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# Namibia make Proteas fight hard for victory



**BEFORE THE FRAY:** Namibian and SA players take to the green for the national anthems and flag raising ceremony

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

Pretoria. – Perhaps, as expected, South Africa’s Protea men and women lawn bowlers retained their title from Windhoek last year in winning a combined Warwick Wealth/BowlsSA Two-Test Series by 20 points to 12 against visitors Namibia on a chilly, cloudy last morning at Wingate Park CC.

But it was closer than usual and not without mild controversy

The Proteas convincingly oozed class after having been adjudged to have lost the first Test 9-7 – a technical error in a men’s team selection posting costing them points earned for two victories and the win. In the second Test, South Africa dominated, losing only the men’s pairs and peeling the women’s trips, to triumph 13-3.

Some expressed a view that the technical officials had “gone too far” in imposing the penalty. But the rules were there in black and white’ should one look the “other way” or uphold the law?



**TEST WON:** Bowls SA president, Allan Freeman, centre, presents the winners’ shield to Theuns Fraser, SA head coach, right; Michael Feinberg represents the sponsors

Whatever, it was better to have erred in a “friendly” than at the Commonwealth Games next year.

Ian Kilbride, Warwick’s CEO and chairman, commenting on his group’s 12 year of major bowls sponsorship, said it was comforting for the sport that thousands competed nationwide on a daily basis.

The visitor came ready for the game - former top SA junior Will Esterhuizen proved to be in exciting form throughout- and put up a brave show against their world rated opponents.

Moreover, the SA Proteas and their visitors’ men benefitted from the outing in the build-up to Commonwealth Games 2014 in Glasgow, Scotland; Namibia’s women are qualified to play there in two disciplines.

Said BowlsSA president Allan Freeman after the tournament: “This eagerly awaited annual event showcases bowls talent in Southern Africa the Test series was hard fought and spectators were regaled with play of the highest standard.”

Especially pleasing for the SA selectors and BowlsSA executive was the performance by new cap Prince Nelounde of Johannesburg, who produced a stellar showing.

As usual arrangements and catering at Wingate were outstanding and the Bowls Gauteng’ North’s hard-working committee, with president Lynne Nightingale at the helm, proved exceptional.

In a separate Test series the Protea Seniors were made to battle also retained their title(s) with a comprehensive 22-10 overall victory



**L FOR LOVELY:** Namibian debutante Sheena du Toit, patched an L to her shirt back for the first Test – she passed with flying colours



**HELLO LOU:** Lewis Klopper of the Senior Proteas takes the trophy from Bowls SA president, Allan Freeman

Pictures from Namibia v SA Tests: ELBERT BROERE, Bowls Gauteng North

## South Africa v Namibia: Final Scores

### << Test 1 >>

**Men: Fours:** South Africa: Rudi Jacobs (Free State), Pierre Breitenbach (NW), Jason Evans (Johannesburg BA), Prince Nelounde (JBA) 31, Namibia: Graham Snyman, Ewald Vermeluen, Jean Viljoen, Axel Krahenbuhl 11.

**Singles:** South Africa: Bobby Donnelly (JBA) 19, Namibia: Will Esterhuizen 21.

**Women: Fours:** SA: Susan Nel (Sables), Tracy-Lee Botha (JBA), Rene Swanepoel (WP), Santjie Steyn (Boland) 15. Namibia: Bea Lamprecht, Sheenah du Toit, Lesley Vermeulen, Anjuleen Viljoen 21.

**Singles:** SA: Esme Steyn 21, Namibia: Diana Viljoen 14.

**Men: Pairs:** South Africa: Jacobs/Evans 23. Namibia: Esterhuizen/Viljoen D 13.

**Trips:** South Africa: Donnelly/Breitenbach/Nelounde 29. Namibia: Snyman/ Vermeulen/Krahenbuhl 12.

**Women: Pairs:** SA: Steyn S/ Botha 21. Namibia: Viljoen D/Vermeulen 15.

**Trips:** Susan Nel /Swanepoel/Steyn E 17. Namibia: Lamprecht/Du Toit, Viljoen A 17.

**Overall combined result of Test 1: Proteas 7 Namibia 9**

### << Test 2 >>

**Men: Fours:** South Africa: Rudi Jacobs (Free State), Pierre Breitenbach (NW), Nick Rusling (Sables), Prince Nelounde(JBA) 19. Namibia: Will Esterhuizen, Graham Snyman, Jean Viljoen, Ewald Vermeluen 14.

