



CONGRATULATIONS

NEW BOWLS SA EXECUTIVE 2009-2010

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2010 THE ROAD AHEAD

Aesop said "United we stand divided we fall" as far back as 1768. Well that goes for bowls..... What have we done to our game over the past decade. We have found negativity. Gripes and moans about almost everything. Is there nothing we enjoy about our sport? Everything is wrong from the price of sandwiches and affiliation fees to the surface of our greens.

The question is always what is Bowls South Africa doing?? My question is what are we (mr average bowler) doing?

Development is not going to happen unless we change our attitude. Most of us play bowls for recreation and it is something that keeps our spirit alive. Time has come for everyone to put the past behind us and look forward to grow our sport. The development committee need your help, they have initiatives and ideas and they cannot achieve the result unless every member does a little bit to assist.

The easiest way of growing the sport is for every member to introduce 1 person to bowls a year. Our numbers would double annually.

We are all in this together so I appeal to you before you look at the bad consider - what you are doing to assist to rectify the problem. *Debra Ferguson*

Food for thought!

Ask not what the club can do for you, rather what you can do for the club!

DANKIE PIET! Piet Breitenbach – Uittredende President

Na vierjaar het Piet die tuig neergelê waarin hy die hoogste pos in die rolbalgemeenskap beklee het en sy take met soveel ywer uitgevoer het. Ek persoonlik sal Piet onthou as iemand met die mooi breë glimlag en sy bereidwilligheid om jou altyd by te staan. Namens die hele Suid-Afrikaanse Rolbalgemeenskap wil ons groot eer en dankbaarheid betoon aan iemand wat hierdie groot verantwoordelikheid met sulke welslae gedra het!

(Redakteur 'Jack up Bowls')

INTER-DISTRICTS U/25 AND U/19 GEORGE – JULY 2009

A big thank you to Bowls Southern Cape and the Tournament Committee for hosting a very successful tournament!

BOWLS SA PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT'S U/25 LADIES' TEAMS AT THE INTER-DISTRICTS



Front: J Koekemoer, P v Aswegen, E Matinka, M Botes
Back: P Breitenbach, J Jumat, S le Roux, H Muller, S Woodley, D Ferguson

It was an all WP medal victory!

Both the WP u/25 and u/19 men teams took the GOLD. The driving force behind these two WP teams were Managers Nico Ferreira u25s and Paul Cohen u19s.

Eastern Gauteng won the Gold Medal in the Under 25 Ladies tournament. It was the first time that the ladies were given the opportunity to grace the greens and to show their exceptional bowling skills at the tournament.

Mpumalanga Bowls Ass.

WILL HOST THE 2010 INTER-DISTRICTS
U/25 AND U/19 TOURNAMENT FROM 6-11 APR 2010

INTER-DISTRICTS U/25 AND U/19
GEORGE - JULY 2009

What did ALAN SIMMONDS have to say?
by courtesy Sunday Argus

"It's a pity the chicken day and bar brigade, existing only for their own selfish social ends, who pooh-pooh development, was not with me at Bowls SA's U-25 and U-19-development interdistricts played at George. It was a bowls epiphany."

Young men and women, boys and girls (aged 10 to 25) put on an exhibition of skill, determination and camaraderie many "adults" would do well to emulate. Moreover, the result of dedicated training, development and encouragement shone through like the sunbeams over Herold's Bay.

DISTRICT DISPATCHES

District applauded
CONGRATULATIONS WPBA

District nominated for its initiatives and projects

DEVELOPMENT ZONAL STRUCTURE
and

TAKING BOWLS TO MALLS & SCHOOLS

SUCCESS COMES FROM HARD WORK AND
DETERMINATION!

(*See page 5 for the zonal diagram)

Western Province : Paul Cohen WPDSC Convenor

Zonal System: A zonal system in the WP was introduced recently by the WPDSC. Designed to enable all clubs' development officers to meet with each other in their local zoned district in order to discuss ways to improve recruitment, development and other matters.

