



TO THE POINT

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself. (Unknown)



Trevor Davis

It is with great regret that we learn that Trevor Davis, our Convenor, will not be available for any further positions on any Bowls South Africa Committees, as from now.

Trevor has been a major factor in establishing a Committee that has done great work in the Laws of our game of Bowls, and to train and maintain Umpires and Markers who are on par with the best in the world, if not better.

He served on this Committee with total dedication for the past eight years and has been a source of inspiration to all of us.

We, your Committee, will miss you and hope you enjoy your retirement on the Mossell Bay beaches in the Southern Cape.

Trevor Davis: A Tribute

He has been involved in Bowls administration for many years, working at World Bowls 2000 as Technical Official, Blind Bowls International, organizing the Senior Inter-Districts in Bloemfontein, SA Masters for a number of years and running training courses for Technical Officials from Markers to Level 3.

The cherry on top, of course, is the fact that he was invited to serve on the World Bowls Laws Board and today the current Law Books contains 90% of

the original submission from South Africa. Serving on that Committee gave Trevor a comprehensive insight into the game of bowls around the world and this background he put to very good use in South Africa.

In South Africa the late Mike Burger and the Sports Council gave Trevor the task of making TO qualifications available to everyone and together with the very capable Fred Kruis and Don van Vuuren from North West this was the start of breaking up the learning material into modules. This is of course the training material that we are using to date.

Trevor is passionate about the Under 25's and as District coach in Southern Free State for the past 3 years Southern Free State won 4 gold and 1 silver medals at the U 25 and Inter District Tournaments.

Trevor served as District President for the past 3 years and will be sorely missed by Southern Free State, and especially all Technical Officials and Tournament officials who had dealings with him.

Tys Pringle--- `n Huldeblyk

Teen dié tyd weet almal dat Tys uitgetreë het uit die Uitvoerende Komitee van Rolbal Suid Afrika. Min mense weet egter dat hierdie geliefde persoon die skakelbeampte was tussen die Uitvoerende Komitee en Rolbal Suid Afrika Tegniese Beamptes Staande Komitee.

Ons het heerlik saamgewerk en sy vriendelikheid maar ook bereidwilligheid om na ons standpunte te luister sal `n groot gemis wees. Sy stem oor die radio waar hy gesels oor rolbal en rolbal aangeleenthede was wel bekend

Ons wens vir hom en Marthie `n gelukkige aftrede toe waar hul bes moontlik Natal toe verhuis.

LAWS

I wonder how many of our readers saw and understood the mistake that we printed in 'Disturbance of jack' in our last issue No 23.

How can a skip have the nerve to say replay the head when two shots have already been declared.

Did we catch you out?

TEASER NO 4

A bowl lying on the boundary cord was lifted by the third player in a fours team, before he had delivered his own bowl on the next rink, so played that it was about to return to that rink of play. That bowl, however, comes to rest in the same spot that was occupied by the bowl lifted and is therefore also in play.

Sure, the chances of this happening often are rather remote. If this did occur while you were the umpire on duty, you would have to make an immediate decision and a large number of options appear to be to be available. Several different options have been expressed. What ruling would you make if called upon to do so?

ANSWER TO TEASER NO 4

Balancing the bowl on top of the other, tossing a coin to decide which of the bowls should be considered in play..... No, that is not the answer.

Firstly a Third or any other player has no right to remove or lift a bowl that is in play on the neighbouring rink before he/she delivers a bowl. The laws only make provision for a bowl to be lifted if a bowl from the neighbouring rink is on its original course and is likely to be disturbed by a bowl at rest. (Law 28.6.1)

But let's say the bowl from the neighbouring rink was lifted according to the law and the delivered bowl come to rest exactly on the position of the lifted bowl what would your decision be.

If the bowl on the neighbouring rink was not lifted the delivered bowl would have been disturbed by a "Neutral object" and the law state that that bowl must be replayed. (Law 28.3.1)

So the ruling from the Umpire must be to remove the delivered bowl from where it came to rest replace the lifted bowl and return the delivered bowl to be replayed as it would have come into contact with a "Neutral object"

LEVEL 3

The Level 3 course held in Potchesstroom over the period 04 September until 07 September 2008 was a great success, as many of our top Level 2's who were present were given a stern learning curve that drew many surprises among the candidates, that thought that they new everything about the Laws, but were given a torrid time, and eventually all agreed that they were ready to advance further having gained a

tremendous amount of knowledge to guide them in the future.

The final results will be announced in early January 2009.



Technical Officials who attended the Level 3 Course in Potchefstroom during September 2008

"Geen groot prestasie is ooit sonder entoesiasme behaal nie".

ROLBAL SUID AFRIKA TEGNIESE BEAMPTTE STAANDE KOMITEE VIR 2009

Die Staande komitee aangestel deur die Uitvoerende Bestuur van Rolbal Suid Afrika is as volg:

Fred Kruis (Sameroeper) – Noordwes
Renee Venter - Oostelike Gauteng
Bob Radcliffe - Natal Binnelande
Jeanette Williams - Oostelike Provinsie
Don Walker - Sables
Neville Savage - Sentraal Gauteng Rolbal Ass

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"The greater the challenge, the greater the reward"