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GOLD GALORE, BUT TOUGH FIGHT FOR PROTEAS IN KENYA

Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

There is little doubt, the African States Tournament is no longer the pushover it used to be.

Yes, South Africa's Proteas retained the biennial Trophy in Kenya, winning the overall points table by a comfortable margin – but they had to demonstrate their best efforts to retain the title they won at Edenvale in 2017.

South Africa logged 36 points from medals earned, Kenya finished runners-up on 29, Zimbabwe, next with 28, followed by Botswana, 22, women-less Namibia (16) and Zambia (13).

It might be pointed out here, South Africa has more bowlers from which to choose than all the other sub-Saharan nations combined.

Play took place at two venues – disappointment to both players and spectator and incredibly, the tournament play schedule did not subscribe to World Bowls format – a curious anomaly.

And while the picturesque Karen Country Club, some 13km outside the capital was venue for the men and Nairobi CC, in the heart of the city, for the

women, split venues for an event of this importance is unsatisfactory.

Moreover, unfortunately Uganda, Eswatini (Swaziland) Malawi, Tanzania (and the strong Namibian women's team) did not compete – a sign of a dearth of players, administrative problems and the financial times. Indeed, the cost of sending teams and staging the event is now a matter of great concern.

South Africa won their sole individual gold in the men's triples.

Thinus Oelofse (EKB), Wayne Rittmuller (PNB), Prince Neluonde (JBA) were not to be denied.

Neluonde now has gold medals from World Bowls, the Commonwealth Games and the African States in this event. The ever-improving top-class drawing player, a JBA Singles champion and SA Masters star, is welcome asset, able to play lead or second with great composure.

Rittmuller, young, strong, a prodigious singles (consecutive SA Singles golds) winner at all levels, including in the same event two years ago in South Africa, is expanding his array of talents and showed in the fours, where the same three



GOLDEN BOYS: Trips players, Thinus Oelofse, Wayne Rittmuller and Prince Neluonde

players and Martin Lewis (JBA) took silver (they missed gold on shot difference to Botswana), is more than capable when asked to supply back rank duty.

Oelofse, underrated, perhaps under-used, stamped his authority with this victory and his overall handling of the fours, proving he is a major competitor and a go-to player of some stature.

Lewis, whom I have watched produce the goods in several different major events, is a consistent lead and is a hard worker who has risen from the ranks in the most trying of all positions on the green, against strong opposition.

The doyen of South African men's bowls Gerry Baker (JBA) was expected by all to be on the podium, but for him, it proved a disappointment, particularly as he missed out on silver and bronze on shot difference only.

After more than 20 years' brilliant performances, Baker could, somehow, not raise his game sufficiently to take a medal in the singles. True, Baker and Lewis took bronze in the pairs after an indifferent start, but even that must rankle the great leftie.

The world's third-placed SA women fared better overall, winning the pairs and triples and taking silver in the singles and fours – contributing enormously to the holders' title retention.

"I am delighted our Proteas fulfilled their potential and again took the overall trophy. But it is also pleasing to see how some sub-Saharan African bowling nations have blossomed. There are few pushovers any more at this level. A magnificent effort by administrators and players alike from the competing nations," said Bowls South Africa president, Rob Forbes.



TEAM SOUTH AFRICA: Sporting medals galore

Of the women Proteas who played in 2017, winning gold at Edenvale in their event, three women, Esmé Kruger (BGN), Vicky Frost (BGN) and Bronwyn Webber (PNB), returned to provide plenty of oomph.

Kruger, tall, tough and a proven winner, displayed her talents, while Frost and Webber exhibited their undoubted skills on demand.

It was a down-to-earth fully committed exhibition by the women's side with excellent skip Rika Lynn (SBA) back in the fold and her friend from the same district Bridget Calitz, in top form.

Commenting on her return to her home on the Natal South Coast, South Africa's head coach Jessica Henderson said: "The green at Karen, where the men played, was better than expected.

"Some rinks a bit trickier than others, but overall good. The women at Nairobi had a more difficult green, but they handled it well. It ran around 12 - 13 seconds. Weather was kind to us with no rain and pleasant temperatures.

"Our accommodation was excellent and the hospitality of all Kenyans was absolutely outstanding.

"The tournament was well-organised, with the only negative for me being we did not play the same format we played at Atlantic (in Wales) and will be playing at World Bowls.



BLAZING DUO: Vicky Frost & Bronwyn Webber



FOURS COMBO: Esmé Kruger, Vicky Frost, Bridget Calitz and Rika Lynn

"We played four-bowl pairs (World Bowls format is three bowl pairs with a time limit) and three-bowl trips (World Bowls format is two-bowl trips with time limit) with no time limit; It was just unfortunate the event had to be played at two venues.

"The standard shown by the other countries improves every year. They are playing good bowls and the day that SA just arrive and wins gold is long gone. You have to play well to win and as you will know, they want to beat South Africa, so they play even better when they meet us.

