

While play was underway Jacques Bierbaum, Greg Conolly and Angus Millar positioned caravans and bakkies for sleeping and extra gazebo's for watching the bowls. The day progressed and as night fell the record was still on track to be broken. Members of the public arrived in support of this record breaking attempt, bonfires were lit and the atmosphere was great. Refreshments were available throughout the 48 hours with a chicken potjie a firm favourite. The boom box next to the green gave welcome entertainment as the teams battled through the night. Messages were sent out to remind members of their playing times and replies were awesome. To accompany the players families as well members of the social business league played bowls on the rinks next to the main event.

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From left to right: Hoisting of the flag, team captains in fighting mode between the team Zulu Warriors and the team Redcoats, make shift sleeping places give players time for a bit of shut eye.

DUNDEE BOWLS RECORD CONTINUED

Morning broke to a spectacular sunrise and soon 24 hours had passed. Day 2 and still the excitement was felt and seen in the members. The poor officials Greg and Jo-Ann however were taking some strain but as the day progressed, relief sessions of relaxing and catching some shut eye helped. This was also evident with some of the spectators who literally sat the whole weekend supporting the players.

Saturday night drew closer and the lack of sleep was evident. However, this did not deter the players as they knew that the current record held by Fochville Bowling Club had been broken and they

were on their way to extending it by 18 hours. What was truly amazing throughout the challenge was that time didn't seem to matter. The question on everyone's lips was 'What would be the outcome between the Redcoats and the Zulu Warriors'. By late Saturday night the Redcoats had an unassailable lead.

Sunday morning. There were only 2 hours to go to reach the target of 48 hours. Supporters arrived in their numbers just after 07h30 to be part of the final countdown. The whistle blew at exactly 08h00 as Jacques delivered the last bowl and shouts of jubilation were heard around the green as the members knew they had reached the target of 48 hours of continuous bowling.

The members gathered as the closing ceremony started. A word of encourage-

The 48 hours continuous bowls record reached.

ment from BSA Vice President Charles Levy was inspiring and what a privilege to have hosted him from Saturday. Then it was time for Oom Dougie to lower the National Flag and again the members stood hand on breast as the National Anthem was sung. A time of celebration as photos were taken and jokes were shared and the excitement of breaking the record continued.

All in all, 354 ends were played and a total of 5664 bowls were bowled over the 48-hour period. The Redcoats were victors, beating the Zulu Warriors 383 shots to 251.

A big thank you to those businesses and individuals who sponsored this event. C.Potco, Newcor Trading, Chan's Harry's Transport, Pat Smith Plant Hire, Anbot Diesel, Anton Ferreira, Evo Lube, Spilkon Irrigation, Omnia, Klus Civils and all members who individually got sponsors per hour or once off donations. Their contribution to this event really made it one huge successful TEAM effort.

Well done Dundee!

Thank you Greg for the report.



NEWS SNIPPETS IN FROM CBCOB

It was an action packed year at the Christian Brothers College Old Boys Bowling Club (CBCOB BC), district of Bowls Gauteng North. CBCOB, the first club to have been awarded the Club of the Year Tro-

phy by BGN, is truly living up to their reputation and continues to do so.

The latter part of 2017 was especially busy. New initiatives, hosting BGN activ-

ities, entertaining members, and developing facilities were high on the agenda.

Seven CBCOB Ladies participated in the BGN President's Competition with Elsa Kruger winning the competition.

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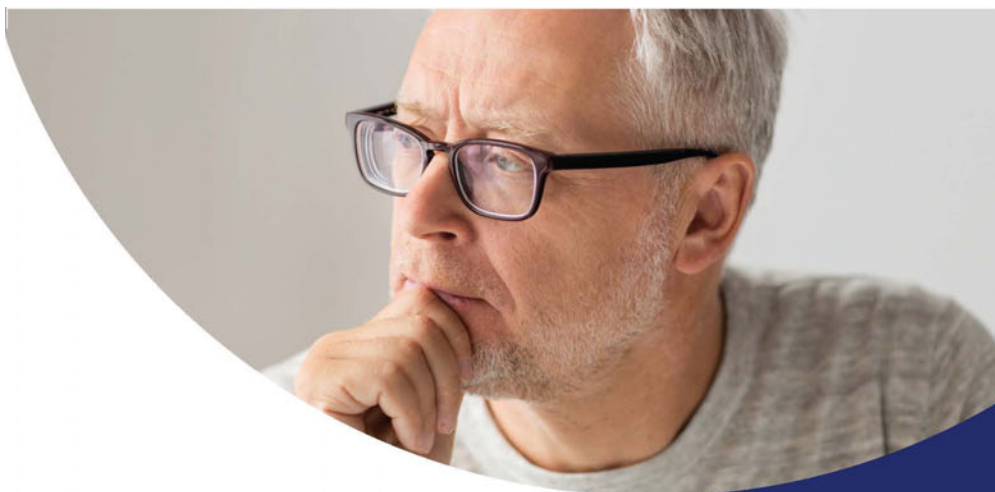
NEWS SNIPPETS IN FROM CBCOB