**Singles:** South Africa: Bobby Donnelly (JBA) 21, Namibia: Axel Krahenbuhl 12.

**Women: Fours:** SA: Susan Nel (Sables) , Santjie Steyn (Boland), Rene Swanepoel (WP), Sylvia Burns(WP) 32. Namibia: Bea Lamprecht, Sheenah du Toit, Lesley Vermeulen, Anjuleen Viljoen 11.

**Singles:** SA: Tracy-Lee Botha (JBA) 21. Namibia Diana Viljoen 4.

**Men: Pairs:** South Africa: Breitenbach/Rusling 14. Namibia: Esterhuizen/Krahenbuhl 18.

**Trips:** South Africa: Jacobs/Donnelly/Nelounde 29. Namibia: Snyman/ Viljoen/Vermeulen 9.

**Women: Pairs:** SA: Steyn S/ Swanepoel 27. Namibia: Viljoen D/Vermeulen 15.

**Trips:** Susan Nel /TL Botha/Burns 18. Namibia: Lamprecht/Du Toit, Viljoen A 18.

**Overall combined result of test 2: Proteas 13 Namibia 3**

**Overall combined result both tests combined: Proteas 20 Namibia 12**

### Seniors:

#### << 1st Test >>

**Men: Fours:** SA: Lewis Klopper (JBA), Allan Gordon (JBA), Alan Lofthouse (WP), Mike Marnewick (Sables) 17. Namibia: Tollie Cronje, Willie Esterhuizen, Kiewiet Rust, Ekkie Gartner 28.

**Singles:** SA: Eddie Fann (Kingfisher) 21. Namibia: Eric Luff 10.

**Women: Fours:** SA: Ellen Cawker (Kingfisher), Marina Brink (WP), Trish Steyn (WP), Ellie van Coller (E Gauteng) 23. Namibia: Jean Joubert, Belina Meyer, Erna Muller, Caryl Andreas 17.

**Singles:** SA: Sharon Glenn (JBA) 21. Namibia: Avril Kotze 4.

**Men: Pairs:** SA: Lofthouse/Fann 12, Namibia: Cronje/Luff 14.

**Trips:** SA: Klopper/Gordon/Marnewick 23, Namibia: Esterhuizen/Rust/Gartner 11.

**Women: Pairs:** SA: Glenn/Steyn T 21, Namibia: Meyer/Muller 11.

**Trips:** SA: Cawker/Brink /Van Coller 26, Namibia: Joubert/Kotze/Andreas 16.

**Overall combined result of test 1: Proteas 10 Namibia 6**

<< **2nd Test** >>

**Men: Fours:** SA: Lewis Klopper (JBA), Allan Gordon (JBA), Alan Lofthouse (WP), Mike Marnewick (Sables) 17. Namibia: Tollie Cronje, Willie Esterhuizen, Kiewiet Rust, Ekkie Gartner 28.

**Singles:** SA: Eddie Fann (Kingfisher) 21. Namibia: Eric Luff 10.

**Women: Fours:** SA: Ellen Cawker (Kingfisher), Marina Brink (WP), Trish Steyn (WP), Ellie van Coller (E Gauteng) 23. Namibia: Jean Joubert, Belina Meyer, Erna Muller, Caryl Andreas 17.

**Singles:** SA: Sharon Glenn (JBA) 21. Namibia: Avril Kotze 4.

**Men: Pairs:** SA: Gordon/Lofthouse 25, Namibia: Cronje/Luff 11.

**Trips:** SA: Klopper/Marnewick/Fann 15, Namibia: Esterhuizen/Rust/Gartner 24.

**Women: Pairs:** SA: Glenn/Steyn T 26, Namibia: Meyer/Muller 16.

**Trips:** SA: Cawker/Brink /Van Coller 19, Namibia: Joubert/Kotze/Andreas 12.

**Overall combined result of test 2: Proteas 12 Namibia 4**

**Overall combined result both tests combined: Proteas 22 Namibia 10**

## From the president's desk

### **AWARENESS DAY has highs and some lows**

Awareness Day was held over the last weekend in October; unfortunately response from the districts was mixed. From information I have received WP, JBA, BGN, NW and Limpopo made a major effort, well supported by their clubs - well done.

Rain washed out all districts along the Eastern Seaboard; support from the other districts was either minimal or nothing at all.

I understand that some districts will be holding an event at a later date, which poses the question as to whether one date for all clubs throughout the country is the way to go, when one considers varying climatic conditions?

Perhaps the answer is to ask each district to hold a day every year at its own convenience. However let us not forget this initiative is designed primarily to assist clubs to recruit new bowlers, is an opportunity to raise funds for local charities and to send receipts from a spider to Bowls SSA for disabled bowlers, who do need our assistance.

