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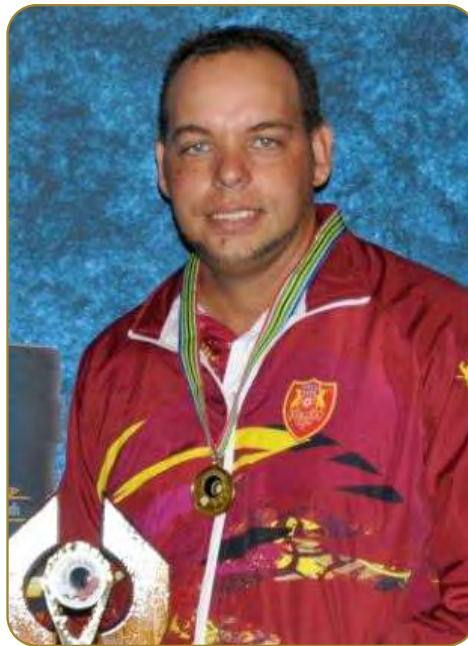
Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

Not for considerable time has a man defended his national singles crown. Port Natal Protea Wayne Rittmuller did it this year at the Warwick Financial Maturity/SA Bowls Championships held in Port Elizabeth.

As the Stella Park star posted on social media: "My life has been a little hectic since that final umpire's measure which ultimately crowned me as the 2018 South African Singles Champion - for a second year in a row... I am also still coming to terms with myself..."

Not surprising.

Although entries were again down this year, the tournament went off well; the dreaded south-easter making a brief appearance only on day



Wayne Rittmuller

one. Thereafter eight days of incredible weather (by PE standards - hardly a breath of wind).

The standard of bowls was outstanding.

Rittmuller set tongues wagging with his line and weight control, but his opponent, a pairs champion at the nationals and a man who repeatedly knocks on the door of everything he enters Joel Roëbert (Mowbray, WP) acquitted himself.

Indeed, the runner-up at 17 -15 down held three shots, but a deadly running shot by Rittmuller moved the jack to the back and he, instead grabbed a three.

Naturally, this proved to be a crucial swing in the game and provided him with the impetus to seal victory.

While Rittmuller's Protea future is assured for many years to come, Roëbert's achievements was no flash-in-the-pan and selectors would do well to nurture this man's excellent four-bowls and other talents.



Esmé Kruger

As is the norm associated with bowls at national level there were some upsets.

In the fours, a strong, highly fancied Belgravia side of George Lotter, Donny Piketh, Clinton Roets and Fanus Viviers went down by 26-25 in a semi-final to the eventual silver medalists from Knysna.

The Belgravia side led comfortably, but then, inexplicably dropped a four and five in quick succession towards the end of the game, which gave the Knysna side a cushion of three shots playing the last.

Bowls SA president Rob Forbes attended in PE and was vocal about standard of play.

"Excellent play, good greens and top-rate administration"; a bigger entry would have been a treat", he said.

New names surfaced – something so good for the game – in pairs, fours and veteran singles.

In the women's Warwick Financial Maturity/SA Bowls Championships held at Edenvale (HQ), Ekurhuleni, the power-packed



PAIRS FOLLY: Eventual winners, Colleen Picketh and Elma Davis enjoying the camaraderie of the finals with Nan Roos and Noela Dreyer

pairs side of Proteas Colleen Piketh/Elma Davis, freshly returned from winning medals at the Commonwealth Games in Australia, obliterated the field; their Games team-mate, the delightful, Esmé Kruger proved her skill and durability in the singles; unstoppable veteran Loraine Victor, a former world champion, skipped her Wingate CC (BGN) side to an amazing fours victory, while a Boland worthy "unknown" dominated the veteran singles.



BOLAND GOLD: Sonja Kruger

While all this is very well, there is a serious problem - attendance figures were most disappointing.

Indicative of the problem was that not a single WP ladies' fours competed – for the first time in almost 80 years of the event's history.

No doubt ever armchair critic will have what they think is a solution.

Frankly, under the prevailing socio-economic conditions in South Africa, none of this is likely to be of any use. Moreover, the reality is council and council alone will determine the fate or structure of the national tournaments.

In the early Eighties – not so long ago in bowls terms – I played in Pretoria. I played in a fours side in a section of 11 teams – there were 47 such sections. This year, 17 sections of about five or six teams played; the women's event fared worse still – 10 sections of five or six.

Participating for eight or nine days is expensive. Costs associated with travelling to any distant

venue extremely so.

This is probably the main reason behind declining numbers. Security fears, leave problems and an inability of several to form a side.

Perhaps the nationals should be changed from being club-centric to district-centric. Why not have teams made up from any club provided they are all from a single district?

The All Cape Tournament faces similar problems; even ostensibly a Cape event, opening doors to others has not resulted in influx of players.

Thus when it takes place in Gauteng or WP there is better support, but that is by sheer volume of local entries.

Moreover, seeding is now necessary. How silly and a great loss to the public was it to have the eventual pairs winners in the same section as fellow Commonwealth Games medallists Esmé Kruger/Anneke Snyman in the same section? Both were unbeaten when they met in the sectional final.

I am certain the Bowls SA executive will give all these matters serious consideration at their next meeting and others to come.

The looming AGM might be a good place to discuss it further – but mandates to change must be forthcoming; alas too late for this year. Nevertheless, something concrete might be thrashed out at the workshop which takes place before the AGM.

The most bandied solution(s) is Bowls SA consider the SA Mixed Pairs, where district qualifiers meet one another over a shorter period of time and potentially have three different weekends to complete compared to the current two weekends.



WINNING SCORE: Rudolph Kilian - Veteran Men's Singles



TOP FOURS: The Woods, EPB



MEN'S PAIRS WINNERS: Gavie du Toit and Tinus Crous

NATIONAL RESULTS

MEN:

Wayne Ritmuller (Stella Park, Port Natal) retained his national singles title at the Warwick Financial Maturity/SA Bowls Championships held in Port Elizabeth, beating Robert (Mowbray, WP) 21-15 in a hard-fought match before a packed bench. Fours went to Hennie Slabbert, Gary Vermaak, Hilton Cherry, Shaun Cherry (The Woods, EP) who beat Charles Joyce, Duncan

Spence-Ross, Francois Steyn, Paolo Vitali (Kynysna, Eden) 21-9. The pairs saw Gavin du Toit/Tinus Crous (SA Correctional Services) defeat Alexander Miller/Tommy Potgeiter (Stella Park, Port Natal) 26-16 and the Senior Singles went to Rudolph Killian (Lynwood, Gauteng N) who beat Stan Michel (Walmer, EP) 21-14.

WOMEN:

Colleen Piketh/Elma Davies (George, Eden) won the pairs 21-17 from Nannette Roos/Noela Dreyer (Dundee, KZN) and Esmé

Kruger (CBCOB, BGN) took the coveted Singles title 21-13 from Hanna Gevers (Dundee, KZN). The fours saw yet another national title for veteran Protea and former world champion Loraine Victor (Wingate CC, BGN), skippeing Jean Erasmus, Gillian Bingham, Helena Potgeiter to a 24-19 victory over Boksburg, Ekurhuleni's Cherry Mills, Tracy Graham, Eileen Frame, Ronwyn Monoyoudis. The Senior Singles saw Sonya Kruger (Hermanus, Boland) defeat Catherine Dryburgh (Belgravia, JBA) 21-13.



GOLDEN FAMILY EFFORT: Charles and Annelie Mathewson , a great mother/son combo

N. CAPE PAIR LIFTS SA MIXED PAIRS



SILVER DUO: MP & Santjie Olivier



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Scintillating bowls was the feature of the Bowls South Africa Mixed Pairs finals, as 20 district champion duos, playing in two sections, vied for honours.