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In the absence of the traditional Spec Savers Pro Ten Pairs, CBCOB took the initiative and organised a sponsored (Rumorsports and Lynwood Motors) event - won by Mike (Snr and Jnr) O'Connor with the CBCOB team of Basil le Grange and Charlie Swart third. In July a special Friday "Tabs In" was introduced, rounded off by light Friday lunches. 30 July saw CBCOB hosting the annual Good Companions Day with 96 players representing Pretoria Country Club, CBCOB, Quins and Pretoria High School Old Boys.

The bowling club reached great achievements in the Scottburgh South Coast Tournament. For the second year the Men's Circle of Friends team lead by Marius Pieterse (CBCOB) consisting of Basil le Grange, Johan Coetzee and Johan Fourie (Colbyn East) won the Men's Division, while another CBCOB team (Jean Blignaut, Ricky Skinner, Tony Rea and Dolf Scheepers) came second. The ladies' CBCOB Circle of Friends team consisting of Wilma Pienaar, Cindy van Rensburg, Trudie le Grange and Ina Fourie (Colbyn East) won the Ladies' Division. In mid-September Morne Scheepers, Rienie Lucas and Dolf Scheepers won the Plate Trophy in the Delville Rhino Trips in Germiston.

In preparing for the new season the flood lights have been improved with 8 additional LED lights added. With a bit of discomfort to the ladies, their toilet facilities are totally revamped with a total makeover of all facilities.



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CORNER

The new NSC M&M was appointed in September 2017 and held its 1st meeting in October 2017. Since then some members of the NSC M&M have visited one or two of their allocated Districts, and have given Clubs some insight as to what the NSC M&M can assist them with.

I am also happy to announce that the NSC M&M and the NSC Disability (NSCD) have reached an agreement whereby the NSC M&M will play a leading role in registering and presenting projects that are aimed at specifically enhancing the number of persons with Physical Disabilities and/or Visual Impairments that participate in bowls – living up to our motto of bowls being the #1Sport4Life.

We will also in future publish a number

of articles in this newsletter relating to the NSCD, Physically Disabled Bowls South Africa (PDBSA) and Visually Impaired Bowls South Africa (VIBSA).

We have also been extremely busy with the relevant administration tasks to ensure that a number of NSC M&M projects are registered with, and approved by, the Bowls SA Executive Committee.

It is sincerely hoped that we will have completed all our admin tasks early in the new year allowing us to start concentrating on putting the various projects that are designed to assist Clubs in attracting new members into operation. I thank all of you for the hard work done in these last few hectic months...

One of the main NSC M&M assisted activities that will soon be taking place is the U/15 and U/20 (Junior) National Events. I cannot sufficiently stress the importance of ensuring that our Youth are given the opportunity of displaying their skills at this very prestigious event. I again appeal to all the District Executive Committees to try their best to ensure

that they have at least one team in these events. This is one of a few, if not the only, Bowls SA event where Districts, entering teams are “partially sponsored” by Bowls SA and the Department of Sport and Recreation SA (SRSA).



As we get to the end of 2017 I would like to take the opportunity to wish the Bowls SA Executive members, The Bowls SA Office personnel, the members of the NSC M&M, all members of other Bowls SA Committees, all District Executive Committees' members and importantly all players, and everyone's families, a very Blessed Festive Season and Prosperous 2018...

Good Bowling...

David Hamer

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Top: 50th Tournament celebration banner.

50TH WC INTER FORCES BOWLS

The Inter Forces Lawn Bowls Trips Tournament (Western Cape) was started in 1967 by the SA Police Service, the SA Defence Force (Army), SA Navy, SA Air Force and Correctional Services. The tournament was always held over four Wednesday afternoons in November.

Each Force would enter three teams of trips. Each player had to either be a uniformed member or administrative staff of such force. Only members within the boundaries of Cape Town which included areas such as Melkbosstrand, Strand and Kraaifontein were allowed to take part in the Tournament.

In 1978 the Railway Police joined the tournament and in 1980 the Cape Town Traffic Department entered a team. In 1983 the SA Medics entered into the tournament and in 1988 a Pensioners' team, comprising all the different Forces, was entered. The Pensioners' team was to accommodate the pensioners who were not part of the serving member teams.

The Inter Forces Lawn Bowls, now consisting of SA Police Service, SA Air Force, SA Army, SA Navy, SA Military Health Services, Traffic-, and Correctional Services and the Pensioners of the mentioned forces/services still has an annual Inter Forces Lawn Bowls Trips Tournament. The boundaries of the Tournament have now been extended to include the whole of the Western Cape.