Turning to recruitment: At the last AGM a resolution was carried excusing any bowler introducing a new member from paying Bowls SA's levy the following year.

As at November 20, only 43 bowlers had taken advantage of the offer; I hope clubs have informed members of this opportunity - we believe that we can only increase our numbers if active recruitment is carried out at club level. (See the November SA Newsletter at [www.bowlssa.co.za](http://www.bowlssa.co.za))



The annual Namibia Test series was held during the first weekend in November at Wingate CC, Pretoria; once again we won. It gave our selectors an opportunity to view Gold Squad players in action at international level and we have a Gold Squad Camp at the end of January when teams to represent South Africa at the Commonwealth Games in Scotland will be chosen.

At this time of the year I take great delight in wishing all bowlers and their loved ones a happy and blessed festive season and the best of fortune for 2014.

**Alan Freeman**  
**President, Bowls SA**  
**December 2013**

## Happy Holidays

The president of Bowls SA, Allan Freeman, his executive, administrative officers and office staff at Dunkeld; Warwick Wealth, chairman and CEO, Ian Kilbride, his Group staff and the editor of the Bowls SA Newslet-

ter and Media Officer, Alan Simmonds, extend a happy, peaceful Christmas, Chanukah and an Eid Mubarak to all our members, plus good bowling in a prosperous, exciting 2014

## Good luck Bobby and Colleen

By Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, BowlsSA

He's a tall man, some say he broods a lot. Whatever people think or say, when it comes to bowls, Bobby Donnelly is a tour de force; accurate, confident, usually deadly.

To me he is the perfect singles player at top level. Like the 100m athletes he is aloof, inscrutable, but shows opponents the courtesies they merit.

He and his equally brilliant female counterpart Colleen Piketh, are selected to represent South Africa at the World Indoor Singles Championships at Warilla Recreational Club, near Sydney, from April 6-17.

Colleen, who has overcome personal and private hurdles with distinction and courage has nothing left to prove as a player; her record is one of victory at every level, as is Bobby's; year after year,

Bobby summed it up:

"To represent one's country in any sport is the pinnacle. To wear



**BOBBY ON HIGH:** Donnelly is mobbed by team-mates Clinton Roets and Gippo Vermuelen after playing the winning shot against England in a quarter-final of the World Bowls fours championships

the green and gold for the first time is a special feeling; something special that cannot be described and savoured for ever.

However with this achievement come certain responsibilities and obligations. International players must ensure they are in prime condition as they prepare; time spent training is non-negotiable; it is up to the player, through dedication and preparation to ensure optimum performance.

To play International bowls is not a 'learning school', it is the finished product. Players need to raise their game when stepping onto the green and their utmost focus must be to dominate the opposition through acquired skills, focus and determination.

Players selected for their country are representing not only themselves and their country, but also every bowler in South Africa; it is the players' responsibility to carry this burden and bring glory and honour to the sport; to represent South Africa in Australia is a huge honour.

The level of competition will as usual be world class, so it is up to Colleen and me to prepare ourselves for this event, which is played indoors on carpet, playing against some of the best indoor players in the world.

Shot selection is imperative as one needs to resist the urge to play outdoor shots on an indoor green. The basics are the same, build pressure, pressure and more pressure."

Colleen feels the same way and is thrilled, honoured and delighted to be representing her country.

We wish them both good bowling, a safe journey and success.



**CHAMPION:** Colleen Piketh, shone brightly at World Bowls

## SA champions take on the world in NZ

Many bowlers outside the Eastern Province B side would probably reply Arthur who? when asked if they knew EP's Arthur Langley (Graaff Reniet). But in only five full years he has been playing his record is impressive, culminating with the 2012 SA Singles title. Now he represented (the event takes place in November; full report next year) SA in the annual World Champion of Champions Singles in Christchurch, New Zealand. Accompanying him was a former SA women's Masters; multiple SA champion and experienced international Esmé Steyn of Linden, Central Gauteng.

Langley, a no-nonsense chap, has Springbok colours for wrestling and has played provincial badminton, rugby and tennis. He also puts back; he's vice-president of EP Bowls and president of Midlands Bowls to boot ... he might surprise.

The delightful Steyn, who moved to Johannesburg from Durban, has a glittering national and international career, far too long to pay justice to here, but medals galore at every level pay testimony to her grit and skill. She is a lady that never gives up; if it's mathematically possible for her to succeed, look out!

It will be tough for both; but who knows?



**TWO TO TANGO:** Elegant Esmé Steyn shows her style and grace; (inset) Arthur Langley – unknown quantity at this level, but...

