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NOW THE BIG PUSH DOWN UNDER FOR MASTERS CHAMPS



Jason Evans holds the Masters trophy



Colleen Piketh after her 6th Masters crown

Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

There is little doubt the national selectors took a final hard look at those keen for a spot at World Bowls in Australia. My guess is the wise men and women might have made up their minds – subject to burn-out – before the event.

Nevertheless, three South African Invitation Singles Masters Championship victories and a bronze in four years for Jason Evans (Roosevelt Park, JBA) and an amazing run of gold and silver – now six gold and four silver – for the equally brilliant Colleen Piketh (Discovery, SBA) underlined how really consistent and superb these two have been.

Their places at World Bowls were never in doubt, nor those of the silver medallists, Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp, Boland) and Pierre Breitenbach (Potchefstroom, North West) who have nothing to be ashamed of. Someone has to lose in any sporting event - their defeats were honourable in far from one-sided events.

Snyman is going to be around for a long time, as is Breitenbach – durable, consistent, hard-working exponents of what appears to the untrained eye as an easy sport to play, but which is in fact excruciatingly complex and tough at the level to which the elite are accustomed.

Billy Radloff (George, Eden) must consider himself unlucky to have missed out. He has produced a stellar string of performances at domestic, district, national and international level in the past few years and has answered all the questions and ticked all the boxes.

Someone has to be disappointed; he will without doubt be considered in the future.

I look upon him as the tough man, the enforcer. His overseas opponents fear him more than others. He has an aura about him. He's like golf's Dustin Johnson – more feared than even Tiger Woods when on the move.

Radloff finished third in his section with four victories – often enough for a medal.

New face Charles Mathewson (Sol Plaatje, NW) is young and exciting.



Charles Mathewson

Sport-mad Mathewson, in his twenties, is an irrigation specialist in Kimberley, with a BSc Data Science degree in from Sol Plaatje University. He began bowls aged seven and became the youngest to with Northern Cape Masters and Under-25 Masters when 16 and the Open Singles a year later. He and his mother won the 2019 SA Mixed Pairs and have just qualified as Northern Cape champs again to defend that title.

He also has SA colours as a track cyclist.

This year, as usual, Wingate Country Club was at its solid best. The five-greens bowls mecca offered a complete package of greens, admin,

results service (Elbert Broere is a fastidious, outstanding committee member) and amenities.

Drizzle greeted players on day two, enough to irritate, not enough to fully interfere with proceedings.

And as summer rain softly filtered down, so the stardust accumulated once again around Evans and Piketh.

Jason Evans was unbeaten; Colleen Piketh dropped just one sectional game.

They were deservedly the bookies' hot favourites and they did not disappoint, eclipsing a line-up of South Africa's elite bowlers by light years in the 2020 Bowls South Africa Masters Singles Open Championships.

High-riding Protea Evans has emerged as a giant in the modern era. I have enjoyed watching his rise since I first saw him more than a decade ago in Cape Town, making his debut for his province.

World star Piketh's record, is equally amazing.

She burst on to the scene as Colleen Webb at Edenvale, Ekurhuleni (formerly East Transvaal) in 2002, winning again in 2004 and 2006. The rest is history with the modest schoolteacher taking silver in 2011, 2015, 2016 and 2018 – a record for the Johannesburg girl, now playing out of Sables, unlikely, if ever, to be emulated for decades.

She has also overcome not only the heart-breaking loss of her husband, but also the murder of her international teammate and close friend Elma Davis – a second tragedy that might have flattened a lesser human being and competitor.

"I have witnessed greatness on the greens. It has been a sensational extravaganza of skills by the elite in the open section, by our amazingly talented juniors and an exhibition by our veterans underlying our adage bowls is the sport for all, said Rob Forbes, president of Bowls South Africa.

"It was top class administration, excellent catering, entertainment and organisation which has again produced an event of the highest order.

“Moreover, our teams for World Bowls in Australia have been selected and I am delighted two youngsters in Charles Mathewson and Bridget Calitz will proudly wear the green and gold at Gold Beach, Queensland. It must have been a real task to make the final choices – hats off to all the hard work put in,” Forbes said.

Calitz, with the good looks of a student, won gold in the fours at African States in 2019, silver at the SA Singles and gold in the tough-to-win Sables Masters. She is the role model for all young aspiring South African women players.

Calitz, 22, matriculated in Polokwane and moved to Roodepoort and plays at Leases in Sables in 2017 to play full-time bowls. It paid off big time.

“My goal is to win the SA Masters and make my parents proud; without them I wouldn’t be here. Colleen Piketh, Anneke Snyman and Nici Neal are role models. Singles is my favourite,” the rising young star says. She finished third in her Masters section with four wins and a +14 shot tally, behind Piketh and Esmé Healy – formidable stuff.

Returning to the battle; the 2020 Masters’ men’s and women’s gold winners were always to the fore.

Evans shrugged off all opposition, cruising to a finals berth.

There, his opponent, that redoubtable fellow Protea, young Breitenbach (Potchefstroom, NWB), showed why he was a top world junior and tour de force in South Africa.

The silver medallist to be, left it late before grabbing his chance.

Johannesburg’s classy World Bowls lead Prince Neluonde, his section leader with a game to go, faltered at his final hurdle and had to be satisfied with a highly worthy bronze medal.

In the final the “easy-going big man from Potch”



Prince Neluonde

extended the champion before going down 21-17 after an exhilarating game, enjoyed by a packed bank.

“Our selectors have given a tough, uncompromising set of 10 players license to take on the might of Australia in their own back yard. They will need to be at their best to stay with the Aussies, Kiwis, British sides and Malaysia, to name a few.

“But we will be well-prepared. I am confident our sides will not be ‘under-cooked’ when they get to Queensland,” said Forbes after presenting the prizes.



MEN: SA Protea men for the World Cup: from left: Jason Evans, Wayne Rittmuller, Prince Neluonde, Charles Mathewson, Pierre Breitenbach



WOMEN: SA Protea women’s side for Australia: from left: Nici Neal, Colleen Piketh, Anneke Snyman, Esmé Kruger, Bridget Calitz

Mathewson’s bronze was well-deserved. The young man making his way up the elite ranks was thrilled with the award of his Protea cap for the upcoming event in Australia.

But back to Piketh.

Stunning results at World Bowls and other international level games in the past few years have elevated her to the pinnacle of a superb career.

To defeat the brilliant dashing young Snyman, another of the Proteas highly regarded by her world peers, Piketh exercised tight control in her 21-10 victory – it was a clinical spectacle.

Not that Snyman was outclassed, merely outplayed by an opponent with a huge appetite for success.

Snyman, SA’s “blonde bombshell”, skips fours and trips in Australia.

Bronze medals also went to experienced Protea Esmé Kruger (CBCOB, BGN), also named in the side for Down Under and multiple national; champion and now retired from international bowls Esmé Haley (Linden, JBA), the latter inflicting Piketh’s only sectional defeat.

Multiple international and national champion, the metronome-like bowler Nici Neal (SBA) is also deservedly named in the Protea side.

