



GLASGOW GLORY!

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

There was optimism in the Protea camp before 10 Bowls SA stars jetted off to compete in the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland; similar sentiment being expressed about a visually impaired duo and a trio of disabled men. The trust was not misplaced.

South African's men, ranked third in the world, and their female counterparts, ranked fifth, met the dragons and lions on home turf and virtually slew the lot; the Para-Games players, as befits world champions, emerged unbeaten – a magnificent effort. The haul of five gold medals (of a possible 10) and two bronze represents a Games record.

And as BowlsSA president Allan Freeman, in Scotland to attend to World Bowls duties (see story this newsletter) says: "Our players' efforts have caused a knock-on buzz in South Africa with many inquiries about taking up the sport."

The entire SA team of 155 won 40 medals – 13 of them gold, bowlers, therefore, won almost 40%. It should not be overlooked the women bowlers won a medal in each discipline – singles, pairs, triples and fours; the men won triples gold, the Para-athletes two gold. And while an able reserve, who flew out at the 11th hour won a gold medal; perhaps the understandable re-adjustment because of that late withdrawal might have affected the rhythm of the fours. At the previous Games in New Delhi, India, four years ago, South Africa finished in fifth place securing 12 gold, 11 silver and 10 bronze medals for a haul of 33 (SA bowlers nailed three golds) - the nation's lowest medal count since the 1994 Games in Victoria, Canada, so there was improvement. Although official spokespeople expressed dissatisfaction with the total, bowls can hardly be included in any disappointing reflection.

Other African bowling nations – Namibia, Zambia, Kenya – who did have their moments - showed a little improvement; alas not enough to fully feature.

But the South Africans knew it was to be no roamin in the gloamin.

It was an early set back was when veteran Northern Free State star Rudi Jacobs was declared unfit to play after suffering an injury in practice. Hurriedly non-travelling reserve Pierre Breitenbach (Potch Town) a national champion and fourth placed Under-25 player in the world, boarded a plane, walked on to the green, seized his opportunity and won a Triples gold medal and earned high praise from superb skip Bobby Donnelly.

Pairs and trips for the men, fours and singles for the women – Let the Games Begin.



PARAGLORY: Disabled Trips champs: Derrick Lobban (B7)/Roger Hagerty (B6)/ Deon van der Vyver (B6)



SWEET SUCCESS: Pierre Breitenbach, Bobby Donnelly, Prince Neluonde enjoy Triples spoils



GOLDEN GIRLS: Skip Susan Nel, Tracy-Lee Botha, Santjie Steyn, Esmé Steyn – fours queens in Glasgow



TO BE KING? : A Prince of England watches



GREEN PRINCE: Prince Neluonde prepares to deliver

South Africa's head coach Theuns Fraser and his indefatigable No 2 and the bowlers' manager Jessica Henderson accompanied the magnificent 10. Says Henderson:

"We were allocated about 14 hours to train at the Kelvingrove Bowls Centre (venue HQ), but I managed to arrange for an extra eight hours. We were also allocated a green at our host club, Belahouston Bowling Club, to which we went twice. I feel we had enough time to adjust to greens and conditions."

But some players had blanched at the tight schedule.

Says Henderson: "The only problem with the schedule I saw was when the men's singles and fours began although their triples semi-final was still due. Not finishing the triples and then beginning fresh disciplines the following day might have affected the men in their respective first rounds." Henderson rarely misses a vital observation.

Perhaps the biggest upset for the men's fours was the opening loss to perceived bowls minnows India (who it must be said played above themselves to reach a semi-final) for a first time. Some might also query the fate of ultra-experienced Donnelly, singles Games champion in 2002 at Manchester, one of the bowls world's most durable and adaptable players, who "lost his way." He went down to players he would normally toy with – sport is funny that way.

SA international legend Gerry Baker and his fours side recovered



CHAMPION: Derrick Lobban on his way to gold



CANARY GIRLS: SA's women; resplendent in yellow

magnificently to reach the quarter-finals, but could not again raise their game. One hopes Baker, winner of just about everything around, who hinted earlier in the year he might "hang up his international shirt" after Glasgow – has a change of heart. Baker, forever an honest class act, shrugged off the loss of Jacobs, although he would agree the Free Stater's conversion rate might have been missed and suggested men in some areas did not perform to the standard expected. Jason Evans switched to third from second needed immediate re-strategy thoughts – never easy, even from a top class performer as he undoubtedly is.

Several bowlers have e-mailed me on the subject of preparedness - there is little doubt coaching staff for any code tries to ensure charges do not arrive "undercooked."

Says Henderson: "I think talent plus sheer guts and determination pulled players through - especially the women. Their fours after getting into the quarter-finals through the "back door" (shot difference) took the opportunity with both hands to win gold in a bravura all-round team performance."

The Games organisers decided on unevenly sized sections, meaning a sort of OK Corral shootout for South Africa's women's trips in their three-nation "section of death."

Women's captain Susan Nel, a gold medallist in Delhi and skip of the Glasgow winning fours and bronze medal triples was explicit:

"Everything was well organised, but I prefer a bigger section. But then again, we had sufficient practice at the venue and host club whose greens compared favourably with those at Kelvingrove. I feel we prepared well, but might have had more team time 'together.'"

