



## Proteas seeking gold at World Bowls in Australia Payback time in Adelaide for crack, eager SA sides



Gerry Baker (JBA)



Gidion Vermeulen (Port Natal)



Pierre Breitenbach (NW)



Clinton Roets (SFS)



Bobby Donnelly (JBA)



Wayne Perry (JBA, Reserve)



Susan Nel (Sables)



Tracy Lee Botha (JBA)



Colleen Piketh (JBA)



Santjie Steyn (Boland)



Esmé Steyn (JBA)



Sylvia Burns (WP, Reserve)



Jessica Henderson (Assistant coach/manager, Kingfisher)



Theuns Fraser (Head coach, Sables)

By ALAN SIMMONDS  
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It's almost time. Adelaide beckons; the die is cast, the names named ... it's all eyes down for World Bowls 2012. And South Africa's Protea men and women will not be taking prisoners.

Head coach Theuns Fraser, his assistant, Jessica Henderson, the SA selectors, the BowlsSA executive have watched, met, deliberated, looked at the figures, talked the talk and watched our Gold Squad walk the walk.

Here are the 10 (plus two non-travelling reserves to face 27 other nations in the hunt for gold and overall glory from November 24- December 9.

Forget about 1976 and that glory – fantastic, yes, but that was a long time ago – we want to remember 2012 as the year South African bowls in the modern era came of age.

We can boast Commonwealth medals a'plenty; have long dominated the African States Tournament and earned our share of victories at the Atlantic Championships but World Bowls ...

Since 1966 South Africa's men and women have won a total of 10 gold medals at World Bowls; since the men won five alone in 1976, it's high time we won more.

New Zealand dominated four years ago on home soil, taking the men's Leonard Trophy; Australia took the women's Taylor Trophy. But South Africa's Lorna Smith (Trigwell), Loraine Victor and tiny Sylvia Burns took gold

in the trips – sadly only Burns of that trio is around, as reserve; Smith now lives in Scotland; Victor, now a senior continues to shine at all levels. But Johannesburg's classy Colleen Piketh (Webb) is a survivor.

Of the men who went to Christchurch, predictably SA No 1, five-time Warwick/BowlsSA Masters champion Gerry Baker (he plays singles and I feel he will shine and he skips the pairs) goes Down Under again, as does Free State's "baby-faced assassin: Clinton Roets; Wayne Perry, who played, (migrated from Free State to Gauteng) is this time non-travelling reserve.

The men have a mix of power, deft touch, experience, youth and above all, skill.

Gidion (Gippo) Vermeulen, an outstanding former Durban-based rugby union flank, will skip trips and fours. The 2012 Masters champion, with a proven record on all surfaces at all disciplines, has been handed the reins and told to bring back gold ... he just might.

His team is superbly balanced.

"Riding shotgun" at third (and middle man in the trips) is the brooding, huge form of the unpredictable genius of Johannesburg's Bobby Donnelly. A Commonwealth Games gold singles champion, the "loner" could be the key Vermeulen needs to unlock Australia and New Zealand, the British sides and Malaysia. Donnelly has the ability; has he the BMT?

Those of us who have watched him over the years be-

lieve he has; now he, perhaps above all others, faces the greatest pressure.

In the front rank Roets (he will lead in the trips), master of every shot, must act as a vital link; interpret his skip's wishes and encourage his lead. And that lead is another large man. Pierre Breitenbach (also lead in the pairs), of good bowling stock, from arguably one of SA's smallest bowls communities; took bronze at Junior World Bowls Singles; he has impressed and improved in the last two years – he knows what is expected of him.

Says new Bowls SA president Allan Freeman: "We have a proud legacy of being among the world's best; this year our splendid sides can show we are truly a force to be reckoned with. I know it is no easy task, all nations expect great things. But I truly believe we have the men and women to make their mark; I and my executive wish them God Speed and great bowling."

The SA women, bursting with skill and energy, will be hard to beat in all four disciplines.

One of the world's most exciting young players Tracey-Lee Botha (JBA) is entrusted with the blue riband singles event; Placed fourth at Junior World Bowls Singles and a Commonwealth games Trips champion, Botha (also middle woman in the trips) knows no fear, has every shot and will relish the pace of the Adelaide greens. Her gold, gold, bronze, Masters' record in three years speaks for itself.

Piketh, a more complete player four years on from NZ, will skip fours and pairs, where Esmé Steyn (JBA), twice an SA Singles champion in three years and a hardened international with gold at African States, will lead (and in

the fours).

In the fours, Piketh has experienced, tough, CG Trips gold medallist Susan Nel (Sables) at third and durable CG trips gold medallist and Masters silver medallist Santjie Steyn (Boland) at second; Nel will skip the trips, hoping, with Botha and Santjie to retain the world title for South Africa.

