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INTER DISTRICTS A SUCCESS IN SPITE OF SEDIBENG ABSENCE

Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

The Perfect Delivery Bowls South Africa A Inter Districts Championships travelled to Port Elizabeth this year and fortunately was completed a day before South African sport virtually shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic.

One disappointment from the get-go was the absence of the small, but highly competitive Sedibeng. Bowls SA will probably give a hand of assistance in their direction.

With the Eastern Province weather playing the fool, players had to battle rain, wind and heat, either severally or altogether.

Alfie Hicks was convenor of a committee comprised of Danie Smit, Jeanette Williamson, Dave Tolson and Dave Stacey. While they saw to it that minor glitches were overcome, their scoring record was less than satisfactory. Having requested daily updates, and being assured of such service, none arrived.

Although load shedding played its role in the troubles, anticipation of such an occurrence might have been considered.

The official photographer, Pam Neubert, on the other hand, produced stellar material and is to be congratulated for her diligence and punctuality.

Nevertheless, the greens in the host district prevailed and players, in general, were satisfied. It was just as well, as affairs were under the scrutiny of the president of Bowls SA, Rob Forbes, who in his home district was keen to see matters proceed smoothly.



WOMEN'S OPEN WINNERS: Sables

"I was thrilled at the standard of play and that although the women were dominated by the powerful Sables side led by our No 1 player Colleen Piketh, the men's final saw two "less fancied" sides in Ekurhuleni and Southern Free State turn it on.

"While the weather might have been better, players and officials handled the elements with élan; it was on the whole a good effort from the hosts."

During qualifying, SFS men easily won the Blue Section. Totalling 75 points, they eclipsed the sectional runners-up JBA (last year's silver medallists) on 70.5, having defeated them 9-3 during sectional play.

The Red Section was a close-run thing and went to the wire. Eventually Ekurhuleni prevailed with 67 points; Natal Inland's 66.5 just failed to impress the leaders. The runners-up in the section actually defeated SFS 7-5 in the round robin.

In the women's event Sables blitzed their way to 73 points in Blue Section, leaving WP in their wake on 59.5, even though the ladies in blue defeated the champions to be 7.5-4.5.

The Red Section fell to the holders Port Natal on 78.5 who pulled away from North West on 75; Port Natal's 11-1 victory over Natal Inland certainly helped.

The Perfect Delivery B Inter Districts was played at glorious Edenvale in Ekurhuleni with its great facilities and wonderful greens.

Alana Warrender was convenor of the tournament committee, ably assisted by Dave Loseby and Audrey Levin.

JBA women amassed a considerable 81 of a possible 108 points to easily take Red Section, followed by Port Natal on 73. When they met, JBA prevailed 8-4. In the Blue Section Sables edged in by a single point 76 to 75 over WP, the sea-siders having won their round robin clash 9.5 to 2.5 – to no avail.



MEN'S OPEN WINNERS: Ekurhuleni

JBA men acquired even more in Red Section, unbeaten on 86 points. They finished well ahead of EP who earned 65, having been overwhelmed 11.5-0.5 by the winners during their sectional clash.

Gauteng North lost one match, but took a mighty 85.5 points, easily eclipsing Port Natal's useful 78.5, although the runners-up inflicted a 7.5-4.5 defeat on the section winners.

JBA men and women won their finals over silver medallists BGN and Sables respectively with something to spare; Port Natal and EP men took bronze medals; as did WP and Port Natal women.



WOMEN'S & MEN'S "B" GOLD: JBA

Hosted by Gauteng North at HQ, Pretoria High School Old Boys, the Perfect Delivery SA Interdistricts' Veterans' Championships ran like a well-oiled machine.

A tournament committee convened by Nico Boezaart included the extremely able Elbert Broere (treasurer), Len Carver (recorder), Florence van Zyl (admin) and Jan Wepener (TO) – all who attended spoke warmly of the event's progress.

When the smoke began to clear, the men's Red Section was won by Port Natal, 75.5 from Gauteng North 71.5, the Durban side winning their personal clash 11.5-.5.

