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INFORMATION**

The president of Bowls South Africa, **Rob Forbes**, has issued a clarifying statement for the benefit of bowlers nationwide. Club members should read it and note the contents:

Dear Fellow Bowlers

In light of the government's announcement that the National State of Disaster has been extended for a further month and as it is now some months since the initial return to play permission was granted by The Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture on the 15th July 2020 under alert level 3 restrictions and the subsequent move to the current alert level 1 restrictions announced on the 17th September 2020 for the sake of clarity Bowls SA would like to place on record the following extracts and information as regards the latest health and safety protocols as set out in the various government gazettes that have been issued from time to time during this period.

### 1. Spectators

Sport activities, including both professional and non-professional matches, by recognized sporting bodies, are allowed to resume activities **with no spectators** at the venue or precinct of the venue.

A sport body must put in place measures to ensure that no members of the public or spectators are allowed at a match venue or the precinct of a match venue.

### 2. Face Masks

Face masks, or appropriate items that cover the nose and mouth as required by health protocols, must be worn by all personnel entering the sporting venue **except athletes when training or participating in matches**.

Thus, all persons must wear their face mask or an appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth when entering the premises and whilst they are waiting to participate in an event. It is not acceptable practice that once a person has registered to play, they remove their face masks prior to participating in matches or practices. Furthermore, face masks are to be

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worn at the completion of matches and / or training until such time as participants are in the bar for the purposes of consuming liquid or for having a break for tea or the likes thereof.

### 3. Screening

In the case of non-professional sport bodies screening must take place.

All officials including players, athletes, match officials, and support staff must be subject to **temperature screening before they enter the venue**.

A sport body must keep a register, which must be archived for a period of not less than 6 months, with the following details of all athletes, support staff and officials:

- (i) Full names;
- (ii) Residential address;
- (iii) Cell number, telephone number or email address; and
- (iv) Contact details of a person or persons living in the same residence as the person attending training or matches.

### 4. Hand sanitising

- a) Hand sanitising with an agent containing at least 70% alcohol content must be provided for.
- b) There must be facilities for the washing of hands with soap and water.

### 5. Social Distancing

Every person should attempt, as far as is practical, to maintain a distance of at least **one and half meters** from each other both whilst in the facility and whilst participating in a match or training.

### 6. Equipment

All equipment including but not limited to mats, jacks, scoreboards etc. must be



sanitised before and after play. It is not necessary to do so during play.

Jacks may be delivered in the normal manner and ideally, where practical, should be centred using the foot.

### 7. Sporting Venue

- a) Sporting venues should be thoroughly cleaned and regularly sanitised.
- b) All surfaces and equipment must be cleaned before resumption and in between activities.
- c) All areas such as toilets, common areas, door handles, shared electronic equipment, are to be regularly cleaned. This would include items such as tabs that are used to control matches.
- d) The number of personnel in the sporting venue at any given time must be limited as far as is reasonably practicable. As a guideline to what is reasonable this should be limited to

**This is the last newsletter for 2020. Our next edition in January will preview the SA Masters in Pretoria during February.**

*On behalf of your Editor, Alan Simmonds; Production Editor, Tracy Meyeridricks; the President of Bowls SA, Rob Forbes, Vice-President, Heather Boucher and the National Executive, we wish all readers a joyous festive season and a safe, healthy more promising, Coronavirus-free 2021*



50% available floor space capacity.

- e.) Contactless payments and pre-booking should be used, where possible.

## 8. Greens

There is no restriction on the number of participants allowed on any one green at any one time however it is recommended that consideration be given so as to enable effective social distancing when making such determination. For a club with multiple greens it is quite possible that the number of participants may exceed the capacity allowed within the clubhouse bearing in mind the restrictions as per 7(d) above and organisers of events need to take cognisance of this fact.

## 9. Gatherings

- a) An owner or operator of any indoor or outdoor facility where gatherings are held must display the certificate of occupancy, a copy of which is attached for your reference, which sets out number of the maximum persons the facility may hold.
- b) Gatherings at social events are limited to 250 persons or less in case of an indoor gathering and 500 persons or less in case of an outdoor gathering. Provided that, no more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue is used, with persons observing a distance of least one and a half metres from each other.
- c) Gatherings at conferences and meetings are limited to 250 persons or less in case of an indoor gathering and 500 persons or less in case of an outdoor gathering. Provided that no more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue is used, with persons observing a distance of least one and a half metres from each other. Provided also that persons participating through electronic platforms are not included in these limitations.
- d) Gatherings at the following places are allowed, subject to the limitations as set out below -
  - (i) restaurants, subject to strict adherence to directions on the times of operation, the number of persons, health protocols and social distancing measures, as provided for in the directions issued by the relevant authorities;

(ii) bars are subject to a restriction on the number of guests allowed in the venue to not more than 50 percent of the capacity of the venue, with guests observing a distance of least one and a half metres from each other;

- e) In a venue with multiple facilities each facility must be assessed separately as regards the determination of permissible capacity and the capacity for each of these facilities must be observed individually and not as a collective.
- f) Each venue should have a record of the venue capacity as issued by the fire control authorities. In the event of this not being available it is suggested that as most of our venues seating arrangements are on a similar basis to those used in the restaurant industry that we apply this standard when determining venue capacity. An accepted measure for this industry is one person per 15 square feet or 1.4 square meters per person. Thus, for example, a hall measuring 200sq.mt can hold 143 people (200 / 1.4) and 50% of that is 72 people.

