



JACK UP BOWLS

From BSA Development Committee ...

Your Development Standing Committee may have been 'silent' for the past 5 months, but that is because we have been very busy, with multiple projects on the go!

The team has developed a rolling strategic plan covering a number of areas of bowls promotion & marketing. This plan should keep us very busy for the next 5 years and will hopefully assist you in growing the membership & interest in bowls in your area. However, you must remember that as your National Committee, we can only do a certain amount of the pre-event organising - you, in your clubs & districts, need to participate in order to reap the benefits.

We meet every ± 6 weeks. If you have ideas, offers or requests, please send them to Gloria and we will bring them up at the next meeting.

Youth Bowls in the Townships

In 2005, we reported on the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture sponsorship to promote bowls at township schools. The 5 districts identified to run the pilot promotions were EP, North West, Griqualand West, Natal Inland & Southern Free State. Their programs are on going and have already produced bowlers that the National Selectors are looking at.

A workshop was held in Bloemfontein, on 3-4 February 2006, to bring the next 5 districts on board. The program, developed as a result of the first 5 pilot districts, was explained and ideas added.



The districts of Southern Cape, Port Natal, Kingfisher, Mpumalanga & Limpopo all ran very successful programs from April to June. A number of teachers have also become interested in bowls. They will be coached to become Sports Leaders in bowls & will be responsible for running the weekly training program for their schools, with assistance from the local clubs & coaches.

On 7-8 July 2006, a workshop for the remaining participating districts will be held at Marks Park in Johannesburg. By early next year, all participating districts will have had the opportunity to promote bowls amongst the township youth.

As part of the DSRAC sponsorship arrangement, Bowls SA has been able to provide a limited number of small size sets of bowls to all participating districts (some awaiting

delivery). These have proved invaluable for the younger players whose hands have not yet fully developed. Also, with different sponsorship, North West will be hosting a mini-inter-districts opportunity for development U18 players, to fast track those with potential into competing for a place in the inter-district competitions and national squads of the future.

We would like to encourage all 10 remaining districts to participate in this project as it is truly very rewarding to see the children having fun on the bowling greens. The energy levels are high & the potential talent quite awesome to behold. **If your district is one of the remaining 10, make sure you send energetic development people to the workshop in July - contact Gloria ASAP for further information & to register your participation.**

Youth Members

Bowls SA has waived the affiliation fees for all students who participate only within the Youth Bowls Programme. These bowlers do need to be registered, however, and will soon be receiving red cards to indicate their membership.

Please note that any youth bowlers participating in the regular club, district or national competitions, e.g. club singles, U25 Inter-districts, etc., will be required to affiliate like all other bowlers. It is up to the clubs to decide on the students' subscription fees.

Development Guidelines

After a long delay, the Guidelines have finally been printed and are at the Bowls SA office awaiting distribution. We anticipate that each districts' Guidelines will be sent to the District Development Officer for distribution to each club in the entire district. Remember that these Guidelines are not a prescription from Bowls SA, but rather to provide assistance in getting your own development projects up and running in a sustainable manner. Any queries or suggestions for the next edition (or Jack up Bowls) will be very welcome.

Bowls on the Web

Bowls SA now has a membership database on line. All CLUBS are required to keep their membership lists up to date using the Internet. This will allow districts and Bowls SA to easily and quickly extract up to date information required for affiliation information and reports. Please make sure that your club's information is put onto the database ASAP and is kept up to date throughout the year.

Request for Bowls

With all the new youth bowlers joining the sport around the country, clubs and districts are desperately short of bowls for these children to play with. While Bowls SA assists in this regard, we cannot provide enough bowls to satisfy the demand! Please help by donating your old bowls to your club. Talk to your friends and family about this request too – we know that there are lots of sets of bowls gathering dust in store cupboards around the country. Please take them out and donate them to your local development efforts – club or district. Thank you!

District Reports

Southern Free State is the ONLY district sending in regular reports to Gloria! Well Done Ansie Kombrink & the team from SFS! **Remember, we can only try to serve you effectively if you communicate with us!** Please note that Gloria URGENTLY requires information on Bowls SA stock and its use from ALL districts.

Please note that your district development reports must be submitted monthly to Gloria Turnbull (fax: 011 465 6139 or email gloriat@icon.co.za) as these are not the same as the reports sent by your district executive to the Bowls SA executive, even though it may form a subset of your executive report.

Boland No report

Border No report but they do have a few teachers & students from Selborne College who have started to play.

Central Gauteng No report

Eastern Gauteng No report

Eastern Province All efforts concentrated on youth bowls, with the numbers growing all the time. The university students of NNMU & Rhodes started to play this year and they hope that other districts will get their universities involved as well. This would allow bowls to become one of the sports at inter-varsity sporting events.

Gauteng North No report

Griqualand West No report

Kingfisher Held a promotional day for 5 schools in the Port Shepstone area where 52 students and 3 teachers attended. The students were interviewed for the local radio sports program & the local newspaper sent a photographer to take pictures of the children having fun.

KZN Country No report

Limpopo Held 2 promotional days for the youth at Lekkerbreek, Polokwane & Potgietersrus where a total of 50 + 45 students attended.

Mpumalanga Held a promotional drive at Witbank as part of the DSRAC sponsored project where 48 students and 4 teachers attended.



Natal Inland No report

North West No report, but a Youth Training Camp was held in Rustenburg in April under the auspices of the National Academy & National Coaches. They are also preparing for the development & regular inter-district teams in July

Northern Free State No report

Port Natal Recently held a promotional day for schools and have been working hard at building their youth program in the district since attending the workshop.

Sables No report

Southern Cape Held a promotional day at Beaufort West for surrounding schools where 71 students and 4 teachers found out just how much fun bowls can be. The local print media was in attendance.



Southern Free State The numbers of youth bowlers are growing and one school has requested prices to purchase their own bowls sets and jack. SFS is also involved in development work with the local Defence Force.

Vaal No report

Western Province No report, but we recently heard about a coach at Wheatfield who has started a group of students from the local school.

Contact us!

Please send your news, queries or comments to *Jack up Bowls!* at gloriat@icon.co.za

After the first newsletter, we received a number of *Letters to the Editor* which we valued highly. Please don't clam up now – we would like to hear from you, whether you are a development officer or not; a bowler or an administrator – tell us what you are thinking today!