Blue Section went to JBA, 70 points, from WP tantalisingly close on 69; JBA won their clash 6.5-5.5.



WOMEN'S VETERAN WINNERS: Boland



MEN'S VETERAN WINNERS: Port Natal

The women's Red Section went to a surging Eden on 73.5, who beat Ekurhuleni, 66.5 by 10-2 on the journey. Boland triumphed in Blue Section on 74, with JBA next on 69. The sides peeled 6-6 in the personal clash.

Boland women proved too strong for Eden, beating the south-east side 8-4; Port Natal blitzed JBA 12-0 in the men's final. Bronze medals went to Gauteng N and JBA men; Ekurhuleni and JBA women took bronze.

HOW IT WENT AT THE A EVENT IN PORT ELIZABETH: AN INDEPENDENT POINT OF VIEW

Sunday - Good turnout at HQ, Westview, for practices. Managers and then players meeting afterwards.

Monday - Was at the opening at Westview – started of a fair day with a crisp breeze as we stood for the raising of the flag and national anthem. The morning was coolish and the A green running at a fair speed (12ish). Everyone eager to make their mark in the opening game of the tournament. B green in the afternoon, somewhat sluggish and became even more so as the rain set in. A light drizzle to start, but then a constant rain which soaked all and sundry to the bone. With PE being short of the wet stuff of recent, it was welcomed by locals.

Tuesday - Rain, rain and more rain through the night. Played at The Woods – very sociable and a hospitable club nestled in a valley which at the time protected us from the elements however, I am sure that should the wind howl, there would be no respite. Morning was good weather-wise, with sun peeking through the clouds occasionally but the afternoon poured once again.

Wednesday - Walmer - Yay! Sunshine! This is Rob Forbes' club, the stand in for the late removal of PE Bowling Club as a host venue. It was expected that the greens would be outstanding and this was true of the A green – set down from the clubhouse was pristine, however, the B furthest from the clubhouse left much to be desired with the typical coastal wind picking up in the afternoon, making the dubious lines even harder to play. Some were lucky to find it, others as we speak are still looking for it. Strangely, I found during this tournament that the Drakes Pride Professional to be the bowl that handled the elements and was able to navigate routes to the jack best.

Thursday - Jeffreys Bay. There were a lot of questions raised as to the choice of a club that was an hour's travel out of PE. Still don't have an answer, but on arrival it was by far one of the most picturesque clubs I have played at. All J-Bay members that helped out in kitchen and bar were most amiable and the catering was the best of all the clubs. In the afternoon the wind came up with a vengeance and played havoc with bowls and players, gusting hard enough to blow them off balance mid-delivery.

Friday - With some teams making final calculations in points required for medal play after an error occurred in the original results the night

before due to load shedding, it was off with a bang in an early start. Port Natal were firm leaders in our section, but this was not secured with a game to play. They played against Kingfisher, who managed to make a dent, but did not knock them off the 1st place pedestal. Second place for bronze was a good tussle between North West and local favourites EP. I'm sure the spirit of Piet Breitenbach was guiding all their bowls as NW took a 10,5 off them, dropping them into 5th place. So we had been given the royal treatment to all the seasons (except snow) as the day reached the 30s with little breeze. Sweltering and humid as the moisture steamed from the grass.

Finals – Obviously Sables made their section a walk in the park (considering all their current and past Proteas) suffering only one qualifying loss at the hands of WP. Was a shame that Sedibeng could not field an A side, leaving everyone with a bye; teams shot up and down the ladder like a yo-yo.

Finals: Sables Wmen 11pts (Gold); 48-27 bt Port Natal (Silver) 1.

Ekurhuleni Men 10pts (Gold) 57-36 bt Southern Free State (Silver) 2.

Bronze medals went to WP and NW women; JBA and Natal Inland men.