## 10. Obligations of a Sport Body

- a) All sports bodies must comply with the guidelines for quarantine and isolation in relation to COVID-19 exposure and infection issued by the Department of Health. (These are available on the BSA website under the COVID-19 tab)
- b) Ensure that all members comply with the provisions of the directions as issued from time to time.
- c) A sport body and its affiliate members are jointly and severally responsible for any claims for damages and negligence arising as a result of failure to take reasonable measures in curbing the spread of COVID-19.
- d) Display the certificate of occupancy as referred to in 9(a) above.
- e) Sports clubs that operate restaurant facilities on their premises must make themselves aware of the provisions with regard to the management and control of this activity. Details of these provisions are contained in regulations issued by the Department of Tourism.

- f) A facility must be available to provide for isolation of any person who may show signs of having contracted the virus.

## 11. Offences and penalties

An enforcement officer must, where a gathering in contravention of the regulations takes place –

- a) order the persons at the gathering to disperse immediately; and
- b) if the persons refuse to disperse, take appropriate action, which may, subject to the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977), include the arrest and detention of any person at the gathering.

For the duration of the national state of disaster, any person who hinders, interferes with, or obstructs an enforcement officer in the exercise of his or her powers, or the performance of his or her duties in terms of the Regulations, is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, liable to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Bowls South Africa has been made aware, through the medium of social media of activities and other sources, of clubs and members who are disregarding the health and safety protocols as set out and request all parties to operate within the allowed restrictions. We recognise that some people find it hard to accept the logic around some of these restrictions but please understand that as the National Federation responsible for the sport of bowls in South Africa we and all our affiliates are obliged to operate within the laws of our country.

To reiterate what was stated in our communiqué to members on the 16th July 2020 'Neither Bowls South Africa nor any of the Districts / Provinces have the capacity or time to monitor each club. The onus rests squarely with the management of each club to ensure the proper health and safety protocols are put in place and adhered to. Should any person or club be found to be guilty of violation of these protocols by the authorities and such violation impacts on the rest of the members such person or club will be in contravention of the Bowls South Africa code of conduct and subject to any action that may arise as a consequence thereof.'

In terms of the regulations as issued by the Department of Sport, Art and Culture the Minister has the right to establish officials who are empowered to enter premises and assess compliance with these regulations. Bowls South Africa is aware that funding has been made available to facilitate this and clubs and members are urged to act within the agreed regulations so as to avoid potential prosecution.

The implementation of all these regulations are made singularly with the objective of minimising the spread of COVID-19 and given the age profile of our membership we are in the very most vulnerable category with regard to contracting this virus and therefore I urge everyone to be vigilant in all aspects of their daily interaction with others. *[See Close to death with Covid-19 and other related Covid-19/bowls stories]*

**Rob Forbes President Bowls South Africa**

# CLOSE TO DEATH WITH COVID-19



**Alan Peter Simmonds, 80, media officer for Bowls SA since 1988, was educated in England, Switzerland and France. He has been an international journalist and university lecturer for 60 years. Teacher, writer (45 years for Independent Newspapers, worked for Sunday Express and Sunday Times. He has a London-based PhD son, Elan, a senior lecturer at a London University and a fine arts PhD daughter-in-law, Michelle, in a similar position at Goldsmiths College; their daughters are Julia 8 and Wren 7 months**

When you are about to die, everything else pales into insignificance. I was in that unwelcome situation earlier this year.

Being infected with Covid 19 is no trifling matter.

Now shrugged off (I had it twice), I hope, ending a three-year litany of health woes in which I was stabbed and was DOA on arrival at hospital (saved by a novice doctor who used her training and bravery to stick a needle in my heart), to catch the virus was a bitter blow.

When first diagnosed positive with the pandemic' trail of horrors, I was isolated.

But my breathing worsened, no doubt aggravated by a pneumonic predilection caused two years before by a consolidated haemo-thoracic blob of about 60mm sitting in the lower region of a lung, after being attacked and stabbed in my right chest while walking in the Cape Town CBD.

I survived the first bout and was freed. Three days later I again tested positive.

This time there was no easy way out; I rapidly

developed double pneumonia and I vaguely recollect an ambulance siren's monotonous wail as I was carried at pace through Cape Town' bumpy streets to the Somerset Hospital.

Yes, you see, no private hospital for me. A State patient, the vagaries of the casualty admission and its teeming throng was to be my destination.

Willing hands (the ambulance personnel were both dedicated and thorough) transferred me to a gurney where I was hooked-up to oxygen and covered in a blanket.

I was still feeling cold and having difficulty breathing freely.

A doctor, his face swathed in protective gear followed a nursing sister who had collected my not so vital signs. I know he was young, efficient, but obviously over-worked. "You have pneumonia" he said, after having thoroughly tapped chest and back and listened as I faithfully rasped in response to his seemingly interminable requests.

I felt a needle, then another, enter each arm.

The dreaded drip, those plastic persecutors that pass saline and other unmentionables into the human form in an attempt to mitigate any medial malady. I slept.

Sometime later I was wakened and taken to a ward; it was dark outside; the ward was full. Most of its eight occupants – men and women – lay supine and prostrate; all had some type of drip.

One young man was not a Covid 19 patient. He had been stabbed; I remembered my own situation. A man, not a doctor, worked on a drain to his wound; another man offered what sounded as inane advice. Eventually they completed their task and left.

