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HERMANUS ROLBALKLUB 75 JAAR JONK!



Hulle het die feesviering bygewoon

Op Donderdag, 10 November 2011 het huidige spelers, erelede, sakeliga verteenwoordigers en eregaste in die klubhuis van Hermanus Rolbalklub bymekaargekom om die 75ste verjaardag van die klub feestelik te vier!

In 1924 het die eienaar van die destydse Riviera Hotel, Johnny Luyt, 'n volle grootte rolbalperk neergelê met die doel om besoekers na sy hotel te lok en vier jaar later het hy die Riviera Rolbalklub tot stand gebring om ook die plaaslike spelers te betrek.

Nadat Hermanus Munisipaliteit 'n terrein beskikbaar gestel het, was die perk wat aangelê is teen Julie 1936 speelbaar en nie lank daarna nie kon die klubhuis betrek word. Hierdie oorspronklike klubhuis is later vergroot en twee verdere perke is aangelê.

Tans beloop die spelende ledetal van die klub 205 met nog lede wat wag vir toelating.

Met die uitkontraktering van die kroeg en kombuis het die klub ook 'n groot aantal sosiale (nie-spelende) lede bygekry en is die klubhuis deesdae 'n miernes van bedrywighede. Dit het noodwendig daartoe gelei dat mense bewus word van rolbal as 'n sport en dit is ongetwyfeld een van die redes waarom die ledetal steeds groei.

'n Rolbalwinkel waar klere, skoene, balle, hoede, ens. aangekoop kan word, is ook op die perseel geleë, wat dit net soveel geriefliker maak vir spelers en besoekers.

Die Sakeliga van die klub wat jaarliks in Februarie gespeel word, is so populêr

dat daaraan gedink word om dit twee maal per jaar aan te bied om sodoende daardie spanne wat op die waglys is te akkommodeer. 'n Totaal van 42 spanne neem jaarliks deel en die span van Marifeed was in die verlede reeds die Boland Sakeliga wenner, asook die naaswenner.

Die President van Boland Rolbal, Basie Louw, het dit waarskynlik goed saamgevat toe hy by die feesviering gesê het dat die klub sy 75ste verjaardag kon vier omdat dit nog altyd bestuur is deur mense wat lief is vir die sport en wat steeds toegewyd meewerk tot voordeel van die sport en die klub. 🌟

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DIE PRESIDENT SE BOODSKAP / THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Die jaar 2012 is reeds volstroom aan die gang en ek wil u almal 'n baie voorspoedige 2012 toewens. Mag u vanjaar goeie gesondheid geniet en mag u rolbal u hope vreugde en vrede verskaf. Ek vertrou dat u almal die vakansie saam met vriende en familie geniet het en ook geleentheid gemaak het om 'n bietjie te rus.

While some of us were still on holiday, the tournament between Boland, WP and Southern Cape was played at Worcester. Because Boland's Snr. Men, B-Men and C-Ladies won their sections, Boland won both the Ladies' and Men's sections. We are very proud of our winning teams and wish them all of the best for their future tournaments. Those teams that did not make it will have to work harder and we believe that they can do better.

Thank you to Stoffel, Chris, Sias and all their helpers, as well as the members from Worcester and Brandvlei, who helped to make the tournament the success it was. A special word of thanks to the greenkeepers. The greens were excellent and everything went well. The George tournament was played the end of January 2012 and you will find the results somewhere in this issue of Raakskoot/Toucher.

Die Boland web-blad is goed aan die gang en word meer en meer deur lede besoek om die nodige inligting te bekom. Dankie aan Leon, Stoffel en Una vir die byhou van die inligting asook almal wat die inligting aan hulle deurgee. Alle inligting ten opsigte van trekkings, uitslae en nog vele meer, is op die web-blad te kry en ek wil 'n beroep op lede doen om van hierdie fasiliteit gebruik te maak.

Ek wil ook my dank uitspreek 5 600 members of which 800 have teenoor Riaan Pienaar en Al Cannone wat hierdie bulletin saamstel en versorg. Hulle doen elke kwartaal 'n wonderlike werk en dit word van oraloor as PUIK bestempel.

I was informed by the President of BSA that they have a problem with members' ID's and email addresses on the database. A notice went out to members on the database and the following was said by the President: "Of the 30 000 members we have on the database we only have addresses for 5 600 members of which 800 have been returned as incorrect or undeliverable." BSA also experiences difficulties when potential sponsors need information regarding membership. I hereby appeal to club secretaries to see that all the relevant information is on the database AND THAT IT IS CORRECT.

Verdere probleme wat dringend binne Rolbal aangespreek sal moet word, is TRANSFORMASIE en die KWOTASTELSEL. Indien ons sport nie ook transformeer nie, sal fondse vanaf die Lotto nie meer beskikbaar wees nie, of minstens



Boland President Basie Louw

nie meer so geredelik nie. Dit is dus nodig dat ons op klubvlak begin om spelers en administrateurs van kleur te affilieer. Ons wil nie spanne op grond van kleur/ras saamstel nie en sal dus die mense moet vind en hulle die nodige afrigting gee sodat hulle op meriete in die spanne opgeneem kan word. Ek rig dan hierdie versoek dat klubs alles in hul vermoë sal doen om spelers van kleur te affilieer en af te rig sodat hulle beskikbaar en

bevoeg sal wees om in ons verteenwoordigende spanne opgeneem te kan word.

Laastens wil ek al ons Boland spanne voorspoed toewens vir die Interdistrikte in Maart. Ek hoop dat julle veilig sal reis en vertrou dat elkeen sy/haar beste sal lewer. Kom veilig tuis en ons sien uit daarna om die kleur van die medaljes te bewonder.

LAAT ROLBAL IN ELKE WEDSTRYD DIE WENNER WEES!



Hierdie jongmense gaan Boland Rolbal verteenwoordig

Die volgende spelers is gekies om vanaf 31 Maart tot 4 April 2012 Boland Rolbal by die Onder-25 en Onder-19 toernooi in Bloemfontein te verteenwoordig:

ONDER-25

Mans:

Stephan de Jager, Bredasdorp
Darius van Loggerenberg, Swellendam
Roelof Campher, Swellendam
Wesley Taylor, Swellendam.
Bestuurder: Schalk Mouton

Dames:

Anneke Snyman, Bredasdorp
Ezile Fourie, Bredasdorp
Nicolette Hattingh, Swellendam
Monique Payne, Bredasdorp
Bestuurder: Henry Fourie (Jnr)

ONDER-19

A-Span Mans

Stefan van Wyk, Caledon
Tristan Perrins, L'Agulhas
Junior Kitching, Weskus
Militêr
David Rouch, Bonnievale
Bestuurder: Leon Meyer

B-Span Mans

Febre van der Merwe, Bonnievale
JD Wentzel, Bonnievale
Henko Wentzel, Bonnievale
Boetie van Dalen, Bredasdorp
Bestuurder: Theuns Coetzee.



Boland competition results

We bring you the results of the Boland competitions that have been finalised to date:

Open Ladies' Singles:

Winner: Santjie Steyn, Bredasdorp
 Runner-up: Anneke Snyman, Bredasdorp
 Semi-finalists: Ilze Rabie, Hexvallei
 Leslie Beviss-Challinor,
 Robertson.

