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BOLAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The coveted prizes for which Boland bowlers compete every year

At the Annual General Meeting of Boland Bowls, held on 4 August 2012, Basie Louw was re-elected unopposed as President for a third term of office. Stoffel Lambrechts was also re-elected unopposed as the Male Vice-president and Almarie du Toit was re-elected as the Lady Vice-president with a majority vote after being opposed by Ena Linde.

The zone representatives, all elected unopposed, are Al Cannone, Theuns Coetzee, Pieter Conradie and Lorna Viljoen for Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. Theuns and Lorna are new members.

The other members, Una Conradie (Secretary), Chris de Jager (Treasurer), Stoffel and Engela Lambrechts, (Match Secretaries) and Leon Meyer (De-

velopment Officer), all remain in their respective posts.

The following members have been elected for the Selection Committees:

Open Men: Chris de Jager (Convenor), Keith Kruth, Kobus Kriel and Adriaan Hubach.

Open Ladies: Stoffel Lambrechts (Convenor), Pat Stoffberg, Denny Smithies, Salomé Knight and Tish Bryce.

Senior Men: Chris de Jager (Convenor), M P Olivier, Stoffel Lambrechts and Mark Beviss-Challinor.

Senior Ladies: Annalie Olivier, Dorothy Boucher and Engela Lambrechts.

Under 19 & 25: Schalk Mouton (Convenor), Leon Meyer, Henry Fourie and Hermien Fourie.

The Standing Committees

for the ensuing year have been constituted as follows:

Coaches: Marina van Wyk (Convenor), Philip Malherbe, Amanda Meyer, Peter Welensky and Charmaine Mostert.

Technical Officials: Pieter Linde (Convenor), Almarie du Toit, Peter Welensky and Tina Ueberl.

Greenkeepers: Alwyn Smit, Pieter Mostert, Eben Snyman and George Jansen van Rensburg.

Development: Leon Meyer (Convenor), Peter Welensky, Popeye du Preez, Francois van Deventer Ristoff van Wyk and Salomé Knight.

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The trophies, certificates and cash prizes were presented to the winners, runners-up and, in some cases, the players who were placed fourth in Boland and national tournaments during the past season.

Special mention was made of the Boland teams that performed so exceptionally well at the various Inter-district tournaments earlier this year. (See Raaskoot/Toucher May 2012 - Ed.)

On this page we show you some of the winners who received their well-earned prizes from Boland President, Basie Louw. 🏆



Tish Bryce, Ladies Champion of Champions



Blaai eers na bladsy 5 en lees van die besondere prestasies wat Lagoon vanjaar behaal het. Hier, met hul pryse, is staande: Lucille McNamara, Dirk en Gail Lotz, Peter Burns, Dorothy Boucher en Eben Snyman. Voor sit Leon en Pam Beer



Avril Darlew was die wenner van beide die Senior Dames Enkelspel en die Senior Dames Meesters



Stoffel Lambrechts, Mans Kampioen van Kampioene



Callie van der Merwe en Mark Bevis-Challinor, wenners van die Mans Pare



Judy Vorster en Martie Fourie was die wenners van die Dames Pare



Die wenners van die Ope Mans Vierspel was Keith Kruth, Bruwer Scannell, Jan de Wet en Dave Buckley

Raaskoot/Toucher was ook daar

Die redakteurs van Raaskoot/Toucher, Riaan Pienaar en Al Cannone was die trotse ontvangers van vanjaar se Presidentstoekening vir hul "betekenisvolle bydrae aan Boland Rolbal en rolbal in die algemeen".

DIE PRESIDENT SE BOODSKAP / THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Boland President Basie Louw

The AGM is now something of the past and everything that needed to be said about the Awareness Day and the Zone Classics has been said. I want to welcome the new members on the Executive and hope that they will enjoy their terms of office. I believe that they will have new ideas of finding sponsors for our various competitions. I am also certain that they will bring along some new ideas to manage the District. We shall listen to them during the year

and believe that there will be "winds of change" and new ways of doing things.

To those members of the Executive who have left us, thank you again for the work that you have done. I hope that you will still enjoy your bowls and be available to help on club and zone levels.

Ek wil graag weer die volgende punte uit die Presidentsverslag wat ek tydens die AJV gelewer het, beklemtoon. Eerstens gaan dit oor die besoekers aan

ons klubs. Hulle mag vir kort tydperke by die klubs speel as ongeaffilieerde spelers. Hulle mag egter nie deelneem aan enige kompetisie (insluitende Ope Dae) waar die prysgeld meer as R500-00 is nie. Hulle mag ook net by die klub speel waar hulle besoekers is. Hierdie reëling geld nie vir Besigheidsligas wat deur die Distrik goedgekeur is en wat met die oog op ontwikkeling aangebied word nie.

Daar is ook nou die toegewing dat nuwe lede se Boland affiliasie vir die eerste

soveel moontlik aan Boland Kompetisies deel te neem. Nie net is dit 'n inkomste vir die Distrik nie, maar spelers kry ook blootstelling om op 'n hoër vlak te kompeteer. Kompetisies word nou hoofsaaklik op sonevlak gespeel en die afstande, veral in Sone 1, sal nie meer so 'n groot faktor wees nie. Ondersteun ook Ope Dae aangesien dit klubs help om te oorleef en die spelers help om makliker op vreemde perke aan te pas.

Die nuwe Tweebal Enkelspel behoort vir ons al-

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...may your bowling skills be seen and appreciated by the selectors.

’

jaar slegs R60-00 sal wees in plaas van R110-00. Ons glo dat hierdie ook 'n aansporing sal wees om nuwe lede te werf. Ek wil ook op hierdie stadium klubs uitdaag om nuwe lede te affilieer en bied 'n prysgeld van R1 000-00 aan die klub wat die meeste nuwe lede affilieer vir die tydperk 1 Julie 2012 tot 30 Junie 2013. Ek glo dat dit iets is om voor te werk. Kom, laat ons Distrik die een met die grootste groei bly, ondanks die swak ekonomie.

Verder wil ek alle lede versoek om deel te neem aan die Sone Classics aangesien dit 'n bron van inkomste is wat sal help om affiliasiegelde vir langer laag te hou. Ek wil ook 'n beroep op lede doen om

mal 'n uitdaging te wees. Hierdie is sekerlik 'n kompetisie wat sal help om die basiese vaardigheid wat noodsaaklik is in rolbal, naamlik om te trek, te ontwikkel. Oefen dit by die klub en neem hieraan deel.

Our first Mini Interdistricts is the Development Tournament against Southern Cape during November 2012. After that, at the beginning of December 2012, our teams play against WP and Southern Cape. There is not much time for preparation and every opportunity to practise your skills, must be taken.

I hope that you all will enjoy good health during the season and may your bowling skills be seen and appreciated by the selectors.





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Boland teams perform well in All Cape



Peter Quinn with his trophy

A team from Caledon, consisting of Gavie du Toit, Peter Quinn, Bräsler van Schoor and David Pillay did Boland proud in the All Cape by winning their section. Unfortunately, they were beaten by a team from Port Elizabeth in the first play-off game.

But they did not return home empty-handed. During the tournament, each team had to nominate a player from the opposing team as the best player in the tournament and Peter Quinn, deservedly, won the prize!

Perfect Delivery was the sponsor and Peter received a trophy, a new bowls bag and R1000-00 in cash.

The Swellendam team of Chris Calder, Schalk Mouton, Gerhardus Steyn and Johan Kenny progressed right up to the Quarter-finals in the Plate Competition. 🌟

S A Navy Quadrangular

The following players have been invited to participate in the SA Navy Quadrangular Championship on 25 August 2012 at Pollsmoor:

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

Mark Bevis-Challinor, Robertson
Carel van der Merwe, Robertson
Bryan Chambers, Franskraal
Bräsler van Schoor, Caledon.

LAGOON GRABS SEVEN GOLD MEDALS

Lucille McNamara

Lagoon Bowls Club has once again had a huge impact on the Boland bowling calendar, winning no fewer than SEVEN gold medals during the 2011/12 season. No mean achievement for a club celebrating its fifth birthday this month.

The start of the year's achievements kicked off when Lucille McNamara, Pam Beer and Dorothy Boucher won the Ladies' Trips. This was shortly followed by Leon Beer winning the Men's Open Singles crown and Eben Snyman winning the Men's Novices.

Pam Beer featured yet again when skipping her side to victory in the Ladies' Open Fours. Her team members were Leonie Viljoen, Colleen Dalziel and Gail Lotz.

The cherry on the top was when Lagoon achieved double gold in the Men's and Ladies' Fives, Men's Pairs - Dirk Lotz and Eben Snyman, Trips - Terry Boucher, Peter Welensky and Peter Burns, Ladies Pairs - Lucille McNamara and Gail Lotz and Trips - Dalene Reid, Pam Beer and Dorothy Boucher.

The dust had hardly settled when Leon and Pam Beer together with Terry and Dorothy Boucher repeated their previous year's achievement and once again brought home the Mixed Fours gold.

For a young club Lagoon has every right to feel very proud.!