This year the Tournament was hosted by Cape Town Traffic Services.

This being the 50th Inter Forces Lawn Bowls Trips Tournament, the Executive Committee decided to make this prestigious event a memorable one for all participants and spectators. 36 Trophies and 90 medals were purchased and each player taking part was given a team shirt. The event was held from the 25th to the 27th of October 2017 at Pollsmoor Bowling Club.

The main sponsors of the Tournament were: Metropolitan, Caltex Waterfront,

Sea Point CID, John Thompson Properties, The Coleman Clan (Our President Richard Coleman, his wife Anita and their daughter), Galaxy Breakdown and Executive Decisions.

The Tournament team competition was won by Correctional Services, followed by SA Police Service. The Pensioners were in third place with Traffic Department coming fourth.

The Individual Trips Competition was won by the team of Eugene Ferreira, Wynand Pool and Francois Troskie of Correctional Services; second Gerhard (Blackie) Swart, Kassie Carstens and Roy Peters of Traffic Services. Neels Kotze, Gaffie du Toit and Samantha Olivier from Correctional Services were third and AD Fourie, Ronald Botes and Andries Hougaard also from Correctional Services came fourth.



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SA Police Services (orange), combined services Pensioners (white), Correctional Services (dark green with yellow trim), hosts Traffic Services.(right green).

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SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE BOWLS

Bowls is alive and well in the South African NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE. The SA National Defence Force Bowls Association (SANDFBA) holds two bowls tournaments annually for the bowls players in the SANDF. The 48th edition of the SANDF Championships, which can be seen as our “Inter-Districts”, was held at the Amanzimtoti Bowls Club over the period 23 to 27 September 2017 (just two weeks before the Club’s greens were severely damaged by flooding).

Representative of the districts in South Africa, 16 mixed gender teams of five players compete in fours and singles as well as trips and pairs and the overall title. Unfortunately, rain prevented the playing of both the main and plate finals.

The Gauteng North “A” team was the overall winner of the event, the Gauteng North “B” came 2nd and Kwa-Zulu Natal “A” 3rd.

In the Fours the teams from Gauteng North “A” and Western Cape “A” won gold while South Eastern Cape and Free State “A” won bronze. Kwa-Zulu Natal “A” and Limpopo “A” won the Plate.

In the Trips the teams from Free State “B” and Western Cape “B” won gold, while South Eastern Cape and Gauteng North “B” won bronze. Gauteng North “A” and Western Cape “A” won the Plate.

In the Pairs the teams from Gauteng North “A” and North West “B” won gold, while Western Cape “A” and Kwa-Zulu Natal “A” won bronze. Gauteng

North “B” and Western Cape “B” won the Plate.

In the Singles the teams from Gauteng North “A” and Limpopo “A” won gold, while West Coast and Free State “A” won bronze. Kwa-Zulu Natal “A” and Gauteng North “B” won the Plate.

During the event the funds collected from the spider were donated to the club’s greenkeepers. Funds collected from the “fines” were donated to charity as usual, this year’s being the Freedom Ride Powerbreed Rescue (FRPR).

The second event the SANDFBA presents is the SANDF Prestige Week Bowls Tournament (formerly known as the Inter-Services Tournament).

Here four teams of six players, one team from each Arms-of-Service i.e. SA Army, SA Airforce, SA Navy and the SA Military Health Services, play Fours and Pairs and two sections of Trips. At this event teams only play for an overall prize and not for individual discipline prizes.

The 2017 event, which was the 9th edition of this event, was held at the Pretoria Military Bowls Club over the period 16 – 20 October 2017.

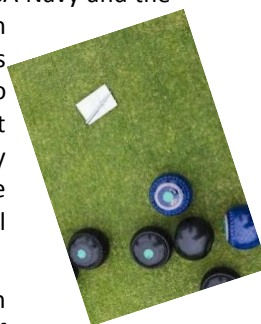
The SA Airforce were the winners of the event, dethroning the seven time champions the SA Army, which came 3rd with the SA Navy, which won the inaugurating event in 2009, 2nd.



SANDF Bowls has players of both genders and all races playing in our events

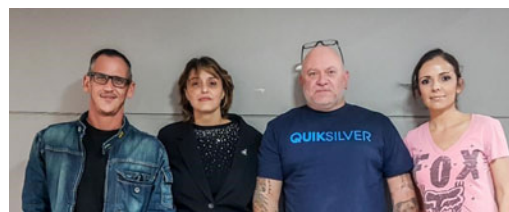


The winning SA Airforce Team (from back to front and left to right): M O’Connor, F. Schutte, C. v Heerden, A. v Vuuren, H. Viljoen and G. Tero



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The four founders of Freedom Ride Powerbreed Rescue, David Hardwick, Karen and Brett Farrell and Karen Wadsworth Borain