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AYALA CLASSIC 2013

John Carroll

The 87th rendition of the men's fours AYALA Classic held at Hermanus Bowling Club and sponsored by Personal Trust has come and gone. Played on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th January 2013 so as to accommodate the WP clubs who play their Flags League on Saturdays, it was well attended by 34 teams from as far afield as Port Elizabeth and Plettenberg Bay.

After a first round blind draw the teams set to do battle over a total of six 15 end games during the two days on a strength versus strength basis. Six points were available for winning each game and one point per end, giving a total of 21 points per game.

At the end of the first day, i.e. halfway through the tournament, the teams were divided into three sections as determined by their log positions. Every team then spent the rest of the tournament in its particular section and each section rotated from green to green as a whole for the three remaining games.

Who says that bowls is not an exciting game? Going into the last round in the A section, two teams were level on points with another team only two points behind. With the last ends to be played, two teams, playing on adjacent rinks, were level on points. The final results were determined by the last bowls on each rink.

The Hermanus team of Keith Kruth (Skip), Dave Buckley, Bruwer Scannell and Jan de Wet eventually emerged as victors by a single point over the Stellenbosch – Van der Stel side skipped by AD Fourie and including ex WP Rugby lock, Johan Gerber. In third place was last year's winner, the Bredasdorp side consisting of Stephan de Jager (Skip), Wilhelm Uys, Henry Fourie and M P Olivier.

The B section was won by Caledon's powerful Boland players Gavie du Toit (skip), Peter Quinn, David Pillay and Bräsler van Schoor. In second place was the Hermanus team skipped by Denis Isted, followed in third place by another local team with Riaan Pienaar as Skip.

The C Section winners were a Kleinmond team made up of Roy Galloway (skip), Chris Barnard, Johan Henning and Phillip Graham, (Continued on page 3)



The 2013 Ayala winners from Hermanus: Dave Buckley, Keith Kruth, Jan de Wet and Bruwer Scannell with Personal Trust's Mark Gibbs second from right

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DIE PRESIDENT SE BOODSKAP / THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ja, hier is ons nou reeds “pens en pootjies” in 2013! Graag wil ek u almal ‘n baie voorspoedige jaar toewens en vertrou dat u goeie gesondheid sal geniet en sal voortgaan om u rolbal te geniet. Die van u wat met ongesteldhede stoei, hou goeie moed en hou u oë op Hom van wie ons krag en genade vir al ons terugslae ontvang.

We start off the year with a win in the Quadrangular Tournament at Worcester between Boland, WP, SC and an invitational team from the various districts. Congratulations to our teams that won. The teams that did not make it will have to go back to the drawing board and “correct their wrongs”.

Thank you to Stoffel, Chris and all their helpers as well as the members from Worcester and Hexvallei who helped to make the tournament a success. A special word of thanks to the green keepers. The greens were in a good condition. There were some hiccups here and there but they did not derail the tournament. We shall remember the lessons that were learnt.

Unfortunately the Mini Interdistricts Tournament that was to be played at George near the end of January could not take place. Since EP and Border had withdrawn from the tournament and no other district could be found to compete against Boland and Southern Cape, it was decided, after consultation, that Boland would not go to George and that we would try to arrange practice games against WP. Unfortunately they could not accommodate us and our teams ended up playing against each other. The final arrangements for the Interdistricts were discussed. Unfortunately I could not attend this session and would nevertheless like to thank all the



Basie Louw, President, Boland Rolbal/Bowls

die Distrik se begroting te laat klop en dit is die verhoging van affiliasiegelde. Laasgenoemde wil ek graag as die allerlaaste uitweg sien.

Baie geluk aan Sone 1 met die suksesvolle afhandeling van hul Sone Classic. Daar was ook maar probleme om die nodige inskrywings te kry, maar deur harde werk en met die nodige toewyding het hulle geslaag. Baie dankie aan almal wat by die reëlins betrokke was. Dankie ook aan Sone 1 vir die bedrag van R7 500-00 wat reeds aan Boland oorbetal is.

Ons is nog besig met onderhandelings met ‘n moontlike borg en daar word eersdaags weer ‘n voorlegging gemaak. Ek wil melding maak van Theuns Coetzee van Bonnievale wat die opstel van die voorlegging op hom geneem het en reeds baie tyd daaraan bestee het. Dankie, Theuns, en sterkte met die voorlegging. Ek wil klubs versoek om so spoedig moontlik te reageer wanneer besonder-

hede aangevra word, aangesien sekere inligting noodsaaklik is vir die voorlegging. Teen die einde van 2012 is inligting aangevra en sommige klubs het nie eens daarop gereageer nie. Skande vir daardie klubs! So kan ons nie die voorlegging behoorlik doen nie en sal ons nie die borge oortuig nie. As elkeen sy deel doen, kan ons hierdie een deurtrek.

