



TO THE POINT

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TECHNICAL OFFICIALS ACHIEVED HIGH HONOURS

During the last six months several Technical Officials were rewarded for their hard work and dedication to the sport of bowls in South Africa..

Level 3

Seventeen candidates attended the Level 3 Technical Officials course conducted in Hartenbos during September 2009. After the course each candidate had to do a project and complete an assignment. All the assignments were of exceptional standard and in December 2009 the Level 3 Technical Official Badges were awarded to the following candidates.

Surname	Name	District
Avery	Brian	Western Province
Black	Anina	Western Province
Linde	Pieter	Boland
Murray	Glynis	Border
Vlotman	Richard	Border
De Hahn	Claudia	Southern Cape
Smit	Pierre	Southern Cape
Radcliffe	Wendy	Natal Inland
Pieterse	Stella	Port Natal
Baxter	Joan	Port Natal
Clarke	Arnold	Eastern Province
Burke	Adrian	Bowls Gauteng North
Baragwanath	Stan	Bowls Gauteng North
Potgieter	Rea	Bowls Gauteng North
Greenberg	Bernard	CGBA.
Chard	Richard	Sables
McGeoch	Rob	Eastern Gauteng Bowls



The group that attended the Level 3 course in Hartenbos.

World Bowls - International Technical Officials.

During November 2009 several of our top Technical Officials were assessed by a representative of World Bowls.

The following officials have passed the assessment set by World Bowls to become International Technical Officials



Trevor Davis – Southern Cape



Fred Kruis – North West



Jeanette Williams – Eastern Province



Chris Serfontein – North West

Level 4

Awarding of level 4 Technical Official qualification.

During the Bowls South Africa Council Meeting of February 2010 at Wingate Park the following Level 3 Technical Officials was awarded the Level 4 qualification for exceptional services rendered to the sport of bowls in South Africa.

Jeanette Williams



- Obtained the Level 3 qualification after World Bowls 2000.
- Serves for many years as convener of the Technical Officials Standing Committee of Eastern Province.
- Did duty at several National and International tournaments.
- Serve on the National Standing Committee for Technical Officials for more than 2 years.
- Obtained accreditation as a International Technical Official in 2009.

Robert Radcliffe



- Obtained the Level 3 qualification after World Bowls 2000.
- Serves for many years as convener of the Technical Officials Standing Committee of Natal Inlands.
- Did duty at several National and International tournaments.
- Serve on the National Standing Committee for Technical Officials for more than 2 years.

Chris Serfontein



- Obtained the Level 3 qualification in September 2004.

- Serves for many years as convener of the Technical Officials Standing Committee of Giqualand West (Northern Cape)
- Did duty at several National and International tournaments.
- Obtained accreditation as a International Technical Official in 2009.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES – INDIA 2010

World Bowls appointed Trevor Davis and Jeanette Williams to represent South Africa as Technical Officials at the Commonwealth Games that will take place in October 2010 in Delhi – India.

TEGNIESE BEAMPTES SIT SKOUER AAN DIE WIEL BY ROLBAL SUID AFRIKA SE MEESTER KAMPIONSKAPPE TE WINGATE PARK..

Stan Baragwanath en Cathy van Rooyen van Rolbal Gauteng Noord wat verantwoordelik was om toe te sien dat daar genoegsame Skeidstegters, Merkers en Tellinghouers beskikbaar was het hulle skitterend van hulle taak gekwyd.

Dit klink of dit 'n maklike taak is om dit te reel, maar as jy in ag neem dat daar oor die naweek Van 12 tot 14 Februarie 238 wedstryde plaas gevind het en daar gedurende die naweek 238 Merkers, 238 Tellinghouers en 50 Skeidsregters benodig was om die taak te verrig lyk die prentjie heelwat anders.

Gelukkig was daar heelwat Tegniese Beamptes wat tot 5 keer diens gedoen het gedurende die naweek en sodoende was daar dan van 175 verskillende persone gebruik gemaak om die taak te verrig.

Die oorgrote meerderheid van die Tegniese Beamptes wat dan diens gedoen het, het van Gauteng Noord gekom, maar wat verblydend was, was die groot hoeveelheid Tegniese Beamptes van ander distrikte wat ook kom help het. Daar was dan 45 Tegniese Beamptes van 12 ander distrikte (Oos Gauteng, Oostelike Provinsie, Noordwes, Port Natal, Suid Kaap, Johannesburg, Natal Binnelande, Sables, Limpopo, Suid Vrystaat, Grens en Westelike Provinsie) wat op eie onkoste gekom het om te

help en sodoende ondervinding van 'n "Groot Toernooi" op te doen en diens te lewer.

In geheel gesien was die diens wat verrig was 'n groot sukses alhoewel daar 'n paar skaaf plekke was, maar dit sal verseker in die toekoms reggestel word. Wat belangrik is, is dat Tegniese Beamptes meer praktiese oefening kry van merk en veral in die gebruik van "Skoot aanwysers"

"n Woord van dank aan elke persoon wat bygedra het om van die taak 'n groot sukses te maak, of jy gemerk het, as tellinghouer opgetree het of diens gedoen het as 'n skeidsregter, elkeen se hulp word opreg waardeer.

Dan laastens 'n spesiale woord van dank aan John Els van Gauteng Noord wat die massiewe taak gehad het om vir elke sessie die spelers se naamplate en skoot aanwysers uit gesorteer het uit gedeel het. John, jou toewyding en beplanning word opreg gewaardeer.

NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS SET THEIR OBJECTIVE FOR 2010.