Competition was fierce and after nine rounds there was little to spare between most of the

leading contenders watched by a knowledgeable bank at Alberton BC, Ekurhuleni.

Blue Section was won by Charles and Annelie Mathewson, (Beaconsfield Park, Northern Cape), who lost two tight matches, while bronze medalists from Hermanus in 2015, former world champion Santjie Olivier (nee

Steyn) and her husband MP, took Red Section, losing only one game and that by a single shot.

But the final saw the Mathewsons in control throughout and they ran out 27-19 winners.

Bronze medallists (runners-up in each section) were W Roets/L Koedyk (Port Natal) and J/M De Lange (Sedibeng).



NATIONALS INDABA TAKING SHAPE

At a workshop (August 25), a day before the AGM, Bowls SA will set in motion a discussion regarding the future of the SA national championships.

The options to resolve the situation under discussion are:

- To abandon the Championships.
- To spread the event over different periods during the year and shorten the time for each discipline.
- To retain the status quo.
- To reformat the event into a qualification to enter through district championships.

The executive will need to satisfy the needs

from the sponsor and take into account the needs of member.

The following is prescribed:

- We need to establish champions in our sport.
- The event needs to remain a club based entry, however, taking into account the international trend of allowing “dual membership”.
- The sponsor’s opportunity to expose their products and services to a greater audience.
- Any change to the status quo will be implemented from 2020. This avoids

districts having to amend their 2019 calendars and allowing for Council to gain necessary mandates.

Taking this into account the above the following proposal will be presented to council at the workshop.

- The men’s and women’s national events could be combined in order to play these events at the same time and at the same venues.
- That the different disciplines should be played over different dates during the year and in different districts for each discipline.
- The events should start on a Wednesday to finish over the week-end.
- That all disciplines should be played in sections, including the singles, with the knock-out rounds being played between sectional winners.

Districts, having consulted with clubs and players, are requested to circulate the intended proposal to all council members prior to the workshop. This will enable all concerned to evaluate a format that caters not only for all those who participate, but also to attract greater entries.

EXECUTIVE RE-ELECTED EN-BLOC

The 90-day notice period in the Constitution under clauses 5.2.1, 5.2.3 and 13.1 for election nominations and for motions to be lodged for consideration at the Annual Meeting has now expired.

The papers required to be dispatched under clauses 12.3 and 13.2 of the constitution shall be in your possession 45 days (July 12) before the AGM.

It is confirmed a separate workshop shall again take place at Edenvale B.C on Saturday August 25 from 10am-5pm. The AGM takes place at Edenvale BC on Sunday August 26 from 10.30am.

Nominations received to serve on the executive committee:

President: Robert Forbes (EP)

Vice-president: Charles Levy (Port Natal),

Executive: Heather Boucher (Border), Trevor Davis (Eden), Ian Stayt (Sables), Andrew Strong (Ekurhuleni).

Nominations have been recorded (clause 5.1.1), so the incumbents are elected.

Motions received (clause 13.1) for discussion at the workshop and consideration at the AGM:

7.1 By Bowls SA Executive

To increase affiliation fees due to Bowls SA

for each member from 1 January 2019 to R 225 pa VAT inclusive. This represents a 4.7% increase.

Motivation: The financial stability of the federation allows the executive to propose an increase well below CPI. This increase also takes account of the effect of the VAT increase.

7.2 By Bowls SA Executive

To allow the executive to make appropriate transfers from the general reserve account to such funds as is necessary to fulfil strategic goals.

Motivation: The core objective of Bowls SA is to develop and promote the sport of bowls. The executive annually prepares a strategic plan to achieve these goals. Funding thereof can be inhibited in terms of the support from institutions such as Lotto and, therefore, in light of the funds accumulated over a period of time a request is made to be able to utilise such funds in accordance with strategic planning. The executive will account to

council as to the funds transferred and the projects against which they have been utilised.

7.3 By Johannesburg Bowls Association

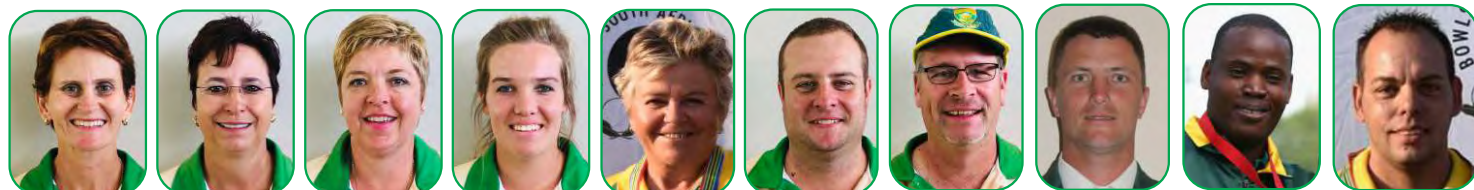
JBA propose that the number of ends to be played in future Inter-District tournaments be reduced to 15 ends for all games.

Motivation: Falls in line with the International tournament format; only 2/3 days' leave required by participants instead of 5 days; reduces the accommodation costs for districts by 40-50%.

7.4 By Johannesburg Bowls Association

JBA propose that the item GENERAL on the agenda in all future Bowls South Africa workshops be allowed to accommodate a general discussion by the districts.

Motivation: JBA believes that this is the forum for districts to debate and resolve bowls issues of concern.



TOUGH TIME FACING PROTEAS IN WALES

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Three selections from the sides to represent South Africa in Wales during a Test series in which several nations will participate in Cardiff, venue for the 2019 Atlantic Championships, won gold medals at the 2018 Warwick Financial

TEAMS: WOMEN: Elma Davis (50)(EDB), Nici Neal (48)(SBA), Colleen Piketh (46)(JBA), Anneke Snyman (24)(BOL), Bronwyn Webber (55)(PNB);
MEN: Pierre Breitenbach (30) (NW), Jason Evans (57)(JBA), Prince Neluonde (34)(JBA), Thinus Oelofse (37)(EKB), Wayne Rittmuller (36)(PNB).

Maturity Wealth/Bowls South Africa nationals.

The Test series, scheduled for July 4-14 will be between Malaysia, Australia, Canada, USA, Ireland, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia (men), Jersey, Spain, Wales – a formidable line-up.

Between them, these teams won seven gold, seven silver and three bronze medals of the 30 medals total available. South Africa won three silver and two bronze – the second largest number of medals gained, except for Australia,

who with five gold and two silver medals, dominated the code.

For Namibia (men) and Zimbabwe it will be a spectacular foray by African sides seeking a foothold in world bowls.

Elma Davis (Eden) and Colleen Piketh (JBA), successful at the Commonwealth Games in Australia earlier this year, won the national pairs in Ekurhuleni; ever-improving Wayne Rittmuller (Port Natal) triumphantly retained his singles title in Port Elizabeth.

With the retirement of Theuns Fraser, applications for the position of Bowls South Africa head coach are invited to submit credentials on or before the last day of this month, taking into account requirements listed.

Your executive will compile a short list, then invite successful applicants to an interview procedure.

Applicants are required to submit:

- A comprehensive CV detailing all experience and technical qualifications.
- Personal coaching philosophy.
- Suggestions on how to improve the demographic representation in the national squad.
- Personal strategic vision on how SA might improve its world ranking.
- Any, suggested changes to the national selection policy, outlining criteria/process.