"All South Africans excelled, as the total of medals won shows."

Kenya's men's team manager, Bernard Ndung'u, in an interview with the Daily Nation newspaper, said the fact most greens were within private members' clubs limited the public from playing and creating awareness of the sport, which created a difficult situation whenever they want to organise local or international tournaments.

"...Countries like South Africa have invested in public greens, attracting over 4 000 players to the sport (sic) and giving them a larger pool of players to pick from when they want to compete," he says.

"If our government did the same, then our

players would have no excuse, but to get gold," adds Ndung'u who also laments that they have received no financial assistance from the government.

Bowls continues to be regarded by the main media (alas, erroneously) as still an elite whites-only sport and declines to provide support with giving column inches to a sport that has produced more medals (in particular gold) than any other code in the last 22 years and has players from all communities playing at top level domestically and at national level.

It might be noted that Kenya's gold medal winner in the men's singles, Benson Kariuki, insisted after receiving his well-earned award, that everyone is invited to join the game.

Kenya's teams are now already preparing for the next African States, to be held in 2021 in Namibia, while Kariuki and women's star Eunice Mbugua prepare for the Champions of Champions in Australia in October.

All-in-all, South African can be satisfied, but there is no room for complacency.

SA SIDES IN KENYA:

MEN: FOURS: Thinus Oelofse (EKB), Wayne Rittmuller (PNB), Prince Neluonde (JBA), Martin Lewis (JBA); **TRIPS:** Oelofse, Rittmuller, Neluonde; **PAIRS:** Gerry Baker (JBA), Lewis; **SINGLES:** Baker.

WOMEN: FOURS: Rika Lynn (SBA), Esmé Kruger (BGN), Vicky Frost (BGN), Bridget Calitz (SBA); **TRIPS:** Lynn, Kruger, Calitz; **PAIRS:** Bronwyn Webber (PNB), Frost; **SSINGLES:** Webber.

SUPPORT STAFF: Jessica Henderson (Head Coach), Susan Nel.

FINAL LOG POSITIONS:

WOMEN: SINGLES: Zim 12, +40; SA 9, +18; Zam 6, -6; Ken 3, -19; Bots 0, -33; **PAIRS:** SA 12, +27; Bots 7, +12; Ken 6, -6; Zim 4, -2; Zam 0, -28. **TRIPS:** SA 9, +9; Ken 6, +10; Bots 6, -2; Zam 6, -3; Zim 3, -4. **FOURS:** Bots 9, +24; SA 9, +3; Zim 6, +21; Zam 3, -15; Ken 3, -33. Namiba women did not compete.

MEN: SINGLES: Ken 12, -50; Nam 9, +16; Zim 9, +11, SA 9, -5; Bots 3, -28; Zam 3, -44. **PAIRS:** Nam 12, +30; Ken 12, +41; SA 9, +19; Bots 6, -20, Zim 4, -6, Zam 0, -64. **TRIPS:** SA 13, +46; Zim 10, +20; Ken 6, -2; Nam 6, -11; Zam 6, -39; Bots 3, -14. **FOURS:** Zim 12, +36; SA 12, +24; Ken 9, +21; Bots 6, -10; Nam 6, -14; Zam 0, -57.

Final combined overall medals points table:

South Africa 36, Kenya 29, Zimbabwe 28, Botswana 22, Namibia (men only) 16, Zambia 13.

EVANS TAKES OVER SINGLES SPOT

Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

With Gerry Baker retired from international competition, a newish-look, but experienced, Protea men's side has been selected by Bowls SA to represent South Africa at the Multi Nations Invitation at the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, 18-24 November; SA's women look particularly potent.

Nations participating are Australia (2), New Zealand, Malta, South Africa, Wales, Ireland, Norfolk Isles, Canada and Malaysia. It's a warm-up for World Bowls next year at the same venue.

"Great preparation for World Bowls; strong competition under testing conditions. Our players will be severely tested, but I am confident they will show their talents," says Bowls SA president, Rob Forbes.

Double SA Masters champion Jason Evans (JBA) assumes the critical men's singles role and can



expect a torrid time against multiple world champions from that part of the world.

In the fours, Billy Radloff (Eden), who has shown to the fore in recent international outings has aggressive, accurate Pierre Breitenbach (NW) at the back and a skilful front rank of consistent Martin Lewis (JBA) and "super lead" Prince Neluonde (JBA).

SA No 1 woman, Colleen Piketh, now moved to

Sables, as expected plays singles on greens she knows well, and skips her international gold medal partner Nici Neal (Sables) in the pairs.

Boland's admirable Anneke Snyman skips the fours with Esmé Kruger (Gauteng North), Neal and another Sables player in Bridget Calitz at lead.

Joining the support staff as a coach is former SA great Neil Burkett now back in his original home of Port Elizabeth.

