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Bobby, Colleen did SA bowls proud

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

Proteas Bobby Donnelly and Colleen Piketh put up superb performances at the World Indoor Championships (sets format) at the Warwilla Bowls Club, near Sydney, Australia; each was in touch throughout the gruelling 11-round elimination series; both narrowly failed to win a medal.

Piketh, on debut and leading her section after consecutively defeating world champions awoke on the penultimate day with a "frozen" bowling shoulder. In spite of frenzied medical attention it affected her thrust to a podium finish and in spite of ultimately ending tied in second place in her section, the narrowest shot differences (shades of the 2012 Masters in PE) she was placed fifth – poor return for a bravura performance.

Donnelly was finally eliminated in his quest for a medal when, after a third place sectional ending, lost in a quarter-final play-off 8-2, 8-7 to Tony Wood (Australia). Wood, who had also beaten the South African Protea in an early qualification round was to become runner-up (see David Allen's report in this newsletter).

With the best singles players appearing from 24 of the world's top bowls nations, spectators were treated to feat of superb play on the fast (16sec+) carpet. Both South Africans were at a disadvantage, since other star players enjoyed regular competition on similar slick surfaces at home.

Piketh made a dream start in her section of 12 defeating Brunei 10-2, 13-0, then fancied Scotland 7-4, 4-8, 4-0 (tie-break) to stand on four points and in joint first place; Donnelly, in his third quest at this championships, traditionally a slow starter, began late in the



Colleen Piketh, left and Bobby Donnelly – indoor bowls magicians

day and won his first match 9-3, 6-6 against his Turkish opponent.

On Day 2; each recorded a win and a loss, but r remained well in the hunt. Donnelly beat Japan 6-6, 7-6, before narrowly going to Australia's Wood 9-7, 8-7; Piketh lost a tie-break teaser 0-15, 15-3, 2-3 to Malta before bouncing back with an 11-9, 11-5 victory over USA. Donnelly stood joint third; Piketh joint first, with plenty to come.

On Day 3 Piketh took control of her section with a stunning vic-



WORLD BEST: The colourful Indoor Championship field before the event; SA's Protea are top left



WINNERS: Multiple world champions Jeremy Henry (Australia) and Caroline Brown (Scotland) with their world indoor trophies

tory over triple world champion Karen Murphy (Australia) in the fifth round, winning 10-0, 8-6, then consolidating with a hard-fought victory over Macao 8-10, 12-5, 7-0 (tiebreaker). Two stunning victories by Donnelly 10-5, 8-8 against fancied Malaysia and 6-8 12-6, 4-3 against Brunei, elevated the former Commonwealth Games singles champion to a heady sectional second spot after six rounds.

On day 4 Bedfordview CC star Piketh took a tie-break to down Hong Kong China's representative 4-9, 10-5, 4-1; before losing a cliffhanger to one of world bowling's icons in multiple World Bows singles champion Carmen Anderson of Norfolk islands 9-4, 5-5. Anderson led the section on shot difference from the world's No 1 woman bowler, another world champion, in Jo Edwards (New Zealand), with Piketh third and just three qualifying rounds to go.

Donnelly, again produced scintillating bowls, both when going down in a tense tie-break to Ireland 10-5, 5-8, 1-2, then in defeating Netherlands 11-2, 7-4. The tall, tough Johannesburg player was in joint fourth spot – two points off a qualifying spot; USA led his section; three qualifiers remained.

With the sectional rounds running out and play-off time beckoning, South Africa's ace singles male and female bowlers need a final burst and some lady luck with the statistics to gain a joust for medal

But disaster loomed. Piketh woke up with a stiff bowling shoulder that required intense medical care, she ended joint second in her section after totaling eight stunning victories. Nevertheless, triumphs over multiple world champions, Scotland's Caroline Brown

(beaten by Piketh in Round 2 and eventually champion), Jo Edwards (New Zealand) and Murphy (Australia), were to no avail as they plus Anderson produced better shot differences denied the Protea a top three spot.

Bobby Donnelly, however, with one qualifier to go was in joint third spot and behind a play-off spot only on shot difference after losing in a tiebreak to sectional leader USA 13-4, 3-12, 1-2.

Donnelly then brilliantly won through to the "quarter-finals" play-offs clinching a place in his final qualifying round against Hong Kong China 12-6, 14-4 to end third in his section and met Australian Wood who defeated Donnelly 8-2, 8-7; he had also beaten the South African Protea in an early qualification round.

So no medal glory, but everything else ... bring on the Commonwealth games, both are in their final squads, both have left calling cards.



THE VENUE: The "dreaded" indoor lightening quick mat scene at Warwilla

How it panned out at Warwilla

By David Allen, editor, Inside Bowls

AFTER the final of last month's World Cup Indoor Singles, the bustle around the Warilla Bowls Club presentation area made the running of the bulls at Pamplona seem orderly.

The scrum, bearing all manner of photographic devices, pressed in on the new champions; adopted Aussie Jeremy Henry, fresh from an unprecedented third successive men's victory, and wide-eyed Caroline Brown from Scotland, who blitzed the toughest women's field ever assembled.

Both handled it with aplomb, especially Henry who has not only won a clutch of world titles before, but also this event twice previously and is a local hero; the vivacious Brown, who is less well-known on this side of the pond, lifted the 2007 WBT women's world indoor singles crown at Norfolk in England, while at the 2012 world outdoor championships in Adelaide she formed part of the gold-medal-winning Scotland team in the women's fours. Last month, in a withering second set burst she outgunned two-time champion Alison

Merrien from Guernsey, playing her fifth World Cup final, in an all-UK shootout.

In the men's main event, after a comfortable first set win, Henry crafted three shots on the final end of the second – when two down on the scorecard – to clinch the gold medal in an all-Australian tussle with national indoor singles champion Tony Wood.

'All-Australian' – now there's an adventurous phrase! Back in 1957 well-known author John O'Grady penned a wonderful book *They're A Weird Mob* about life Down Under that was eventually made into a hit movie. It's fair to suggest he may have had a point.

For instance, we have a much-revered war hero called John Simpson. Not a general or a field marshal, just a stretcher bearer with a donkey who was killed at Gallipoli in World War I. Only thing is, this knockabout Aussie bloke's real name was Kirkpatrick and he came from Durham, England.

Another much-loved larrikin was Teddy Whitten, a legendary Aussie

Rules player from Melbourne's western suburbs, who died in 1995 and was accorded a state funeral because of his prowess and popularity on a football field.