Camps, clinics and matches will be arranged for both sides before the team leaves in November.

Teams:

Women: Singles:

Tracy-Lee Botha (JBA); pairs: Colleen Piketh/Esmé Steyn (JBA); trips: Susan Nel (Sables)/ Botha/Santjie Steyn (Boland); fours: Piketh, Nel, Steyn S, Steyn E.

Men: Singles:

Gerry Baker (JBA), pairs: Baker/Pierre Breitenbach (NW); trips: Gidion Vermeulen (P Natal)/Bobby Donnelly (JBA)/ Clinton Roets (SFS); fours: Vermeulen/Donnelly/Roets/ Brietenbach.

Non-travelling reserves: Sylvia Burns (WP); Wayne Perry (JBA).

Head coach:

Theuns Fraser (Sables); assistant coach/manager: Jessica Henderson (Kingfisher).

### Debra back 'in the thick of things'

The Warwick South of the Line Tournament was held at Suburbs Sports, Johannesburg, in August and in spite of cold, blustery weather was well supported over its three days of bowls, entertainment and first rate catering, reports Fanny Meyeridricks.

Immediate past BowlsSA president Debra Ferguson can be found here – she acted as scorekeeper for the event – no doubt relishing being back in the thick of things at club level after three tumultuous, but successful years as head of SA's bowling affairs.

The standard of play was considered outstanding from a classy field.

#### Results:

**Open Men's Singles:** M Fernandez;

**Women:** G Nielson; Senior Men: W Cunningham;

**Senior Women:** G Sandforth;

**Men's Pairs:** A Malgue/C Bois;

**Women:** S Terblanche/C Warne;

**Men's Novice Singles:** R Calder;

**Women:** R Smith.

## BowlsSA to hunt "missing" players - Brilliant new trailer to spread the word

BowlsSA's development trailer, launched at the AGM workshop in August, represents a substantial investment in time, effort and money. The required return is creating widespread awareness of the enjoyment of playing bowls at schools, retirement facilities, church fetes, agricultural shows and the like throughout all communities.

South Africa's Minister of Sport, Fikile Mbulula has made it crystal clear sports federations failing to embrace all communities and age groups will in future be denied funding; BowlsSA has the message.

After comprehensive negotiations between new BowlsSA vice-president Kallie Haupt and BowlsSA's National Standing Committee: Promotion & Development (NSCPD) with the SA government, the trailer was funded by the Department of Sport's Sports and Recreation section.

The trailer is equipped to run events for up to 72 bowlers at community sports centres and bowls clubs. It contains 36 sets of four conventional bowls for use on bowling greens and mats, 16 sets of "New Age" bowls for use on tennis courts and in school halls, two (short) bowls mats, 12 bowls jacks, a public address system and many other accessories to run events at a variety of locations

Each district is asked to supply details of suitable events



**ALL READY:** The spectacular development trailer

for using the trailer together with a budget for each event as soon as possible.

The National Standing Committee: Promotion & Development (NSCPD) will then prepare a proposed itinerary and budget for the executive of which events should be considered for 2012/13.

A training manual will accompany the trailer; however, the district will need to arrange two experienced bowlers to assist at each event.

Districts should respond directly to Fanny Meyeridricks at [fanny@warwickwealth.com](mailto:fanny@warwickwealth.com) or to book through BowlsSA (011 7880005)

## Kids excited by trailer ... and bowls

On the first day of the indoor test against Malaysia at Midrand the trailer was deployed. Head coach Theuns Fraser had invited several learners from Midstream High School to watch some great bowls and to give it a try reports Fanny Meyeridricks.

The morning was icy cold and windy, but as the learners arrived at about 1pm, the sun came out and all were keen to give it a go.

As the Protea men were busy with a match, Fraser brought the ladies out to play and help the learners on the outdoor green. They enjoyed it so much that they asked their teacher to arrange another event at the same venue as an end-of-year function.



### Blog Post: 'Blushing Meadows' for ESPN broadcast?

Some wag once said if the majority of South Africans has everything they did not fully own removed from their possession they would be left sitting on an orange box by the roadside watching TV. Bit harsh, I think, but perhaps not so far off the mark.

Young and old, our sunny skies, boerewors etc appears to have made way for couches, sofas and Lazy Boys to watch DSTV, SABC, CDs, DVDs and anything in the gaming sense that mean sitting in front of a screen (large these days) twiddling with a knob (strictly electrical).

More at <http://www.thebowlsblog.com/>

## Letters to the editor

Dear Alan

You chaps (sic) have certainly made a major contribution towards the very effective distribution of bowling news throughout our country over the past number of years and we sincerely thank and salute you for your extremely fine efforts.

Your regular, interesting and thought-provoking newspaper articles have undoubtedly assisted in ensuring that our sport remains alive and that our bowlers are provided with important information relative to the sport that we all enjoy supporting and playing.