TEAMS:

SINGLES: Jason Evans (Roosevelt Park, JBA); Colleen Piketh (Discovery, SBA);

FOURS: Billy Radloff (George, EDB), Pierre Breitenbach (Potchefstroom Town, NWB), Martin Lewis (Wanderers, JBA), Prince Neluonde (Bryanston Sports, JBA); Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp, BOL), Esmé Kruger (CBC Old Boys, BGN), Nici Neal (Leases, SBA), Bridget Calitz (Leases, SBA);

TRIPLES: Evans, Breitenbach, Lewis; Snyman, Kruger, Calitz; **PAIRS:** Radloff/Neluonde; Piketh/Neal.

SUPPORT STAFF: Jessica Henderson (head coach), Susan Nel/Neil Burkett (coaches).

PROTEA GREAT CALLS IT A DAY

Gerry Baker, the Proteas' most recognisable men's international player for more than two decades has left an arena he has graced with such élan.

"...Time to come and a time to go - have had a blast for 25 yrs!!! Arrivederci.", the nuggety left-hander posted on social media, prompting an avalanche of accolades from friend and "foe" alike.

Yes, it's true, Baker, 58, one of South Africa's and the world's finest amateur sportsmen, an ace lawn bowler, club, district, national and international champion, from Bryanston Sports in Johannesburg has other priorities.

"I will continue to compete domestically, but the demands of family and business must now be given the same attention I have allowed my sport for so long," said the tough-as-teak winner.

Memorable statistics do not always mean greatness, but in Baker's case, not only does his record bely statistical scrutiny, merely confirm that greatness.

To give a chronological resumé of this left-hander's exploits is both boring and unnecessary; almost an insult to his achievements.

What does need to be factored in is that Baker belongs, in South Africa at least, to a fully amateur code. His career has seen him duel with full-time players from both northern and southern hemispheres and, Kipling-like, has met with triumph and disaster and treated both impostors just the same.

Baker, the Proteas' most recognisable men's international player for more than two decades has announced his departure from an arena he has graced with much élan.

Playing mainly the lonely, gruelling singles and pairs disciplines, rather like the 100m sprint legends of the track, Baker can boast Commonwealth Games' gold and bronze; multiple triumphs at World Bowls, a triple African States singles, pairs and fours gold medal haul; singles, pairs and fours titles at the Atlantic Championship, Hong Kong Classic gold and silver to go with myriad club and domestic district (16) and national (11) titles.

He also holds the joint record (with the late great Doug Watson) of winning five South African Masters Singles titles and add an amazing seven silver and five bronze medals during an unparalleled career.

"It's the end of an era of excellence. Gerry has been at the sharp end of South African bowls for 20 years," says Bowls SA president Rob Forbes.

"Let me say that I find it difficult to imagine our national team without having you present. Your contribution to our sport over, I believe, some 25 years has been immense and in my opinion and, I believe in the minds of many others, you will always be remembered as an icon in our sport.

"You may recall at this year's Masters dinner I mentioned the contribution over an extended period of time that you have made to that particular event.



"I think when the bowling world talks South Africa the name Gerry Baker springs to mind immediately. I personally will never forget the shot you played in the pairs game at the Commonwealth Games in India. That told me everything about the character and competency of the player Gerry Baker.

"I would also like to thank you personally for the manner in which you and I have always been able to interact with each other. Your willingness to share your knowledge and experience with me has been of huge benefit to me and it is a relationship I will always cherish.

"I'm pleased that you will still be competing at district level as this means I will still have an opportunity to have our normal friendly chats. I wish you all the very best for the future.

"At an opportune time, I believe we will appropriately celebrate of one of the true greats of all time in our sport."

Plaudits have arrived from SA, Australia, New Zealand, England and Scotland stars, often bewitched and bewildered by Baker's brilliance.

On such an illustrious journey there are always many moments to savour. But the greatest shot of Baker's career arrived as Forbes says, was when Baker was spearheading South Africa to victory over England in the men's pairs at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India.

Baker and Shaun Addinall (now an ordained Roman Catholic priest) won the first nine-ends set 8-7; England led 13-4 in the second with a tie-break imminent.

On the eighth end the SA duo picked three shots, but would require all six shots available on the final end to tie the match and thus win – virtually unobtainable.

Addinall and his skip contrived a 1000-1 chance for Baker to try to execute a final shot of incredible difficulty.

Sparking a near riot from the thousands watching, Baker pulled the once-in-a-lifetime delivery to force a tie and win the gold medal.

Although his tally is peppered with countless victories in all bowling disciplines at all level, his singles record is truly amazing.

How about: It was a nostalgic Baker who said:

"...After 25 years of continuous representation it is time for me to bring down the curtain on my international playing career.

"I will have more time to enjoy a game of golf now and again off a social (knowing the great man, he is as determined on the course as on a green: Ed) 11 handicap.