And of course there's Ned Kelly, our most famous folk hero, who was in fact a convicted police killer and hanged at the age of 25 in 1880, the same year in which the Royal Victorian Bowls Association, Australia's first, was formed in Melbourne. Legend has it that Ned was a good man on a horse, except it was usually some else's.

There are others - our most famous racehorse Phar Lap was actually bred in New Zealand, while our two most internationally acclaimed pop music groups, the Bee Gees and AC/DC were imports as well.

So it comes as no surprise that this 'all-Australian' final featured Jeremy Henry, a much-decorated former Irish international, and Tony Wood, whose ancestry qualifies him to represent Malta on the world stage. And it would make sense if the richly talented 25-year-old Victorian decided to do so - selectors have overlooked him for inclusion in elite pathway squads again this year.

Big Jeremy's quest for a third successive World Cup got underway in much the same manner as his previous campaigns - with a scare in round one when he was forced to pull out a brilliant conversion with his last bowl of the fourth tiebreak end to clinch the points against Singapore's Christian Huang.

The only other hiccup in Jeremy's push was a tight tiebreak loss to Scotland's Stewart Anderson, the 2013 WBT world indoor singles champion, in round 5. On the other side of the draw Tony was anything but convincing on day one when he lost both starts - to USA's Neil Furman and Malaysian southpaw Fairul Muin - but he raised the bar substantially from that point onwards.

Qualifying for World Cup finals is a tough gig - someone once suggested it could be the most difficult examination paper in sport - that getting through requires heaps of skill and mental toughness with a smidgen of luck thrown in. Once again players were forced to endure byes in sectional rounds - except women's section 1 - and this year an odd number of men plus the last-minute withdrawal of Pakistan's men's and women's representatives, who were denied exit visas at home, meant some players had eleven rounds in which to amass points, while men's section 1, for instance, only had nine.

Jeremy Henry won that section with just one loss - to Anderson as mentioned earlier - while the nuggety little Scotsman also only dropped one, to Kiwi Shannon McIlroy in round 8, but had less set wins. McIlroy won seven rounds to claim the third spot.

In section 2 Neil Furman, a San Diego international with a sweet technique, became the first American to top qualify in a world singles event, with his loss to Dutchman Andy Docter in round 2 being the only blemish to ten excellent outings on the Warilla carpet. Sectional top finishers graduate immediately to the semi finals while the next two best-performed are sent to the elimination round.

Tony Wood and South Africa's Bobby Donnelly grabbed those spots after Muin, the youthful Malaysian star who had led the section for four days, dropped his last three rounds to fall from contention.

Women's section 1 was a stellar line-up of great stars and probably needed all eleven rounds to arrive at three qualifiers. Former world champion Carmen Anderson from Norfolk Island topped the pool with nine wins, while current or former world titleholders Caroline Brown, Karen Murphy from Australia and New Zealand's Jo Edwards,

along with South African champion Colleen Piketh, all finished with eight. By virtue of superior set points Brown and Edwards went through to the eliminators.

On the comeback trail after a two-year absence from the international scene, dual Commonwealth Games singles gold medalist Lina Ahmad from Malaysia showed she is nearing her best again. She powered through the ten rounds in women's section 2, with a round nine loss to Shermeen Lim from Singapore being the only blot on a copybook performance. Only two players, Ireland's Cliodhna (pronounced 'clee-ona') Eadie and Alison Merrien from Guernsey, completed this section next best with eight wins and advanced to the day seven elimination finals.

It's only natural that there will be many great highlights and heart-warming moments from a week of qualifying.

Take day two for instance when world outdoor champion Karen Murphy dropped the first set in her match against Japan's Hiroko Emura 5-12, then powered through the second 26-3, before winning the tiebreaker 4-0. In the same round Malta's Carmen Spiteri and Colleen Piketh also engaged in a scoring spree when Spiteri prevailed 15-0 3-15 3-2 against the delightful South African.

It was also on day two that popular Ozkan Akar from Turkey, who charmed everyone at last year's world singles champion of champions in Christchurch, and again at Warilla last month, clinched his first international singles win. Even seasoned Irish international Neil Booth, who was on the receiving end, would not have begrudged Akar, a world-class Taekwondo exponent, his maiden victory.

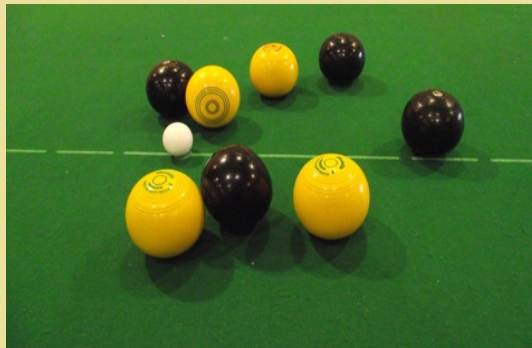
Whoever said 'bowls is a funny game' wasn't joking. On day four defending champion Jo Edwards continued her remarkable winning streak over Karen Murphy in the morning's seventh round, but lost her afternoon match to America's Dee McSparran. Ironically, back on day one Murphy eclipsed McSparran in a one-sided opening round 10-5 17-1. Go figure!

Earlier you read that Singapore's Shermeen Lim inflicted the only qualifying round loss on Malaysian great Lina Ahmad on day five, however, she also claimed the scalp of 2008 world outdoor singles champion Val Smith from New Zealand a few hours later to complete a memorable double for the young starlet.

And although lawn bowls is far from being a contact sport, several participants sustained injuries during this year's World Cup. Canada's Vincent Mai contemplated withdrawal with blurred vision, while Colleen Piketh contracted a frozen shoulder of her bowling arm - however, both soldiered on. Similarly, a team manager, who shall remain nameless, sustained a nasty blow to his forehead when he accidentally head-butted a column in the player's lounge - when reading a message on his cellphone - while he was moving about. There's a lesson in there somewhere.

Then there was the scary situation on day three when 2007 finalist Lorna Smith - this time in her guise as wife of World Bowls chief executive Gary Smith - spent nine hours in the nearby Shellharbour Hospital after complaining of severe chest pain. Thankfully she was released after a full and thorough examination, much to the relief of everyone at Warilla.

Four cracking elimination matches unearthed the semi final opponents for the four section winners as Tony Wood beat Bobby Donnelly, the 2002 Commonwealth Games singles gold medalist at



Manchester, for a second time in the event, while Shannon McIlroy repeated the dose on Stewart Anderson, who had been framed as hot favourite prior to the event.