Information: Tracy Meyerdricks (JBA A skip); edited by Alan Simmonds



IMAGES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

SFS Bowling Team

" We may not have it all together but together we have it all ♡ ♡ ♡ "

What a Perfect Delivery



SHREWD BAKER FOR WORLD BOWLS POST

Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

For almost two decades South Africa's John McArdle has poured his expertise and globe-trotting energy into World Bowls Administration at the highest level.

The former Alberton BC administrator, a past president of World Bowls, Bowls SA, and until recently the World Bowls director for Africa/Americas, has announced his retirement from the global platform. He has been elected to the executive committee of Ekurhuleni Bowls – formerly Eastern Gauteng.

World Bowls president John Bell, on holiday with his family in South Africa, heaped praise on McArdle:

"John has been a loyal supporter who has accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge through his 14 years of service to World Bowls. This has enabled him to bring an invaluable degree of wisdom and stability to the operation and deliberations of our World Bowls Board. His advice proved there is no substitute for drawing on relevant experience.

"On behalf of our World Bowls organisation I would like to formally and sincerely thank him for his considerable contribution to it. I will remember, as an England player at World events, admiring the ever cheerful President John McArdle (John was President 2008-12) for his positivity and enthusiasm.

"He was indeed a great 'front man' for our world governing body and he will, I am sure, have many treasured memories of those times. I wish him well for his retirement from 'world administration' but I am sure he will still enjoy his involvement with bowls in South Africa - and who wouldn't enjoy that wonderful experience."

Fortunately, the South African legacy at World Bowls continues, for the honorary life member of Bowls SA will be replaced by a 20-year legend –



Gerry Baker of Johannesburg, a chartered accountant off the green.

Baker, one of South Africa's most decorated and admired international competitors, an outstanding entrepreneur and a man outspoken in deed and word about protecting and ensuring the life-span of the game, is heir-elect to replace McArdle.

"Gerry Baker, known as 'leftie' is larger than life. I have known him all his playing career. He is an ambassador, brilliant player and a shrewd businessman. Still a young man, he will provide insight and innovation for the world's most enduring sport," said McArdle.

Baker, a five-time South African Masters Singles champion and a multi-medallist at many World Bowls and other major international tournaments, with a bowls playing span dating to 1989, spoke warmly of his predecessor.

"John McArdle is short in stature, but a giant as an administrator. He has set the bar at such a level that it will require a major vault to ensure his efforts are maintained.

"I am, however, prepared gratefully to accept the honour and the challenge.

"We all know bowls requires constant transformation and rapidly numbers are

declining. For the sport to grow in South Africa especially, 90% of the population needs better access."

"Many of the world's leading players have expressed a view that over the last 12 odd years - if not more – most international events from World Bowls to Commonwealth Games, have by and large taken place in the Antipodes.

"Playing Down Under is exciting, but visitors are usually under-cooked – it takes quite a while to acclimatise to conditions and those challenging the world's best start on the back foot.

Moreover, I was disappointed, along with many other nations' representatives, at the thin banks in New Zealand for the World Championships.

The guys and girls from the host nations in Oceania are the best in the world, but the now postponed major event might well have been the same old story – purely a case of who gets bronze."

"They do have great facilities, but I feel if we are to grow the sport into a global one - just as netball did 10 odd years ago - we must take the game to other growth areas such as China proper - not necessarily just to Hong Kong; India has lost momentum shown at the Commonwealth Games, but if afforded support, encouragement and exposure, these emerging states could develop into future powerhouses."

"Malaysia, America and Europe proper, need attending to.

"On my local scene South Africa has become almost a forgotten bowling country. We need to change that as well; not easy, but a start must be made."

Baker, facing an economic threat to his business will face many challenges as well.

"I see myself juggling a few balls in the months to come," the pragmatic Baker added.

The president of Bowls South Africa, Rob Forbes, said: "What an honour to have another South African elected by World Bowls to serve the august body. All of us in South Africa wish Gerry well."

Baker, a dedicated family man, has retired from international competition, but continues to competes at the highest level nationally.

