



BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA

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Message from the President



Piet Breitenbach

We are already in the fourth month of 2007 and it felt like just the other day that we celebrated Christmas. I hope that you will have a wonderful year.

Looking back over this period should fill us all with pride and satisfaction. Irrespective of what was said in the written media about the new ventures of Bowls South Africa everything is going extremely well.

The 2007 Masters at Wingate Park was a huge success measured against all standards. The feedback we had from the Office of the Deputy Minister of Sport, the Hon. Gert Oosthuizen, was most heart warming and most positive. (He attended the finals and made a wonderful speech) So much so that we were invited to a meeting in his office three weeks later. What realised out of that

meeting we believe will have far reaching implications for the sport of Bowls.

Wat die 2007 Meesters nog meer laat uitstaan en spesiaal maak, was die feit dat TV2 'n opname van die finale stadium van die toernooi gemaak het en wat 'n week later gebeeldsaai is. Krediet moet gegee word aan Mike Burger ons Operasionele Bestuurder en Tys Pringle ons Media Skakelbeampte vir die harde werk om dit te bewerkstellig. Tys is doing a sterling job as far as the media is concerned. We are getting more and more coverage, not only in the same newspapers but also on TV and various radio stations. He is on radio at least once a week.

The three Inter District Tournaments were all successfully staged. Allow me to thank Port Natal, Eastern Gauteng and Sedibeng for their effort and hard work; it is really appreciated. To all the winners and runners-up: congratulations and to all the other participants, thank you for your support – you are all true champions.

Die onderskeie Mans en Dames Nasionale Toernooie is die volgende groot uitdaging wat suk-

sesvol afgehandel moet word. Die nuwe formaat het sy eie uitdagings en ons glo dat dit 'n nuwe dimensie aan rolbal sal gee. Persoonlik bedank ek almal wat die durf en lojaliteit openbaar om hierdie toernooi te ondersteun. Julle is die ware ruggraat van rolbal in Suid-Afrika. Julle is nie bang vir verandering nie en stel noodwendig die dinamika van rolbal eerste - stagnasie is 'n ander word vir "stadige dood." Ek sallueer julle almal.

Op Internasionale front is daar verskeie toernooie wat die Suid-Afrikaanse span gaan gebruik ter voorbereiding van "Wêreld Rolbal 2008" in Christchurch, Nieu Zeeland. Meer daaroor in die volgende uitgawe.

We will also communicate the progress made in as far as our business plan and new initiatives are concerned, in the next issue.

Fellow bowlers, enjoy your bowls and thanks for the support.

Yours sincerely

Piet Breitenbach

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EDITORIAL

The South African bowls calendar for 2007 is on course with an extremely full and exciting program. On the national scene it all started with the S A Eagle Masters Championships at Wingate Park, Pretoria, in February, followed by the Inter-Districts (Open, Senior and B-sides) in March. In April the S A Eagle Men's Nationals are to be played in Gauteng North, with the S A Eagle Women's Nationals scheduled for May in Port Natal. During the months that follow there are national and international bowls events in every single month of the year up to and including December.

At District and club levels the district and club competitions are taking place, giving bowlers exciting opportunities to play competitive bowls.

Amongst all this, club managements and green keepers are stretched to their limits to keep their greens available and in a playable condition to accommodate not only the competitive bowlers but also to provide for the much needed and highly appreciated recreational bowlers.

Speaking of the greens, the Greens Standing Committee of Bowls South Africa has published a book setting out the standards and course material for the newly created Level 1 green keepers qualification. Clubs countrywide are urged to have their green keepers trained by experts in the field of green keeping. It is a known fact that the success of a club evolves around its greens. Even the so-called social or recreational bowler, who merely wishes to play "tabs-in" at his/her own club is entitled to play on a decent, well kept and playable green. Too often members pitch up at their

club for a "tabs-in" game only to find that the green has not been mowed and not conducive to enjoyable bowling. It should always be borne in mind that every member of a club, whether competitive or recreational, pays green fees (directly or indirectly) and is entitled to the best possible green to enjoy his/her sport on, at least a green that has been properly prepared, i.e. mowed and marked.