The remainder of the patients snored and whistled; ward personnel moved to and fro.

I remember noticing how clean everything was, but my bed was uncomfortable – too short and the pillows lay at irregular angles. I did not feel so good.

From then on I suffered 15 days' unconsciousness and hallucinations and developed severe double pneumonia. In all I has seven drips, I felt and looked, like a Gothic rocker who depended on body piercings for solace.

I was very ill. My son, faithfully monitoring the scenario from his South London home (he'd successfully overcome the virus himself) was told he might expect the worse as the Covid 19 took grip on my weakened state.

I drifted in and out of consciousness.

I imagined in one scenario I was in a club. People came and went. I called out; no one answered. Then I was on a train; going where I did not know. Then I was seated in a restaurant, but no waiter offered a menu. Another time I was on an aeroplane; the engines roared but we never took off. The hallucinations continued - how real they felt.

I ate nothing. My taste had gone; nausea overtook me when anything was proffered. I drank water and an occasional cup, of coffee – they tasted identically.

I wore an adult nappy and peed and defecated without control; my nurses stripped me without complaining; fresh linen was delivered.

I did notice fresh faces in the ward. As people died, so others took their places, the procession was unending.

Gradually I came to. I was so weak, unable to eat.

I desperately sought to return to my old age home; it was difficult; transport seemed unavailable.

My son eventually enlisted the wonderful editor of my Home magazine from Weekend Argus.

The delightful, amazing Vivian Warby, a Mother Teresa, managed to arrange for an ambulance and I returned home to two weeks' isolation with continuing loss of breath control. An inability to sleep was excruciating. Bowls SA president Rob Forbes and Operations Manager John Ravenscroft were pillars of strength.

I'd lost 23kg while in hospital.

I am still feeble, dizzy and unable to sleep properly. Food remains a major hurdle for me. To those who poo-poo the pandemic and the precautionary regulations vigorously applied, do so at your peril – it is an affliction not to be trifled with.

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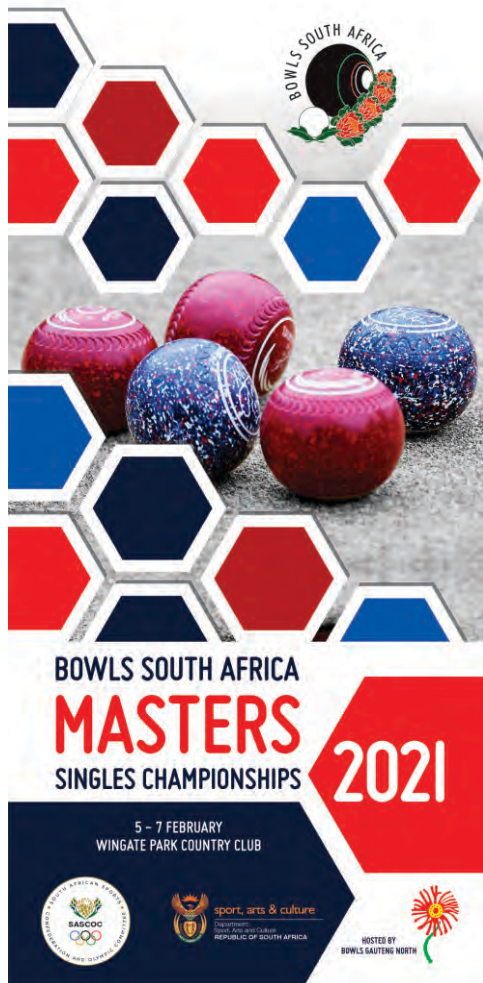


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# HOW THEY LINE UP AT THE SA MASTERS



## MEN OPEN MASTERS

### Section 1

Jason Evans (JBA)  
Prince Neluonde (JBA)  
Brendan Ferns (BGN)  
Thinus Oelofse (EDB)  
Wayne Roberts (PNB)  
Joel Roebert (WPB)  
Francois Hanekom (MPL)  
George Grant (EKB)

### Section 2

Pierre Breitenbach (NWB)  
Gerry Baker (JBA)  
Charles Mathewson (NCB)  
Wayne Rittmuller (PNB)  
Billy Radloff (EDB)  
Bradley Robinson (NIB)  
Wilson Malobolo (SBA)  
Cecil Bornman (BGN)

## MEN VETERAN MASTERS

### Section 1

Gianni Gatti (JBA)  
Piet Robbertse (EDB)  
Bernardus vd Spuy (BGN)  
Theuns Fraser (KZN)  
Stoffel Lambrecht (BOL)  
John Connellan (PNB)

### Section 2

Kenny Kyriacou (BGN)  
Rudolph Kilian (BGN)  
Tony Doyle (SBA)  
Rudi Jacobs (NWB)  
Robbie Piketh (SBA)  
Johann du Plessis (BOL)

## MEN JUNIOR MASTERS

### Section 1

Paul White (PNB)  
Sean Lightfoot (NIB)  
Brendan Bakkes (SFS)  
Terrance McGlynn (KBA)  
Greg Burns (EKB)  
Nomatter Muvhango (SBA)

### Section 2

Jake Ireland (JBA)  
Brandon Wysoke (EKB)  
Jarryd Ramsden (PNB)  
Mike O'Connor Jnr (BGN)  
David Nel (KZN)  
Khanyile Kholwani (NIB)



**MOVING: SA's No1 woman bowler Colleen Piketh, centre, flanked by her top class bowler mother, Brenda Webb, right and Protea Rika Lynn (Sables, left) at a farewell party for the amazing Piketh who has moved from Gauteng to Mossel Bay. She will represent Eden, the district of her late great friend Elma Davis**

Sinclair served as treasurer for the ladies' section for a number of years and after amalgamation served as lady vice-president, vice-president and president.

