



Outstanding coaching programme for school learners and teachers born

Bowls SA's National Standing Committee; Coaches (NSCC) has designed two short courses for high and primary school teachers to assist learners to play bowls. This outstanding initiative is to be lauded and will be welcomed by educators and learners alike.

For long this writer has advocated that a structured coaching system at schools would greatly assist interested teachers in having bowls as a sport incorporated into curriculum; Bowls SA is geared to assist all who embrace the far-seeing scheme.

The move will speed government desired transformation, widen the bowls umbrella and introduce a wide range of new players and administrators from all communities.

Basically the system covers:

1. Primary Schools: Involving New Age Bowls and,
2. High Schools: Involves teachers on the green as an assistant to a qualified coach. The qualification is valid for four years, after which a refresher course must be taken.

District Standing Committee coaches (DSCC) are responsible for training teachers in their respective districts – individually or as a group. On completion of the course the DSCC will register the teachers' details (name, ID number and language of choice) with



THE FUTURE: Under-25 North West team at Edenvale ... from left, Meshack Khali, David Dlamini, Chrisstof Waki, Jabu Nkosi ...how transformation works

BowlsSA which will issue a relevant certificate.

All requests must be routed through the NSCC convenor, Brian Sayce sayso@sherwood.za.net for

final approval. Any queries regarding the process should be referred to the relevant NSCC liaison coach.



ON THEIR WAY: The victorious WP men's U-19 team at Klerksdorp; outstanding coach and manager Paul Cohen is second from left ... getting bowls to the youth

The courses



Level 0 Coach Training Outcomes

Level 0 (Primary School) – New Age Bowls

Goal: Manage New-Age Bowling sessions with pupils, on whatever surface is available.

The Primary School New Age Bowler should experience:

- How to set up New Age Bowls & play games
- How to run a mini-tournament

Training through 2 sessions

Prescribed Material *Introduction to Bowls*

Certification: Attendance only

Level 0 (High School) – High School

Goals:

- Competent to assist a qualified coach in youth sessions
- Competent to provide basic technical assistance to youth players.

The High School Sport Leader should show competence in::

- Explaining & demonstrating the Clinic Technique (grip, stance & delivery; jack & bowl)
- Understand basic laws and how a game works

Training through 4 x 2-2.5 hr sessions (final session includes formative evaluation)

Prescribed Material: *Introduction to Bowls, Observation Routine / Fault Correction Mind-maps*

Certification: Competency Achievement

Note: Course plans available from NSCC



Level 0 (Outdoor) Coaches Course

	Time	Topic	Resources	Notes
1.	20	Set up	Set(s) of New Age / Indoor Bowls	✓ Show the teacher(s) how to set up and score a game using New Age bowls
	40	Clinic GSD	Introduction to Bowls 2 mats, 1 jack, 4 bowls per teacher	✓ Practice Clinic Technique using 10m Mat (Lesson 1 for new player) ✓ Play up and down on own rinks.
	30	Game Observation	2 Fours teams playing	✓ Teachers observe & ask questions, Coach explains positions, relevant laws & etiquette, tactics, etc.
2.	20	Clinic GSD	Introduction to Bowls	✓ Teachers refine technique, Coach does fault analysis & correction (10m mat, to left & right)
	20	Point-of-Aim	Introduction to Bowls	✓ Teachers practice focusing on PoA – with cone one way and without cone the other way. ✓ Jack and mat at 2m mark one end; sort medium and long the other end (standard PoA Exercise).
	80	Play Trips Game	Extra players if necessary Scoreboard	✓ Teachers change positions every 4 ends ✓ Coaches (one each end) assist learners in practicing the relevant laws & etiquette and tactics, etc. observed in Session 1
3.	30	Fault Analysis & Correction	Introduction to Bowls Observation Routine & Fault Analysis mind-maps (laminated)	✓ Coach explains observation routine while a player delivers bowls with faults ✓ Teachers observe and try to spot symptoms and then try to discover the cause ✓ In pairs, 1 teacher delivers bowls (10m mat) and the other teacher attempts to do fault analysis & correction; coaches help.
	30	Practice GSD	App C. L&L 04 Exercise	✓ Teachers practice delivering 2 bowls on each side of the rink to short, medium and long jacks on one end, with the jack and mat on the other end remaining at 2m.
	30	Play Pairs Game	Scoreboard	✓ Practice skills
4.	90	Run Small Group session with Learners	4 Learners Introduction to Bowls 2 mats, 1 jack per learner	✓ Teacher uses 10m mat to demonstrate GSD and allow learners to practice technique (left & right) (30 min) ✓ Learners practice technique to short, medium & long jacks on one end, 2m mark on other end – teacher assists (30 min) ✓ Learners play pairs game with scoring – teacher assists (30 min) ✓ Coach observes and assists where necessary (but does not interfere) and provides feedback to teacher after session