Open Men's Singles:

Winner: Leon Beer, Lagoon
 Runner-up: Stoffel Lambrechts, Ceres
 Semi-finalists: Johannes Corbett, Paarl
 Mark Beviss-Challinor,
 Robertson.

Ladies' Novice Singles:

Winner: Sandra Steyn, Swellendam
 Runner-up: Lana Bancroft, Worcester.

Men's Novice Singles:

Winner: Eben Snyman, Lagoon
 Runner-up: Ewie Hugo, Clanwilliam.

Open Ladies' Pairs:

Winners: J Vorster & M Fourie, Napier
 Runners-up: A Pienaar & I Pienaar, Yzerfontein.

Open Men's Pairs:

Winners: M Beviss-Challinor & C van der
 Merwe, Robertson
 Runners-up: D Lotz & P Burns, Lagoon.

Ladies' Trips:

Winners: L McNamara, P Beer & D Boucher,
 Yzerfontein
 Runners-up: G Bradley, T Elkington & N
 Neethling, Worcester.

Men's Trips

Winners: G du Toit, B van Schoor & P Quinn,
 Caledon
 Runners-up: K Kriel, A Malherbe & K Loots,
 Paarl.

Senior Ladies' Fours:

Winners: T Bryce, E Linde, J Lategan & S
 Stander, Hermanus
 Runners-up: D Smithies, P Stofberg, L Viljoen
 & G van der Merwe, Worcester.

Senior Men's Fours:

Winners: L Bradley, P Lamb, J Fouchè & H
 Stofberg
 Runners-up: P du Preez, C Mouton, I Rice & N
 Stander, Clanwilliam. 🍷



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Open Ladies' runner-up, Anneke Snyman and winner, Santjie Steyn



Open Men's winner, Leon Beer and runner-up, Stoffel Lambrechts



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THE AYALA TOURNAMENT 2012, sponsored by Personal Trust

Ena Linde

Exceptionally high temperatures marked the first day of the 85th Ayala Tournament that was played on 19 and 20 January 2012 at Hermanus Bowling Club. As always, 36 teams competed in a spirit of true sportsmanship, but with deadly intent, for the iconic title of: "Winner of the Ayala."

A team could score a full house of ten points per game (4 for a win and 6 for the three skins). The first session of 15 ends produced a number of high scores of 10 + 25, 10 + 19 and 10 + 16, and after the second session these had increased to 20 + 36, 20 + 32 and 18 + 17. It was clear that the heat was taking its toll when after lunch the bowlers had to be encouraged to take to the greens for the last session of 15 ends. The day ended with the top team of Ken Morton (Hout Bay) having a score of 28 + 39 to their



Mark Gibbs of Personal Trust (left) with the winning team: Stephan de Jager, M P Olivier, Wilhelm Uys and Henry Fourie

credit, with the team of Keith Kruth (Hermanus) close behind with 28 + 35. The next two teams had scores of 25+ 9 and 24+30.

The second day of the tournament dawned with an overcast sky and what could at best be described as a "wet mist". The majority of the bowlers did not bother to put on rain gear, but delighted in the resultant coolness, (continued on page 6)



SKIETGOED

Ons nuwe rubriek saamgestel deur Martin van Zyl

Die heel belangrikste gebeurtenis op ons land se rolbalalmanak vir 2012 behoort ongetwyfeld die **Bekendstellingsdag op 27 April** te wees. Hierdie datum is reeds verlede jaar wyd en syd by die uiters suksesvolle eerste bekendstellingsdag aangekondig. Bolandklubs was verlede jaar eers 'n bietjie traag met gepaste beplanning maar op die ou einde is heelwat bereik en ons sport is aan talle mense in die distrik bekendgestel.

Ongelukkig het die Distrikbestuur versuim om vanjaar voorsiening vir hierdie belangrike gebeurtenis in sy Amptelike Jaarboek te maak! Hiermee is 'n gulde geleentheid verpas, maar aangesien Raakskoot so baie lesers het, sal hulle sekerlik nou die voortou neem om behulpsaam te wees om hul klubs by te staan om 'n reuse sukses van vanjaar se bekendstellingsdag te maak.

Is die gesegde dat iemand **"geMickey Arthur"** is, alom bekend? Wel, in die Boland, waar ons een van Suid-Afrika se suksesvolste en bekendste rolbalafrigters in ons midde het, is die dienste van Dries du Plessis oor die hoof gesien! Het ons distrikspanne/-kante nie die verdere afrigting en leiding van so iemand soos Dries nodig nie of is ons tevrede om maar altyd net gemiddeld te presteer?

Wat betref die **keuring van ons distrikspanne/-kante** is dit tog opvallend dat Boland hierdie seisoen waarskynlik die heel laaste van al twintig distrikte is om sy spanne/-kante te finaliseer. Kry ons spelers genoegsame kans om in spanverband voor die Inter-distrikte saam te oefen en kompetierend te speel?

Is al die **Bestuurders** van vanjaar se Boland-kante aangestel en is hulle voldoende geleentheid gegee om hul spelers te leer ken en die belangrike verpligtinge wat op hulle rus betyds na te kom?

Worcester, een van die oudste en grootste rolbalklubs

in die Boland, het die afgelope tydjie met 'n mooi **nuusbrief** te voorskyn gekom en by die ander klubs aangesluit wat dit 'n ernstige saak maak om gereeld

hul lede op hoogte te hou van hul klubs se doen en late. Baie geluk, Worcester, a s o o k Franskraal wat tans sekerlik die m e e s professionele n u u s b r i e f publiseer. Dit sal

nogal baie interessant en insiggewend wees om te verneem presies hoeveel van ons 44 klubs tans gereelde nuusbriewe uitgee.

Boland het ongetwyfeld landwyd die voortou geneem

met die daarstelling en bedryf van **Sakeligas**. In 2012 is die uitdaging weereens groot en van belang om ons positiewe groei oor die jare heen verder te rugsteun. Indien daar dalk nog 'n klub is wat graag wil weet hoe om dit aan te pak, kan hulle gerus aan Raakskoot/Toucher skryf om in aanraking te kom met diegene wat tans Sakeligas suksesvol bedryf.

In gholf word daar gereeld 'n ranglys gehou van diegene wat die meeste **prysgeld** oor 'n spesifieke periode gewen het. Hoe lyk dit, Mark Beviss-Challinor, aangesien jy die jongste tyd darem nie te sleg gevaar het nie, sal jy nie dalk bereid wees om sodanige lys vir ons hier in die Boland op te stel nie? 🌟

...of is ons tevrede om maar altyd net gemiddeld te presteer?

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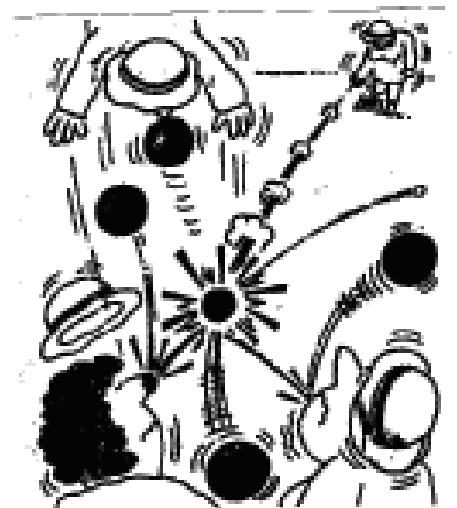
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VATGRAS

Pieter Linde

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even though the humidity was still very high.