"I was responsible for arranging the technical officials required for district competitions; I served as treasurer for the club in 2014 and 2015, then served as secretary for the club for 10 consecutive years. I did all the secretarial work and the scoring for the Mica Mid-Week League."

When ladies' competition secretary resigned Sinclair assisted with finalising the club competitions.

"I served as secretary and treasurer on the PPA for many years and was involved in organising fund raising events and was a founder member at Outeniqua Bowling Club and served as secretary. I then became convenor of the Garden Route Tournament held at the club.

Busy as ever, Sinclair was a founder member of ladies' Nomads in the Southern Cape and served as secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president for many years. She served as vice-president of Eden District for six years and then as president for two-and-half years; also treasurer for two years.

Sinclair qualified as a TO in 1990; is now a new level one official and a qualified marker and coach. She became convenor of the National Disability Bowls Tournament held in Eden in May 2018 and served a second term as Eden president.

"I constantly make players aware of the rules and etiquette of bowls whenever possible."

Election to the national executive for this admin powerhouse was a matter of course.

**Alan Simmonds**



**Winners of the Women's and Men's Open Masters 2020 - Colleen Piketh and Jason Evans**

The selectees for the SA Masters which will be played at Wingate Park CC, Pretoria in February:

## WOMEN OPEN MASTERS

### Section 1

Colleen Piketh (EDB)  
Nici Neal (SBA)  
Esme Kruger (BGN)  
Sandy Carr (BGN)  
Dezi Rosenblatt (EPB)  
Maggie van Zyl (WPB)  
Sego Mokoto (NWB)  
Leoni Booth (KBA)

### Section 2

Anneke Snyman (BOL)  
Samanthe Olivier (WPB)  
Bridget Calitz (SBA)  
Rika Lynn (SBA)  
Leone du Rand (BGN)  
Ina Fourie (BGN)  
Gwen Stokes (NIB)  
Esme Haley (JBA)

## WOMEN VETERAN MASTERS

### Section 1

Wilma Richardson (EKB)  
Linda van Caspel (NFS)  
Pam Cole-Cook (KBA)  
Lynn Marnewick (SBA)  
Lydia Maritz (WPB)  
Cheryl Mostert (PNB)

### Section 2

Nan Roos (EDB)  
Glenda Matthews (PNB)  
Lorraine Victor (BGN)  
Cherry-Ann Mills (EKB)  
Jillian Booth (NWB)  
Cathy Dryburgh (JBA)

## WOMEN JUNIOR MASTERS

### Section 1

Marizelle Rossouw (BGN)  
Fran Baleri (KZN)  
Gillian Young (EDB)  
Estona Tyeda (WPB)  
Elizanne du Toit (EKB)  
Claire Turner (JBA)

### Section 2

Ezile Fourie (BOL)  
Carmen Fourie (BGN)  
Thabelo Muvhango (SBA)  
Michelle Wort (EKB)  
Bronlynn Jamat (EDB)  
Shannon Davies (JBA)

# JENNY KEEPS EVERYONE ON THEIR TOES

Bowls SA executive member Jenny Sinclair, now in her second term, has always been a top administrator.

She began her bowling career at George BC in June 1985, but she had in 1981 assisted in the kitchen during the Easter Trips tournament and then from 1987 and for 15 years did the scoring, manually for the tournament as well as assisting with the early morning coffees. She was also secretary to the convenor.

She also did the scoring and the secretarial work for the Metropolitan Inter Districts tournament; she was also catering convenor.

"I was secretary, treasurer and catering convenor for three of the four All Cape Tournaments held in our district. In the 2013 All Cape I served as treasurer and catering convenor. I was responsible for the committee and the CTO clothing for all four of these tournaments.

I was secretary and catering convenor for Inter Districts in 2005 in which I also played. I represented the district as a player from 1999 to 2000 and from 2002 until 2019, she says.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S D·E·S·K



**ROB FORBES**

## BOWLS MUST ADJUST TO SA'S CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

In following the fascinating happenings surrounding the election for the next president of the USA, I came across this quote from the late Ronald Regan the 40th president of that country. He said 'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass that to our children through our bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.'

This got me thinking about the state of bowls in our country and our role as the generation tasked with ensuring our wonderful sport continues to thrive.

Recently, the executive and I had virtual meetings with all the district and provincial presidents with the objective of advising them of our standing with regard to transformation in our sport as viewed by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture following their evaluation of data submitted by ourselves.

Our lack of progress in transforming our sport placed us second last out of all federations assessed and our sport is considered to be in survival mode.

Their assertion is based on the current population demographic of our sport compared to the national population demographic and more importantly future predicted demographics.

To put this in some perspective from 2006 (the earliest data available to myself) to 2020 our membership numbers have declined by one-third; in the same period 144 clubs closed doors.

Our sport is dominated by the white population group and, according to reports, is the only population group where the mortality rate exceeds birth rate.