Four afternoon sessions at a bowling club. Level 0 (Outdoor) Coach is registered with Bowls SA and DSCC once s/he is considered competent to assist a qualified coach at youth sessions. Bowls SA issues a numbered certificate & log book. Level 0 (Outdoor) coaches need to be refreshed every 4 years. DSCC submits Level 0 hours annually for SASCOC.



Level 0 (Indoor) Coaches Course

Duration: Two sessions, on appropriate surface at the school.

	Time	Topic	Resources	Notes
1.	30	Set up	Set(s) of New Age / Indoor Bowls	✓ Show the teacher(s) how to set up and score a game using New Age bowls
	60	Learners Play	Set(s) of New Age / Indoor Bowls	✓ Teacher(s) show learners how to play and monitors their progress; Coach assists when necessary
2.	90	Mini-Tournament	Set(s) of New Age / Indoor Bowls Score sheets	✓ Coach assists Teacher(s) to run a short mini-tournament with the learners, showing them scoring in bowls ✓ Coach provides formative feedback to Teacher(s) regarding competency during tournament.

A Level 0 (Primary) Coach is registered with Bowls SA and DSCC once s/he has competently run a session with learners. Bowls SA issues a numbered attendance certificate and log book. DSCC submits Level 0 hours annually for SASCOC.

New executive into the swing with gusto

It is just more than six months since the new executive was elected and I congratulate council on their choice of a great team.

The three new members Rob Forbes, Fred Kruis and Andy Strong have already shown that they are worthy of the high office that they have been accorded and are contributing positively to the administration of our beloved sport.

Unfortunately Isabel Smith relocated to Britain at the end of April, and we are going to miss her. She has been on the executive since August 2003 and during that time she has displayed the acumen and skills expected from a member of the executive.

I personally have served with her for that time; she has always been fair and positive in all matters under discussion and it has been a pleasure working with her.

On behalf of all bowlers I wish Isabel and her family a happy and peaceful future.

The initiative for coaching teachers in schools is in full swing. It will assist greatly with transformation and the development of young bowlers nationwide

We are holding a Gold Squad camp from May 3-5 and at this camp the teams to play in Scotland in a six-nation tournament from August 26-September 1 will be selected.

This tournament is being held in Glasgow on the same greens to be used for the Commonwealth Games in July 2014; it will provide our players with excellent match practice.

We have other camps and matches in mind in our preparation leading up to the Games, but these plans are dependent on approval of our application for funds from Lotto, disappointingly things have been quiet for sometime in this regard.

That's all for now

God bless you all



Alan Freeman
President, Bowls SA
May 2013

Tracy-Lee makes the quarters at World Bowls event

Tracey-Lee Botha, 24, of Bedfordview CC, Johannesburg, reached the quarter-finals of the 25 nation star-studded 2013 World Cup Singles Bowls Championships in Australia, before bowing out narrowly in a tie-breaker to an Aussie former world's best Karen Murphy...

The South African former double SA Masters champion produced a stellar performance at Warilla, NSW, illustrating how her perseverance has catapulted her into the top echelons of women's world bowls.

In the men's event, Port Natal's Gidion Vermeulen also played well to end fifth in his section, just missing a play-off berth.