However, despite all your efforts, there undoubtedly still remains an apathy (sic) in the bowling fraternity in regard to sharing news and taking a far keener interest in the well-being of our fellow bowlers!

Perhaps the good example that has been set by a number of our clubs in the country by producing and distributing regular newsletters on a local basis, has also helped our sport to remain buoyant, but there still remains much that will have to be done before we can think of really increasing the numbers of participants.

Effective and regular communication certainly remains one of the most important and indeed inexpensive mechanisms that can make a difference and it would be most appreciated if you could consider promoting the usefulness of club and even district newsletters in your ensuing bowling columns.

### In reply, BowlsSA president, Allan Freeman, says:

*"... Many executives over the years have expressed concern about declining membership. It was for this reason the annual Awareness Day, the Under-25 and Under-19 tournaments were introduced and why we have a vibrant informative monthly newsletter displayed on the Bowls SA website (BowlsSA.co.za).*

*As you are aware almost 80% of our members are 60+, so we are always losing members through natural causes.*

*"For the year ending March 31 bowls gained 3107 new members, but lost 1 312 through death or ill health; another 3 247 left the sport for reasons we are keen to discover.*

The fine example of the Franskraal newsletter that was recently forwarded to you, is but one of the excellent newsletters that a few clubs are currently producing. Encouragement of other clubs and even districts to 'get off their behinds' in this regard, should have a very positive effect on our bowling fraternity.

Why Bowls South Africa with all its 'know-how', experience and expertise has never gone to the trouble of properly researching the subject of declining membership numbers in the country, is bewildering, to say the least!

Believe it or not, but there are a couple of districts that have yet once again managed to increase their numbers of registered bowlers this past season and if BSA is really as interested as it maintains it is in improving membership throughout the country, is it not time that a meaningful contribution towards this facet, i.e. newsletters, is made at all levels?

Your support and accentuation of the above would be most appreciated.

Kind regards.

Yours in bowls  
Martin & Wilhelmiën Van Zyl

*"Our junior programmes fare well, but I believe we must actively attract the over 25s who are either leaving more active sports, or do not play anything.*

*"Our excellent development committee will be asked to devise a fresh plan of action.*

*"Recruitment takes place only at club level, and while the BowlsSA executive continuously encourages districts and clubs to support our initiatives, we can only advise – not dictate..."*

## Congrats to PE Bowling Club

In celebration of the 130th Anniversary of the Port Elizabeth Bowling Club – SA's oldest club - a dinner was held in August; Protea star Gerry Baker, a five-time Warwick



TOUCHERS: Arthur and Jack Montgomery, going strong in their 80s



WORLD BOWLS STAR: SA's No 1 men's player, Gerry Baker, centre, in green jacket, guest speaker in PE, with some of the club's enthusiastic younger members

SA Masters champions, was guest speaker. Present at the well-supported event were two of the club's oldest playing members - Arthur and Jack Montgomery (see picture). Jack, who turned 85 in June, joined the club in 1955; his older brother Arthur, 86 in February, joined a few years later. They remain in the club.

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## NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

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It is time for all involved in our sport of bowls, whether assisting as a bowler or serving on a standing committee either at club, district or national level; whether development or other field; to re-focus, re-fresh and re-energize.

### Were goals achieved and what goals have been set for the forthcoming season?

Development MUST stay fresh, must “develop” and in this forum all need to share experiences to ensure that clubs and districts can grow.

We **re-visited** some of the development **goals and guidelines** and hope this will assist YOU!

### SPORTS DEVELOPMENT focusing on BOWLS DEVELOPMENT

Sports Development is a buzz word. Especially after the recently held Olympic Games. Yet, have you taken time out and thought about it? What is sports development? What do you understand and think about when **sport and development** are mentioned? Especially when they mention the two together and furthermore in the sport YOU play?

#### What is Development?

Development is about marketing and Promoting Lawn Bowls and ensuring pathways and structures are in place to facilitate improvement in individual skills.

Bowls Victoria

<http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/index.php?id=292segment>.

The following is extracts from the booklet “**The Bowls Development Guideline**” of **February 2006** by the authors CH Dixie and Ozzie Dawson (available on the BSA website).

### DEFINITIONS

#### What is SPORTS DEVELOPMENT?

*“Sports development is an integral activity through which a Federation can offer individuals or groups’ access and equity to all forms of projects and programmes at all levels of the development continuum”.*

South African Sports Commission (2003) SA Sports Commission Workshop.  
1/2 November 2002, Centurion.

#### What is BOWLS DEVELOPMENT?

Many of the activities of our Bowls federation are related directly to the creation of opportunities for people in our multi-cultural society to play bowls. Bowls development is essentially the creation of opportunities for people in bowls.

Development touches every aspect of the sport of bowls because if it did not, that would hinder the progress of the sport as a whole.

