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2017 WARWICK BOWLS SA MASTERS-SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

What an exciting weekend with the top SA bowlers competing for gold in the Warwick Open, Senior and Junior SA Masters!

Not only was the weather kind, but the atmosphere was electric with the expectation of something great! And great we had, with many a game finishing by a one-shot difference, many a game finishing on a measure for shot and many a game scored over more than 25 ends!

The finals were absolutely riveting with the "must watch" top games of the Open Men, the Open Women... actually all of them! The top spot for the Junior Women and Junior Men was fiercely contested, as was the Senior Women and Senior Men.

The beautiful surroundings, the vibrant spectators and great facilities all contributed to a fantastic weekend of bowls at the 2017 Warwick SA Masters Singles Championship.

The Marketing and Membership team were there over the weekend handing out pamphlets and brochures, and selling limited edition caps and bowls towels. This gave our committee a chance to chat to various members of the public, bowlers, officials and sponsors.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by for a chat!

The highlight for many must have been to meet (and take a selfie with) two well-known Australian players, Carla Krizanic and Barrie Lester, both playing in the



Open, as well as their coach, Steve Glasson, who assisted with broadcasting the finals of the Open Women. They brought a fierce level of competition to their games which was a pleasure to watch. We wish them all the best and hope to see them in South Africa again in the near future!

Our next issue will take a more in-depth look at the Warwick Bowls SA Master Singles – do not miss it!



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M&M MEMBER TAKES GOLD

One of the team members serving on Bowls South Africa's Standing Committee for Marketing and Membership, Roxanne Tingle, recently received the Gold Medal and trophy as the winner at the 2017 Warwick SA Masters Junior Woman.

During the final, the rest of the M&M committee, as so many of the spectators, were watching and giving both Roxanne and her opponent, Shimanda Nepgen, the applause becoming them both. The good shots were acknowledged by both and the game was a real humdinger right to the end.

The game was played in excellent spirit, the same way the young players at the junior events conduct themselves. Well done Shimanda for showing ex-

cellent sportsmanship and receiving silver. Congratulations Roxy for winning this trophy and the gold medal as the Junior Woman at the 2017 SA Masters. We are proud of you.



The next issue of M&M

In the following issue of M&M we will be taking bowls through a not yet travelled bowling road when we share some of the experiences of our Junior Players and give some of the interesting facts about the 2017 Bowls SA Master Singles Championships.



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Attending the SA Masters this year was an extremely valuable experience for our team on a number of different levels. First of all it gave us the opportunity to see the top talent in all the age groups and how they measure up to each other. It also provided a fly-on-the-wall or snapshot view of the overall state of our sport. Thirdly, it gave us the chance to interact with the players socially, which provided valuable insights into

why they play this sport and their personal goals. Lastly was the opportunity to network with administrators, coaches and sponsors and to listen to their views, which highlighted what more is still required from the NSC M&M. We have achieved much over the last year, but there is still so much more to do!

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OVERBERG BOWLERS HONOURED

The Overberg Sports Council recently awarded their respective sports federations and players during an evening of glitz and glam at the Caledon Casino.

Several bowlers from the Overberg were nominated for their excellent participation in the sport on and off the green.

Stephan de Jager and Anneke Snyman, both from Bredasdorp received Awards as Players. Stephan received the the Award



Seen here with their beautiful trophies at the Overberg Sports Council Awards is Stephan de Jager and Anneke Snyman

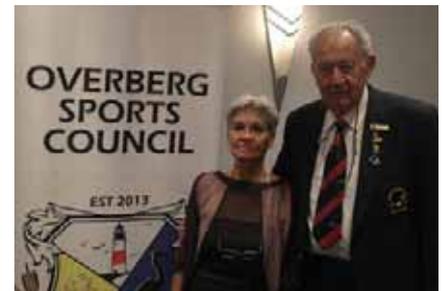
for the Sport Man of the Year. Anneke received both the Sports Woman and the Junior Sport Woman of the Year Award.

Congratulations to both of you. You both set such a beautiful example to the young players.

Ena Linde and Ronnie Cloete, both from Hermanus BC were recognised for their continuous work as respectively the Journalist of the Year 2016 and the Volunteer of the Year 2016.

Ena is the Ladies Competition Secretary at Hermanus BC, secretary Overberg District and that of Boland. She administers the bowling newsletter 'Raaskoot/Toucher'.

Ronnie was instrumental in working hand in hand with Mr Kobus Mike, Department of Education and Theuns Coetzee, Overberg district during 2015 ensuring that bowls is now recognised as a school sport.



Ena Linde and Ronnie Cloete seen here at the Overberg Sports Council Awards.

The first learners started playing in 2016. Two young men from Hermanus has been included in the under 15 team for the annual inter districts during April 2017. The sport of bowls has become popular and there is currently over a 100 kids taking part across the Boland in the age group of under 20.





CERES BC SUPPORT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



One of Ceres Bowling Club's annual goals is to raise funds for a charity organisation in Ceres. The charity of choice for 2016 was the Association for Persons with Disabilities (APD) in the Witzenberg region.