Development Officers: One of the stumbling blocks seems to have been that there are still many clubs without a development officer. This is of great concern not only in the Western Province but throughout the country. The numbers of playing members are decreasing and, even more so, the apparent unwillingness of club members to do anything about it. Wake up, bowlers, and save your club!! There are, by the way, clubs, albeit in the minority, that are working hard at recruitment and succeeding. So do not think that all is doom and gloom!

WPBA District Asst-Secretary, Jandr  Stoltz

A big thank you to Jandr , the assistant WP District Secretary, who has spearheaded the initiative of "**Bringing Bowls to the Public**" sessions in shopping Malls. The first of these was run on 15 August at Kenilworth Centre, indoor mats were installed and Paul Cohen assisted by three members of W.P. development bowlers squad were on hand to give instruction and help to members of the public who were given the opportunity to try their hand also a number of members of local clubs also attended to give their support which was greatly appreciated.

The first exercise proved to be a great success and **forty persons registered** their names as wishing to learn the sport. An Open Day at a local club is being organized for this purpose for some time within the next month. In addition, other shopping centres throughout the Cape Town area are being visited to repeat this process. This does prove that with some effort good results can be achieved.

Schools Project Bowls in the Retreat area continues to advance with regular practice sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays at Bergvliet BC. We wish to thank this club for its kind co-operation in allowing us to use its facilities. Five senior schools supplying some forty junior bowlers are involved and a sixth has just requested to be allowed to participate in the programme. If all goes to plan, we will be setting up the first competitive **schools league system** in the country before the end of this year.

Boland:

Leon Meyer, Ontwikkelingsbeampte, rapporteer:

Inter-Distrikte te George/Groot Brakrivier 6-10 Jul 2009: Wat 'n ongelooflike toernooi! Boland kon 4 spanne stuur en het nog 'n klomp reserwes tuis gelaat. Die verblyf was puik in Carpe Diem koshuis, die spelers was knap, die ouers en die ondersteuningspan was wonderlik en die spanbestuurders het elkeen hul deel gedoen. Die kersie op die koek was Boland se O/19A-span wat met die silwer medalje huistoe gekom het. Die Onder 25-span het vierde gekom. Die beste van alles is dat almal hulle rolbal geniet het.

Martin van Zyl, President van Boland Rolbal, is hard besig met promosiewerk by die skole in die Montagu omgewing.

Bring-a-Buddy – Langebaan Sports & Golfklub het alweer 'n hele paar nuwe lede bygekry. Al Cannone het verskeie suksesvolle promosies gedoen en so geld ingesamel om ledegelde af te bring om sodoende nuwe lede te werf.

Hierdie **seisoen gaan Boland se BBB-seisoen** wees. Alle klubs gaan uitgedaag word om 'n **Bring-a-Buddy** dag te hou. Dit sluit alle spelers in, van onder 19's tot ook die onder 100's. Daar is nog 'n paar duisend potensieële rolbalspelers wat net wag om genooi te word om te kom speel.

Bowls Gauteng North: Prieur du Plessis reports: So far we are planning more **Bring-a-Buddy** days with the focus on Saturday mornings and open Saturday afternoons at one or two clubs that are willing to participate.

Business Leagues are also on the cards. Clubs with floodlights will be involved.

My thanks go to Corné Kruger for acting as convenor during the past year. He was ably assisted by Rhein Lombard, who, incidentally, has been elected as President of Lynnwood Bowling Club. I am sure that any project which we tackle this year will receive his full support.

KZNCB: Trevor Smale reports **'Taking bowls to the Public'** On 18 July Dirk Noval and a team from Richards Bay BC arranged a **Bowls Promotion at Inkwazi Boardwalk Shopping Complex**. The short mat and carpet bowls were used to attract shoppers. The promotion lasted approx. 3 hours and was a great success as many shoppers tried their hand at bowls.

Thanks to those who assisted. We sincerely hope Richards Bay Bowling Club gains new members from this promotion.

U/19s Inter-Districts held at George in July 2009: The trip to George was really an awesome experience for myself as Manager of the KZN B-Team as well as for those young bowlers.

I noticed the other teams had special uniform attire which portrayed more professionalism than our B team.