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Johannes presteer steeds

Ons het verlede jaar berig dat Johannes Corbett van Paarl Rolbalklub die eerste speler was wat as beginner Boland se Mans Enkelspel Kampioen kon word. Hy het die afgelope seisoen voortgegaan en die volgende prestasies behaal:

- √ Brons medalje in Nasionale Ope Enkelspel
- √ Boland Ope Meesters Enkelspel - goud
- √ Boland Kampioen van Kampioene - silwer
- √ Onder die boonste vier in Boland Enkelspel
- √ Klub Enkelspel Kampioen
- √ Klub Kampioen van Kampioene. 🌟



VATGRAS

Pieter Linde

1. MEASURING EQUIPMENT

Law 56.2.2 stipulates that a Technical Official should measure any disputed shot or shots using suitable measuring equipment such as that described in Law 10. This equipment should at least include individual items enumerated in 10.1 – 10.8.

It will be noticed that although the telescopic measure is not listed in Law 10, it should still be used as an alternative measuring tool by umpires, BUT NOT MARKERS.

2. KLEURVOLLE KLEREDRAG

Alle sportsoorte het een of ander kleredragkode. In gholf, byvoorbeeld, moet spelers onder andere 'n hemp met 'n kraag dra, ingesteek by 'n langbroek. "Croc's" word nie toegelaat nie! Klink dit bekend?

Wat Rolbal betref moet spelers wit of roomkleurige klere dra soos gespesifiseer in die Plaaslike Regulasies en Algemene Spelvoorwaarde (Wit Boekie). Hulle mag ook onder sekere voorwaardes klubklere dra. Verder mag bepaalde kleure en spesifieke tipes kleredrag vir spelers en tegniese beamptes geld, mits dit uitgespel word in die spelvoorwaardes. Onthou dus: as 'n span kleurvolle drag wil dra, vind eers uit of die betrokke toernooi se spelvoorwaardes daarvoor voorsiening maak.

Meer en meer klubs neig om op sekere dae hul spelers toe te laat om in "civvies" te speel, moontlik om veral jonger spelers so te lok. Dit beteken egter nie dat netheid oorboord gegooi hoef te word nie.

Dit is so dat kleredrag oor die jare aansienlik verander het sedert die tyd toe mans met baadjies en dasse (regtig!) en dames met lang rokke en sykouse gespeel het. Kleredrag het beslis meer kleurvol en gemakliker geraak maar eenvormigheid, netheid en 'n spesifieke identiteit is behou.

Soos iemand gesê het: "LYK RESPEKTABEL." Of wat sê julle?

3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COURSE : LEVEL 2

A Level 2 course for Technical Officials was held at Hermanus Bowling Club during the month of June. Six candidates, representing four Boland clubs, acquitted themselves well of their task and will no doubt in future be an asset to Boland Bowls.

The candidates, now awaiting final approval from Bowls South Africa are: Archie Chambers, Philip Malherbe (Franskraal); Almarie du Toit (Paarl); Edith vd Westhuizen (Kleinmond); Janes le Grange, Peter Schumer (Hermanus). 🌟

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Blessed are they who can still be taught
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Letters / Briefs

THE ORGANISATION OF 2-DAY CLASSICS

Much has been said about the drop in attendance at 2/3 day Classics held in the Boland and surrounding Districts. The same old reasons like inflation, status of the economy, travelling expenses and accommodation costs are usually bandied about as the causes.

A synopsis of the most important factors when staging a tournament and what sectors may be looked at to make these competitions more attractive follows hereunder. This article is applicable to clubs staging events on two or more greens.

1. GREENS:

No player expects perfect greens but where practically possible the pace of the greens should be similar for the tournament. It is often the case that the greenkeeper does not adjust his watering program prior to the tournament. Ideally, should a tournament begin on a Saturday then both the greens should receive their last watering on the Wednesday morning, unless, of course, extreme hot and dry weather prevails. It is disappointing to note how often that, by testing the dampness of the soil in the ditches before the first game, one establishes that the green has been well watered the day before the start of the tournament.

2. ENTRANCE FEES:

These should always be kept reasonable, offering good value depending on the nature and extent of the food provided and the total prize money available.

3. CATERING:

Too often clubs see this as an area in which to skimp and save money. Remember Napoleon when he stated that his army marched on its stomach! Bowlers are quick to criticise indifferent food, so it is suggested that a little too much is better than much too little.

Early morning bread tables and/or hot breakfasts are important to welcome the bowlers and the leftovers can always be utilized for the morning tea sandwiches. To avoid contestants having to queue for food and drink, it is suggested that the players are served their lunch and drinks as and when they come off the green. There usually is a stagger of about 15 minutes as the players finish their pre-lunch games, so this relieves the pressure of trying to provide simultaneous servings. Players enjoy sitting at lunch-

time and not having to queue for food.

4. FORMAT:

It does appear that three 15-end games on the first day and two or three 15-end games (depending on the time of the year) on the second day is the normal format for two-day Classics. The majority of the experienced players we have canvassed prefer one trial end to gauge the speed and draw of the green rather than one shot only taken into account on the first end played.

The breakdown of points awarded per game is an open issue: i.e. points per end and/or skins per 5 ends, as also the number of points awarded for a win. Most feel that the main objective of a game is the overall win which must receive adequate compensation. The awarding of two points for each skin leads to a breakdown into three mini-games within one game with too much emphasis and reward being placed on winning a skin. In contrast, the award of one point per end keeps all players on their toes for each end because even if their team is trailing badly in the game, their team is still able to accumulate points by winning ends.

Standard practice is to award 4 points for a win, but the majority canvassed feel that more reward should be given to a team winning the game outright. Accordingly, 6 points for a win (3 points each for a peeled game) is more appropriate - a total thus of 21 points on each game.

Strength versus strength normally applies and the question is: should teams that have already played each other meet again in the last round? There is divided opinion on this, but seasoned campaigners like Dave Buckley and Stoffel Lambrechts feel that in a 2-day tournament, a team should not play any other more than once. After all, they have already contested their strengths against each other, so why require them to meet again when only 5 or 6 matches are played in the whole tournament? Martin van Zyl and Mark Beviss-Challinor, however, feel that in the last round the two top teams should play each other even though they have already met. Due to the economic downturn, 3-day tournaments should be reduced to 2 days.

5. THE DIVISION OF PRIZE MONEY:

A consensus view holds that if the prize money were apportioned differently then the alarming drop-off in entries reflected in recent years could be stemmed and turned around.

At present, the emphasis is on awarding large amounts to the overall winning, runner-up and third placed teams, with only a nominal amount going to the winner of a last round Plate event for the bottom half of the field.

Bowlers are very competitive by nature and do not enjoy traveling large distances to enter tournaments in which they statistically will not obtain success. Because there is no handicapping system in bowls, statistics show that when a competition is played over a 2-day period on a strength versus strength basis, then the stronger teams will prevail: e.g. when Stoffel Lambrechts gathers his ex-KWV mates like Keith Wakelin, MP Olivier, Adriaan Hubach together or when Mark Beviss-Challinor together with fellow Robertson players like Martin van Zyl and Callie van der Merwe (also ex-KWV) join forces, the probabilities are overwhelming that one of these stronger teams will win the competition.

Now, the average club player who enjoys playing together with his wife and another couple and they make the tournament a weekend out (especially from a Cape Town club), realise that they have little or no chance of finishing in the prizes. Accordingly, the number of those solid players participating in the Classics has dropped alarmingly.

The solution is to divide the teams into sections at the end of the first day's play. Should there be 24 or fewer teams then they should be divided into two sections and should there be more than 24 teams, then the teams should be divided into three sections.

As from the second day the teams remain in their sections for the remainder of the tournament. First, second and third prizes are awarded in each section to the successful teams, with the team winning the B Section receiving the same amount as the team finishing third in the A section.

This apportionment of the prize money will keep the interests alive of those teams who have a bad first day. In theory, the

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THE ORGANISATION OF 2-DAY CLASSICS (cont.)

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team lying 24th (last) overnight can still finish in the prizes because, if they win all three of their remaining games, they will jump up to third or possibly even second place in their section.

We have applied the above format in our recent Hermanus Classic as well as the Zone 3 Boland Classic and on both occasions it was well received by the players. This does mean that the overall winners receive less but, by splitting the field, many more teams are now available to compete for prizes in their section.

This system has been applied by the WP club Helderberg for a number of years and has led to the tournaments having full fields and waiting lists to boot. Martin van Zyl emphasizes that the more prizes that are available, the more teams will enter.

Regarding my referral to the opinion of other players, these included seasoned tournament players like Stoffel Lambrechts, Dave Buckley, Martin van Zyl, Mark Beviss-Challinor, Gavie du Toit, Leon Beer and Tish Bryce.

