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## BOWLS SOCIAL AWARENESS

*Bowls South Africa together with the NSC Membership and Marketing requested Clubs and Districts to reach out and share the benefit of the Sport of Bowls with others, thereby growing the membership and encouraging Social Awareness.*



## RUSTENBURG IMPALA REACHES OUT



Rustenburg Impala Bowling Club hosted a morning of bowls for disabled residents from SpesBona, Rustenburg on 8 November 2018. One of the members, Francois Pienaar, was handed the project to run, doing a brilliant job, even arranging for sponsorship of the transport for the 42 participants.

As bowls can be enjoyed by all these participants could experience playing bowls as well as the lovely eats at tea time shared with the club members.

November celebrated Bowls

South Africa's awareness month for people with disabilities. SpesBona in Rustenburg is a home for persons with all forms of disabilities.

The director of Rustenburg SpesBona Home for the disabled Ms Flippie Fourie, was approached and together with Mr Francois Pienaar, the club treasurer, the visit was arranged to the club. Forty two residents showed an interest in playing bowls.

Club members immediately started planning. Every member that was able to attend the morning session

agreed to bring a plate of eats for tea.

The Rustenburg Kloof Rotary Club arranged with Vaal Maseru Bus Services to sponsor transport for the residents of SpesBona. The club were extremely grateful to Vaal Maseru bus company for their sponsorship.

The residents were so excited about this outing that several of them were up at the crack of dawn and refused breakfast, as they were afraid of missing the bus.

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Needless to say, Flippie ensured that they did have their breakfast before the bus left for the bowls outing.

The club members soon realised that a normal game of bowls was out of the question, but being innovative they improvised and created a new game to suit the needs of the players on the green.

Several club members unashamedly admitted that they had to excuse themselves to go to the restrooms to shed a tear or two.

After 90 minutes of bowling fun the guests and the bowlers had tea, all exhausted, but with club members enriched and humbled by the experience.

After tea everyone went back on the green and played for a while longer

and then had to call it a day. The visitors all received an ice-cream before boarding their bus.

We had forty two very happy visitors and the club members realising that they assisted in making a difference.

Rustenburg Impala Bowling Club said “we are proud to be able to serve the community”.



## CONVENER'S

CORNER



The Convener of the NSC M&M, **David Hamer.**

The start of another year has come and gone. The launching of the NSC M&M Cancer Awareness Month started off slowly with only a few Clubs originally indicating that they would host such an event. However, we eventually had over 50 Clubs indicating that they would present/attend such an event. I would like to thank all the Clubs that participated in this initiative

from the bottom of my heart. I have as of time of writing yet not received feedback as far as the amount donated to CANSA but can safely say that it is close (if not more than) R 100 000-00. We will be announcing the final figures and the winning District in due course.

The next BIG initiative is the Bowls Awareness Month which is set to be in May. I would again like to call on the Clubs to support this initiative. This initiative will mainly be aimed at getting the economically active members, i.e. persons between the age of 30 and 50, introduced to bowls (but please do not ignore the other age groups in your arrangements). Take this opportunity to invite other sport codes or specific

groups of your community and share with them the sport of bowls and your club facilities.

The NSC M&M already engaged what we term M&M Roadshows. The first Roadshow took us to NWB (Potchefstroom), NCB (Kimberley), NFSBA (Kroonstad) and SFSBA (Bloemfontein). We hope that the Clubs will continue using this opportunity of entering into discussions with the relevant NSC M&M member and also give feedback on any other initiatives they would like us to look at.

Good Bowling...