Shrewd comment; England played more than 90 "warm-up" games, Malaysia enjoyed numerous squad practices as a team, as did Australia.

Says BowlsSA president Allan Freeman: "Our talented players will be given every opportunity to again regain No1 world positions; I am confident they will. We have the depth and the coaching regimen, enthusiasm and the facilities. I am extremely proud of our team. This is the best since readmission; a record that will take some equalling.. Hundreds of telephone calls and SMSs have

THE EXTRA END PAIRS WIN ...



READY FOR ACTION: Colleen and Tracy-Lee make ready



EYES STEADY: Tracey-Lee's extra end anguish ...



...PHEW: It's not easy



ALMOST: Colleen takes stock



YES, YES! : Tracy-Lee rushes



GOLD! Proudly contented



been received from people wanting to take up the game."

At Glasgow, while all will agree team effort, whether on the green or in a supporting role in the stands played a major part, there is little doubt the women excelled.

All five had played, somewhat indifferently it must be said, at World Bowls in Adelaide, Australia two years ago; they put it behind them. Colleen, Tracy-Lee, Susan, Esmé, Santjie – unbelievable!

It should be remembered the Games might be "easier" for those athletes not facing the cream of Russian, US and major European nations – for bowls it is World Bowls all over again – against the best of the best.

How tough it is evidenced by the surprise Glasgow "non-show-






ALL GOLD: SA rugby sevens champs pose with BowsSA's brilliant golden girls

SOUTH AFRICA RULES THE ROOST

Men

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Singles	 Darren Burnett Scotland (SCO)	 Ryan Bester Canada (CAN)	 Aron Sherriff Australia (AUS)
Pairs	 Scotland (SCO) Paul Foster Alex Marshall	 Malaysia (MAS) Muhammad Hizlee Abdul Fairul Izwan Abd Muin Rais	 England (ENG) Andrew Knapper Sam Tolchard
Triples	 South Africa (RSA) Prince Neluonde Petrus Breitenbach Bobby Donnelly	 Northern Ireland (NIR) Paul Daly Neil Mulholland Neil Booth	 Wales (WAL) Paul Taylor Jonathan Tomlinson Marc Wyatt
Fours	 Scotland (SCO) David Peacock Neil Speirs Paul Foster Alex Marshall	 England (ENG) John McGuinness Andrew Knapper Stuart Airey Jamie Chestney	 Australia (AUS) Wayne Ruediger Brett Wilkie Nathan Rice Matt Flapper

Women



Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Singles	 Jo Edwards	 Natalie Melmore	 Colleen Piketh

	New Zealand (NZL)	England (ENG)	South Africa (RSA)
Pairs	 South Africa (RSA) Tracy-Lee Botha Colleen Piketh	 England (ENG) Jamie-Lea Winch Natalie Melmore	 Northern Ireland (NIR) Mandy Cunningham Barbara Cameron
Triples	 England (ENG) Sophie Tolchard Ellen Falkner Sian Gordon	 Australia (AUS) Lynsey Clarke Karen Murphy Kelsey Cottrell	 South Africa (RSA) Esme Steyn Santjie Steyn Susan Nell
Fours	 South Africa (RSA) Esme Steyn Santjie Steyn Tracy-Lee Botha Susan Nell	 Malaysia (MAS) Emma Firyana Saroji Nur Fidrah Noh Nor Hashimah Ismail Azlina Arshad	 New Zealand (NZL) Selina Goddard Amy McIlroy Val Smith Mandy Boyd

Para-sport

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Mixed para-sport pairs details	 South Africa (RSA) Gwen Nel Annatjie van Rooyen Geoff Newcombe Herman Scholtz	 Scotland (SCO) David Thomas Ron McArthur Robert Conway Irene Edgar	 Australia (AUS) Tony Scott Bruce Jones Joy Forster Peter Scott
Open para-sport triples details	 South Africa (RSA) Deon Van De Vyver Roger Hagerty Lobban Derrick	 New Zealand (NZL) Lynda Bennett Barry Wynks Mark Noble	 England (ENG) Bob Love David Fisher Paul Brown

Medals table

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	 South Africa (RSA)	5	0	2	7
2	 Scotland (SCO)	3	1	0	4
3	 England (ENG)	1	3	2	6
4	 New Zealand (NZL)	1	1	1	3
5	 Malaysia (MAS)	0	2	0	2
6	 Australia (AUS)	0	1	3	4
7	 Northern Ireland (NIR)	0	1	1	2
8	 Canada (CAN)	0	1	0	1
9	 Wales (WAL)	0	0	1	1
Total		10	10	10	30

ing" of Bowls Australia – their big teams in 20 Games (SA has played in 12 for 352 total medals – sixth best) has amassed a colossal 2 218 (852 gold alone) gongs – as in Glasgow, their World No 1 bowlers, amazingly won only one silver and three bronze medals.