In order to create and maintain a well trained and competent squad of Technical Officials (Umpires) in each district, Bowls South Africa Executive has invested some of the Lotto grants in the Capacity Building Project for Technical Officials.

In order to ensure uniformity in the training standards and the application of bowls rules by Technical Officials throughout South Africa two "Training of Technical Official Course presenters" courses were conducted for 2 members of the Technical Standing committee of each bowls district. The one course was presented in Potchefstroom during August 2009 for the ten northern districts and the other course in Amanzimtoti during October 2009 for the ten southern districts.

The purpose of these two courses was to equip the Course Presenters of the various District Technical Official Standing Committees with the necessary knowledge and skills to run courses successfully in their districts and also

to ensure a uniform standard throughout South Africa.

After the 2 courses were conducted the National Standing Committee had a look at the number of bowlers that was trained in the previous two years and then set the objective for 2010.

Technical Officials trained in 2008 was 232 persons and in 2009 - 438 persons.

	OBJECTIVE	TRAINED TO DATE
Category	2010 01/09/2009 To 31/08/2010	2010 01/09/2009 To 31/01/2010 5 Months
Markers	350	185
Level 1	200	107
Level 2	30	12
Level 3	20	17
TOTAL	600	321

Our objective is within reach and we appeal to all Bowlers who want to qualify them as a Marker or as a Level 1 Technical Official to contact their District Technical Official Standing Committee for course dates.

The new Learning material we use is of a high standard and the learning is great fun. I guarantee everyone that you will learn a lot and that you will enjoy the course.

BOUNDARY STRING

As all the countries affiliated to World Bowls Ltd. are using the same Law book, it is necessary to ensure that the methods and instruments use by a Technical Official to measure for a shot or to determine whether a bowl or jack is in play are also the same. South Africa complies with all the methods and instruments except when it comes to determine whether a bowl or jack on the boundary is still in play.

In South Africa we are still making use of the mirror, while all the other countries are using a Boundary Scope or a Boundary String.

As the Boundary Scope is not suitable for the conditions of our grass banks and it is also quite expensive, the National Standing Committee for Technical Officials decided to rather make use of the Boundary String.

As with the introduction with any new and unfamiliar instrument there will be a great RC factor (Resistance to change) and there will be some teething problems to sort out before all the Technical Officials are familiar with this new instrument and the method to use it, but if we want to be competitive and in line with the other countries, we have no option.

To use it is quite simple and it is more accurate than the mirror. If the correct method is followed when using it, a decision can be made much faster than to set up the mirror.

Cost wise it compares well with the cost of a mirror and we are going to phase it in to replace the mirror over a 2 year period.

.Boundary string

The boundary string is a length of string on a reel. It is suitable for deciding whether a jack or bowl is within the boundaries of the rink of play.



Jack or bowl on the green.

When using a boundary string.

1. Make sure you are asked for your judgement before stepping in.
2. Secure the loose end of the string with a 100mm nail to the green next to the ditch board inline with the mark on the ditch board that indicate the position of the boundary peg (if the ditch board is

not marked – insert the nail inline with the centre of the boundary peg.)

3. Ask an assistant to walk with you to the other end of the green. Make sure both you and the assistant do not encroach into the adjacent rink.
4. When you reach the bowl or jack in question, hold the string ± 50 cm above the bowl or jack to ensure the string do not disturb the bowl or jack.
5. Your assistant proceeds to the other end of the green with the boundary string casing, reeling out the string as he walks.
6. He then insert a 100mm nail into the green , next to the ditch board inline with the boundary peg mark on the ditch board (if the ditch board is not marked – insert the nail inline with the centre of the boundary peg.)
7. The assistant then tighten the string and wind the string a few times around the nail, to ensure the string is very tight.
8. Lower the string till it is on the green. Make sure that at no time the string disturbs the bowl or jack.
9. If you still cannot decide by looking down, slide a square up to the bowl or jack from the side of the rink of play until it just touches either the string or the jack or bowl, then make the decision.
10. Quickly re-wind the string as you move from the rink. (Make sure you do not disturb the bowl or jack if it is still in play.

Jack or bowl in the ditch.

1. Put the string in place as described above.
2. Use the engineers square to extend the line over the ditch.
3. Look from above and make the decision.

Where can you buy a Boundary string?

Trevor Davis has made a couple of boundary strings.

He can be contacted at:

Cell 078 605 4315

E Mail tpdavis@mweb.co.za

The cost for a quality Stanley Chalk line with a aluminium casing and a winding ratio of 1:5 and the cotton string replaced with a Dacron fly fishing line is R150-00

Contact Persons

If you need any information regarding Technical Official courses or any other bowls related queries please contact your District Technical Official Standing Committee.

If they cannot assist you or you do not know who they are or you do not have their contact numbers, you are welcome to contact your district representative on the National Standing Committee for Technical Officials who will assist you.

National Technical Official Standing Committee for 2010.



Fred Kruis (Convener)

Represents the following districts:
Northern Cape
Northern Free State
North West
Sables



Reneë Venter (Secretary)

Represents the following districts:
Limpopo
Eastern Gauteng
Bowls Gauteng North



Bob Radcliffe

Represents the following Districts:
Natal Inlands
Port Natal
Kingfisher
KZN Country



Jeanette Williams

Represents the following districts:
Border
Eastern Province
Southern Cape



Neville Savage

Represents the following districts:
CGBA
Mpumalanga
Southern Free State
Sedibeng



Doreen de Power

Represents the following districts:
Boland
Western Province

The Technical Official Representative on the Bowls South Africa Executive for the next term is Isabel Smith.

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

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