In the women's eliminators the winners of the past six World Cups, Jo Edwards (4) and Alison Merrien (2) faced off in another of their herculean battles, with Alison winning the last three ends of the second set (after the first set was drawn), to move into the final four. On an adjacent rink Caroline Brown signified her intentions by winning the first set 15-2 against Cliodhna Eadie, dropping the second, then adding a 5-0 tiebreak score to claim a spot in the semi finals.

Brown's rich vein of form continued into the semi finals where she put on a display of almost flawless draw bowls to bundle Lina Ahmad out of the World Cup race. After trailing 1-6 from five first-set-ends, Brown only allowed the Malaysian superstar two more singles for the match, winning 10-6 10-2.

The other semi-final between the 'honourables' Alison Merrien MBE and Carmen Anderson OAM, saw Merrien recover from a 2-8 first set loss to claim the second 9-8, while a nail-biting tiebreaker saw the Guernsey star clinch the other berth in the women's final, her fifth.

Jeremy Henry moved into his fourth – he was a finalist in 2007,

representing Ireland, but lost narrowly to Australia's Kelvin Kerkow – when he won a hard-fought first set against Shannon McIlroy 8-7, then powered into the final with a commanding 11-1 scoreline in the second.

Sadly Neil Furman's American dream effectively came to an end on the sixth end of his semi final clash with Tony Wood when the scores sat at 4-4 in the first set. From there the Aussie took control, adding six shots over the last three ends, then, by conceding just two singles in the second while he collected ten, Wood secured his tilt at a first world title 10-4 10-2.

And this is where we came in. After drawing the first set with Merrien 7-7, Caroline Brown powered to championship victory with a mixture of deft draws and pinpoint accurate weighted shots to claim the second 12-2. It was a commanding performance.

The men's final saw Henry cruise to a comfortable 7-2 first set before Wood retaliated to be 7-4 up with two ends to play in the second and a tiebreaker imminent. However, a close drawn single on the penultimate end, then a beautifully crafted three on the last saw the popular Warilla bowls coordinator clinch his third World Cup in the 'all-Australian' championship final.

Results: 2014 World Cup Singles Championship

Day 1 Results:

Men:

Sec 1: Rd.1: J Henry (Aus) bt C Huang (Sin) 5-8 14-4 3-2, R Dixon (NFI) bt E Lee (Chi) 9-3 13-1, S McIlroy (NZL) bt I Merrien (Gue) 20-2 8-6, J Ng (Mac) bt C McGreal (IOM) 7-5 11-5. Rd.2: V Mai (Can) bt C McGreal (IOM) 10-6 9-4, J Henry (Aus) bt S McIlroy (NZL) 10-6 7-6, I Merrien (Gue) bt E Lee (Chn) 14-3 6-8 3-1, R Dixon (NFI) bt C Huang (Sin) 13-4 6-4.

Sec 2: Rd.1: N Furman (USA) bt T Wood (Aus) 8-7 12-4, H Rahman (Bru) bt O Akar (Tur) 6-6 7-7 5-0, F Muin (Mas) bt CL Fung (HKC) 12-8 12-2, S Tuikiligana (Fij) bt A Docter (Ned) 8-5 6-6, N Booth (Irl) bt K Hasebe (Jpn) 7-3 10-2. Rd.2: F Muin (Mas) bt T Wood (Aus) 8-7 6-7 4-3, K Hasebe (Jpn) bt H Rahman (Bru) 10-6 10-5, CL Fung (HKC) bt S Tuikiligana (Fij) 6-3 9-5, A Docter (Ned) bt N Furman (USA) 8-7 9-4, B Donnelly (RSA) bt O Akar (Tur) 9-3 6-6.

Women:

Sec 1: Rd.1: K Murphy (Aus) bt D McSparran (USA) 10-5 17-1, C Piketh (RSA) bt A Matali (Bru) 10-7 13-0, C Brown (Sco) bt T Tham (HKC) 11-4 8-5, S Bruce (Phi) bt H Emura (Jpn) 9-3 11-2, J Edwards (NZL) bt C Spiteri (Mlt) 15-5 11-5, C Anderson (NFI) bt N Lee (Mac) 8-8 11-4. Rd.2: K Murphy (Aus) bt C Anderson (NFI) 7-9 7-6 4-0, T Tham (HKC) bt C Spiteri (Mlt) 9-6 11-5, J Edwards (NZL) bt A Matali (Bru) 12-4 9-4, S Bruce (Phi) bt D McSparran (USA) 7-6 8-4, H Emura (Jpn) bt N Lee (Mac) 11-9 10-5, C Piketh (RSA) bt C Brown (Sco) 7-4 4-8 4-0.

Sec 2: Rd.1: A Merrien (Gue) bt G Copier (Ned) 11-7 12-3, V Smith (NZL) bt L Tikoisuva (Fij) 9-8 8-6, S Lim (Sin) bt K McKerihen (Can) 12-4 9-1, L Ahmad (Mas) bt C Eadie (Irl) 15-1 4-8 4-2, M Apter (Isr) bt B McGreal (IOM) 11-5 7-10 4-0. Rd.2: L Ahmad (Mas) bt K McKerihen (Can) 6-10 12-7 2-1, M Poon (Chn) bt M Apter (Isr) 9-2 11-4, L Tikoisuva (Fij) bt B McGreal (IOM) 7-9 13-3 2-1, C Eadie (Irl) bt A Merrien (Gue) 9-7 7-6, G Copier (Ned) bt S Lim (Sin) 6-9 10-9 3-2.

Day 2 Results:

Men:

Sec 1: Rd.3: J Henry (Aus) bt E Lee (Chn) 16-4 14-4, I Merrien (Gue) bt C Huang (Sin) 14-5 12-4, S Anderson (Sco) bt C McGreal (IOM) 9-4 13-6, R Dixon (NFI) bt S McIlroy (NZL) 4-9 12-6 4-0. Rd.4: J Ng (Mac) bt E Lee (Chn) 16-0 13-2, S Anderson (Sco) bt C Huang (Sin) 10-5 10-6, S McIlroy (NZL) bt V Mai (Can) 10-4 8-5, C McGreal (IOM) bt I Merrien (Gue) 5-10 9-3 4-1.