The accommodation was not of the best standard, for example, you had to get into the shower at about 3 am if you wanted hot water. The food, safety, transport to

the venues and other entertainments were of a standard acceptable to the players.

Limpopo Bowls Rina van Wyngaard Limpopo Ontw/Beampte, se verslag oor die afgelope jaar:

Dit gaan goed met rolbal in Limpopo. Daar is werklik nog baie ruimte om die geliefde sport te bevorder, en glo my, elke klub is hard aan die werk, veral gesien hoe die jongmense nou na vore tree. Ons het ongelooflike talent in Limpopo, en die jongmense steek glad nie hul talent weg nie. Vanaf Hoedspruit, Tzaneen, Louis Trichardt, tot by Warmbad is die klubs daadwerklik besig om rolbal te bevorder.

Ons 0/19 en 0/25-spanne wat in George gaan speel het, het besonder goed gevaar. Limpopo is baie trots op dié jongmense. Ons het onlangs 'n toernooi op

Polokwane gehad, en glo my, die jongspan het van ons provinsiale spelers laat les opse.

Besigheidsligas en korporatiewe rolbal is baie gewild en mense is gaande oor die spel. Van hul het al aangesluit, en heelwat stel belang om aan te sluit.

Die afstande tussen klubs is 'n probleem, maar ons rolbalspelers ontsien geen moeite om so ver te reis nie. En wanneer daar wel bymekaar gekom word, is dit een groot fees, en rolbal is natuurlik die hoogtepunt.

As Ontwikkelingsbeampte van Limpopo, is ek baie positief en met sulke positiewe rolbalspelers kan rolbal net bevorder word. Ek glo dat, met die entoesiasme wat lede het, kan ons dié sport onder jonk en oud bevorder.

Warmbad Rolbalklub is toegegooi met besoekers omdat dit maar 'n vakansiedorpie is en jongmense is maar skaars daar. Tog floreer die klub en doen ook baie moeite om spelers te werf.

Limpopo is slag gereed vir die bevordering van nuwe spelers. Ek is van mening dat in my volgende verslag ek baie goeie nuus kan voorlê wat nuwe spelers aanbetref.

Mpumalanga Bowls Ass:

The exciting news is that the Inter-Districts U/25s and U/19 Development Tournaments will be held in Mpumalanga in April 2010. Venues will probably be in Nelspruit, Barberton and White River.

The Lowveld climate is wonderful at this time of the year. You certainly won't be needing all the winter woolies. I can promise you that there are NO "gale-force" winds to blow you away as we had in George.

In preparation for this event, we are holding another U/25 training camp in Ngodwana on 19 and 20 September and again on 6 and 7 February 2010. At this stage we have 16 candidates from whom we hope to select a men's team, a ladies' team and also an U/19 team.

We are also happy to report that, due to good liaison work done by Wally Duncan of Ngodwana, the club at Waterval Boven has been re-opened and has again affiliated to the District.

Northern Cape Bowls:

Ronnie Cloete, Sameroeper Ontwikkeling, skryf: Dit was maar 'n stil tyd gedurende die winter-maande in die Noord-Kaap.

Hopetown: Anna Storey uit dié gebied, meer bekend as 'Die Kopklappers', sê sy het nou begin met leerlinge uit Grade 5, 6 en 7, met baie belangstelling.

Schweizer Reneke rapporteer dat die Besigheidsliga en ontwikkeling weer in September begin.

Hartswater: Danie Koekemoer sê hy begin 'n Besigheidsliga op 12 September 2009.

Kimberley: Ettienne Mathewson rapporteer uit Kimberley dat hulle besig is met die ontwikkeling van drie nuwe juniors, een nuwe lid en nog 'n paar wat navraag gedoen het.

Christiana: Wimpie Viljoen beplan om die gesig-gestremde skool by rolbal te betrek. Ons sien met groot afwagting daarna uit.

Ten laaste, is ons trots op ons O/25-span en ook die O/19's wat baie goed presteer het by die Inter-Distrikte Toernooi te George.