His appointment awaits ratification at the next World Bowls biennial council meeting.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S D·E·S·K



ROB FORBES

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

We are certainly in a difficult time in our lives; certainly the likes of which many of us would never have experienced.

We have always had the right of movement, the right of access to our loved ones and friends and of course our right to participate in the sport we all so enjoy. Suddenly these rights have disappeared and we are left to reflect on the past and contemplate on what and where we might have been or done.

Personally, I was looking forward to attending my 20th All Cape tournament; all arrangements were in place, just waiting for departure on Saturday, March 28.

It is indeed a strange feeling not to be able to do what you want to and while the lifting of restrictions is contemplated for mid-April, we watch with interest whether the proactive steps our government has taken bear fruit.

The staggering escalation of global figures of infections and mortality paint a morbid picture, yet it is the reality of the fight we are in. I use the word fight loosely as one can equate our campaign to quieten the silent and invisible enemy as the same as a fight conducted with guns and cannons, only without noise or visible physical damage. Yet it is a war no doubt.

We as bowlers as accustomed to fighting (not in the literal sense), for when we step on a green we engage with opposition with only the goal of victory in mind.

And it is quite ironic our isolation period has

been set at 21 days - a number particularly familiar to all. Most of our contests are over 21 ends, while in singles it's the first to 21.



Each and every end (day) is a unique battle with fortunes fluctuating. Sometimes the winner being decided with only the final blow.

So it is through this accumulation of mini victories that ultimately we will succeed when the last end is completed. We are thus battle-hardened and our time in isolation should be treated as any match one end (day) at a time.

If we look only to the end, we may be disappointed with some outcomes along the way.

I know this period is going to be a test of stamina, where patience and tolerance will be challenged.

Let's use our experiences gained from bowls,

where we often get thrown a curved ball (call it a wick) to help us take a step back, pause and reflect on our goal before we end up in conflict no one can win.

I firmly believe that when we have conquered this silent enemy and returned to the life we all knew and probably took for granted, we will have a different perception on life and things we took for granted.

Our meetings with our loved ones after a period of forced isolation will be an emotional event; it will make the bonds of friendship and family even stronger.

I have often said the physical side of bowls is but a small portion of the enjoyment gained as club member. Social interaction plays a vital role in the level of satisfaction we achieve; it is this level that will be enhanced from our experiences during this tough time.

We are all deeply indebted to those at the "coalface" of this fight - health service workers and all other essential service workers. They have put themselves squarely in the front line. Without them our battle could never be won; we are forever in their debt.

Please take care of yourselves; exercise the necessary precautionary measures so that when the time comes, we resume the friendships so dear to all.

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

BIG BASH 2020 A BLAST IN GAUTENG

After the last Big Bash, late last year - a roaring success with bowlers and non-bowlers, both young and old - our club has been inundated with requests from clubs and non-bowlers to hold more events per year, reports Tony Norris.

We had one proviso. The winning team will host the next event at their club and use the funds raised for whatever project they have in the pipeline.

Our club, The Lake Club, Benoni, supported the Ekurhuleni District Ladies B Team so we, therefore, decided that funds raised from this Big Bash would go toward the teams' travel costs.

Invites were sent to players from the last event and to clubs in the district and entries flowed in at such a rate that changes had to be made.

The format of the game changed from the normal two-bowl trips to fours, thinking that would do the trick. Mistake!! Still too many entries.

We then asked our greenkeeper to increase the six rinks per green to seven rinks. That just made the difference. We could then accommodate the entries on hand. Just. Still the entries came in and unfortunately had to be turned away. So we began the day with 112 players ranging from early teens to 70s plus.

We found that because we had two rinks of juniors, ranging in age between 10 and 15 years, and because the green was a little heavy, we had to limit the "long end" to 25m and the "short end" to 23m. Those who have played the game before will understand the terms "long" and "short" ends; in fact we are considering changing the length of play for pupils up to 15 years old to make things easier for new players.

The winners of the floating trophy, by a single point, was skipped by one of the District Ladies B Team. This means The Lake Club Benoni will host the next Big Bash.