Individual performances rarely supersede brilliant team performance, but, to single out some:

- Tracy-Lee Botha: Gold for fours and pairs. At 25, the SA Masters champion is surely world's best in her age group; maybe any? Her composure as lead in the desperate extra end pairs final before a packed partisan crowd against England, with TV cameras whirring, cannot be over-emphasised; only SA swimmer Chad le Clos, with two golds, emulated her feat.
- Susan Nel: Skilful, composed, a born leader; a superb performance – gold in fours, bronze in triples.
- Prince Neluonde; Gold in the men's trips. Smooth, quiet, super-skilful, he carried the hope of his own people as the first black indigenous African bowler to earn Protea (or Springbok in earlier years) let alone win on debut. He did not disappoint. A role model among role models; he will be around a long time and more than likely before long be joined by others of his community.
- Colleen Piketh: Gold in the pairs with T-L and a magnificent bronze in the singles; losing her semi-final narrowly to a recent world champion was no disgrace. Concern for her beloved husband's health, work pressure and her drive for excellence, she showed her missing a medal by a whisker at the World Indoor Pairs in Australia this year had heralded her true arrival on the world stage.

• And the Para-athletes? With their durable manager Brian Sneag by their side, the visually impaired mixed duo and their directors and the trio of gallant disabled men went through unbeaten – a herculean task, but befitting world champions in both disciplines.

In 2018 the Games travels to the Australian Gold Coast. But South Africa's bowlers will be prepared; honed and re-honed ... there's nothing like downing Oz in her own back yard.

Proteas:

Men:

Singles: R Donnelly; Pairs: G Baker/ J Evans; trips: R Donnelly/P Breitenbach, P Neluonde (Gold medal); fours: Baker/Evans/ Breitenbach/Neluonde (quarter-finals);

Women:

singles: C Piketh (bronze); pairs: Piketh/ T-L Botha (gold); trips: S Nel/Steyn S/Steyn E (bronze); fours: Nel/Botha/Steyn S/ Steyn E (gold); Head Coach: Theuns Fraser; Manager: Jessica Henderson.

Disabled: Blind:

B2/B3 Pairs: Gyndolene Nel (B2)/Hermanus Scholtz (B3); directors Geoff Newcombe/Johanna van Rooyen (gold); Disabled: B6/7/8 Trips: Derrick Lobban (B7)/Roger Hagerty (B6)/ Deon van der Vyver (B6) (gold);. Manager: Brian Sneag.

©BowlsSA

Barefoot brigade enjoy the day

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

Hot on the heels of the Proteas' outstanding successes at the XX Commonwealth Games in Scotland, bowls in Pretoria went back to grassroots as Bowls South Africa (BSA) continued its quest to take the sport to the people. A barefoot bowls day, with more than 110 students bussed in, saw culmination of a project by six local universities proved a great success as bare feet or takkies (gym shoes) replaced tutorials.

There were 28 VIP guests, including 11 from the media and two Glasgow gold medalists; print, radio and TV reporters provided exhaustive coverage and national exposure as bowls' future generation strutted their stuff in a variety of mod gear and a riot of colour.

Total cost was R54 000 funded from Bowls SA development reserves. The remaining projects at Stellenbosch, Potchefstroom, Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth will cost in the region of R 60 000, also from the fund.

All was organised by BSA's National Standing Committee: Promotion and Development under the baton of dedicated convenor, Fonny Meyerdricks; Students enthusiastically took part and at the end of a great day of fun and competition, coaching and prizes, the youngsters left vowing to take the code back to their respective universities with renewed enthusiasm.



PERFECTION: Clean delivery



SHORT TUT: BGN president Lynne Nightingale takes class



BOWLS BAGS: Students are given bowls on arrival

Pretoria's well known Sunnyside Bowling Club which arranged boerewors (South African "hot dog") rolls, meals and refreshments for all. Also arranged was use of the club's blind bowlers' green and scoreboards; South African Breweries set up a beer garden and music provided by a "Gig Rig."

Bowls Gauteng North (BGN) provided "rink masters" for every rink to assist students with technique and procedure; also collecting contact details for follow-up. Said Bowls SA president, Allan Freeman: "Bowls is a sport for all people of any age. The future of this wonderful sport of ours lies in the hands and on the nimble feet of the younger brigade. Together we are making it happen."

Provincial (district) selectors attended as talent spotters and the BGN executive and its team leader Sanette Kritzinger demonstrated bowls as challenging and fun.



PRETTY PAIRS?: Should turn heads

More such events are planned, to which students will be invited. Bowls SA will oversee selection of student teams to play against highly competitive club and district Under-19 and Under-25 sides.

The occasion was staged at

GERRY BAKERSouth African
International Bowler

We need THE VOX POPULI

I have just returned from our annual South African Championships held in Cape Town. The headquarters for this event was the glorious Western Province Cricket Club which has its home at the world famous Newlands Cricket ground.

Nestled below Table Mountain, this bowling venue is as spectacular as one may find anywhere in the world and the facilities at the club make this the premier bowling destination in South Africa.

Talking of cricket, it was once again a great pleasure for me to play with South African cricket legend and past captain Kepler Wessels. I am reminded of the fact that prior to his return to South Africa, Kepler opened the batting for Australia for four years and made 162 on his debut against the all-

conquering West Indies team, which was no mean feat back then.