After the first game of day two, the top four teams were Keith Kruth (36 + 43); Stoffel Lambrechts (32 + 34); Stephan de Jager (30 + 38); and Ken Morton (30 + 31). These teams kept the first four positions after the second game, except that now they had changed places. Kruth was still in the lead (44 + 36); followed by De Jager (36 + 42); then Morton (36 + 31) and Lambrechts (34 + 31).

At the start of the last game on A Green, as always, the spectators had increased in numbers and were very enthusiastic in supporting "their" teams. Keith Kruth and his team played against the team of Stephan de Jager, while Ken Morton and Stoffel Lambrechts engaged in battle. Up to the start of this last game Keith Kruth, Dave Buckley, Bruwer Scannell and Jan de Wet had not lost a game, but it soon became evident that they were in for a torrid time when Stephan de Jager; Wilhelm Uys, Henry Fourie and MP Olivier started piling on the pressure. In the end Keith Kruth and his team (44 + 32) were well and truly beaten and pushed into second place by Stephan de Jager and his team, who scored a full house of 10 points and ended the day on 46 + 56. Stoffel Lambrechts

and his team scored 8 points against Ken Morton and ended the day in third place on 42 + 40.

Because the participants in the 2011 Ayala had requested that the Committee should give some kind of recognition to the teams at the "bottom" of the score board, it was decided that there would be a winner on B as well as on C Green, based solely on the last game of the tournament. At the end of the day, the team of Alan Meadows, Ron Phipps, Graeme Kemp, and Dave Aherne won on B Green and on C Green, will you believe it, the winners of the 2011 Ayala, Roley Maggott, Gert Bruwer, Gert Burger and Walter Oosthuizen triumphed.

It was agreed by all that once again Bowls was the winner and the 2012 Ayala was a resounding success and worth all the effort and, some would say, suffering at times.

Blackie de Swardt, the President of Hermanus Bowling Club made the point that Bowls as a sport would be the poorer without the generous and continued support of the sponsor, Mark Gibbs of Personal Trust. As usual Mark Gibbs played with Alan Bailey, and we all owe Personal Trust and Mark Gibbs a big thank you for their valued sponsorship. 🌸



These participants in the Ayala showed us how colourful the game of bowls can be.

1. ROLBAL ETIKET

Rolbal, soos ander sportsoorte, word nie slegs deur 'n stel voorgeskrewe reëls beheer nie. Daar is ook etiketreëls wat deur rolbalspelers nagekom behoort te word.



Hierdie etiketriglyne word omskryf in Rolbal Suid Afrika se boek "Rolbal Etiket" (rooi omslag) en elke speler behoort so 'n boek (ook in Engels beskikbaar) te bekom en te bestudeer.

Sekere klubs se grondwette bepaal dat spelers en toeskouers hulle moet neerlê by die standaard soos omskryf in hierdie etiketboek van Rolbal Suid Afrika.

2. LAW 28 : BOWL DISPLACEMENT

This law is probably the most difficult ruling for an umpire to interpret, and for this reason a bowl and jack displacement chart has been inserted in the rule book for quick reference (page 73).

During a recent tri-district tournament a wrong decision was made in regard to an incident of bowl displacement.

For this reason technical officials are advised to keep their law books handy in order to use the said chart, should this become necessary.



JUST TO TEST YOU!

How can a bowl that has not been delivered become a toucher?

Refer to Law 47.2 (playing another player's bowl) which states: "If a player plays another player's bowl instead of their own, the other player's bowl should be replaced with the player's own bowl." Thus, a bowl that was not delivered becomes a toucher when it takes the place of a bowl that was delivered in error and which touched the jack! (Law 47.2.1 and 47.2.2.).

Sounds easy, doesn't it? But how does one replace a bowl with another bowl in exactly the same spot, especially if the bowl to be replaced is in contention for shot, if measured against an opponent's bowl?

Simply use three or four wedges to aid the switch, and in a match call the umpire to make the switch. 🌸

Worcester Business League Winners 2011



Out of 34 entries, SAB was the winning team. Here are John Neethling, President of WBC, Johan Aggenbach of the sponsor, Sanlam, Heinrich Bosman, Ronel du Plessis, Chantell Matthee, Gary Bailey, Piet Saayman, the coach and the mascot, Ville du Plessis.

Letters / Briefe

O, land - 'n Rooikaart vir Boland!

“BOWLS, A SPORT FOR ALL AGES”. Dit is die eerste opskrif wat jou oog vang wanneer jy SA Rolbal se webtuiste oopmaak.

Nou vra ek myself af: Is dit regtig die mikpunt/oogmerk of is dit net mooi woorde om onself te paai en op die skouer te klop: knap gedaan - dis genoeg – ons het ons hiermee ons deel gedoen om die jeug by die spel te betrek?

Ek is baie nou betrokke by ons kinders se spel, gelukkig is my enetjie nog te jonk om deel te neem. Dit is ongelooflik hoe die kinders die sport geniet en met hoeveel toewyding hulle deelneem.

Wanneer kinders deel word van ons klub, neem hulle as volwaardige spelers deel aan ons byeenkomste. Die ervaring wat hulle opdoen en die ywer waarmee hulle teen die ouer garde deelneem, is iets om te aanskou. Miskien is ons net gelukkig dat die kinders op Bonnievale van 'n jong ouderdom af belangstel om rolbal te speel.

dat rooikaart spelers toestemming moet vra om te speel. Die terugvoering wat ons gekry het, was dat hulle eers “hoër” gesag moes raadpleeg omdat hulle eintlik nie deelname deur kinders goedkeur nie. 'n Spesiale vergunning is gemaak en ons jeuglede is toe toegelaat om te speel.

Mense, in watter eeu is ons rolbalsamelewing vasgevang?

Ek sien tog nêrens by enige van die bane 'n SLEGS VOLWASSENES bordjie nie? Die ergste van alles is dat hierdie onwelkome kinders oor 'n paar maande Boland moet gaan verteenwoordig in 'n Nasionale kompetisie in Bloemfontein!! 'n Mens sou dink dat die jongelinge so veel moontlik speelyd moet kry. Boonop is dit immers tog ons eie keurders van Boland Rolbal wat genoeg vertrouwe in hulle gestel het om hulle vir die Bolandspan te kies.

Ek probeer na alle kante dink, maar ek verstaan nie die dinge

toekoms?

Ek hoor nou al weer 'n paar wat grom as hulle dit lees: “Ja die laaities is rooikaart spelers en hulle betaal nie ledegld nie” Wat is so verkeerd daarmee? Die kans is 90% dat een van sy of haar ouers ook speel en dat hulle sodoende as 'n gesin 'n bydrae maak.

As die rolbalgogga die junior speler nou byt, gaan hy waarskynlik vir die volgende 65 jaar 'n bydrae kan lewer tot Rolbal SA se skatkis. Hierdie splers gaan drie maal meer aan inkomste genereer vir Rolbal SA as die lede wat nie die deelname van jeuglede goedkeur nie.

'n Mens noem dit: belê in jou toekoms.

Dit is ironies dat, van diegene wat kla omdat Juniors nie ten volle betaal nie, eerste in die ry staan om “pensioenaris afslag” te kry. Kom nou mense, kom ons gee elkeen 'n gelyke kans tot voordeel van Rolbal SA!