"The demands of current work, together with my other interests make it difficult for me to give the necessary time and dedication required to

TRIBUTES...

Here are a just a handful, taken from various social media platforms:

Norman Bakos: *You had a great international career well deserved, the Lebanese are very proud of you ,now you can play golf ; best of luck bud go well.*

Earl Friedman: *I loved our chats about bowls in my office, Gerry. One bit of advice you gave me stuck in my mind. You said in singles to 21 shots, divide the game into 3 sets of 7 ends and try and win each set. Enjoy your retirement from international bowls. No doubt you will miss it, but now you can spend more time with your family. Best of luck in the domestic competitions.*

Pierre Breitenbach (Protea bowler): *What a player and what a person to be friends with. Had the privilege to play with and go on many tours with this legend. I learnt so much from you and will always cherish that. What a great career you had, hope to try to match it someday. Thanks for all the fun we had on tours.*

Bobby Donnelly (Protea bowler): *Congratulations Gerry on a wonderful international career. I have had the pleasure of playing with you in many international/provincial tournaments but what stands out and will be fondly remembered is the many tussles we have had over the past 30 odd years - it has*

been a pleasure mate. Over and above the many accolades you have achieved, you will be recognised as one of the greats in SA bowls, and a pioneer in your field of experience.

Rika Lynn (Protea bowler): *You are a true legend in South African bowls Gerry!*

Graeme Archer: *It was a pleasure to play against you Gerry and congrats on an amazing career.*

Peter Kean: *First met you in KL 1998 Gerry, then again in that Wonderful World Bowls in your home country in 2000 & then again in Manchester in 2002. We always connected; you had what it meant to be competitive, but a good sport on & off the green! Go well China, you're a good oke!*

Brett Wilkie: *Congrats on a great career.*

David Rhys Jones (English great, player and legendary sports journalist): *It's one those end-of-an-era moments. You have been an ever-present, so it's hard to think of the top echelons of bowls without Gerry Baker. It has been a pleasure to watch you - and write about you - and enjoy your company- over so many years. Enjoy your well deserved retirement!*

Gary Lawson: *Good on ya mate - you're the man Gerry Baker - great competitor, great man - career champ.*

Mark Casey: *What a brilliant career! Well done my friend.*



compete at international level. Consequently, I withdraw from the current Gold Squad; I will continue to play at club and provincial level.

“Throughout my career I have always given my absolute best and in return I have enjoyed the support of the various BSA Executives, team managements, selection panels, press and sponsors for which I am grateful.

“I take this opportunity of wishing the fortunes of

the team well and believe that the squad is in good hands under the guidance of Jessica.” (Henderson).

Looking ahead Baker said:

“The game requires rapid transformation. Numbers are declining rapidly and the game will never grow if 90% of the population has limited access.

“It’s the same on the international front, numbers there are also stagnating. To grow on a global basis, the centre of power and competition venues has to move from Down Under to growth areas such as India, China and the USA.

“As far as the Proteas are concerned, our team is in good hands under current management, but will find itself severely prejudiced by lack of regular international opposition.”

Sound advice.

As a bowls journalist it has been my privilege to work in an era with a living great – that often misapplied appellation – where to be consistently above average is no mean feat.

SA head bowls coach Jessica Henderson texted: “...It was with sadness in my heart I read your email. I do understand and respect your decision. Your retirement will, however, leave a void in the squad and in future teams. Your support and knowledge will be dearly missed...”

The record of brilliant South African internationals is long and mighty... they include: Tommy Harvey, Doug Watson, Kevin Campbell, Rob Owsley, Brian Ellwood, Bill Moseley, John Milligan, Robbie Rayfield, Neil Burkett, Shaun Addinall and now Gerry Salem Baker is part of that glittering list as the latest of the greatest.

Thanks Gerry, it’s been a ball as well for all of us mere mortals who had the good fortune to be part of it all. Go well.

NOMADS GIVE TAFTA BOOST

Info from Margie van der Lingen (Durban BC)/edited by Alan Simmonds

Port Natal Nomads, a non-profit organisation whose members play to accumulate funds for charity, donated R15 000 to The Association for the Aged (Tafta) who are doing a wonderful job for elderly citizens in need.

Over the years Nomads have donated many items such as wheelchairs, food and electrical goods, always supportive of those in need. They thank members for their generous donations.

Tafta’s aim is to meet the needs of pensioners by alleviating any distress and promoting the well-being of vulnerable elders in KZN.

The members of Durban Bowling Club wished to salute the elderly, parents who always provided a haven for their children, always ready with hugs, words of encouragement and comfort and hosted a great tournament earlier this year, supported also by members of a Harley-Davidson Riders Club.

The intention was for all bowlers and visitors to donate clothes, shoes, linen, blankets, towels, duvets and covers or toiletries such as combs, creams, powders, deodorants, adult nappies, toothpaste and tooth brushes and food; cash was also accepted.

