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## JUNIOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Junior National Tournament for both Under 15 and Under 20 was recently held in Bloemfontein. Once again it was extremely pleasing to see young people under the age of 20 take to the greens and show great skill in playing the game of bowls.

This year saw the second of the Under 15 Junior Nationals which is attracting a large number of youngsters from all the districts but certainly a vast number of spectators (albeit parents)!



National Tournament played at Oudstude Bowls Club, 13 districts took part with 113 players in total.

At the Orangia Bowling Club, host club to the Under 20 Junior National Tournament, 16 districts entered teams with 188 players in total.

Although good rain was predicted for the week (and did it rain...) it only resulted in one round of play being prevented from completion. The young competitors enjoyed a week of good bowls and a wonderful display of sportsmanship.

The young players renewed friendships and new friendships were made between players from various districts.

Good bowls proved to be the order of the week, with many a team looking to be the winner during the sectional play, just to be pipped at the post.

The finals in the Junior National Under 15's were contested between the team of Sedibeng and a team they beat during the sectional play, Western Province "B". The finals in the Junior National Under 20's were between a "local" team, Southern Free State "A" and the Border "A" team.

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## CONVENER'S CORNER

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The U/15 and U/20 Bowls SA National Tournaments have come and gone. The week was blessed with relatively good weather, with only one round having been cancelled due to rain.

What really impressed me was the high quality of bowls that was played – and as such I am convinced that we will in the near future see some of these players being selected for Bowls SA Squads. Congratulations to all the medallists on their outstanding performances. I must also thank all the teams that entered

these tournaments as without entrants the medallists would not have had the opportunity to achieve this honour.

I must especially congratulate the U/15 Team from Sedibeng – it was the first time that Sedibeng entered a team in this tournament and they won the silver medal – I really hope this inspires the other Districts that did not enter teams in the 2018 tournaments to try and enter at least one team in either of the 2019 tournaments.

Keeping to the theme of Youth – I would like to call on all Districts/Clubs to take up the call from the NSC M&M and to present at least one event – aimed at introducing the sport of bowls to the youth – during Youth Month (June). It is a necessity that we introduce the youth to our sport if we are serious about keeping our sport alive and well in the future.

Good Bowling...

David Hamer



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## JUNIOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT cont

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In the Under 15 Junior Tournament there were some close battles and Western Province ended with both their teams winning medals. Sedibeng, a one team district entry were firm favourites going into the finals. Yet the inexperience and nerves took it's toll against the previously beaten WP team that showed perseverance and control under tremendous pressure.

The results of the 2018 Bowls South Africa Under 15 Junior National Tournament were:-

- 1st Western Province B
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sedibeng Bowls
- 3rd Western Province A
- 4th KZN Country

*Top: The 2018 U' 15 Junior National Gold Medalists Western Province B and the Silver Medalist Sedibeng A.*

*Below: The 2018 U' 20 Junior National Gold Medalists the Southern Free State A team and Silver Medalists, Border A.*

*Well done to all the players but especially to the winners, runners up and bronze medalists in both divisions.*



In the Under 20 Junior Tournament the teams of KZN Country, Eden, Boland and Johannesburg Bowling Association showed determination and great skills, many of the youngsters having played before. But it was the quiet teams of the smaller district entries that made their appearance during the finals having shown that teams that stand together and play together can indeed set a high standard. Although Border A had an intensive fight for first place against Southern Free State A, the latter team of youngsters came out winners on the day and these results will hopefully see more of our young people from the Free State and surrounds joining us on the greens.

The results for the Bowls South Africa Under 20 Junior National Tournament were:-

- 1st Southern Free State A
- 2nd Border A
- 3rd Ekurhuleni A
- 4th Sables B

Bowls South Africa was represented at the Tournament by the Executive, Rob Forbes (President), Charles Levy (Vice President) and Ian Stayt (Executive Member).

It was really great having a number of Protea Bowlers visiting and involved with the Juniors during the week, some of them



*Protea players attending the evening event.*

as Team Managers and as the Greenkeeper.

The NSC M&M once again wish to thank Susan Nel who willingly gave a short address at the "Fun Prize-giving" event. At this event teams received fun awards, some of these included the best dressed team, mascot of the year, best team spirit, the tallest and shortest players with one player receiving the award for Courage and Sportsmanship.