Die probleem kan egter nie

doen nie wat ons adverteer nie! Hoe kan een groep (60+) dit aangenaam maak vir 'n ander groep (-20)? Daar bestaan mos nie 'n manier hoe hulle regtig na mekaar se belange kan omsien nie. Ons MOET 'n punt vind waar ervaring en jeug mekaar kan ontmoet. Toe ek met die Bolandspannetjie by Bloemfontein aanland, was my eerste gewaarwording: “Ag nee!”. Voor ons staan 'n klomp omies en tannies met 40 jaar se medaljes op hul baadjies vasgesteek... om kinders te ontvang wat met kinderlike opgewondenheid uitsien na 'n toernooi waaraan hulle vir hulle genot kom speel. Hulle wil nie kyk wie het al wat in sy lewe vermag op die rolbalbaan nie. Kom nou, elke provinsie het mooi sweetpakke vir die volwassenes en net die feit dat die ouer mense meer informeel geklee is, sal die kinders al klaar meer tuis laat voel. Los die formele baadjies en medaljes vir die senior toernooie. Dit is maar 'n enkele voorbeeld en ek probeer nie vinger wys nie, maar ek dink ons pogings is nog nie op dieselfde vlak as ons denke nie.

In die era van vandag sien ek sulke gedrag teenoor ons juniors as niks minder as wreed en diskriminerend nie, deels uit onkunde maar tog ook uit eng denke.

Daarom lewer ek namens vele ouers en juniors 'n pleidooi aan al die gematigdes van Boland om ons kinders as gelykes te betrek by ons sport en dat ons nie die sport net vir onself toe-eien nie.

Kom ons los dit nie net by praat nie, maar laat Boland die voortou neem in hierdie saak.



Na aanleiding hiervan wil ek graag die volgende saak opper:

'n Tyd gelede het ons 'n klub genader ten einde 'n wedstryd teen hulle te reël. Hierdie klub volg die “oer”-oue wet wat vereis

nie. Waarheen is ons sport op pad?

Is rolbal dan hoofsaaklik net vir die 60+-generasie of wil ons regtig belê in ons jeug en sodoende die sport uitbou vir die

net voor die deur van Boland Rolbal gelê word nie - die distrikte volg maar net nasionale riglyne. Ek verwys weer na die bostaande: “BOWLS, A SPORT FOR ALL AGES”, maar ons



Letters / Briefe

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF BOLAND BOWLS 'n Voorbeeld vir ons almal

Dear Mr President

We here in the Boland are all very aware of the responsibilities of individuals and clubs to promote and develop the sport of bowls to ensure that it continues to be played in our part of the country for at least the foreseeable future.

Last year, Bowls South Africa successfully arranged a national Bowls Awareness Day (27 April) with a number of interesting prizes to motivate participation at all levels. This year, to the best of my knowledge, a similar Awareness Day is scheduled to be held throughout the country. Although details of the particular plan of action have not been publicised, surely Boland, as one of the more innovative districts, should seriously consider offering further motivation for participation by awarding prizes to its clubs that achieve the best turnout on the particular occasion. The more new players are introduced to the sport, the more Boland will ultimately benefit.

Has Boland perhaps considered awarding special prizes for

the club/s recording the most participants on the day as well as the highest number of bowls bowled during the set period (1 hour as previously stipulated by Bowls SA)? A simple formula to determine the winner/s can easily be devised taking into consideration the number of participants in relation to the number of rinks available, as well as the total number of registered members at a particular club.

Everyone would agree that we need even more innovative thinking and the application of new ideas if our sport is to survive. With the initiative taken by Bowls SA, the hard work undertaken by our club administrations in successfully gaining more players and members, our District Management should surely also show its commitment by 'coming to the party'?

We all now look forward to an early announcement in the above regard.

Yours in bowls,

Keen Boland Supporter



Dis vir my regtig aangenaam om die Redakteurs van Raakskoot/Toucher baie geluk te wens met jul mooi nuusbrieff. Alhoewel ek nie self 'n rekenaar het nie en ook nie 'die goed' verstaan nie, lees ek met groot belangstelling die interessante artikels in jul kwartaalike uitgawes.

My rolbalvriende van Robertson hou my op hoogte

van sake en ek is net spyt dat ek na lange jare van genot op die perke van Robertson en Montagu nie meer so lekker fluks kan buk en gemaklik kan speel nie.

Hou asseblief so aan met jul baanbrekerswerk in die rolbalskryfkuns.

Nella Bester
Klaas Voogds
Gebore 18 Junie 1916



Nella is nog op haar stukke en vra weekliks uit oor die rolbal, nie net op Robertson en Montagu nie, maar ook in die Boland. Sy kyk elke dag na haar DSTV en is waarskynlik meer op hoogte oor die jongste verwikkelinge op die rugbyveld en tennisbane as die meeste van ons wat aan sport verslaaf is. Red.

DION PUNT OP DIE HERSTELPAD



Martin van Zyl het laat weet dat hy en Wilhelmine onlangs weer by Dion Punt, wat nog met die nagevolge van 'n beroerte-aanval sukkel, besoek afgelê het.

"En watter aangename verrassing was daar nie vir ons nie", sê Martin. "Deon se regterbeen asook sy voet en tone beweeg nou heeltemal normaal en afgesien van die stadig-lopery met die hulp van 'n kruk, kom hy geweldig baie beter voor as wat die geval was toe ons hom laas die tweede helfte van 2011 gesien het."

Hierdie foto van hom en sy vrou, Issy, wys dat hy binnekort ook sy tweede duim omhoog sal hou.

Die redaksie en lesers van Raakskoot/Toucher hoop van harte dat Dion spoedig sodanig sal herstel dat hy weer sy plek in die Boland Senior Span kan inneem.

Franskraal Whale Classic 9 & 10 December 2011

Chris Malec

It was December 2011 and the Franskraal Bowling Club successfully hosted its biggest event for the 10th consecutive year. Teams from all over the Boland, WP and even one from Southern Cape participated.

The two-day tournament started with the registration of the twenty teams from 07:30 on the Friday morning. Each team's skip was handed an envelope including a detailed program of the two-day event as well as a set of meal tickets for each of their team's members. The detailed program included a list of the twenty teams and their respective skips, a message from our President, Pieter Conradie, a message from our sponsors, Morkel and De Wet van Niekerk of Gansbaai Superspar, and the tournament rules.

A hearty, self-service breakfast with a generous selection of breads, cheese, jams, savoury spreads, fruit, a hot egg and bacon dish, various fruit juices and tea and/or coffee was served immediately after registration. This was followed by a warm welcome from our President who then introduced Pastor Zeelie who blessed and opened this special event.

A selection of sandwiches and tea/coffee awaited each rink as Una Conradie, the Match Secretary, analyzed the score card and prepared the order of the next games based on the strength against strength format.



The winning team: Johnny Pieters, Marge Wilmot, Jan le Roux and Pieter Laubscher

After the second game and lunch, the spider followed. Lots of bowls from all points of the compass converged on the lonely creature huddled in the middle of the green as funds were collected for the less privileged.

After the final games of the day, some excited, a few disappointed, but mostly tired and happy bowlers converged on the clubhouse to participate in a hot chicken supper as well as a hot and/or cold drink and a chat about their experiences on their first day's play.