The APD strives towards an inclusive society in which persons with disabilities are equal and active citizens. Their aim is for each individual to enjoy a productive, fulfilling and quality life, without the need for support from them. Their services are free of charge and open to anyone who needs help.

Once the club chose APD Witzenberg the committee contacted the local office to set a specific date to host a fundraising event. The club assisted them to find participants by contacting the local businesses who took part in the Business League Tournament, inviting them and the Ceres club members. A fundraising event is seen as an ideal opportunity for club members and business league players to join forces. The club derives their funds from the sales of the bar facilities with the entrance fee of R100 p/p for the benefit of APD.

The APD evening bowls tournament took place on the 29th of November 2016 with 4 players to a team

taking part in 2 matches of 8 ends. The APD served hamburgers between games and a lovely atmosphere was enjoyed by all involved.

The club also see their annual fund raising event for a charity of choice as a way and means to market bowls in their community whilst people can participate in a fun environment and meet other people, all to the benefit of bowls! A news article was send to the newspaper with photographs of the event.

The Association for Persons with a Disability

Witzenberg Association for Persons with Disability says that a disability can happen to anyone at any time, usually when least expected. In their experience, most people are overwhelmed by the new situation, have no idea where to find help or advice and are completely unprepared for the direction their life has taken. APD begin a journey with the person, helping them to plan their future and supporting them in developing their ability to become independent. The person is always central to their own development, making changes to their own life in order to achieve their goals and dreams.

GAUTENG CHALLENGE

The Gauteng Challenge took place early January between Ekurhuleni, Sedibeng, Gauteng North and Sables.

The Gauteng Challenge gives the district selected teams the ideal opportunity to compete in the same format as for the 2017 Inter Districts, giving the selectors the change to view the combinations and new players.

Overall results were Sables with 141.5 points, Gauteng North with 136 points, Ekurhuleni with 121 and Sedibeng with 69.5 points. In the Open Section Bowls Gauteng North came out tops with and Ekurhuleni second, in the B section Sables took first place with Ekurhuleni in second place. Sables won the Senior challenge with Bowls Gauteng North in second place. Well done to all the players and teams for the spirit in which you all took part.

What did your district do to get your teams ready? Share your news!



GAUTENG NORTH COMPETITION PARTICIPATION

Bowlers in Gauteng North are keen participants in the BGN organised competitions, let alone various club and sponsorship events. In the 2015/2016 season 1132 teams (including singles) compared to 935 in the 2012/2013 participated in BGN competitions. The BGN league is well supported with 109 teams participating. Whilst still early a marked increase in participation was seen in the 2016/2017 competitions – 73 novices entered the BGN novices singles with 150 men and ladies teams entering the pairs competition which is about ten more than the previous year. Bowls is alive in Gauteng North.



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JBA ADD FOOTPRINTS IN THE LEAGUE

JBA has made an effort to increase their development footprint and recently shared some of the initiatives.



The development side of U18 ladies played in the JBA league.

Under 18

Cindy Hoffman of Belgravia requested to enter a development side of young ladies, all under 18 into the JBA league. Playing with them to guide them through the league she gave each girl the opportunity to Captain the side over the season. The team finished in 2nd position gaining them promotion into the 3rd division.

What a wonderful result for a 1st season. Although these girls all came from different clubs, they played under the Belgravia Club banner for the sake of logistics.

Dads & Lads

Wanderers this year had a “Dads and Lads” team under the mentorship of Allan Gordon. The team was entered into the 6th division and finished 2nd gaining them promotion into the 5th division. Three fathers were part of the team although most games, only two of them played. The team consisted of players as young as 11, from different clubs.

Says JBA “in both cases it is such a brilliant experience for our up and coming bowlers in a completely supported environment”. Congratulations to all the players.



Some of the dad’s with their lad’s that played in the JBA league.

Time to team up!

A Soweto/ Randburg development side was started during 2016. Being a new initiative, lots of new bowlers were introduced to the sport of bowls. With coaches Allan Gordon and Terry Turner assisting these bowlers, the development side formed part of the JBA league where clubs and players welcomed them warmly.

One of the main objectives this year is to reopen the Dube Bowling Club, to coach the bowlers and enable more people to play the game. Assistance will also be given to ensure the club is self sustainable.

JBA. THE ROAD AHEAD...

JBA had various objectives for this year and are well under way to reaching them.

They want to have bowls recognized as a school sport by the Department of Education and are striving to open a multipurpose indoor arena of which indoor bowls will play a large part. As it is, training is already taking place with school children on short mats in Soweto.



The two young league teams together —from Soweto / the U18 ladies team





KENTON BOWLS & PERIWINKLE CHARITY

The adage of “you can lead a horse to water but you can’t make him drink” applies to finding new entrants into our Sport of Bowls as well. The “leading to water” provides the first obstacle. Our sport is still largely perceived as “Old Men’s Marbles”. The second obstacle is to make the “water” so palatable that the newcomers want to continue drinking once they have tasted it. Add a touch of lazy hazy days in a village which is primarily seen as a retirement area and you really have your work cut out to attract members to the Bowling Club!