Die Interdistrikte is om die draai en ek wil graag ons spanne baie sterkte toewens. Mag julle veilig reis en goeie gesondheid geniet sodat elkeen elke dag sy/haar beste kan lewer. Ek wil Jan Brand se spreuk so bietjie aanpas vir hierdie geleentheid en sê:

“ALLES SAL GOED AFLOOP AS ELKEEN SY BESTE LEWER”.

...sommige klubs het nie eens daarop gereageer nie. Skande...!

players for attending this practice session.

Die besluit om die wedstryde teen Suid-Kaap te kanselleer is nie ligtelik geneem nie. Met die oog op ons finansiële posisie, is daar besluit dat ons liever moes kyk na die beste oefening wat ons spanne nader aan die huis kon kry.

Vanjaar se Interdistrikte Toernooi sal weereens die Distrik se finansies onder druk plaas en daarom is besparing

noodsaaklik. Slegs een sone kon verlede jaar die teiken van R7 500-00 vir hul Sone Classic haal en een sone het nie eens ‘n poging aangewend om ‘n Classic te hou nie. Daar is besluit om die sones weer ‘n kans te gee en Sone 1 het reeds hul Classic suksesvol afgehandel. Ons vertrou dat die ander sones ook suksesvol sal wees. Ek wil alle klubs versoek om die Sone Classics te ondersteun. Sou die nodige fondse nie ge-in kan word nie, is daar slegs een uitweg om

BOLAND PLAYERS FOR INTERDISTRICTS

The sides that will represent Boland Bowls at the annual Interdistricts Tournament that will be held from 11 to 15 March 2013 will consist of the following players:

Senior Ladies:

Denny Smithies (Worcester)	Tish Bryce (Hermanus)
Dalene Reid (Lagoon)	Francina Cumpsty (L'Agulhas)
Lucy McNamara (Lagoon)	Aletha Saayman (Worcester)
Avril Darlew (Paarl)	Sandra Helmbold (Kleinmond)
Manager: Pat Stofberg	

Senior Men

Martin van Zyl (Robertson)	Keith Kruth (Hermanus)
Dave Buckley (Hermanus)	Peter Quinn (Caledon)
Bruwer Scannell (Hermanus)	Kobus Kriel (Paarl)
Tommie van Niekerk (Franskraal)	Ian Rice (Clanwilliam)
Manager: Basie Louw	

Open Ladies A

Santjie Steyn (Swellendam)	Lucille Herbst (Caledon)
Engela Lambrechts (Ceres)	Gladys Bradley (Worcester)
Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp)	Lesley Bevis-Challinor (Robertson)
Ezile Fourie (Bredasdorp)	Amanda Meyer (Hermanus)

Manager: Dorothy Boucher

Open Men A

Stoffel Lambrechts (Ceres)	Mark Bevis-Challinor (Robertson)
Leon Beer (Lagoon)	Carel van der Merwe (Robertson)
Bräslar van Schoor (Caledon)	Bryan Chambers (Franskraal)
David Pillay (Caledon)	M P Olivier (Bredasdorp)

Manager: Chris de Jager

Open Ladies B

Judy Vorster (Napier)	Pam Beer (Lagoon)
Hermien Fourie (Bredasdorp)	Thelma Elkington (Worcester)
Ilze Rabie (Hexvallei)	Gail Lotz (Lagoon)
Sandra Steyn (Swellendam)	Kim Breach (Franskraal)
Manager: Salomé Knight	

Open Men B

Gavie du Toit (Caledon)	Francois van Deventer (Paarl)
Schalk Mouton (Swellendam)	Johan Pienaar (Yzerfontein)
Enrie Carosini (WCM)	Hendré de Wet (Villiersdorp)
Wynand Pool (Caledon)	Willie de Kock (Swellendam)
Manager: Adriaan Hubach	

YOUNG PLAYERS REPRESENTING BOLAND

The following players have been selected to represent Boland Bowls at the Under 25 and Under 19 Tournament from 2 to 6 April 2013:

Under 25 Men:

Stephan de Jager (Bredasdorp)
Roelof Campher (Swellendam)
Stefan van Wyk (Caledon)
Wesley Taylor (Swellendam)
Manager: Schalk Mouton