Saturday the 10th of Decem

ber and day two of the competition commenced at 07:30 with breakfast. The points tally and position of each team were prominently displayed for all to see as play got underway at 08:30 sharp. Unfortunately the heavens opened up after the first game of the day, but the contestants continued to bowl between the sporadic showers after donning of raincoats and moving of bowls bags under the benches for protection. The rain eventually cleared and games were completed.

The final games of the day followed after lunch. All of the

top teams were on A-green for their final matches with the rest of the contestants, taking up the bottom half of the log, on the B-green.

Final scorecards were completed and everyone retired to the clubhouse for more most welcome snacks and drinks and the prize-giving.

Pieter Conradie thanked all the participants and Gansbaai Superspar for sponsoring the largest event on the Franskraal Bowling Club's calendar. He then introduced Morkel van Niekerk of Superspar to say a few words on behalf of the sponsors.

Third place was taken by Johan van der Walt and his team from Swellendam with a final score of 41+30. Hennie Hablutzel and his team from Old Oak ended in the second place with 42+9 while Jan le Roux and his team, also from Old Oak, won the competition for the second year running with 44+38.

Congratulations to all the winners and a BIG thank you to everyone who participated and contributed and especially to the hardworking and committed team that worked tirelessly behind the scenes and made it all possible. 🌟

Raai-raai

Dink 'n bietjie...
Watter spansport is die naaste
aan rolbal?
Anders as wat jy dink, is dit
toutrek...
Jy moet trek, trek en nogmaals
trek!

Ingestuur deur Alwyn Smit,
L'Agulhas Rolbalklub

Go ahead - read this:

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KOMPETISIE



Ons het nie een korrekte antwoord ontvang op ons vraag in watter klubhuis hierdie prent hang nie. Die antwoord is Swellendam Rolbalklub.

GENL. MOODIE STILL BOWLING AT 100

Graham Moodie, or the General as he is more affectionately known at the Swellendam Bowling Club, turned 100 on 3 January 2012. He is a retired SADF general.

Our green was, as usual, closed over December to receive a top dressing, with the result that a large number of club members could only celebrate his century with him on 17 January (the first Tuesday that bowls was played in 2012). As customary on a Tuesday morning, the General joined in for his game of bowls and during the tea break the club President, Kobus Ferreira, congratulated him on behalf of all the club members and Ristoff van Wyk (Boland zone representative) saluted him on behalf of Boland Bowls. Ristoff could not believe that at the age of 100 the General was still able to bend and pick up his own bowls. Peter Rattray, our second-oldest player, (88) presented Graham Moodie with a gift from the club members.

Genl Moodie still enjoys his game of bowls on most Tuesday



The General is congratulated by Ristoff van Wyk, with the Club President, Kobus Ferreira (left) and Peter Rattray looking on.

mornings and Friday afternoons. What makes him even more remarkable is that he only started playing bowls in 2004 at the age of 92. In 2008 he had problems

with a frozen shoulder, but that didn't put the General off! He practised using his left arm and was soon back on the green.

We salute you, General! You

are an example to all bowlers, not only in Swellendam and Boland, but throughout the whole country! Keep on playing our wonderful game of bowls. 🏏

TWEEDE NUWEJAAR BY FRANSKRAAL ROLBALKLUB

Pieter Conradie

"Dis 'n nuwe jaar en ons is bymekaar", aldus die Kaapse Klopse, maar op Tweede Nuwejaar op Franskraal behoort die rolbalperke aan Helmie de Vries en sy vriende.

Op 2 Januarie 2012 het hy 24 spanne van vier elk uit sy vriende byeengebring tesame met nog vier spanne bestaande uit spelende rolbalvriende van Franskraal en elders. Hy is baie bekwaam deur Archie Chambers bygestaan om rolbalballe vir almal te reël en die spel aan nuwelinge te verduidelik. Ds. Dirk van Dyk het die verrigtinge met gebed geopen waarna die spelers op die bane losgelaat is.

Wat 'n gesig was dit nie! Om veertien bane vol te sien met 'n bonte verskeidenheid van kleredrag en 112 opgewonde, skertsende deelnemers gebeur nie elke dag nie. Dit was na afloop van die dag se (vervolg op bladsy 11)



SNIPPETS FROM (Boland Executive) COMMITTEE

Al Cannone

After being hosted at Brandvlei, Hermanus, Wellington and Paarl, during the last 1½ years, the District Executive on 7 January, 2012, with all its members in attendance, deliberated at Ceres. Scattered among the run-of-the mill administrative issues "for noting or for voting" were some of general interest to all bowlers, as well as matters of policy and procedure that engendered sometimes animated discussion. With a proverbial 'ear to the ground' we share some of these with you, the District bowler.

Black and White are still on board with 6 cases of whisky in support of the zonally distributed Boland Classics. Much more sponsor support is needed to make feasible the task of the four zones in boosting Boland's coffers by R7500 each. To date, only Zone 1 has held its Classic, filling two greens at Langebaan. The other three zonal Classics are all in the planning stages and, when invitations are issued, would certainly welcome support from bowlers throughout the District.

Speaking of sponsorship: to save the Langeberg Liga an amount of R4000 is needed. Anyone feeling generous out there – or do you have the inside track with a wealthy business person? Let us know, please! We need to throw the net wider than our current two sponsors of District events, namely Black & White whisky and, of course, Warwick. But this is small cheese! There is now an opportunity for some-

one with the right credentials - and not necessarily a bowler - to assist Boland, and him/herself to boot! Your Executive is looking for a Promotional Officer whose sole task it would be to garner sponsorships for Boland District Bowls. The reward? A whopping 20% of all sponsorships negotiated! Surely this is worth igniting that entrepreneurial fire?

The issue of team managers prompted debate. A complex matter, loaded with tradition, but also rightly subject to the scrutiny of "justifiable expenditure". Are non-playing team managers worth their salt, or is this a luxury bowls can no longer afford for lengthy and distant tournaments? A strongly surfacing viewpoint was that players should be persuaded to take on this task when suitably competent Executive members or Selectors are not in attendance at events where there is a need for support and/or feedback.

A developmental area where there emerged strong support for financial commitment was the two U/19 and two U/25 representative teams shortly to face the nationals. Boland decided to assign R15000 for this purpose to add to the rather paltry R5000 from BSA. Boland is justly proud of our teams' past achievements and this support is a continued vote of confidence in the ability of our Boland youngsters to "bring home the bacon".

Stoffel Lambrechts reminds clubs to send in the results of Boland competitions played on their greens electronically and without delay.

Leon Meyer encourages everyone to use the Boland website for up-to-date information on everything!

A level 1 Umpires (TO) course is underway at Clanwilliam, catering for candidates from the northern Zone 1 clubs. A level 2 TO course will also take place at Hermanus before the end of

February.

Finally, a proposal was tabled to address the often hugely differing numbers of entries to Boland competitions by players from different zones, a situation that sometimes leads to a lengthy series of playoffs in one area but not in the others; very competent teams thereby being eliminated well before the finals; players being left with a perception of "unfairness"; as a consequence, players being reluctant to enter in numbers in the future.

For consideration by the Executive: that the "best" in the zone with the "most" (entries) be acknowledged by way of a certificate, irrespective of whether that entry wins in the final. Such a concept could have the desirable effect of encouraging more entries to Boland competitions with 'zonal pride' being a driver. A variant on the theme: the highest ratio of entrants to zone affiliates becomes "the zone with the most". What do you think...? 🌸

TWEEDE NUWEJAAR BY FRANSKRAAL ROLBALKLUB

(vervolg van bladsy 10)

verrigtinge baie duidelik dat almal hulleself terdeë geniet het. En waar feesvieringe en feeste deesdae oral plaasvind, is dit heel gepas, want Franskraal Rolbalklub is nou 30 jaar oud, die Walvis Classic is in Desember 2011 vir die tiende keer gespeel en die "Helmie de Vriesdag" het ook vir die tiende agtereenvolgende jaar plaasgevind.

