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BOWLS CLUB HOSTS INTER SPORTS CHALLENGE ON HERITAGE DAY

Sue Martin (Cycling & Bowls Club member)

The Amanzimtoti Bowls Club played hosts to their first Inter-Sports Challenge for Local Sport and it seems appropriate to hold it on Heritage Day.

Heritage Day encourages South Africans to recognise different aspects of South African culture and encourages its people across the spectrum to celebrate their cultural heritage, the diversity of their beliefs and different traditions.

Normally, each club affiliated to the Amanzimtoti Sports Centre (ASC) recognises their own uniqueness by celebrating the day with its own members.

This year, the Sports Centre wanted to widen the context and encouraged the different club committees to celebrate Heritage Day together, by playing an inter-club social game of bowls & afterwards enjoy a braai. The members of the ASC committee, together with the rugby, soccer, tennis,

bowling & cycling club committees each managed to get a team of four together to play in the tournament. The atmosphere was tremendous, with great music being played and loads of chirping from the spectators and the teams themselves.

The final game was likened to the last Springbok vs All Blacks game it was so exciting! The Cycling Club had lost against the Rugby Club in the group round but both managed to make it through to the finals. Naturally the Rugby Club thought they were the Springboks, but it was the Cycling Club's Chairman, Barry Walker, who, under extreme pressure, delivered the bowl of all bowls, knocking the opponent's bowl out the way and gave them the win they deserved! Even the rain played its part by staying away when needed – a truly great way to spend Heritage Day.

The Cycling Club thanked all the clubs that played and mentioned that they are looking forward to the re-match next Heritage Day!

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UNDER 30'S

Recently the 2018 Warwick Bowls SA Under 30 Inter-District Championship took place in Kwa Zulu Natal at the Maritzburg West Bowling Club.

The young members enjoying the sport of the bowls showcased why they are



Gold—Northern Cape Bowls A

Players from left to right Wihan Smit (Bloemhof), Driaan van Niekerk (Kimberley), Charles Peter Mathewson (Kimberley), Scotty Elliot (Kimberley), Team Manager Fanie Smit (Bloemhof)

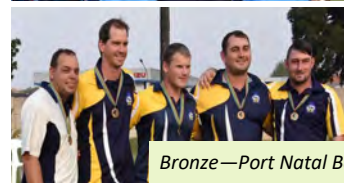
amongst the top players in our country and many a game was nailbiting during this tournament! Two teams of Bowls Gauteng North made it to the semi-finals taking on opponents Northern Cape and Port Natal respectively.

In the finals it was the Northern Cape A team that faced off against the team from Bowls Gauteng North B. The Under 30's final was streamed live and the Northern Cape had a huge following. Congratulations to this young team consisting of seasoned bowlers Charles Mathewson, Wihan Smit and Scotty Elliott with Driaan van Niekerk giving some grey hairs to their manager Fanie Smit.

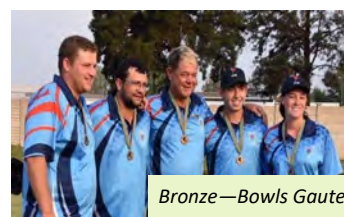
The players selected to represent South Africa in Hong Kong were announced during this tournament.



Silver—Bowls Gauteng North B



Bronze—Port Natal Bowls A



Bronze—Bowls Gauteng North A

We will be bringing some stories about the players in a future issue.

CONVENER'S CORNER

We are again approaching the end of another year, and I would like to thank the Clubs and members for taking time to actively take the "challenge" and host/participate in events in response to our initiatives.

I am again reiterating what was said at the BSA AGM – **it is only the Clubs that have the ability to recruit new members**, the Districts and/or BSA or any of the Standing Committees can only give Clubs ideas but cannot recruit new players. I would thus again like to



remind Club Committees of the following initiatives, which could and should be used to attract new players:

November – Disability Awareness

(See BSA Circular 40/2018)

February – Cancer Awareness

(See BSA Circular 64/2018)

May – Bowls Awareness Month

(See BSA Circular 64/2018)

This in total leaves us with five initia-

tives (i.e. also remembering **Youth Month (June)** and **Women's Month (August)**) that Clubs can and really should strive to use to recruit new members.

I also would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the teams (Districts) on a very competitive Bowls SA U/30 Tournament – well done to Northern Cape on winning this event. I then must also congratulate all the players selected to represent Bowls SA at various tournaments in Hong Kong and China what a great initiative from the Bowls SA Executive Committee.

Good Bowling.....

David Hamer

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BOWLS LIVE?

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In our follow on regarding **sharing SA National or District bowls with the bowlers**, it was decided to share the Social Media broadcasting of the **Under 30 Finals 2018 held recently**.

The impact of being able to share in a moment of Bowls History was felt all over the province and district. NCB being the biggest district, not by numbers but in size, means that we only see some players from the district at special events or we hear of players in far corners. But in the last few years with the use of social media we see and hear a bit more from those far corners. This broadcast had the whole district backing our men on the green, and we were surprised at the support the team got from other districts as well. Comments came from far and wide, even outside the borders.