This is an exciting opportunity for a suitably qualified individual to take responsibility for the planning, training, monitoring and delivery of high-performance athletes, with a view to maximising world and continent rankings and satisfy the strategic priorities for high-performance athletes.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide advanced coaching for athletes in the national squad programme.
- Design, deliver and evaluate modern training programmes.
- Liaise with Bowls SA and High Performance Centre (HPC) personnel in co-ordinating provision of sports science and sports medicine services with respect to performance monitoring, fitness assessment, bio-mechanical analysis, psychological testing, nutritional needs and injury prevention management.
- Provide feedback to national squad members on performance.
- Provide technical reports of athletes' performances in international events.
- Determine performance indicators to monitor progress of athletes within the national programme.
- Provide regular reports and statistics through analysis of athlete performance to the national selectors.
- Through identified problem areas provide assistance to athletes to help in correction of these matters.
- Where possible co-ordinate the competition programme in association with Bowls SA for national squad athletes and teams.



HEAD COACH HOPEFULS WILL FIND THEUNS FRASER A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW

- Assist in determining strategic game plans involving the national team.
- Participate, in conjunction with the National Standing Committee for Coaches (NSCC), in coach development programmes for support personnel.
- In conjunction with NSCC design and implement the physical, technical and psychological programmes for assistant coaches in the execution of coaching strategies.
- Examine and provide support for the National Talent-Identification programme in conjunction with the NSCC to ensure athletes identified through this process are properly tracked for development. To ensure the effectiveness of this and in conjunction with NSCC maintain a database of assessment results.
- Programme activities in association with Bowls SA and NSCC.
- Attend to such specific tasks and duties and may be assigned, from time to time, in order to ensure the proper functioning of this role.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- International and continental ranking of the national team.
- On time completion of identified national programs.
- Successful management of the national team in a competitive environment.

- Development of assistant coaches so that succession planning is well established.
- Regular and up-to-date reporting on all activities within agreed time lines.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Technical Skills (A combination of but not limited to the following)

- A Level 3 (high performance) qualification or International equivalent.
- Experience in either coaching high-performance players or be a retired high-performance player.
- Experience in International competitive events.
- Computer literate, particularly with reference to Microsoft Office packages.

Inter-personal Skills

- Proficiency in multiple languages, while not a pre-requisite, would be advantageous.
- Be a good listener and able to demonstrate empathy.
- Disciplined and strong personal integrity and work ethic.
- Be prepared to act, where necessary, on any disciplinary matters.
- Shows commitment and passion for the sport and individuals involved.
- Demonstrate strategic and tactical thinking.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The incumbent will report directly to the president of Bowls SA on behalf of the executive.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Applicants should be aware commitment entails a large amount of travel both domestically and internationally - they could be away from home for an extended period.
- Applicants should have access to electronic mail and a mobile phone connection.
- Cost, such as travel, phone usage and other matters, will be reimbursed as per Bowls SA policies.
- If the applicant is not a South African citizen s/he must be a member of an international federation and in good standing with their country of origin and World Bowls.
- All applicants' submissions will be considered; those short-listed will be required to make a presentation to and undergo an interview process with an executive-appointed panel.

Also featuring at the nationals were Nici Neal (SBA), Jason Evans (JBA); others that played in the nationals acquitted themselves favourably.

It will also be a deserved chance for Prince Neluonde to again display his silky skills, while Pierre Breitenbach will assume greater responsibility without

the presence of SA Bowls' doyen Gerry Baker.

An Australian journalist described Jason Evans' efforts in Australia as outstanding, saying "...one man does not make or break a side, but Evans' efforts stood out brightly in every discipline in which he competed..."

Youth has always been the intention of now-

departed national coach Theuns Fraser and the Bowls SA executive. The sides for Wales reflect that policy.

The average age of the women's side is 44; men's 38 – higher than the absurdly low twenty-something of the Aussie line-ups, but much younger than most other competing nations.



Caroline Dubois, right and her Tongan teammate with the New Zealand pair at the Games

A TONGAN WHO REFUSED TO GIVE UP...

All young bowlers in South Africa might care to read this article about a Tongan woman who refused to give up. She played at the Commonwealth Games in Australia. It is a situation they might find for themselves... we wish them all well and to never lose hope. (Editor)

Caroline Dubois is holding back tears. Standing before a throng of people as they begin their countdown from 10, she looks for her family in the stands. Her pulse is racing. "Please don't cry," she tells herself.

The Tongan cannot allow herself to lose her composure, not at the Commonwealth Games, not in front of hundreds of people, not with television cameras peering, and not with her teenaged daughter watching on.

On the dry khaki-coloured green lawns of Broadbeach Lawn Bowls Club on a sultry Australian morning, the 53-year-old places her feet on the mat. A gentle wind blows in from the Pacific Ocean.

Five, four, three, two, one. She takes a deep breath before rolling the bowl towards the other end of the green. It's not her finest attempt, but it's not her worst.

For when you've lived without hope, spiralled into a darkness 'no-one ever wants to go to' and been engulfed with guilt for not being the mother you wanted to be, winning or losing matters little.

The Dubois who once did not care about her tomorrows; the divorcee who drank too much, lost her job, her money, and nearly lost her daughter, is gradually being pushed to the past. Competing at the Games is another step towards burying her former self.

"This is where I'm dealing with it," Dubois, one half of the first lawn bowls team to represent Tonga at the Commonwealths, tells CNN Sport.

'I had a family, but felt so empty'.

It is 2013. Seven years have passed since Dubois moved from Australia to Tonga, her parents' native land, in search of the happiness she would never find. The businesswoman, a once successful

executive for Le Meridien hotels, is working for a hotel she and her husband of 13 years have invested in.

But the couple have drifted apart. The distance between them - her in Tonga, him in Melbourne - has turned them into strangers. Divorce papers arrive through the post. The Frenchman has had enough. Dubois' life comes crashing down.

"What better way to learn my mother's tongue than to be there and run that resort? I felt like I needed to do other stuff and he couldn't understand what other stuff I wanted to do.

"I had a marriage and family, but I felt so empty. I needed something else. I forgot myself. We decided to compromise and find a balance halfway. He would visit monthly, but we drifted apart. If I'd known moving to Tonga would break up my family, I wouldn't have done it."

Lonely and lost in Tonga, the now single Dubois became involved in a relationship which quickly turned toxic. The once responsible mother who rarely drank alcohol now drowned her sorrows in wine and liquor.

Evenings would end in the police station after yet another quarrel with the man she knew she had no future. Negativity consumed her.

"I have big regrets, the regret of not being a mother to my daughter," says a melancholic Dubois, sitting around a table in the athletes' village.

Wearing her red and white Tongan tracksuit, she blends in with many of the athletes coming and going around the plaza, though few will be afflicted by such torment.

"My husband was such a gentleman, a good father, a good provider," she says, her voice trailing off.

"Just to think of those days ... it was a shock to my family and friends how I became someone else. I was argumentative, fighting with my family. They despised my boyfriend and I was fighting for him. It became abusive. It was a vicious circle. Here I was trying to fix him, and he thinks he can fix me and in between we're fixing it with alcohol.

"Tonga is not a big place and our family is respectful, a hard-working successful family. I go to the graveyard and have a cry there and just hope my parents can see me now."

Moving to New Zealand, but refusing to change

Dubois, this once healthy, affluent family woman, became to look older than her years.

Her youngest sister, Pele, made one last attempt at trying to stop her gaunt sibling from self-destructing, giving Dubois a ticket to join her in

Auckland, the city where she grew up and attended college before moving to Australia.

"I went to Auckland and my boyfriend was nasty on the phone, making me feel guilty, and I fell for that and I'd be back on the plane and my family kept paying for the ticket to take me back," Dubois remembers.

During the school holidays Dubois' daughter, who lived with her father in Melbourne, would visit, but Dubois was not yet ready to be a mum to her only child.