Na afloop van die tweede wedstryd is almal getrakteer op heerlike worsrolle wat deur Gansbaai Superspar voorsien en gaargemaak is. Die dames van Franskraal Rolbalklub het dit voorgesit.



Buig die boompie terwyl sy nog jonk is

Die speel van die sogenaamde spinnekop was groot pret en dit het soos 'n chaos gelyk soos balle uit alle rigtings op die spinnekop in die middel van die perk toegesak het om te kyk wie sou die naaste daaraan lê. Tersa Smalberger was die wenner. Die Spinwiel is ook gespeel en is gewen deur Johan Lubbe.

Die uiteindelijke wenner van die kompetisie vir "amateurs", na die opskiet van 'n muntstuk, was André de Villiers en sy span en die wenner in die afdeling vir "professionals" was Tommie van Niekerk en sy span. Franskraal Rolbalklub was natuurlik ook 'n

wenner in 'n ander sin deurdat baie ou kennisse en vriende mekaar weer by die geleentheid ontmoet het, nuwe vriende gemaak is en die spel rolbal hopelik aan baie toekomstige spelers bekendgestel is. Daarbenewens word die vrygewige ondersteuning van al die deelnemers ook hoog op prys gestel.

'n Spesiale woord van dank aan die borge en skenkers: Gansbaai Superspar, Langverwacht Wynkelder en WP Rugby-unie. Baie dankie, Helmie en jou helpers. Ons hoop ons kan volgende jaar weer so maak. 🌸



Is OUR money well spent?

Al Cannone



In our world of bowls we encounter many that express reluctance - if not outright resentment and stubborn resistance - to contributing anything to District and National coffers. This attitude is commonplace among bowlers - a significant proportion of the membership of the average club - that never venture beyond the confines of their club tabs-in games, and it is this that prompted my article in our last issue of RAAKSROOT/TOUCHER titled: "Why should I pay affiliation fees?"

Responding to that article, a reader has succinctly pointed out that **"it is not the members who pay affiliation fees, but the clubs to Boland, and Boland to Bowls South Africa"**. This fact is not realised by the majority of bowlers, he claims, and even club administrations tend to reinforce the misconception and **"...actually stoke the fires of dissatisfaction with the fact that members have to pay affiliation fees in the first place"** by invoicing members for membership fees and affiliation fees separately. To quote our reader again verbatim: **"Affiliation fees should be regarded by clubs as just another expenditure item on their budgets, along with wages, maintenance, water, electricity, etc. Those other expenditure items are not specified separately on the membership fee accounts sent to the members!"**

...it is not the members who pay affiliation fees...



Now here is a perceptive way of viewing things that club administrations would be well advised to consider. The mantra would be: **One account – One amount.** Introducing discounts for different categories of membership would be at the discretion of the club, and could be a useful tool in retaining the older member on a limited pension, for example. It is not even necessary to divulge to club members what the affiliation fee actually is! But ultimately it is the club that meets its obligations to the District, and the

District meets its obligations to the National body.

To satisfy the curiosity of anyone wishing to see how Boland District obtains and spends its money, Chris de Jager has ensured that financial statements are on the Boland website for all to see. A breakdown into the major categories of expenditure reveals that approximately 31% is accounted for by administration (travel costs of District officers, honoraria, bank charges, stationary, postage & telephone, AGM costs, etc.); 5% in support of Technical Officials, Coaches, Greenkeeper Standing Committees; 4% to run the Masters Tournaments, and the major portion – 60% - is spent on Inter-Districts and other major representative events. Boland representative players themselves each contribute R1000 to these latter costs.

Now YOU be the judge!



"THE SUCCESSFUL AUSSIE RECIPE"

At last, one of our prominent clubs has twigged on to the idea of using "food" to entice not only current members but, more especially, new and social members, into their fold.

Hermanus Bowling Club deserves accolades from the whole of the Boland. In a most innovative manner the club has taken a very bold step and made its kitchen and bar facilities available to private enterprise in the person of well-known, experienced and able caterer, Quintin Church.

The normal membership has grown, there are tens of new bowlers and the social membership has nearly doubled, all within a period of less than six months. This is more than ample proof that the successful Aussie formula

at a large number of their bowling clubs - of outsourcing food outlets/restaurants, can also be adopted and emulated as yet another way in which to promote and develop our sport within the Boland!

Well done, Hermanus. We are certainly now looking forward to seeing some interesting statistics on the above. We would also like to hear of you having a go at winning the BSA competition for the club in South Africa with the most new members within a set period.



Keith Kruth (left) and Dave Buckley (right) with Bianca Uys and Quintin Church

What about our other clubs where it has become more and more difficult for the few stalwart ladies to continue doing all the catering as well as being

expected to 'find' time to play bowls? Is there not a lesson for us all to learn from the successful Hermanus/Aussie recipe?



Promotion and Development/Promosie en Ontwikkeling

Leon Meyer

Archie van Franskraal het drie skole se onderwysers na die rolbalperk gebring om hulle te wys waarom rolbal gaan. Die onderwyspersoneel van die skole het dit so geniet dat daar besluit is om bussies beskikbaar te stel om van die leerders na die rolbalklub te bring sodat die leerders meer van die sport kan leer.

Charmaine Mostert is hard besig om die skole in Ceres te bearbei. Die Boland "new bowls" word daar gebruik. Miskien sien ons in die toekoms 'n klompie nuwe rolbalsterre.

Die regering het besluit dat alle leerders aan ten minste een sportsoort moet deelneem. Dit bied die ideale geleentheid aan al die Boland klubs om leerders van die skole te oorreed om te begin rolbal speel.

Die Onder-25 en Onder-19 spanne is gekies vir die interdistrikte toernooi wat vanaf 31 Maart tot 4 April in Bloemfontein plaasvind. Dit is die eerste keer dat Boland 'n Dames Onder-25 span inskryf. Weens die tekort aan jonger dames moes ons maar twee Onder-19 Mansspanne kies. As ons na ons jonger geslag rolbalspelers kyk, moet ons Anneke Snyman se naam noem. Sy het hierdie seisoen die tweede plek in die Boland Ope Enkelspel behaal. Anneke is van Bredasdorp Hoërskool en sy presteer ook in ander sportsoorte. Ezile Fourie, ook van Bredasdorp, is ook gekies vir die Boland Ope A-span.

Die Boland Rolbal webwerf begin meer aftrek kry en werk baie goed. Ek wil 'n beroep doen op almal wat by eindwedstryde foto's neem, om die foto's aan te stuur sodat ons van hulle op die webwerf kan plaas. Dit is baie maklik om by die webwerf uit te kom:

<http://www.bolandbowls.co.za>.