A triumphant Piketh next goes to represent South Africa in the World Indoor Championships taking place in Bristol, England from April 20 – 24 April.

She will be accompanied by double SA Men’s Nationals Singles champion Wayne Rittmuller (Stella Park, Port Natal), also in the World Bowls line-up. Each will play singles, then combine for the mixed pairs.

Big year ahead for the South Africa’s world-respected Proteas.

MASTERS RESULTS

Results Elbert Broere, Edited Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls SA

DAY 1

OPEN WOMEN: ROUND 1 - SECTION 1: Lynn Rika (Discovery, SBA) bt Neal Nici (Leases, SBA) 21 18; Kruger Esmé (CBCOB, BGN) bt Booth Leoni (Port Edward, KBA) 21 18; Glanfield Carol (Belgravia, JBA) bt Olivier Samanthe (Pollsmoor, WPB) 21 14; Snyman Anneke (Bredasdorp, BOL) bt Mathewson Annelie (Sol Plaatje West End, NCB) 21 12

SECTION 2: Piketh Colleen (Discovery, SBA) bt Calitz Bridget (Leases, SBA) 21 10; Fourie Ina (CBCOB, BGN) bt Haley Esmé (Linden, JBA) 21 15; Booth Jillian (Klerksdorp, NWB) bt vd Westhuizen Michelle (Groblersdal, MBA) 21 11; Webber Bronwyn (Stella Park, PNB) bt v Zyl Maggie (Durbanville, WPB) 21 19

ROUND 2 - SECTION 1: Kruger bt Lynn 21 20; Booth L bt Neal 21 18; Snyman bt Glanfield 21 9; Olivier bt Mathewson 21 15.

SECTION 2: Piketh bt Fourie 21 15; Haley Esmé bt Calitz 21 17; Booth J bt v Zyl 21 13; vd Westhuizen bt Webber 21 16.

ROUND 3 - SECTION 1: Lynn bt Booth L 21 17; Kruger bt Neal 21 17; Mathewson bt Glanfield 21 10; Snyman bt Olivier 21 12.

SECTION 2: Haley bt Piketh 21 19; Calitz bt Fourie 21 11; Webber bt Booth J 21 8; v Zyl bt vd Westhuizen 21 20.

LOG DAY 1

SECTION 1: 1. Snyman 3 (+30); 2. Kruger 3 (+8); 3. Lynn 2 (+6); 4. Mathewson 1 (-4); 5. Booth L 1 (-4); 6. Olivier 1 (-10); 7. Glanfield 1 (-16); 8. Neal 0 (-10).

SECTION 2: 1. Piketh 2 (+15); 2. Webber 2 (+10); 3. Booth J 2 (+5); 4. Haley 2 (+0); 5. Calitz 1 (-5); 6. vd Westhuizen 1 (-6); 7. v Zyl 1 (-9); 8. Fourie 1 (-10).

OPEN MEN: ROUND 1 - SECTION 1: Evans Jason (Roosevelt Park, JBA) bt Lewis Martin (Wanderers, JBA) 21 20; Oelofse Thinus (Brakpan Mines, EKB) bt Rittmuller Wayne (Stella Park, PNB) 21 16; Mathewson Charles (Sol Plaatje West End, NCB) bt Malobolo Wilson (Witpoortjie, SBA) 21 8; Radloff Billy (Outeniqua, EDB) bt Grant Johnny (Comrades, BOR) 21 17

SECTION 2: Neluonde Prince (Bryanston Sports, JBA) bt Baker Gerry (Bryanston Sports, JBA) 21 18; Robinson Bradley (Lynwood, NIB) bt Roebert Joel (Mowbray, WPB) 21 17; Breitenbach Pierre (Potch, NWB) bt Ferns Brendan (Wingate Pk, BGN) 21 18; Roberts Wayne (Stella Pk, PNB) bt York Wayne (Bfn Military, SFS) 21 17

ROUND 2 - SECTION 1: Evans bt Rittmuller 21 20; Lewis bt Oelofse 21 10; Mathewson bt Grant 21 13; Malobolo bt Radloff 21 10.

SECTION 2: Roebert bt Baker 21 12; Robinson bt Neluonde 21 7; Ferns bt Roberts 21 12; York bt Breitenbach 21 19.

ROUND 3 - SECTION 1: Evans bt Oelofse 21 17; Rittmuller bt Lewis 21 9; Radloff bt Mathewson 21 15; Malobolo bt Grant 21 20.

SECTION 2: Baker bt Robinson 21 13; Neluonde bt Roebert 21 10; Ferns bt York 21 10; Breitenbach bt Roberts 21 12.

LOG DAY 1

SECTION 1: 1. Evans 3 (+6); 2. Mathewson 2 (+15); 3. Malobolo 2 (-1); 4. Radloff 2 (-1); 5. Rittmuller 1 (+6); 6. Lewis 1 (-2); 7. Oelofse 1 (-10); 8. Grant 0 (-13).

SECTION 2: 1. Ferns 2 (+17); 2. Robinson 2 (+10); 3. Breitenbach 2 (+10); 4. Neluonde 2 (+0); 5. Baker 1 (-4); 6. Roebert 1 (-6); 7. York 1 (-13); 8. Roberts 1 (-14).

JUNIOR WOMEN: ROUND 1 - SECTION 1: Fourie Ezile (Bredasdorp, BOL) bt Baleri Fran (Klipbank, KZN) 21 14; Muvhango Thabelo (Discovery, SBA) bt Jumat Bronlynn (George, EDB) 21 15; Rousseau Marizelle (Wingate Park, BGN) bt Lucas Rienie (CBCOB, BGN) 21 17.

SECTION 2: Fourie Carmen (Wingate Park, BGN) bt Du Preez Kim (Discovery, SBA) 21 16; Rosenblatt Dezi (The Woods, EPB) bt Turner Claire (Bedfordview, JBA) 21 14; Young Gillian (Outeniqua, EDB) bt Tyeda Esona (Helderberg, WPB) 21 15.

ROUND 2 - SECTION 1: Baleri bt Muvhango 21 8; Fourie bt Rousseau 21 13; Lucas bt Jumat 21 20.

SECTION 2: Du Preez bt Rosenblatt 21 17; Young bt Fourie 21 17; Tyeda bt Turner 21 9.

LOG DAY 1

SECTION 1: 1. Fourie 2 (+15); 2. Baleri 1 (+6); 3. Lucas 1 (-3); 4. Rousseau 1 (-4); 5. Muvhango 1 (-7); 6. Jumat 0 (-7).

SECTION 2: 1. Young 2 (+10); 2. Tyeda 1 (+6); 3. Rosenblatt 1 (+3); 4. Fourie 1 (+1); 5. Du Preez 1 (-1); 6. Turner 0 (-19).

JUNIOR MEN: ROUND 1 - SECTION 1: Heystek Rikus (Leases, SBA) bt Bakkes Brendan (Bfn Municipals, SFS) 21 10; White Paul (Durban Wanderers, PNB) bt McGlynn Terrance (Riverside, KBA) 21 13; Moore Walter (Bergville, KZN) bt Fraser Scott (WP Cricket, WPB) 21 18.