He retired from cricket with a test average of 41 and a first class average above 50. His interest and passion for bowls has always intrigued me. Coincidentally, competing in our fours section was another South African Test cricketer in John Commins, who played in the late 90s under another South African sporting hero, but finally a disgraced captain, the late Hansie Cronje.

TRANSPARENCY IN BOWLS

Communication appears to be a huge challenge these days and it is apparent that even our current world governing body (World Bowls) faces this very issue within its own ranks. Having said that, how does any

governing body get the message clearly and effectively down to the rank and file?

Here in South Africa, there is a significant divide between our bowls executive and the competitive or representative player. We have recognised this fact and to help improve matters, Bowls South Africa has appointed me as the players' representative in a newly created position.

We, as provincial or state players, then meet on an annual basis and issues of interest and concern are discussed in an open and frank forum. As far as I am aware, there is nothing like this at international level.

CRICKET'S COMMUNICATION

In this regard, I then chatted to Kepler about a forum in cricket called the Test Captains' Annual Meeting. What happens here is that the captain of each of the Test playing nations meet on an annual basis and discuss everything related to international cricket.

Typically, they would discuss and debate new rules or formats, playing schedules, sponsorships and players' commitments etc.

This dialogue between the governing body and the Test captains goes a long way to communicating all issues back to the players and this message then naturally filters down to the provincial bowler or even to the club player.

SIMILAR DIALOGUE IN BOWLS?

We could have the same forum set up in our own sport and captains of countries could meet bi-annually at the Commonwealth Games and World Bowls world championships. This dialogue could even continue between events if necessary. I believe that a win-win situation can then easily be created with all stakeholders benefitting.

Mr Aarons obviously came to terms with the fact that when he was the president of the world governing body, World Bowls, some days he was the stature and on other days he was the pigeon. I have seen the tangible benefits of this initiative and should new president John Bell implement something along these lines, then the rapport between his Board and the international players may be greatly improved.

This may well then filter down to county and club level as communication and transparency is paramount and, in this instance, would be evident.

Former South African cricketers Kepler Wessels (left), and John Commins, have embraced the sport of bowls and our man on the scene Gerry Baker asked Kepler about dialogue in cricket.



SA plays major roles in World Bowls policy

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls SA

Three motions proposed at a biennial World Bowls (WB) meeting held during the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow Scotland in August were defeated.

The motions were:

- An Australian/ New Zealand motion to change the structure of the Board; dismissed 100 votes to 40 (votes are proportional according to membership size of each country), one abstention and one spoilt paper
- A WB executive motion to increase the annual levy; defeated 102 votes to 40 and,
- An Australian/New Zealand motion to increase levy; lost 74 votes to 68.

The minutes of the last meeting, president's, regional directors' and chief executive's reports were all adopted without comment.

Changes in the laws, already received by member nations, were ratified.

Allan Freeman, BowlsSA President, who attended and held pre-AGM discussions with delegates from Bowls England and several other nations, said on his return to South Africa:

"It was apparent most were against the motions and I agreed, along with Bowls England to speak at the meeting, which I did.

Freeman said it was generally agreed the levy to WB needed attention with perhaps inclusion of an annual or biennial built-in percentage increase, as in South Africa.

"Bowls England asked if we would put forward a motion for consideration at an electronic Special General Meeting; the SA executive would give it thought, Freeman said.

Other matters arising included:

- Kerry Clarke (NZ) reported on track for the World Championships in Christchurch 2016 from Nov 28-Dec 11; 20 countries would take part. SA's qualifier was the 2015 Atlantic Championships; there was provision for qualification in individual disciplines.

- Australia had bid to stage the 2020 [April/May] World Championships at Broad Beach Club, Gold Coast Queensland; WB would confirm; XXI Commonwealth Games 2018 was already scheduled for the same venue.

- Clarke also spoke on Commonwealth Games criteria which although satisfactory and bowls a core Games sport until 2018, there were several items needed consideration:

- 1 Team numbers
- 2 Was bowls at Games media-friendly?
- 3 TV found fours players blocking the view
- 4 Commercial stakeholders
- 5 Selection of best players only
- 6 Short exciting formats for TV

The WB Board was confirmed as: President: John Bell [England]; John McArdle director Africa/Americas; Karen Murphy director Oceania, Andy Ewens director UK/Europe [elected at the meeting]; WB to confirm directors.



Allan Freeman

What is a Warwick Platinum Award?

A Warwick Platinum Client will not pay to play bowls in their life time. To qualify a client must, with Warwick Wealth:

1. **Invest R500 000**
2. **Take out a R500 pm short term insurance policy**
3. **Have a R500 000 estate value will**

If the client has all three Warwick will pay (capped at R1200):

1. **Club membership fees,**
2. **Bowls South Africa affiliation fees**



PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

JUNE 2014

UJ STUDENTS AT PLAY ON THE GREEN

Early morning at a Bowls Club in Auckland Park, students from the various residences of the University of Johannesburg arrived to compete in the first Varsity Bowls Tournament which took place at Montgomery Park on Saturday 8 May.