Kursusse sal eersdaags in die meeste Distrikte aangebied word vir, onder andere, perke-meesters en klubs kan alleenlik baat by die kennis, wat deur die bywoning daarvan opgedoen kan word. Selfs die "arbeider" wat getrou na die perk(e) omsien, sal baat vind deur die kursus vir Vlak 1 perkemeesters by te woon. Klubs behoort hulle Distriksbesture aan te moedig om, waar daar nie 'n perkemeesters-kursus in die vooruitsig gestel word nie, so 'n kursus te reël. Rolbal Suid-Afrika sal graag behulpsaam wees om deur sy Staande Komitee en die Akademies vir die opleiding van perke-opsigters te sorg.

Ander literatuur, wat deur deskundiges opgestel is, kan van Rolbal Suid-Afrika bestel word. Distriksbesture sal goed doen om hulle klubs aan te moedig om die literatuur te bekom en om aan die kursusse, wat aangebied word, deel te neem. Goeie perke sal opsigself die lede gelukkig hou en selfs nuweling na die sport trek.

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Press Releases and Circulars

IMPORTANT CIRCULARS

Some Circulars of interest that have been sent out in the past 3 months are listed below. They can be found on our website in PDF format or obtained from your club / district secretary.

05/2007 - Griqualand West Name Change

11/2007 - Women's' and Men's National Pairs Championships

12/2007 - Under 25 and Development Tournaments

13/2007 - Academy Coaches

17/2007 - Players Record Forms

18/2007 - National Academy Director

21/2007 - Database Procedures

22/2007 - Domestic Regulations

PRESS RELEASES

SUID-AFRIKA SPOG NOG MET WÊRELD SE EERSTE GEKEURDE VROUE ROLBAL SPELER - 20 Januarie 2007

Wêreld Rolbal het onlangs sy lys van gekeurde spelers vrygestel en Suid-Afrika se Lorna Trigwell beklee nog steeds die Nommer Een posisie onder die vrouespelers in die wêreld. Sy behou sodoende die top posisie in die wêreld nadat sy hierdie posisie die afgelope twee jaar beklee het. Colleen Webb van Suid-Afrika, wat haar rolbal by Bedfordview C C in Sentraal Gauteng speel, beklee die 12de posisie op die wêreldranglys.....

S A EAGLE BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA MASTERS A GREAT SUCCESS - 27 February 2007

The S A Eagle Masters held at Wingate Park last weekend was a great success and an event heralded by all of the 80 Master Bowlers as an event that will be remembered as a festival of bowls never experienced before.. This was a first off with the Open, Seniors and Junior or Under 25 bowlers all

participating simultaneously at the same venue and as part of the same program. Once the first match had started there was continuous bowls throughout the three days until the last match of each day had come to an end. Players, spectators and all involved lauded the event as an extravaganza of bowls over the three days that it lasted, and the large number of spectators were unanimous in their praise for being treated to continuous bowls of a very high standard as played by each and every one of the 80 top bowlers in the country.

Bowls South Africa and its Executive received widespread praise from all those that attended the event and the players were unanimous that the S A Masters should continue in this format. The only request forthcoming from a single player was that the Seniors should not be required to play more than 2 games a day, whilst all the other players, including the majority of the Seniors, agreed that no change was necessary.....

BOWLS TO FEATURE AT HIGH LEVEL BUSINESS OF SPORT EXHIBITION

Bowls is to feature in the annual BUSINESS OF SPORT Exhibition which is to take place at the Sandton Convention Centre from 5 to 7 June 2007. This is a high profile project aimed at bringing corporate business and sport together with a view to assisting and utilizing each other to achieve their respective goals.

Bowls South Africa has embarked on a project involving participation in the Exhibition in order to market bowls as a management tool for corporate business undertakings. Bowls should be seen as a vehicle for team building exercises by business managements. Bowls could be an important management tool for corporate business. Bowls must be marketed as being a perfect vehicle available to corporate business to get to know, to co-ordinate, to liaison, to build relationships and to "see the other side of you".

The Executive of Bowls South Africa is confident that by participating in the exhibition, the image of bowls will be changed in the eyes of the outside world and that it will contribute to the sport of bowls being regarded as an up-market sport by particularly corporate business; this being the main target of the operation. Sport unifies the nation.

FULL TEXT OF THESE AND OTHER PRESS RELEASES AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Other News



4 Generations of Bowlers

This is a most unusual feat - 4 generations of bowlers in one family and one club.
Combined age 189 years.
In Their words.....