To the lawn bowls club, to a new obsession.

Dubois' family continued to search for solutions for the loved one they no longer recognized. But she was still drinking, still unhappy.

They invited Dubois to the local lawn bowls club where Dubois' niece, a promising player, would bowl. She had no interest in the sport, but knew the alcohol would be cheap.

"I'd drink too much, and my sister and I would be at loggerheads around members, her friends. It was terrible. In her good heart she thought going to the bowls club would keep me busy, but I saw it as an opportunity to drink. I'd be so embarrassed the next day" she says.

With another visit from Stephanie on the horizon, and following a tearful discussion with Pele, Dubois agreed to attend a training session at the bowls club.

Life began to change.

"When it was explained that bowls wasn't easy and that it's an art of line and weight, I thought 'That's challenging, I love challenges. I'll take up this challenge,'" says Dubois, offering up a rare smile. Bowling come rain or shine.

Dubois doesn't recall the moment when bowls became more important than booze, but she does remember lying in bed thinking about her new hobby rather than a bar. A healthy obsession had replaced a destructive one. She was always early to training sessions, listening attentively to her coaches. She would practice in the rain, in the piercing sun, even sneak onto the green when the club was closed. Family would ring her mobile, but there would be no answer. Dubois was on the green, "rolling it up and down."

"The more I got into it, slowly my mental state was starting to change," she says, attempting to offer an explanation to a transformation she herself cannot fully shed a light on.

"I got more involved in training, got to know members' names and I started to think outside of me. It had previously all been about me, me, me. I was starting to separate myself from the negativity. I was breathing bowls. I couldn't wait to get up and go to the green and my family supported me. They'd drive me to games. The old me came back."

With practice Dubois became good. Very good. In her first year she won an Auckland championship as a fours and shortly after was asked to represent her region, North Harbour -- one of New Zealand's best teams.

"I was so excited," she says. "So much had changed so quickly. I had to slap my face. I'd beat all these women ... my name would start appearing in post sections, center websites, etc.

"We were given a mental skills coach and I think that was another saving grace for me. It helped my bowling, but it also helped me personally, though they don't know that. It was getting me

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

The Nationals have come and gone for another year with new faces crowned as champions in the pairs, fours and women's singles, while last year's men's singles winner returned to successfully defend his title - a rare feat, certainly one to be proud of.

My congratulations to all medal winners.

Watching closely-contested matches where winners were determined with only the last bowl, reminds all of how exciting the game is from a participants' and a spectator's perspective. As a spectator how often have we heard "he's playing the wrong hand"; how easy it is to play from distance and under no pressure.

When participating as a team in bowls the character of each individual is tested and more often than not, the team that knits as a unit both from both skill and compatibility perspectives are those which rise to the occasion.

A game of fours is a wonderful demonstration of team work and complete faith in mates. Without this you become disjointed more often than not, resulting in indiscriminate shots played.

A well-co-ordinated team has a game strategy and is singularly focused in the execution of that plan. The skip carefully plans and calls the shots needed to execute the plan, doing so to maximise opportunity while always looking to minimise a poor situation.

Business leaders with teams engaged in business leagues will tell you, apart from the physical enjoyment of participation one of the real benefits is in team building. The similarity between strategy, decision making and shot execution on the bowling green can be closely aligned to that of a successful business venture.

Without a vision of the outcome and a strategy to execute and successful deployment of resources, no venture can succeed.

A successful team requires collaboration and this applies also to successful clubs, districts and national bodies - no one can operate effectively without committees operating in unison. Without effective communication, attempts at effective collaboration cannot succeed and the best prepared plans and initiatives are disrupted.

The next time you engage in a bowls match, socially or competitively, remember the role you need to play for the team to achieve overall success.

Remember, effective, polite communication will be a vital catalyst for success.

Good bowling and be well.

**Rob Forbes -
President, Bowls South Africa**

back together. It was a big part in what set me straight. I never touched a drink, I was never even interested in alcohol. I'd have the odd drink after a game but as time went on I wasn't having that drink, I refused it.

"I don't know how the hell it happened, picking up that bowl, progressing and proving to myself that I could do it has saved me in so many ways. If I wasn't doing this where would I be? Would I be dead? Sometimes I used to think 'Who cares about tomorrow?'. That awful side was winning."

Commonwealth selection, elation, tears. February 2018. Two years have passed since Dubois first held a bowl in her hand. She receives an email from Tonga's lawn bowls association, confirming that she will partner Malia Kioa, a fellow New Zealand resident whom she had never met, at the Commonwealths.

"One sister said: 'Hang on, I think I'm just having a heart attack right now' when I told her," says Dubois, laughing at the memory.

"Two other sisters are in Melbourne ... to hear the squeal of excitement when I called them. I could just imagine the tears that came with it. My daughter never answers her mobile, never answers a text, so I texted her and said: 'Can you keep a secret?' and she replied straight away. I said: 'Mum is going to the Commonwealth Games to play for Tonga. I never got a reply back!

"Unbeknown to me at the time, she'd left her phone and ran to her dad and I got a call from him saying 'Are you serious?' I have spoken to him more in the last month than I did in the last five

years. He's remarried. I am happy for him, but sad for what I lost, but I can't bring it back. I can't live with regrets."

'Go, Mummy!' Dubois' daughter, her ex-husband, Bruno, and sister Pele are watching her first match, against Norfolk Islands.

"It took me a few ends to settle. I was nervous, spraying the bowls. I was everywhere," she admits.

"They were only here for the weekend, so I knew 'This is it, after this match they're going to run off to catch the plane. I wanted the ends to keep going because that meant Stephanie would stay. As soon as the match was over, my husband pointed at his watch, saying they had to go. I just threw my bowls in the bag and just ran. I just wanted that five minutes with them.

"She said 'I'm proud of you, Mummy. You go and get them.

"Everyone has those demons and I'm sure there are worse demons than my demons. Hopefully, it'll inspire people. I find myself telling people 'find something you're passionate about, no matter what it is.'

"I found it and I went with it. Bowls was not something I was interested in, but I made it my passion and I made it interesting for me. It's paid off. All those cold, raining night and hot, burning days. Every day. I was so anal. 'Where is she?' She's bowling!

Dubois can often be found sitting on the balcony of her seventh-floor apartment at the athletes'

village. It is, she says, a marvellous vista. She can see everything, athletes sitting on giant bean bags in the courtyard, others sometimes playing a giant Connect Four. Live music emanates from the bar. Tears will slide down her cheeks.

"Sometimes I just need that quiet moment to think about what I was looking for back then," says Dubois, looking into the distance.

"I never found it. I thought I wanted freedom, but what was I looking for? I still can't answer that. How much I've drunk I really don't know, but obviously I drank a lot because by the time I got to Auckland I had no money left and I did have money so that's a lot of money spent.

"Everyone said I was turning into an alcoholic, which I probably was, but in my mind I wasn't. Now the joke is I'm an international sports person! Someone asked me: 'What would the Caroline today say to the Caroline of five years ago?' I'd say: 'You bloody idiot.'

"Sometimes I cry for her. I don't see her as me. I don't want to know about her, but I still mourn her. Here I am talking about her in the third person ... But now I can slowly bury her."

The tears can no longer be held back. Dubois cries, for the five years she lost and for what she has since achieved.

"The Caroline of today is the one I'm going with," she says, wiping away the tears with her fingertips. "I never want to back there again. That was the pits."

Edited from an article by Aimee Lewis, CNN

VITAL CHANGES TO DRUGS LAW FOR ALL CLUBS

Changes have been issued regarding official policy on drugs. This replaces all previous circulars issued. The content is the result of extensive consultations with the national institute and district secretaries should circulate it to all clubs affiliated to their respective district.