Based on data extracted from Stats SA it is forecast the white population group will decline by a

million over the next 25 years; black Africans are estimated to increase by 14 million.

The total under-18 component of South Africa is currently close to 20 million - almost 40% of total population. This is the reservoir of future human resources and if we are not to be left behind in sharing this capital we need to ensure we have strategies in place to engage with this section.

Research has shown that an early exposure to sport and a connection to the values associated therewith can extend to a lifetime of loyalty.

Many will say and correctly so, that without minimal exception, all bowls facilities are in urban areas, thus inaccessible to a large portion of those residing in the townships. The reality is that as much as there are many schools in townships, there is equally a large number of Model C schools within urban residential areas.

Likewise, the labour market has seen a huge change in the demographic profile of those employed. As a consequence, there has been a slow but significant move into urban residential areas by previously disadvantaged people.

A study of the 2011 census showed in the suburb of Sandton 34% of the residents as black; similarly, in Randburg, 37% are residents.

In my opinion it is in such areas where we need to focus our drive to enhance our membership numbers and slowly effect change to move to aligning to the country's population demographics.

Having said that, I do recognise the huge amount of work being done in our townships by people in various districts and their efforts are acknowledged as part of initiatives needed to facilitate change.

Stephen Covey in his book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* lists one of the habits as being

'begin with the end in mind'.

Clearly as outlined above we are living in a dynamic demographic society and equally as important a society being dominated by technology. I know of a club in the Southern Cape that with the construction of their spectator benches they had USB ports made available. Then there is a club in the Eastern Cape that has digitalised their tabs-In process so that with the press of a button play for the session is determined.

These are but two examples of some adaptations to technology that are helping those clubs keep abreast with modern times. Let me ask a simple question. How many clubs provide free wifi access for members?

I believe we need to reflect on what we believe bowls clubs will look like in 10 to 20 years and beyond. I am convinced that those clubs that adapt and plan will be those best placed to flourish. We need to recognise the requirements of how people live and go about everyday activities.

In research into the decline of participation in sport in Australia - they like we, have experienced a substantial decline in numbers - it was found people are spending more time working and with family, plus engaging in what they call 'audio-visual' entertainment.

It is the reason why activities such as running, cycling and gym are today finding more favour. People want to take place in sport at a time convenient to their needs, not on a fixed-time basis. Clubs and members need to recognise this and create an environment that caters for flexible time participation.

Albert Einstein said: 'The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results'. If we continue to place our faith in how we currently engage with our members and society I am afraid we will simply continue to erode our membership base.

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

## NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2020/2021

### COACHES

Brian Sayce (Convenor) Con Dixie (Advisory)  
Billy Rowan Annatjie van Rooyen  
Elna Fraser Chris Gerber  
Jenny Griffiths

### BOWLS FOR THE DISABLED

Edward van der Heiden (Convenor)  
Graham Ward Owen James  
Beppie Summersgill Dudley Saunders  
Desiree Levin

### GREENS

Bryan Hart (Convenor) Chester Hollis  
Theuns Fraser Bill McCarthy  
Pieter du Plessis Dave Tolson

### TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Dirk Malongre (Convenor)  
Jeanette Williams Bob Radcliff  
Donovan JV Vuuren Rea Potgieter  
Lynton Harrison Robert Standen

### NATIONAL COACHES

Jessica Henderson (Head Coach)  
Susan Nel (Elite Coach) Neil Burkett (Elite Coach)  
Theuns Fraser (Advanced Skills)

### SELECTORS

Jessica Henderson (Convenor)  
Neil Burkett (Men) Theuns Fraser (Men)  
Donny Piketh (Men) Susan Nel (Women)  
Trish Young (Women) Pam Landau (Women)

### ACADEMY

Robert Forbes (Convenor)  
Heather Boucher Jessica Henderson  
Theuns Fraser Susan Nel  
Simon Botha Neil Burkett  
Colleen Piketh (Player Representative)

### MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING

Jacques Swanepoel (Convenor)  
Anina Black Taz Bright  
Etienne van Rooyen Sega Mokoto  
Johann van der Wath Henry Peens  
Sive Ngoyi Kobus Theron

# EAST CAPE LEGEND AKKER DIES AT 81

Akker van der Merwe began playing bowls in 1977 and until his death was the longest serving member at the George Bowling Club. His passion was bowls and he lived for the game. He played Inter Districts for the Old Cape Country Bowling Association as well as for the renamed Southern Cape Bowls and later renamed Eden Bowls, for 20 years. He organised and convened many tournaments and was largely responsible for getting the annual All Cape Tournament to the Eden District. He was the initiator of producing one handbook instead of two for that



tournament, which resulted in a huge saving for organisers. He convened three Inter District tournaments held in the Eden District and initiated the Metropolitan Mini Districts which he convened and played in, for 15 years. He

served as president of George BC for three different terms of two years, launched a midweek league at the club, organising and acquired all the prize. He also organised and convened a popular Men's Easter Trips competition for nigh on 20 years, attracting players from far and wide. He was supportive of youth bowls and for many years and sponsored two young players' annual fees as well as donating bowling attire.

Apart from his organising ability he won many club, district and national tournaments the senior masters and the national pairs. He was a very astute and successful business man, starting his own hardware store 42 years ago and at 81 was still a household name in George.