SECTION 2: Lightfoot Sean (Lynwood, NIB) bt Muvhango Nomatter (Discovery, SBA) 21 9; Bornman Cecil (Pta Municipals, BGN) bt Khanyile Kholwani (Alexandra Park, NIB) 21 10; Ireland Jake (Jeppe Quondam, JBA) bt Ramsden Jarryd (Hillary, PNB) 21 19.

ROUND 2 - SECTION 1: White bt Bakkes 21 17; Moore bt Heystek 21 14; Fraser bt McGlynn 21 14.

SECTION 2: Lightfoot bt Bornman 21 11; Ramsden bt Muvhango 21 10; Ireland bt Khanyile 21 17.

LOG DAY 1

SECTION 1: 1. White 2 (+12); 2. Moore 2 (+10); 3. Heystek 1 (+4); 4. Fraser 1 (+4); 5. Bakkes 0 (-15); 5. McGlynn 0 (-15).

SECTION 2: 1. Lightfoot 2 (+22); 2. Ireland 2 (+6); 3. Ramsden 1 (+9); 4. Bornman 1 (+1); 5. Khanyile 0 (-15); 6. Muvhango 0 (-23).

VETERAN WOMEN: ROUND 1 - SECTION 1: De Rosner Liesje (Alexandra Memorial, KBA) bt Dryburgh Cathy (Belgravia, JBA) 21 10; Marnewick Lynne (Honeydew, SBA) bt Greyling Jean (Hermanus, BOL) 21 10; Richardson Wilma (Northmead, EKB)

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bt Matthews Glenda (Stella Park, PNB) 21 20.

SECTION 2: Cole Cook Pam (Margate, KBA) bt Edelkraut Cheryl (Belgravia, JBA) 21 5; Mills Cherry Ann (Boksburg, EKB) bt Roos Nan (Outeniqua, EDB) 21 17; v Cospel Linda (Kroonstad, NFS) bt Victor Loraine (Wingate Park, BGN) 21 16.

ROUND 2 - SECTION 1: Greyling bt De Rosner 21 19; Richardson bt Dryburgh 21 20; Matthews bt Marnewick 21 2.

SECTION 2: Cole Cook bt Mills 21 11; Victor bt Edelkraut 21 10; Roos bt v Cospel 21 10.

LOG DAY 1

SECTION 1: 1. Richardson 2 (+2); 2. Matthews 1 (+18); 3. De Rosner 1 (+9); 4. Marnewick 1 (-8); 5. Greyling 1 (-9); 6. Dryburgh 0 (-12).

SECTION 2: 1. Cole Cook 2 (+26); 2. Roos 1 (+7); 3. Victor 1 (+6); 4. v Cospel 1 (-6); 5. Mills 1 (-6); 6. Edelkraut 0 (-27).

VETERAN MEN: ROUND 1 - SECTION 1: vd Spuy Bernardus (Wingate Park, BGN) bt Jamie Tommy (Wingate Park, BGN) 21 14; Doyle Tony (Honeydew, SBA) bt Piketh Robby (Edgemead, WPB) 21 10; Fraser Theuns (The Nest, KZN) bt Klopfer Lewis (Belgravia, JBA) 21 19.

SECTION 2: Kyriacou Kenny (PHSOB, BGN) bt Kilian Rudolph (Lynnwood, BGN) 21 10; Gatti Gianni (Belgravia, JBA) bt Robbertse Piet (Stilbaai, EDB) 21 13; Howard Laylon (Maritzburg West, NIB) bt Lambrechts Stoffel (Ceres, BOL) 21 3

ROUND 2 - SECTION 1: vd Spuy bt Piketh 21 18; Jamie bt Fraser 21 11; Klopfer bt Doyle 21 16.

SECTION 2: Gatti bt Kilian 21 14; Kyriacou bt Lambrechts 21 18; Robbertse bt Howard 21 14.

LOG DAY 1

SECTION 1: 1. vd Spuy 2 (+10); 2. Doyle 1 (+6); 3. Jamie 1 (+3); 4. Klopfer 1 (+3); 5. Fraser 1 (-8); 6. Piketh 0 (-14).

SECTION 2: 1. Gatti 2 (+15); 2. Kyriacou 2 (+14); 3. Howard 1 (+11); 4. Robbertse 1 (-1); 5. Kilian 0 (-18); 6. Lambrechts 0 (-21).

DAY 2

OPEN MEN: ROUND 4 - SECTION 1: Evans bt Mathewson 21 15; Lewis bt Malobolo 21 9; Grant bt Rittmuller 21 18; Oelofse bt Radloff 21 20.

SECTION 2: Baker bt Ferns 21 19; Neluonde bt Breitenbach 21 18; Roberts bt Roebert 21 13; Robinson bt York 21 19.

ROUND 5 - SECTION 1: Evans bt Malobolo 21 12; Radloff bt Lewis 21 14; Mathewson bt Rittmuller 21 18; Oelofse bt Grant 21 20.

SECTION 2: Breitenbach bt Baker 21 10; Neluonde bt York 21 17; Roebert bt Ferns 21 9; Robinson bt Roberts 21 13.

ROUND 6 - SECTION 1: Evans bt Grant 21 11; Mathewson bt Lewis 21 14; Radloff bt Rittmuller 21 8; Oelofse bt Malobolo 21 7.

SECTION 2: Roberts bt Baker 21 15; Neluonde bt Ferns 21 14; Roebert bt York 21 14; Breitenbach bt Robinson 21 14.

LOG DAY 2

SECTION 1: 1. Evans 6 (+31); 2. Mathewson 4 (+19); 3. Radloff 4 (+18); 4. Oelofse 4 (+6); 5. Lewis 2 (-4); 6. Malobolo 2 (-36); 7. Rittmuller 1 (-13); 8. Grant 1 (-21).

SECTION 2: 1. Neluonde 5 (+14); 2. Breitenbach 4 (+25); 3. Robinson 4 (+13); 4. Roebert 3 (+5); 5. Roberts 3 (-8); 6. Ferns 2 (-4); 7. Baker 2 (-19); 8. York 1 (-26).

OPEN WOMEN: ROUND 4 - SECTION 1: Lynn bt Glanfield 21 8; Neal bt Olivier 21 20; Snyman bt Kruger 21 18; Mathewson bt Booth L 21 16.

SECTION 2: Piketh bt Booth J 21 7; Calitz bt vd Westhuizen 21 19; v Zyl bt Fourie 21 14; Haley bt Webber 21 12.

ROUND 5 - SECTION 1: Olivier bt Lynn 21 9; Neal bt Mathewson 21 13; Glanfield bt Kruger 21 11; Snyman bt Booth L 21 6.

SECTION 2: Piketh bt vd Westhuizen 21 5; Calitz bt Webber 21 9; Fourie bt Booth J

ROUND 6 - SECTION 1: Snyman bt Lynn 21 4; Neal bt Glanfield 21 8; Kruger bt Mathewson 21 15; Olivier bt Booth L 21 18.