Results:

Men:

Semi finals 1: J Henry (holder, Australia) bt L Callus (Malta) 4-10 12-1 5-0; T Grantham (New Zealand) bt G Archer (Scotland) 7-5 6-7 3-2. Women: A Merrien (holder, Guernsey) bt K



McKerihien (Canada) 8-8 8-3, J Edwards (New Zealand) bt K Murphy (Australia) 9-7 9-7. Finals: Henry bt Grantham 10-5 5-8 5-0; Edwards bt Merrien 3-8 8-3 3-2.

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Nail-biting finishes to Under-25 interdistricts

Edenvale, Eastern Gauteng. - Southern Free State's depth was demonstrated when their men won a close-run Under-25 Interdistricts Championship here from Gauteng North and Boland; Darryn Stephan, Xen Paunewitz, Douw Earle, Brendan Bakkes produced the goods when it mattered;

The future of bowls appears to be in good hands.

Held under the watchful eye of Bowls SA's president, Allan Freeman and attended by Warwick Wealth's financial controller and assistant to the MD, Michael Feinberg who is also the sponsor's National Sports Ambassador.

Says Freeman: "It was exciting to watch competition at its best on terrific greens and well run; my thanks to all who contributed to this highly successful event."

Rain now and again and some breezy moments did little to dampen the enthusiasm, camaraderie and great skills from the cream of the nation's young players.



STYLE HAS IT: Meshack Khali (NW) struts his stuff

The powerful Boland women's side needed shot difference to win their event; again Gauteng North came agonisingly close; WP, the defending champions ended hot on their heels.

Anneke Snyman, Elize Fourie, Monique Payne, Nicolette Hattingh were on top form as befits the back rank gold and bronze medalists from the Warwick Bowls SA Masters championships held at the Wanderers, Johannesburg in February.

With development and transformation high on the agenda, it was pleasing to see many new faces, many from formerly disadvantaged backgrounds ... all, well coached, they performed with charisma, courtesy and skill.

Commenting after prize-giving: Feinberg said: "Warwick is delighted at the development, transformation and coaching standards set for the Under-25s. All went smoothly and I look forward to more competition of such stature."



WOW FACTOR: Classic in department and style – Anneke Els (Border)

Editor's note: thanks go to tournament official Ron Slack who provided results and information without faltering – a true professional. See Bowls SA Website for Lace Sayce's excellent group pictures of all medal winners.

Final results:

Men:

Gold: Southern Free State 26 points (Darryn Stephan, Xen Paunewitz, Douw Earle, Brendan Bakkes); silver: Gauteng North 25 (Dylan Mitchell, Pieter Fourie, Keegan Skinner, Stevan Scott); bronze: Boland 24 (Stephan de Jager, Roelof Campher, Wesley Taylor, Stefan van Wyk); 4th: Johannesburg 13 (Arthur Tingle, Dylan Stafford, Kyle van As, Jason Smith, Paul Stafford); 5th Northern Cape BA, 6th Eastern Gauteng, 7th Border; 8th WP Invitation; 9th WP A; 10th NW; 11 President's Team (Gerdus Beukes (NFS), Kyle van As (JBA), Nico Beetge (BGN), Santa Troskie (BGN)); 12th Limpopo; 13th Sables; 14th KwaZulu Natal Country

Women:

Gold: Boland 10 pts +58shots (Anneke Snyman, Elize Fourie, Monique Payne, Nicolette Hattingh); silver Eastern Gauteng 10, +32 (Meaghan Hobbs, Shimanda Nepgen, Jessica Gray, Michelle Wort); bronze: WP 8 pts, +28 (Marette de Villiers, Elzaan Pienaar, Janita du Toit, Shauneen Johnston); 4th Southern Free State; 5th Northern Cape; 6th Gauteng North; 7th N Free State.



ACTION TIME: All eyes on the head as WP and Johannesburg BA square up

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls SA

Under-19s produce skill and determination

The annual BowlsSA Under-19 Development Championships, hosted at Klerksdorp Bowling Club by North West Province Bowls proved a humdinger in every aspect, reports Paul Cohen, WP's triumphant manager and coach.