Sec 2: Rd.3: T Wood (Aus) bt S Tuikiligana (Fij) 10-4 11-4, N Furman (USA) bt CL Fung (HKC) 10-7 7-5, O Akar (Tur) bt N Booth (Irl) 6-7 10-6 5-2, B Donnelly (RSA) bt K Hasebe (Jpn) 6-6 7-6, F Muin (Mas) bt A Docter (Ned) 13-4 11-5. Rd.4: T Wood (Aus) bt B Donnelly (RSA) 9-7 8-7, A Docter (Ned) bt H Rahman (Bru) 12-5 4-9 4-3, K Hasebe (Jpn) bt S Tuikiligana (Fij) 10-8 7-5, N Booth (Irl)

bt CL Fung (HKC) 9-3 12-4, N Furman (USA) bt O Akar (Tur) 9-4 13-7.

Women:

Sec.1: Rd.3: A Matali (Bru) bt T Tham (HKC) 6-9 8-6 2-1, C Anderson (NFI) bt S Bruce (Phi) 11-6 12-4, C Spiteri (Mlt) bt C Piketh (RSA) 15-0 3-15 3-2, C Brown (Sco) bt J Edwards (NZL) 11-2 11-8, K Murphy (Aus) bt H Emura (Jpn) 5-12 26-3 4-0, D McSparran (USA) bt N Lee (Mac) 8-6 10-6. Rd.4: C Brown (Sco) bt K Murphy (Aus) 8-6 10-3, S Bruce (Phi) bt A Matali (Bru) 7-4 9-2, C Anderson (NFI) bt T Tham (HKC) 9-7 8-5, J Edwards (NZL) bt H Emura (Jpn) 16-0 8-6, C Spiteri (Mlt) bt N Lee (Mac) 15-3 5-9 3-2, C Piketh (RSA) bt D McSparran (USA) 11-9 11-5.

Sec 2: Rd.3: A Merrien (Gue) bt K McKerihen (Can) 11-5 8-4, L Tikoisuva (Fij) bt M Poon (Chn) 11-7 8-6, C Eadie (Irl) bt S Lim (Sin) 9-6 7-5, V Smith (NZL) bt M Apter (Isr) 8-5 13-3, L Ahmad (Mas) bt G Copier (Ned) 13-2 15-1. Rd.4: K McKerihen (Can) bt V Smith (NZL) 7-6 11-6, G Copier (Ned) bt M Poon (Chn) 13-8 9-10 5-0, L Ahmad (Mas) bt L Tikoisuva (Fij) 19-6 9-8, A Merrien (Gue) bt M Apter (Isr) 15-2 19-2, C Eadie (Irl) bt B McGreal (IOM) 15-1 11-2, 9-7 8-7, A Docter (Ned) bt H Rahman (Bru) 12-5 4-9 4-3, K Hasebe (Jpn) bt S Tuikiligana (Fij) 10-8 7-5, N Booth (Irl) bt CL Fung (HKC) 9-3 12-4, N Furman (USA) bt O Akar (Tur) 9-4 13-7.

Day 3

Men:

Sec 1: Rd.5: S Anderson (Sco) bt J Henry (Aus) 8-5 4-10 3-1, I Merrien (Gue) bt V Mai (Can) 10-2 11-4, C McGreal (IOM) bt E Lee (Chn) 11-9 11-4, R Dixon (NFI) bt J Ng (Mac) 10-5 10-5. Rd.6: J Henry (Aus) bt R Dixon (NFI) 14-3 15-4, J Ng (Mac) bt V Mai (Can) 8-5 7-7, S McIlroy (NZL) bt E Lee (Chn) 9-7 12-6, S Anderson (Sco) bt I Merrien (Gue) 11-6 7-6, C Huang (Sin) bt C McGreal (IOM) 10-3 8-6. Sec 2: Rd.5: T Wood (Aus) bt O Akar (Tur) 5-8 11-10 4-1, N Furman (USA) bt H Rahman (Bru) 9-4 6-5, N Booth (Irl) bt S Tuikiligana (Fij) 11-4 7-11 3-1, K Hasebe (Jpn) bt A Docter (Ned) 6-7 7-5 2-1, B Donnelly (RSA) bt F Muin (Mas) 10-5 8-8. Rd.6: T Wood (Aus) bt A Docter (Ned) 5-6 9-6 2-1, F Muin (Mas) bt S Tuikiligana (Fij) 15-4 7-4, B Donnelly (RSA) bt H Rahman (Bru) 6-8 12-6 4-3, CL Fung (HKC) bt O Akar (Tur) 9-6 14-2, N Furman (USA) bt N Booth (Irl) 10-6 9-5.

Women:

Sec 1: Rd.5: C Piketh (RSA) bt K Murphy (Aus) 10-9 8-6, D McSparran (USA) bt A Matali (Bru) 10-8 2-11 3-1, N Lee (Mac) bt C T Tham (HKC) 8-6 8-6, C Spiteri (Mlt) bt H Emura (Jpn) 13-4 4-7 5-1, J Edwards (NZL) bt S Bruce (Phi) 7-6 9-9, C Anderson (NFI) bt C Brown (Sco) 7-7 10-6. Rd.6: K Murphy (Aus) bt S Bruce (Phi) 6-7 15-2 5-2, C Brown (Sco) bt A Matali (Bru) 11-6 13-6, J Edwards (NZL) bt T Tham (HKC) 7-4 9-6, H Emura (Jpn) bt C Anderson (NFI) 10-5 0-17 4-0, C Piketh (RSA) bt N Lee (Mac) 8-10 12-5 7-0, C Spiteri (Mlt) bt D McSparran

(USA) 10-6 11-9. Sec 2: Rd.5: S Lim (Sin) bt M Poon (Chn) 10-4 9-7, L Tikoisuva (Fij) bt C Eadie (Irl) 7-7 12-4, A Merrien (Gue) bt B McGreal (IOM) 10-2 21-0, G Copier (Ned) bt M Apter (Isr) 9-7 12-2, L Ahmad (Mas) bt V Smith (NZL) 10-4 8-7. Rd.6: K McKerihen (Can) bt G Copier (Ned) 10-6 19-2, V Smith (NZL) bt M Poon (Chn) 12-4 14-3, M Apter (Isr) bt L Tikoisuva (Fij) 3-11 8-7 3-2, L Ahmad (Mas) bt A Merrien (Gue) 12-2 10-4, S Lim (Sin) bt B McGreal (IOM) 10-8 12-6.