SECTION 2: Piketh bt v Zyl 21 20; Calitz bt Booth J 21 14; Fourie bt Webber 21 12; Haley bt vd Westhuizen 21 12.

LOG DAY 2

SECTION 1: 1. Snyman 6 (+65); 2. Kruger 4 (+1); 3. Neal 3 (+12); 4. Olivier 3 (+4); 5. Lynn 3 (-10); 6. Mathewson 2 (-13); 7. Glanfield 2 (-32); 8. Booth L 1 (-27).

SECTION 2: 1. Piketh 5 (+46); 2. Haley 5 (+23); 3. Calitz 4 (+16); 4. Fourie 3 (-4); 5. v Zyl 2 (-8); 6. Booth J 2 (-20); 7. Webber 2 (-20); 8. vd Westhuizen 1 (-33).

VETERAN MEN: ROUND 3 - SECTION 1: Doyle bt vd Spuy 21 14; Klopfer bt Jamie 21 17; Fraser bt Piketh 21 17.

SECTION 2: Kilian bt Robbertse 21 18; Kyriacou bt Howard 21 11; Gatti bt Lambrechts 21 14.

ROUND 4 - SECTION 1: vd Spuy bt Klopfer 21 13; Jamie bt Piketh 21 12; Doyle bt Fraser 21 14.

SECTION 2: Kilian bt Howard 21 14; Kyriacou bt Gatti 21 20; Lambrechts bt Robbertse 21 20.

LOG DAY 2

SECTION 1: 1. Doyle 3 (+20); 2. vd Spuy 3 (+11); 3. Jamie 2 (+8); 4. Klopfer 2 (-1); 5. Fraser 2 (-11); 6. Piketh 0 (-27).

SECTION 2: 1. Kyriacou 4 (+25); 2. Gatti 3 (+21); 3. Kilian 2 (-8); 4. Robbertse 1 (-5); 5. Howard 1 (-6); 6. Lambrechts 1 (-27).

VETERAN WOMEN: ROUND 3 - SECTION 1: Marnewick bt De Rosner 21 11; Matthews bt Dryburgh 21 9; Richardson bt Greyling 21 12.

SECTION 2: Roos bt Cole Cook 21 14; v Cospel bt Edelkraut 21 9; Victor bt Mills 21 13.

ROUND 4 - SECTION 1: De Rosner bt Matthews 21 12; Dryburgh bt Greyling 21 18; Richardson bt Marnewick 21 14.

SECTION 2: v Cospel bt Cole Cook 21 18; Mills bt Edelkraut 21 17; Roos bt Victor 21 7.

LOG DAY 2

SECTION 1: 1. Richardson 4 (+18); 2. Matthews 2 (+21); 3. De Rosner 2 (+8); 4. Marnewick 2 (-5); 5. Dryburgh 1 (-21); 6. Greyling 1 (-21).

SECTION 2: 1. Roos 3 (+28); 2. v Cospel 3 (+9); 3. Cole Cook 2 (+16); 4. Victor 2 (+0); 5. Mills 2 (-10); 6. Edelkraut 0 (-43).

DAY 3

OPEN WOMEN: ROUND 7 - SECTION 1: Mathewson bt Lynn 21 13; Neal bt Snyman 21 17; Kruger bt Olivier 21 14; Glanfield bt Booth L 21 10.

SECTION 2: Piketh bt Webber 21 17; v Zyl bt Calitz 21 19; vd Westhuizen bt Fourie 21 20; Haley bt Booth J 21 11.

OPEN MEN: ROUND 7 - SECTION 1: Evans bt Radloff 21 10; Grant bt Lewis 21 14; Rittmuller bt Malobolo 21 15; Mathewson bt Oelofse 21 17.

SECTION 2: Baker bt York 21 12; Roberts bt Neluonde 21 6; Breitenbach bt Roebert 21 10; Ferns bt Robinson 21 9.

VETERAN WOMEN: ROUND 5 - SECTION 1: Richardson bt De Rosner 21 19; Dryburgh bt Marnewick 21 10; Matthews bt Greyling 21 6.

SECTION 2: Cole Cook bt Victor 21 11; Roos bt Edelkraut 21 19; v Cospel bt Mills 21 17.

VETERAN WOMEN: ROUND 5 - SECTION 1: Fraser bt vd Spuy 21 12; Doyle bt Jamie 21 13; Piketh bt Klopfer 21 9.

SECTION 2: Kilian bt Lambrechts 21 9; Robbertse bt Kyriacou 21 20; Gatti bt Howard 21 15.

JUNIOR WOMEN: ROUND 5 - SECTION 1: Rousseau bt Baleri 21 12; Fourie bt Jumat 21 14; Muvhango bt Lucas 21 20.

SECTION 2: Du Preez bt Young 21 20; Fourie bt Turner 21 5; Rosenblatt bt Tyeda 21 3.

JUNIOR MEN: ROUND 5 - SECTION 1: Bakkes bt Moore 21 19; Heystek bt McGlynn 21 13; White bt Fraser 21 7.

SECTION 2: Ramsden bt Lightfoot 21 8; Khanyile bt Muvhango 21 19; Bornman bt Ireland 21 18.

FINAL LOGS

OPEN WOMEN

SECTION 1: 1. Snyman Anneke (Bredasdorp, BOL) 6 (+61); 2. Kruger Esme (CBCOB, BGN) 5 (+8); 3. Neal Nici (Leases, SBA) 4 (+16); 4. Olivier Samantha (Pollsmoor, WPB) 3 (-3); 5. Mathewson Annelie (Sol Plaatje West End, NCB) 3 (-5); 6. Lynn Rika (Discovery, SBA) 3 (-18); 7. Glanfield Carol (Belgravia, JBA) 3 (-21); 8. Booth Leoni (Port Edward, KBA) 1 (-38).

SECTION 2: 1. Piketh Colleen (Discovery, SBA) 6 (+50); 2. Haley Esme (Linden, JBA) 6 (+33); 3. Calitz Bridget (Leases, SBA) 4 (+14); 4. Fourie Ina (CBCOB, BGN) 3 (-5); 5. v Zyl Maggie (Durbanville, WPB) 3 (-6); 6. Webber Bronwyn (Stella Park, PNB) 2 (-24); 7. Booth Jillian (Klerksdorp, NWB) 2 (-30); 8. vd Westhuizen Michelle (Groblersdal, MBA) 2 (-32).

OPEN MEN

SECTION 1: 1. Evans Jason (Roosevelt Park, JBA) 7 (+42); 2. Mathewson Charles (Sol Plaatje West End, NCB) 5 (+23); 3. Radloff Billy (Outeniqua, EDB) 4 (+7); 4. Oelofse Thinus (Brakpan Mines, EKB) 4 (+2); 5. Rittmuller Wayne (Stella Park, PNB) 2 (-7); 6. Lewis Martin (Wanderers, JBA) 2 (-11); 7. Grant Johnny (Comrades, BOR) 2 (-14); 8. Malobolo Wilson (Witpoortjie, SBA) 2 (-42).