Tafta’s slogan is: “if you no longer have use for it we might, so please give us a call.”



POWER GUYS: When the bikers give a helping hand, from left Gunter Marquard, Andre Roodt, Margaret van der Lingen (Durban BC), Granville Andrew (Durban Free Chapter Club)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S D·E·S·K



ROB FORBES

WITH CHANGE COMES SACRIFICE AND UNDERSTANDING

I was invited by Mowbray BC to take part in their annual sponsored day The Lucky Cup and at the same time celebrate their centenary of existence. In 1919 there were only 40 clubs in South Africa - coincidentally my home club Walmer BC also reached its centenary this year.

With this in mind it got me thinking about the pioneering spirit of our sporting forefathers.

One can just picture the infrastructure in 1919; roads predominantly gravel, transport, trams or buses; few cars - a far cry from today's traffic congestion.

Yet, faced with this, it was a great sense of belief in the future and probably with a good deal of personal financing, groups were so convinced of a future for our sport they went ahead and constructed clubs.

Many, such as Mowbray, have stood the test of time and continue to provide a facility where people may compete and socialise (too much of that at their celebration, I must add).

As clubs were born, those established sustained themselves; some grew. Many people have benefitted and have been introduced to our wonderful sport.

We must not forget because of what our forefathers made possible we enjoy today.

All of us have been beneficiaries of the contributions, financial or otherwise, made by those long gone. If we do not have similar commitment, belief and financial input, we will

simply hasten the demise of club, district and national infrastructure.

Hardly a day goes by without cost rearing its ugly head. Players regard the affordability of membership and price of affiliation fees as excessive. But I believe we are competing for our share of recreation time - people must assess whether the value of being a member and participating in bowls activities meets personal needs.

We can compare our costs with other sports, but before we do that we need to ensure the input required to maintain a facility to standards required by all. Golf is often cited as a comparison, but remember the size of a golf course compared to two or three greens.

Affiliation fees should not be seen as something linked to competitiveness, but instituted to support bowls infrastructure for club, district and the national authorities.

By supporting this infrastructure, members enjoy ensuing benefits.

Such benefits include, but are not limited to updated laws, access to competitions and associated conditions - national standards for the conduct of the sport, including technical, competitions, coaching and umpiring standards.

If, as we have been requested on numerous occasions, we were to introduce a policy allowing for compensation based on club numbers, age of membership or other considerations - as we are

often exhorted - such implementation would be unimaginable and impractical.

Likewise, if we concede reduced fees to one club or a class of membership, we would have a moral obligation to concede similar reductions to clubs fitting a similar profile. Ultimately this would substantially diminish total fee accumulation, resulting in an inability of Bowls SA to sustain the sport.

It's a pity some view club costs and by association, affiliation fees, as a one-off, when in reality such costs entitle access to facilities over a year.

Maybe one should examine a programme of monthly fee costs for members.

We happily go about our daily business and incur costs daily, yet because we have an annual bowls cost, which gives us daily entitlement, we deem this as excessive.

It is always of concern to see clubs struggling to maintain or grow membership, but there several who have successfully introduced programmes leading to growth. Should we not ask them how they did it; adopt some of their strategies?

The socio-demographic profile in our country continues to change. We must embrace such social evolution, otherwise bowls as a sport will become extinct.

Beware, the profile of clubs will by natural attrition diminish to a level of unsustainability; bowlers must insist this does not happen.

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

WHY THE CONSTITUTION CHANGED...

In line with our commitment to the government and SASCOC and in consultation with both, Bowls SA has over a period of time drafted a new constitution.

It was presented in draft form to council

delegates at the 2018 AGM and after further input from them, a final constitution was passed at 2019 AGM, effective at the rising of that meeting.

What is in effect is that Bowls SA is now governed by nine provincial bodies - comprised of provinces with multiple districts within their geographic boundaries.

They will represent those districts at future council meetings; these provincial bodies will

govern according to the wishes of the districts making up those bodies.

By virtue of provisions stated in the constitution, the status quo with regard to Inter Districts and National tournaments remains unchanged and we do not envisage any substantial change to the way we do business except provincial bodies will now provide us with input when decisions are required, rather than individual districts.



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PLAYERS' AFFILIATION FEES RISE TO OFFSET SPONSOR LOSSES

Report by John Ravenscroft (BSA Operations Manager), edited by Alan Simmonds (Media Officer)

Rob Forbes (PE) was duly re-elected as president when Bowls SA annual meeting was held at Edenvale BC in August. All 20 districts were represented and at the workshop the day prior.

With incumbent vice-president Charles Levy (Port Natal) not making himself available for re-election Heather Boucher (EP) was duly elected.