Day 4

Men:

Sec 1: Rd.7: J Henry (Aus) bt J Ng (Mac) 11-4 10-4, S Anderson (Sco) bt V Mai (Can) 11-3 10-6, C Huang (Sin) bt E Lee (Chn) 13-3 9-4, R Dixon (NFI) bt I Merrien (Gue) 5-15 18-3 3-1. Rd.8: J Henry (Aus) bt C McGreal (IOM) 9-3 14-8, V Mai (Can) bt E Lee (Chn) 12-5 4-6 5-0, C Huang (Sin) bt J Ng (Mac) 10-7 4-8 4-3, S McIlroy (NZL) bt S Anderson (Sco) 8-7 7-6. Sec 2: Rd.7: T Wood (Aus) bt K Hasebe (Jpn) 7-8 16-1 6-0, F Muin (Mas) bt H Rahman (Bru) 9-7 10-5, N Furman (USA) bt S Tuikiligana (Fij) 11-3 10-4, A Docter (Ned) bt CL Fung (HKC) 11-2 4-8 6-2, N Booth (Irl) bt B Donnelly (RSA) 5-10 8-4 2-1. Rd.8: T Wood (Aus) bt N Booth (Irl) 11-9 7-9 3-2, H Rahman (Bru) bt CL Fung (HKC) 14-4 13-4, N Furman (USA) bt K Hasebe (Jpn) 5-11 8-5 4-2, F Muin (Mas) bt O Akar (Tur) 18-3 7-5, B Donnelly (RSA) bt A Docter (Ned) 11-2 7-4.

Women:

Sec 1: Rd.7: J Edwards (NZL) bt K Murphy (Aus) 16-4 7-7, C Anderson (NFI) bt A Matali (Bru) 12-6 13-2, C Piketh (RSA) bt T Tham (HKC) 4-9 10-5 4-1, D McSparran (USA) bt H Emura (Jpn) 9-7 9-5, N Lee (Mac) bt S Bruce (Phi) 7-8 14-6 4-2, C Spiteri (Mlt) bt C Brown (Sco) 3-11 8-3 4-2. Rd.8: K Murphy (Aus) bt C Spiteri (Mlt) 13-2 16-5, A Matali (Bru) bt N Lee (Mac) 9-3 8-7, H Emura (Jpn) bt T Tham (HKC) 6-4 6-9 4-0, D McSparran (USA) bt J Edwards (NZL) 5-9 7-5 3-2, C Anderson (NFI) bt C Piketh (RSA) 9-4 5-5, C Brown (Sco) bt S Bruce (Phi) 11-6 12-3. Sec 2: Rd.7: K McKerihen (Can) bt M Apter (Isr) 13-5 9-3, L Ahmad (Mas) bt M Poon (Chn) 16-2 13-2, A Merrien (Gue) bt S Lim (Sin) 10-4 4-10 2-1, C Eadie (Irl) bt G Copier (Ned) 11-5 12-2, V Smith (NZL) bt B McGreal (IOM) 3-7 17-2 3-1. Rd.8: K McKerihen (Can) bt B McGreal (IOM) 6-8 20-2 5-0, A Merrien (Gue) bt L Tikoisuva (Fij) 12-5 9-5, C Eadie (Irl) bt M Poon (Chn) 5-9 12-5 5-0, S Lim (Sin) bt M Apter (Isr) 6-10 11-6 2-1, V Smith (NZL) bt G Copier (Ned) 15-2 17-1.

Day 5

Men:

Sec 1: Rd.9: S Anderson (Sco) bt J Ng (Mac) 11-5 12-2, J Henry (Aus) bt I Merrien (Gue) 6-4 6-5, S McIlroy (NZL) bt C Huang (Sin) 3-9 13-4 3-2, V Mai (Can) bt R Dixon (NFI) 11-2 8-5. Progressive standings: Henry 14 points 14 sets +87 shots; Anderson 12, 11, +50; McIlroy 10, 10, +36; Dixon 10, 8, +11; Merrien 6, 7, +6; Huang 6, 7, -24; Ng 6, 6.5, 0; Mai 6, 5.5, -13; McGreal 4, 3 -10; Lee 0, 2, -113. Sec 2: Rd.9: T Wood (Aus) bt CL Fung (HKC) 15-3 10-2, N Booth (Irl) bt H Rahman (Bru) 10-6 6-7 3-1, K Hasebe (Jpn) bt O Akar (Tur) 13-7 13-6, B Donnelly (RSA) bt S Tuikiligana (Fij) 11-9 13-5, N Furman (USA) bt F Muin (Mas) 9-4 7-6.

Progressive standings: Furman 16 points 15 sets +50 shots; Wood 14, 11, +41; Muin 12, 11.5, +56; Donnelly 12, 10.5, +36; Booth 10, 9, +20; Hasebe 8, 9.5, +3; Docter 6, 6.5, -20; Rahman 4, 6, -12; Fung 4, 5, -55; Akar 2, 1, -57; Tuikiligana 2, 1, -62.

Women:

Sec 1: Rd.9: K Murphy (Aus) bt N Lee (Mac) 16-2 9-5, C Spiteri (Mlt) bt A Matali (Bru) 11-7 10-3, T Tham (HKC) bt S Bruce (Phi) 4-9 6-5 3-2, C Brown (Sco) bt H Emura (Jpn) 10-6 11-5, J Edwards (NZL) bt C Piketh (RSA) 14-2 9-4, C Anderson (NFI) bt D McSparran (USA) 11-4 14-5. Rd.10: K Murphy (Aus) bt T Tham (HKC) 11-5 7-6, A Matali (Bru) bt H Emura (Jpn) 6-9 10-8 3-2, J Edwards (NZL) bt N Lee (Mac) 12-3 14-4, C Anderson (NFI) bt C Spiteri (Mlt) 11-4 8-5, C Piketh (RSA) bt S Bruce (Phi) 6-5 10-6, C Brown (Sco) bt D McSparran (USA) 15-4 16-3.

Progressive standings: Anderson 16 points 16.5 sets +90 shots; Edwards 16, 16, +92; Brown 14, 16.5, +91; Piketh 14, 12.5, +11; Murphy 14, 11.5, +72; Spiteri 12, 8, -26; McSparran 8, 6, -78; Bruce 6, 9.5, -18; Emura 6, 7, -76; Matali 6, 5, -67; Tham 4, 6, -25; Lee 4, 5.5, -66.