Another first at a tournament was the BowlsGoLive project, This project focused on the live streaming as well as recorded streaming of games and then being shared on social media. This was well received.

A special word of thanks is extended to Bowls SA, the tournament committee, both club's and all staff involved in once again a successful tournament.



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## BOWLS GO LIVE—LIVE STREAMING

Bowls GoLive was an idea from Bowls South Africa to bring bowls to the public in an affordable way. The project as part of NSC Membership & Marketing was fully tested at the BSA Junior Nationals in Bloemfontein. The overall reception was good and positive. Selected games and the finals were streamed live on Facebook and then saved on Facebook for offline viewing. Using live streaming gives us an opportunity to bring games to bowlers around the country live and in an accessible way.

So no subscription needed - just an internet connection to Facebook, and all the action is available to you to view. Live streaming gives viewers' the option to be part of the action. They can ask questions, ask for score updates from other games or just interact with the live action. We were even able to bring action to supporters in clubhouse with just the use of an internet connection, laptop and HDMI cable.

Live streaming could be the future of broadcasting if results from around the world are anything to go by. The best part is this technology is that it's accessible and easy for anyone to use. Over the next few months we plan to show how districts, clubs and tournaments can make use live streaming not only to show

bowls to other bowlers but also as a marketing tool for sponsors, new members and business leagues.

To view the action of the BSA Junior National Tournament visit [BowlsGoLive Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/youthbowlssa/) <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=bowls%20golive%201>

To see some of the behind the scenes action and fun and games of the Junior Nationals and see how this system can be used to market tournaments visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/youthbowlssa/>

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## MEDALIST AND FUN PRIZE RESULTS U'15 & U'20

Congratulations to all the players that represented their districts during the recently held Junior National Tournament. It was evident to the spectators, especially the parents that watched nervously and in awe at the beautiful bowls played by youngsters that the teams in the semi finals all deserved being there after winning some close games. But even though the event produce finalist and everyone strives to be there at the end of the tournament there is also some fun and games that take place. Enjoy!



A Under 15 Bye Tournament took place. The Bye tournament was run by Charles Levy, BSA. He mentioned at the prize giving that he asked players to play with respect whilst being competitive and thanked the young players for the sportsmanship they showed during the week. The winners of the Bye Tournament seen here with Charles Levy was Sedibeng A with runners up Eden B.

The Under 15's also boasted with the tallest player, Jaydon Heyman from Western Province and the shortest player, Jesse Skingle from Bowls Gauteng North.



The Mascots were delightful this year with some familiar one's as well as some new cuddly one's making their introduction, however the mascots get shared by both the Under 15's and



Under 20's nowadays making this award an overall district win! Congratulations to the winners, Sables with Bob and his own bowls kit and the runner's up Boland with a green rhino (with baby) in Boland shirts!

The best dressed teams were a bit difficult this year as many teams turned up with brand new shirts! We salute the young people that got involved with designing your own shirts for your tournament! Under 15 winners Sedibeng with runners up Northern Free State and in the Under 20's the winners



were Sables with runners up Bowls Gauteng North.



Every year there is a person(s) or a team that captures the attention of either the players, the committee or BSA. This year was no exception with a young lad from Sedibeng that could not play (due to the age cut off) in the under 15's but

took part as a player in the reserve team at the under 20's. Shaun enjoyed the experience but we all know it must have been difficult given the situation. Well done to Shaun (and his dedicated family) that stayed and played for the duration of the week. Shaun received the award for Courage and Sportmanship.



The reserve team saw 16 players taking part at various times. Shaun, Ethan, Luphelo, Greg, Adin and Charney played the most. Johan got a total of 38 points, Mario 29 points and Sibusiso 24.



The Under 15 best team spirit went to Boland A with runners up Eden B and the Under 20 best team spirit went to Eden with runners up the JBA B team.

We invite districts to share the success stories of their teams and individual players as we strive to bring you more news on the progress of our youth and success in bowls in South Africa.

Please send your newspaper clippings or stories of your talented young players to [mandm@bowlssa.co.za](mailto:mandm@bowlssa.co.za)