The executive elected for 2019-2020 is:

Rob Forbes	President
Heather Boucher	Vice-president
Andrew Strong (EKB)	Re-elected executive
Jenny Sinclair (EDB)	New executive
Johan Barkhuizen (NIB)	New executive
David Harmer (BGN)	New executive

Incumbent Ian Stayt (Sables) was not re-elected.

After the regulatory confirmation of minutes and budget until March 2020, several motions introduced by the Bowls SA executive and confirmed at a workshop the day before the AGM, were tabled and voted on by congress.

Players' affiliation fees from January 1, 2020 would be R250 a year; explained a vital to try to offset from of the enormous loss in revenue by the withdrawal of a previous sponsor. Increases over the next three years will be smoothed to minimise annual impact on members.

The adoption of a new constitution (circulated in advance of the AGM) was made with an amendment.

The motion explained BSA as a national federation and a member of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) has an obligation to comply with provisions and directives as issued by SASCOC and the Department of Sport and Recreation (SRSA). To quote from SASCOC's constitution 'SASCOC shall have jurisdiction in the republic and over its members' and members shall be subordinate to SASCOC and must comply with the constitution of SASCOC and any directive issued by SASCOC. Furthermore, 'Members' constitutions and any

rules or regulations formulated thereunder shall be approved by SASCOC and shall not be in conflict'.

In recognition of this obligation it has been necessary to prepare a new constitution which has as a founding principle the fact that council should be represented on the basis of the nine geo-political areas of our country.

The contents have been drawn up in consultation with both SASCOC and the Department of Sport and Recreation and after having submitted this to District representatives for comment.

An amendment: Where enactment was made in accordance with the previous Bowls SA constitution; Resulting in an impediment of this constitution, such impediment shall not be deemed contrary to this constitution until such time and obligation of the enactment has been fulfilled in terms of the previous bowls sa constitution and such automatically be condoned when interpreting this constitution ... was passed and the motion adopted..

Another motion from the executive proposed the format for the Open and Veteran's Singles revert to sectional play in place of knockout. There were two options to be considered i.e. Sections of 3 or Sections of 4 players, both of which would result in restricting the field due to time constraints, the numbers of markers, technical officials and to a lesser degree suitable playing surface. A survey conducted at the 2019 nationals of player preference between the formats indicated a preference sectional play. The motion was adopted with sections of three.

A certificate of commendation was presented to Bill Morehen (EKB) for outstanding service to the bowls and a technical official level 4 Badge and certificate to Rea Potgieter (BGN) for outstanding service in the field. President Forbes then made his concluding remarks; vice-president Levy thanked council for the trust and respect afforded him.

Bowls SA office will be closed between December 17 and January 19, 2020.



From left: Jarryd Davies, Jake Rynne, Brianna Smith, Kira Bourke

AUSSIES NAME TOP SQUADS

Bowls Australia (BA) have unveiled the BCiB Australian Jackaroos and Emerging Jackaroos quads for international events in 2019/20.

The selectors have cast an eye to the future when selecting the 20-player top-tiered contingent and 12-player second-tier feeder squad, with emphasis on youth. An average age of 21 headlines the Emerging Jackaroos.

2019 Australian Open Under-18 Boys' and Girls' Singles winners Jarryd Davies (16) and Kira Bourke (16) are new; Jake Rynne (15), Joshua Studham (18), Mason Lewis (22) and Brianna Smith (19) will also benefit.

The sole change to the BCiB Australian Jackaroos top-tier squad is the inclusion of newly-crowned Australian Open Women's Pairs winner Dawn Hayman (22).

The BCiB Australian Jackaroos contingent will be contracted for the next 12 months, concluding after the 2020 World Bowls Championships, while the Australian Emerging Jackaroos team will remain intact for the rest of 2019, giving selectors an opportunity to include any in-form additions ahead of 2020's first international competition, the Trans Tasman Test series in February.

Fresh off steering Australia to four gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the 2019 Asia Pacific Championships, national coach Steve Glasson said a clear focus on stability and youth was taken by the selectors in confirming the squads.

Info: Bowls Australia on-line/edited by Alan Simmonds

BCiB AUSTRALIAN JACKAROOS: Women: Lynsey Clarke (35, QLD); Kelsey Cottrell (29, NSW); Dawn Hayman (22, NSW)*; Carla Krizanic (29, VIC); Kristina Krstic (25, WA); Karen Murphy (44, NSW); Ellen Ryan (22, NSW); Natasha Scott (28, NSW); Chloe Stewart (23, QLD); Rebecca Van Asch (31, TAS). MEN: Barrie Lester (37, VIC); Jesse Noronha (28, NSW); Ray Pearce (34, NSW); Nathan Rice (40, QLD); Wayne Ruediger (42, SA); Aron Sherriff (33, QLD); Aaron Teys (25, NSW); Benjamin Twist (29, NSW); Corey Wedlock (23, NSW); Aaron Wilson (27, NSW).