FEDERATION DOCUMENT LIBRARY (FDL) (Policies, Procedures, etc.)

1. POLICY TITLE:	Bowls SA Policy on Drug Free Sport
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3. COMPLIANCE OFFICER(S): (Persons responsible for ensuring policy implementation)	Executive Committee Portfolio - SAIDS
4. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION: (State the stakeholder group/s consulted during policy formulation/revision)	Reviewed by SAIDS. Circulated to all members via districts. Approved by ExCo on 22 May 2018. Ref: 5.6
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1. Introduction

The aim of this policy is to provide members with information regarding their and Bowls SA's obligations and responsibilities regarding participating in a Drug Free Sport through compliance with World Bowls Inc. and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), implemented by the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport (SAIDS) and the associated law – Acts and Articles.

This policy replaces the following Circulars distributed to all members via their districts, accessible via the Bowls SA website:

- 2017:08 – *Drug Free Sport* [1]
- 2017:32 – *Drug Testing & Accountability* [2]
- 2017:68 – *SAIDS Constitutional Compliance Required from All Clubs & Districts* [3]
- 2017:69 – *SAIDS Organising an Anti-Doping Workshop for Players* [4]
- 2017:70 – *SAIDS Acknowledgement & Obligations for all Competitive Players* [5]

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Anti-Doping Policy of World Bowls Inc:

(<http://www.worldbowls.com/anti-doping/anti-doping-regulations/>).

Additional Information about this policy is located in Annexure A, starting on page 6.

2. Goals

Strategic Priorities:

- a) Membership: *Current Members*
- b) Competitions and Events: *Quality National & International Events*
- c) Excellence in Governance: *Organisational Excellence & Good Communication*

1. To provide members with an understanding of the obligations and responsibilities of all members regarding Drug-Free Sport in order to comply with the law of the Republic of South Africa.

2. To describe the Bowls SA documents and processes in support of the principles of Drug-Free Sport.
3. To describe the realities of the SAIDS (WADA) testing process and the possible outcomes.

3. Compliance with the Law – Acts & Articles

NOTE: Members should note that Drug-Free Sport is not about whether substances are performance enhancing drugs or not – it is all about healthier alternative to prohibited substances and compliance with the law.

3.1 SAIDS

Bowls SA, as a member of World Bowls Inc., is a signatory of an agreement regarding Drug-Free Sport, as part of the world-wide organisation – World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (SAIDS) implements world-wide protocols in this regard. SAIDS was constituted through Act 14 of 1997 [7] with, *inter alia*, the following objectives outlined in paragraph 10:

- a) *“to promote participation in sport, free from **the use of prohibited substances or methods intended to artificially enhance performance**, thereby rendering impermissible doping practices which are contrary to the principles of fair play and medical ethics, in a manner consistent with protecting the health and well-being of competitors, and the rights of all persons who take part in sport;*
- b) *to encourage the development of programmes for the education of the community in general, and the sporting community in particular, in respect of the dangers of doping in sport;*
- c) *to bring about the introduction of a centralised independent sample collection and testing programme, which may subject **any sportsperson** to dope testing at short notice, or without notice, both in and out of competition;”*

SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules of 2016 [8] Article 1 paragraph 1.2.1 indicates the application of the law to National Federations: *“National Sports Federations (NSF) in South Africa shall accept and abide by the spirit and the terms of the National Anti-Doping Programme (NADP) and these Anti-Doping Rules and shall incorporate these Anti-Doping Rules either directly or by reference into their governing documents, constitution and/or rules, thereby binding their members and Participants; ... who participate in such capacity in Events, Competitions and other activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by any National Federation in South Africa, or by any member or affiliate organisation of any National Federation in South Africa(including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues), wherever held.*

3.2 Athletes & Coaches

SAIDS Amendment Act No. 25 of 2006 [9] defines an *“athlete ... for the purposes of doping control, any person who participates in sport at the International level (as defined by each International Sports Federation) or national level (as defined by the Institute [SAIDS]) and any other person who participates in sport at a lower level if designated by the Institute”.*

SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules of 2016 [8] Article 1 paragraph 1.3.1 expands this definition to include, *inter alia*, coaches who are license-holders in terms of their coaching qualification and certification: *“all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who are members or license- holders of any National Federation in South Africa, or of any member or affiliate organisation of any National Federation in South Africa(including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues).”* Paragraph 1.4 indicates that *“the main focus of SAIDS test distribution plan will be National-Level Athletes and above”* who are:

- a) *Athletes that participate in National Championships or participate in selection events for National Championships;*
- b) *Athletes with potential to represent South Africa internationally or become a member of a National Team;*
- c) *Athletes that represent South Africa internationally but are not in an International Federation’s Registered Testing Pool. ...*
- d) *Athletes competing internationally representing South Africa either as individuals or as part of a team; ... but if any such Athletes are classified by their respective International Federations as International-Level Athletes then they shall be considered International-Level Athletes.”*

4. Member, District & Training Responsibilities

Note: Members are requested not to contact SAIDS directly, until after they have been tested and SAIDS has contacted them first. SAIDS does not have the capacity to answer random questions from members or handle proactive TUE applications. All TUE applications may only be submitted AFTER a member has been tested positive for a prohibited substance.

All Club & District Constitutions are required to include clause 5.6.18, shown below, of the Bowls SA Constitution [10] regarding Drug-free Sport.

“5.6.18 Bowls SA shall accept and abide by the spirit and terms of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport [SAIDS] Anti-Doping Programme and the Anti-Doping Rules, including the application of its sanctions to individuals and shall respect the authority of and co-operate with SAIDS and the hearing bodies in all anti-doping matters which are not governed by the rules of the relevant International Federation.”

NOTE: SAIDS is not obliged to notify federations which events they intend to visit and may arrive at any tournament and randomly target any players they choose. The players and their managers / coaches have no option about complying with their requirements and taking responsibility for the consequences.

4.1 Possible Member Target Group

The Bowls SA Selection Policy [11], clause 4.2, lists the only tournaments where participating players **may be** considered for National selection; the interpretation of which Bowls SA members should be included as per section 3.2 above.

4.2 Members’ Responsibilities (Player)

Players must take note that the supplements industry is NOT regulated and the majority of these products may contain banned substances, even if not listed on the label. Please note that these supplements include the majority of ‘energy’ shakes/drinks. A quote from SAIDS website: *“NOTE: You cannot search for dietary or sport “supplements” as they are not regulated and are not subjected to rigorous controls to verify ingredients, dosage, efficacy, safety... *As such, you simply don’t know for sure what’s in it and therefore SAIDS, similar to WADA, caution athletes against the use of dietary supplements.”* For more information on anti-doping cases involving these types of substances, please refer to the SAIDS website and Facebook page (*Ctrl-click on links provided below*).

The **once-off** process to comply is as follows:

- a) Download, print, complete and sign the [SAIDS Acknowledgement & Compliance Form \(FDL 01-920\)](http://www.bowlsa.co.za/files/circulars/2017%20Circulars/70%20Bowls%20SA%20SAIDS%20Acknowledgement%20Compliance%20Form%20v3.pdf) - [http://www.bowlsa.co.za/files/circulars/2017%20Circulars/70 Bowls SA SAIDS Acknowledgement Compliance Form v3.pdf](http://www.bowlsa.co.za/files/circulars/2017%20Circulars/70%20Bowls%20SA%20SAIDS%20Acknowledgement%20Compliance%20Form%20v3.pdf)
- b) The member needs to follow the *Membership DBMS User Guidelines (FDL 01-990)* to enter details on and upload Drug-Free Sport compliance document to MDBMS.