All in all a great day was had by all and some of the juniors are looking at bowls in a new light - not just a game for oldies.

If you are interested visit
www.b20cricketbowls.co.za

Just an aside, B20 Cricket Bowls has now gone international with the game being played by our neighbours Zimbabwe and as far afield as Australia. We hope to introduce the UK and parts of Europe to this incredible game.

Not bad for a game of bowls developed in Benoni, Gauteng.



BIG CHEESE: Meet the B20 development team: Ian Stevenson, Nora Norris, Tony Norris

JOHN BELL SPELLS OUT THREAT TO BOWLS

I am writing to you as your newly-re-elected President – an honour I am delighted to accept, and I sincerely thank World Bowls' global membership for your continued support. This is however no time to dwell on the nicety of office.

I am fully aware that our great sport, and indeed our way of life, is under threat as never experienced before by our generation. It is truly a time to show our unity as a sport more than ever before. Bowls programmes and events have either been postponed or cancelled. Clubs have closed. The number one priority is of course for everyone to stay safe and well.

In this respect governments and MNAs are issuing the relevant guidelines and advice necessary for this to be achieved, along with details of financial packages available to reduce the negative economic impact of the virus.

It is also very pleasing to see several MNAs going the extra mile to maintain regular communication and contact with their membership. We urge everyone to follow that lead, every little piece of positivity helps as we seek to alleviate the effect of coronavirus quarantines and lockdowns. Look at other MNA websites and other Social Media where you may find helpful information and advice you can usefully share with your own membership.

At World Bowls, as the sport's global governing body, we clearly recognise the distressing situation and I assure you that the board and staff will leave no stone unturned to assist the bowls fraternity where possible to restart the sport when this scourge has passed.

In these dark moments however, it is indeed essential that we look forward positively to a return

to normality when we can once again freely access our clubs and greens. No one can predict when this will be, but we desperately hope that it will be sometime in 2020, if not the first part of 2021.

With this hope in mind I again wish to reassure MNAs that we at World Bowls are determined to play our part, where practically possible, in the revival and resurgence of our sport when this occurs. We are currently working on measures which will hopefully make a positive difference. These include –

- Reducing the amount of World Bowls affiliations fees paid by our MNAs for 2021 when they become due for payment in late 2020.
- Ensuring our well supported World Bowls programme of events is protected. Amidst the gloom and doom we were thrilled last week to announce that World Bowls in conjunction with Host National Authority Bowls Australia has rescheduled the World Championships from next month to May/June 2021. Well done to everyone concerned.
- Review of our World Bowls Development Strategy to enhance the benefits available to our developing nations through our Development Assistance scheme
- Earmarking funding to implement exciting proposals worked up through a partnership of Bowls Australia and World Bowls where creative concepts to market our sport in a co-ordinated manner across the globe have been drawn up and ready to be refined and rolled out for use by all MNAs who wish to participate.
- Freezing the level of annual licence fees payable by bowls manufacturers and testers in 2021.



- Finalisation and promotion of our World Bowls Coaching Syllabus which is geared to benefiting our smaller, less-established and developing member nations.

In conclusion I urge all our member nations to be strong and resolute and remember you are not alone.

As a sport we need to show unity as never before. Please accept this message as a pledge of your governing body's support and commitment to care.

Let's dedicate ourselves to putting this dreadful virus blight behind us and planning for a return to playing and enjoying the greatest sport of them all.

John Bell - President, World Bowls

Bowls SA requires well-qualified coaches to assist in raising the enjoyment and standard of our sport and to provide the necessary assistance to players of all ages and levels. The NSCC is delighted to invite applications from active club coaches (Level 1) interested in upgrading Level 2.