SECTION 2: 1. Breitenbach Pierre (Potchefstroom, NWB) 5 (+36); 2. Neluonde Prince (Bryanston Sports, JBA) 5 (-1); 3. Roberts Wayne (Stella Park, PNB) 4 (+7); 4. Robinson Bradley (Lynnwood, NIB) 4 (+1); 5. Ferns Brendan (Wingate Park, BGN) 3 (+8); 6. Roebert Joel (Mowbray, WPB) 3 (-6); 7. Baker Gerry (Bryanston Sports, JBA) 3 (-10); 8. York Wayne (Bfn Military, SFS) 1 (-35).

VETERAN WOMEN

SECTION 1: 1. Richardson Wilma (Northmead, EKB) 5 (+20); 2. Matthews Glenda (Stella Park, PNB) 3 (+36); 3. De Rosner Liesje (Alexandra Memorial, KBA) 2 (+6); 4. Dryburgh Cathy (Belgravia, JBA) 2 (-10); 5. Marnewick Lynne (Honeydew, SBA) 2 (-16); 6. Greyling Jean (Hermanus, BOL) 1 (-36).

SECTION 2: 1. Roos Nan (Outeniqua, EDB) 4 (+30); 2. v Cospel Linda (Kroonstad, NFS) 4 (+13); 3. Cole Cook Pam (Margate, KBA) 3 (+26); 4. Victor Loraine (Wingate Park, BGN) 2 (-10); 5. Mills Cherry Ann (Boksburg, EKB) 2 (-14); 6. Edelkraut Cheryl (Belgravia, JBA) 0 (-45).

VETERAN MEN

SECTION 1: 1. Doyle Tony (Honeydew, SBA) 4 (+28); 2. vd Spuy Bernardus (Wingate Park, BGN) 3 (+2); 3. Fraser Theuns (The Nest, KZN) 3 (-2); 4. Jamie Tommy (Wingate Park, BGN) 2 (+0); 5. Klopfer Lewis (Belgravia, JBA) 2 (-13); 6. Piketh Robby (Edgemead, WPB) 1 (-15).

SECTION 2: 1. Gatti Gianni (Belgravia, JBA) 4 (+27); 2. Kyriacou Kenny (PHSOB, BGN) 4 (+24); 3. Kilian Rudolph (Lynnwood, BGN) 3 (+4); 4. Robbertse Piet (Stilbaai, EDB) 2 (-4); 5. Howard Laylon (Maritzburg West, NIB) 1 (-12); 6. Lambrechts Stoffel (Ceres, BOL) 1 (-39).

JUNIOR WOMEN

SECTION 1: 1. Fourie Ezile (Bredasdorp, BOL) 5 (+38); 2. Rousseau Marizelle (Wingate Park, BGN) 4 (+29); 3. Baleri Fran (Klipbank, KZN) 3 (+16); 4. Muvhango Thabelo (Discovery, SBA) 2 (-17); 5. Lucas Rienie (CBCOB, BGN) 1 (-30); 6. Jumat Bronlynn (George, EDB) 0 (-36).

SECTION 2: 1. Rosenblatt Dezi (The Woods, EPB) 4 (+42); 2. Du Preez Kim (Discovery, SBA) 4 (+23); 3. Fourie Carmen (Wingate Park, BGN) 3 (+16); 4. Young Gillian (Outeniqua, EDB) 3 (+7); 5. Tyeda Esona (Helderberg, WPB) 1 (-34); 6. Turner Claire (Bedfordview, JBA) 0 (-54).

JUNIOR MEN

SECTION 1: 1. White Paul (Durban Wanderers, PNB) 4 (+23); 2. Moore Walter (Bergville, KZN) 3 (+13); 3. Bakkes Brendan (Bfn Municipals, SFS) 3 (+8); 4. Heystek Rikus (Leases, SBA) 2 (+6); 5. Fraser Scott (WP Cricket, WPB) 2 (-14); 6. McGlynn Terrance (Riverside, KBA) 1 (-36).

SECTION 2: 1. Bornman Cecil (Pta Municipals, BGN) 4 (+27); 2. Ireland Jake (Jeppe Quondam, JBA) 4 (+16); 3. Lightfoot Sean (Lynnwood, NIB) 3 (+10); 4. Ramsden Jarryd (Hillary, PNB) 2 (+2); 5. Khanyile Kholwani (Alexandra Park, NIB) 2 (-14); 6. Muvhango Nomatter (Discovery, SBA) 0 (-41).

MEDAL WINNERS

JUNIOR WOMEN: Rousseau Marizelle (Wingate Park, BGN) / Du Preez Kim (Discovery, SBA) Bronze; Fourie Ezile (Bredasdorp, BOL) Silver 18; Rosenblatt Dezi (The Woods, EPB) Gold 21.

JUNIOR MEN: Moore Walter (Bergville, KZN) / Ireland Jake (Jeppe

Quondam, JBA) Bronze; White Paul (Durban Wanderers, PNB) Silver 20; Bornman Cecil (Pta Municipals, BGN) Gold 21.

VETERAN WOMEN: Matthews Glenda (Stella Park, PNB) / Cospel Linda (Kroonstad, NFS) Bronze; Roos Nan (Outeniqua, EDB) Silver 16; Richardson Wilma (Northmead, EKB) Gold 21.

VETERAN MEN: vd Spuy Bernardus (Wingate Park, BGN) / Kyriacou Kenny (PHSOB, BGN) Bronze; Doyle Tony (Honeydew, SBA) Silver 18; Gatti Gianni (Belgravia, JBA) Gold 21.

OPEN WOMEN: Kruger Esmé (CBCOB, BGN) / Haley Esmé (Linden, JBA) Bronze; Snyman Anneke (Bredasdorp, BOL) Silver 10; Piketh Colleen (Discovery, SBA) Gold 21.

MEN OPEN: Mathewson Charles (Sol Plaatje West End, NCB) / Neluonde Prince (Bryanston Sports, JBA) Bronze; Breitenbach Pierre (Potchefstroom, NWB) Silver 17; Evans Jason (Roosevelt Park, JBA) Gold 21.



VETERAN WOMEN GOLD: Wilma Richardson



VETERAN MEN GOLD: Gianni Gatti



JUNIOR WOMEN GOLD: Dezi Rosenblatt



JUNIOR MEN GOLD: Cecil Bornman Jr



NEW CAPS: Bridget Calitz and Martin Lewis

BRITS GEAR UP FOR WORLD BOWLS

Story by David Rhys Jones, edited by Alan Simmonds

For the 14th event on Australia's Gold Coast from May 26 to June 7, the four home UK countries (England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales form the hopes of the northern hemisphere.

This, the sport's flagship event unfolds Down Under - for a fourth time in succession. The previous three were staged in Christchurch (2008), Adelaide (2012) and Christchurch (2016).

Two things are certain. First of all, the visitors will have to work hard to overcome home advantage enjoyed by the Aussies (and, for that matter, the Kiwis). Secondly, they are all looking forward to the challenge on Australian greens which are bone-hard and lightning-fast.