The **ongoing** process to comply is as follows:

- c) Check SAIDS online list of substances for any medication and any supplements you take regularly / irregularly – make sure you check the names AND the ingredients. If all acceptable (green), no further action is required. *Note: The online website is <http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/online-medication-check/> Mobile phone app: Do not use any of the free app downloads. You must use the app from the Drug-free Sport website's home page.*
- d) If any substance(s) is/are on the in-competition or out-of-competition prohibited list, the member's Specialist Doctor needs to be consulted at the next appointment, with regards to finding an alternative product which is not on the prohibited list. If use of an acceptable alternative is not available or is ineffective for the member's treatment, the Specialist Doctor needs to maintain a detailed record of the process used to illustrate that acceptable alternatives are unavailable or unacceptable for the member's use. This will be needed if the member is tested and a retroactive Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application is made – see steps f) – g) below. Article 4.1 of WADA's TUE Guidelines [12], "An Athlete may be granted a TUE if (and only if) he/she can show, by a balance of probability, that each of the following conditions is met:
- The Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question is needed to treat an acute or chronic medical condition, such that the Athlete would experience a significant impairment to health if the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method were to be withheld.*
 - The Therapeutic Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is highly unlikely to produce any additional enhancement of performance beyond what might be anticipated by a return to the Athlete's normal state of health following the treatment of the acute or chronic medical condition.*
 - There is no reasonable Therapeutic alternative to the Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.*
 - The necessity for the Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not a consequence, wholly or in part, of the prior Use (without a TUE) of a substance or method which was prohibited at the time of such Use.*

No TUE application may be submitted directly to SAIDS at all until AFTER the member has been tested. The reason given by SAIDS for this is that Bowls is not a sporting code within their primary concern. For Bowls SA members, this process is **retroactive** – i.e. after the member has been tested positive for prohibited substances.

Please note that any adverse effects experienced by a member undergoing the above process is not the responsibility or liability of Bowls SA or World Bowls Inc.

- e) Repeat steps c) – d) regularly or with any change / addition to medication and / or supplements, to ensure that you remain compliant.

The **post-testing** process to comply is as follows, if prohibited substances are found:

- Download and complete the required Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application, with supporting documents from the Specialist Doctor (<http://www.drugfreesport.org.za/tue-application-form-contacts/>).
- Follow the instructions on the website to submit this completed application **within the time-frame provided to the member by SAIDS.**

4.3 District (towards Players) & Training Responsibilities (Coaching & TO Courses)

To support the player-compliance process outlined in section 4.2 above, it is the responsibility of the ExCo appointed NSC to ensure that each District annually applies to SAIDS for the hosting of an Anti-Doping Workshop for all their players. There is no cost involved – SAIDS provides the facilitator and any hand-out material required – the District needs to provide the venue and ensure maximum player attendance.

The 2 documents provided to aid Districts are:

- Bowls SA SAIDS Workshop Request Info* (FDL 01-922)
(http://www.bowlssa.co.za/files/circulars/2017%20Circulars/Bowls_SA_SAIDS_Workshop_Request_Info.pdf)
- The Bowls SA SAIDS Workshop Request Template* (FDL 01-921)
(http://www.bowlssa.co.za/files/circulars/2017%20Circulars/Bowls_SA_SAIDS_-_Workshop_Request_Template_69.pdf)

Once a workshop has been held arranged within a District, information regarding date, venue, facilitator name and registration list should be emailed to coach.courses@bowlssa.co.za for compliance record-keeping purposes.

Note: This must be held annually to ensure that on-going education is provided for players entering the arena.

4.4 Responsibility of Coaches

Coaches must ensure that any players for whom they are responsible are aware of compliance requirements and should keep a record of the communication. The purpose of this is to protect the coaches as well as inform the players, as in reality, the coaches cannot prevent players from not complying and the coaches need to protect themselves from being jointly implicated, should the player test positive for a prohibited substance.

4.5 Responsibility of SAIDS Compliance Portfolio

Prior to every National Competition, the Tournament Convenor or his delegated Tournament Committee representative, is responsible for SAIDS Compliance and must check MDBMS to ensure that all entered players have uploaded their completed Acknowledgment & Compliance forms before accepting the entry. This check must also be done by the National Academy for all members of the Gold Squad members and all selections for International competitions, prior to publication.

Should SAIDS-appointed testing staff arrive at any of the National competitions, the Tournament Convenor or his delegated Tournament Committee representative, is obliged to comply with all requests and should download any pre-existing TUE certificates stored online for any of the tested players.

5. SAIDS Testing Process

Article 5 of the *SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules* [8] spells out the testing process:

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| Who | "SAIDS shall determine the number of finishing placement tests, random tests and target tests to be performed in accordance with the criteria established by the International Standard for Testing and Investigations." |
| When | "SAIDS may require any Athlete over whom it has Testing authority to provide a sample at any time and at any place." |
| Where | "National Federations and the organising committees for National Events shall authorise the Independent Observer Program at such Events." |

Players should familiarise themselves with the details of the current testing process on the SAIDS website (www.drugfreesport.co.za) in order to ensure that they know their rights and their obligations. *Note: A player may nominate a coach / manager to accompany him/her during the testing process.*

6. SAIDS Outcome Process

Once the sample has been tested by an accredited laboratory, the results are reviewed by a SAIDS-appointed Doping Control Review Commission (Article 7) [9]. If the results include the presence of a prohibited substance, SAIDS will check whether a TUE certificate has been granted – if so, the results of the test will be deemed to be negative.

6.1 Hearing & Outcome Process

If the result is adverse – i.e. a prohibited substance without therapeutic use exemption has been found – the athlete, the athlete's National and International Federations and WADA are informed of the basis for the finding. The athlete can request a Provisional Hearing within 3 days of receiving the notification and may or may not be suspended from playing until the final outcome is published or may waive the right to a hearing and accept the consequences.

The Hearing process is described in Article 8 [8] with the Doping Hearing Panel observing the principles of natural justice. The results of the Panel will be to issue a written, dated decision and must be publically published if a violation was committed; otherwise, this will only be publically disclosed with the consent of the athlete.

Article 13 [8] describes the Appeals process.

Article 9 [8] specifies that "*An anti-doping rule violation ... automatically leads to Disqualification of the result obtained in that Competition with all resulting Consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.*" If a member of a team / side is in violation, the *Consequences, including forfeiture*, are applied to the whole team / side.

6.2 Bowls SA Responsibilities to Negative Outcome

This process must be followed once the post-testing process of submission of the retroactive TUE application, hearing and subsequent sanction has been officially reported to Bowls SA by SAIDS.

6.2.1 Publication of Result

A circular must be published with the name and violation of the player / team and the consequences, within 30 days of receiving the notice of consequences from SAIDS.

6.2.2 Player Consequences

The Singles medallist, Team or Side containing a medallist in violation of an anti-doping rule must return the medal(s), trophy and prize-money to Bowl SA within 30 days of receiving the notice of the consequences.

- a) If Gold:
 - The original Gold medallist(s) return(s) the medal(s), trophy and prize money received.
 - The original Silver medallist(s) return(s) the medal(s) and trophy.
 - The original Silver medallist(s) receive(s) the Gold medal(s), trophy and the difference in prize-money between 1st and 2nd place.
 - The original two Bronze medallists retain their original allocation.
 - No Silver medal(s), trophy or prize money are awarded.
- b) If Silver:
 - The original Silver medallist(s) return(s)s the medal(s), trophy and prize money.
 - The original Gold & Bronze-medallists retain their original allocations.
 - No Silver medal(s), trophy or prize money are awarded.
- c) If Bronze:
 - The original Bronze medallist(s) return(s)s the medal(s), trophy and prize money.
 - No additional Bronze medal(s), trophy or prize money are awarded.

