



TO THE POINT

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LEVEL THREE TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COURSE

At the beginning of September the Technical Officials Standing Committee Presented a Level 3 Course for 19 Candidates at Potchefstroom. The course ran over a period of 3 days at the Witrand Club. All the Candidates gathered at the Club the night before the where they were introduced to each other and to the Members of the Standing Committee. Everyone was buoyed up and keen to get started the next day. Each morning we had to be at the Club by for a delicious breakfast and start working by 08h00 where after we only had short breaks for tea and eats or a tasty lunch and a lovely supper and we worked through to 21h00 each night. The ladies at the hosting Club really excelled in the food department!!

This course was not merely for testing the Candidates knowledge of the Laws or their measuring skills, it was also to see if they could perform other duties which fall into the duties of Technical Officials. The Candidates were put into groups for the 3 days and had to work together on doing a number of draws for National Tournaments. Just as soon as they thought that they had made provision for all eventualities a red Herring suddenly appeared and they had to start almost from scratch. Needless to say their patience and nerves were somewhat frayed by the time they had completed their tasks. The next part of the course was to ascertain whether they were capable of interpreting the Laws of the Sport of Bowls when presented with unusual and tricky situations. While one group was being tested on this section another was outside on the green where they were presented with somewhat unheard of measuring situations designed to test their measuring skills to the limit.

The course was tough and by the end of the 3 days the same Candidates who were so buoyed up on the Thursday evening were looking decidedly haggard. However, everyone agreed that they had learned a lot and had thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and that they had all become firm friends. These candidates now have to present their dissertations by the end of December and the list of candidates who are found to be “competent” will be circulated and

their Level 3 badges issued. Those who are found to be “not yet competent” will be given a chance to redo the section where they did not achieve the required level and if they achieve the “competent” status, they too will be issued with their Level 3 badges.

The Technical Officials Standing Committee will be presenting another Level 3 course during 2009. Details of this course will be circulated to all Districts.



Chris Peel (Sables), Manie Marais (North West and John Busschau (CGBA) working at the Level 3 course held in Potchefstroom



Central Gauteng Bowling Association send 5 candidates to the Level 3 course in preparation for the Atlantic Championship to be held at Wanderers during May 2009
From left to right : Peter Smith Neville Savage, Terry Grobler, John Busschau and Graeme Upton

NUWE TEGNIESE BEAMPTE KURSUS IS BESIG OM VRUGTE AF TE WERP

Enige persoon het weerstand teen verandering. Ons het dit weereens gesien met die instelling van die nuwe Uitkoms gebaseerde onderrig metode wat gebruik word vir die opleiding van Tegniese Beampes. Maar nadat die kursus material hersien is en meer verbruikers vriendelik gemaak is het daar ewe skielik 'n herlewing plaas gevind wat betref die aanbieding van Tegniese Beampete kursusse. Die hersienne uitgawe van die kursusse is aan die Distrik Sekretarisse gegee in Augustus gedurende Rolbal Suid Afrika se algemene jaar vergadering. Daar is gedurende die jaar in 14 van die 20 distrikte kursusse aan gebied en die volgende hoeveelheid persone is opgelei:

Merkers	152 persone
Vlak 1	107 persone
Vlak 2	30 persone
Vlak 3	19 persone

Dit is wonderlik en ek is seker nou dat die rolbal spelers en die Tegniese Beampete staande komitees van die verskillende distrikte agter gekom het hoe lekker die nuwe onderrig metode werk ons volgende jaar sommer baie Tegniese Beampetes gaan oplei.

GUARDIANS FOR THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS

Each member of the Bowls South Africa Technical Official Standing Committee is responsible for the well being of certain districts and that person act as the guardian for the districts allocated to him/her. I would like to invite the District Technical Officials Standing Committees to contact your representative wit any queries, questions or assistance regarding the interpretation and application of any laws or presenting g courses or any Technical Official matters. If he /she do not have the answers they will refer it to the convener and the other committee members but your problem or query will be solved.

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Preparation for 2009

Interesting times are awaiting the Technical Officials in 2009.

Two big tournaments are scheduled for 2009 and we are already busy with the preparations to ensure the tournaments will be a great success.

SA Masters.

We require 58 markers, 58 flip board operators and 20 Umpires per day for the first two days and 26 markers and 26 flip board operators and 10 Umpires for the third day to render a proper service to the 80 bowlers who will take part in the SA Masters.

The District Technical Official Standing Committee of Bowls Gauteng North took preventative action and several Markers and Technical Officials were held to ensure we have enough qualified officials. Cathy van Rooyen and Adrian who serve on the tournament committee motivated Bowlers to volunteer for duty and with technical Officials from the neighbouring districts we already have enough people.

Baie dankie aan al die Merkers en Tegniese Beamptes wat onbaatsugtig hulle dienste aangebeid het om te verseker dat die toernooi 'n groot sukses gaan wees.

'n Opleidings werks winkel word gereel vir 13 Januarie 2009 om finale reelings te tref.

"Geen groot prestasie is ooit sonder entoesiasme behaal nie".

Atlantic Championship

The Technical Officials who will do duty at this tournament in May 2009 at Wanderers Bowling Club in Central Gauteng are already identified and five of the Senior Officials already attended the Level 3 course in preparation for this event. A Training session is scheduled for 11 January 2009 and all the identified officials will also be on duty at the SA Masters as preparation for this prestigious championship.

Any comment preferably positive, or if negative, with the solution, may be E-mailed to any of the Committee Members.

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Any bowler who would like to get a copy of this newsletter will find it on the Bowls SA web and District Secretaries will receive a copy from September 2008

"The greater the challenge, the greater the reward"