# Gearing up for the Games

**GERRY BAKER**  
South African  
International Bowler



**ADAPT OR DIE** - that is my message to the South African team that will participate in next year's Commonwealth Games, to be held at the glorious Keningrove venue in Glasgow. However, before I go into more detail, on this issue, let me share my thoughts on the Eight Nations competition that was recently held at the Games' venue.

## THE KELVINGROVE GREENS

Much has been spent and written on this reconstructed public venue. Whilst some may question the feasibility of spending such an enormous sum of money upgrading this site when a fraction of the sum could have been spent on the Northfield site a short drive away in Ayr; no-one can dispute the magnificence of this venue. I am hoping to play in my fifth Commonwealth Games event which I believe would

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be a South African record in any sport and I am confident to go on record to say that as far as the bowls segment is concerned, this will be the best Games of the lot. I can only imagine that once the venue has been dressed for the occasion, and with the added bonus of the surrounding neighbourhood of pubs and restaurants, this will all make the event something that is not to be missed from a player and spectator point of view.

As was the case at the last games in Delhi, and for very different reasons, the teams that are able to adapt to the conditions efficiently will be the ones with the most likelihood of success.

As far as the Eight Nations event was concerned, I am not bothered about the results. It was, after all, a practise in match conditions for the various squads but I do believe that South Africa, unlike other countries, missed a trick by not sending two or even three extra players that could have been used on a rotational basis and given our selectors and management more of an idea of who was best equipped to perform on those particular surfaces.

## THE PLAYING SURFACE

I was pleasantly surprised by the pace and general condition of the greens and although the speed may have been on the sluggish side for our personal preferences, this is Scotland for goodness sake and given the challenges that the climatic

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conditions present, I thought the greens generally were very, very good indeed! In our team meetings I equated the challenge of adaption to our cricketers that travel to compete on the sub-continent. It is of no use whatsoever to compare the wicket strips in Pakistan or India to ours here in Johannesburg at the Wanderers or in Cape Town at the famous Newlands arena, and the bowls surfaces are no different. If we fall into the trap of complaining about the speed of the greens or their softness underfoot or even the odd run offs here and there then we won't adapt and are therefore destined to fail.

**'... there is a huge basket of world class talent that will be out there next year to ensure that predictions are undone and favourites are toppled.'**

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**The idyllic setting at Kelvingrove bodes well for the spectacle of the bowls at the 2014 Commonwealth Games**

## Shoot-out of a different type at Swartkops



A Warwick Wealth tabs-in event was well supported at Zwartkops Country Club, reports Fony Meyeridricks.

The weather was warm with relief from a light breeze and the greens in great condition; all enjoyed the morning. Warwick's Sports Officers, Theo Scheepers and Meyeridricks played in a trips game with four other club members; Warwick investment specialist Pierre van Zyl made a brief appearance and Fony made a tea time presentation which elicited three investment prospects.

The club's greens are in a lovely setting in the residential portion of the country club (see photo); club owner, well known golfer and commentator Dale Hayes, was present at lunch.

When all tried to leave the club at about 1.30pm a shoot-out between police and some criminals near the gate meant the Old Johannesburg Road entry was closed; dangerous game bowls!

## Warwick dodges the showers at Durban Wanderers

Thirty-four trips teams competed in a Durban Wanderers Warwick Social on an overcast morning. Two games of 10 ends was the order in a winners v winners format, reports the sponsors' Natal sports officer, Stuart Milligan. Greens were heavy after a rain-soaked day before. Wanderers also arranged a fundraising campaign for Lloyd Milligan (10) to attend an International PAMA exam in Hong Kong in December. Trips winners were Tony Marshall and his Hillary team, followed by Graham Ellis and side. Stuart Milligan thanked participants and especially Mike Flack (club president), Eric Redman (chairman), Richard Hendicott and Lofty Cawthorne (campaign organisers), Jeff Bolt and Jean Edley (tournament

organiser. Said Protea Stuart: "It was a great pleasure for wife Jill, our son (Lloyd), in his first tournament and me – we did win our first game, the eventual runners-up were too good next up." Club member Richard Hendicott was presented with a platinum certificate by Milligan.

- Milligan was on Warwick duty again at Banners Rest Bowling Club where Violet Pells received a platinum certificate; Milligan was accompanied by Wayne Volker (Warwick investment specialist). Thirty-six players from Banners Rest and surrounding clubs enjoyed a morning of tabs-in on a warm, humid day; followed by an excellent array of snacks. John Keppler, (vice-president) welcomed the visitors. After thanking them for the introduction and making a short presentation, prizes were handed out by Volker. Scottish Leader Whisky prize winners were Baba du Plessis, Jenny Rennie and Dan Delaney.

