



## TO THE POINT

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### 1. Umpire Development

It is very pleasing to note that quite a few of the Candidates who completed the Train the Trainer Courses last year are now presenting courses in their Districts. Others have courses planned for the near future and this is also very pleasing. Sadly it seems as though there are those who have not yet planned any courses

### 2. BSANSCTO

After the recent BSA AGM the new National Technical Standing Committee was Announced.

**Jeanette Williams**, Convener: who will be the Liaison person for Eden, Eastern Province, Border and Western Province

**Dirk Malomgre** who will be liaison for JBA, Sables and Ekurulene

**Lynton Harrison** who is liaison for Kingfisher, Kwazulu Natal Country, Port Natal and Natal Inland.

**Francois Schutte** who is liaison for GBN, Mpumalanga and Limpopo

**Howard Gibbons** who is liaison for Sedibeng, Northern Free State and North West

**Almarie du Toit** who is liaison for Southern Free State, Boland and Northern Cape

Please feel free to contact your Liaison member should you have any questions pertaining to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or if you require assistance with presenting Courses.

### 3. Train the Trainer Courses

The NTOSC recently presented two Train the Trainer Courses, one in the North at Kempton Park Bowling Club,

and one in the South at Outeniqua Bowling Club in George.

Both courses were a huge success and we now have 31 newly accredited Trainers throughout the country. Sadly not all the Districts were represented at the courses which is a great shame as those Districts are at a huge disadvantage as far as Training goes.



KEMPTON PARK CANDIDATES



GEORGE CANDIDATES



Howard demonstrating measuring



## NTOSC assessing Presentations

### 4. Namibia Trip

Jeanette Williams and Dirk Malomgre travelled to Windhoek in Namibia during October, to train Umpires there. This is part of our Buddy Buddy alliance with African States in an effort to assist them with getting their Umpires trained to such a Level where they can eventually train their own Umpires.

The course was held at the Eros Bowling Club in Windhoek and was a resounding success. 10 Level 1 Umpires were trained, one who had travelled 1600km by road from Botswana to attend and one person was upgraded to Level 2. Some Candidates drove from Swakopmund and Tsumeb to attend.

The enthusiasm amongst the candidates was amazing and the hospitality and camaraderie was fantastic. We hope to return again next year to upgrade these new Level ones to Level 2 and train more Level 1's.

We would like to thank Namibia Bowling Association and Eros Bowling Club for their kind co-operation and friendship prior to and during the course with a special thank you to Colin Peake for all his assistance in arranging the course.

We even managed to play a short game of pairs one evening which was most enjoyable.



## Candidates of Namibia Bowls Course



Dirk Demonstrating Measuring



Candidates practicing measuring

### 5. ITO ACCREDITATIONS

We are very proud to announce that we now have 6 ITOS in the country. On 30 June and 1 July 2023 Mark Cowan from the World Bowls Laws Committee came to Johannesburg to assess 7 Candidates and reaccredit Jeanette Williams as International Technical Officials.

Although it was very stressful, 6 managed to pass and  
Our ITOs are:

Jeanette Williams  
Dirk Malomgre  
Lynton Harrison  
Francois Schutte  
Howard Gibbons  
Nico Nel



4 of the 6 ITO's with Mark Cowan  
Sadly the other two, Francois  
Schutte and Nico Nel had already  
gone home when the photo was  
taken.

We would like to thank Mark  
Cowan for coming all the way from  
Australia to do the assessments.



ITO ASSESSEMENT

6. We appeal to anyone who might have questions for us or unusual measuring situations that they should wish to share to please send them to us so that we can publish them in this news letter.
7. **Laser measures,**

I am all for new ideas and any other technology which would help us to measure more quickly AND more accurately, but I am still unconvinced that a laser measure such as this one is any more accurate or quicker than a piece of string in the right hands. The Australian umpires argued that the players like it because they have already measured themselves and like to see an umpire using a different piece of equipment (which they seem to assume is more accurate simply because it is digital). As ITOs I think we should have the confidence to measure with

conventional equipment and demonstrate that we can use it more accurately than the majority of players. If measuring was as objective as most players seem to think (I've already measured it; there's no point in you doing it.) there would be no point in training umpires. Only when they begin their training do new umpires realise just how subjective the process is, and that it only becomes more objective as they develop their skills. I'm probably preaching to the converted.

**(received from Roger Black – World Bowls Laws Committee)**



## NEW NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE



## NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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