6.2.3 Coach or Manager Consequences

If a Coach or Manager is implicated in the ruling, the member may not operate in any capacity at any level for the duration of the sanction / suspension.

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Annexure A

Definitions of Terms / Concepts

SAIDS	South African Institute for Drug-free Sport
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency
MDBMS	Bowls SA's online Membership Database Management System, providing access at different levels for viewing and maintaining membership data.
ExCo	Bowls SA Executive Committee
HP – High Performance	Those athletes aspiring to participate or already participating at the highest level within a District or National Squad
CoP	<i>Conditions of Play</i> : Rules for participation in a competition

1. Principles, values and philosophy

This policy must be read in conjunction with the Bowls SA Constitution and By Laws. It is intended to reflect Bowls SA's vision, mission and values [13], with special emphasis on the support of drug-free, healthy sporting practice.

2. Motivation

WHY this policy is required is:

- a) To place all Bowls SA information regarding Drug-Free Sport in one document for easy access by members.
- b) To provide clarity of obligations and responsibilities for all members – mainly players and coaches.
- c) To provide a standard procedure for Bowls SA to manage adverse consequences should a medallist be in violation of anti-doping rules as a Singles player or a member of a Team / Side.

3. Resources

3.1 Financial

World Bowls Inc. Bowls SA, District or Club may be held accountable for any expenses incurred by individual members as part of this process of compliance. There may be an expense involved in supporting a player in compliance with Bowls SA processes specified in the Policy, at a hearing.

3.2 Time (Human)

The time of the Tournament Convenor or his delegated Tournament Committee representative member responsible for SAIDS compliance needs to check all entrants for National competitions before they are accepted.

The time of the National Academy member responsible for Gold Squad and national selection player compliance.

The time of the National Standing Committee responsible for annual SAIDS education, to assist players and / or Districts in the education of members.

The time of the ExCo appointed representative to support a compliant player through the process.

3.3 Infrastructure

Expansion of MDBMS to accommodate the functionality required to upload and access required information, with relevant user guidelines for operators.

4. Scope of Applicability

All registered members of the National Sport Federation of Bowls SA are bound by this policy, for the benefit of registered members of the past, present and future.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 Implementation

Once this policy has been approved in principle by ExCo & SAIDS, it needs to be verified by the Bowls SA Legal Adviser or other relevant stakeholders and then distributed to members and ratified by Council. Thereafter, both the source and published documents need to be added to FDL and circulated appropriately.

The following 4 areas need to be monitored by ExCo:

- Each ExCo member needs to monitor the implementation of the policy in their Liaison Districts.
- The Tournament Convenor or his delegated Tournament Committee representative, with the portfolio for SAIDS Compliance, must check all entries for National competitions.
- The NSC with the portfolio for SAIDS Education, along with the relevant NSC, must ensure that appropriate steps are taken to educate members and Coaches.
- The National Academy needs to check the compliance of all Gold Squad members and players selection for International competitions, prior to publication.

5.2 Monitoring & Evaluation

ExCo and NF Leads for CASA need to monitor and evaluate the processes and recommend policy changes should this be required.

5.3 Policy Review

Initially, the policy should be reviewed after 1 year of implementation and any changes required made in order to streamline its understanding and implementation. Thereafter, this policy should be reviewed every 5 years, unless issues arise within that time period, which require changes.



TOP THREE: Peter Killassy, Paula Bergh, Jacko Van Graan and Margeaux Jooste of Warwick Eighteen competitive sides took part in the Meadowridge BC/Warwick Financial Maturity Trips day on a sunny Friday afternoon, reports Warwick's Margeaux Jooste assisted by Dieter



RUNNERS-UP: Terry O'Brien, Elrico Grootboom and Willie Liebetrau, with Margeaux Jooste of Warwick Timmerman. Two rounds of fierce competition were played both over 11 ends, the first drawn, the second strength v strength.

WARWICK SEND 'EM TRIPPING ALONG

Peter Killassy, Paula Bergh, Jacko van Graan grabbed the winning prize. Prizes were as follows: R900, R600, R300 and session prizes.

Congratulation to all and the club which laid on a great event.

SPACK IS SPICK AT WENTWORTH

A cool morning greeted the 12 trips combinations when Warwick Financial Maturity played part sponsor of the Tyson's Breakfast Trips held at Wentworth Bowling



TOP TRIPS: Joanne Jordaan, Kurt and Dawn Spack

Club, Port Natal, on the morning of May 31, reports Warwick's Lifestyle Networks Manager Stuart Milligan, accompanied by Stacey Killian. Contestants enjoyed a wonderful breakfast as well as two games of 10 ends. The five winners



CLOSE: Thys Moolman, Rob Armstrong, Wayne Smith

from the first round contested for honours on the day; the team skipped by Kurt Spack that finished ahead of Wayne Smith's side. Thanks to Thys Moolman for running the tournament and Wentworth BC.



WINNERS: Margy Scott-Wilson, Clive Diffenthal, John Webster & Brian Kear

NO DIFFENTIAL TO SPEAK OF

No fewer than 56 club members participated in the Warwick Financial Maturity sponsored "drawn" fours held at Le Domaine Bowling Club at Hillcrest, Port Natal. Format was two sessions of 10 ends; winners versus winners, reported Warwick's Stuart Milligan, accompanied by investment whizz Conrad Clifford. At the end of the final session it was a tussle in the Diffenthal family to see who would take the honours. It was Clive's team that managed to pip his wife Lyn's team for first prize. The morning was rounded off with all the club members and their partners enjoying a burger sponsored by Warwick Financial Maturity. A huge "Thanks" must go to Doug Heger, Keith Woodroffe and all their helpers for a well organised event.



RUNNERS UP: Les Diffenthal, Peter Miller, Lyn Gardiner & Jean Blunden

I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE...

On a sunny crisp autumn Saturday morning near the sea in the heart of the Boland, 24 teams participated in the Kleinmond BC/Warwick Financial Maturity Fours, reports the sponsor's Margeaux Jooste, accompanied by Rayvin Rademeyer.

Sides from Durbanville, Edgemean, Helderberg Village, Bellville, Hermanus, Franskraal and Paarl participated in a most successful competition organised by Valerian Strydom and his team.

After three rounds of fierce competition of 2 x 12 ends and a last game of 14 ends, Kallie de Kock and his team from Kleinmond emerged with the winners' prize.

Mike Hutton and his team from Hermanus came second and Wessel Fourie and team from Bellville, third.

A successful day was had by all.



WINNERS: Team De Kock



2ND PLACE: Team Hutton



3RD PLACE: Team Fourie



WINNERS: Roy Moonsamy, Les Dry & Pat Shanks



1ST SESSION WINNERS: Chris Carter, Margaret Wilkinson & Denis Davidson



2ND SESSION WINNERS: Jenny Davies, Joy Dry & Bob Zacek

LEKKER DOWN AT UMHLANGA

A top class event was enjoyed by 42 club members in an afternoon of bowls at Umhlanga BC in Port Natal, sponsored by Warwick Financial Maturity.

The participants played two sessions of 10 ends and afterwards treated to some lovely snacks, reports Warwick's Stuart Milligan who was accompanied by Bobby Beukes and Vanessa Keith. All games were close with the first session being won by Chris Carter's team with a +8; the second session going to Jenny Davies and team with a +7.

The overall winner on the day was Roy Moonsamy supported by Les Dry and Pat Shanks. Thanks must be given to the organisers on the day, John Truebody, Bridget and Darryl Perrins plus their team of helpers.

