



BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA DEVELOPMENT

Jack up Bowls!

We're on a roll'...



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT TEAM!

On 15 November, the newly appointed Development Steering Committee met for the first time. The main task was to map out structures and strategies for the coming 2 years.

The "oldies" on the committee are Herman van Rensburg, Aloma Smith and Fony Meyeridricks and the new faces are Reg Misselhorn from Border and Reagan Jacobus from Port Natal.

In order to improve communication and interaction between the committee and district committees, each member of the committee will be responsible to work with their allocated district Development Officers as follows:

Aloma – Western Province, Boland and S. Cape
Reg – Border, Eastern Province and Southern Free State
Herman – North West, N. Cape and N. Free State
Reagan – KZN, Kingfisher, Natal Inland and Port Natal
Fony – BGN, CGBA, EGB, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Sables and Sedibeng.

The focus will be on the following strategies:

- Corporate Challenge Tournament U45s 2009**
Regional under 45s corporate challenge events culminating in a national event.
- Corporate Team Building Days:** Distribute guidelines to clubs on how to organise corporate team building days and business leagues.
- Bring-a-Buddy:** Promote the "Bring-a-Buddy" concept for fun bowling days at clubs.

BOWLS SA DEV STANDING COMMITTEE

Strives to create a framework for growth of our sport!

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WE SAY FAREWELL!

We wish to thank the outgoing members of the Bowls SA Development Standing Committee, Chris Naidoo and Ron Cloete, for their major contributions over the past few years as well as to Elize Opperman who was the Secretary.

BOWLS SA APPLAUD THE WARWICK TEAM!

WARWICK

PRIVATE WEALTH

Bowls South Africa has signed a four-year, R12-million sponsorship deal with investment company Warwick Private Wealth. It is the largest sponsorship agreement concluded by a grassroots nonprofessional sport in South Africa.

Warwick, with its head office in Cape Town, becomes title sponsor of the country's three premier national bowling events – the SA Masters and the men's and women's championships

Announcing the major boost for the sport, Bowls South Africa President, Piet Breitenbach, says: "Warwick has been a great supporter at club level for years. Now they are seriously involved at national level. We are delighted to work with them and are grateful for their faith in us."

Says Warwick CEO, Ian Kilbride: "We are proud to sponsor bowls, also club tennis, football, cricket, golf and croquet.

"This major move is a thank you to bowlers for their support of our financial products and services. We are confident enlightened leadership from Bowls SA will take competitive and social members into a exciting future."



competitions, provided that the particular club has explicitly agreed to this.

PLEASE BE AWARE! ONLY AUTHORISED BOWLERS MAY PLAY WITH BOWLS SA DEV BOWLS

It has come to the notice of Bowls SA that unauthorised bowlers are playing with bowls that were specifically allocated for development purposes.

If an affiliated bowler is found playing with these bowls during a tournament, the bowler will be scratched from the tournament and reprimanded by Bowls SA.

Please return the Bowls and Mats! Districts who do not have development programmes for youngsters must kindly return the bowls and mats loaned to them to Bowls SA asap as we have a long waiting list for bowls.

Each District will be contacted to ascertain whether or not the bowls are used solely for the purpose of development coaching. Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

UNDER 19s BOWLS SA RED CARDS SCHOLAR MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Red Cards are issued to learners under 19 who are coached within the development schools program.

Red Cards for 2008/9: Just a reminder that the status quo on the criteria for Red Card holders for the Under 19 scholars must kindly be adhered to for the following reasons:

- To Identify unaffiliated under 19 players
- Allow these players access to the greens

New Red Cards: Contact Reg Misselhorn of Bowls SA Dev Standing Committee to order new red cards on either his cell 083 422 3866 or home tel 043 726 4535 or by email regm@prismlighting.co.za

Data Base – Red Card Holders: Districts must kindly submit their updated data base list of their Red Card players to Reg Misselhorn by end March 2009 on the data base form also obtainable from Reg.

Red Cards Holders

(The card itself carries no rights or obligations. All it says is that the holder of the card is involved in the development programme of bowls as an under 19 scholar and is not a member of a club.

(No Affiliation Fees: Under 19s BSA Red Card holders are not liable for affiliation fees to the district or Bowls SA and do not become members of clubs (i.e. not liable for subscriptions).

Clubs are free to make their own arrangements regarding their Club fees and levies as this cannot be dictated from the district or Bowls SA.

Competitions and Tournaments: Non-affiliated U/19s may not participate in official club, district or national competitions other than those specifically organised for them. They may participate in club social games and fun

BOTH AFFILIATED & NON-AFFILIATED U/19 BOWLERS MAY NOW PARTICIPATE IN THE U/19 DEVELOPMENT TOURNAMENT NEXT YEAR!

See Bowls SA Circular 58/2008:

‘All players under the age of 19 both **affiliated and unaffiliated become eligible for selection to participate** in the under 19 Development Tournament.’

UNDER 25s – BREAKING NEWS!

(Bowls SA Circular 59/2008)

The Under 25 Inter-District Tournament will from 2009 be arranged into two separate tournaments. The decision to separate the Men from the Women has been taken in the interests of developing Women’s Bowls for the future.

QUESTIONNAIRE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST CLUBS

Has your club formulated any kind of evaluation questionnaire to be completed by all members? Now you have the opportunity to obtain such a questionnaire by simply emailing your request to alomasmith@telkomsa.net.