Development is there to ensure that progress is facilitated in all directions, through specific projects such as recruitment of new bowlers; the establishment of a **youth bowls programme** in **schools** and for the under-40 age group; **support of existing bowlers; administration development**. Bowls development is part of the process of improving the standard of play and the number of people playing bowls. It is about investing time and effort NOW for returns in the FUTURE – whether short or long term.

#### The HABIT of Development

**Development teams at all levels** need to ensure that **development becomes a habit and is accepted and encouraged** as part of the process of the existence of the sport of bowls. **It cannot and must not be left out at any level** - Club, District or National.

## WHEN is Bowls Developed?

Bowls development is a **process, the benefits of which should be measurable and show progression over a period of time**. Unless development takes place on an **ongoing basis** our Clubs will shrink instead of continue to grow and we may lose members to other activities.

**Note: Remember that all the districts, clubs and development committees can benefit from your experiences with development and promotion – please send any news and photographs to the NSCPD.**

## WHERE is Bowls Developed?

Introduce the game at schools and tertiary institutions, community centre's, other sports clubs, retirement villages, and any where that there is a flat playing surface. The key element to enrolling new bowlers is persuading them to move from the promotional arena to the green. **Ensure you provide a fun, interesting environment that will grab the attention of the prospective bowler**. A Club may also provide incentives for signing up – e.g.: reduced membership for a limited period, waiving of entry fees, etcetera. **Do not underestimate the power of the media**. Send information regularly. Get pictures into the newspapers of bowlers in your target market.

*(also see the Awareness day feedback from Robertson)*

### **Potential Membership Target Groups**

The endeavour of all clubs to continuously build on membership requires the bowls community to be creative, resourceful and inclusive in their actions. To continue to improve and increase on the number of participants that currently play bowls we need to look at adopting a more direct and specific approach for each generational segment.

BowlsVictoria

<http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/index.php?id=292segment>

## HOW is Bowls Developed?

Determine a specific, measurable goal that you need to achieve and then develop, execute and evaluate a plan of action. Many development projects require close collaboration with the coaches of your Club or District, where the coaches take the lead, but the development team provides the infrastructure.

- Marketing & promotion of the game of bowls.
- Skills development programmes for existing bowlers.

- Talent identification programmes for existing bowlers.
- Education and training of existing bowlers

**Existing bowlers MUST grow too!** Identify talent in your club and give them the skills. Maybe it is a green keeper, technical official (umpire) or coach (upgrade the current levels) or identify specific “job” related committee members. Ensure all existing bowlers can go for training / further coaching to develop skills at your club or in the district!



## **NSCPD Workshop during 2010**

**“A new life for the sport of bowls”**, a well attended workshop during 2010 inspired all attendees and has certainly shown some positive results. Do you recall the output? Let's see some of these:

- To ensure **active and enthusiastic development committees** in each district and those executives of the district get involved.
- To **increase the overall membership**
- That the recruitment drive must concentrate on people under the age of 45.
- To make use of modern communication technology and **to spread the bowls virus!**
- Delegates to propose a formula for differentiation in affiliation fees
- Clubs and districts to **examine their constitutions** in order to obtain continuity of governance
- Introduction of a **BSA membership swipe card**
- To establish a school's league and to change the face of bowls!
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For the full list please visit the Bowls South Africa website <http://www.bowlssa.co.za> and visit the development section!

LOOK WHAT IS NEW IN  
DEVELOPMENT!!

## A MOBILE BOWLS EQUIPMENT TRAILER

Lawn Bowls is traditionally perceived as a white elite sport and it is the mission of Bowls South Africa to embrace all parts of the community. Although the country has an infrastructure of 1012 bowling greens, most are located in traditionally white areas.



Special equipment has been identified and a customised trailer designed to take the sport to the target market areas. This trailer has been funded by the **Department of Sport** and is equipped to run events for up to 72 bowlers at community sports centre's and bowls clubs. It contains **36 sets of 4 conventional bowls** for use on bowling greens and **mats, 16 sets of "New Age" bowls** for use on tennis courts and in school halls, **2 bowls mats, 12 bowls jacks**, a public address system and many other accessories to run events at a variety of locations.



Bowls SA must be seen to be proactive in meeting new challenges and be active in promoting the game to all members of the community. Our market strategy should be a door-to-door promotion at local focus points such as:

*Agricultural & Exhibition Shows, Art Festivals, Corporate Events, Disadvantage Communities, Retirement Centers, Schools and Church Festivities, Shopping Malls etc.*

It is with this in mind that the *Bowls South Africa Promotion and Development Standing Committee* request Districts to identify key events within their district where it is felt the trailer could be used to maximize bowls exposure. Once these events have been identified it is essential that the NSCP&D be informed by e-mail with 3 alternatives, together with dates and budgets so that detail arrangements could be made for training and event activities.