Good bowling

John Carroll

Chairman of the Tournament Committee
Hermanus Bowling Club



Gebrande koppe: die plasing van die witte

Vir baie, baie jare was die algemene gebruik om die wit balletjie **op** die 2-meter merk te plaas nadat 'n kop gebrand is. LW: Volgens die huidige reëls moet die witte se **voorrang** gelyk met die 2-meter merk (wit strepie, wit kol of gholfpennetjie) wees. Volgens die huidige reël is dit dus **nie “op” die 2-meter merk** soos baie mense dit stel nie. Indien die bal **op** die 2-meter merk geplaas word, beteken dit prakties dat die hefte van die deursnee van die balletjie **onwettig** nader aan die afleweringsmat is. Dit sal waarskynlik meer akkuraat en goed wees as spelers aanleer om die woord “by” in plaas van “op” te gebruik en dat spelers op klubvlak deeglik kennis neem van die reël ten opsigte van die plasing van die witte. (Sal die woorde “net binne” die twee meter merk verwarring veroorsaak?) Hoe dit ook al sy, sal dit interessant wees om te hoor wat 'n skeidsregter gaan doen as 'n moedswillige speler op 'n dag geldig beswaar aanteken dat sy span 'n punt of meer verbeur omdat die witte “op” en nie volgens die reël “by” die 2-meter merk geplaas is nie! In die praktyk word die afstand tussen die wit balletjie en skootballe met 'n verskeidenheid van apparaat **tot papierdikte** gemeet, maar met die plasing van die witte na 'n gebrande kop “op die 2-meter merk” gee spelers dus nie om dat (i) 'n duidelike reël veront-

agsaam word en (ii) ongeveer 30mm na een of ander kant van die 2-meter merk ingeboet word nie! Die argument dat albei spanne deur die verkeerde plasing van die witte bevoordeel of benadeel word wanneer gemeet word, is in die praktyk eenvoudig nie waar nie.

Die punt is: hou by die reëls om so 'n situasie te vermy!

Naskrif: Uit 'n ander hoek gesien: sou dit so 'n groot verskil gemaak het indien die reël “op” die 2-meter merk sou lees en dit sodanig (en wettiglik!) toegepas sou word? Indien dit volgens 'n toekomstige reël **op** die 2-meter merk geplaas kan word sal geen span bevoordeel of benadeel word nie. Dit sal die verwarring wat hierbo uiteengesit is, uitskakel.

In die onlangse verlede het iemand dit reggekry om op internasionale vlak 'n reël deur te voer dat, indien die witte die baan *na die kante* verlaat dit **op** 'n punt twee meter vanaf agter en een meter vanaf die kant van die baan geplaas word en die naaste skote aan hierdie punt of merk punte sal tel. (Dit is interessant dat die bestaande reël van “by” of “net binne” die 2-meter merk in hierdie geval heeltemal verontagsaam word!). Sommige klubs pas hierdie reël toe en ander nie. Sekere klubs het selfs die moeite gedoen om 'n aantal 2m x 1m

winkelhake uit hout te maak wat elke keer na die baan gedra moet word en heelwat spasie in die stoorkamer in beslag neem.

In gesprekke met spelers oor hierdie onderwerp het feitlik een en almal die standpunt gehuldig dat dit 'n lastige en onregverdige reël is wat maar so gou doenlik geskrap kan word. Indien vaste kolle nie vooraf gemaak is nie, vertraag dit die spel onnodiglik. Die grootste probleem met dié reël is egter dat balle wat eintlik swak gerol is vir punte in aanmerking kom. Met ander woorde, spelers wat te veel gras gevat (en te veel gewig gespeel het) se balle kom in die hoeke tot stilstand en in aanmerking vir punte ten koste van spelers wat perfek gras gevat en die regte gewig gespeel het. Hoe kan 'n swakker afgelewerde bal of balle wat as't ware vergete in die hoeke lê bo 'n goeie agterbal wat perfek op die middellyn van die baan lê, punte tel? Dit maak geen sin nie!

In die praktyk word die spelers wat een of twee spelaksies ten opsigte van gewig en gras reg gedoen het, van moontlike punte ontnem, terwyl die spelers wat te wyd **én** te diep in die hoeke gespeel het, die punte volgens dié nuwe reël op 'n skinkbord ontvang!

Alwyn P Smit

L'Agulhas Rolbalklub



Weskus Rolballiga

Leon Meyer

Vanjaar was dit die derde jaar dat die Weskusliga Toernooi plaasgevind het en ses rolbalklubs het deelgeneem. Darling Rolbalklub het vanjaar vir die eerste keer deelgeneem. Die ander klubs was Langebaan Buiteklub, Lagoon, Velddrif, Weskus Militêr en Yzerfontein. Die liga word gedurende die wintermaande gespeel en daar moet altyd 'n ekstra Saterdag oopgehou word om vir ongere weer voorsiening te maak.

Elke klub word verteenwoordig deur twee viere-spanne. Die liga word op Saterdag gespeel en om brandstofkoste so laag as moontlik te hou, word twee wedstryde per dag gespeel.

Daar is vanjaar besluit om 'n nuwe formaat van drie stelde van sewe skofte elk te gebruik. Met gebrande koppe word die witte op die twee-meter merk geplaas. Elke stel wat gewen word, verdien twee punte. Daar is geen bonuspunte nie. Die maksimum wat 'n klub kan verdien is 12 punte per wedstryd. Die spelers het die formaat baie geniet en dit het die kleiner klubs bevoordeel.

Lagoon Rolbalklub het die



Die wenspan van Lagoon Rolbalkklub: Agter: Eben Snyman, Johan du Preez, Pam Beer, Peter Welensky, Rene Port and Peter Burns en voor: Lucille McNamara en Dirk Lotz

Weskusligatrofee vir die derde keer in 'n ry verower. Na die tweede stel op die laaste dag, het drie klubs dit om die tweede en derde plekke uitgespook. Twee het 31 en een 30 punte gehad, maar Yzerfontein het in die laaste stel vier punte be-

haal om in die tweede plek te eindig.

Die finaal is aangebied op Weskus Militêre Rolbalkklub se perk en die klub het gesorg vir 'n heerlike ete na die prysoorhandiging.

Sone 1 daag al die ander sones

uit om ook so 'n liga te begin. Sone 1 beplan om die Weskusliga verder uit te brei deur kleiner klubs se spelers in uitnodigingspanne te laat speel. Die klubs wat hierdie jaar deelgeneem het, het reeds laat weet dat hulle volgende jaar weer daar sal wees. 🌟

Boland Competition Results

The results of the last Boland competitions played during the 2011/2012 season are as follows:

Men's Fives:

Winners: Lagoon, **Runners-up:** Yzerfontein.

Ladies' Fives: Winners: Lagoon, **Runners-up:** Swellendam.

Champion of Champions:

Men: Winner: Stoffel Lambrechts (Ceres), **Runner-up:** Johannes Corbett (Paarl)

Ladies: Winner: Tish

Bryce (Hermanus), **Runner-up:** Engela Lambrechts (Ceres)

Mixed Fours:

Winners: Leon Beer, Terry Boucher, Pam Beer and Dorothy Boucher (Lagoon)

Runners-up: Peter Lamb, Thelma Elkington, Hugo Stofberg and Gerda van der Merwe (Worcester)

Mixed Pairs:

Winners: Martin and Wilhelmine van Zyl (Robertson)

Runners-up: Leon and Pam Beer (Lagoon). 🌟



A STYLISH GENTLEMAN

Ena Linde

In a day and age when there are calls for bowlers to play in civvies, have a look at Terry Kelly from Hermanus Bowling Club who sometimes, not always, comes dressed as in this photo. Who wants civvies when you can look this stylish! 🌟

Greyton's green resurfaced

Adrian Purslow

Greyton Bowling Club has been forced to replace the green's playing surface. The condition of the green had been in steady decline since flood water from a nearby river twice overwhelmed the green, first in August 2006, then in November 2007.

A suffocating layer of silt swept across the playing surface and the green had gradually worsened.

Teams of playing members and volunteers worked tirelessly to try to remove the silt and other debris in the wake of the two floods, and ex-greenkeeper Tristan Hess has toiled in subsequent years to try to return the green to its once-pristine and enviable condition, but without success.

Sadly, the green had become dangerously unfit for bowling, and the committee had to face the fact that unless the layer of silt was removed, the condition of the green would progressively worsen.

A turf specialist was brought in to remove the surface of the green ahead of laying a new soil and sand combination and reseeding, using a combination of seed that hopefully will restore the green to its once-immaculate state.

The final, critical phases of the work will not be undertaken until the end of August or early September, and the hope is that the green will be back in action some time in October. David



Eddie Whitehead, turf specialist, removes the surface of the green

Former greenkeeper Tristan Hess (left), his successor, Frans Erasmus (centre) and club father-figure, Jannie Viljoen, inspect an area of green where the surface has been removed



Rowson, club president, said: "We were staring at the fact that, without a green, there would not be a Greyton Bowling Club, and that would be a tragedy for our

town and bowling generally.

Our young club has always been tremendously popular with visiting teams and we look forward with great optimism to

the day when our green is once again staging tournaments against the backdrop of Greyton's spectacular mountains".



IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL COACHES

Marina van Wyk, Convenor: Boland Standing Committee for Coaches, reminds all coaches in Zones 2, 3 and 4 of the very special day, **15 September 2012** at Hermanus Bowling Club, where the excellent new book, **Lawn Bowls Coaching**, published by Bowls SA, will be introduced. New tendencies, fault identification and practise programmes for all positions will be discussed and applied in practice.



SKIETGOED

Saamgestel deur Martin van Zyl

“Die hoogste bome vang die meeste wind”. En dit is presies wat die afgelope tyd in hierdie rubriek met die Bestuur van Boland Rolbal gebeur het. Maar nou het die wind tydelik gaan lê en die winterson skyn heerlik warm.