Here's a bit of inspiration for the wonderful game of bowls. We are a family of four generations that play, total combined age, 189 Years!!! What a joy and privilege it is for us to enjoy the game of bowls, the team made up of Great-Grandmother, Grandmother, Mother and Daughter. What better quality time could you ask for? The time we spend together on the bowling green is filled with fun, laughter and of course, the odd little bit of competitiveness (mostly from the two older ones!) We have made so many friends, across all age groups, and it goes to prove that bowls is no longer the game of "old man's marbles". It's a sport to be enjoyed by both young and old, a place to make friends, be social or compete as often or as little as you like. Thank goodness for bowls! Yours in good bowling.... Lorraine (Age 39) Gwen (Age 77) Laurel (Age 58) Nicole (Age 15)

Our appeal for anyone to match this has come up empty. If you know of anyone who has 3 or more generations of bowlers in their family, please drop us a line at info@bowlssa.co.za and give us the details.

KZN Regional Bowls Academy Formed

On the 2 February 2007 the new KZNRBA (KZN Regional Bowls Academy) was formed by the four Bowling Districts of Kwa Zulu Natal. One member from each District was appointed to serve on the newly formed board. Congratulations to;

PN – Peter Welensky

N.I. – Avril Deetlefs (Dir)

K.F. – Barbara Icton

KZNCB – Trevor Smale

This Regional Bowls Academy can now apply to join the Provincial Sports Academy and will through this membership have access to much needed support in bowls development and talent identification within the whole of the Kwa Zulu Natal Region. We are looking forward to some exciting new developments in the future and wish the KZN Regional Bowls Academy every success. Thanks to Kallie Haupt and Simon Botha for all their guidance and assistance in forming the new board and for what they will still do to assist the board to get up and running. Thanks also to all the Presidents of the four districts for helping to bring the districts closer together and encouraging the forming of this new Regional Bowls Academy.

2006 Hong Kong Classic Pairs Winners



Well done to Neil Burkett and Wayne Perry on this outstanding feat in December 2006.

Bowls SA Executive - November 2006



**L - R: Kallie Haupt, Tys Pringle, Allan Freeman
Isabel Smith, Piet Breitenbach, Debra Ferguson**

GRASS CLIPPINGS

March 2007

1.0 INTRODUCTION

One of the lasting memories of my early school years was the constant reminder that I could not expect advancement to a higher standard if I had not mastered the 3 “R”s reading, (w)riting and (a)rithmetic.

20 Years later when I first became interested in Green keeping I was told that I could not expect to advance as a green keeper(GKP) until I had mastered the three Primary Cultural Practices (Mowing, Irrigation and Fertilising)

Now,much later I have become disillusioned – the sacred cows of yesteryear are no longer sacred – everyone seems to want to “run before they can walk” In greens management the tendency to ignore the “basics” is, probably the prime cause of the deterioration of our greens in the RSA.

The demands for finer turf, the establishment of turf under extremely unfavourable conditions, and the severe stress from traffic and use require the highest level of cultural expertise which would include an extensive knowledge of plant nutrition and fertilisation

As fertilising has become the main casualty in this new trend the next two issues of Grass Clippings will, therefore, be devoted to the least understood of the Primary Cultural Practices –

FERTILISING

2.0 FERTILISING AND FERTILISERS

2.1 DEFINITION - The process whereby essential plant nutrients are supplied to the soil as part of a cultural programme.

The cultural programme referred to in-

cludes –

- The regular replacement of nutrients which have been used up by the grass plant plus the rectification of imbalances found in the soil sample

- The regulation of the growth rate of the grass plant according to the nutrients applied.

In this issue we will be concentrating on the use of fertilisers to regulate growth in the Grass Plant

The plant nutrients are called fertilisers and perform the same function as Vitamins in the human body

2.2 NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Like any human being the grass plant cannot survive unless his daily diet includes.-

- Energy – giving Substances - Carbohydrates to replace the energy (or calories) used up during the day

- Vitamins / Nutrients – Substances which control many functions in the grass plant.

Carbo-hydrates (CHO)– Unlike a human being where the Carbo-hydrates are included in his daily diet the grass plant has to produce it’s own CHO by the process of photosynthesis which takes place in those leaves which are exposed to sunlight.

Nutrients – Thirteen nutrients (mineral elements) are recognised as being essential for plant growth These nutrients regulate certain functions in the plant - including the growth rate - they are the vitamins of the grass plant.