Sec 2: Rd.9: C Eadie (Irl) bt K McKerihen (Can) 10-5 7-6, L Tikoisuva (Fij) bt G Copier (Ned) 18-1 11-9, M Poon (Chn) bt B McGreal (IOM) 10-3 10-3, S Lim (Sin) L Ahmad (Mas) 9-9 8-5, A Merrien (Gue) bt V Smith (NZL) 2-12 8-5 3-2. Rd.10: K McKerihen (Can) bt Tikoisuva (Fij) 4-7 7-5 4-0, A Merrien (Gue) bt M Poon (Chn) 9-6 12-6 C Eadie (Irl) bt M Apter (Isr) 4-8 11-4 2-1, L Ahmad (Mas) bt B McGreal (IOM) 10-3 17-2, S Lim (Sin) bt V Smith (NZL) 6-3 9-4.

Progressive standings: Ahmad 16 points 14.5 sets +117 shots; Merrien 16, 14, +76; Eadie 14, 13.5, +41; Lim 12, 12.5, +41; Smith 10, 10, +61; McKerihen 10, 9, +23; Tikoisuva 8, 8.5, +21; Copier 6, 4, -109; Poon 4, 6, -46; Apter 4, 4, -91;

McGreal 0, 4, -134.

Day 6

Men:

Sec 1: Rd.10: J Henry (Aus) bt V Mai (Can) 9-5 11-7, I Merrien (Gue) bt J Ng (Mac) 7-10 9-6 3-1, S McIlroy (NZL) bt C McGreal (IOM) 10-4 14-3, S Anderson (Sco) bt R Dixon (NFI) 11-6 10-6.

Progressive standings: Henry 16 points, 16 sets, +95 shots; Anderson 14, 13, +59; McIlroy 12, 12, +53; Dixon 10, 8, +2; Merrien 8, 8, +6; Ng 6, 7.5, 0; Huang 6, 7, -24; Mai 6, 5.5, -21; McGreal 6, 5.5, -21; Lee 0, 2, -113.

Sec 2: Rd.10: S Tuikiligana (Fij) bt H Rahman (Bru) 2-12 11-3 2-1, K Hasebe (Jpn) bt CL Fung (HKC) 9-8 14-4, N Booth (Irl) bt F Muin (Mas) 7-7 8-7, A Docter (Ned) bt O Akar (Tur) 7-10 10-5 6-2, N Furman (USA) bt B Donnelly (RSA) 13-4 3-12 2-1.

Progressive standings: Furman 18 points 16 sets +50 shots; Wood, 14, 11, +41; Muin 12, 12, +55; Donnelly 12, 11.5, +36; Booth 12, 10.5, +21; Hasebe 10, 11.5, +14; Docter 8, 7.5, -14; Rahman 4, 7, -10; Fung 4, 5, -66; Tuikiligana 4, 3.5, -64; Akar 2, 4.5, -63.

Women:

Sec 1: Rd.11: K Murphy (Aus) bt A Matali (Bru) 8-4 14-7, T Tham (HKC) bt D McSparran (USA) 6-6 10-5, C Piketh (RSA) bt H Emura (Jpn) 7-8 14-7 3-2, C Brown (Sco) bt N Lee (Mac) 10-6 10-5, S Bruce (Phi) bt C Spiteri (Mlt) 6-9 10-4 2-1, C Anderson (NFI) bt J Edwards (NZL) 7-4 6-5.

Final standings: Anderson 18 points 18.5 sets +94 shots; Brown 16, 18.5, +100; Edwards 16, 16, +88; Murphy 16, 13.5, +83; Piketh 16, 13.5, +17; Spiteri 12, 9, -29; Bruce 8, 10.5, -15; McSparran 8, 6.5, -83; Emura 8, 8, -82; Tham 6, 7.5, -20; Matali 6, 5, -78; Lee 4, 5.5, -75.

Sec 2: Rd.11: K McKerihen (Can) bt M Poon (Chn) 9-11 14-6 3-1, S Lim (Sin) bt L Tikoisuva (Fij) 7-9 13-3 5-1, C Eadie (Irl) bt V Smith (NZL) 12-8 4-14 4-2, G Copier (Ned) bt B McGreal (IOM) 10-4 14-5, L Ahmad (Mas) bt M Apter (Isr) 11-7 8-9 5-2.

Final standings: Ahmad 18 points 15.5 sets +120 shots; Eadie 16, 14.5, +35; Merrien 16, 14, +76; Lim 14, 13.5, +49; McKerihen 12, 10, +29; Smith 10, 11, +67; Tikoisuva 8, 9.5, +13; Copier 8, 6, -94; Poon 4, 7, -52; Apter 4, 5, -94; McGreal 0, 4, -149.

Day 7:

Men:

Sec 1: Rd.10: C Huang (Sin) bt V Mai (Can) 7-11 13-3 2-1, S Anderson (Sco) bt E Lee (Chn) 13-2 15-2, R Dixon (NFI) bt C McGreal (IOM) 13-1 6-5, S McIlroy (NZL) bt J Ng (Mac) 10-3 10-8.

Final standings: Henry 16 points 16 sets +95 shots; Anderson 16, 15, +83; McIlroy 14, 14, +62; Dixon 12, 10, +15; Merrien 8, 8, +6; Huang 8, 8, -18; Ng 6, 7.5, -9; Mai 6, 6.5, -27; McGreal 4, 3, -70; Lee 0, 2, -137.

Sec 2: Rd.10: T Wood (Aus) bt H Rahman (Bru) 6-5 8-5, Tuikiligana (Fij) bt O Akar (Tur) 17-2 8-5, B Donnelly (RSA) bt CL Fung (HKC) 12-6 14-4, N Booth (Irl) bt A Docter (Ned) 6-6 10-4, K Hasebe (Jpn) bt F Muin (Mas) 10-6 7-6.

Final standings: Furman 18 points 16 sets +50 shots; Wood 16, 13, +45; Donnelly 14, 13.5, +52; Booth 14, 12, +27; Hasebe 12, 13.5, 19; Muin 12, 12, +50; Docter 8, 8, -20; Tuikiligana 6, 5.5, -46; Rahman 4, 7, -14; Fung 4, 5, -82; Akar 2, 4.5 -81.

Elimination finals: S McIlroy (NZL) bt S Anderson (Sco) 8-7 2-11 2-1, T Wood (Aus) bt B Donnelly (RSA) 8-2 8-7.

Women:

Elimination finals: A Merrien (Gue) bt J Edwards (NZL) 9-9 8-6, C Brown (Sco) bt C Eadie (Ire) 15-2 4-10 5-0.

Day 8

Women:

Semi-finals: A Merrien (Guernsey) bt C Anderson (Norfolk Island) 2-8 9-8 3-1; C Brown (Scotland) bt L Ahmad (Malaysia) 10-6 10-2.