The village of Kenton-on-Sea is situated between Port Elizabeth and East London in the Eastern Cape. The Kenton Bowling Club is one of 6 clubs making up the Eastern Areas district of the Eastern Province Bowling Association. The club has approximately 100 playing members with the average age of about 75. The decision of the club to promote bowls rather than target new members lead to a novel idea. The Kenton Bowling Club and the Periwinkle Charity Foundation realised that having a fun charity bowls day organised for all-comers will address both obstacles. During December the “leading to water” was addressed by dangling a carrot of Fund Raising combined with lots of fun in front of the younger holiday makers that flock to our village over Christmas. For a modest entry fee, of which most went to charity, all the interested players were promised an afternoon of fun in the sun with a possi-

bility of winning some stunning prizes. Kenton Bowling Club provided the bowls. The event was advertised as a family affair with mothers, fathers, sons and daughters (friends also qualified) making up the teams. People participating were mostly families who regularly holiday on the Sunshine Coast over the Christmas holiday period. They come from all over South Africa but many of them have ties to the Eastern Cape.

To make the “water palatable” the format of the competition was to ensure fast and exciting bowls with as little formalities as possible. Refreshments were available on the banks and participants were encouraged to wear funky hats. After a 2-minute initiation of how the bias on a bowl works thirty-six teams of fours were divided up into six sections of six teams on three greens. Each section was allocated an experienced bowler as “coach” to help with play and the scoring. The teams played a round-robin format of four ends each within the sections. The final was contested by the winners on each of the three greens playing

in a three-side four-end game. The winners were the Alcock family with the Baker and-friends/family a close second. The funky hat competition was won by the Chapman friends/family. It is too early to gauge our success in recruiting new members to our sport but the event was so enthusiastically received that it will be held again in 2017.

The Periwinkle Charity, the brain child of three ladies (Kathi Chapman, Sue Dovey and Angie Kaplan) who have been holidaying in this area for years, has as its main objective the upliftment of the local community in the Ndlambe (Port Alfred, Kenton, Bushman River, Bathurst etc.) greater municipality. The initial focus on fundraising during the holiday season was the Periwinkle Golf Classic held annually (from 2004) at the Royal Port Alfred Golf Club. More than R2.5 Million has been raised over the past 12 years. This year, by popular demand, a Periwinkle Bowls Day was added to the programme and more than R65000 was raised on the afternoon.



The Kenton Bowling Club (left) and winners of the Kenton Bowls & Periwinkle Charity Bowls day in December, the Alcock family.



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Note: AGE RESTRICTIONS for these BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS!

In Bowls SA Circular 01/2017, the Districts were reminded that entry into the various Inter District and National Championships, which will be played in Bloemfontein during April 2017, are as follows:

Warwick: Bowls SA Under 30 Inter-District Championship. (Born during 1987 or any year thereafter)

Bowls SA Under 20 National Championships. (Born during 1997 or any year thereafter)

Bowls SA Under 15 National Championships. (Born during 2002 or any year thereafter)





PLAYING BY CANDLELIGHT

Friday 3 February saw the first attempt of Duiwelskloof BC at Twilight Bowls by candlelight. What a challenging day it was with the unpredictable weather—four seasons in one!

To give a bit of background, the event was inspired by our Duiwelskloof Club President, Dianne de Wet, when she saw an Australian Club doing a Candle lit Bowls evening.

The purpose was twofold, one to promote the sport of bowls to our community as a fun event and making it different to the usual Business League option, and two, to raise much needed funds for our small club.

The committee agreed to the suggestion and the wheels were put in motion with Committee Members doing their part to ensure that the event went ahead. Candles, braai packs, pap, sauce and salads were made and the bar got stocked. A selection of CD's were made available by Leon de Wet.

The event was directed at anyone interested (friends, family, neighbouring clubs) and invites went out by email and via our Facebook Group page to come and join our social fun evening. We managed to fill 7 rinks with players and newcomers to the sport.

The event was almost cancelled because of the inclement weather, but we

persevered and filled no less than 244 paper bags with soil and planted candles inside the bags. By 16h30 the task was complete and at 17h00 the rain came again, just enough to give the paper bags a soaking but they stayed in-tact. When we commenced lighting the candles, the wind picked up and the candles kept on going out, so eventually we had to put the flood lights on.

Despite all the problems, we had an excellent turnout of some 50 odd people, so many thanks to everyone that supported the event, especially the local community and the members of Tzaneen Bowls Club. The vibe was awesome with good music, great braai and fantastic beer of course. We have learned a few lessons including the need to cover the candles to protect from wind, and to invest in a few more electronic fire lighter devices to light the candles. Another Twilight Bowls by Candlelight is being planned so watch this space!

To view some pictures, click this link:

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