### CONTENTS OF TRAILER

- ☑ 36 sets of 4 Bowls
- ☑ 16 sets of New Age Bowls
- ☑ 72 Bowls Bags
- ☑ 24 Mats
- ☑ 12 Jacks
- ☑ Sound System
- ☑ 32 Bowls Bags for New Age Bowls
- ☑ Cooler Boxes
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- ☑ 12 Umbrellas
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# National Bowls AWARENESS DAY **APRIL 2012**

Although the National Bowls Awareness Day took place a couple of months ago, this photo received from Limpopo recently, just enforce the fact that we need to promote this wonderful sport of Bowls to



each and every one out there!

**The Mayor of Polokwane, Mr Freddy Greaver** is given a few tips by Coach Hennie Pretorius at the start of the 2012 Bowls Awareness Day.

## **MODIFIED BOWLS – MINI BOWLS**

These bowls are great for anywhere, especially indoor and on any surface! It creates good recreational opportunities for learners at school as well as for the disabled. A set of new age bowls comprises of 4 blue bowls and 4 red bowls, a yellow jack and a mat all packed in a handy carry bag.

Place your order with the District Secretary.

## **How important is DEVELOPMENT?**

The following success story received from the Robertson BC confirms how important development can be!

## **ROBERTSON BOWLING CLUB**

### ***AWARENESS DAY - 27 APRIL 2012***

#### **Background**

Based mainly on the very successful initial event held on 27 April 2011 and the decision by Bowls South Africa to continue holding Awareness Days to introduce, promote and develop the sport of bowls throughout the country, the Development Committee of the Robertson Bowling Club decided to take the initiative to plan and arrange a second event at the club on 17 April 2012.

#### **Program**

The Awareness Day was presented as a Fun Day during which non-registered bowlers were afforded the opportunity to participate in an organised 1-hour

record attempt to see how many bowls could be delivered in a game. Provision was also made for games to be played after the 1-hour record attempt for which numerous **prizes** were awarded, all sponsored by local businesses. The fact that everyone stayed on for the games after the record attempt was indeed proof of the keen interest and enjoyment experienced by the visitors.

#### **Conclusions**

Undoubtedly, the club has benefited from the introduction of an Awareness Day. Whether the enrollment of 15 new playing members and the 3 new social members can be attributed directly and solely to the Awareness Day of 2011 and the highly successful annual Business League, is debatable. **However, one thing is certain and that is that the overall membership of Robertson Bowling Club is presently increasing at a very healthy rate of just under 8% per annum. The necessity for annual Awareness Days to be held at Robertson cannot be sufficiently emphasized.** Although the attendance figure this year was not good, the very important aggravating factors of holding the event on an official holiday, the start of a long week-end (schools were closed with numerous families going away) and many of the local farmers still busy with late harvesting responsibilities, no doubt impacted negatively on attendance and participation.

#### **Recommendations**

**It is imperative that the Robertson BC continues to promote the sport of bowls if it is to continue on the highly successful road that it currently enjoys.** Of the ways that this can be done, are the following:

- To plan, arrange and hold a widely publicised **Annual Awareness Day**
- To continue planning, arranging and running **Annual Business Leagues**
- To continue and expand the highly successful quarterly **Club Newsletter**.
- To ensure that the interest in bowls of all new members (players and social) is maintained and developed.
- **Regular media releases** and appropriate press photos.
- The club has an important role to play, to ensure that its successes in promoting and developing the sport are recognised at **district level**.

# DISTRICT DISPATCH

## LIMPOPO (verslag vanaf Marie Pretorius)

Limpopo's Clubs battle to get together, because of the distance from each other, some being over 400km from each other! Maybe the clubs in the cities cannot understand how we can get so excited if some of our clubs get 3 or 4 new members a year, but since they are small clubs it is something to get us excited and they at least remain in existence.

### POLOKWANE

Little Isabella Jones is only 6 years old and keen to play bowls. Her grandmother is a member of Polokwane and this keen youngster regularly "practices" on one of the greens.

I'm sure she will one day be a great bowler.



Isabella Jones



### DUIWELSKLOOF

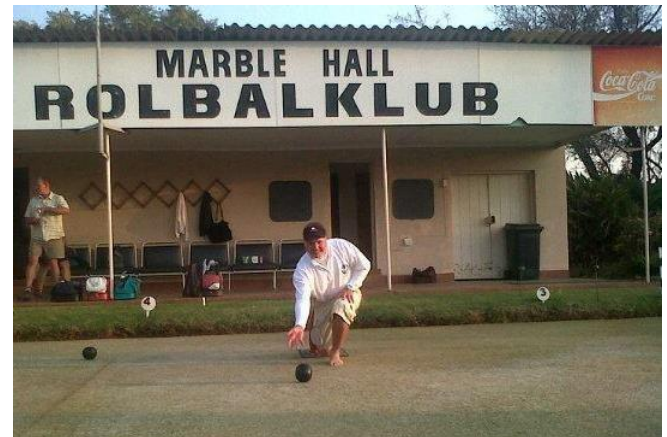
Jenny Murray said that they had a very good year. They held a very successful benefit day and acquired 9 very keen Novices who participated in the Limpopo Novice Competitions – see previous NSCPD newsletter!