- Another social event took place at Le Domaine Bowling Club with Stuart Milligan (sports officer), Conrad Clifford (regional manager KZN) and Kevin Manthey (cover specialist) attending. In all, 82 club members braved a cold wet evening for a burger and beer social func-



**SHEEPISH?: Stuart, Jill and Lloyd's "Warwick" team – they won the leg of lamb**

tion hosted by Warwick Private Wealth. It was a remarkable attendance considering their single green is closed for renovation. It rained the entire day; temperature was in the mid teens. Keith Woodroffe (club president) welcomed Warwick's representatives. After thanking them for the introduction, Clifford made a short presentation. Scottish Leader Whisky lucky draw winner Kevin Taylor donated his prize to be auctioned for club funds; Rosemary English and Eileen Frank also won whisky.



**THE 'BOYS': Durban Wanderers Club organisers with Lloyd Milligan**

## Wet day at Rand Leases

The rain put a total dampener on the Warwick Wealth sponsored social day and awards presentation at Rand Leases in Johannesburg, reports Fonny Meyeridricks - no bowls was possible all day. However, committee members arrived early and began to cook four lambs on spits.

Members and the families (see photo) arrived as the morning passed and more than 150 people were present by lunch time. Lucille Muller, Devon Benzien and Meyeridricks represented Warwick and enjoyed the club's warm hospitality. President (and Platinum client) Werner Blucher thanked Warwick during the awards ceremony for sponsoring the day (see photo). Fonny gave a brief talk and presented Gerry Peach with his Platinum Certificate.



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After the ceremony, the lambs were carved and served to an eager, hungry crowd - needless to say, thoroughly enjoyed .

## More WP platinum performers



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**TOP COUPLE:** Jenny Elliott a former president of Gordons Bay, receives her and husband Darryl's platinum certificates from Warwick's WP sports officer Rob Martin, right and Michael Feinberg



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**MIKES MEET:** Michael Voden (Gordons Bay) left, receives his platinum certificate recently from Warwick Wealth national sports officer, Michael Feinberg



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**BIG SMILE:** Connie Pieterse (Bergvliet), left, receives his platinum certificate from Rob Martin



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**GO JOHN:** John Barnard of Robertson BC, a valued Warwick client, recently received his platinum certificate ... Well done John

## History of Bowls

An interesting article in the latest Bowls South Africa on-line Lawn Bowls Coaching Reference File, thought it worth printing for those of you who enjoy history and origins.

*(Extract from the file by CH Dixie & M van den Berg)*

*Bowls are no longer made of wood, not completely spherical and not weighted. The Oxford dictionary indicates that the word bias originally became a technical term used in the sport of bowls from which all the other uses of the word stem. The introduction of the bias to the spherical design of bowls is reported to have happened by accident. In 1522 the Duke of Suffolk, whose bowl split in two pieces on striking another bowl, removed the spherical knob from the banister post in his castle to provide a replacement. The flat cut caused this substitute bowl to roll with a bias enabling the Duke to curve his bowl around others in the head. [1] He passed on this knowledge to his friends and in the course of time biased bowls came into general use. Later, the bias was intentionally produced by inserting a weight on one side of the bowl. Today, the bias is achieved entirely by the design shape of the bowl, which is that of a sphere, slightly flattened on one side and protuberant on the other, with a low and high shoulder on the running surface.*

*The extent of the bias was not stipulated prior to 1871 and no testing was required. The bowls were entirely hand turned and finished and it was impossible for bowls turners to make accurately matched bowls. In 1871 Taylor's of Glasgow in Scotland constructed the first bias testing table using three full-sized snooker tables in tandem, because of their rigidity of construction and the accuracy of level that the slate bed achieves. In 1928 the International Bowls Board laid down the criteria for table testing of bowls [2]. World Bowls Ltd currently maintains the rules for the minimum and maximum bias allowed for a set of bowls.*

*The original bowls were made from stone but after 1409 bowls were made of wood. Initially they were made from Boxwood, Holly, Yew or Oak but after the 16<sup>th</sup> century the exceptionally hard wood Lignum Vitae from Santa Domingo in the Caribbean was used to make the woods. The sport of bowls grew in popularity and spread throughout the British Empire. This wood which was an ideal material for bowls in cooler climates was not suitable for the conditions in hotter and drier climates as it was prone to warp and crack. A different material was also needed as the supply of good hard-wood was becoming progressively scarcer. [2]*

*In 1918 in Australia, David Hensell joined forces with the Dunlop Rubber Co., to produce the first vulcanite (hard rubber) bowls [3]. These bowls were used internationally as they far superseded the handling and accuracy of the wooden bowls, especially in countries like New Zealand and South Africa. However, the search was still on to find a material not susceptible to heat and climatic conditions.*