Men:

Semi-finals: J Henry (Australia) bt S McIlroy (NZ) 8-7 11-1; T Wood (Australia) beat Neil Furman (USA) 10-4. 10-2.

Finals: Brown beat Merrien 7-7, 12-2; Henry beat Wood 7-2, 8-7. Bowls

From the president's desk: Well done to all who ensured nationals' success

Another pair of SA national tournaments have come and gone. Thanks to Ian Kilbride and Warwick Wealth our sponsors and all those who gave of their time and expertise to ensure all went smoothly. Even the weather co-operated and the feared Cape Town wind behaved.

Great play and SA bowls history re-written by Morgan Muvhango of Sables –all about that next month.

Greens were generally reported by the players as good; catering excellent all round and in spite of congestion as the better of us qualified for three play-offs, it all sorted (with at times considerable juggling) itself out. Congrats to all involved

Next year the men are in Edenvale; women in PE.

Great news is South African lawn bowls, in partnership with Perfect Delivery Brokers, is to introduce a ranking system for its 25 000 men and women players. It will emulate the successful ranking system adopted by cricket, but not form part of the national selection criteria; merely to stimulate interest among the more competi-

tive players.

Reports are that thousands of bowlers are eyeing handsome prize money on offer in the national Specsavers Bowls SA Pro10 Pairs. In recognition of the sponsor's head office, finals are at Mill Park, Port Elizabeth from September 13-14, before rotating annually between Gauteng, Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

First prize is R15 000, with R10 000 for the unners-up; other prizes are commensurate; local top qualifiers win R3 000; entry fees are modes – plenty to play for. Plus finalists' travel, accommodation and meals costs are met by the sponsor.

Don't forget to bring a friend to bowls ... you sport needs your help.



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SHINING THROUGH:

The U-19 champions:
From left, (back): **Alwayn Martignone, Andy Strong** BSA Executive Member and NSCPD representative, **Duncan McKendrick, Fanny Meyeridricks;** (front) **Dougie Slabbert, manager, Flippie van Vreden, Ruben Kenchenten** – well done KZN

Talent identification zone camps

The following bowlers are invited to participate in zone camps. Bowels SA's Jacqui Atkinson is responsible for the logistics and selected individuals can expect to be contacted to discuss travel and accommodation details.

Cape; Durbanville BC: June 27-28

Women		Men	
Anita Groenewald	WPB	Stephan de Jager	BOL
Lydia Maritz	WPB	Stoffel Lambrecht	BOL
Magrietha van Zyl	WPB	Leon Beer	BOL
Elma Davis	EDB	Ian van Heerden	BOR
Maryke Rabie	EDB	Chad Wakeford	BOR
Lesley Beviss Challinor	BOL	Tarquin Ormston	BOR
Engela Lambrechts	BOL	Kepler Wessels	EPB
Diane Ahrens	EPB	Henk Barnard	EDB
Dalena Muller	EPB	Cornelius Kotze	WPB
Sandy Smart	EPB	Theo van der Walt	WPB
Debbie Bradfield	BOR	Schalk Kotze	WPB
Deborah Krull	BOR	Eugene Ferreira	WPB
		Billy Raddloff	EDB

Natal; Maritzburg BC: June 27-28

Women		Men	
Glenda Matthews	PNB	Norman Forbes	KZN
Leonie Koedyk	PNB	Braam van Zyl	KZN
Maria Dreyer	PNB	Laylon Howard	KZN
Minette Hatton Jones	PNB	Barry Mutlow	KZN
Sarie Bisset	PNB	Bradley Robinson	NIB
Nan Roos	KZN	Brendan Ainley	NIB
Samantha Shaw	KZN	Bruce Makkink	PNB
Noela Dreyer	KZN	Clinton Roberts	PNB
Barbara Baleri	KZN	Wayne Ritmuller	PNB
Zelda Siebert	NIB	Dion Audie	PNB
Erika Fischer	NIB	Graham Schouten	PNB
Esta Wenzel	KBA		

Free State; Bloemfontein Municipals BC: June 27-28

Women		Men	
Adri van Niekerk	SFS	Dudley Daniels	NCB
Natasha Roets	SFS	Francois Venter	NFS
Brunhilde Gerber	SFS	Loffie Cronje	NFS
Andrea Cloete	SFS	Allan Breytenbach	NFS
Yolanda Watkins	SFS	Roe Wiid	SFS
Jennifer Mackay	NFS	Vusi Mphale	SFS
Talia Russon	NFS	Clinton Roets	SFS
Gail Mackay	NFS	Wayne York	SFS
Tracy Jacobs	NFS	Brendan Bakkes	SFS
Annelie Mathewson	NCB	Arno Greyling	SFS
Helena Hardy	SED	Darryn Stephen	SFS
Vicky Slater	SED	Zane Roets	SFS

Gauteng; Edenvale BC: June13-14

Women

Peta Smith	JBA
Tracy Herrington	JBA
Tracy Meyeridricks	JBA
Heather Pembroke	JBA
Charlotte Rossouw	JBA
Jacqui J van Rensburg	JBA
Louise Roediger	JBA/WPB
Esme Kruger	BGN
Chantellel Nell	BGN
Ina Fourie	BGN
Sue Tarr	BGN
Shimanda Nepgen	EKB
Jillian Booth	NWB
Rika Lynn	SBA
Ute Smith	SBA
Loureth Otto	LBA

Men

Francois Koen	BGN
Bernadus v d Spuy	BGN
Dylan Mitchell	BGN
Andrew Barrow	EKB
Duanne Abrahams	JBA
Martin Lewis	JBA
Shaun Janse van Vuuren	MPL
Tinus Crous	NWB
Jabulani Nkosi	NWB
JJ Bedford Owen	SBA
Morgan Muvhango	SBA
George Lotter	SED

A real Darling of a day for Warwick

Up the West Coast to "Dirk's" Darling is usually a pleasant trip, writes Rob Martin Warwick Sports Officer. But, accompanied by investment specialist Dieter Timmerman, the day began with thick fog on the west coast and the trip was appearing a futile exercise. Fortunately, however, it then cleared as rapidly as it had come.

The Warwick sponsored day rolled off right on time at 9am and the sun started showed itself; soon the mercury soared.

A highly competitive day ensued that swung this way and that before home player Marius van Der Mescht and his team finished top of the pile; congratulations to Marius Ann and Tom.