Impact?

Yes, the impact was like Griekwas beating the Blue Bulls at Loftus. To give you an idea my sub district president phoned me later that evening, asking me if I saw the game? He told me he got his wife to set up Facebook and connect to his television so he could watch the game. (Keep in mind he competed at a Veterans event this year).

A week later I was chatting to one of the players and we got talking about the impact this win will have on bowls in NCB. He told me he was out one night and a Griekwa rugby player came to him and congratulated him and told him he watched the game that was shared to a local group. So yes, the impact of this win was huge.

However, being able to watch it will have an even greater impact on bowls in NCB because it showed that even a

district with only one team can win gold at a major event.

Another great outcome is that these players are perfect role models for future young players looking to follow in their footsteps. This is the true impact of being able to watch our stars in action. In all sports we need idols to promote the game. With social media we have an easy way to get the action to everyone. In the end a simple broadcast from a phone and a selfie stick did more to promote the game in my district than could possibly have been imagined. I'm sure the impact will be felt for a long time to come.

Thank you to the broadcasting team that took time to share this great moment with us. And to the Under 30 team of CP, Driaan, Scotty and Wihan. You made my job of promoting the sport of bowls a lot easier.

YOUTH IN BOWLS!

With youth month already behind us the question now arises - what are we doing to promote bowls after the great interventions and participation that took place!!

To ensure that we are able to continue playing our sport competitively for the foreseeable future it is important that we continue to introduce the youth (anyone under the age of 35 years) to our sport.

Let us not just do it once a year but have a monthly youth event. These

events will create the opportunity for non-bowlers to participate in bowling events and be introduced to the game of bowls. We need to remember that the younger generation is exposed to much more stress than we as the older generation were exposed to in our youth. So the main focus of any event where we want to introduce the game of bowls is to make it a fun event! We saw some very creative ideas coming up from the Districts and Clubs during Youth month 2018. The focus



moved from long tiring games to short "action bowls" games e.g. 2 bowl pairs or 2 bowl trips with the ends being limited to 10 ends or even shorter to 6 ends. That way a full round robin can be played in one day as a game takes about 25 minutes!

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YOUTH IN BOWLS (continued)

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Photo top left is showing the Youth during Youth month at Rustenburg Bowls Club

Let us share some of the ideas and photos for your next Youth intervention:

Identify schools in your District and visit them to **introduce bowls as a game**. You don't need a bowling green at the school as they all have rugby or soccer fields available. Request the school to cut a piece of the field for you and introduce the basics of bowls on the rugby or soccer field to the children during a Life Orientation period! Give the teacher time off and introduce bowls!

During your visit to schools you can mention to the children that they can have their next **birthday party function at the local bowls club!** Make

it fun – let the club offer a birthday package to your community. Advertise the package in the local newspaper or on the social media platform.

Identify 2 or 3 schools in your District or local area and introduce a **school league competition**. It can run over a month but keep it to short games and lots of fun!

Have **special days** like a Mother and Daughter day, Father and son day or how about a grandparents and – children day—both generations will have fun! Give mom and dad some time to relax!



Have a **Burger and Bowls day** or should you have flood lights at your club even a family or friends evening!



Look at what opportunities your club can use to attract future members to the sport of bowls in your area. Thank you to all the Districts that participated and organized special Youth Month events during June 2018.

Districts are requested to share upcoming Youth events with their local M&M Representative. That way we can encourage participation by Youth of other Districts in tournaments and events around the country.

December Holiday season is coming up – Districts are called upon to create opportunities for Youth visiting their areas to participate and have fun in bowling events.



3 generations playing bowls – Steve Evenwel jnr (left) with Jayden (centre) and granddad Steve Evenwel (right)



The Broskie family is another 3 generations enjoying bowls —George (left) with his mom Vera (center) and also gran to Avian (right)



Also seen on the greens were friends Bobby (left), Gabriel (centre) and Brendon (right)



Mom Tamlyne and daughter Tannah team up together to play some bowls

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WESTVILLE COUNTRY CLUB BOWLS

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URNS 50!

Article received from Julian Carter

It was celebration time at **WCCB on Saturday the 18th August 2018** when roughly 100 members and VIPs attended the **Bowls Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Westville Country Club.**

A very friendly and happy atmosphere was immediately obvious as guests arrived and were greeted with a glass of sherry by the evening's 'Anniversary Committee' and Club President Errol. Errol welcomed everyone to the occasion before handing over the microphone to **Bowls SA Vice-President**, and WCCB member, **Charles Levy** who gave a very interesting summary of the origins of the game of bowls, being one of the very oldest at over 700 years. Other VIPs spotted at the event were **Port Natal Bowls President Dave Larkin** and **Ed Pieret President of the Westville Country Club.**

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A delicious three course meal had been prepared by the Olive & Oil and was thoroughly enjoyed by all together with some bottles of wine which had been provided, helping to get the audience into the right spirit while an entertainer told some questionable jokes and tried to drown any conversation with music. Some old friends who haven't been seen for a while enjoyed catching up and swapping tales from the bowling greens and their own personal experiences on and off the green.