Varsity Bowls is an initiative to attract younger players to the sport with focus on the students at university level. Spectators could hear the students laughing, see them dancing to the music provided by the happy deejays and joking with fellow students. *Bowling has changed.*



Fonny Meyerdricks from the NSCPD said that the day "was a test-run" for the envisaged inter-varsity bowling tournament. Tukkies will also participate in this initiative, with another five universities to follow during this year.

Rob Zimmerman, Barefoot Bowling SA explained to the media that the game has been simplified to attract new bowlers. Each player "takes their best shot" and "depending on where the ball lands, points are awarded. The really important thing is to have fun." With new efforts being made the sport is attracting younger bowlers to play. Zimmerman concluded, students in res are "looking for something social, something fun and something

that's not excessively physical". Bowls is not a contact sport and although not very physical it does provide good exercise.

VORENDAG VS KANNIEDOOD

The finals saw the two men's residences - Vorendag and Kanniedood play against each other. Vorendag not only had six players participating in the

BAREFOOT BOWLS!
THE UJ WAY!
@ Auckland Park Bowling Club
INTER - RESIDENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
10 MAY 2014
08:30 - 17:00
Enter your team now!
Email entries to
linlyd@uj.ac.za
6 Members per team - It's free!
Big prizes! Beer Garden!
DJ's!
Big Fun!

tournament but had 14 guys drinking. "It's great" said Shane to the media after the game.



The winning side had reasons to smile as the team of Shane van der Westhuizen (Bubbles), Werner Neethling (Ysbeer) and Joseph Rachabedi (Champ) collected the grand prize of a R1 000, four cases of beer and a trophy. The Kanniedood runners –up of Jeanot Beetge (Skaap), Darius du Plessis (Deuce) and Keagan Boys (Barcode) were satisfied with the four cases of beer they received.



The winning side Vorendag. The men's trio won 34-29 after a close battle on the green.

BOWLS VARSITY CUP DATES

The first of the Bowls Varsity Cup days were held in Johannesburg with the students of UJ.

To enable some of the other universities within the academic programme, to engage in this exciting sport the following dates has been decided upon:

Pretoria	15th August
Potchefstroom	29th August
Bloemfontein	12th September
Port Elizabeth	26th September
Stellenbosch	10th October
Finals (Stellenbosch)	17th October

Contact the NSCPD for information or follow the students and/or see photographs of the events at

<https://www.facebook.com/barefootbowls>



GAME ACTION AND FUN!

Even though it was their first time on a bowling green, it was also the first time an inter residence Varsity Bowls Tournament was held! Some teams arriving at the green came dressed for action; others brought their own spectators.

Basic rules and scoring were explained to the students and they were introduced to the coaches dressed in bright yellow shirts, the JBA



young district bowlers and one of our Protea players, Tracy-Lee.

Three of the young "volunteers" taking a break is Jonathan Arthur Franks, Roxanne Tingle and Tracy-Lee Botha.

Deejays in the big rig singing and dancing to the beat.

SA Breweries had a supply of beverages for the thirsty as well as the gig rig with music systems and deejays to supply up beat and on-going music. The atmosphere was electric and enjoyed by the players, organisers and the spectators. What a day!!!



Students enjoying a welcome break with SA Breweries hospitality!!(gig rig in the background).

UNIVERSITIES: VARSITY CUP

For years various avenues have been investigated to involve younger people in bowls. At school level, progress has been made, but yet, there is still a market for awareness among the younger generation. It was decided to target universities. In the trial year, all role players will be learning and adjusting at each tournament held country wide but what a journey this will be, especially for Bowls!

Bowls SA has contracted a marketing company, "Exposure Unlimited", to work with the NSCPD in bringing bowls to more people, "change the image" of bowls, introduce the sport to a wider audience and assist in the road ahead. With the resources and contacts of both "Exposure Unlimited" and Bowls SA, it is seen as a positive move with great potential player benefits. The NSCPD will request each District Executive to get involved in this project.

"Exposure Unlimited" will organise, inter alia, the Universities, the media and clubs together with the NSCPD. SA Breweries are sponsoring all the events with some product, gazebos, tables and chairs, umbrellas and their "Gig Rig" (a truck equipped to provide on-site sound and music broadcasting). Bowls SA is sending their development trailer, equipped with 72 sets of bowls to each event. It is hoped that as the news of the Varsity cup spreads, the spectator numbers will grow.

FORMAT OF THE VARSITY CUP

It was decided that the Varsity Cup should encapsulate the essence and spirit of young people. The format introduced for play on the day seemed involved but yet was quite simple.

Two bowl trips are played (made much easier as the bowls trailer is equipped with individual sets of two bowls). A 4 metre mark was introduced on each side for the placement of



the Jack. The members of both teams stay on the same side to ensure the easy flow of the game. Both the "leads" play the first bowl, followed by the "seconds" and the "thirds". Then the leads play the second bowl, followed by the second and third player. The closest bowl would score 4, then a 3, a 2 and a 1. The closest bowl also wins a skin. Play continues until a team scores 30 points (between 4 and 7 endseven if this happens on both sides). Two points for the win, two points for winner of the skins. If the team win by more than 5 shots a further 2 points was added and the winning team could score 2 points if they did not lose the game by more than 10 shots. All the games, including the semi-and final take place on one day. Young district players assisted the students with the rules and format of play.