Under 25 Ladies:

Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp)
Ezile Fourie (Bredasdorp)
Monique Payne (Bredasdorp)
Nicolette Hattingh (Swellendam)
Manager: Henry Fourie

Under 19 A Team Men

Junior Kitching (WCM)
Tristan Perrins (L'Agulhas)
J D Wentzel (Bonnievale)
David Rouch (Bonnievale)
Manager: Leon Meyer

Under 19 B Team Men

Tiaan Mostert (Ceres)
Gerhard Mostert (Swellendam)
Kobus Lubbe (Swellendam)
Boetie van Dalen (Bredasdorp)
Manager: Koos Wentzel

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followed by a Helderberg team skipped by ex WP Seniors stalwart, Cliffie Coombes in second place and Franskraal skipped by Mel Knox in third place.

On a lighter note: should a club wish to provide some entertainment at prize giving, then they must firstly give Wilhelm Uys of Bredasdorp a glass in his hand and then ask him to tell the spicy story of the German ballerina from Beaufort West!

The Ayala has been dominated by visiting teams over the years and this win was only the third by a Hermanus team since 1992. The financial support of sponsors, Personal Trust, is much appreciated by the players and even in these trying economic times, Personal Trust made a substantial increase in their sponsorship so as to accommodate prize money for all three of the sections. Many thanks to Mark Gibbs and his institution.

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AN AMAZING DOORSTOP

Martin van Zyl

L'Agulhas Bowls Club has done it again and set another excellent example!

This time round, the club has come up with a very simple but ingenious and practical idea to mount an old bowl onto a wooden curtain ring and, hey presto, there you have it - a very useful 'bowling doorstep'.

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Yes, we bowlers could easily 'pinch' the idea and have very effective doorstops in our offices, in our homes and even in our bowling clubs. Just think of all the free promotion and advertising of our sport at simply no real cost at all! And what about a good and handy present by Boland Bowls to its many sponsors?

Over now to the members of our bowling fraternity.





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The many Boland bowlers who became friends of Derek Watson over the years that he represented Warwick Private Wealth at the tournaments sponsored by that company, were saddened by the news that he had passed away on 26 December 2012. We extend our condolences to his family and Warwick Private Wealth.

PLAYER'S PROFILE

In the November 2012 issue we introduced a new column aimed at sharing with our readers more about some of the better known bowlers in the Boland district. We regularly play with or against other players, often members of our own club, without knowing anything about the private lives, backgrounds and past achievements of our fellow bowlers. In the previous issue we featured the first questions and answers session with Dries du Plessis of Montagu. In this issue we talk to Tish Bryce of the Hermanus Bowling Club. Tish has so many true and valuable things to say, especially about essential changes to the game in order to keep it alive, that those who are interested in the future of our sport will read every word.

Where do you live?

I live in Onrus Manor, a delightful retirement village in Onrus, Hermanus. This is a very active village with many attributes towards retirement living. The village has also 17 residents who are active members of Hermanus Bowling Club.

Why did you settle there?

When my husband and I were in our early 50's, we had already decided to spend our retirement years in a retirement village - as opposed to ending up in some or other old age home. The questions for us were: where and when? My husband was keen to move out of Cape Town, where we had lived since arriving in South Africa from Scotland in 1964. My concern was that wherever we retired to out of Cape Town, there would have to be adequate medical care, shopping facilities and a fair English speaking community. Most of all, for me, there had to be a bowling green nearby! Hermanus fitted the bill beautifully.

Who are the members of your immediate family?

I have three children - Gillian (48), Scott (45) and Stephanie (40). I also have two brothers and two sisters who all live in the UK. My youngest sister, Marylin, is just as well known here as she is overseas. She is a visitor, coming every year to enjoy the sun and to top up her tan. She is also a very good bowler. It was she who introduced me to bowls whilst I was paying a visit to the family back in Scotland.

Where are your children and what do they do for a living?

Gillian, a widow, lives in Israel with her two children. Scott, with his wife and two boys, live in Johannesburg and Stephanie and her husband live in Cape Town.

Tell us about your career and academic qualifications.

- Primary and secondary education Glasgow, Scotland.

- Registered General Nurse in Glasgow Royal Infirmary from 1959 – 1962.
- Clinical Trials Coordinator Groote Schuur Hospital 1974 - 1989.
- Diploma in Oncology Nursing Science Groote Schuur Hospital 1989 - 1991.
- Clinical Research Associate Cromedica (now PRA), a clinical research organisation.