**Info: Jenny Sinclair; Editing: Alan Simmonds**

# DONG FOR ELLEN

England's three-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist Ellen Falkner was awarded the MBE for services to the sport of lawn bowls in the Queen's Birthday Honours. One of the most decorated players of her generation, Ellen won gold on her Games debut at Manchester in 2002, and went on to top the podium at Delhi 2010 and Glasgow 2014. She also claimed a bronze in 2018, and was named in the England performance squad for Birmingham 2022. In addition she has amassed six world titles and six British Isles titles, plus 14 national titles, representing her 33 Cambridgeshire titles.



# OZ APPOINTS COACHES

Bowls Australia (BA) have recruited three pathway coaches, to bolster the organisation's high performance programme. Lynsey Clarke (Queensland), Ian Ewing (Victoria) and Matthew Northcott (South Australia) will join BA in a part-time capacity and be tasked with working with athletes categorised as developing or emerging athletes. All three are well-known; Clarke is a current BCiB Australian Jackaroo and former Commonwealth Games gold medallist; Ewing and Northcott have enjoyed distinguished state careers.

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# MURPHY TELLS IT FROM THE HEART



Retired BCiB Australian Jackaroo Karen Murphy has opened up on the extraordinary highs and lows felt in her final Commonwealth Games appearance on the Gold Coast in 2018.

Respected worldwide for her demeanour and seemingly unlimited talent. Murphy is a tough act to follow, although Australia boasts talent all the way through.

The 45-year-old is the most-capped Jackaroo of all-time, with 668 internationals and five Games since her debut in 1997. In her final appearance, Murphy read the Athletes' Oath at the opening ceremony. Speaking with Clive Adams in Bowls

Australia's "Legends Under Lights series, she detailed the heartache.

"It was the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, all in a 24-hour period," Murphy recounted. I was named reader of the Athletes' Oath; next day, my mum [Lorraine] was rushed into hospital with a brain tumour on the first day of the Games.

"Highly emotional 24-hours but it was a huge honour [reading the Athlete's Oath].

"You don't really think about it at the time; I wasn't even nervous reading the oath. I'd done a bit of television stuff before, it was just talking in public you know... But then, you get home from the Commonwealth, you look back and go, 'Wow, that was big.'"

Lorraine Murphy thankfully made a full recovery; while Karen Murphy went without a medal-finish in a Commonwealth for the first time in her decorated career.

"The support from my teammates; it was the best thing I took away from the Games, I was trying so hard to keep it together, knowing we had a job to do. "It wasn't until mum was okay that the heartache really set in.

Despite her swansong in the event not going according to script, Murphy has fond memories from her five Commonwealth Games campaigns, where she secured three silver medals and one coveted gold in Melbourne, 2006.

"It's just so exciting; there's nothing like getting your Commonwealth Games kit," she said.

"I remember, when I played at St John's Park and I think we were going to Manchester [2002], all our gear came to the club. Three massive big bags, suitcases of clothes, socks, towels, shirts and caps... And it's got your name all over it; it's like Christmas.

"Then jumping on the plane with all the other athletes and being a part of a big team... Then



you jump in the lift with Grant Hackett and Ian Thorpe etc.

"Made some really great friendships with people from other sports and working with Commonwealth Games Australia a little bit too now... It's awesome that bowls is a core sport."

Looking back on her 22 years in the green and gold, Murphy reflected on the changing face of the sport over the years and the progress it's made in changing perception.

"I look back when I was younger and I was almost embarrassed to say to anyone that I played bowls," she said.

"It wasn't like saying 'I played tennis full-time or I played cricket full-time' or something like that.

"But now, I look back with great pride that the stigma isn't around our sport anymore.

"Bowls Premier League (BPL), what we wear, the fast formats of the game... All these things have changed the perception."

"Commonwealth Games does that, barefoot bowls does that, even Crackerjack has done that."

South Africa salutes the amazing Murphy and wishes her well.

**Domenic Favata (edited by Alan Simmonds)**

## BRIT WOMEN TAKE A NEW LOOK

The British Isles Women's Bowls Council (BIWBC) has agreed a new-look for its international events to increase awareness of the women's game in the UK and closer align with the formats at world events.

The cancellation of all international bowls in the UK in 2020 due to Covid-19 presented an opportunity for representatives of England, Ireland, Jersey, Scotland and Wales to undertake a review of the two International Series for women.

A period of consultation with key stakeholders in all five nations had been undertaken and a revamp of the event was widely supported.

The revised format will see the introduction of a 'Top 10' style event in 2021 featuring singles,

pairs, triples and fours disciplines in place of the more traditional four-rink and six-rink events at junior and senior level respectively.

The new event will mean shorter, faster games with players participating in a range of disciplines that mirror the formats utilised at Commonwealth Games and World Bowls. It will also provide the potential for top players and teams in each discipline to compete directly against each other – an opportunity that does not currently exist in the UK.

Two teams per nation will be eligible to participate in both events, meaning the new-look will continue to provide players access to international experience in line with the current formats.

The new-look will be introduced at the Senior Internationals when England are the hosts at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, from Sunday 20 to Tuesday 22 June 2021. The Junior Series will be held on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 July 2021 at Llandrindod Wells, Wales.

BIWBC representatives will continue to work together to finalise the scheduling for both events and will circulate details once confirmed.

For 2021 only, and due to the Covid-19 enforced cancellation of the Junior Series in 2020, eligibility for the Women's Junior International Series has been amended by one year to provide an opportunity for players to participate in their final year at that level. All players that were aged 25 and under on 1st April 2020 will therefore be eligible for selection in 2021.