THE FORMAT OF THE DAY

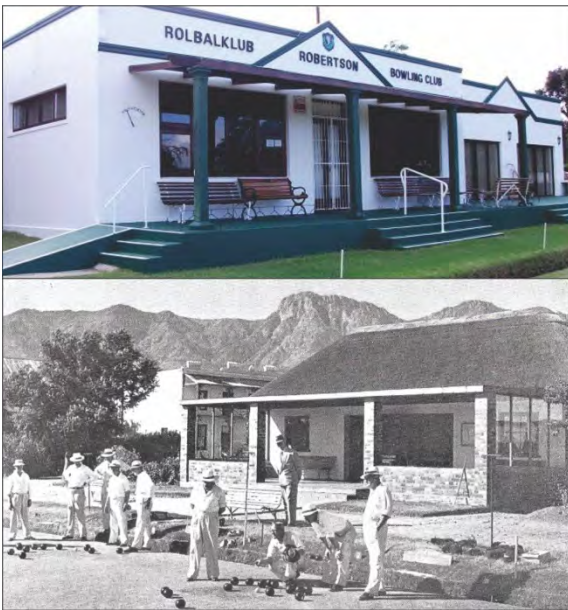
The day catered for the students! Music, something to eat and drink, the media and of course fellow students! Good, healthy fun and a new sport combined to make the first Varsity Cup one to remember. JBA took care of internal matters and with Rob Zimmerman, of

Barefoot Bowls involved, the day could not have turned out better.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

ROBERTSON BOWLING CLUB (BOLAND)

Every now and then we receive these exceptional reports and know that a lot of hard work and effort has gone into such a success story.



Photograph downloaded from the Internet

Robertson Bowling Club has been going from strength to strength. The help of the very active Development Standing Committee chaired by Theuns Coetzee of Bonnievale, Robertson Bowling Club managed to break through the “barrier” that clubs use as an excuse –“business league players do not want to join”. Robertson BC proved that it can be done. Recently 12 new members joined as a direct result of a Business League. Robertson decided to do some aggressive marketing, targeting the younger people in the area. It

was evident that the marketing plan that was put together was accepted as the road to travel by the Club Committee. Many hours and dedication to assist these young players has resulted in new blood being introduced to the game.

Recently Bonnievale had the opportunity to play against some of these players. On arrival at the Robertson club, they were met with a green filled with young people, already warming up to the beat of music and the fires that has already been lit. Not one person complained about the very cold evening and was just looking forward to a good evening of bowls. Both visitors and the new club members had a most enjoyable time on and off the green and the evening was a great opportunity for the new players to experience evening bowls.

As mentioned by Theuns “Ek kan alle besture die versekering gee dat wat hier gebeur het nie vanselfsprekend is nie, maar kom na 'n seisoen van agressiewe bemarking onder die jonger spelers. Die snoek en patat van gisteraand wys dat julle inversteer in julle nuwe spelers, goed so hou so aan. Dit is weereens 'n bewys dat as jou huis in orde is, en jy bemark jou klub pro aktief, die resultate vanselfsprekend is. Geluk aan Robertson se bestuur wat dit moontlik gemaak het”.



DEVELOPMENT TRAILER

Theo van Aswegen mentioned that Eden Bowls were privileged to introduce for the first time the district's "Development Bowls Trailer" at the recently held Youth Festival Tournament.

The district was grateful towards Bowls SA and the NSCPD committee, by name of Fonny Meyeridericks, for their contribution to make this dream come true. The trailer will be made available for use throughout the Cape Region once it has been fully equipped.



YOUTH FESTIVAL OUTDSHOORN (EDEN)

Oudtshoorn Bowling Club recently held a first in the Eden District, a Youth Bowls Tournament in the form of an Open (adult) Section and a closed (under 25) Section. Played as a trips competition, teams had the opportunity to enjoy bowls with their own age group and for the younger people it created the opportunity to take part in a competition to give them exposure and experience.



Theo van Aswegen, the keen DistrictDevelopment official reported that he has "been playing bowls for 14 years but this weekend was the first ever in heavy frost surroundings on both days in the beautiful Oudtshoorn. We could not have asked for better weather at a bowling facility that reflects worldclass infrastructure as seen on their 4 bowling greens and beautiful clubhouse providing excellent catering, bar facilities and services for the bowlers".

Another first was that this tournament would see youngsters competing on their own level for prize money.



The Youth Teams that entered came from WP (4 teams), BOLAND (7 teams) and EDEN (5)with another 16 Open Category teams also from the three districts. "It was wonderful to once again experience the excitement, high fives and total

vibe amongst the youngsters participating in this tournament". This is certainly what is required to take bowls into a new era. In the prize money Eden Bowls came first, followed by WP, Eden and Boland in respectively 2nd to 4th place.



Prizewinners and youth!

