

COACHES FORUM

FOR THE EXCHANGE OF COACHING NEWS AND VIEWS

(FROM *BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA* COACHES STANDING COMMITTEE)

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Once again time has passed us by and we are already half-way through 2005.

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to Maureen Smith and Avril Deetlefs, the two new members on the Standing Committee.

FAREWELL

We say a sad farewell with our best wishes to Margo and her husband, Brian, who will be leaving for New Zealand. Margo must be sincerely thanked for her service and commitment to bowls in general and a special mention of her service to coaching.

LIAISON WITH DISTRICTS

To reinforce contact made with Districts by Roy and John last year, members of the Coaches Standing Committee have been allocated Districts for the purpose of liaison.

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LEVEL ONE COACHES COURSE

Good news - the new Level One course has been completed and approved by *Bowls SA*. The new manual is now presented in a sleeve-binder, which will permit easy removal of handouts and overheads for photocopying. As will be seen, the Level One coaches course is far more comprehensive and provides the Club coach with a far greater scope of duties relating to coaching. Most existing and new Club coaches will therefore, enjoy a greater responsibility as a Club Coach. As the new course contains new material and structure it is suggested that, as with the Level Two Course, a member of the *Bowls SA* Coaches Standing Committee be present to ensure uniformity and compliance with the requirements of Bowls South Africa. The Level Two Coaching Course will remain the same for the time being.

DATABASE RETURNS

Thanks to all those Districts that have responded in full (five have not) and in some cases the information is incomplete i.e. their Bowls South Africa Registration numbers ! Maybe some of our coaches are no longer affiliated ! Are the District databases also not up to date ? It is in your own interests to ensure that you know the coaches in your district and what their current status is. One does not always get the co-operation or response from Clubs we would like, and sometimes a different approach is needed. Some of the Districts have allocated a number of clubs to each of their Coaches Standing Committee Members, who in turn were able to contact the individual club coaches and were thus able to complete and submit

their return - late, but never the less submitted !

TEAM COACHING COURSE

The Team Coaching Course held in Bloemfontein from December 3rd to the 5th, must be considered a great success, with 32 coaches and Team Managers attending. At the end of the course the candidates were be able to function as an informed Team Coach. Being able to set goals, create suitable practice programmes for both the team and individuals, and form a method of evaluating and assessing progress, as well as keeping records of all players. Other matters discussed were Health and Dietary requirements, Philosophy, Drugs in Sport, Profiling, Head building and quite a few hours on the green with practical information to help with training a team.

A Post-course project was set for candidates to complete and return. Well

done to all those that complied, and to those who were not able to submit a return, how about using the information given to prepare a schedule for one of your District teams.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are due to Roy Haupt (Manager) and the South African World Blind Bowls team, for the exceptional success they achieved at the 2005 World Blind Bowls Tournament. Seven Gold and Two Bronze Medals in the Nine disciplines to ensure retention of the World Title won in Scotland four years ago.

Smile awhile

If at First you don't succeed, try playing Second !

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