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**TO: DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
CLUB PRESIDENTS
DISTRICT CO-ORDINATORS (Small Bowls)**

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REF: Update on the Small Bowls Project

The bowls are finally rolling through the production. A huge amount of gratitude needs to be expressed to Trevor Davis, John Busschau and Brian Sayce who drove this project and made sure that progress was being made – never as fast as originally hoped, but progress never the less!

In August, three sets of resized bowls were tested using a chute and players on a number of greens and were shown to the District Delegates at the Bowls SA AGM, at Edenvale BC.



They showed a consistent bend and good grouping, as seen above, so the actual production could begin! More pics and videos of the test, shared on DVD with each District at the AGM, can be found at: <https://goo.gl/Amtmc5>

The actual process now has 6 production stages, with each stage being done for all currently ordered sets in sequence:

1. Skimming the bowls down to size



2. Cutting off the stubs



3. Engraving the partners' names on either side and the shoulder & side rings



4. Painting the names per set in one of 8 colours



5. Engraving the serial number of the set on four bowls.

6. Giving each bowl a rub of dubbin to help seal it from the weather – *which should be continued.*

Please note that as this production process is new, the timing of a set moving from the 1st stage to delivery-readiness is UNKNOWN at this point. As the people involved become more and more familiar with the process, sets will move faster and faster through production, but we cannot give anyone an estimate for when the first sets will be ready for collection / delivery by Stuttaford Van Lines. WHEN WE KNOW, WE WILL INFORM EVERYONE IMMEDIATELY – unfortunately constant queries to us, as frustrating as it is for you in the districts, will not make this process go any faster. We appreciate and are grateful for your patience in this regard.

Without Stuttaford Van Lines providing free transport; going out of their way to assist outlying Districts to get the project moving, & Paktool providing free standing space for our container on their premises and use of their board-room for sorting out the deliveries, we would have indeed struggled to manage the hundreds of sets of bowls moving through the project. Our grateful thanks to these two partners who ultimately made this project possible, particularly Rocco Olivier (SVL) and Laurence Perkins (Paktool).

Control of the stock of bowls sent in to the project has been rather difficult as SVL do not keep track of where the bowls come from, before delivering a load to the container

at Paktool. We requested districts to confirm numbers of sets sent into the project – the figures in blue in the table below have been confirmed, but we need to confirm the black figures, to ensure that we are managing this stock correctly. Note that all the sets donated now belong to the project, rather than the districts, as stated in the original published protocol.

Those districts with numbers in BLACK, please confirm the number of bowls you have sent in on the whatsapp group with the following message: District – number of sets; for e.g. EDEN – 97. It is not necessary to state your name as we can see these in the whatsapp group.

	Delivered	Ordered	Invoice(s)
Bowls SA	3	51	
BGN	46	21	4539
BOL	100	100	4484
BOR	37	37	4536
EDN	97	64	4404
EKB	65	85	4487, 4537, 4632
EPB	64	17	4433, 4511
JBA	120	89	4485, 4509, 4535, 4553, 4555, 4578, 4596, 4605, 4633
KBA	105	24	4490
KZN	100	25	4600
LIM	27	15	4459
MPB	69	59	4488
NCB	54	27	4601, 4603, 4904, 4647
NFS	24	23	4554
NIB	58	32	4599
PNB	138	33	4458, 4630, 4677
SAB	28+43	26	4489, 4656
SFS	20	20	4514
WPB	62	45	4428, 4429, 4430, 4432, 4596, 4629
Totals	1260	793	

Thank you for your co-operation and patience, it is much appreciated. With the project, we will have a stock of small bowls all over the country – turning old useless bowls into useful equipment for all.

Yours sincerely



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