BowlsSA executive member Fred Kruis, who attended the tournament, lent support and useful advice throughout.

Western Province, after a great fight back in the final, defeated the 2012 champions Bowls Gauteng North 21-16; Northern Free State took bronze, beating Johannesburg BA 19-16 in their play-off.

Twenty eight teams were divided into two sections (Red & Blue) of 14, each playing 13 matches up to and including the semi-final, from April 2-5. At a glorious opening ceremony WP prodigy Mandlenkosi Sixolo beautifully sang the national anthem as national and provincial flags were raised.

Match format was 15 ends divided into three five-end skins, two points a skin and four points for a win - 10 points a round.

Western Province B (Daniel Griebenaus, Andre Robbertse, Chad Cummings and Marx Fourie) entered the semi-final level over JBA equal on points, thanks to a slender shot difference of just one.

WP have shone since 2006; their tally is now five gold, one silver, one bronze and a special gold plate award won in 2007; a testimony to the brilliant coaching, mentoring and persistence of some devoted administrators; other districts too have their heroes and heroines.

Their final against holders Bowls Gauteng North A was a hard fought affair comprising of a straight 21 ends. Gauteng North led after 15 ends 15-11, but the eventual champions staged a great come-back to triumph 20-16.



Under 19 Development Tournament. Klerksdorp Bowls Club. Gold Medalists: Fred Kruis, Andre Robbertse, Marx Fourie, Daniel Griebenaus, Chad Cummings, Paul Cohen.



Under 19 Development Tournament. Klerksdorp Bowls Club. Silver Medalists: Fred Kruis, Francis Channer, Hendrik Vermaak, Cecil Bornman, Front: Marizelle Rousseau, Rienie Lucas

Duwayne Tiemenie, squad captain and travelling reserve, who carried out his duties with willingness and dedication, is singled out for his efforts.

Said Cohen: "U-19 teams behaved in an exemplary manner both on and off the greens

throughout the tournament. They showed great skills and determination and were a credit to all.

"And I especially appreciate the support shown the squad by the executive and members of WPBA..."

National training camps

Training camps for the BowlsSA Gold Squad (internationals) and development (talent identification) squad will be held at Wingate Park Country Club from May 2-5 and at Edenvale Bowling Club from May 10-11 respectively. Other zonal camps will be held between May and June):

Gold Squad:

Women: Tracy-Lee Botha (Johannesburg BA), Sylvia Burns (WP), Pam Cole-Cook (Kingfisher), Hanna Gevers (KZN Country Districts), Louise Larkin (Port Natal), Rika Lynn (Sables), Susan Nel (Sables), Colleen Piketh (JBA), Esme Steyn (JBA), Santjie Steyn (Boland), Gidion Vermeulen (P Natal), Rene Swanepoel (WP). Men: Gerry Baker (JBA), Pierre Breitenbach (NW), Bobby Donnelly (JBA), Jason Evans (JBA),

Hertzog Meiring (S Free State), Stuart Milligan (P Natal), Wayne Perry (JBA), Clinton Roets (S Free State), Nic Rusling (Sables) Gidion Vermeulen (P Natal), Wayne York (S Free State).

TID Squad:

Peter Hufkie (EP), David Paulse (N Cape), Morgan Muvhango (Sables), Gary Adams (EP) Mbulelo Soji (WP), Luvuyo Ndava, (P Natal), Samy Adams (EP), Jonty Rhodes (Gauteng N), Noah Mabula (JBA), Vusi Mphale (S Free State), Dudley Daniels (N Cape), Victor Siphali (JBA), Prince Neluonde (JBA), Geraldine Moodaley (N Cape), Belinda Nobin (Natal Inland), Denise Musson (N Cape), Marlene Jacobs (EP), Debbie Nobin (Natal Inland)..