Members of the Western Province Dev Standing Committee compiled a questionnaire for bowling clubs, adjustable for their specific use, to assist a club committee to manage the club properly. This questionnaire received the blessing of the WPBA which was circularised to all the WP clubs.

Have you told a friend about bowls today? One of the continued bugbears of clubs is a lack of, and a lessening of, the number of members. This questionnaire may assist to offset this problem.

It takes quite a bit of initiative but the WPDSC have attacked the problem with gusto and come up with a plan for clubs to promote themselves and their facilities to prospective bowlers and also give tips on retaining those you have already.

DISTRICT REPORTS

**CONGRATULATIONS GAUTENG NORTH
FOR THE
‘BRING A BUDDY BOWLER’ CONCEPT**
“We encourage districts to use this initiative!”

Gauteng North: Corné Kruger says in Gauteng North we decided on 3 projects and only three under our theme: 10 x 2010. This means our target growth is 10% by 2010.

1. **“Bring a buddy bowler”** - A mixed trips competition with one total new bowler.
2. **“A shot in the dark”** - Twilight bowls also mixed

trips with one new prospect bowler.

3. **“Drive four dough”** – A driving competition for men, ladies and new bowlers.

Boland Congratulations to Boland with their new newsletter: **‘Raakskoot / Toucher’**. This 6 page newsletter will be issued on a quarterly basis and gives an excellent reflection of what is happening in their district and at the same time encouraging clubs to follow suit.

One of the interesting articles regarding a Coaches Course at Langebaan held on 12 October explained how a particularly taxing requirement of the host club was to produce **15 beginners**, or at least those newly introduced to tabs games. These were required as **“guinea pigs”** upon which the candidate coaches were to exercise their embryonic coaching skills, all under the critically watchful eye of the instructors. Fortunately, a recent recruitment drive at the host club provided the necessary **‘victims’**, including a few **senior learners from Vredenburg High School** that represent the nucleus of a ‘youth squad’ at the LCE bowls club.

If the eagerness with which this course was received is anything to go by, the **future of bowls as a sport** in the Boland - and on the West Coast in particular - is not only assured but can be expected to grow with time.

L’Aguhas Aksie: L’Aguhas het nou een Vrydagmiddag ’n klompie (20) skoolkinders gehad wat aan die rolbal bekend gestel is. Die klomp is nou vuur en vlam

Langebaan Buiteklub: Die klub het hulle eie rolballe vir ontwikkeling aangekoop en het nou 5 kinders wat afrigting ontvang.

Leon Meyer sê in sy verslag dat meer van ons klubs is besig om **besigheidligas en werwings- geleenthede** aan te bied. Van ons klubs het sommer heelwat nuwe lede bygekry.

Die bemarking van rolbal by die kinders is besig om vinnig toe te neem.

Mpumalanga:

Baie dankie Johan von Backström vir die talle nuusberigte en fotos. Jy verdien sowaar ’n medalje vir al die media dekking in jou distrik!

KZN: Trevor Smale writes: Motivational Message:

I believe that Clubs who involve all sectors of their members will be successful in creating a happy and well balanced club. Clubs should try to ensure that there is something appealing to all. Include all the u19s, u25s, open and Seniors.

Declining Membership: If we continue with the current trend of declining membership we will lose more clubs and eventually very few people will be playing bowls. Restore club pride and find ways to keep existing players and introduce new players to the game. New players need to be assisted and encouraged to join in with existing and more experienced players. Committees could follow up during and after the business leagues to recruit new members.

Best wishes over Xmas and may the new year bring joy and success for the future

Sables: Negotiations are currently taking place with the RANDFONTEIN PUBLICITY ASSOCIATION for Sables to obtain a venue at the Randfontein Show 25 to 28 February 2008 where bowls will be promoted using the short mat.

The Noordheuwel Bowling Club is currently taking the lead in their development program and has the following on the cards.

- A publicity campaign using the local media
- The launch of an inter-schools league
- A Country Club invitation day
- Family and Friends Day
- Improving on the social activities within the Club.

SFS: As gevolg van vele ander verpligtinge het beide die Sameroeper van die Ontwikkelingskomitee Koos Combrinck en die Sekretaris Ansie Combrinck besluit om die tuig na sewe jaar neer te lê. Hulle is albei tans intensief by afrigting betrokke en sal dus nog hulle bydrae lewer tov rolbalontwikkeling. Baie dankie vir jul groot bydraes.

The Bowls SA Dev Team says: “We were very sad to hear that Koos en Ansie had relinquished their posts as Convenor and Secretary on the SFS Dev Standing Committee, but are grateful to hear that they will still be involved with the coaching of development players.

Western Province :

At Strand Bowling Club **15 juniors** have now become affiliated players, all of whom were coached within the Schools’ Development programme for previously disadvantaged players.

As a result the following team of Strand BC entered a WP Novice 3-day Competition with a field of **24 teams** and did not lose a single game to win the tournament! They took the floating trophy and a cash prize of R800, hardly believing their good fortune! All four players are still at school!



YOUNG HEROES: Winners of the WP Oakdale Novices Tournament, from left: Romano Frans, Clayton Grootboom, Sussie van Freden (of Oakdale), Wayvin Viljoen and Lynette Petersen, learners at Strand Secondary, with their trophy.

The boys had played in the WP A side to win a silver medal at the Under-19 districts tournament in Bloem in July; Lynette represented WP in the D-Team.