At present, subject to changes because of the coronavirus pandemic, three (Level 2) courses are scheduled for 2020, namely:

Natal: 21 June – 25 June
North: 18 October – 22 October (preliminary booking Lekkerbreek)
South: 8 November – 12 November

Pre-requisites are as follows:

- A Level 1 qualification date not more than 5 years old.
Note: Any applicant whose qualification date is older than five years, will need to attend a Level 1 course as a refresher before finally being accepted on the course, but the application should be made by the due date.
- ±100 hours of coaching at Level 1 with the bulk of these hours accumulated over the past four years.
- A printed copy of Lawn Bowls Coaching, which should be ordered (at a cost of R450) from Bowls SA, through the district secretary and applicants must be prepared to do the required pre-reading before the course (provided in pre-course information letter to all accepted candidates).

Computer literacy is highly recommended (Word – word processing, Excel – spread sheets, PowerPoint – presentations, e-mail communication, Internet –

COACHES WILL BE NEEDED BIG TIME



research). Please note computer literacy is not a requirement for successful participation – any assistance necessary at the course will be provided by NSCC.

Minimum of a current Level 1 Technical Official qualification.

Knowledge of First-Aid is recommended.

DSCCs & District Executives will be requested to provide support and motivation for candidates shortly after the closing dates. A Maximum of twelve (12) candidates will be accommodated per course. If more than one candidate is nominated by a District their nominees must be prioritised.

The non-refundable application fee per candidate is R250, to be paid directly to Bowls SA.

Districts and clubs are encouraged to support and to assist candidates in covering costs as qualified Level

2 coaches can be a great asset to the District and the Club. Candidates are required to cover their own travel, accommodation and catering costs – NSCC only covers the in-course catering costs of teas and lunches.

Note: NO LOGIN or SIGN-UP is required!

Applications for courses must be completed on-line by:

Natal: 03 April;
North: 26 June;
South: 26 June

Applicants are required to pay the non-refundable R250 application fee prior to the deadline, through their District Office, with the reference of account 097001 and the District abbreviation – e.g. 097001 KBA or 097001 WPB. Proof of payment must be emailed to the NSCC Course Administrator Chris Gerber at chris@cgfs.co.za. Only applicants who have made these payments will be processed.

Districts are requested to approve applications by means of an email to Chris, prior to deadline.

Applicants will be advised of their acceptance (this will depend on numbers) after each deadline has passed and will be provided with information and pre-course preparation instructions prior to the course. Please note that should there be less than 8 applications the course will be cancelled and only offered again in 2022.

All subject to change.

Inquiries: Chris (via email or telephone; 082 653 3933).

2021 WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES SET

Controlling body World Bowls (WB) and host nation Bowls Australia (BA) have rescheduled the World Bowls Championships, to a year from its original date.

As a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 2020 World Bowls Championships, set to be staged on the Gold Coast, Queensland, from May 26 to June 7, has been moved to May 25 to June 6, 2021.

Following on from the sport's pinnacle international competition will be the staging of the \$275 000 (R3 million) 2021 Australian Open, to be held on the Gold Coast from June 12 to 25.

All 2020 Australian Open entry fees are refundable in full.

BA Chief Executive Officer Neil Dalrymple said that while the postponement was unfortunate, he was

grateful to all parties involved.

BA acknowledges the invaluable support of Tourism and Events Queensland and City of Gold Coast in the preparation and delivery of the World Bowls Championships event.

Rescheduled dates: Practice: Saturday May 22 to Monday, May 24, 2021; Competition: Tuesday, May 25 to Sunday, June 6, 2021.

The 2020 event, which was set to be staged on the Gold Coast, Queensland, from May 26 – June 7, involving 36 competing nations, prioritised the health and safety of the public, players, staff, officials and volunteers.

WB Chief Executive Officer, Gary Smith, said the

unfortunate decision was made with the health and safety of the public, players, staff, officials and volunteers as the primary concern.

“Given the uncertainty we face as a global community, we have made the unfortunate, but necessary action related to the 2020 World Bowls Championships,” Smith said.

“This situation is not unique to bowls, with many other sports and competitions around the world taking similar cautionary measures.

“We believe this is the right decision to minimise the risk of public exposure to the coronavirus, which the World Health Organisation recently declared a global pandemic.”