GRASS CLIPPINGS 30

By Dr Charles Louw

Introduction:

Grass Clippings 30 reminds a greenkeeper (GKP) of the importance of controlling vertical and lateral growth of the grass plant. The proliferation of the "mat" is often neglected in comparison with apparent urgent need to curb the vertical growth which is so obvious.

Coping with growth

Every greenkeeper's (GKP) primary objective is to create and to maintain a playing surface covered completely by a mat of healthy grass; this mat must be of even texture, permitting a bowl to run smoothly at a reasonable speed.

While creating that surface might be relatively easy, its maintenance might prove more difficult.

When a GKP initially takes over a green, the first thing he will notice is the grass is growing vertically and horizontally. The grass is also getting longer and its mat getting thicker; unless he does something to curb or restrict that growth he will soon have a nice lawn, but irate members.

"Mowing" is the term used to describe the various cultivation exercises a GKP employs to control the growth of the turf grass and to maintain it at the desired level for a bowling green's surface.

Grass

No GKP can plan a mowing management programme until conversant with most of the more important characteristics of the grass that constitutes a green.

a) Growth: All grasses found on bowling greens enjoy a common characteristic in that they spread laterally to form a contiguous mat which eventually covers the entire area of the green. In fact, lateral spread is greater than vertical growth and in the case of Bayview lateral spread is 80% of total growth.

Although a GKP might look upon a green as a single entity, it is, actually composed of millions of individual plants, each having to fend for itself.

b) Food: A grass plant produces its own nutrition through photosynthesis which takes place in the leaves. Each plant

requires sufficient "leaf area" to meet its needs - leaf area being the term used to describe the area of leaf exposed to the sun; i.e.: The top side of the leaf lying horizontally in its mat with both sides of the vertical leaf protruding,

Mowing programme

From a purely botanical standpoint, mowing is not only traumatic for the grass plant, but is also detrimental to turf grass.

There will be

- a) Temporary cessation of growth
- b) Temporary cessation of photosynthesis.
- c) The newly-cut leaves will not only allow fluid to escape, but provide a portal of entry for hostile organisms.
- d) A temporary reduction in the roots' absorption of water.

NB: It must be said that the grasses select-

Equipment used and need to ensure the various adjustments are made meticulously are also stressed.

GKPs are reminded to desist from interference when a weak or bare area develops on the green.

No GKP can, for a single day, afford to ignore grass growth; although the members will be quick to lament the green has "not been cut" a GKP must remember, the mat is getting thicker.

higher level of competence from the GKP than for horizontal mowing.

Regular horizontal and vertical mowing is essential to maintain a constant level of grass on the green.

Horizontal Mowing:

If a green is completely covered by a mat consisting of a single grass and of uniform thickness then each grass plant will have sufficient "leaf area" in its horizontal leaves to supply all its energy needs; the photosynthetic capability of the vertical leaves becomes irrelevant.

On such a green the cutter's front and back rollers are running on the mat and cutting only the vertical leaves protruding from that mat.

NB: When adjusting for mowing height, a GKP must bear in mind the mower will sink into the mat, making the actual height of cut less than the mower setting. If the green is wet after irrigation or rain,

subsidence will be greater.

Over a perfect surface mowing height could safely be set at 3,5mm.

Unfortunately there are few such surfaces in South Africa, so

a prudent GKP is well advised to set the mowing height at 4,0mm; perhaps even higher after rain.

Many greens are not completely smooth and might inevitably have little "humps" and "hollows" which would lead to "scalping" when a mower runs over such uneven surfaces. If a GKP persists in running the mower over these parts he will soon have an area where growth is sparse.

Alternatively the mat might not be completely uniform in thickness - there might even be weak and bare areas e.g.: mat wear or mower wear around the edges

If, for any reason the number of horizontal leaves is reduced to a level where they cannot produce sufficient nutrition for



ed for planting on greens are recognised as having good adaptation and tolerance to regular defoliation.