*David Hamer*



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## PINK TAKES TO THE GREEN! CANCER AWARENESS MONTH CELEBRATED

Date	Club	District	Town
26-Jan	Prieska BC	Northern Cape	Prieska
02-Feb	Ncunda BC	Kwa-Zulu Natal Country Bowls	New Castle
02-Feb	Henneman	Northern Free State	Henneman
02-Feb	Hilton BC	Southern Free State	Bloemfontein
03-Feb	Discovery BC	Sables	Discovery (Roodepoort)
03-Feb	Old Selbornian BC	Border	East London
03-Feb	King Williams Town BC	Border	King Williams Town
05-Feb (Durbanville)	Durbanville BC	Western Cape	Cape Town
05 & 06-Feb	Lynnwood BC	Bowls GN	Pretoria
06-Feb	George BC	Eden	George
07-Feb	Linden BC	Johannesburg BA	Johannesburg
07-Feb	Groblersdal BC	Limpopo	Groblersdal
08-Feb	Rustenburg Impala Platinum BC	Sables	Rustenburg
09-Feb	Ermelo BC	Mpumalanga	Ermelo
09-Feb	Schweizer Reneke	Northern Cape	Schweizer Reneke
09-Feb	Avion Park	Ekhuruleni	Kempton Park
09-Feb	Sedgefield BC	Eden	Sedgefield
10-Feb	Plettenberg Bay BC	Eden	Plettenberg Bay
10-Feb	Mowbray BC	Western Cape	Cape Town
10-Feb	Constantia BC	Western Cape	Cape Town
12-Feb	Springs Town BC	Ekhuruleni	Springs
13-Feb	Vista BC Eden	Klein Brak River	Mosselbaai
13-Feb	Groenkloof BC	Bowls GN	Pretoria
14-Feb	Pta Municipals BC	Bowls GN	Pretoria
14-Feb	Warrenton BC	Northern Cape	Warrenton
15-Feb	Pta Military BC	Bowls GN	Pretoria
16-Feb	Oudtshoorn BC	Eden	Oudtshoorn
17-Feb	Century Place (Short Mat BC)		New Castle
17-Feb	Belgravia BC	Johannesburg BA	Johannesburg
22-Feb	De Aar Country Club	Northern Cape	De Aar
23-Feb	Lowveld Country Club	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit
23-Feb	Vryburg BC	Northern Cape	Vryburg
23-Feb	Edith Smith BC	Northern Cape	Christiana
23 & 24-Feb	Lekkerbreek BC	Limpopo	
24-Feb	Northmead BC	Ekhuruleni	Benoni
26-Feb	Bryanston BC	Johannesburg BA	Johannesburg
27-Feb	Colesberg Correctional Services BC	Northern Cape	Colesberg
01-Mar	Stell Park BC	Port Natal Bowls	Durban
21-Mar	Edgemead BC	Western Province	Cape Town



### Raising Cancer Awareness—BSA

As indicated in Bowls SA Circular No 64/2018 the month of February was “declared” Cancer Month.

The reason for choosing February was to create awareness about Cancer, and to show that people with Cancer and/ or Cancer survivors can play the sport of bowls.

The 4th of February 2019 was also World Cancer Day.

CANSA (CANSA Active) indicated that they would be involved in this initiative.

The National Standing Committee Membership & Marketing collated a list of clubs showing interest with some great ideas!

The NSC M&M thanked clubs and members for sharing and caring.

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## Hilton Bowling Club, Bloemfontein

 Hilton BC showed their support for CANSA on 2 February 2019. All participants could make use of the free sunscreen, and a box of sun resistant cowls and sleeves were on sale. The clubhouse was decorated with pink balloons and pink ribbon and all the players were requested to wear pink shirts.

The CANSA day was advertised via email and on Facebook. The club charged R50 for the day, R30 of which went to CANSA and R20 towards expenses. Not counting the kids, 65 people attended the event and the club managed to donate over R3000 for Cancer Awareness.

The day was enthusiastically supported by bowlers from not only Hilton but also other clubs in Bloemfontein as well as

non-bowlers. The non-bowlers were distributed between the various teams and one game of 18 ends was played. The fun from the green was carried through to the evening with the bring-and-braai, a corner to corner competition, karaoke and dancing. Of course the winning team received certificates and medals!



## Christiana Bowls Club, Northern Cape

 Christiana BC changed their sponsors day to support CANSA on 23 February. Teams from both Northern Cape, North Free State and North West Bowls took part in the event.

Cansa Representative, Moira Fourie joined bowlers on the day to enjoy “plattelandse” hospitality and gave a short presentation about skin cancer and what we as bowlers should do to reduce our risks.

The club has 8 members who have all been directly affected by cancer with a member being diagnosed 2 days before the event.



The winning team from Bloemhof BC was from left to right Ossie Jonker, , Chriiaan van Wyngaardt, Annatjie McLoed Rico McLoed and Moira Fourie(CANSA)

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CANCER AWARENESS MONTH CELEBRATED**

## Eastern Areas (a sub-district of Eastern Province Bowls)

 Hosted by Kenton Bowling Club, the Eastern Areas (a sub-district of EP Bowls) held a “Cancer Awareness bowls day” on Wednesday 06 February 2019. The event involved 22 mixed gender teams made up of different club members from Kenton, Kowie and Port Alfred bowls clubs. As everyone was encouraged to wear pink it was great to see most of

the bowlers making an effort to comply. The green fees and all monies dropped into a donations bag were added up. After the game a leg of lamb, bottle of whiskey and a bottle of wine were auctioned off. The awareness day brought in an amount of close to R4 500 for CANSA.

*Brian Aldag, EA secretary*



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## Rustenburg Impala Bowling Club - SABLES

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 A bandana fundraising event was held on 15 February 2019 at the Rustenburg Impala Bowling Club. As it was an evening event, the 8 rinks of fours played bowls under floodlights with each team consisting of two bowlers and two first time bowlers. R30.00 entry was charged for each person who played bowls and a couple of people who did not want to play made donations!

Music kept people in good spirits, with bobbing and swaying on the greens during and after the game. Luminaria were placed down the

sides of the greens in support of those currently fighting cancer and in memory of those who lost the fight and left us too soon. Fires, pap and gravy were provided by the club afterwards. CANSA Rustenburg was invited to take part and shared information about cancer, self-testing and the prevention of cancer.

