

National Standing Committee for Coaching - December, 2010.

Another new season of bowls is well underway, and with the start of each new season comes lots changes at Executive committee level in many clubs, most districts and this year, at National Selectors level in particular. Congratulations to all the new office-bearers, many the next 12 months treat you kindly and give you lots of satisfaction as you apply your mind to the many new tasks ahead of you in 2011.

Congratulations to all the new District Standing Committees around the country that will be looking after district level Coaching matters, we at the NSCC wish you lots of fun and satisfaction as your next year of coaching gets started.

May I express my thanks to my NSCC committee members of the past year, it has been a pleasure working with you and getting to know you all. There has been a small change within the NSCC with Rob Coslett leaving after a year, and he has been replaced by another respected EGB coach, Brian Sayce.

Thank you Rob Coslett for your efforts in the past year, they were indeed appreciated and we wish you good bowling in 2011.

To Sayso, as Brian Sayce is known in bowling circles, welcome and thank you for diving straight in with the District TID camp held in Kroonstad for all the NFS provincial academy players at the end of November.

Graham, Brian and I got a wonderful reception from the NFS executive and 80-odd NFS provincial players who came out to play a structured TID weekend event under NSCC supervision - a lot of players no doubt had stiff muscles after completing the full TID program in just a day and a half, but everyone seemed to really enjoy the experience. Thank you to the NFS executive and selectors for organising a great way to embrace the TID program, it will no doubt pay handsome dividends in time to come.

The NSCC committee members will be meeting early in December to plan our release of the new Level 1 coaching course material, and we will be holding strategic "Train the Trainer" events throughout the country during early 2011 to bring the DSCC's up to speed with the new training course material, which we know will give coaching a boost again.

Can all the District and Club Executives please ensure that there is a clear focus on getting players at all levels to implement the TID program, it is both an exceptional skills building program as well as great measurement tool for bowlers to compare themselves and their abilities afterwards in the 19th hole.

A gentle reminder is offered to all District Competition Secretaries to please try and utilise the National Squad's recently published HPC camp dates to also please run local District Academy training days on the same dates, this way nobody is prejudiced by not being in their district on these particular weekends, so please can the Executive Committees please give this request some thought too please.

The NSCC has also been active in the off-season and several coaching courses, TID events and even coaching sessions were held in the last few months, the most interesting being a two day coaching event staged at Bloemfontein Municipals, at the invitation of the club, to offer individual coaching assistance to club members.

Graham and I were on the greens from early morning to late evening offering friendly advice to a group of very enthusiastic players, who seemed to enjoy the opportunity to have the deliveries and playing styles polished.

Our sincere thanks to Munnies for their wonderful hospitality, Graham and I certainly enjoyed being at the coalface again with so many friendly, happy, and frankly quite competitive bowlers.

If there are other clubs that feel they could benefit from having the NSCC and their local DSCC committee members available to address players' skills training and coaching needs, we would be very willing to try and fit it in with our visits to the different districts over the next year.

Communication is the key to success in all avenues of life, and in coaching, being a great communicator is paramount. Take some time to plan your coaching sessions and any other player-involvements to ensure your actions and words give accurate, meaningful messages that are understandable and worth hearing.

Good luck, Merry Christmas and good bowling in 2011.

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