Statistics:

-10 of the Boland group of 19 came from previously disadvantaged communities (teams came from Robertson, Bonnievale, Ceres, and Bredasdorp.)

--Eden teams came from George, Outeniqua, BeaufortWest and Oudtshoorn

-For 20 % it was a total new experience-some children from 8 -12 years old

-Boland brought a young reserve along who was so eager to participate, we made up a team around him consisting of different players every game and his team eventually ended in the 4th place

-all the players are involved in a weekly training program with their local clubs

-we also mixed the experienced and the new players in the team combinations

-it is also worthy to note that members of various clubs sponsored some of the teams participating.

-from Boland there was also a family combination of the Mosterds from Ceres where the parents participated in the open side and the children (brother & sister) in the youth side

Theuns Coetzee (BOL), Paul Cohen (WP) and Theo van Aswegen (EDEN) was once again instrumental in keeping this dream alive of growing this beautiful game of ours amongst the youth and they thanked Martin van Zyl (Boland) for his support and dedication to this value adding cause ("If you can dream it, you can do it").

Envar Buys Tournament

Later this year the annual "Envar Buys" tournament will also take place in Oudtshoorn during the first weekend of October. One year ago saw the start of this tournament with the promise to grow and develop it further. It was then a tournament with two sections. Since then there has been an increase in the number of players. The sponsors Oudtshoorn Municipality/Standard Bank was overwhelmed by the reaction and made the decision to increase the prize money. But the biggest bonus of all is their commitment to start a Youth Bowls Development Program for all schools in their area at Oudtshoorn Bowls Club.

Boland Interskole Toernooi

Boland se heel eerste interskole toernooi is onlangs met sukses aangebied by Swellendam.



Nege spelers van elke dorp het deelgeneem met die spelers se ouderdom wat gewissel het van 9 tot 16 jaar. Almal neem aktief deel aan die sport met 'n gereelde oefenprogram. Vir 45% persent van die kinders is Rolbal nou hul hoof sport!

Die wenspan kon eers op die laaste kop bepaal word. Die finaal was tussen Swellendam en Bonnievale. Die telling na drie wedstryde was Swellendam 10(-22) en Bonnievale 8(+22).

Die ywer en wedywer was met 'n goeie gees heeldag teenwoordig op die baan. Daar was uitstaande rolbal gespeel, wat veral die ouer garde van die toeskouers verstom het.

Die ys is nou gebreek en die nuwe uitdaging is nou daarin om die ander dorpe te betrek naamlik Bredasdorp, Darling, Robertson asook Greyton.



Verslag: Theuns Coetzee, Boland Ontwikkeling

NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE

Fonny Meyerdricks

fonny@iafrica.com 084 738 2189

Districts:

JBA, BGN, Sedibeng, Sables and Ekurhuleni (EB)

Aloma Smith

alomasmith@telkomsa.net 072 469 8635

Districts:

WP, Boland and Southern Cape

Anina Black

blacka@cput.ac.za 076 784 9596

Districts:

Northern Cape, Limpopo and Mpumalanga

Henk Prinsloo

henkp@lantic.net 082 557 8584

Districts:

North West and Northern & Southern Free State

Philip Olivier

philip.o@vodamail.co.za 072 624 4008

Districts:

KZNCB, Kingfisher, Port Natal, Natal Inland

Neville Hort

nevyvonne@gmail.com 082 043 5276

Districts:

Border and Eastern Province



THE OVER 50 SPECIALISTS

Supporting you and
your club with specialised

Invest, Cover, Trust and Offshore products

Contact our team

0800 50 50 50

warwickwealth.com

INVEST



COVER



TRUST



OFFSHORE



Only available from 1 November 2013

An award of Accredited Financial Services Provider

Lawn Bowls

Tabs-In!

fast and easy



A web application to draw teams randomly:

- 🕒 for club's social matches
- 🕒 players get equal opportunities
- 🕒 select players according to their ranks
- 🕒 handles different game variations
- 🕒 keep stats of players and matches

Join now to experience the Tabs-In! platform
for 15 days - **FREE OF CHARGE!**

Contact details: support@tabsin.co.za

Cell: **Trish** at + 27 (0)71 361 4179

www.tabsin.co.za

Bowls SA Roundup

National camp squads

Thirty-two of South Africa's top lawn bowlers will attend a national camp from September 19-20 2014 at the Wanderers Bowling Club, Johannesburg to determine selection for The Gold Squad (16 of each gender), the Peter Richards International Pairs (November, Zimbabwe), the International Quadrangular (October/November, SA, Namibia, Zimbabwe SA Juniors in Namibia) and the 2015 Warwick Wealth SA Masters (Johannesburg). Hopefuls must complete various tests and participate in games arranged by the national selectors.