BOWLS SA SETS THE BAR

Following the public announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa that a ban has been placed on gatherings of more than 100, Bowls SA immediately cancelled the Junior Nationals and the Disability Nationals.

The president of Bowls SA, Rob Forbes, said if possible, “...we may hold these later in the year.”

In reaching this decision Forbes said: “we are fully aware various travel and accommodation

arrangements have been made, but our first obligation is to comply with the decisions of the highest authority. We apologise for any inconvenience, but ... our overriding concern must be for the health and welfare of our members and their support staff. We will continue to monitor the Governments guidelines on this matter and make a decision with regard to the National Championship tournament at the end of April.”

In the event of a cancellation of this event entry fees paid will be refunded.

Forbes appealed to districts and clubs to adhere to the regulations imposed by the government.



ENGLAND OFFICE CLOSES

Bowls England cancelled all domestic events ahead of the 2020 lawn bowls season including its national championships and head office closed on March 20.

All staff (including coach employees) worked from home as per government guidance; support for clubs and county associations continued as normal.

Tony Allcock OBE, Bowls England chief executive, said: “Every organisation is coming to terms with a global situation that is unprecedented, to which Bowls England is sadly not immune.

“The national finals are the conclusion of a long



process that starts each year in May, therefore, it is not possible for the qualification process to be completed in time throughout our 35 county associations.

Their guidance:

- Coronavirus guidance.
- Minimum amount of Greens Maintenance required so greens are playable when bowls is resumed.
- Funding (including club loans and encouraging bowlers to support clubs financially by continuing to pay their annual subscriptions.
- Recruitment.
- Looking after each other (including encouraging members to keep an eye out for each other, especially fellow bowlers who may live on their own).
- Staying Fit (including producing a 'Bowlers' Workout' in order to keep members active during isolation or working from home).

US BOWLS HEEDS PANDEMIC



In the US: the SW Open, National Championships and US Open are cancelled for 2020. These are unfortunate but necessary given the current climate.

These tournaments represent a large portion of the expenditures of BUSA for 2020.

Because of this, BUSA will be treating the years 2020 and 2021 as the “2021 season” concerning BUSA dues payment. Essentially, BUSA will only collect one set of dues per member from divisions during these two years. If you have already submitted your dues for the current year, your BUSA dues are already covered for 2021.

One of the services that BUSA will continue to provide is our GoTo Meeting account for online meetings.

KIWIS SHUT DOWN

New Zealand is in Alert Level 4, with communities effectively on lockdown.



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John le Roux, Chairman and Founding Director, and Andy Calmeyer, Founding Director, are thrilled that Personal Trust is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2020

40th anniversary, we have R 18 billion under management and a staff complement of 137.

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We look forward to the next milestone anniversary!



John and Andy wearing their False Bay Rugby Club jerseys outside Belmont Park in 2000. John and Andy share a passion for rugby and they first met at False Bay Rugby club over 40 years ago.



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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



TOP GUNS: JBA juniors strut their stuff: from back, left, Rheece Nelson, Enos Mafokate (Manager), Wanda Melane, Mr Khosa (Principal) Sanele Mkhonza, Scelo Ndlovu; Front: Xavian Kramer, Lethabo Mathibela, Sandile Mkhonza

SC MEMBERS SOUGHT

Bowls SA seeks to fill the three vacancies on the NSC M&M standing committee. Districts (especially those based in Eastern Cape, Gauteng and Kwa-Zulu Natal) might nominate suitable candidates to serve; a short CV should be included. Bowls SA executive are sole arbitrators



WELL DONE: Boksburg BC ladies held a successful Pink Day in aid of breast cancer awareness – it proved a thundering success



UMPIRE! Technical officials strut their stuff after a camp (Picture: Bernard Fourie)



HAPPIER TIMES: Elma Davis at the Commonwealth Games, Down Under, with teammate and friend Colleen Piketh – it's been a year since the Eden star's passing.

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