Following the story of the 'Just' WBT 2020 World Indoor Championships in England, the two finalists in the Open Singles - Rob Paxton and Nick Brett - have been selected by England.

Although runner-up, Brett won the Pairs with Greg Harlow, and the Mixed Pairs Matchplay title with Welsh ace Marion Purcell.

It was not a good campaign for legends Scottish Paul Foster and Alex Marshall, but it would be unwise to write them off when they venture outdoors in May, because they are such a class act and because they know the conditions on the Gold Coast so well.

The same applies to young Welsh star Dan Salmon, who, in 2018, won the Commonwealth Games Men's Pairs title with Marc Wyatt - though Wyatt has since retired, and will be missing from the Welsh line-up.

But first, let us congratulate Australian bowlers on their readiness to host major international events. Here, we are proud to record the fact that Terra Australis has previously hosted World Bowls in 1966, 1969, 1980, 1985, 1996, 2000 and 2012, and we are poised to have a closer look at who did what at those events.

The first staging of the World Outdoor Championships in Kyeemagh (Sydney) in 1966 was an all-male affair, and the men went on to hold subsequent world championships in Frankston (on the Mornington Peninsula) in 1980, and in Lockleys (Adelaide) in 1996. The women also plumped for



Nick Brett, England

Sydney for their inaugural event, which was staged in 1969 at the Elizabethan Bowls Club and opted for the Reservoir club in Melbourne and the Moama club on the Murray River in 1985 and 2000.

Sadly, Kyeemagh and Elizabethan no longer exist.

The men's and women's championships staged on the Northfield and Victoria Park greens in Ayr and Royal Leamington Spa respectively in 2004, proved to be the last to be staged at separate venues and times. A happy merger between the World Bowls Board (WBB) and the International Women's Bowling Board (IWBB) meant that, from 2008, the men and women have played their championships in tandem.

In 2012, the venue was Adelaide, where the Lockleys club could not provide enough rinks for everyone, so there was an overspill at the Holdfast Bay club a mere 6.4km down the road in Glenelg. To be honest, using two or three clubs for World Bowls (as also happened in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2008 and 2016) has its downside in terms of travel logistics, but it works.

Fully 16 years have passed since the world championships were last staged in Europe in 2004 - the men's at the Northfield complex in Ayr, and the women's equivalent jamboree on the Victoria Park greens in Royal Leamington Spa, where the Commonwealth Games bowls events will be played in 2022.

Fifty-four years have passed since David Bryant became the first-ever World Outdoor Singles champion in 1966, when he won 14 of 15 round robin matches (losing only to Welsh schoolteacher Maldwyn Evans, who went on to win the world title in Worthing six years later).

And the legendary pipe-smoking, trout-fishing, rose-growing English legend showed his worth again in 1980, when the championships were played in Frankston, where he not only regained the singles title, but also struck gold in the triples.

Towards the end of a gruelling round robin, DJB came out on top against top Aussie John Snell in what was, in effect, a deciding encounter. And, in the triples, he skipped a young duo, Jim Hobday and Tony Allcock, to the title.

The first pairs champions at Kyeemagh in 1966 were Bert Palm and Geoff Kelly, who actually lost four matches on their way to the title, while Cedric Smith and Bryant, who had to settle for third place, lost only two.

The host nation also triumphed in the triples, through Don Collins, Athol Johnston and John Dobbie, who skipped an Australian quartet to the runners-up spot in the fours, in which they gave best to a New Zealand team skipped by Bill O'Neill. Scotland took silver in the singles, thanks to John Hershaw, and another Scot, Roy Fulton, bagged

bronze for Ireland.

The Scottish skip in the fours, Harry Reston, raised a few eyebrows with his antics and perpetual commentary on his own bowls. He was quite a character.

Bryant was lauded for his achievement at Frankston in 1980, where he took two titles. Hobday, Allcock and Bryant must have been exhausted after playing 19 games in a round robin that was more of an endurance test than a tournament. For the record, they won 18.

When Aussie duo Alf Sandercock and Peter Rheuben won the pairs, they salvaged some pride for the host country, whose only other bright spot across four disciplines was John Snell's silver in the singles. Rugged Kiwi legend, Phil Skoglund, skipped Kevin Darling to bronze in the pairs, and John Malcolm, Kevin Darling and Scots-born Morgan Moffat to another bronze in the fours.

There was a gap of 16 years before men's World Bowls returned to Australia, and the venue was the Lockleys club in Adelaide. Again, the Aussies underperformed. Although they won medals in all four events, they were all the wrong hue - bronze.

The event was a triumph for bowlers from the northern hemisphere. Tony Allcock retained the singles title he had won at Worthing in 1992, and his England colleagues Brett Morley, David Cutler, Andy Thomson and John Bell (yes, today's World Bowls president) won the fours.

Ireland's Jeremy Henry (now an Aussie) and Sammy Allen defeated Scotland's Richard Corsie and Alex Marshall in the pairs final, while Kenny Logan, the evergreen Willie Wood, and George Adrian, from Scotland, defeated Kiwis Andrew Curtain, David File and Peter Belliss in the triples final; Wales snatched silver in the fours and bronze in the pairs.

When the International Women's Bowling Board decided to run their own world championships in 1969, the Elizabethan bowls club in Sydney was chosen, but- Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and the USA entered.

Gladys Doyle, from PNG, became the first Women's World singles champion, and also bagged bronze in the triples, but it was South Africa who dominated proceedings, winning titles in pairs, triples and fours.

It was back to Melbourne for Women's World Bowls in 1985. At Reservoir BC. This time, Australia dominated, striking gold in three of the four events, and settling for silver in the fours.

Others to stand out were England's Norma Shaw and Mavis Steele, Welsh stars Rita Jones and Linda Parker, Hong Kong's Helen Wong, and Willow Fong, who was representing Fiji.

At the world outdoor championships in Australia in



Laura Daniels, Wales



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S D·E·S·K



ROB FORBES

AN AMAZING DEPTH OF TALENT ON VIEW

The first of our Bowls SA tournaments, the prestigious Masters, was contested over the weekend of February 7-9.

What a spectacle of outstanding singles play we were all treated to.

With 24 matches being contested in each session it was difficult to choose which to watch as each contest had its own level of skill and excitement.

The finals did not disappoint with each and every game fought tooth and nail. The men's Under-30 final was determined only by a measure. Players displayed a huge amount of talent and both played some fine shots when under pressure.

Likewise, the women's Under-30 final was equally as tense. Watching the pool of young players emerging filled me with a great deal of satisfaction and this surely augurs well for the

future of our sport. The Open and Veteran contests were fiercely contested with the lead changing with almost every shot.

At the dinner preceding the tournament, I was seated at a table with the chairman of Wingate Park Country Club, advocate Gerrie Nel (he of the Oscar Pretorius era) and as the names of the contestants were read out and they stepped forward he was amazed at the number of young people.

Our never-ending challenge is to change the perception that bowls belongs to the aged. Across our various districts and clubs there is a number who actively engage with youth - the results have been amazing.

At the end of March our Junior Nationals take place in Bloemfontein where about 50 teams from across the country put their ability to the test. If you have a chance to witness the

spectacle presented you will be amazed at the skill level.