EMERGING JACKAROOS: Women: Tiffany Brodie (21, VIC); Bolivia Millerick (25, QLD); Samantha Shannahan (30, VIC); Brianna Smith (19, NSW)*; Jessica Srisamruaybai (19, QLD); Kira Bourke (16, QLD)* MEN: Jayden Christie (20, QLD); Carl Healey (32, NSW); Joshua Studham (18, SA)*; Mason Lewis (22, NSW)*; Jake Rynne (15, QLD)*; Jarryd Davies (16, VIC)* * = On debut.

PARA SPORT SQUAD: Athletes with a Disability: Tony Bonnell (51, QLD); Joshua Barry (38, VIC); Chris Flavel (35, SA); Barry Brennan (72, VIC). Vision-impaired: Jake Fehlberg (25, QLD, Director - Grant Fehlberg); Lynne Seymour (69, QLD, Director - Robert Seymour).



BSA EXECUTIVE: Any Strong, David Harmer, Jenny Sinclair, Rob Forbes (President), Johan Barkhuizen and Heather Boucher (Vice President)

SA EYES ON PIKETH DOWN UNDER

Colleen Piketh, South Africa's No 1 women's lawn bowls player is in the Rest of the World team to take on the mighty Australian Jackaroos in the inaugural World Bowls Challenge (WBC).

The event, a thrilling 10-a-side format, takes place from November 29-30 at the Moama Bowling Club in New South Wales and pits world and Commonwealth champion Aussies against the rest of the worlds best.

"Terrific news for me and South African bowls" said the blonde-haired JHB-based Protea whizz.

Likened to golf's Ryder Cup, even the President's Cup, both biennial competition between teams from Europe and the USA and the Commonwealth and the rest respectively, the WBC star Rest of the World players are Men: Alex Marshall (Scotland),

Darren Burnett (Scotland), Shannon McIlroy (New Zealand), Ryan Bester (Canada), Gary Kelly (Ireland).

Women: Jo Edwards MNZM (New Zealand), Colleen Piketh (South Africa), Kelly Mckerihen (Canada), Ellen Falkner (England), Katherine Rednall (England).

Rest of the World coach John Bell of England, who is also president of World Bowls, sees his side as "a good all-round group who know how to get the job done."

Captain Marshall echoed that view, saying: "A cracking good team – I'm really looking forward to playing with every one of them. I've always hoped to play alongside Jo Edwards, she's amazing; it could materialise."

Along with Marshall, a six-times Commonwealth Games gold medalist and six times world indoor singles champion, with a plethora of other accomplishments from his career, are Burnett, a gold medalist at last year's Gold Coast

Commonwealth Games, former Games singles gold medalist and world indoor singles champion.

McIlroy, the reigning world singles and champion of champions titleholder; Bester, a former world pairs champion and rated in the world's top five over the past few years; and Kelly, who won the 2019 World Cup at Warilla, Melbourne, then doubled up as a key member of the inaugural UBC champion team at the same venue.

The women are equally formidable, with reigning Commonwealth Games singles gold medalist, world singles champion of champions and a six-time World Cup winner Edwards, Piketh a Commonwealth Games pairs gold medals and a string of excellent finishes at top events.

Mckerihen, in several podium finishes at world level, Falkner, with three Games gold medals, four world indoor titles and a world fours gold medal, plus talented Rednall, 23, with gold in the world indoors three times, a mixed pairs gold with Burnett in 2016 and a triples bronze at last year's Games in Australia.

Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls SA, from info supplied by David Allen, editor Bowls International

AUSTRALIA JACKAROOS - MEN & WOMEN



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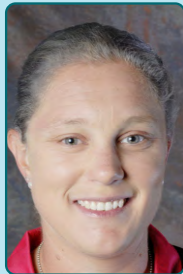
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REST OF THE WORLD - MEN & WOMEN



MARSHALL



BURNETT



KELLY



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McILROY



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PIKETH



FALKNER



REDNALL



MCKERIHEN

MEASURE FOR MEASURE



Rob & John,

I am aware that NFSDBA might be a nuisance with all the e-mails that you receive about the Development Tournament (which will be) staged in NFSDBA from 26 – 28 September. I again want to convey our appreciation for the support that we as a district, receive from you and BSA, to stage this event.

We are sure AND CONVINCED that we will have 22 very eager and passionate new bowlers in NFSDBA as their details are already captured on the data base of BSA as scholars. EXCO of NFSDBA will introduce(d) them to basic training as a marker on Thursday, 27 Sept and follow it up with a full training session later to support them to be qualified markers and fully committed to bowls due to personal & individual attention as well as opportunities...

Kind Regards, Christo Fourie



NATIONALS DETAILS DISCLOSED

Entry forms for the Bowls SA National Championships can be downloaded from the Bowls SA website through the tournament icon on the home page.

The national championships will be played in the following formats.