Port Natal: Wade Marshall reports:

This month saw the beginning of what will hopefully be the start of a long relationship with our Durban North schools, as we had 12 mixed trips teams participate in a schools' drive. All the participants had a really good time and we had a few who said they would like to play more often and maybe join a bowling club in their area. We should be holding another drive in the forthcoming months and look forward to another successful day.

In our recent Emerging Masters we had two past U/25 players make it through to the main Masters, Wayne Rittmüller and Kim James. A "Very Well Done" to you both and good luck for the Masters which will be played on 3, 4 and 5 September.

Suid-Kaap: Jan Meyer van Hartenbos RK sê hulle het nuwe gees in die klub gekry en die bestuur is tans besig om die strukture van hul klub te herorganiseer, 'n organigram op te stel van werkspligte en om die grondwet dienooreenkomstig aan te pas. Hy sê ook baie dankie aan Rolbal SA wat die nodige riglyne wat klubs in dié verband help, beskikbaar gestel het.

Jan skryf ook dat hulle klub lanklaas 'n nuusbrief van Rolbal SA ontvang het, en sal die saak ondersoek om uit te vind waar die probleem met die sirkulasie lê!
Besigheidsliga: Met deursettingsvermoë en entoesiasme het ons 6 spanne gekry om aan ons besigheidsliga deel te neem, Ons glo dit is die begin van positiewe dinge vir ons klub. **Spreiligte:** Die projek vir spreiligte het ook afgeskop met die ontvangs van die 4 pale.

SFS: 'A Rising Star' - Jacob Pule

'n Baanopsigter van Orangia Rolbalklub, Jacob Pule, het in die afwesigheid van die A-span spelers die O/25-afdeling van die Suid-Vrystaat Meesters met goeie spel gewen. Hy het ook goed gevaar as lid van Orangia se ligaspan en was die wenner van die Baanopsigters-kompetisie waarin sy jonger broer, Petrus, die naaswenner was.

Jacob sê: "**Rolbal is baie goed vir my. Ek oefen in al my etenstye. Ek weet ek moet hard werk, maar ek sal nie ophou voordat ek 'n Springbok is nie**". Jacob, ons is trots op jou en ons ander baanopsigters wat hard oefen en self puik speel!

Sowat twee jaar gelede het Basjan Hattingh met rolbal by die Sek. Skool Winburg begin. Sy bydrae en die entoesiasme van die kinders was so goed dat ses van sy spelers gekies is vir die Suid-Vrystaatse O/19 Ontwikkelingspanne wat op Groot Brak deelgeneem het. Drie van hierdie spelers is opgeneem in die Suid-Vrystaatse O/25 B-span.

Geslaagde rolbaldae is deur verskeie klubs aangebied. By **Orangia PK** se **Bring 'n Buddy** het 62 spelers gespeel waarvan 36 nuwe Buddies was. Ses spelers het reeds aangesluit, met nog 'n paar wat amper gereed is. **Ramblers RK** het o.a. onlangs twee korporatiewe dae en aand-rolbal aangebied.

Municipals BC held the Greenkeepers' Tournament and had great fun with indoor carpet bowls. **Bloemfontein Bowling Club** had a good turn-out on their **Buddy and Steak evening**. 12 Buddy Memberships and 2 Corporate Memberships were taken out entitling holders to **free use** of facilities for a **3-month period**.

SMARTEN UP YOUR CLUBHOUSE

Consider smartening up your clubhouse. Throw out ancient decorations, old curtains and pictures. Repaint and refurbish to give the clubhouse a fresh and friendly atmosphere.

How can we attract new members if they are confronted by a dusty old clubhouse filled with ancient pictures, honours boards, old curtains and the like?

Club facilities can also be put to good use if rented out for social functions, company team building days, weddings, etc, to generate funds.

PLEASE PLACE A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER ON YOUR
CLUB'S NOTICE BOARD.

Districts are kindly asked to ensure that this newsletter is circulated to all the clubs in their district.

Thank you for your co-operation!

**BOWLS SA DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE 2009-2010**
Strives to create a framework for growth of our sport!

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***WESTERN PROVINCE’S NEW ZONAL SYSTEM FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Large districts can benefit from this structure