Die volgende uittreksel uit ‘n onlangse artikel oor die promosie en ontwikkeling van rolbal by die alombekende rolbalklub, **Die Eiland**, kan dalk help om al die klubbesture in die Boland verder te motiveer om meer te doen om lede te werf, die sport wyd en sydel bekend te stel en dit uit te brei.

“Daar doer in die Bosveld is sekerlik een van die mees suksesvolle rolbalprogramme wat die afgelope ses jaar in ons land aangepak is!

Ja, ons praat van die Rolbalklub Die Eiland wat in die Hans Merensky Reservaat, sowat 70km oos van Tzaneen, naby Letsitele, geleë is. Dié klub is gestig op 22 April 2006 met sewe lede en het tans 28 voltydse lede. Verlede jaar het meer as 189 geregistreeerde spelers van oraloor tydens die vakansieseisoen tussen April en Julie daar in ‘n verskeidenheid toernooie en 13 klubkampioenskappe gespeel. Vanjaar weer het nie minder nie as 56 spelers tydens elke spelsessie (twee sessies Dinsdae tot Saterdag met addisionele sessies op Dinsdag- en Donderdagaande) deelgeneem. Die voorbehoud was dat niemand meer as een keer per dag kon speel nie (enigste uitsondering was tydens die laaste rondtes van sekere kampioenskappe), wat meegebring het dat tot 168 verskillende spelers op een enkele dag daar gespeel het en dit alles op slegs een goedversorgde perk! Bo en behalwe talle sosiale aktiwiteite, borg- en pretdae, word afrigting gebied aan enigeen wat sy hand

aan die sport wil probeer (tot op datum is 112 nuwe spelers gewerf).

Besoekers word die geleentheid gebied om ook deel te neem aan klubkampioenskappe. In die eerste bestaansjaar was daar reeds 863 spelbeurte en vanjaar was daar die merkwaardige getal van 1 537!”

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...hier is nou jul kans om ‘n positiewe stuiwer in die arm rolbalbeurs te gooi!

”

Hier in die Boland het ons talle klubs wat in vakansiedorpe gesetel is. Is dit nie dalk moontlik dat die pragtige voorbeeld van Die Eiland gevolg kan word deur sosiale geleenthede en **vakansiekampioenskappe** aan te bied nie?

Riaan Pienaar het reeds in die Augustus 2010 uitgawe van Raakskoot/Toucher volledig oor die doen en late van hierdie besondere rolbalklub geskryf en lesers kan gerus dié artikel weer opsoek.

Die Eiland en Bonnievale is reeds op verskillende wyses hoogs suksesvolle klubs. Laat ons asseblief weet van enige verdere positiewe wendings waarby ons distrik kan baat. Ons wil baie graag nuwe impetus verleen aan bekendmaking en ontwikkeling van rolbal dwarsdeur ons distrik.

Is dit nie dalk nou tyd dat die “owerhede” (BSA en distrikte) meer aandag verleen aan

sodanige suksesverhale nie? Wat van, byvoorbeeld, **aansporings** soos die gedeeltelike kwytstelling van normale jaarlikse affiliasiegelde van die distrik en BSA vir sodanige klubs en wat van ‘n spesiale korting aan diegene wat hulle vir die eerste keer tot die sport wend?

julle gedoen het en sien ‘n nog meer betekenisvolle en suksesvolle toekoms om die draai. Om nog beter te presteer en ons distrik se naam hoog te hou, is ‘n groot uitdaging vir ingeligte en doelgerigte klubbesture, met talle bekwaame afrigters wat ons spelers heelhartig sal ondersteun, aanmoedig en lei.

Maar doen ons **klubbesture** genoeg moeite om te sorg dat hul klubs darem ‘n **nuusbrief/webwerf** het sodat lede ingelig kan word oor dit wat binne hul klubs gebeur, sowel as op distriks- en nasionale vlak? Is lede ingelig oor basiese rolbalsake (reëls en etiket van die sport)? Word distrik- en BSA-omsendbriewe slegs op die klubkennisgewingborde geplaas of word daar geleentheid geskep om **die inhoud daarvan te bespreek**?

‘n Dringende en ernstige versoek word langs hierdie weg aan alle klubbesture gerig om die inhoud van die 2006 BSA publikasie, **“Bowls South Africa Bowls Development Guidelines”** in detail te bestudeer en die talle voordele daaruit toe te pas. Hierdie publikasie is sekerlik die heel belangrikste wat die rolbalowerheid in ons land ooit die lig laat sien het. Hoewel elke klub reeds ses jaar gelede van ‘n gratis eksemplaar voorsien is, is dit twyfelagtig of meer as ‘n handjievol klubs nog oor hierdie uitstekende handleiding beskik. Dié riglynepublikasie is beskikbaar teen R24-00 per eksemplaar, maar bestellings moet by Boland Rolbal geplaas word.



ALL CAPE 2012 – THE HIGHS AND LOWS

Kim Breach

When I was given the opportunity to play in the All Cape this year by Luci McNamara, I jumped at the chance. However, when I heard we were going to be staying at Pollsmoor Prison and playing in the Northern Suburbs, I felt that this might not be a match made in heaven. However, in the end it presented fewer challenges than the back seat drivers! "Go left, no, right, turn here, no, there!"

The upside of staying in Pollsmoor was that we were probably in the safest location in Cape Town whilst not the prettiest. The accommodation we had was not the height of luxury and lacked those home comforts but it was clean(ish) and a well-located friend not far from Pollsmoor acted as the Laundromat!

Arriving at Durbanville for the start of the All Cape was fantastic. It was fabulous to see everyone geared up for the week, bright and breezy. The atmosphere was very special and I felt delighted to be there. The bowling conditions were perfect and by the end of the weekend we had had three wins and one loss.

Monday we had a morning bye,



Kim Breach (left) with teammates Marianna Kirsten, Cecile Reed and Lucille McNamara.

which meant getting to Gordon's Bay would be a breeze. I had heard that a morning bye is not the best. Wow, did they get that right! It was like turning up late to a party, everyone was already in the groove and someone had failed to tell you it was fancy dress.

Gordon's Bay looms over me like a very dark cloud. I played the worst bowls of my life and I think if my skip had had a gun she would have shot me. I played like a complete

muppet and the harder I tried the worse it got. What went wrong? I have no idea! I am sure someone out there will have a theory. However, that is not the worst part of Gordon's Bay. The team we played had not yet won a match and they beat us hands down. How bad does it get? All I know is that when you crash, you burn.

The rest of our tournament had ups and downs and we completed the tournament with four wins, four losses and one

peel. The weather had been superb throughout, the hospitality at each venue excellent and a great opportunity to meet bowlers from across the Cape. It was also a great pleasure to play with Luci, Cecile and Marianna. It is one thing to play bowls, but another to play with a team in which you feel comfortable.

However, the biggest highlight for me was the team from Gordon's Bay. They topped our group and went through to win overall. For me this team represents bowls like nothing else can. Their lead was eighty and their third was eighteen. We should be shouting from the rooftops that this game of bowls is not stuck in the dark ages and that it is one of the few sports where people of all ages are included and can be highly competitive. What other sport can field a team that has two team members separated by sixty-two years? Not only that, but they won everything!

The All Cape has made me even more passionate about bowls. It is a game of skill, a little bit of luck but, most importantly, it is the people that make this such a great sport. 🌟

DARLING BOWLS CLUB: Darling Cellars Bowls Awareness Day 2012

Ada Smith

Darling Cellars, through one of our members who is chairman of the board there, offered to sponsor an event for us. We thought that it would add interest to the Bowls Awareness Day to have them sponsor that event. It gave us a "theme", so to speak. They sent us their new logo and we used it to advertise the event with posters made for us by a golfing member of the Darling Sport Club ("It is not **what** you know, but **who** you know!"). Shaun Bywater,

of Colourtone Aries in Cape Town, asked for a photo to use as the background of the poster and we gave him one that was taken at the Awareness Day last year. In addition, we, ourselves, made A5-sized flyers to hand out. We also had Shaun's poster sent out by Darling Tourism to everyone on their e-mail list.

Our event started at 10:00 with sorting out of teams from the 35 participants, 18 of whom were non-

The winners, Denis McIlrae, Lottie Bezuidenhout and Dave Chalmers with Wessel Rauch (second from left)



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Rolbal by Hoërskool Swellendam

Marina van Wyk

Gewapen met vier stelle balle en 'n 20 m-mat vir praktiese werk, en "Inleiding tot Rolbal" vir teoretiese agtergrond, het ek dapper aangemeld vir die eerste van altesaam 12 les-ure by die drie Gr. 9 klasse (95 leerders) van Hoërskool Swellendam. My werk het deel uitgemaak van die vak Lewensoriëntering.

Tydens die afrigtingsessies was ek verbaas hoe maklik die leerders die nuwe vaardighede baasgeraak het. Die "See the line..."-roetine, fokus, ritmiese aflewering en die vorentoe uittree, het baie vinnig inslag gevind. Die positiewe kommentaar en opgewondenheid oor suksesvolle afleweringe en gretigheid om te verbeter, het my aan die hart gevat.