PAIRS & FOURS

- The Fours Championships (3 rounds per day) is

to be played with two bowls on a league system in sections of six teams, over 15 ends. The play-offs of section winners shall be on a knockout basis.

- The Pairs Championships (3 rounds per day) is to be played with four bowls on a league system in sections of six teams, over 15 ends. The play-off of section winners shall be on a knockout basis.
- All games of sectional play in the fours and pairs are to be completed, as net shots could decide section winners.
- In knockout play the same format as used in section play will be used up to and including the quarter finals. The semi-finals and finals will be played over 21 ends. In the event of a peel an extra end or ends will be played until a result is achieved.

SINGLES

- Singles are restricted to 192 open and 144 senior entries.
- The event is played in sections of three and the winners of the section proceed further on a knockout basis.
- The odd person in each section is required to mark in the game between the other two.

- Players may only enter either the open or senior event as indicated on the entry form.
- The finalists from the previous year's tournament will automatically qualify to play and the Events Committee will contact these players to confirm their entry.
- In the event of a greater number of entries being received by the closing date, a draw shall be done to decide the participants in each event.
- Those entries that are unsuccessful will be retained to replace withdrawals in the order in which they were drawn.
- One week prior to the start of the tournament the list containing the remainder of the original entries will become defunct.
- Should any withdrawals occur within the week prior to the start of the tournament or during the pair's discipline, they will be replaced from a draw from a list that will be available at all the pair's venues. At this stage only players who have entered in the pairs and fours disciplines will be considered as replacements.

2020 SA INTER DISTRICT CHAMPS

Bowls SA advise closing date for entries for the following events is 1 February 2020.

Districts are requested to ensure that their entries are dispatched, using appropriate forms, to timeously email addresses as indicated to events committees:

The draws for the Inter-Districts are on the Bowls SA website: www.bowlssa.co.za

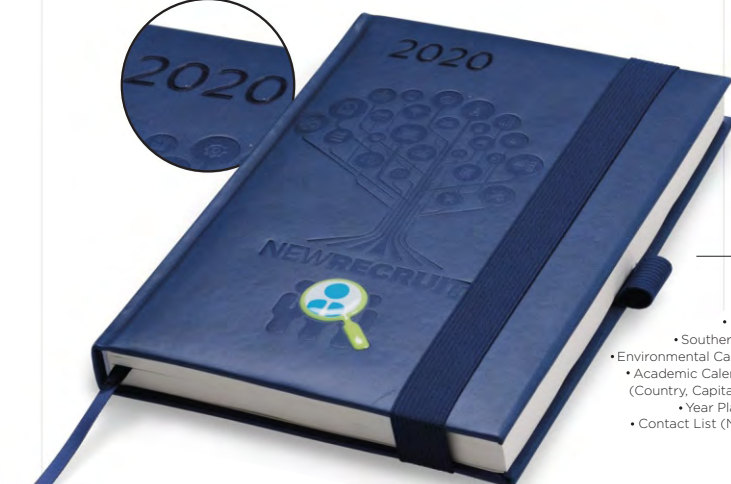
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BOWLS SA AFFILIATION FEES 2020

The following Affiliation Fees for each member from 1 January 2020 were approved by Council at the AGM. Pro-rata fees are:

January	R250.00	July	R125.00
February	R229.10	August	R104.10
March	R208.40	September	R83.40
April	R187.50	October	R62.50
May	R166.60	November	R41.60
June	R145.90	December	R20.90



GREAT DAY: Joan Probert, Ann Galloway, Jo Louw (Knysna BC) enjoy Leisure Isle Ladies Day sponsored by Personal Trust



OH YES! Sharon Calverley proudly displaying the Mossel Bay Bowling Club Ladies Open Singles trophy - an addition to her Eden Ladies Pairs gold medal - from zero to hero in only five years

2021 VENUES SEARCH

Apply to Bowls SA to host 2021 events:

- Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Inter-District Championships
- Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Veteran Inter-District Championships
- Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA "B" Inter-District Championships
- Bowls SA Mixed Pairs Championships
- Bowls SA U/30 Inter-District Championships

BSA VENUES IN 2020



BSA advise following inspections, the following confirmed for 2020:

- **BOWLS SA MASTERS SINGLES:** Wingate Park (BGN)
- **PERFECT DELIVERY: BOWLS SA OPEN INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:** Westview H/Q (EPB), The Woods, PE Bowling Club; Jeffreys Bay
- **PERFECT DELIVERY: BOWLS SA VETERAN INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:** PHSOB H/Q (BGN), Lynnwood, Groenkloof, CBCOB
- **PERFECT DELIVERY: BOWLS SA "B" INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:** Edenvale H/Q (EKB); Modderfontein, Delville, Alberton
- **BOWLS SA U / 15 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:** Oud Studente (SFS)
- **BOWLS SA U / 20 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:** Orangia (SFS)



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