Their products that were on sale included bandanas, bracelets, t-shirts, etcetera. Of course, to everyone's delight, they also brought along their shavathon equipment and hair colour sprays. It turned out to be a colourful

evening and the CANSA stall raised an amount of R2630.00.

The Rustenburg Impala BC said they were "proud to be part of this initiative and will continue to support the cause in other activities". The club expressed the hope that they will gain new members from this event.

*Susan Nel*




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## Groblersdal Bowling Club, Mpumalanga

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Groblersdal business league participated in the BSA CANSA drive this year with 20 Teams taking to the greens! It was a fun filled evening for the whole family! Teams with names such as Drag Line, Bowling Stones and

Wonder Strikers made up the field of 80 players. Team Regular were the winners with runners up McGee Ford. Groblersdal BC gave R2400 to CANSA and a further R2400 to the Groblersdal Cancer Association with thanks to both

BSA and CANSA. The children held a dance competition and the day was closed off with great food and further entertainment!

Sunette Claassen



Hermanus Club Captain, Elsie McGeoch, Tertia from CANSA and Hermanus Club President, Alick Bruce-Brand during tea and the players enjoying Cancer Awareness Day.

## Hermanus Bowling Club, Overberg

The Hermanus Bowling Club managed to attract a field of 104 players for the CANSA awareness afternoon on 27 February.

Tertia from CANSA addressed the players, all dressed in combinations of pink, during the tea time. In her message, Tersia highlighted cancer awareness and what one should be watching for. She further explained

how the funds collected would be allocated.

The Hermanus BC was proud and privileged to have collected funds for this campaign. With additional donations the club managed to raise a total sum of R3430. The players and visitors and those making donations were thanked for their support.

Alick Bruce-Brand



## Sedgefield Bowling Club, Edenburg

Sedgefield BC held their cancer awareness event on Saturday 9 February. Like most clubs, participants were asked to wear pink. The players played 18 ends of bowls, followed by a bring and braai.

Minette from CANSA made a speech about Cancer awareness. At the prize giving Allanah Greenwood presented the medals to the winning teams.



From left to right: Allanah Greenwood, Philip Hendrickse, Ronel Eloff, Chris Ouwerkerk and Minette.



From left to right: Allanah Greenwood, Micheline Lindsay, Denis Measday, Merle de Kock and Minette.

Care was taken to include the name(s) of those sending contributions regarding the cancer awareness news, however in some cases it was difficult! Thank you one and all for the fun in bowls, fundraising and sending us your news/photo's.

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## Mpumalanga Lowveld Bowls Association's

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The Mpumalanga Lowveld Bowls Association decided to have a combined Cancer Awareness for

their 10 clubs. The day was hosted by the Bowls Club of the Lowveld Country Club with a full field of 96 players taking part. This event made it possible for Mpumalanga Lowveld Bowls Association to incorporate their annual Awards and Presidents fundraiser which of course assisted in drawing the players. The bowlers only played two rounds of 10 ends as it was a mild 35 degrees out on the greens!

awareness of cancer and did a splendid job in selling items and interacting with the players. We had quite a number of guests on the day as well as current survivor players who joined in the festivities.

Pauline brought along a survivor guest speaker, and further funds were raised for the local CANSA Association by auctioning off one of the 'Cancer's Teddies' for R500. A further R500.00 was received from a "spider" by Sabie BC.

*Jerry Gertzen, MLBA Vice President and Men's Competition Secretary and contact person Dave Jones.*



MLBA raised R10,000.00 on the day and the Lowveld Country Club also made a further donation of R500.00. Pauline was the liaison person on behalf of the

## Worcester Bowling Club, Winelands



Worcester BC decided to have a fun evening on the 7th of February 2019 to raise funds for the CANSA RELAY FOR LIFE project. Two greens were filled with bowlers representing players from the business league, club members and disabled members.

Elsa Everson, convenor of CANSA RELAY FOR LIFE, informed those attending that this is one of the biggest fundraising projects for CANSA, where South Africa is one of 23 countries involved with the "Relay For Life" events.

The concept was initiated in 1985 in America and CANSA brought it to South Africa 10

years ago. CANSA, started in 1931, has been active in our country for over 87 years. CANSA does not receive any funding from the State and is reliant on fundraising events.

Elsa explained that the money received at CANSA Worcester is put to use for the local community to assist both the patients and their loved ones during the different stages of cancer.

The members of the club were thankful that they could host this evening for CANSA as well as for the disabled members who joined them for the event.

*Charmaine Mostert*

## Warrenton Bowls Club, Northern Cape



Warrenton BC hosted a Cancer Awareness day event on 14 February with the theme "Wear the colour close to your heart". The fun event showing a bit of love on Valentine's Day was enjoyed by the club members as well as over 28 members from the community representing local businesses and community forums like Warrenton Tourism Association. The club raised around R1000 for CANSA with further donations still being received.

*Chris Swanepoel, Club President seen here with keen players Koos Eksteen, Lino Willemsse, Edwin Netsile, Dawid Lottering and Erwin Eksteen.*



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