

Jack up Bowls!



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From BSA Development Committee ...

The sad news from our side is that Gloria Turnbull has resigned as Secretary. Gloria has a lot of family commitments during the next year and feels that she can no longer continue. As soon as a new Secretary is appointed, we will let all the Districts know. In the meantime, please send your emails to Debra@renprop.co.za. This is also my (Dix) last newsletter, as I have been shifted over to Coaches. I would like to wish the new committee and all of you many successful development projects in the future!

One of our big tasks currently is to specify qualification levels for Development Officers, along the lines of the Technical Officials & Coaches – Levels 1 – 4. The Level 1 qualification has been drafted (Sports Leader) and we now have to specify the remaining levels. Once these are in operation, Development Officers will be assessed and receive Bowls SA numbered badges to prove their qualification. Development Officers carry an enormous responsibility within the Bowls organisation in South Africa and require the appropriate support from management at all levels – club, district & national.

First U18 Development Inter-Districts

For the first time, 18 U18 Development bowling teams and their managers lined up with their fellow U25 Inter-District bowlers at the Opening Ceremony of the National U25 Tournament at Klerksdorp Bowling Club, 10 – 14 July.



This was the brainchild of Herman van Rensburg, which came to fruition through a lot of hard work by the North West Bowls Tournament Committee supported by the Bowls South Africa Executive

and Development Committees. The districts that had started with their Youth Development, were invited to send teams along with their U25 teams to participate in a fours tournament incorporating both sexes and all races. Due to the limited availability of funding and accommodation, only the 10 districts of Eastern Province, Gauteng North, Griqualand West, Kwazulu Natal Country, Limpopo, Natal Inland, North West, Port Natal, Southern Free State & Western Province were represented.



The teams played round-robin fours in two sections at Strathvaal BC in Stillfontein, The winners and runners-up of the sections played off for three top positions on finals day in Klerksdorp, alongside the U25 teams. Western Province played very well all tournament and managed to pip North West for gold.



It was quite awesome watching these children play and the growth from day to day was phenomenal. Providing sponsorship can be obtained, Bowls SA plans to hold this development tournament annually, at the same

time & place as the U25 Inter-districts. Criteria for eligibility will be distributed to all.

Youth Members

Bowls SA have issued Red Cards to all districts for the registration of their youth bowlers – these are bowlers who are still at school or university and who only play within the Youth Programme. Please make sure that you keep a register of all the details for any cards that you issue.

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

At long last, these booklets have been distributed to all districts – if your club does not have one yet – please contact your district development officer as soon as possible..

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

This is a reminder to all clubs to register their members as soon as possible on the Bowls SA website (www.bowlssa.co.za, follow the links). There are still many members missing!

District Reports

Thank you to all those districts who sent in reports since June – it is great to hear how busy everyone is!

Please note that your district development reports must be submitted monthly to Debra (fax: 011 4633895 or email Debra@renprop.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. All districts will be informed of the new contact details for the Development Standing Committee as soon as they have had their first meeting.

Boland No report

Border No report

Central Gauteng Held a successful schools tournament at Linden BC with 4 learners and a teacher or mentor playing lead to give advice, scoring 3-2-1. They continue to build their youth bowls numbers and are planning another schools challenge in September.

Eastern Gauteng No report

Eastern Province The Youth Bowls Project is growing slowly but surely with more bowlers getting involved at various clubs.

Gauteng North No report

Griqualand West No report

Kingfisher No report

KZN Country It seems that more players are willing to assist in the district's development efforts and with the assistance of Lotto funding, many clubs are benefiting from their efforts, including the growth of youth bowls to numerous schools in the area.

Limpopo No report

Mpumalanga No report

Natal Inland No report

North West No report

Northern Free State No report

Port Natal No report.

Sables No report

Southern Cape No report

Southern Free State Many of their youth bowlers have affiliated to clubs. The district is active in looking to include new schools in their youth programme.

Vaal No report

Western Province Through generous allocation of funds from their executive, they plan to increase their development bowls stock by ±10sets per annum. They have developed a fun assessment they call Crackerjack which is fun and motivational at the same time.

Contact us!

Please send your news, queries or comments to **Jack up Bowls!** at tjek@bowlssa.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!