More about the Boland website:

- What's New – You can look at all the latest changes to the website.
- Telephone List.
- Calendar – With all the latest important bowls dates.
- Organisation – The executive, selectors and standing committees.
- Squad – The Boland squads.
- General Information – Banking details and the financial reports.
- Competitions – All Boland competitions and results.
- Honours Boards – Photos of winners.
- Raakskoot/Toucher – Boland bulletins.
- Information about the zones, including all the clubs in the zones and club details.
- Diary Items – All the important bowling dates.
- Other Websites – SA Bowls website link, other districts, Boland clubs and sponsors.
- External dates.

We also send emails to the clubs to inform them of updates, with a link to the updates.

Regular updates and the number of visits ensure the success of the website. 🍀

There's trouble brewing, guys! Men turning into women

You have to hope that this study is flawed, but the evidence

seems irrefutable. Several months ago, scientists at Europe's reproduction conference suggested that the results of a recent analysis revealed the presence of female hormones in beer,



and suggested that men should take a look at their beer consumption. The theory is that drinking beer makes men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men were each fed six pints of beer within a one-hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the men gained weight, talked excessively without making sense, became overly emotional,



couldn't drive, failed to think rationally, argued over nothing and refused to apologise when wrong.

No further testing is planned, but to be on the safe side, male bowlers should perhaps re-think their drinking habits...



ROLBALKLUB NAPIER SE HERTOETREDE TOT ROLBAL

Martin van Zyl

Uitstekende nuus! Napier is weer aan die gang! Die Algemene Jaarvergadering is so pas gehou en die handjievol lede is ongetwyfeld begeesterd om so gou moontlik weer te begin rolbal speel op hul splinternuwe perk. Omdat daar gevoel is dat die bestaande grondwet nie aan al die vereistes voldoen het nie, is die nuwe grondwet, soos deur Boland Rolbal voorgeskryf, aanvaar.

Willie Vorster het die afgelope tyd letterlik dag en nag skouer aan die wiel gesit om te sorg dat die perk, wat byna onherstelbaar beskadig is deur die vloed van 2009, weer na 'n behoorlike rolbalperk lyk. Die nuwe gras, verkry met die hulp van die Rolbalklub L'Agulhas, groei te lekker. Ten spyte van 'n plaag kommandowurms, is daar reeds ten minste drie bane wat so-te-sê reg is vir toetsing en 'n spel of twee binne die volgende maand of wat. Die gras groei uitstekend op die res van die perk en sodra Willie die werk aan die slote klaargemaak het, behoort die klub die nodige reëlins vir sy openingsdag te kan finaliseer.

Judy Vorster, die vorige en nou weer die President, gee onmisbare leiding op vele terreine en het saam met haar bestuur 'n groot rol gespeel om te sorg dat die klubhuis, administrasie en die gees reg is vir 'n noodsaaklike toestroming van nuwe lede.

Die Uitvoerende Bestuur vir die periode 2012/2013 is:

President	Judy Vorster	028-4233678/082-713394
Vise-President	Ben Lennox	028-4233265
Sekretaris	Martie Fourie	079-6000833
Tesourier	Maria Durand	028-4233170/082-3427403
Perkemeester	Willie Vorster	028-4233678/072-2797405

Kom ons ondersteun Napier met sy hertoetrede tot ons sport en betrek die klub o.a. by die omliggende classics (veral Bredasdorp, L'Agulhas en Caledon). Ons kan beslis nie bekostig dat enige klubs in ons distrik ondergaan nie en hier is 'n wonderlike geleentheid om opregte belangstelling en ondersteuning te toon. 🍀



Napier se eie geprakseerde perkskraper



So lyk die perk nou

BOLAND TEAMS FOR INTER-DISTRICTS

The following players were selected to represent Boland at the annual inter-districts tournament to be held from 12 to 16 March 2012:

Senior Men:

Martin van Zyl, Robertson
Dave Buckley, Hermanus
Peter Quinn, Caledon
Tommie van Niekerk, Franskraal

Keith Kruth, Hermanus
Les Bradley, Worcester
Kobus Kriel, Paarl
Ian Rice, Clanwilliam
Manager: Keith Kruth.

Senior Ladies:

Tish Bryce, Hermanus
Francina Cumpsty, L'Agulhas
Aléta Saayman, Worcester
Sandra Helmbold, Kleinmond

Denny Smithies, Worcester
Dalene Reid, Lagoon
Pat Stofberg, Worcester
Lucille McNamara, Lagoon
Manager: Tish Bryce

Open Men A:

Stoffel Lambrechts, Ceres
Bennie van Rensburg, Paarl
M P Olivier, Bredasdorp
Johannes Corbett, Paarl

Mark Beviss-Challinor, Robertson
Callie van der Merwe, Robertson
Bryan Chambers, Franskraal
Brâsler van Schoor, Caledon
Manager: Chris de Jager

Open Ladies A:

Lucille Herbst, Caledon
Gladys Bradley, Worcester
Pam Beer, Lagoon
Lesley Beviss-Challinor, Robertson

Santjie Steyn
Engela Lambrechts, Ceres
Anneke Snyman, Bredasdorp
Ezile Fourie, Bredasdorp
Manager: Lucille Herbst

Open Men B:

Fred Matthee, Caledon
Jason Carruthers, Vredendal
Willie de Kock, Swellendam

Wynand Pool, Caledon

Gavie du Toit, Caledon
Enrie Carosini, WKMR
Cobus Malan, Paarl
David Pillay, Caledon
Manager: Ristoff van Wyk

Open Ladies B:

Carol Jordaan, Yzerfontein
Thelma Elkington, Worcester
Gail Lotz, Lagoon
Kim Breach, Franskraal
Judy Vorster, Napier
Charmaine Grobler, Worcester
Ise Rabie, Hexvallei
Charmaine Mostert, Ceres
Manager: Salomé Knight 🍀

A January Joust at George?

Boland's performance at the Mini - Interdistricts

Al Cannone

Well, not quite as dangerous, but certainly as nerve-wrackingly exciting for partisan supporters – myself included! This was the Quadrangular (Mini-Interdistrict) Tournament involving Boland, Border, Southern Cape and Eastern Province. Highly competitive bowls as a fitting prelude to the week-long National Inter-Districts coming up in March.

While I focused my attention on the Boland men's teams – male chauvinist that I am – our lady teams were quietly excelling! Our Boland Women Seniors emerged as overall winners in their section – and does their photo not wonderfully project their pleasure and pride in that memorable achievement? Our Women's B side also won top honours in their section. Overall, our Boland ladies tied in points with Eastern Province (28.5) but missed 'gold' by a mere four shots over a total of 18 games played! How close can you get? Boland ladies: we are proud of you all.

Our men's side struggled somewhat, but graciously left the last position overall for Border to fill! However, our Senior Men did come a creditable second to Southern Cape.

Win or lose, there were hugely exciting, nail-biting contests aplenty, head-by-head in many games. Keith Kruth's team, playing against Southern Cape in their second game, left everyone – supporter or not – truly "gutted". Peeling 19 each with one end to play, there followed shot-by-shot turnovers of the head that left all on the bank literally gasping! With one bowl to play by the Southern Cape skip into an 'impossible' head, Boland were lying two shots – surely to all intents and purposes, game over? But no! A drive of desperation shunted the jack into a

one shot win for our opponents. Unbelievable? But it happened!