Thomas S Monson an American religious leader said: "So much in life depends on our attitude. The way we choose to see things and respond to others makes all the difference."

Our challenge is to approach how we run our club, how we grow membership and how we embrace challenges facing us - surely with determination - to determine success or failure.

Nationwide are pockets of excellence where club members with the proper attitude have determined they will not fail; proof we can change our destiny provided we approach with the correct mindset.

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

2000 the Aussies all won medals, but failed to set the Moama greens on fire. They had to settle for three bronze medals and one silver. A young Karen Murphy skipped Arrienne Wynen to silver in the pairs and took bronze in the singles behind Irish legend Margaret Johnston and Welsh star Rita Jones.

Scotland's Margaret Letham appeared to be cruising to the singles title, especially when, with a couple of rounds to play, she defeated Margaret Johnston, 21-16, in the 16th round at the group stage. Johnston, as she was entitled to do, challenged the legality of Letham's bowls, claiming they were 'too straight'.

Letham's guided missiles, manufactured in Glasgow, were to Bendigo for testing - along with those identical bowls of her Scottish team-mates. They failed the test, and the Irish star was awarded the points the Scot had earned. This allowed Johnston to steam ahead to win the title for a second time, and she went on to record a third success in Royal Leamington Spa in 2004.

Two bronze medals were awarded - one to Murphy, another to Jersey's Karina Horman (who later became Karina Bisson).

At least Letham had the consolation of partnering the one and only Joyce Lindores to gold in the pairs. The remarkable Scottish duo were on a magnificent run: they had also won the Commonwealth Games title in 1998, and the Atlantic pairs title in 1999.

That brings us to the most recent World Bowls to be based in Australia - with men and women convening in Adelaide in 2012. The same Lockleys club was named as venue, but more rinks at the Holdfast Bay club were required to cope.

Australia collected five golds (men's singles and fours, women's singles, pairs and triples) and two silvers (men's pairs and triples).

It was the best World Bowls performance ever achieved - although those of us with long memories will remember the feat of the South African men in

1976, when they achieved a clean sweep of singles, pairs, triples and fours at the now-defunct Zoo Lake club in Johannesburg.

At Lockleys, Leif Selby and Karen Murphy, both now retired, did the singles double, Selby beating Canada's Ryan Bester in the men's final, and Murphy deposing reigning champ Val Smith, from New Zealand in the women's. Wayne Ruediger, Brett Wilkie, Mark Casey and Aron Sherriff defeated Bobby Donnelly's South African quartet in the men's fours final, but Australia's women missed out on a medal in the women's fours.



Alex Marshall, Scotland

In the men's pairs, Selby and Sherriff gave best to Scottish luminaries Paul Foster and Alex Marshall, while Scotland also won the men's triples, David Peacock, Darren Burnett and Graeme Archer getting the better of Ruediger, Wilkie and Casey. Full marks to the Scots, who also took the women's fours title through Michelle Cooper, Lynn Stein, Caroline Brown and the ever-reliable Margaret Letham, who

beat Azalina Arshad's Malaysian quartette in the final.

Australia's one-off failure in the women's fours was all the more surprising, because Kelsey Cottrell and Bec Quail won the pairs, and Natasha Van Eldick, Lynsey Armitage and Karen Murphy won the triples. So there was obviously nothing wrong in terms of selection. But, five golds to Australia, three to Scotland pretty well sums it up.

The other countries were just not at the races. Bowls Australia's professional approach, together with the home advantage factor, proved decisive - but the competitiveness - and sheer talent - of the Scots shone through, too.

Four years later, in Christchurch, the Jackaroos claimed four golds, and the host country two, while Jess Sims and Laura Daniels brought the women's pairs title home to Wales, and an unheralded English trio, Jamie Walker, Andy Knapper and Rob Paxton, came out on top in the men's triples.

Despite playing away from home, the threat from the UK countries is always there, and it would not be surprising to see UK players challenging at Broadbeach, Helensvale and Musgrave Hill.

Scotland once again bring star quality to World Bowls, with Darren Burnett, Paul Foster and Alex Marshall to the fore in the men's, while Ronnie Duncan and Derek Oliver, who complete the five-man team, both returned from Broadbeach in 2018 with Commonwealth Games gold medals around their necks. The women's team has a new look about it, with Claire Anderson (wife of indoor star Stewart Anderson), Lauren Baillie-Whyte, Dee Hoggan and Stacey MacDougall hoping to benefit from Kay Moran's local knowledge.

England will be without the high-flying Chestneys - Jamie and Natalie - who made themselves unavailable, but their men's and women's teams still look strong. The men field the three players - Jamie Walker, Andy Knapper and Rob Paxton - who

won the triples in 2016, as well as Nick Brett, who won the Just World Indoor singles title in January, and the highly experienced Sam Tolchard, whose sister Sophie lines up in the women's team. Ellen Falkner and Sian Honnor are well used to wearing medals, while Katherine Rednall's prowess is well known, and Lorraine Kuhler is delighted to be making her first appearance at this level.

Ireland's men are capable of great things, and Gary Kelly has already shown himself more than proficient on Australian greens. Ian McClure and Marty McHugh are shrewd operators, and Aaron Tennant and Mark Wilson will give them solid support on and off the green. Catherine Beattie was an automatic

choice in the women's line-up, while her teammates, Megan Devlin, Sarah Kelly, Shauna O'Neill and Ashleigh Rainey, are relatively unknown.

Wales will be without Commonwealth Games gold medalist Marc Wyatt, who has retired, but Ross Owen, Dan Salmon and Jonathan Tomlinson all have star quality, Steve Harris is highly experienced, and Chris Klefenz is a talented newcomer. Anwen Butten, and Caroline Taylor are Welsh stalwarts who won their first World Bowls medal in the women's fours Royal and Leamington Spa in 2004. Laura Daniels has shown her worth on greens in Australia and New Zealand; the three stars will receive good support from Sara-Marie Nicholls and Ysie White.



Gary Kelly, Ireland

AUSSIES WILL BE HARD TO BEAT

Bowls Australia (BA) selectors have confirmed a 10-strong contingent to be charged with the nation's hopes on home soil at the 2020 World Bowls Championships.

With 36 nations to take part in, the Jackaroos will be lead by a host of familiar names, as well as three debutants.

Having cemented international spots over the past 12 months with both individual successes in national events and encouraging performances with the Jackaroos, Ellen Ryan (22), Corey Wedlock (23) and Aaron Teys (26) make debuts.

The NSW trio have been integral to the Jackaroos, with versatile Wedlock forming a formidable partnership with Aaron Wilson in the Pairs; Teys and Ryan have strengthened team disciplines.

There are 20 World Championship medals (including 12 gold) held by the stalwarts.