Players:

Women: Anneke Snyman, Santjie Steyn (Boland), Esmé Kruger

(Gauteng N), Elma Davis (Eden) Shelene Jordaan, Wilma Richardson (Ekurhuleni), Sandy Smart, Lourenza van der Merwe (EP) Tracy-Lee Botha, Jacqui Janse van Rensburg, Tracy Meyeridricks, Ashleigh Parks, Colleen Piketh, Charlotte Rossouw, Peta Smith, Esmé Steyn, Roxanne Tingle (JBA), Pam Cole-Cook (Kingfisher), Geraldine Moodaley, Denise Musson, Annelie Mathewson N Cape), Louise Larkin, Bronwyn Webber (P Natal), Gaylyn Bedford-Owen, Nici Neal, Susan Nel (Sables), Brunie Gerber (S Free State), Sylvia Burns, Theuna Grobler, Lydia Maritz, Rene Swanepoel Maggie van Zyl (WP).

Men: Stephan de Jager (Boland), Tarquin Ormston, Conrad Potgieter (Border), Francois Koen, Rufus McCarthy, Dylan Mitchell (Gauteng N), Billy Radloff (Eden), Thinus Oelofse (Ekurhuleni),



BOLAND FIRST: Bowling history was made at Swellendam with a first competition between Boland school pupils. Nine from Swellendam took on nine from Bonnievale in three games of trips. Swellendam won- so did bowls. Consensus is: Watch out for Matthys Loedolff of Bonnievale - he's only eight, but wow! Pictures, story: LINDA BROWN (top left)

Peter Hufkie (EP), Gerry Baker, Bobby Donnelly, Jason Evans, Chris Gau, Martin Lewis, Prince Neluonde, Victor Siphali, Wayne Perry (JBA), Shawn Janse van Vuuren (Mpumalanga), Brendan Ainley, Laylon Howard (Natal Inland), Pikkie Abbott (NW), Pierrre Breitenbach, Rudi Jacobs, Loffie Cronje (NW), Stuart Milligan, Wayne Rittmuller, Gippo Vermeulen (P Natal), Morgan Muvangho (Sables), George Lotter jnr (Sedibeng), Hertzog Meiring, Vusi Mphahle (S Free State), Joel Röebert, Nic Rusling (WP).

District (Level 2) Coaching

Applications from active club coaches (Level 1) interested in upgrading to Level 2 are invited to attend the next district coaches course Outeniqua BC (Eden) from November 16-20 or at The Wanderers BC from January 11-15, 2011; all are required to fund expenses. Pre-requisites are: DSCC & district executive must motivate applications to NSCC (ask clubs); the candidate must be acceptable by elite and district players as a coach. A maximum of 18 candidates will be accommodated. If a district nominates more than one candidate preference must be indicated; Portfolio; to get to know something about candidates; About 100 hours of coaching at Level 1; the bulk accumulated in the past four years; Computer literacy is highly recommended, but not a requirement – assistance at course provided; Minimum of a current Level 1 Technical Official qualification; Knowledge of first-aid recommended.

Level 1 coaching protocol

The National Standing Committee for Coaching (NSCC) would like to remind districts of the well established protocol for running Level 1 courses in their districts, as communicated since 2011 through the Train-the-Trainer (T-t-T) courses. There are reasons why this needs to be adhered to as closely as possible: Notification six months before: Clubs plan schedules well in advance; the district-liaison NSCC member needs to check availability and organise for a fellow member to attend if unavailable; Bowls SA needs make travel arrangements well in advance to take advantage of reduced fares; Districts are recommended to follow the programme provided at T-t-T courses: the sequence allows a flow in the build-up of knowledge (although weather may influence this); candidates need to complete the post-course projects, monitored by DSCC facilitators, preferably within 2 months of the course. All candidates need to participate in the course (at all three levels) and do the relevant post-course project(s) to ensure maintenance of coaching standards throughout South Africa: while some candidates may have good knowledge in some areas, they are not necessarily proficient at all levels. Constraints are not there to restrict participation as coaches, but to ensure quality coaching. All queries to Jill Atkinson, NSCC Co-ordinator of Club Coach courses (jillatkinson@bergmail.co.za).

Tournament venues for 2015

BowlsSA advises the following venues have been confirmed for 2015 national tournaments after inspections conducted by the National Standing Committee: Greens: Warwick/BowlsSA Masters: The Wanderers (JBA); Perfect Delivery/BowlsSA Open Interdistrict Championships Park Hill (P Natal); Stella Park, Durban, Westville; Perfect Delivery/BowlsSA Senior Interdistrict Championships: George (Eden), Outeniqua, Oudtshoorn. (Men) 4 greens; BowlsSA B Interdistrict Championships: Wingate Park (Gauteng N), Irene, Meyerspark, Vriendekring; Warwick/BowlsSA U-25 Interdistrict Championships: Bloemfontein Municipal (S Free State); BowlsSA U-19 Development Tournament: Orangia (S Free State)

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.

BSA office closed

BowlsSA's office will be close from 12pm on Friday December 13, 2013 until Monday January 6, 2014.

Affiliation fees for 2014 from:

September R58.30; October R43.75; November R29.25; December R14.60

Obituaries

Raymond Ramsay, a former President of Port Natal Bowls (1992) died. He later moved to Stilfontein and served as convenor of the North West Bowls Standing Committee: Coaches. BowlsSA acknowledges his contribution to our sport and extend condolences to family and many friends.

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

© BowlsSA and MediaWrite Inc, 2014.