### MARBLE HALL

Met groot opgewondenheid het Marble Hall se Ontwikkelingsbeampte laat weet dat die aandspel wat hulle al vir soveel jare aangebied het, en waaroor sy partykeer so moedeloos oor geword het, uiteindelik vrugte afgewerp het.

Hulle het 8 nuwe aansoeke gekry waarvan almal jong mense is! Die klub het maar 'n klein ledetal en almal is reeds ouer mense wat nie meer kompeterende rolbal speel nie. Wat natuurlik ook hiertoe bygedra het, is dat Polokwane Rolbalklub

'n skielike onttrekking uit hulle Bosveldtoernooi gehad het en Marble Hall kon help met 'n spannetjie nie-rolballede. Hulle het dit so geniet dat al 4 aangesluit het, asook nog 2 van hulle vriende. So, dit kan gedoen word! Hulle het nou amper hulle ledetal verdubbel omdat daar 11 nuwe lede aangesluit het. Dus 'n total van 27. Mooi so Marble Hall!



Charles Brandt from Marble Hall

### HOEDSPRUIT

Hoedspruit woel en woeker ook aanmekaar. Die klub het 8 nuwe lede gekry. Hulle hou gereeld Lugmagdae en het ook 'n suksesvolle Merkerskursus die 6e en 7de Junie aangebied. Die Lugmagkampioenskappe het ook hier plaasgevind in Julie en was 'n sukses. Die meegaande foto's is van jong rugbyspelers wat bietjie kom kyk het hoe mens rolbal speel!



## LIMPOPO continued

### MOGOL

Mogol se klub bestaan uit 10 geaffilieerde spelers. Hulle het hierdie jaar 3 nuwe spelers, asook 3 juniors (laerskoolkinders) bygekry. Die juniors is baie entoesiasties!

Hul bied 'n Besigheidsliga aan wat gedurende Mei van die jaar asook November van verlede jaar plaasgevind het. Dit is baie suksesvol en verskaf deel van die klub se inkomste. Gedurende Maart die jaar het Mogol 'n Bosveldfees gehad.

### **BOWLS SOUTHERN CAPE** (Johan Havenga)

The young bowlers of George High and Pacalts High played against each other in the Annual FNB Classic Clashes held at the George Bowling Club. Johan Havenga, the coach and organiser of the tournament is shown in the photograph handing over the trophee to Bradlynn Jumat, the skip from George High. The school beat Pacalts High in a very tough game.



*The teams were Bradlynn Jumat, Leighton Prins, Zadian Hendricks and Keenan Williams. Pacalts High were represented by Jason Erasmus, Shannon Jafta, Dillon Booyesen en Enrico Slinger.*

### **SABLES**

*Sable reported in the newsletter as follows:*

Bowls is not a new sport (all be it for many simply a pastime game, no more than bridge, Bingo, Book Club, etc). Bowls comes with a rich tradition, history, great achievements and most certainly a solid organization and structure, if in certain instances merely on paper.

Guided by Bowls SA, our national body, there exists a wealth of documentation to set standards and guide bowls successfully and effectively starting with Clubs.

**Have successful Clubs  
and you will have a  
successful District.**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF BOWLS IN SABLES**

The lack of formal development of bowls within Sables is reason for concern. Some effort to be admired has come from Annatjie Briel and a small team of supporters in the form of Louis Fourie, Nickey Nel and Schalk and Sonja Jacobs.

Bowls is such a wonderful sport that could be introduced to schools to stimulate interest but again if not on an organised basis, then not much will happen. **Do Clubs really care about getting new members?** Sables and that means every Club has the responsibility to develop bowls within their own individual Clubs. Current members could gain so much from this in the form of coaching, teaching the Rules, lecture on etiquette and encourage players to qualify as TO's (Umpires) and Coaches, irrespective whether they are interested in formal officiating.

### **WESTERN PROVINCE**

Al die onderwysers van Hendrik Louw en Somerset-Wes Primêre skole het teen mekaar gespeel op 26 Julie 2012. Die Strand Rolbalklub se klubafrigters het die deelnemers die dag bygestaan het. Daarna is heerlik saam gekuier.