Die laaste Donderdagoggend van die kwartaal was 'n groot groep van die Gr.9's van 9.00 tot 12.00 op die rolbalbaan. Vooraf is spanne saamgestel en spandrag beplan. Die verskillende klasseksies het in twee wedstryde teen mekaar meegeding. Twaalf klubde het opgetree as spanbestuurders.

Luide toejuiging, handeklap en "high fives" is oral gehoor en gesien! Almal was dit eens dat die spel en die heerlike boerewors-broodjies na die tyd, 'n uiters geslaagde manier was

om die kwartaal af te sluit!

Ons klubde was verbaas oor soveel natuurlike aanvoeling vir ritme en gewig. Die leerders het ons ook verras met hul waardering vir alles wat vir hulle

gedoen is. Baie van hulle is vas van plan om rolbal deel van hulle weeklikse program te maak. Ons sien daarna uit om hulle as gereelde spelende lede van ons klub te ontvang. 🌟



DARLING BOWLS CLUB

(continued from page 12) bowlers. We were having a mini-competition with wine as prizes and we made score cards with the Darling Cellars logo and the teams' names were those of the cultivars used in the Darling Cellars wine.

While the players were on the green, Parker Kriel was working his magic with the braai fire and Darling's famous boerewors. Because the day was somewhat cool and dreary, there was a run on the boerewors rolls when the players came off the green, having played their first game of 12 ends. After lunch a further 12 ends were played, followed by the prize-

the clubhouse, everybody was having a great time. Due to the generosity of Darling Cellars, every single player went home with at least one bottle of wine.

The winning team was Denis McIlrae, a member of our club, with non-bowler (but soon to be a member) Lottie Bezuidenhout and Dave Chalmers, a brand new member of the club. Wessel Rauch, a member for many years, handed out the prizes as the representative from Darling Cellars. 🌟

(In return for the free advertising, we shall ask Darling Cellars to place a paid advert in our next issue - Ed.)

Bonnievale sê dankie

Theuns Coetzee

Bonnievale Rolbalklub wil al die spanne wat aan ons Spar Classic deelgeneem het, van harte bedank vir die goeie sportmansgees en heerlike samesyn. Die spanne wat van ver moes kom, is amper laaste hier weg. Aan julle almal, baie dankie vir julle ondersteuning. Ons, as bestuur, hoop van harte om julle volgende jaar weer te sien en wees verseker dat ons nog voor die tyd daar by julle sal kom inloer!

Baie geluk aan Franskraal se span wat kon spog met 'n wegholoorwinning en 'n perfekte agt. Ons hoop om julle volgende jaar weer te sien. Dis nou te sê, as julle nie vir die Protea-groep gekies word nie!

Sanlam Rolbal Uitnodigingstoernooi

Datum: 15 September Saterdag 10H00 –17H00

Koste: R 75 - 00 per speler

Kontakpersone: Theuns Coetzee 082 4178 597

Dirk Jordaan 082 298 6342

Bonnievale Rolbalklub



Ons nooi ons mede-Bolandklubs uit om saam met ons 'n dag van lekker gesonde rolbal te kom geniet. En as ons melding maak van “gesond” beteken dit nie noodwendig 'n spel van hoogstaande gehalte nie, maar 'n dag waartydens ons die samesyn en sportmanskap hoog op die hart dra.

Ons weet almal dat daar by elke klub geswoeg word om nuwe lede te werf en ons klub wil met hierdie toernooi u as nuwe aspirant-lede uitnooi om jul eerste weg-wedstryd hier te kom ervaar.

Al ons klubs het spanne wat al vir jare saam speel. Daarmee is niks verkeerd nie, maar dit maak dit vir al ons nuwelinge moeilik om aan enige kompetisie deel te neem. Ons vra dus dat u hierdie nuwelinge se hande moet vat en die dag saam hier by ons kom geniet. Bonnievale sal alles uithaal om die dag vir die nuwelinge onvergeetlik te maak sodat die spelers die werklike genot van die spel kan ontdek en nie verlore sal gaan weens gebrek aan ondersteuning nie.

Hoekom is die saak so belangrik vir Bonnievale Rolbalklub? Wel, ons was self in die bootjie met 'n klub wat op sy laaste bene gewankel het. Was dit nie vir 'n paar ou wyses wat begin het om ons jong mense by die spel te betrek nie, sou die klub vandag dood gewees het. Die klub se gemiddelde ouderdom het in twee jaar van 71 na 49 jaar gedaal, die ledetal het met 100% gegroei en dit styg nog elke maand. Ons nuwelinge kan nie glo dat ons nooit in die spel belanggestel het nie, maar... ons was nooit regtig daaraan blootgestel nie!

Dit is waarom ons as jong aspirant rolbalspelers julle klubs uitnooi om julle beginners (“novices”) en besigheidsliga-spelers saam te bring na die toernooi. Ons sal ons bes doen om daardie spelers die spel rolbal te laat aanneem. En met 'n herlewing van die sport regoor die hele Boland sal 'n groter, gesonde spelerpoel op die ou einde almal baat.

Ons het Sanlam Bellville, Worcester en Bonnievale gekry om die dag te borg, en poog om nog 'n lang pad met hulle te stap en om rolbal aan ons jonger geslag bekend te stel.

Die toernooi word geskoei op 'n baie informele tema en die spanne moet as volg saamgestel word:
Skipper: 'n speler met ervaring, Derde: 'n speler met minder as drie jaar ervaring (novice), Tweede: ook 'n beginner en Lei: 'n speler uit jul besigheidsligapoel.

Die spel is gebaseer op die “skins” model wat beteken dat almal 'n kans het om deel te wees van die spel. Pryse van R7000-00 is vir die dag beskikbaar gestel en elke speler kry ook 'n bottel wyn en 'n rolbalhanddoek. (Die pryse sluit in 'n nuwe stel balle wat gewen kan word).

Wat langs die veld aangaan, laat julle aan ons oor. Al wat ons kan sê, is dat dit beloop om 'n heerlike dag te wees. Wat die kos betref, wees verseker ons dames kon net sowel “master chef” finaliste gewees het!

Indien julle verblyf benodig kan ons dit reël, maar dan sal julle ons vroegtydig moet kontak.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE : BOWLS AWARENESS DAY

Al Cannone

Bowls South Africa – and in particular their Standing Committee for Promotion and Development - are to be commended for their sterling efforts in whipping up enthusiasm nationally for recruitment to our great sport. Bowls Awareness Day is an excellent concept. Barefoot Bowls Awareness Day is even better - as we demonstrably shed our sport of the rigid mindsets of yesteryear. We already know that BSA have acknowledged that April 27 is not a good date in the annual calendar for this event and we anticipate that for 2013 and beyond, October will become Awareness Month.

I would suggest that they

have blundered in one other respect - and that a serious rethink is called for.

In the normal course of our private lives we all from time to time invite acquaintances to our homes for a social dinner - or braai - or whatever. Our clear intent is to extend our hospitality so as to forge ever stronger bonds of friendship. Not to put too fine a point on it, we hope to impress upon them that we have something to offer by way of friendship and that we in turn are indeed worthy of *their* friendship.

Would we be so crass as to exploit that situation of social cohesion and of hosting in one's own home - by extolling the vir-

tues of our favourite charity and exerting emotional and social pressure on them to dig deep in their pockets to support same? I think not! However one cares to view it, we would be applying a form of social blackmail of the worst kind! Why then do we conflate Bowls Awareness Day – to which we invite as many of our non-bowling acquaintances as possible – with Cancer Awareness Day or Disability Awareness Day? Are we not seriously diluting our recruitment efforts by conflating these very different, albeit worthy, objectives? Do we not undermine our recruitment efforts by potentially antagonising those very people

that we as bowlers are trying to impress? Are we not discouraging many clubs from doing *anything* by introducing an unnecessary complexity to the organisational requirement of the day? Is BSA not antagonizing our clubs by placing onerous pressure on them to do the 'blackmailing'?

By all means encourage clubs to introduce a designated week – or month - in their social bowls calendar devoted to fundraising for Cancer and/or Disability Bowls. But please, BSA, keep this fundraising drive entirely separate from the quite different objective of increasing membership in our clubs. Conflating the two is NOT to our advantage. 🍀

Nuus vanuit Caledon

Yvonne Pretorius

Nuwe bestuur

Hier (regs) is Caledon Rolbalklub se nuwe Bestuur wat op 30 Junie se AJV verkies is. Voor sit die President, Gavie du Toit en Sekretaris, Yvonne Pretorius. Agter, v.l.n.r. staan Annatjie van Wyngaardt (addisionele lid), Janet van Wyk (Tesourier), Dianne Quinn (addisionele lid), Bossie Boshoff (Vise-president) en Maureen de Jager (Wedstrydsekretaris). Die ander nuwe lede, wat nie op die foto verskyn nie, is Fred Matthee (Perkemeester) en Burger van Rooyen (Ontwikkelingsbeampste).