To control the leaves' vertical and lateral growth two types of "mowing" are observed:

1 Horizontal Mowing - To control the height of the leaves growing vertically out of the mat a standard horizontally orientated mower is used and,

2 Vertical Mowing - The used to describe the various procedures employed to control or limit growth and thickness of the mat (often called "thinning out"). It is as much a part of good greens' management as horizontal mowing and requires a

their plant then the vertical leaves are called upon to assist

NB: Complete cessation of mowing over such an area is now imperative.

The grass plant would have some carbohydrate (CHO) stored in its roots for such an eventuality and use it to supply the energy for the plant to send out vertical leaves to restore the supply of nutrition. If a GKP continues to mow that area, stored CHO would soon be depleted and the plant dies.

Mowing should be resumed only when there is evidence runners (stolons) have appeared signifying the grass plant is again producing CHO.

Speed/horizontal mowing:

Many bowlers over-estimate the influence mowing height has on a green's speed. In fact it is only 25%; the "softness" of the soil base and the thickness of the mat account for 70% - the remaining 5% depending on the rigidity of the leaf.

NB: Yet - there are members who encourage their GKP to "cut shorter so that the green can run faster" - often with disastrous results.

Horizontal mower setting

Mowing quality is defined as "the appearance and playability of a bowling green after mowing." A well-known GKP once said: "A greens mower cuts only as well as it is set to cut." Thus, mowing quality is in part:

- a) A function of the sharpness of the cutting edges
- b) Correct adjustment of the cylinder blades against the bottom blade
- c) Correct height adjustment to both sides
- d) The mower's gearing
- e) The number of blades on the reel
- f) Expertise of the operator.

While one assumes a GKP ensures the mower is adjusted properly and set correctly, a badly-adjusted mower with blunt blades will bruise or tear the leaves, leaving a wide area of bruising on the leaves.

Such trauma takes not only longer to heal, but the loss of fluid will be more extensive and the call on the carbohydrate reserves greater; in addition the green will appear "fluffy."

Vertical Mowing

This is a much more complex process. An uncontrolled thick mat (often referred to

as "thatch"), not only affects green speed, but also induce poor water and nutrient holding properties. Moreover it might harbour fungi and insects, necessitating regular use of pesticides and fungicides.

Several factors are responsible for the mat's formation and thickness.

It is not just a question of new leaf production, but one must be aware of the characteristics of the grass species or cultivar (Inter-nodal length); accumulation of undigested plant residues and other unwanted material.

Although lateral growth is almost four times that of vertical growth, the photosynthetic capability of the horizontal leaves is restricted.

Once a green is completely covered by the mat and any further lateral spread is restricted, the younger leaves tend to lie on top of older leaves.

The older leaves lying below the new leaves are cut off from sunlight and are no longer capable of photosynthetic activity. They turn brown and although still attached to the stem are of no use to the grass plant - but the mat is thicker.

Thinning Out:

- Removal of loose superfluous material lying in the mat - this will not affect the leaf area in any way but speed up the green; grass will be healthier;
- removal of brown live leaves lying below emerging leaves and,
- removal of live green leaves if necessary.

Equipment:

GKPs use vertically orientated equipment - verticut, groomer, pin scarifier, teaser comb and brush. Each has its function, but probably the most versatile would be the verticut and the brush.

The principle behind vertical mowing is:

- To ensure there is no superfluous material in the mat;
- to remove excess live leaves if there is a need and,
- to encourage establishment of many smaller plants.

Whenever a GKP uses vertical mowing equipment the mower's bin should be inspected to observe what is being removed. Ideally, contents should be brown, with only an occasional green leaf - unless removal of live leaves is deliberate.

Grass plant size

Preferably, always have a number of small grass plants instead of one large one. A fungal or bacterial infection in a small plant is easier to control than in a larger plant.

When a stolon is divided, a new grass plant - independent of the parent plant - develops on the distal (furthest from centre) side of the division.

A GKP should encourage this by regular verticutting with (if possible) carefully sharpened blades dividing the runners (or stolons) on the green's surface, so limiting plant size.

"Heinz greens"

Maintaining a mat where a GKP is dealing with one variety of grass only is relatively easy, but for a mat where there are a different varieties - each with its own texture - then the GKP would have a real problem producing a mat even throughout.