This was a wonderful way to celebrate the "big 50" event and our congratulations and thanks to all concerned in putting it together. We look forward to other events during this year.

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MOSSEL BAY PRO10 TRIPS

This year the Mossel Bay Bowling Club used the opportunity provided by the 2018 Sport Festival to launch and host a new, exciting lawn bowls format.

Seriously, the sport that conjures up images of old men dressed in white, has undergone a serious transformation in every aspect over the last number of years and with this renewal in mind, the first Pro-10 TRIPS tournament open to all bowling clubs in the Eden district was held over the weekend of 6/7 October.

Besides the unique game format, the highlight of the tournament was the age range of the competitors. Few sports can expect to have competitive players ranging from 15 to 83 years old competing

on an equal footing! Living proof that lawn bowls is the one sport that can be enjoyed throughout one's life.

Sixteen teams competed in the event, with the round robin sectional matches being played on the Saturday. The scoring works as a 4-3-2-1 over 10 ends with a maximum of 100 points up for grabs. Each team had to play five rounds of ten ends each, making for a very long and exhausting day.

The four finalists then faced off early on Sunday morning with ominous clouds overhead, but fortunately the rain stayed away and both the semi-final and final rounds were played without any rain interruptions.

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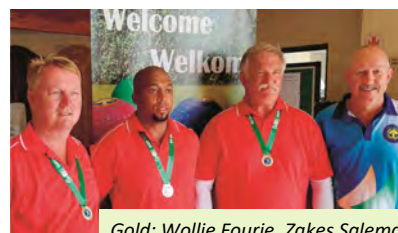
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BOWLS SA U/15 AND U/20 NATIONALS: UMPIRES

The NSC M&M, the Tournament Committee for the Bowls SA U/15 & U/20 Nationals, would like to **call on Umpires, aged younger than 30, to apply for possible appointment as Umpire (four will be required) at these events in Bloemfontein over the period 25 – 29 March 2019.**

This is an opportunity for the younger Umpires to gain some experience at National level.

Interested persons are requested to submit their application, including a short CV indicating TO Level, experience as Umpire (i.e. number of hours and at which level i.e. Club, District), to David Hamer (email: mmw.bsa.david@gmail.com) by no later than 30 November 2018. Age and experience, the younger the better, will be used to select the 4 Umpires and 2 Reserve Umpires for these events.



Gold: Wollie Fourie, Zakes Salemane, Tekkie van Rensburg with club president Owen Calverley.



Silver: Pieter Koekemoer, Willie Tredoux, Hardus Mynhardt with club president Owen Calverley.



Bronze: Chris and Tish Hockney, Tom Strydom with club president Owen Calverley.



Fourth place: Judy Swart, Philip Hattingh, Mariette Young with Owen Calverley.



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BOWLS GAUTENG NORTH GET YOUTH ON BOARD IN SEPARATE U15/U20 YOUTH COMPETITIONS

FRANCIS CHANNER MANAGER/COACH

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After the 2018 Bowls SA Youth Tournament held in Bloemfontein, it was decided to implement several competitions for the BGN U15/U20 youth. This decision has proven to be a real winner.

Between 18 and 20 U15/U20 players played in the same competition. No teams were pre-selected. The players had to draw their teams from the hat. The competitions consisted of two-bowl pairs, two-bowl singles, two-bowl trips and four bowl singles. All the competitions were played on a round-robin basis, play-offs and then the finals.

All the competitions were played at Pretoria Municipals Bowling Club. The youth's bowls improved tremendously as the competitions were played. They really enjoyed playing competitive bowls. Congratulations to all the participants, especially the winners and runners-up.

TWO-BOWL PAIRS FINALS



The two-bowl pairs final was played on the 3rd of June 2018 with the winners *Michael Bothma (skip) and Jesse Skingle (right)* with the Runners-up *Lolly Skingle (skip) and Tinaye Rungano (left)*.

FOUR-BOWL SINGLES



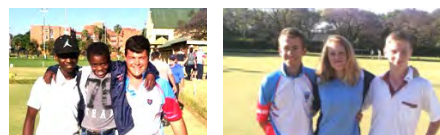
The finals of the four-bowl singles was played on the 12th of August with the winner *Taonan Rungano (left)* and runner-up *(right) Michael Bothma*.

TWO BOWL SINGLES



The two bowl singles final was played on the 25th of August with the winner being *CG Beukes (left)* and on the other side of the board the runner-up *Llewellyn Swart (right)*.

TWO-BOWL TRIPS



The finals of the two-bowl trips was played on the 30th of September and the winners were *Taonan Rungano, skip (left), CG Beukes, second (right)* and the lead *Sammy Muzam (centre)* with the runners-up being *Michael Bothma, skip (left), Deynique Nieuwenhuizen playing second (centre)* and *Henro Vermooten as lead (right)*.

What to look forward to in our issues to follow:-

Youth events and tournaments, Woman's month events, Disability month events and much more!