Die wenspan: Gavie du Toit (Skipper), Peter Quinn, Bräslar van Schoor, Wynand Pool en JC Rabie die borg se verteenwoordiger

Badenhorst-dag

Op Saterdag 23 Junie het die klub die Badenhorst-dag aangebied met Arno Badenhorst as borg. Spanne vanaf Robertson, Durbanville, Meadowridge, Greyton, Swellendam en Kleinmond en twee Caledonspanne het deelgeneem. 'n Span van Caledon het met die wenprys weggestap. 🍀

2012 ROLBAL S A GEMENGDE PARE KAMPIOENSKAP

Ses keer reeds kan die Rolbalklub Robertson pronk met die onderskeiding dat hy deur sy gemengde pare by die jaarlikse BSA Gemengde Pare Kampioenskap verteenwoordig is. Vanjaar was dit die beurt van Martin en Wilhelmen van Zyl wat bo uitgekom het. In hul laaste wedstryd in die Boland Gemengde Pare, die finaal teen die gesoute Leon en Pam Beer van Lagoon, was hulle tydens die vyfde skof 1 – 9 agter maar, met volgehoue konsentrasie en 'n bietjie geluk, het hulle uiteindelik as weners uit die stryd getree.

Om Boland Rolbal by die daaropvolgende BSA Gemengde Pare te Potchefstroom (14 – 17 Junie) te verteenwoordig, was beslis 'n groot verantwoordelikheid. Die yskoue weersomstandighede (-6°C die oggend voor die aan-



Martin en Wilhelmen

vang van die toernooi) asook nat maar tog vinnige perke, het alles bygedra tot die noodsaaklike aanpassing wat gemaak moes word. Na die eerste dag se spel, met drie wenne agter die rug, het dinge baie goed gelyk.

Die feit dat hulle egter twee wedstryde op die derde dag met slegs een skoot verloor het, het ongelukkig meegebring dat hulle op die ou einde nie in die laaste vier vir goud, silwer en brons kon speel nie. Desnieteenstaande,

het hulle dit darem onder andere reggekry om vooraf die bronsweners van Noord Gauteng en beide die sterk spanne van Johannesburg Bowls Association en die Westelike Provinsie te klop.

Die besondere ondervinding om teen rolbalspelers van formaat (etlike provinsiale en selfs Proteaspelers) te kon meeding, was 'n voorreg. Die aangename gees onder spelers, puik reëlings, besondere gasvryheid van die Rolbalklub Potchefstroom en die Organiserende Komitee onder leiding van Piet Breitenbach, Noord-Wes Rolbaldistrik, en die verteenwoordigers van BSA, het, volgens hulle, bygedra tot 'n onvergeetlike rolbalervaring.

Martin en Wilhelmen wil graag hul opregte dank uitspreek aan President Basie Louw en al die baie vriende in die Boland wie se goeie wense hulle vergesel het. 🌟

ROLBAL EN DIE GESTREMDE

Annalie Olivier

Ek skryf hierdie artikel nie omdat ek 'n deskundige op die gebied van gestremdhede is nie, maar omdat ek 'n passie vir rolbal het en wat dit vir hierdie persone kan beteken. Ek is die ma van 'n gestremde, Niël Mouton, en het oor die jare betrokke geraak by sport vir gestremdes, maar veral rolbal. My seun het die afgelope vyf jaar vier maal aan die SA Kampioenskappe deelgeneem en dit is waar my betrokkenheid vandaan gekom het.

Ek het geleer dat, net soos ons, gestremdes ook die behoefte het om aan 'n sportsoort deel te neem en rolbal is nogal die ideale sport vir baie. Op die rolbalbaan kan die gestremde op dieselfde vlak as 'n nie-gestremde persoon meeding!

Daarom is feitlik almal lede van "gewone" klubs en van hulle het selfs al hul distrikte op provinsiale vlak verteenwoordig. Daar word ook gereeld Protea-spanne gekies om aan toernooie oorsee te gaan deelneem. Net soos die paralimpiese atlete, kom hierdie manne en vroue gereeld met 'n string medaljes huis toe.

By elke vergadering waar oor getalle gepraat word, moet ons hoor dat die getalle verminder en klubs word aangemoedig om ontwikkeling te doen. Het enigeen van ons al daaraan gedink dat 'n gestremde gewerf kan word as 'n speler? Dit is 'n bron wat in die verlede nog glad nie ontgin is nie, bloot omdat daar nog nie eintlik aan gedink is nie. Ek wil al die afrigters en

dalk ontwikkelingsbeamptes vra om in jul gemeenskappe te gaan rondkyk en vas te stel of daar nie dalk iemand is wat 'n sportsoort nodig het nie.

Om 'n gestremde wat aan rolbal kan deelneem te identifiseer, moet ons eerstens kyk na die verskillende gestremdhede wat kwalifiseer om deel te neem. As jy al ooit die voorreg gehad het om die SA's by te woon, sal jy hoor hulle praat onder mekaar van die "BLINDIES", die "WOBBLIES" en die "WHEELIES". As ons na laasgenoemde twee kategorieë kyk, is dit persone wat spesifieke gestremdhede het.

"WOBBLIES": Dit is gewoonlik persone met aangebore defekte wat mank

loop, balansprobleme het en soms ook probleme met armbewegings. Dit word veroorsaak deur onder andere serebraalgestremdheid (*cerebral palsy*) - baie van ons het al daarvan gehoor - *spina bifida*, meer bekend as 'n ruggraatspleet, ens. Sommige persone wat 'n been verloor het, tel ook onder hierdie groep.

"WHEELIES": Dit is persone wat in 'n rolstoel sit as gevolg van 'n ruggraatbesering, 'n aangebore defek, maar ook persone wat 'n been verloor het (*amputees*) wat dit moeilik vind om uit 'n staande posisie te speel.

Hierdie persone het almal eiesoortige probleme. Gelukkig weet hulle gewoonlik presies wat hul (vervolg op bladsy 17)

GOUD EN SILWER VIR NIËL

Annalie Olivier

In 2006 hoor Niël Mouton van Bredasdorp die eerste keer van SA Nasionale Kampioenskappe vir Gestremdes. In 2007 reis hy saam met die Kemps van Swellendam na Kimberley om te gaan deelneem. Hy doen nie goed in die pare nie, maar hy mis 'n brons medalje in die enkelspel met net 'n paar punte – ondervinding nog nie daar nie!

By hierdie kampioenskappe ontmoet hy Derrick Lobban, 'n Protea speler en 'n gevestigde rolbalspeler in sy klub. Hulle besluit om die volgende jaar saam in die pare te speel, wat vir hulle in 2008 die goue medalje besorg. Niël verwerf ook die silwer medalje in die enkelspel. In 2010 wen hulle die silwer medalje in die pare en Niël kry 'n brons in die enkelspel.

Op 23 Junie 2012 reis Niël en sy familie na Port Elizabeth vir dié jaar se kampioenskappe. Niël se visier is hoog gestel – hy soek 2 goue medaljes – een in die pare en een in die enkelspel. Op 24 Junie begin die parespel en hulle wen beide hul wedstryde, met nog drie oor in die seksie. Op Maandag, 25 Junie, speel hulle by 'n ander klub en die perke is 'n groot teleurstelling – hulle is swaar en die manne en vroue moet behoorlik uithaal om die



Niël Mouton, Brian Jarvis en Derrick Lobban. Freddie Sterrenberg, Brian se paremaat was ongelukkig nie beskikbaar vir die foto nie

witte te bereik.

Derrick en Niël wen weer albei wedstryde en die volgende oggend voltooi hulle die prentjie met nog 'n oorwinning. Hiermee wen hulle die seksie en is deur na die finaal. Hul "aartsvyande", Freddie Sterrenberg en Brian Jarvis is hul opponente vir Saterdag!

Dinsdagmiddag begin die enkelspel en Niël wen sy eerste wedstryd, maar val die volgende oggend vas teen Deon van der

Vyver - ook 'n Proteaspeler. Hy wen die res van die wedstryde en sy seksie nadat 'n speler onttrek het.

Saterdagoggend is dit tyd vir die finaal in die pare. Derrick en Niël begin baie goed en is na ongeveer sewe skofte met 9 – 0 voor. Freddie en Brian kry 'n paar punte, maar in 'n naelbystryd en baie goeie rolbal later, klop Derrick en Niël die twee Proteaspelers – die derde keer in die afgelope drie

kampioenskappe wat die wenpaar saam gespeel het.

Die middag speel Niël in die finaal van die enkelspel teen Deon van der Vyver. Hy kry 'n skok vroeg in die wedstryd en raak redelik ver agter – Deon is 8 – 0 voor voordat Niël enige punte kry. Toe hy weer sien was Deon 14 – 3 voor, maar 'n tipiese Overberger gaan mos nie lê nie en hy begin sy terugvegpoging met 'n drie! Later is Deon 18 – 10 voor, maar nog gaan die geveg aan. Niël trek later gelyk (18 elk) en kry in die volgende skof 'n 2 om hom 20 – 18 te laat voorloop. Deon is egter ook 'n vegter en kry drie "ene" agtermekaar om die wedstryd 21 – 20 te wen. Dit besorg aan hom die goue medalje en aan Niël die silwer medalje.