The intensity of the "thinning out" would need to be limited to that of the weakest strain leaving stronger strains to establish thicker mats.

A GKP could try to counter this by regularly verticutting and more intense fertilising, to encouraging a weaker strain to "fine up", resulting in a thicker mat.

Unfortunately, however, the majority of SA's greens are Heinz greens - many varieties!

Outcome:

1 A GKP should have sufficient expertise to ensure the mat's thickness is constant by removing as much grass as is being produced

2 A conservative GKP would remove less than is being produced and by the end of the season will have a thicker mat, but a slower green. Fortunately, by vigorous scarifying at renovation time a GKP will remove all previous year's growth and begin with a bare surface.

3 The adventurous GKP is the one who flirts with disaster. They often:

- Reduce mowing height indiscriminately;
- "Thin out" the green so vigorously weakened grass is no longer able to maintain a mat and,
- continue to mow weak or bare areas.

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Bowls SA Roundup

'Full house' payments

Bowls SA advises members with short term insurance policies with, Warwick Wealth or Perfect Delivery Brokers should take note:

Members will be paid for a "full house" under the following circumstances:

1. A full house is defined as a team scoring eight shots in a single head during a fours/pairs game or nine shots in a single head during a trips game.
2. Such payments will be met for official competitive games only - NOT for social games such as tabs-in and bounce games.

TDI goes to town

The Talent Identification Programme [TID] was introduced to open doors for bowlers around the country and to ensure the selection process for national honours was transparent. Seven exercises were introduced with the top performers advancing to national levels via area, zone and gold squad camps.

But because of a non-availability of funds the process of area and zone camps were temporarily postponed.

However, new research worldwide suggests that TID is not the magic bullet, but that talent development and the rate of improvement over an 18-month cycle are the best predictors of talent.

Bowls South Africa continuously seeks new talent in pursuit of its objective of being a world beater and the executive, therefore, approved the following TD system:

- Players wishing to participate in this programme must commit to a 18-month cycle and have represented their district in any BSA interdistrict side;
- only exercise No 1 [20x20 draw] and No 3 [draw to two jacks] of the resent TID programme will form part of this project; assessment results to be submitted every six weeks and,
- for this project to be professionally administered a data capturing programme has been developed; districts to appoint a co-ordinator for effective implementation.

The functions of this co-ordinator who must be computer literate are:

- To ensure players adhere to the schedule;
- results are true and correct and,

- directly enter assessment results into the system.

Districts should nominate their co-ordinator immediately and submit to Mike Cann at mikecann@bowlssa.co.za with name and BSA number of co-ordinator, capacity and e-mail address. Details on the programme will be made available; inquiries to BSA vice-president Kallie Haupt.



GOODBYE ADELAIDE: A stunning shot of the sun going down at the end of World Bowls in Adelaide

Workshop and AGM

Districts are advised that the workshop and AGM are at Bowls SA HQ in Dunkeld West (formally Rosebank BC) on Saturday, August 24 at midday and Sunday, each at 10.30am respectively.

Invitation to coaching train-the-trainer (t-t-t) course

NSCC invites coaches involved in training Level 1 coaches and who have not yet at-

tended the T-t-T course, to attend one of two T-t-T courses on offer. According to a 2012 survey a number of districts registered interest (see below); however, NSCC requires confirmation at this time. Districts which did not submit names in 2012 may also take this opportunity to submit registration forms. All registration forms should be sent to Brian Sayce (NSCC Convenor); e-mail: sayso@sherwood.za.net or fax: 086 572 2884.

NSCC request facilitators at a District's Level 1 course should have attended the T-t-T course to ensure that similar content and training standard are maintained nationally. Future trainers are not necessarily currently on DSCC, but may be capable and willing to contribute to the training courses in the district and may also be willing to serve. The minimum requirement for attending a T-t-T course is qualified Level 1 coach, with experience. NSCC require any trainers attending the T-t-T course to commit to being part of the facilitation team at the next two Level 1 courses in their districts.