The rest of this informative newsletter can be obtained on our website

To the Point

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Ask yourself "what can I do for Bowls" and not "what can Bowls do for me"

In Durban with the recent Inter districts, a well known player who is now a manager of the District "A" side, told me that he had received so much out of bowls, it was now his turn to give back to bowls as his debt to bowls was so large. Being the manager was just the first repayment.

Makes one think when most players just find the areas to criticize, and not ask where they can help, and assist in growing the game.

Wish more such players would come forward and offer time to train as Technical Officials, Coaches or Development officers.

GOOD WISHES DURING A LONG ILLNESS

I would like to make use of this forum to thank everyone who sent emails, cards and especially the Executive and office with their fruit baskets, received during my very long illness. One week short of a year to be exact. I am very pleased to report that my blood tests on Friday were 100% clear, and my wife and I can look forward to a wonderful year knowing that the radical surgery was necessary. Hopefully my blood tests will stay clear. To those who have requested copies of this issue and I have not yet added, deleted or changed the address list, I apologise.

ADHESIVE STICKERS WHICH COME LOOSE

Recent email----I attended a workshop in town "A" on Saturday. A friend of mine attended a workshop in town "B" recently. On Sunday we had a heated discussion regarding the stickers which are fixed to bowls during a tournament.

In town A we were told that if the sticker became unstuck and started "flapping" and the sticker touched the jack the bowl was not a toucher. If it became necessary to measure to the bowl the measurement must be taken to the bowl and not to the sticker.

In town B they were told that if the sticker touched the jack the bowl was a toucher. If it became necessary to measure, the measurement must be taken to the sticker.

Please clarify the position for my friend. My common sense tells me the A interpretation is correct.

Yes you are 100% correct. Town A interpretation is correct. Let's look at why it is correct.....

Go to our website to read the answer and more interesting case studies.

COACHES FORUM

FOR THE EXCHANGE OF COACHING NEWS AND VIEWS

(FROM THE NATIONAL STANDING COM- MITTEE FOR COACHING)

COACHES UPGRADE COURSE

The response to this years course has been most gratifying with 33 candidates from 12 of our Districts. It is hoped that with the new format of Distance Learning Modules and a final Practical Assessment of Candidates near their place of residence will not only be more cost effective but also produce a high calibre of coach. It should always be remembered that coaching should never be static and with new material and ideas becoming available the manuals and portfolio documents could change. It may be opportune to remind all coaches that their qualification needs to be renewed every four years and many existing Advanced coaches have taken the opportunity to use this years revised course as their Refresher Course.

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Jack up Bowls!

We're on a roll'.....

NEW CONVENER OF BOWLS SA DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Herman van Rensburg who was appointed as the new Convener of the Bowls SA Development Standing Committee. He replaces Leif Olsen who resigned due to work commitments. Leif has done a commendable job over the past two years. We will miss his cheery face and warm personality. We wish him all the best in his future ventures.

NEW CONVENER FOREWORD

As Convener of the committee, I consider it our main goal to promote the game of bowls that will ensure the growth of membership in all the bowling districts as well as ensuring the sustainability of the sport for future generations.

It is very encouraging to see how development has grown over the past five years as we are now starting to reap the benefits. It was clearly visible at the Klerksdorp Development Tournament, seeing all those teams that had entered and the competitive spirit of each bowler. It makes all our efforts worthwhile.

Many thanks to all those districts who work so hard in promoting development! Without the co-operation of each club and dedicated development officers, our objectives regarding development will be fruitless. There is so much to do in so little time! Let us all contribute and assist with this enormous task the bowling fraternity has undertaken.

Herman van Rensburg

Bowls SA DSC Strategic Plan

We will continue with our Strategic Plan looking at tournaments, workshops, corporate marketing days, sportspeople exiting from other sporting bodies, family bowling days, youth drives and awareness days.

Awareness Days

The development strategic plan makes provision for districts to stage Awareness Days. We extend an invitation to those districts who have not yet done so to contact us. Districts interested will be provided with the necessary criteria, guidelines and assistance.

Qualifications for Development Officers - Unit Standard Qualifications

The Bowls SA Development Committee are in the process of putting together Development Unit Standard Qualifications for Sports Leaders and other levels.

'Adopt a School'

We appeal to each club to 'adopt a school'. If you require any help in this regard please do not hesitate to contact us. It would be great if each district could start a school's league and each club enter a development team.

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