What was your late husband's profession?

My husband completed a 5 year engineering apprenticeship at Singer's Sewing Machine Engineering Company in Clydebank, Scotland. He specialised in tool and die making, fine precision tool-making and quality control. He worked initially, on arrival from Scotland, in various tool-making companies, before obtaining a post in the Geosciences Department at the University of Cape Town in 1972. He was then responsible for manufacturing the specialised tools and equip-

ment for research purposes, mainly undertaken by the academic and post graduate students. He remained there until his retirement in 2002.

What are your hobbies (apart from playing bowls)?

I enjoy reading mainly mysteries, detective stories, and anything medical with a forensic flavour. I also enjoy knitting, particularly in the winter, pottering in my garden and blockbuster crosswords.

I am also a certificated teacher of Scottish Country Dancing, but have not practised this since our move to Hermanus.

In my younger days, when the children were younger and at school, I was very involved in their competitive swimming careers, having been a qualified time-keeper and judge.

How long have you been playing bowls and where?

I began my bowling career in 1989 at Keurboom Sports Club (now Western Province Cricket Club) in Rondebosch. The

reason for my joining there was because -
a) They were having an "Open, all welcome" day one Sunday, when my husband and I had nothing special to do. We decided to attend, more on the premise that if we didn't like the sport, or like the vibe, there was no obligation on our part. Besides, they were offering a free braai, so it would save me making supper!
b) The bowling club was literally around the corner from where we lived and a 5 minute walk from the front door.

Of the 70 "newies" that turned up that Sunday, 26 of us joined up (including my husband and myself) and we spent 6 very happy years there. Due to a decline in club membership, there was later not much left in the way of competitive bowls at Keurboom and with a great deal of sadness, I decided to leave Keurboom, and moved to Pinelands Bowling Club where I teamed up with Lorna Trigwell for

two years. (Lorna was then making an impact on South African bowls).

Unfortunately, Pinelands Bowling Club did not have the ambience that I had experienced at Keurboom, so I decided to make a move to Mowbray Bowling Club, a much smaller club, with a much smaller membership, but was also recognised as the home of some of the best Men's and Women's players in Cape Town, if not Western Province. Not only that, they consistently claimed the title of best greens to play on. I enjoyed 6 very happy years at Mowbray before moving to Hermanus.

I have been a member of Hermanus Bowling club since 2005.

What are your greatest achievements in bowls?

My first achievement was winning Western Province Novice Singles Championships. Also achieved during my time in Western Province were -
- Winner Sully Cup Ladies Fours;
- Winner Western Province

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Tish Bryce

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Ladies' Trips;
- Semi Finalist All Cape.
Whilst resident in the Boland:
- Club Singles Champion x 3;
- Winner Boland Senior Singles;
- Winner Boland Ladies' Pairs;
- Winner Boland Ladies' Trips;
- Winner Boland Senior Fours x 3;
- Winner Senior Master's x 2;
- Champion of Champions;
- Skip for Boland Senior Ladies Interdistrict for the past 6 years.

By far my greatest achievement was an invitation to play in the South African Masters in 2010. It would be a dream come true to have another opportunity at this title, but realistically I am probably now too old to expect this honour again. Moral of the story: In life sometimes you only get one crack at the whip!

Are you involved in bowl's administration?

I have been involved with bowls administration at club level since 1990 when I was asked to join the Committee of the Ladies' Bowling Section at Keurboom. At the time, ladies' and men's bowls were run as separate entities at both club and provincial levels. In 1991 I was elected as Keurboom's Ladies' Vice President. I became their Lady President in 1995 until I left to join Pinelands Bowling Club.

At Mowbray, it wasn't long before I found myself on their club committees. I served on the General and Executive Committees as Ladies' President, eventually holding the position of Vice President. I was also Mowbray's representative at W P Executive meetings.

As a member of Hermanus Bowling Club my activities have continued in a similar vein. I have served on the Executive twice as Senior Vice President. I am currently the Ladies' Match Secretary, a position that I have held before on two occasions.

I also serve on the Open Ladies' Selection Committee of Boland Bowls.

It is the nursery for the talented player to hone his/her skills on the journey to district and even national selection.

Are Boland competitions important to you? Why?

District Bowls is the umbrella under which the sport of bowls is governed and standards maintained. It is the body which adheres to the governance of our national and world bowls, thus ensuring that the sport is coached and played in the same manner globally.