BIWBC 2021: Senior Championships: Friday 18 & Saturday 19 June (Royal Leamington Spa, England); Senior Series: Sunday 20 to Tuesday 22 June (Royal Leamington Spa, England); Junior Series: Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 July (Llandrindod Wells, Wales); Junior Championships: Sunday 25 July (Llandrindod Wells, Wales)



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## WORLD BOWLS STARES DOWN THE ENEMY



Despite the reality of Covid-19's insidious effect on so many countries of the world it is heartening to discover that 84% of our sport's national associations are back on the greens.

This inspiring statistic was revealed in a World Bowls Pandemic Survey by 70% of national bowls administrations.

Considering that this corona virus is the biggest threat to mankind since the World War 2, the heartening rise of bowls as an early riser from the lock down is due mainly to the sport's nature and ability to easily adapt to physical distancing and sanitisation along with other protections such as mask-wearing.

"It is no exaggeration to recognise that this is one

of the worst crises our sport, and indeed the world, has faced," said World Bowls president John Bell.

"We must continue to be even more resilient and positive. In doing so we must put behind us any scepticism and negativity and work for the genuine good of our sport at a time when mutual support and collaboration have never been more desperately needed."

At the same time World Bowls canvassed a general survey to which more than 60% of nations responded.

"We took the opportunity to conduct a survey of all national authorities to put us in the best position to understand the strengths and weaknesses of our sport's infrastructure – and map out a strategic pathway of action to secure its future wellbeing," Bell said.

It showed 82% of national governing bodies had a website and 75% a social media platform; while 82% rate communications from World Bowls to be good or excellent.

But there is a dark side, with the pandemic survey divulging how 78% of nations cancelled all events and tournaments this year, incurring financial losses because of Covid, while they closet lingering doubts about what bowls will look like in future.

The sharing of ideas and innovations between member nations is vital, while World Bowls has also agreed to reduce affiliation fees over the next couple of years.

"The wealth of experience and knowledge available in our sport through the board and staff of World Bowls and our key stakeholders cannot be underestimated. There has never been a better time to harness this global potential and coordinate its distribution where it can best benefit our sport worldwide.

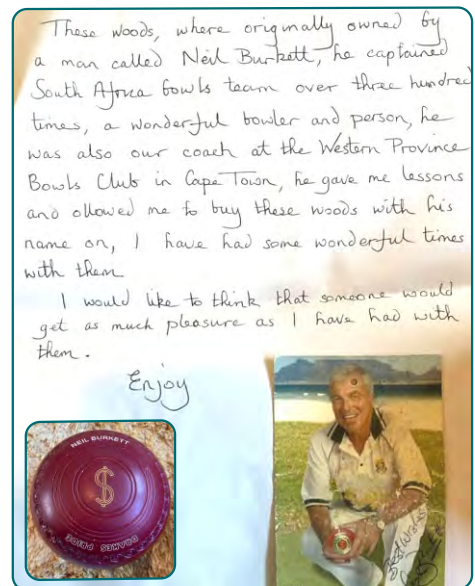
"I implore the sport's major stakeholders to open their hearts and minds to support a restoration of the greatest game of them all. As the global governing body, we will play a proactive coordination role in such an undertaking," Bell said.

World Bowls (Edited by Alan Simmonds)

## NEIL BURKETT STILL MAKING HISTORY

The bowling legend - Neil Burkett - is still inspiring players around the world!

James Peate from a little village called Cruden Bay in North East Scotland recently bought a set of bowls - and with them he received the attached letter from the previous owner. What a story. Thank you for sharing James and happy bowling to you!



## MOWBRAY LIGHTS THINGS UP



BRIGHT: The lights are on at Mowbray – the masks are going on as well

Nestled in the shadow of Table Mountain Mowbray Bowling Club, South Africa's 21st oldest club (founded in 1919), has turned-on a donation for floodlights on their B green.

The club thanks the anonymous donor; WP president Graeme Kemp says: "A truly special gesture it will increase playing time for everyone."

For the past two years the Mowbray bowling family has created a sporting and social atmosphere that has seen membership increase and has adopted a modern approach

to the game - the Mowbray Madness competition series was played over two months in four different formats. Feedback from members and visitors has been overwhelming.

Club atmosphere has also created teamwork and supports all members, contributing to the growth of the membership and use of facilities. The club is also proud to have welcomed Peninsula Blind Bowlers to their set-up; for the first time many will play in the WP League as well as other WP events - A bright time for Mowbray in several ways.

Taryn Bright (edited by Alan Simmonds)



# BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA R·O·U·N·D·U·P

## BOWLS SA EVENTS 2022

Details of club allocation and requirements for 2022 events:

- **Bowls SA Masters Championship**  
Gauteng North - Allocated
- **Perfect Delivery: BSA Open Inter Districts**  
Port Natal - 6 Clubs
- **Perfect Delivery: BSA Veteran Inter Districts**  
Ekurhuleni - 6 Clubs
- **Perfect Delivery: BSA "B" Inter Districts**  
Sables - 6 Clubs
- **Bowls SA Mixed Pairs**  
Eastern Province (Kowie) - 3 Clubs
- **Bowls SA Women's National Champs**  
Eastern Province - 4 Clubs
- **Bowls SA Men's National Champs**  
Ekurhuleni - 4 Clubs
- **Bowls SA U/30 Inter Districts**  
Johannesburg - 3 Clubs
- **Bowls SA U/15 National Champs**  
Southern Free State - Allocated
- **Bowls SA U/20 National Champs**  
Southern Free State - allocated

Districts are required to nominate clubs as indicated for inspection by the National Standing Committee: Greens on or before November 30, 2020. The inspection committee wish to prepare their inspection during and from March 2021. Host clubs shall be confirmed following the required inspections.