Dit gee hom ses medaljes in 4 kampioenskappe – ander spelers wat al baie meer toernooie gespeel het, het maar een of twee medaljes. Niël wil hierdie medaljes opdra aan elke persoon wat hom ondersteun het met donasies, deelname aan sy fondinsamelingstoernooi en op enige ander manier. Baie dankie ook aan die persone wat gereeld gedurende die week en daarna navraag gedoen het om te hoor wat die uitslae was. 🌟

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gestremdhede en beperkings is, hoewel dit soms ook 'n probleem kan veroorsaak – hulle sal dalk dink dat die "gewone" spelers hulle nie sal aanvaar nie. Dit is soms vir afrigters 'n groot uitdaging om persone by hierdie siening te laat verbykyk.

Nog 'n eienskap van hierdie persone is dat hulle ook baie trots is en nie 'n oorlas vir ander mense wil wees nie. Dit is daarom baie belangrik dat hulle soos "gewone" mense behandel moet word. 'n Mens hoor so dikwels dat gestremdes kla dat daar oor hulle koppe gepraat word – so asof hulle nie in 'n gesprek bestaan nie.

Sodra 'n speler gewerf is, word

die afrigter betrek om die gestremde die spel te leer – dit kan nogal 'n uitdaging raak. Ek het met 'n paar gestremdes gesels en hulle mening is dat elkeen sy eie styl moet ontwikkel. Verduidelik die basiese beginsels van die spel en laat dan die speler toe om die spel op hom te laat groei en sy styl rondom sy probleme te laat ontwikkel. 'n Mens kan hom nog altyd dophou en as jy sien dat hy basiese foute maak wat nie deur sy gestremdheid veroorsaak is nie, wys hom daarop. Die goue reël is om spelers met 'n oop gemoed te benader.

Die "wobblies" is die persone wat balansprobleme het en dit

kom gewoonlik van 'n verskil in die lengte van hul bene, of 'n voet wat nie reg is nie of selfs iemand wat 'n been verloor het. Ons leer nuwe spelers 'n spesifieke manier van staan op die mat – dit gaan nie vir hierdie persone werk nie – hulle moet self die goue middeweg kry om 'n posisie op die mat in te neem. Een fout wat ons nooit moet maak nie, is om die posisie in 'n span waarin hierdie spelers gekies word, aan hul gestremdheid te koppel. Die outjie loop mank, dus kan hy nie derde speel nie! Ek het eendag in 'n toernooi op Bonnievale gespeel en in die laaste wedstryd speel my seun

en Kempie van Swellendam op derde teen mekaar. Almal het gedink dat dit lank gaan vat – ons was die eerste span van die twee perke die wedstryd voltooi het!

As die spelers in rolstoele dopgehou word, sal jy sien dat daar twee maniere van aflewer is. Sekere persone buk net skuins vorentoe om die bal op die grond te kry – hierdie spelers het nie 'n verlamming nie – die rolstoel word gebruik omdat hul bene te swak is, maar hulle het nog hul balans. Die ander spelers hou of aan hul stoel se rugleuning of aan die teenoorgestelde wiel vas – hulle het gewoonlik 'n verlamming en as hulle slegs vorentoe sou

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BOLAND CLASSIC SONE 3

Ena Linde

Die Boland Classic vir Sone 3 is gedurende Junie op Hermanus se perke gespeel. Altesaam 24 spanne het ingeskryf. Daar was twee spanne elk van Old Oak en Helderberg, een elk van Paarl, Robertson en Worcester en uit die Sone was daar twee spanne van Caledon, drie van Franskraal, twee van Kleinmond en tien van Hermanus. Dit raak al hoe moeiliker om genoeg inskrywings te trek, maar die organiseerders was

redelik tevrede met die aantal inskrywings.

Die spanne is vooraf getrek vir die eerste wedstryd en daarna het die beginsel van krag teen krag gegeld. Die spanne is na die eerste dag in twee groepe verdeel en die 12 spanne in elke groep het die laaste dag teen mekaar gekompeteer, steeds krag teen krag.

Aan die einde van dag een was die span van Dave Buckley

bo-aan die punteleer met 'n totaal van 52 + 34, Gavie du Toit tweede met 44 + 31 en Bryan Chambers derde met 41 + 19. Bo-aan die punteleer vir Groep B was Mattie Neethling met 31 -3, Helen Edwards met 30 en 0 en Philip Neethling met 29 - 5.

Aan die einde van die kompetisie was Dave Buckley se span in Groep A die wenner, tweede was die span van Don Walton en derde die span van Paul Naylor. In Groep B was

die span van Helen Edwards eerste, tweede die span van D Kotze en derde Mark Beviss-Challinor se span.

'n Uitstaande kenmerk van die span van Dave Buckley was dat hulle vanaf die eerste wedstryd voorgeloop het en nooit hierdie voorsprong afgestaan het nie. Voorwaar 'n prestasie! 'n Verdere veer in hulle hoed is dat hierdie selfde span ook die vorige jaar se Sone 3 Boland Classic gewen het! 🏆



Die wenner, Eddie Kelbrick, Rudy en Dave Buckley en Blackie de Swardt saam met Pieter Conradie, Sone 3 se verteenwoordiger

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oorbuig, sou hulle gesig eerste op die grond beland!

Die verenigings wat rolbal vir gestremdes beheer, het spesifieke voorskrifte vir hulpmiddels op die baan: Krukke se "voete" moet 'n minimum deursnit van 75mm hê. Die bande van rolstoel moet opgepomp kan word – dus ook die breër wiele om die gewig meer te versprei. Daar is ook spesifieke maniere waarop 'n rolstoel op 'n baan "bestuur" moet word – geen kort draaie word toegelaat nie.

Ek dink dat elke kompeterende speler graag die hoogste moontlike doelwit in sy sport wil bereik – vir sommige van ons is dit Proteakleure en vir

ander is dit om vir hul klubs gekies te word. Al hierdie spelers kan egter aan die SA Kampioenskappe vir Gestremdes deelneem. Daar ding hulle mee teen mense met hul eie gestremdhede en kan hulle ook met die medaljes wegstap. By hierdie kampioenskappe kompeteer die Blindes in hul verskillende kategorieë, maar die Gestremdes het 'n oper kompetisie. Daar is ongeveer drie verskillende kategorieë waarin spelers ingedeel word volgens hul gestremdhede, maar dit veroorsaak soms dat die getalle in elke kategorie so klein is, dat dit nie eintlik "die

moeite werd" is nie. Daarom ding "wobblies" en "wheelies" teen mekaar mee vir die medaljes.

Daar was oor die afgelope paar jaar baie tontrekkery oor die liggame wat die sport in SA moet beheer. Die Blindes het hul eie vereniging wat baie goed georganiseer is en wat uitstekend vaar. Die Gestremdes het ook hul vereniging wat minder georganiseerd was en wat dus nie so professioneel in hul optrede was nie. Hierdie verenigings word nou deur hul eie staande komitee by Bowls SA verteenwoordig en dinge kan nou net verbeter vir hierdie spelers.

Die werwing van gestremdes as rolbalspelers het verskeie voordele: dit kan – soos vroeër genoem – ons klubs se ledetal verbeter en so ook die aantal rolbalspelers in SA, maar dit sal ook die ledetal van Disability Bowls verbeter. Laasgenoemde sal dan ook verseker dat die kampioenskappe wat elke jaar gespeel word, al sterker en sterker word en dat die spanne wat oorsee gestuur word om aan "World Bowls" te gaan deelneem, ook al sterker word.

Ek hoop dat hierdie artikel vir almal 'n beter begrip sal gee vir die gestremde speler – hulle is net gewone persone met 'n groter uitdaging in die lewe as ons! 🏆

BE BRIGHT TO BE “DIM”

Al Cannone's address to the AGM

Al Cannone, Zone Representative of Zone 1 and member of Boland's Executive Committee, delivered a motivational speech in his unique inspirational manner at Boland's AGM that took place on 4 August 2012. Here is the skeleton framework of his speech:

“Entries to Boland competitions have been declining. All reasonably competitive bowlers should welcome a full day of keen competition –or even two, for winners of their sections –for a mere R30. This should comprise a major source of funding for the District. How much more fun is it to have bowlers enter in numbers, rather than inviting yet another increase in affiliation fees to make good the shortfall?”

Al then gave several possible reasons contributing to this decline in interest.

He used an OXYMORON as the key to a turnaround!

“We need to be bright to be dim!” he said, and then dissected the word: **“D I M”**.

“D” is for DELEGATION — or DEVOLUTION from top down.

“The executive has decided that all entries to Boland competitions and the scheduling of preliminary rounds be delegated to zonal level. The Zone Representative would need to exercise overall control – and accept responsibility and accountability”.

Al discussed several advantages expected to flow from this, and mentioned that finalists will still compete at Worcester: 2 per zone for Singles and Mixed Pairs, but only one finalist per zone for all other competitions. Al advises however, that the issue of proportional representation (finalists vis-a-vis entries) MUST be addressed, considering that bowlers enter teams to compete as independents and NOT as zonal representatives.



Al Cannone

“I” is for INNOVATION.

“If long-standing traditions are found wanting, why not be innovative and establish some new and possibly more appropriate traditions? Coming up: 2 - BOWL SINGLES for Sept. 8 and 9!! The conventional four-bowl Singles remains – we do not wish to throw out the baby with the bath water! Only 4 bowls per end – a drawing purist's dream. No logistical nightmare of finding markers – they are not needed! Club novices, leads and club champions – the latter often seasoned skips with full shot selection skills – will be on a level playing field!”