Playing in district competitions is one of the steps to honing one's skills, a learning experience of note, of gaining respect from other competitors. Additional to this, is the experience of meeting new friends and renewing old friendships. These valuable friendships can last a lifetime.

Without this experience, the bowler will have no opportunity to attain the ultimate recognition, i. e. being selected to represent your district, with the ultimate victory being a representative for your country.

Boland competitions are important to me because I love the competitiveness of the sport, the skill and the strategy of the game which enables winning. The complete bowler is the one who consistently appears on the winners' chart. It is the nursery for the talented player to hone his/her skills on the journey to district and even national selection.

District competition is the university for the younger, talented player to acquire knowledge, show temperament, and be appreciative of the skills of the experienced bowler(s). It assists the individual player to understand the importance of team work and

team spirit. It also demonstrates the role of different players in a team, understanding the skill that is needed to play in each position.

For me, being a part of the development of a new and talented player is being able to recognise the one with equal or greater ability than mine.

Without the umbrella of Boland Bowls there would be no possible chance of the development of any Boland player to aspire to being a national representative.

How important to you is the traditional "tabs-in day"?

- Tabs-in is the lifeblood of many clubs.
- Tabs-in is the cement that binds members together.
- These are the days, not only for social bowls, but for social interaction of club members.
- This is the scene for recalling, reminiscing and exchanging life, and bowling experiences.
- It is the place where friendships, camaraderie, and team spirit evolves.
- Tabs-in is a guarantee that one will have a game of bowls.
- It gives everyone the opportunity to play with all members of the club, rather than waiting to be asked.
- When a club is blessed with bowlers who are champions, this is a motivational factor for those who wish to aspire to greater levels of the sport - with the proviso that those same champions play the

sport with their fellow club members in tabs-in.

- Which bowler doesn't recall their own early days of playing bowls when one heard of so-and-so, a champion bowler and how one longed to be able to play with that champion to learn, and be noticed?
- I think that the term "tabs-in" should be deleted from the bowls dictionary. We are, after all, playing social bowls

Are there any traditions in bowls that you would like to see changed? Why?

In my opinion the sport of bowls is not dead yet, but if current national policies are still to be ongoing, then the future of the sport of bowls looks bleak.

I base this statement on the popularity of and the increasing number of people who regularly play in business leagues. Should they not be classified as bowlers as well, in as much as they themselves are 'keeping the sport alive'? Not only that, their participation brings much needed income to many clubs. Potentially, the business league membership is a gold mine in terms of motivating these players to becoming full members, and who, in time, would become a competitor in club and district competitions and develop as bowlers of distinction.

However, due to the fact that these same players are working people, are possibly stay-at-home mums, they cannot participate in the sport of bowls as traditionally accepted i.e. tabs-in days. Weekends do not suit either, as this is family time, shopping, school sport etc etc. Haven't all we oldies been there? Why can't clubs be able to ensure their existence by including these part-time players in their membership? Why can't clubs, districts and BSA meet to devise a means by which these players can use the facilities of the bowling club as members of the club and the sport with a fee structure that will ensure that clubs, districts and BSA benefit financially? Should

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BOLAND CLASSIC ZONE 1

Al Cannone

As one of the four "legs" of the annual Boland Classic, a two-day LCE West Coast Bowls Classic held during the first weekend of December, 2012 brought bowlers from as far afield as Somerset West, Montagu and Lutzville to battle it out on the Lagoon and Langebaan Country Estate (LCE) bowls greens. The tournament was generously sponsored by the Chief Executive Officer of LCE, Mr. Craig Scott. Supplementary sponsorships came from Warwick, the well-known Private Investment Group, as well as from Darling Cellars and Basie

Louw. Independently at each venue, 12 teams of four competed in a "strength versus strength" format. On the second day - a pleasantly mild Sunday - the strongest teams to emerge at each venue from the previous day's play competed for a separate array of prizes within a separate Section A from that of the weaker teams' Section B. Altogether therefore, at each venue, 6 sets of prizes were on offer. Thus, the competitive spirit burned fiercely among all participants, whether accomplished or otherwise; whether provincial player or social bowler.



Section A winners at LCE: Adriaan Hubach, Carol Jordaan, Tonelle and Tonie La Grange

At Lagoon Bowls Club the first placed teams were:

Section A: Johan du Preez; Leonie Beer, Pam and Leon Beer (skip) - Lagoon club.

Section B: Hennie Greeff (skip), Louis Smit; Sari Smit; Hester de Jongh - Somerset West.