SALUT: The wine that went as prizes at DarlingWarwilla



GOING DUTCH: Winners at Darling from Langebaan Country Estate – from left Tom Tromp, Marius Van Der Mescht (skip), Ann Tromp with Rob Martin

The food was delicious and the sponsors' representatives allowed a second helping, courtesy of president, Ada Smith along with he vice-president, Parker Kriel and treasurer, John Parrott,

The presentation prizes were excellent with more than 80 bottles of fine quality wine ensured just about everyone went home happy.

Well done Darling BC and all those who made the all-day so successful.



WARWICK WINNERS:

Best of the day at a Warwick wealth day at Plumstead earlier in the year were: From left: Geoff Perrow, Darryll Edwards, Annette Laing (co-sponsor), Vince Taylor, John Stamper

World Bowls news/communications initiative

THE Directors and Staff of World Bowls Limited are thrilled to announce a corporate partnership with the international online magazine Inside Bowls.

Now in its third year of publication, Inside Bowls has been dispensing best quality editorial/pictorial content dedicated to the sport of lawn bowls at www.insidebowls.com and has clearly demonstrated the expertise, experience and integrity necessary to become an information vehicle for the sport's global governing body.

"We know the people at Inside Bowls extremely well, they are the sport's premier writers and photographers – their most senior journalists, UK columnist David Rhys Jones, South Africa's Alan Simmonds and editor David Allen from Australia, have more than ninety years of experience in bowls media between them."

Inside Bowls will provide a section in each edition for news and information from the offices of World Bowls and welcomes editorial and photographic submissions from the organisation's member nations.

"The board of World Bowls Limited encourages all nations to bring this initiative to the attention of their members – and hopefully urge them to become registered readers so that every time the magazine is released, it will be sent to them immediately and at no cost."

Smith added: "Inside Bowls has a 'No Boundaries – Just Bowls' policy which ensures that matters (or boundaries) such as geography, gender, age, ability and money are non-issues – we simply publish 'good bowls stories' – not necessarily tournament reports – for the enjoyment of all bowlers."

Said editor David Allen: "We're here to serve all bowlers from all points of the compass. Our sincere pledge is to dispense good bowls stories, whether they be from the huge palatial venues like some of the sport's great coastal resorts, or the smallest, most isolated bowls outposts on the bowls landscape, they are all



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David Allen



Gary Smith

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Bowls SA Roundup

Standing committees' revue

Bowls SA's executive have standing national committees (NSC) on their agenda for this year and to assist them with the process it would be appreciated if districts would nominate suitable persons to serve; a one-page CV should accompany each nomination. Existing members of NSCs will automatically be reconsidered and should not submit an up-dated CV. If any existing member wishes not to be considered they should inform Bowls SA on or before the closing date of July 31. The Bowls SA executive is sole arbitrator regarding appointments to academy, selectors (men and women), coaches, disability, greenkeepers and technical officials NSCs.

National camp date change

The national camp to which 64 candidates will be invited to compete for places on the Gold Squad has been postponed until September 19-21 at a venue to be advised. Names of selectees will be published after the zone camps. The change of date is to allow for current Gold Squad members to attend the national camp after the Commonwealth Games and provide sufficient time for the national selectors to consider their options.

Districts give nod to 'we want' system

A majority of districts have replied to a query from the president of Bowls SA, Allan Freeman for a return to the previous system where districts applied to host national tournaments; a resolution confirming this will be tabled at the AGM, but, districts may immediately apply to host 2015 tournaments. Applications should include full motivation and detail suitability of facilities, accommodation, standard of greens, and experience in organisation of similar tournaments.

Events to consider are:

- > Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Interdistricts.
- > Bowls SA B Interdistricts
- > Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Senior Interdistricts
- > Warwick: Bowls SA Under-25 Interdistricts
- > Bowls SA Under-19 Development Tournament
- > Bowls SA Mixed Pairs

Tournament venues for 2015

BowlsSA have allocated events for 2015 as indicated: clubs required for inspection are indicated:

- Warwick: Bowls SA Masters. JBA
- Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Inter-Dist (Port Natal) 6
- Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Senior Inter-Dist (Eden Bowls) 6
- Bowls SA: "B" Inter-Dist (Gauteng North) 6
- Warwick: Bowls SA Under 25 Inter-Dist (Southern Free State) 4
- Bowls SA: Under 19 Development (Southern Free State) 4
- Warwick: Bowls SA Women's Nationals (Eastern Province) 4
- Warwick: Bowls SA Men's Nationals (Ekurhuleni) 4
- Bowls SA: Mixed Pairs (Boland) 2
- SpecSavers: Bowls SA Pro 10 Pairs (JBA) 4

Laws re-visited

The Laws Committee of World Bowls has suggested changes to the laws to be approved at the World Bowls Biennial Council Meeting in Glasgow on August 2 after national authorities have had their final say.: Law 37.1.9: 37.1.9 Skips can, at any time, delegate their own powers and any of their own duties to any other members of the team as long as they tell the opposing skip immediately ... watch this space.



GETTING SET: Australia's Jeremy Henry (formerly of Ireland), seen just before the World Indoor Championships at Warwilla, NSW, where he vowed to make it a hat-trick of wins – he did!

Inside Bowls a MUST read for all

Editor David Allen's magnificent Australian on-line bowls magazine Inside Bowls is available free on-line to everyone. It is now the official magazine of World Bowls - a contract for two years (See article this newsletter).

First club call

Members of more than one club within a district must annually, at the beginning of each district financial year nominate their 'first call club'. Members of more than one club who wish to change their 'first call club' during a financial year should in writing, via the new club, re-nominate their 'first call club' to be entitled to compete in the balance of the years district competitions. A waiting period of 30 days from the notification of change applies before a member is entitled to compete in any district event in which they have already participated. Bowlers wishing to represent a second call club at the national championships may do so provided that they provide the tournament committee with written permission from their first call club.

What is a novice?

The Bowls SA executive have declared a bona fide member of a club affiliated to Bowls South Africa, having been registered as a member with any national bowling association for not more than three (3) years at the date of the commencement of the specific event, is considered a novice. Any bowler having won a national, provincial, district or club Singles Championship shall not be eligible to be viewed as a novice.

Glasgow format disclosed

World Bowls has announced the finalised format of play for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Kelvingrove, Glasgow, from July 23-August 2 as singles 21 shots; three-bowl pairs to 18 ends; two bowl trips to 18 ends and fours over 15 ends, with an imposition of 2hrs 15 min (not including trial ends) for all sectional (group stage) matches. There is no time limit for the KO stages, slow play rules apply.

Affiliation fees for 2014 from:

July R87,50; August R72,90; September R58,30; October R43,75; November R29,25; December R14,60.

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