*In 1931, Henselite produced the first successful phenol formaldehyde resin compound bowl – the largest solid mass of this material that had ever been produced [3]. The science and art of bowl-manufacturing has progressed since then in many ways, but the same compound is still in use today by all three major manufactures of bowls – Taylor, Drakes Pride and Henselite.*

### Graham Mackenzie's Coaching Corner:

As in all sports timing is of great importance! Bowls is no exception, the timing of the delivery is of the utmost importance in deciding how well we will play. Good timing is shown in how easy a player will play the bowl. No force is required only a good rhythm and fluid movement. There is no laid down formula for timing, it is up to the coach to study the player and to make sure no "Force" is being used. The correct - back swing - when to step - arm movement - all need to be correct to complete the delivery and a fluid follow through, all in one movement to complete the whole delivery.



**Very special Birthday wish to Graham Mackenzie who turned 80 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Happy Birthday Graham!**



**News from the Districts**

**VRYHEID LEVEL 1 COACHES COURSE**

Once again a very successful Level 1 Coaching Course held, this time in Vryheid.(Below)



**WHO SAYS COACHES ONLY COACH BECAUSE THEY CANNOT PLAY?**

Both **Jill Atkinson** and **Heather Boucher**, two members of the NSCC have proved this belief wrong. Below is Jill (directly below left) winning the district Champion of Champions, and Heather (bottom right) achieved Silver in the Border Open Singles. Well done girls!



**HEADWAY NATAL**

**By Hazel Lillig**

Headway Natal is an association in Durban which helps stroke victims as well as those suffering from head trauma caused mainly by vehicle accidents.

A large number of the players use wheelchairs, walkers and crutches but their enthusiasm knows no bounds! According to Ian Vowles, the CEO of Headway, these bowls sessions, which are held every Friday, are thoroughly enjoyed by all. Their enjoyment is great to see and the improvement in most of them is marked. On average 15 –18 players aged between 22 and 50 attend every week and they are extremely competitive.

This association with Headway started 2 years ago and it is hoped that it will continue for many more years.



Thanks must go to Sylvia Munro who is a level 1 coach for all her hard work organizing the sessions as well as the bowlers from Westville CC for giving up their time to assist. Each player requires the help of a bowler so a large number of helpers are required every week.



As our greens are being closed for renovations and, also the start of the hot weather, we will only resume in April next year. Thanks to the helpers a tea was held after the close of play on 11 October. Judging by the reactions a good time was held by all.

## EASTERN GAUTENG BOWLS

**By John Gairns**

We now have a new name - **Ekurhuleni Bowls**.

A Level 1 course was run earlier this year in April with eleven candidates, six completed their practical. Their names were submitted to Bowls South Africa and we await badges and certificates. Three others are awaiting completion. It will provide the District with a few more Club Coaches. We intend running a Coaches Refresher Course on 30th November 2013 providing we attract enough candidates. This will be mandatory for active Coaches every four years.

## U19 INTER SQUAD PRACTICE TOURNAMENT

**By Hannelie Arndt - Development officer (KZN CB)**

On Saturday 28 September Natal Inland and KZN CB u/19's had a practice tournament at Bergville Bowling club. It was so much fun and so wonderful to see 24 enthusiastic young bowlers together and to know that they are the future of bowls.

Natal Inland had 2 teams and Reserves from everywhere playing in one section and KZN CB had 3 teams playing. KZN CB A won 2 of their three games with KZN CB B and KZN CB A winning all three of their games.



We were privileged to have Mrs Jill Atkinson visiting the group and helped them immensely by watching them playing and then giving feedback in between sessions. The players really took it to heart and tried correcting the mistakes pointed out. We really want to thank her for her input and help.

Our sincerest thanks also to Bergville bowling club for hosting us and for everything they have done, and to the parents for their support. I also want to take the opportunity to thank the coaches from Natal Inland, Elna Fraser and Frank Taggart, for their help and support. It seems that this is going to be an annual "date".



## National Standing Committee of Coaches

Below is the new NSCC selected committee – please feel free to contact them with any queries and / or issues regarding coaching in your districts. We are waiting for your calls!

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## Thoughts for the Day

### Thirds

by Moira Humphrey

Have you heard of that wondrous bird,  
Who fills in the position of the Third ?  
The third can play every shot and trick;  
The drive, the draw and devious wick.  
And as she converses with her skip,  
You'd really think they'd been joined at the hip!  
But with clear communication, she causes  
consternation;  
As her opponents watch with fear and trepidation,  
Their carefully built head reduced to rubble  
By her skip following orders to get out of trouble.  
She measures carefully with beady eye,  
Making sure no shots will go awry!  
She mediates between front and back  
Keeping harmony right on track.  
She encourages, motivates and gently bears  
All the angst and tension and wipes away tears.  
But if the front rank don't take grass  
She'll very likely kick their ass!