**"Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right!" Henry Ford**

# BOLAND

## GENERAL

The following are extracts from the **Boland Newsletter, Raaskoot/Toucher, August 2012.**

*Uittreksels van die boodskap van **BASIE LOUW, BOLAND PRESIDENT**, tydens die onlangse **Algemene Jaarvergadering**.*

“Daar is ook nou die toegewing dat nuwe lede se Boland affiliasie vir die eerste jaar slegs **R60-00** sal wees in plaas van **R110-00**. Ons glo dat hierdie ook ‘n aansporing sal wees om nuwe lede te werf.

Ek wil ook op hierdie stadium klubs uitdaag om nuwe lede te affilieer en bied ‘n prysgeld van **R1 000-00** aan die klub wat die meeste nuwe lede affilieer vir die tydperk **1 Julie 2012 tot 30 Junie 2013**. Kom, laat ons Distrik die een met die grootste groei bly, ondanks die swak ekonomie.”

## BE BRIGHT TO BE “DIM”

Al Cannone, Zone Representative, Zone 1, member of Boland’s Executive Committee, delivered a speech in his unique inspirational manner at Boland’s AGM. Here is the skeleton framework of his speech:

“Entries to Boland competitions have been declining. All reasonably competitive bowlers should welcome a full day of keen competition –or even two, for winners of their sections –for a mere R30. This should comprise a major source of funding for the District. How much more fun is it to have bowlers enter in numbers, rather than inviting yet another increase in affiliation fees to make good the shortfall?”

Al then gave several possible reasons contributing to this decline in interest. He used an OXYMORON as the key to a turnaround! **“We need to be bright to be dim!”** he said, and then dissected the word: **“D I M”**.

- “D” is for DELEGATION or DEVOLUTION from top down.
- “I” is for INNOVATION.
- “M” is for MARKETING

(for the full “speech” please read the Boland Newsletter)

Al then illustrated – by means of a simple comparative exercise in arithmetic - how a very small improvement in a clubs’ participation can deliver a huge increase in overall entries, with a commensurate financial benefit to Boland.

He ended with an appeal: “I challenge my colleagues on the Executive to reward an exceptional response from our clubs, if indeed it materialises! At the very least, no further increase in affiliation for the year 2013/14 – and beyond? It is really up to all of us here today, and to club administrators not present, to put our District Executive on the spot! With respect to supporting your District’s competitions – and finances, your club is almost certainly a slumbering giant.

**Please: WAKE IT UP!”**

## UNDER THE MICROSCOPE: **BOWLS AWARENESS DAYS**

Bowls South Africa – and in particular their Standing Committee for Promotion and Development - are to be commended for their sterling efforts in whipping up enthusiasm nationally for recruitment to our great sport. **Bowls Awareness Day is an excellent concept.** Barefoot Bowls Awareness Day is even better - as we demonstrably shed our sport of the rigid mindsets of yesteryear. We already know that BSA have acknowledged that April 27 is not a good date in the annual calendar for this event and we anticipate that for 2013 and beyond, October will become Awareness Month.

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **HOËRSKOOL SWELLENDAM**

Gewapen met vier stelle balle en ‘n 20 m-mat vir praktiese werk, en “Inleiding tot Rolbal” vir teoretiese agtergrond, het ek dapper aangemeld vir die eerste van altesaam 12 les ure by die drie Gr. 9 klasse (95 leerders) van Hoërskool Swellendam. My werk het deel uitgemaak van die vak Lewensoriëntering.

Tydens die afrigtingsessies was ek verbaas hoe maklik die leerders die nuwe vaardighede baasgeraak het. Die “See the line...”-roetine, fokus, ritmiese aflewering en die vorentoe uittree,



het baie vinnig inslag gevind. Die positiewe kommentaar en opgewondenheid oor suksesvolle aflewings en gretigheid om te verbeter, het my aan die hart gevat.

Die laaste Donderdagoggend van die kwartaal was 'n groot groep van die Gr.9's op die rolbalbaan. Vooraf is spanne saamgestel en spandrag beplan. Die verskillende klasseksies het in twee wedstryde teen mekaar meegeding. Klublede het opgetree as spanbestuurders. Luide toejuiging, handeklap en "high fives" is oral gehoor en gesien! Ons klublede was verbaas oor soveel natuurlike aanvoeling vir ritme en gewig. Die leerders het ons ook verras met hul waardering vir alles wat vir hulle gedoen is. Baie van hulle is vas van plan om rolbal deel van hulle weeklikse program te maak. Ons sien daarna uit om hulle as gereelde spelende lede van ons klub te ontvang.

"Without continued growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning."

Benjamin Franklin

## ROLBAL EN DIE GESTREMDE

Ons gestremdes het ook die behoefte om aan 'n sportsoort deel te neem en rolbal is nogal die ideale sport vir baie. Op die rolbalbaan kan die gestremde op dieselfde vlak as 'n nie-gestremde persoon meeding! Daarom is feitlik almal lede van "gewone" klubs en van hulle het selfs al hul distrikte op provinsiale vlak verteenwoordig. Daar word ook gereeld Protea-spanne gekies om aan toernooie oorsee te gaan deelneem. Net soos die paralimpiese atlete, kom hierdie manne en vroue gereeld met 'n string medaljes huis toe.