Al mentioned a second innovation. **“In our conventional scoring system – deeply entrench-**

ed in tradition – it often happens that “one shot takes all”. There are no crumbs from the table for an opponent's 2nd, 3rd or even 4th shots”. As an experimental trial, one of our traditional fours competitions will be staged with a completely different scoring system, namely 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 (or 3 + 2 + 1) points available for each end — awarded to each of 4 (or 3) shot bowls in the head. Again, strategizing shifts heavily towards drawing and, Al says, clubs are well advised to try it out on their home greens and to expect “the fun to hit the fan!”

“M” is for MARKETING According to Al, **“the coalface for generating greater interest in Boland competitions lies within each and every club – and its administrative team. The**

Boland Executive is confident that entries can easily be doubled – provided each and every club administration acts as an enthusiastic and supportive broker, urging ALL their members to enter. The norm for club administrations has been to be predictably uninspiring and entirely uncaring when advertising Boland competitions”.

He then illustrated – by means of a simple comparative exercise in arithmetic - how a very small improvement in a clubs' participation can deliver a huge increase in overall entries, with a commensurate financial benefit to Boland.

He ended with an appeal: **“I challenge my colleagues on the Executive to reward an exceptional response from our clubs, if indeed it materialises! At the very least, no further increase in affiliation for the year 2013/14 – and beyond? It is really up to all of us here today, and to club administrators not present, to put our District Executive on the spot! With respect to supporting your District's competitions – and finances, your club is almost certainly a slumbering giant. Please: WAKE IT UP!”**



You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Promotion and Development / Promosie en Ontwikkeling

Leon Meyer

Guidelines for Development

During 2006 SA Bowls published a booklet *Guidelines for Development*. Boland gave one book to every club in the district and later to new clubs. These guidelines are also available on the SA Bowls website under Development. I ask all clubs to look at these guidelines again.

Boland Bowls Awareness Day: 27 April 2012

Only a few clubs participated in the Awareness Day. The clubs from which I received feedback, were Darling (see the article on

page 12 - Ed.), Kleinmond, Robertson, Langebaan Golf and Sports and West Coast Military. One of the main reasons for the lack of interest was the fact that it was a public holiday and many players were away on holiday. Bowls SA has changed the Awareness Day to an Awareness Month, the first of which will be October 2013.

Baie klubs sukkel om hul rekeninge te betaal en verloor lede. Hulle kan gerus die handleiding *Guidelines for Development* lees en 'n paar bewusmakingsdae aanpak om

lede te werf.

Plaatjiespel

Kom ons probeer om ons plaatjiespel ook bietjie meer interessant te maak. Ruil die span na elke 5 skofte, speel stelle en probeer 2-4-2 by parespel. Kompetisies met 'n klein prysie soos 'n sjokolade verrig ook wonders.

Webwerf

Al hoe meer van ons spelers begin die webwerf besoek. Die webwerf het gedurende Julie sy 5000ste besoek gehad. As jy 'n e-pos wil hê wanneer iets

nuuts opgesit word, stuur jou name en e-pos adres aan lomeyer@telkomsa.net. Om dit makliker te maak, vind uit by jou klub watter lede van die diens wil gebruik maak en stuur almal se name en e-posse.

Ons soek nog 'n borg vir ons webwerf. As jy jou sone se inligting op datum wil hou, kontak my asseblief.

New Age bowls

Boland has received ten sets from SA Bowls. They are ideal for school halls, parking areas, tennis courts or any hard surface. 🌸

Bonnievale Rolbalklub het gaan toer

Theuns Coetzee



Die toergroep en vriende

Bonnievale Rolbalklub het weer 'n heerlike toer onderneem deur teen Hartenbos, Groot Brak en Mosselbaai te gaan speel. Die

oudste lid van ons groep was 80 en die jongste 15 en almal het dit ewe veel geniet. Ons kon egter net een van die drie dorpe klop, maar dit raak elke jaar beter

en ons spelers geniet dit geweldig baie. Ons gedagte is om volgende jaar die Weskus aan te vat. As daar klubs in die geweste is wat bereid is om as

teenstanders op te tree, laat ons weet dan maak ons 'n plan. Deel van ons toerplan is om die sport onder die jonger generasie te promoveer. 🌸

“DELICIOUS DELIVERY”

The basis of good bowling

The following has been compiled by one of Boland's newest coaches, Rob Barker, who recently spent several months in Australia where he played and learnt a lot about the promotion and development of the sport. Rob says, “This information has been gathered from different sources, some from Dries du Plessis, former distinguished Protea coach and district player, some from a publication given to league bowlers in Brisbane, Australia and some from my coach's manual.”

1. Stand a step away from the mat and put the bowl in your hand in the ‘Clinic’ correct position ready to deliver.

2. Identify your point of aim (POA) and keep your eyes on it.

3. Step onto the mat with your feet pointing in the correct direction for delivery, that is towards the POA (‘Clinic style’), eyes still on the POA.

4. Delivery should be done on ‘auto pilot’ i.e. each and every time the same action, variations and change with grass and weight.

5. Relax, bend slowly and deliver the bowl smoothly next

to or just in front of your front foot, fingers almost touching the grass, so the bowl leaves the hand without bumping or ‘pineappleing’. (Those of you who for one reason or another cannot bend to reach the ground must adapt this to your best advantage, keeping your eyes on the POA.)

6. When following through with your delivery arm, bring your hand up in the direction of your face, palm uppermost.

7. Stay down watching the trajectory of the bowl and POA until it is at least half way to its destination. This is very important as it will determine whether you are perfectly in balance or not - you should not fall over one way or the other. Now stand up slowly.

8. Remain on the mat until your bowl comes to rest exactly where you aimed for, and then step back.

Once you are ready to step onto the mat your thoughts must move from *preparation phase* to *delivery phase* without changing focus on the POA – i.e. once reaching the mat forget about grip of the bowl and the position of your feet – both should be correct. 

From the editors / Van die redaksie

Apparently Boland can pat itself on the back as it is reported to have the greatest number of club newsletters currently being published within the 20 districts in the country! The growth in this exceptionally important method of creating and maintaining *esprit de corps* within a club cannot be overemphasized. A special request is therefore made to all of those clubs that have as yet not established a newsletter, to do so as soon as possible. In this respect, there are numerous clubs that would be only too pleased to assist and give advice and readers are requested to help motivate their management committees or, even better, to offer their services to their club presidents.

The success of Raakskoot/ Toucher, it is said, has also contributed to several districts following Boland's example in producing their own newsletters. And, incidentally, we can hopefully be excused for boasting that someone who is in an ideal position to judge, has complimented us on producing the best district newsletter/ bulletin in the country!

Perhaps the meaningful communication, so strongly accentuated at all bowling levels in the Boland, is one of the prime factors contributing to this district having the best record in South Africa of keeping its membership as constant as it has been over the past number of years. The fact that only one club has closed down since the advent of the 21st century, is laudable and certainly most exceptional when measured against the rather woeful situation elsewhere!

Over and above the successful publication of club newsletters, several Boland clubs have, of late, also entered the domain of web sites, in the wake of Boland's

own initiative in this regard. It is indeed pleasing to hear of regular newcomers to this modern method of keeping members fully abreast of club, district and even national bowling and bowling-related matters.

Perhaps Boland Bowls might like to consider further encouragement of essential regular communication within its area of jurisdiction by rewarding clubs for any such innovative efforts. What about an annual floating trophy and awards for the three clubs that do the best in this regard? Is there a sponsor out there who would like to finance such an award?

Yes, we are indeed a great district, but if we want to continue along our current successful line, we will have to put even more effort into ensuring that our progress is maintained!

Met verwysing na die beskrywing van Eiland Spa se rolbalkklub in “Skietgoed” op bladsy 11, verneem ons op goeie gesag dat Leona Mostert van L'Agulhas Rolbalkklub wat, bygestaan deur manlief Hennie, die een is wat verantwoordelik is vir die bestuur van die bedrywings skedule van daardie klub gedurende die wintermaande, vir nog minstens 'n jaar in daardie hoedanigheid gaan aanbly. Hulle sorg al vir verskeie jare dat alles reg loop daar en het te kenne gegee dat vanjaar hul laaste jaar sou wees. Ons almal wat graag daar vakansie hou en rolbal speel, is dankbaar vir hul besluit en wens hulle sterkte en goeie gesondheid toe om nog lank hul taak voort te sit.

Baie geluk aan Basie Louw met sy herkiesing as President van Boland Rolbal en aan sy bestuursplan vir die komende jaar. Mag julle die ondersteuning van almal in die Boland geniet. 

ADVERTISE IN RAAKSKOOT/TOUCHER

This quarterly bulletin, distributed to all the bowls clubs in the Boland, with a total membership of more than 1400 and to all the other districts in the country as well as prominent national bowls personalities, can be the ideal medium for individuals and companies to advertise their service or product. The country's bowlers make up a formidable purchasing group in the marketplace and regular advertisements in this publication will not only benefit your business, but will help to finance the many commitments of Boland Bowls.

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