### Beginner's Academy 2013

You've been to the clinic; you've learned how to  
draw

Altho' the artists within you are left at the door.

For now your horizons will expand  
With all the trick shots and sleight of hand.

You'll become model bowlers in every way!  
Knowing all the etiquette and laws to obey!

And when all this foundation is finally laid  
You'll come back for more with each game that  
you've played

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Just ever so near to the target I'd be  
And the mouse would stop short and chortle with glee  
The cells would part company and sideways they'd grow  
And never ever together again they would go  
Just noticed now there's a recycle bin  
If you're looking for me, that's where I've gone in.



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Please send district news to Heather Boucher ([hebouch@gmail.com](mailto:hebouch@gmail.com)) for inclusion in the next  
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# Bowls SA Roundup

## Dual membership 'call'

Bowls SA has sent a guide to districts advising them members of more than one club within a district must annually, at the beginning of each district financial year nominate their 'first call club'. Members of more than one club who wish to change their 'first call club' during a financial year should in writing, via the new club, re-nominate their 'first call club' to be entitled to compete in the balance of the years district competitions. A waiting period of 30 days from the notification of change applies before a member is entitled to compete in any district event in which they have already participated. Bowlers wishing to represent a second call club at the national championships may do so provided that they provide the tournament committee with written permission from their first call club. Districts should act according the provisions of their constitutions.

## What is a novice?

The Bowls SA executive has advised districts a bona fide member of a club affiliated to Bowls South Africa, having been registered as a member with any national bowling association for not more than three (3) years at the date of the commencement of the specific event, is considered a novice. Any bowler having won a national, provincial, district or club Singles Championship shall not be eligible to be viewed as a novice. Districts should act according the provisions of their constitutions.

## U-19s: bonus for districts

Bowls South Africa has announced districts will again be assisted with costs when entering teams for the Under-19 Development Tournament. Each district confirming an entry receives R5 000 (once) and. Each district shall receive an additional R1 000 for every team entered where at least 50% of the team incorporates players from previously disadvantaged communities. Closing date is February 3; forms available from district secretaries and the BowlsSA website at [www.bowlssa.co.za](http://www.bowlssa.co.za) Districts are required to submit entries directly to tournament secretaries: Warwick: Bowls SA Under-25 Interdistrict Championship – [Kingfisherbowls@telkomsa.net](mailto:Kingfisherbowls@telkomsa.net) or [Bowls SA Under-19 Development Tournament – niba@telkomsa.net](mailto:Bowls SA Under-19 Development Tournament – niba@telkomsa.net) NB: District secretaries are requested to notify clubs.

## Denise for Debra

Debra Nobin (Natal Inland) has withdrawn from the Gold Squad for personal reasons and is replaced by Denise Musson (N Cape) who will attend the Gold Squad camp at Edenvale, January 31-February 24.

## National singles entry routes

Opportunities to enter the national singles are reviewed; the following applies from next year:

- The entry remains restricted to 128 for Open Singles; 64 entries for the Seniors;
- players in National Singles still qualify through district events according to allocations;
- provision on the entry form exists for players to participate in fours and pairs to apply for any vacancies in the singles ;
- the tournament committee will conduct a draw from applications to fill the main draw and,
- final draw will be published on the nationals' website at least three weeks before the event; districts will be required to confirm qualifiers by March 31 (tournament committee). If their district singles are incomplete, the previous year's results may be used.

NB: Entry forms for the Warwick Wealth/BowlsSA National Championships 2014 (men and women) are available at [www.bowlssa.co.za](http://www.bowlssa.co.za) and may be accessed through the "Tournament" icon on the home page. Club secretaries should bring this to the attention of members wanting to enter the singles at either event.

## Closing dates

Bowls SA has announced closing date for entries into the following events as Monday, February 3, 2014; districts are requested to ensure entries reach tournament committees on or before the closing date. Perfect Delivery/ Bowls SA Open Interdistrict Championship – [sfsbowls@gmail.com](mailto:sfsbowls@gmail.com) Attention: Louis Pienaar; Bowls SA B Interdistrict Championship – [borderbowls@mweb.co.za](mailto:borderbowls@mweb.co.za) Attention: Dries van der Walt; Perfect Delivery/BowlsSA Senior Interdistrict Championship – [secbgn@gmail.com](mailto:secbgn@gmail.com) Attention: David Hamer.