Greens inspections for Bowls SA events: The National Greens Standing Committee have in the past found that the majority of clubs has not complied with many "off the playing surface" requirements. Clubs wishing to be considered must ensure the criteria indicated are compliant prior to tendering for events. District greens standing committees are requested to conduct a standard Bowls SA evaluation to ensure areas are compliant prior to the inspections by the national committee.

**Grass Banks:** No undermined areas and well covered; height = min 230mm; top to be even and not sloping towards the green.

**Artificial Banks:** Rubber mat sides to be secured correctly' no metal pins or metal pegs on rubber mat sides.

**Ditches:** Width not less than 200mm to maximum 320mm; depth 50mm - 200mm; surface to be of a soft material to prevent a jack from running out of play; boards not to protrude above the greens surface; ditch boards to be covered with not more than 10mm grass.

**Run-off:** No run-off permitted.

**Levels:** Prior to inspection dates a Bowls SA level profile is to be received by committee.



## DISTRICTS 2021

Closing date for the following events is February 1, 2021. Districts are requested to ensure entries reach the email addresses as indicated on or before closing date - November 30. The draws are on the Bowls SA website - [www.bowlssa.co.za](http://www.bowlssa.co.za)

- **Perfect Delivery: BSA Open Inter District**  
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- **Perfect Delivery: BSA Veteran Inter District**  
Cliff Boucher = [cliffieboucher@absamail.co.za](mailto:cliffieboucher@absamail.co.za)
- **Perfect Delivery: BSA "B" Inter District**  
Beryl Gandy - [admin@nibabowling.co.za](mailto:admin@nibabowling.co.za)

## 2021 WORLD INDOOR BOWLS CANCELLED

With Coronavirus (Covid 19) continuing to be a major threat globally, World Bowls along with its partners the International Indoor Bowls Council and Bowls Australia, have agreed to cancel the 2021 World Indoor Championships planned for Australia.

The World Bowls Indoor Championships are scheduled to be rotated between the UK and Australia and the 2022 Championships which will be held in the UK.

## ENGRAVING SAVES PLENTY

Medals and trophies of tournaments for 2020 unused because of cancellation through COVID-19 restrictions are to be suitably engraved by including the year 2021. It is estimated it will save R 107 000.



## SPOTLIGHT FALLS ON DISABLED

NSC M&M are using November to promote bowls within the disabled or differently-abled community as part of NSC M&M vision that bowlers need role models to look up to. They will run a series of social media profiles of some of those with disability involved in the sport during this time – players, or those behind the scenes as greenkeepers, technical officials, administrators, or involved with running of clubs. Clubs/members are asked to send NSC M&M the following details of such members along with two photographs (one wearing mask, another without mask and if possible, an

action photo). Full name; district; club; disability; short CV of member; how member became involved in the sport; what that member would like to see happen to grow the sport among the disabled; contact details:(email and/or cell). The profiles will be published in the NSC M&M newsletter as well as on the main social media platform Bowls 1sport4life during November.

All info to [mandm@bowlssa.co.za](mailto:mandm@bowlssa.co.za) under the subject 'I am Differently-Abled'. **(The Bowls SA newsletter will assist with this project - Editor)**

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# OBITUARY



**RON SLACK**

Ron Slack died on September 24 - he would have turned 80 on the 25th. He was founder of Ekurhuleni Bowls, first president of EKB, honorary life member of EKB and Edenvale BC and president of Edenvale BC. Bowls SA extend grateful thanks for his contribution and extend condolences to family and friends.

**BARBARA REDSHAW**

Protea Barbara Redshaw, a fierce competitor, who gained colours in 1993 has died. Bowls SA record grateful thanks for her contribution to bowls and extend our condolences to her Protea husband Mike, her family and friends.



**BESSIE BOSMAN**

Bessie Bosman a former president of Western Province Bowls has died. Grateful thanks are proffered for her contribution to bowls and condolences are extended to family and friends.



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# UNDER-15/20 DETAILS FOR 2021

Closing dates for entries for the Bowls SA U15 and U20 National Championship 2021 is February 1.

Districts shall again be assisted with costs when entering teams into the U15 and U20 events as follows:

Every District confirming an entry into the U-15 and U-20 events shall receive R 3 000 for every team entered. An additional allowance for travel and accommodation of R500 shall be paid to the district for every "generic black" player (coloured, Indian and black) in the team. Districts are entitled to enter either single gender or mixed gender teams in any combination of four male and female players. This ruling applies to both the events. Districts are required to submit entries directly to the event convenor as follows:

Bowls SA U15 & U20 National Championship - mmw.bsa.david@gmail.com on or before November 30.

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Compliance form must be completed and loaded to the Bowls SA database. Districts should indicate how many teams they intend entering to assist determining clubs and greens to be required.

NB: School holidays for next year have been changed. The Junior nationals were originally scheduled for 30 March – 2 April 2021. Junior nationals now take place 6–9 April.

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