The course will start at 2pm on Friday and end by 1pm on Sunday. The dates and venues::

- Southern Districts in George: May 31-2 June and,
- Northern District in Newcastle: June 28 -30 June.

Registration cost per trainer is R300. NSCC will provide accommodation, meals and the travelling costs of one car per district (at R1.50/km) to the closest course. Each trainer will receive a complete set of Level 1 course material and either a copy of Lawn Bowls Coaching or updates to their current version.

Nominations for election to the executive

In terms of Clause 5 of the Constitution, districts are invited to nominate persons for the executive committee.

The relevant clauses of the constitution are:

5.1 Composition:

5.1.1 The Executive shall consist of six persons.

5.2 Nomination for election:

5.2.1 Each year the executive and every district shall have the opportunity of nominating one person to each of the following positions, with no more than two (2) persons from one district serving on the Bowls South Africa executive.

5.2.1.1 President.

5.2.1.2 Vice-president.

5.2.1.3 Executive member.

5.2.2 The same person may be nominated for each position but shall not be elected to more than one position.

5.2.2.1 The person(s) nominated for the position of president must have served at least two (2) years on the current executive. Where no candidate (s) are available, Council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than (1) year at a time.

5.2.2.2 The person (s) nominated for the position of vice-president must have served at least one (1) year on the current executive. Where no candidate(s) are available council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than one (1) year at a time.

5.2.2.3 The term of office for a president to be no longer than three (3) consecutive years. Where no candidate(s) are available, council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than one (1) year at a time.

5.2.3 Nominations for election to the executive shall be made on the official Bowls SA form which must be accompanied by the nominee's CV. Nominations must be in within 90 days before the AGM.

5.2.4 A list of nominations for each position, together with a copy of each nominee's CV, shall be sent to each district 45 before the AGM (10 July).

5.2.5 The names of the nominee's shall be on the agenda for the AGM concerned.

Notices of motion and resolutions

In terms of clause 13.1 of the constitution "Any motions to be moved at a meeting of council shall be submitted in the full exact form at which it is intended it shall be adopted and shall be in the hands of Bowls SA not later than 90 days before the date of the

meeting.

General

1. It should be noted that the current executive are prepared to stand for a further term. The only exception is Isabel Smith who is not seeking re-election.
2. Districts are requested to let Bowls SA have any items they wish placed on the Workshop agenda for discussion on or before May 24.

Green woes

BowlsSA find it necessary to address the circumstances of an incident which occurred during a match between two district teams. The incident involved Law 37.1.7.1 and Law 37.1.9 which deals with the skip maintaining the score card and the score board and recording the shots scored during a game. Bowls South Africa is not tasked with the responsibility of drawing up the rules of the sport. This task is the business of World Bowls who are also the custodians of the Laws of The Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Second Edition. BSA has applied to World Bowls for a ruling in respect of the laws mentioned and our appeal was unfortunately unsuccessful. We are, therefore, required to apply the laws strictly in accordance with those published; teams taking part in competitive events are requested to observe and respect them as published and circulated.

- Districts are requested to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of their respective district teams. Tournament convenors at BowlsSA events are requested to deal with this matter at their managers' meetings.

Skort is okay

Bowls South Africa has approved the skort as acceptable apparel for female bowlers. This approval is subject to it being a branded garment; homemade and tennis skorts remain unacceptable.

Tragedy mars U-19 championship

Bowls SA reports with great sadness and regret of the death of Envar Buys, a member of the Bowls Southern Cape Under-19 side. He tragically drowned in a swimming pool during the Development Tournament in Klerksdorp. Condolences and sympathy to family and friends

Former Protea coach dies

Larger than life extrovert bowls star Dries Du Plessis, a former Proteas coach has died. Bowls SA extends condolences to his family, many friends and former team mates.

Articles, information and pictures (jpegs of 250psi or better) for this newsletter may be sent to john@bowlssa.co.za or to me at simmondsa@cybersmart.co.za

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