## Must book for greenkeepers...

A book written by Dr Charles Louw, as an effective guide for turf management, is available at R300 a copy from the Bowls SA office; orders may be placed through district offices. Dr Louw's turf management skills have been prominent since 1949; they encompass the SA Greens Board, Convenor of Bowls SA Greens Standing Committee, and Honorary Member of the Australian Turf Research Institute and as an Honorary Life Member of Bowls South Africa. The work is informative and comprehensive and its contents of invaluable assistance.

## ...and for coaches

Now available is Lawn Bowls Coaching, a comprehensive coaching manual produced by the National Standing Committee: Coaches (NSCC). It is the result of a four-year project and written to meet the needs of coaches at every level. This practical book informs readers about the most fundamental coaching



**BURKS AGAIN:** Former SA star Neil Burkett of WPCC, left, in his Australian club colours, wins another major trophy Down Under

technique, including mental and physical training methods designed to help players perform to their highest standard.

The manual includes sections on:

- Principles of coaching;
- teaching, learning and communication strategies;
- biomechanics of bowls;
- fault correction;
- building mental toughness;
- lifestyle issues and,
- squad coaching

Supported with more than 80 illustrations and dozens of tables, this publication, printed in loose-leaf format to assist easy updating of material and offering easy access to all of the key principles relating to the delivery of the jack and bowl, is available from the office at R300; order through district secretaries (see this newsletter for list).

#### National fixtures decided

In the events calendar for 2014 note the change of venue for the SA Mixed Pairs - now in Bethlehem.

**Warwick: Bowls SA Masters:** Wanderers Bowling Club, Johannesburg;

**Warwick: Bowls SA Men's National Championship:** Western Province Cricket Club (HQ), Durbanville Bowling Club (sub HQ);

**Warwick: Bowls SA Women's National Championship:** Wan-

derers Bowling Club (HQ), Morningside Bowling Club (sub HQ);

**Warwick: Bowls SA Under-25 Interdistricts Championship:**

Margate Bowling Club (HQ), Uvongo Bowling Club (sub HQ);

Bowls SA Under-19 Development Tournament: Maritzburg Col-

legians Bowling Club (HQ), Lynwood Bowling Club (sub HQ),

**Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Interdistricts Championship:** Orangia Bowling Club (HQ), Bloemfontein Municipal Bowling Club, Bloemfontein Bowling Club, Oude Studente Bowling Club,

**Bowls SA B Interdistricts Championship:** Gonubie Bowling Club (HQ), East London Bowling Club, Old Selbornian Bowling Club, Comrades Bowling Club;

**Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Senior Interdistricts Championship:** Wingate Park Bowling Club (HQ), Lynwood Bowling Club, PHSOB Bowling Club, Pretoria Municipals Bowling Club;

**Bowls SA Mixed Pairs Championship:** Bethlehem BC (N Free State).

#### Affiliation fees for 2014 from:

January R175; February R160,40; March R145,85; April R131,25; May R116,65; June R102,05; July R87,50; August R72,90; September R58,30; October R43,75; November R29,25; December R14,60.

#### Bowls SA office closed dates

The Bowls SA office will be closed for the year-end break between December 17 and January 6.

Bowls South Africa Price List-As at August 2013				
1	Markers Guide for Beginners Merker's Gids vir Beginners	R 15.00	R 12.00	If more than 10
2	An Introduction to Bowls Inleiding tot Rolbal	R 15.00	R 12.00	
3	Laws of the Sport of Bowls		R 20.00	
5	The Etiquette of Bowls Rolbal Etiket	R 20.00	R 15.00	
6	Better Greens Breed Better Bowlers Greens Improvement Programme		R 18.00	
7	Technical Official & Markers Log Books		R 12.00	Districts only
8	Coaches Log Book		R 12.00	Districts only
9	Technical Official Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R 45.00	Districts only
10	Markers Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R 45.00	Districts only
11	Coaches Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R 45.00	Districts only
12	Technical Official Level 3 & 4 Badges, Certificates and Log Books		Free	Districts only
13	Coaches Senior & Elite Badges, Certificates and Log Books		Free	Districts only
14	Technical Officials/ Coaches / Markers Registers		R 8.00	Districts only
15	Development Guidelines		R 24.00	Districts only
16	Green Keeping Level 1		R 50.00	Districts only
17	Play Bowls		R 60.00	
18	Walk the Line DVD		R 50.00	
19	SA Masters DVD		R 50.00	
20	Coaches Reference Manual - Hard Copy		R 300.00	
21	Coaches Reference Manual - CD		R 25.00	
<b>Kindly order items through your District Office</b>				

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