What a wonderful tournament, for players and supporters alike, even though the latter were few and far between. What about it, Boland supporters? What if we turned up *en masse* next year to support our District representative players and to enjoy a "jol" and great off-the-green camaraderie to boot? The Wilderness National Park, a mere 20 kms from George and in a setting of unsurpassed beauty

and tranquility, offers magnificent camping and affordable chalet accommodation. Are you interested – albeit with no great commitment right now – in being part of a Boland Supporter contingent next year? What about combining the two-day bowls tournament with a memorable holiday at river, beach and forest? Think about it, but send me your e-mail or telephone contact details NOW. Nearer the time I will contact you with Wilderness National Park booking details for your action. 🌻



The ladies of the Senior side deservedly in a jolly mood. From the left, top: Lucille McNamara, Pat Stofberg, Sandra Helmbold and Aléta Saayman. Front: Dalene Reid, Denny Smithies, Tish Bryce and Francina Cumpsty.

Finale uitslae van die Mini-interdistrikte

Boland se spanne het gedurende die naweek van 28/29 op George teen Suid-Kaap, Oos-Kaap en Grens meegeding in die jaarlikse Mini-interdistrikte byeenkoms, wat as 'n opwarmer met die oog op die Nasionale Interdistrikte byeenkoms wat in Maart plaasvind, gesien kan word. In sy artikel hierbo lig Al so effens die sluier wat die uitslae betref, maar hier is die finale syfers.

Die Ope Mans en Dames A-kante se uitslae voorspel niks goeds vir die groot byeenkoms nie. Die mans het tweede laaste geëindig met 'n totaal van 5 punte (uit 'n moontlike 15) en 'n somtotaal van minus 11 skote. Hulle het darem nog beter gevaar as die Dames A-kant, wat ook 5 punte, met 'n minus 16 behaal het, maar laaste geëindig het.

Die Mans B-kant het ook laaste gekom met 6 punte en minus 6, maar hiervoor het die Dames B-kant dubbel en dwars vergoed deur die eerste plek te behaal met 11 punte, plus 19.

Die Senior Mans het tweede geëindig met 8 punte plus 12 en die trots van Boland, die Senior Dames, het 'n hele 12,5

punte behaal met 'n plus 67! Dit wil gedoen wees!

Raaskoot/Toucher wens al die spelers en spanne wat goed presteer is, geluk en wil die vertroue uitspreek dat die verloorders ons almal gaan verras wanneer daar regtig op hul nommer gedruk word. Sterkte en bring die medaljes huis toe! 🌻

Meer oor die Boland Classics

Soos voorheen gerapporteer, het Boland Rolbal se Bestuur besluit dat die Boland Classic verder gedentraliseer gaan word en dat daar vanjaar in elke sone 'n Classic aangebied sal word. Die Classic van Sone 1 is reeds met groot sukses afgehandel en Sones 2 en 3 het reeds hul uitnodigings uitgestuur.

• **Sone 4** se Boland Classic word op 24 en 25 Maart by Worcester Rolbalklub gehou. Die formaat is Gemenge Viere en die inskrywingsgeld is R720 per span. Die Saterdagavond is daar 'n braai teen R30 per persoon

en daar is baie pryse om te wen. Akkommodasie kan gereël word. Vir meer besonderhede, skakel Sias Rabie by 072 954 3898, John Neethling by 072 475 7827 of Chris Malan by 082 339 2425.

Sone 2 se Classic vind op 14 en 15 April 2012 op Robertson plaas. Dit is ook Gemengde Viere en nie meer as twee huidige Boland spelers mag in dieselfde span speel nie. Die

inskrywingsgeld is R800, wat ontbyt op beide dae en 'n braai die Saterdagavond insluit. Skakel Ristoff van Wyk by 082 774 4697 of 028 435 6139 vir meer besonderhede. 🍷

REDAKSIONELE KOMMENTAAR / EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Met die deurlees van hierdie uitgawe van *Raakskoot/Toucher* het u seker opgemerk dat twee nuwe artikels of rubrieke hul verskyning gemaak het. Ons het ook besluit om, aan die stertkant van die bulletin, van ons kant kommentaar te lewer oor, onder andere, bydraes wat in die betrokke uitgawe verskyn.

In ons voortdurende poging om nog meer aan ons lesers te bied, het ons die President van Boland Rolbal, Basie Louw gevra om vir elke uitgawe 'n boodskap vir ons lesers te stuur. Basie se eerste kwartaallikse boodskap verskyn op bladsy 2. Ons sê vir hom baie dankie dat hy ingewillig het om ook op hierdie wyse met "sy mense" te kommunikeer.

There are very few bowlers in South Africa who do not know Martin van Zyl and we are fortunate in being able to make use of his proven talents as one of the very top bowlers in the country, but also as someone with a treasure trove of knowledge of the game of bowls, which he loves to promote at every possible opportunity. Martin has agreed to share his wisdom and knowledge with us as a regular contributor in his column "Skietgoed", the first of which appears on page 5. The column will appear alternately in Afrikaans and English, the latter with the title "From the Hip".

Soos die naam aandui, en soos duidelik blyk uit hierdie eerste rubriek (en, natuurlik, soos ons vir Martin ken), skroom hy nie om "uit die

heup" te skiet nie.

Having read Martin's column, many readers will say: "But is *Raakskoot/Toucher* not the newsletter of Boland Bowls? How can the very body that gave life to and supports the publication, become the target for criticism?"

Our readers will recall that we have often urged bowlers to write to us with their views, suggestions and gripes. We believe that our readers have much to share with us. Look at the letters published in this issue as good examples. We shall not refuse to publish a letter that criticises Boland's management, as long as the letter is written in good taste. The same applies to a column such as Martin's.

We support the freedom of expression (in good taste). This value was best expressed by Evelyn Beatrice Hall as an illustration of Voltaire's beliefs when she wrote: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend with my life your right to say it." It is in that spirit that we invite you to share your diverse views and knowledge with us and

your fellow bowlers.

Secondly, Boland's management is not above criticism and, knowing the people who serve on the Executive Committee, we are convinced that they welcome constructive criticism.

In the third place, criticism will, hopefully, lead to responses from other bowlers, bearing in mind that a mixture of ideas and viewpoints can lead to synergy, which is much more than the sum of individual contributions. By intentionally publishing controversial and differing points of view, we try to generate responses and discussions, which will hopefully benefit Boland Bowls in general.

In gesprekke met ander rolbalspelers hoor 'n mens dikwels uitstekende voorstelle oor hoe die spel nog lekkerder en meer aanvaarbaar vir ook die jonger geslag gemaak kan word. Daar is voorstelle oor ander maniere om die tellings te bereken, byvoorbeeld om al vier of drie naaste balle aan die witte te laat tel (4,3,2,1 of 3,2,1). Rolbal is immers 'n spanspel, word gesê en wat help dit as jou span drie of vier uitstekende balle naby die witte plaas, maar die op-

ponente se skipper kom trek elke keer 'n beter bal, dit nadat sy spanlede geen bydrae gelewer het nie. So is daar ook goeie gedagtes oor, onder andere, die reëls en die keuring van perke waarop kompetisies gespeel word.

Gebruik *Raakskoot/Toucher* as forum om jou saak te stel. Miskien bring jou bydrae 'n hele omwenteling in die spel.!

Stuur gerus jul briewe en berigte, met foto's indien moontlik, aan riaanp@isat.co.za of alriccan@telkomsa.net. Ons wil natuurlik ook weet wat julle van *Raakskoot/Toucher* dink en, net soos Boland Rolbal se bestuur, verwelkom ons jul kommentaar, voorstelle en kritiek.

Riaan & Al



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