Women's Singles hopeful Kelsey Cottrell will hope to continue Australia's golden run in this discipline, with



WOMEN: Kelsey Cottrell (29, St Johns Park, NSW), Lynsey Clarke (36, Club Helensvale, QLD), Ellen Ryan (22, Cabramatta, NSW), Natasha Scott (29, Raymond Terrace, NSW), Rebecca van Asch (31, Invermay, TAS)



MEN: Aaron Wilson (28, Cabramatta, NSW), Corey Wedlock (23, Warilla, NSW), Barrie Lester (38, Burleigh Heads, QLD), Aaron Teys (26, Warilla, NSW), Aron Sherriff (34, Club Helensvale, QLD)

retired Karen Murphy having won the past two Singles golds.

Cottrell will double up in Pairs action with two-time World Championship gold medallist and Helensvale local Lynsey Clarke.

Rebecca Van Asch and Natasha Scott will again spearhead Australia in both Triples and Fours action

Aaron Wilson will again be entrusted with Men's Singles having secured gold on debut at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. He also defends a World Championships gold medal in the Men's Pairs, with Wedlock set to fill the shoes of the retired Brett Wilkie.

Unsurprisingly, Aron Sherriff spearheads both Triples and Fours, with Barrie Lester recalled as Sherriff's lead.

Australia will be hoping to better their haul of five gold medals from eight disciplines from the last time the event was held down under, at the 2012 World Bowls Championships in Adelaide.

The Jackaroos were also the best-performed team at the most recent 2016 event, in New Zealand, with four gold, two silver and a bronze from the eight disciplines.

PARA-BOWLERS TAKE TO HELDERBERG GREENS

Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls SA

Around 100 elites visually impaired and physically disabled bowlers will compete in the SA Open Championships of Bowls for the Disabled to be held in the Helderberg Basin from March 22-28.

South Africans from both disciplines have been world champions for much of the past 20 years.

City of Cape Town has again provided accommodation at Voortrekker Park free of charge, a huge cost saver for the event.

Daily, play will be from 09h00 - Noon and 13h30 - 17h00, except for PDBSA ladies who will play three games of trips on Sunday/Wednesday, two hours per day with a 30-minute break between games.

The visually impaired are divided into four sight categories (B1 - B4) and on a daily basis will play a game of pairs and/or singles dependant on entries.

Singles will be played Wednesday to Friday, with finals on Saturday afternoon.

The physically disabled men play in a mixed category of pairs (B6 - B8) and will play B6, B7 and B8 singles; pairs are from Sunday to Tuesday morning with play-offs on Tuesday afternoon and the final at HQ Helderberg on Saturday morning.

Pairs will be 3.5 hours max a game: B1 & B1 – 14 ends; B3 & B4 - 16 ends; PDBSA – 18 ends; trips – 15 ends. Singles: 3.5 hours a game – first to 21 shots.

The opening ceremony is at Helderberg BC on Sunday, March 22 at 08h30; play begins at 09h30. The closing ceremony and prize giving will be held at the same venue around 17h00 on March 28.



WINNERS SECTION A (OVERALL WINNERS): From left - Piet Meyer (President, Hermanus), Pieter Linde, Mark Beviss-Challinor (Skip), Callie van der Merwe (2nd), Johann du Plessis (3rd), MP Olivier (Lead), Greg Nasson (Personal Trust)



WINNERS SECTION B: From left - Piet Meyer, Philip Finkelstein (3rd), Gary Roach (Lead), Roy Clark (Skip), Chris Scaife (2nd), Greg Nasson (PT)



WINNERS SECTION C: From left - Richard Lang (2nd), Piet Meyer, Davey Aherne (3rd), Walter Oosthuizen (Lead) and Roley Maggot (Skip) with Greg Nasson (PT)
Photographs and information courtesy of Ena Linde and Magriet Hugo

PTS' 17TH TIMES IN A ROW AT AYALA

The 93rd annual Ayala Bowls Tournament was held at Hermanus Bowls Club January 9-10; Personal Trust sponsored the event for a 17th time.

JENI WILLIAMS DAY AT CONSTANTIA



TOP GIRLS: The winning team of the Personal Trust-sponsored Jeni Williams Ladies' Day at Constantia Bowls Club was, from left : Flo George (Constantia BC); Theuna Grobber (Somerset West BC) Karen Swart (Constantia BC), Behind : Lydia Maritz (Durbanville BC)



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ALL CAPE COMES TO MOTHER CITY



With prize money of R100 000, the Personal Trust All Cape will be centred around Cape Town this year from March 29-April 4. HQ is WPCC and activity will also take place in the southern suburbs and in the Helderberg Basin.

Prize monies will be divided equally to men's and women's championship events, with each winner receiving R5 200 and runners-up R1 900; semi-finalists earn R700. The Plate and Bowls events carry prizes of R1 900 and R800 respectively.

AFFILIATION FEES 2020

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



MIXED PAIRS AT STELLA PARK



The SA Mixed Pairs is at Stella Park BC from June 18-21.

Districts should enter their winners to the events committee (EC) on or before April 30 to Maureen Florens at portnatalbowls@telkomsa.net

- The EC shall in due course recommend suitable accommodation; cost is for each district.
- Those flying should arrange arrival around late morning to midday on June 17; departure for late afternoon on June 21. Designated transport to/from provided free. Inform EC of ETA.
- Teams may practice at Stella Park on June 17 and should attend a party at 6pm the same day.

BSA VENUES IN 2020



BSA advise following inspections, the following confirmed for 2020:

- **PERFECT DELIVERY: BOWLS SA OPEN INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:** Westview H/Q (EPB), The Woods, Walmer; 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:** OudStuente (SFS)
- **BOWLS SA U/20 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:** Orangia (SFS)

BOWLS DONATED

The request for a donation of two sets of resized (small bowls) to schools who register at least 10 newly-registered learners during the year has been approved by the Bowls SA executive. Districts are advised there are small bowls available at R650 a set. A request from the Eros School for a donation of 13 sets of resized "Small Bowls" was also approved. A request to translate the Health Benefits Poster into 11 languages was discussed and declined.

SA SPURNS WORLD HOSTING

SA will not be applying to host the World Bowls Champion of Champions Tournament for 2021 and SA would not enter Teams in the Malaysian Fours International event because of cost.

PARTNERSHIP FORMED

After a presentation from Dementia Friends, Bowls SA has agreed to partner with this organisation. Clubs can approach should they require assistance for members identified with this disability.



TOP SHOT: Lerato Sebatane, selected to represent Northern Cape Bowls Under-15 side at Bowls South Africa U15 & U20 National Championships in Bloemfontein

JUNIORS STRUT THEIR STUFF IN BLOEMFONTEIN

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA



The 2019 champions, namely Northern Cape (U15s), top and Border (U20s) will be defending their titles

The U15 & U20 Nationals will be held in Bloemfontein from March 24-27, reports David Hamer. The U15s will play at Oud Studeente BC - 18 Teams (72 players) from 12 Districts will be playing in this event. The U20s will play at Orangia BC - 32 Teams (128 players) from 19 Districts will be playing.

OBITUARY



ALAS: Will Esterhuizen, 35, left, with SA pals Bobby Donnelly and Pierrie Breitenbach. Selected for Namibia at World Bowls, Esterhuizen has died tragically. He was arguably his nation's best bowler.

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