KAY DRAWS FOR VICTORY

Twenty-four club members participated in the Warwick Financial Maturity sponsored drawn trips morning held at Umkomaas BC.



TOP LADY: Kay Martin, Mabel Higginson and Peter Williamson

The four games were fiercely contested and with a few ends to play any one could have walked away with the honours, reports the sponsor's Stuart Milligan who was accompanied by Stacey Killian.

In the end it had to take a "roll off" by the skips to determine first and second place. The team skipped by Kay Martin and Rodney Forte tied on points and shots.

To determine the overall winner, the two skips had to go back onto the green and deliver one bowl with the nearest bowl to the jack being determined the day's winner.

Kay Martin managed to draw within a metre of the jack to beat Rodney Forte and claim the honours.



SO CLOSE: Rodney Forte, Rina Gradidge and Gay Jutte

It was a fun morning of bowls and a big thanks to Marion Liebenberg for arranging the day.



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BOWLS SA ROUNDUP

NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEES POLLS

The Executive will deliberate on National Standing Committee structures and to assist them districts should nominate suitable candidates to serve; a short CV should accompany a nomination.

Members of committees will automatically be reconsidered and need not submit a CV.

If an existing member wishes to retire they should inform Bowls SA, who are sole arbitrators on appointments. Nominations should reach Bowls SA on or before 31 July to assist processing.

National committees are:

- Academy
- Selectors (men/women)
- Coaches
- Disability
- Greenkeepers
- Membership/marketing
- Technical officials

INVITATION TO OUT-OF-SEQUENCE COACHING TRAIN-THE-TRAINER (T-t-T) COURSE

NSCC request that any facilitators at a District's Level 1 course should have attended the T-t-T course to ensure that similar content and training standards are maintained throughout the country. Please note that future, suitable trainers are not necessarily currently on DSCCs, but may be capable and willing to contribute to the training courses in the district. The minimum requirements for attending a T-t-T course are that the person is a qualified Level 1 coach, with experience, and that the person's application is confirmed by their DSCC. NSCC requires any trainers attending the T-t-T course to commit to being part of the facilitation-team at the next two Level 1 courses held in their districts.

Usually, a series of these courses are held around the country every odd year. The series will still take place in this manner in 2019. This year however, NSCC has been requested by BGN & JBA to hold an extra course due to changes in personnel and a desperate need for

facilitators to assist at their planned 2018 courses. For this reason, NSCC will be running a T-t-T at Edenvale BC (EKB), from 17-19 August 2018.

Bowls SA will pay for surrounding districts' travel, accommodation, catering and course costs, within reason. Any districts, outside of the Transvaal area, who urgently need to send candidates to this course, need to negotiate with NSCC as there is a limited budget available for this course.

Applicants for the T-t-T Course must be done on-line by 15 July 2018 – see instructions at the website. All DSCCs will be asked to confirm applicants from their district, before these applicants will be accepted. Note that the earlier the registration information is received, the sooner NSCC can distribute the pre-course material and the longer the trainee has to do the pre-course tasks. Please contact Dix (041 378 1971, 082 220 3707, dixie@mandela.ac.za).



Kevin Kobusch

OBITUARIES

We advise with great sadness and regret the passing of Kevin Kobusch who represented Port Natal Bowls and South Africa, being capped in 1995.

Bruce Makkink, who represented Port Natal Bowls and South Africa, being capped in 1998 (seen right, after winning the SA Masters in that year at Helderberg BC, Somerset West. WP), has died in a Durban hospital.

Bowls SA are grateful for the contribution they made to our sport and express condolences to their families and friends.



Bruce Makkink

NSCC DATES FOR JULY - DECEMBER

DATE	EVENT	DISTRICT	VENUE	DATE	EVENT	DISTRICT	VENUE
2-5 July	Level 1	KBA	The Bell	15-16 Sept	Level A+	SED	Vanderbijl Park
21-22 July	Level A+	SFS	Bloem Military	22-23/29-30 Sept	Level 1	JBA	Linden
4-5 August	Level A+	BOR	Hamiltons	29-30 Sept	Level 1	BOR	Hamiltons
17-19 August	T-t-T (xtra)	EKB	Edenvale	18-22 Nov	Level 2 (North)		Lekkerbreek
1-2 / 8-9 Sept	Level 1	NIBA	TBA	25-29 Nov	Level 2 (South)		Knysna
8-9 / 22-23 Sept	Level 1	BGN	POB	1-2 Dec	Level 1	SFS	Bloem Military

U/18s CONSENT REQUIRED FOR U/30 TOURNAMENT

Entries for the 2018 Warwick: Bowls SA U/30 Inter District Championships require consent forms be completed for those under 18; originals must be retained by team managers. All documentation should reach the Natal Inland sec, Beryl Gandy by 20 July: niba@telkomsa.net

The events committee has negotiated a special deal regarding accommodation and districts should arrange their own requirements directly with the Aintree Lodge.

BOWLERS ACCOMMODATION SPECIAL: Inclusive of full English Breakfast and VAT: 4 Sleeper @ 210 pp - B&B; 3 Sleeper @ 240 pp - B&B; 2 Sleeper @ 280 pp - B&B; Single Sleeper: @ 320 pp - B&B; Dinner R80pp.

Contact: (033) 386 7956 / Cell: 083 270 1218; Email: b-b@aintreelodge.co.za



TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

The travel allowance paid by Bowls SA for official business conducted on their behalf shall be R2.10/km, effective immediately.

MANY THANKS!

Thanks to Peter Wildman in PE (Men) and Brian Sayce in Ekurhuleni (Women) for their fantastic assistance in providing results during the National Tournaments in June.



MAKE SURE YOU 'MEASURE UP'

Bowlers should be aware the National Technical Official Standing Committees' interpretation of the laws pertaining to who uses what measurement equipment is supported by the World Bowls Laws Committee.

BY A PLAYER: Law 23.3 does not limit what equipment a player may use, it says "that is, the use of equipment such as that described in law 54". The pertinent words are 'such as', which do not limit the player's choice.

Policy: A player may use any equipment while measuring to achieve a result, provided the outcome is acceptable to the opposition. Any disputed outcome may be referred to an umpire.

BY AN UMPIRE: The preamble to Law 54 states "suitable equipment to carry out the duties described in law 43. This equipment must at least include:" The pertinent words being "at least".

The law, therefore, does not specify which equipment should be used under what circumstances. An umpire is guided in this regard by the information presented during training and evaluation of proficiency. While a telescopic measure is not mentioned in the law, it is still accepted as an alternative measurement instrument in the Bowls SA Circular 49/2014 policy statement.

Policy: While it is preferable that umpires use the equipment prescribed during their training, this does not restrict them from using a telescopic measure during club, district or national events.

BY A MARKER: The Bowls SA Circular 49/2014 policy statement restricts the equipment a marker may use during Bowls SA Singles events and any other International Singles events where Bowls SA is the controlling body to:

- A box string measure
- Bullet string measure
- Wedges for the bowls and the jack.

Policy: The policy in circular 49/2014 is still applicable to Bowls SA events. It is up to the respective Executives to adopt and apply it at district and club level, but they are not bound to do so.

To maintain national uniformity, Bowls SA is keen such policies will be adopted and practised by all districts and clubs.

District standing committee should endorse this, say Bowls SA.

BSA CALENDAR 2018

JULY

06 - 14 Welsh Test Series
TBA, Wales

AUGUST

25 - 26 Workshop & Bowls SA Annual
General Meeting, Edenvale, EKB

SEPTEMBER

23 - 26 Warwick Bowls SA U/30
Inter District Championships,
Pietermaritzburg

NOVEMBER

12 - 18 World Singles CoC
Helenvale, Australia





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