By elke vergadering waar oor getalle gepraat word, moet ons hoor dat die getalle verminder en



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klubs word aangemoedig om ontwikkeling te doen. Het enigeen van ons al daaraan gedink dat 'n gestremde gewerf kan word as 'n speler? Dit is 'n bron wat in die verlede nog glad nie ontgin is nie. Om 'n gestremde wat aan rolbal kan deelneem te identifiseer, moet ons eerstens kyk na die verskillende gestremdhede wat kwalifiseer om deel te neem. As jy al ooit die voorreg gehad het om die SA's by te woon, sal jy hoor hulle praat onder mekaar van die "BLINDIES", die "WOBBLIES" en die "WHEELIES". Hierdie persone het almal eiesoortige probleme. Gelukkig weet hulle gewoonlik presies wat hul gestremdhede en beperkings is, hoewel dit soms ook 'n probleem kan veroorsaak – hulle sal dalk dink dat die "gewone" spelers hulle nie sal aanvaar nie. Dit is soms vir afrigters 'n groot uitdaging om persone by hierdie siening te laat verbykyk.

Daar was oor die afgelope paar jaar baie toutrekkery oor die liggame wat die sport in SA moet beheer. Die Blindes het hul eie vereniging wat baie goed georganiseer is en wat uitstekend vaar. Die Gestremdes het ook hul vereniging wat minder georganiseerd was en wat dus nie so professioneel in hul optrede was nie. Hierdie verenigings word nou deur hul eie staande komitee by Bowls SA verteenwoordig en dinge kan nou net verbeter vir hierdie spelers. Ek hoop dat hierdie artikel vir almal 'n beter begrip sal gee vir die gestremde speler – hulle is net gewone persone met 'n groter uitdaging in die lewe as ons!

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## Bowls SA Roundup

### Relief for U-19/U-25 player-strapped smaller districts

At a workshop and the AGM, SA Council approved an amendment to the selection criteria of the B Inter-District Championships. The various standards to be applied for all inter-district events are detailed below:

- Bowls SA Open Inter-District Championship: There are no restrictions and districts are expected to select their best possible combinations
- Bowls SA Senior Inter-District Championship: The only restriction to be applied is that all players must be 60 years or older on the first day of the event
- Bowls SA B Inter-District Championship: A maximum of five (5) players may be included who have not played in the Open event in the previous five (5) years; a maximum of three (3) players may be selected who have played in the Open event over the last 1 – 4 years; a maximum of three (3) players may be selected who are over the age of 60 years who have not previously played in the Senior Inter-District
- Warwick: Bowls SA Under-25 Inter-District Championships: All are eligible for selection who have not turned 26 years of age on the first day of the event; NB: Districts who experience difficulties in fielding full teams may “borrow” players from other districts; separate men and women’s events to run concurrently
- Bowls SA Under-19 Development Tournament: All players are eligible for selection who have not turned 20 on the first day of the tournament; districts who experience difficulties in fielding full teams may “borrow” players from other districts; any combination of men and women players may be included in the composition of any team of four.

### Aussie stars to aid development

Bowls Australia has announced the appointment of two of lawn bowls’ biggest stars to newly established national, full-time positions to help guide and develop the sport further in Queensland; (Bowls SA please note; editor)

Helensvale duo Brett Wilkie and Mark Casey, both current members of Australia’s World Bowls Squad will help nurture and promote the game in the Sunshine State.

World number six Wilkie assumes the mantle of National Training Centre Coach for Queensland, after initial appointment of four NTC coaches last October. He is charged with playing a key role in the preparation of identified squad members to achieve international success and will implement National Coach Steve Glasson’s high performance philosophy and programmes, focusing on daily training for the Australian Under-18, Australian Emerging and NTC squads.

Commonwealth Games gold medallist Casey becomes a 16th Community Development Officer; he services South East Queensland to improve service delivery for clubs.

Bowls Australia CEO Neil Dalrymple believes both would produce immediate impact. (Adapted from Bowls Australia website; John Bevin)

### BowlsSA affiliation fees 2013

January	R 169.00
February	R 154.90
March	R 140.85
April	R 126.75
May	R 112.65
June	R 98.60
July	R 84.50
August	R 70.40
September	R 56.35
October	R 42.25
November	R 28.15
December	R 14.10

### Obituaries

Lise de Villiers, a former vice-president of Bowls Southern Cape has died. She was enthusiastic and passionate about bowls and her efforts in promoting our sport among the youth is testament to her legacy. Condolences to her family and many friends.

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