At the bowls club at Langebaan Country Estate, first placed teams were:

Section A: Adriaan Hubach (skip); Carol Jordaan; Ronelle and Tonie La Grange - Yzerfontein.

Section B: Martin (Skip) and Wilhelmien van Zyl (Robertson),

Peter and Diane Quinn (Caledon).

Both winners and losers were united in their praise for the hosting clubs' hospitality; the great spirit of camaraderie that was enjoyed by all, as well as the highly competitive standard of bowls that emerged. Friendships of long standing were cemented, and many new acquaintances established. Sportsmanship and the Sport of Bowls itself again triumphed as a proven winner for every age group, while Boland's coffers swelled to the tune of R7500.



Section A winners at Lagoon Bowls Club: Johan du Preez, Leonie Beer, Pam and Leon Beer

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clubs not be more interested in keeping the sport alive with bodies on the greens even after tabs-in time?

I would like to see bowls clubs become more family friendly. Wouldn't this be a great means by which new members could be attracted to the sport? What a nice way to spend time with the family, young and old playing together after school, after work at times over the week-end!

Could club administrators not devise a shortened form of the game to adapt to the needs of those members who are getting on in years, who are now a bit frailer, cannot tolerate heat and

standing for long periods? Do they now have to resign because they are "past it?" These members derive no benefit from their levies/affiliation fees, except for the fact that they can play on a bowling green of any club.

These same members do not have the capacity, nor the interest, to travel and play competitions at other clubs, certainly not for a whole day. In fact, they don't even play club competitions. On the other hand they have been loyal members to the sport of bowls for many years, and still enjoy belonging in a familiar and social environment.

Traditionally bowlers have always worn whites or club colours. Thankfully, this rule is changing, but I still think that, to encourage more people to play social "tabs-in", the rule of wearing traditional playing uniform should be scrapped. The only occasions when players should be obliged to wear traditional uniform, is when they play in club competitions or are being representatives of the club in district or national competitions.

For the sport of bowls to survive, it is time for bowls administrators to listen to their members and adapt to needs accordingly. Time and circum-

stances demonstrate the need for change. The future of bowls lies with a newer generation of bowlers who are often stifled by traditions, some of which are necessary, but some of which can be more relaxed,

It is time our district, and therefore at club level, adopted the new format of the game viz set play. This form of the game has introduced a new focus and intensity for the player, but it has also reduced the boredom that has crept into the game.

It is time for us in the Boland to adapt to the changes being implemented in other provinces, and not be left in the backwaters of time.

Warwick Bowls S A Masters Singles Championship

Riaan Pienaar

This year, at the Warwick S A Masters Championship that will be played at the Wanderers Bowling Club in Johannesburg from 15 to 17 February 2013, no fewer than six bowlers from Boland will compete for top honours. Santjie Steyn from Swellendam plays in the Open Ladies' section, Ezile Fourie, Monique Payne and Anneke Snyman, all from Bredasdorp and Nicolette Hattingh from Swellendam in the section for Junior Ladies and Stephan de Jager, also from Bredasdorp, in the Junior Men's section.

Just to have so many players invited to the prestigious S A

Masters is a feather in the cap of Boland Bowls, but with four players from the same club, this must surely be a record set by Bredasdorp. And the cherry on top is that all six invited Boland players are from only two clubs - Bredasdorp and Swellendam.

There is, however, a false note in the Masters melody. Being the gold winners in the 2012 Interdistricts, one would have expected at least one of the eight players in the Boland Senior Men's Side to be invited to the Masters. But in spite of their major achievement, none of them apparently passed muster. They may well ask, "What more are we supposed to do?"

WEIGHTY MATTERS

Robert Barker

"If we send up four bowls all the same, sweetly and truly delivered with no jerk, we get our reward at the jack-end with four similar bowls."

An important pre-requisite: The speed of the green must be clearly understood. Green speed is measured over 27 metres, in seconds.

Slow: 10–11.5 seconds (narrow bias)

Medium: 11.6–12.5 seconds
Good playing: 12.6 – 14 seconds

Fast: 14.1 – 17+ seconds (wide bias).

Of great significance: The distance of the jack from the mat!

WEIGHT: Weight in bowls is the additional velocity given to the bowl on its outward path to the head the moment it is grassed. Any increase of the velocity derives from a proportional speed-up of the forward swing during delivery (Julius Sergay). The speed of your bowl is determined by your forward swing either accelerating or decelerating.

WEIGHT CONTROL: Weight control is the continued ability of the bowler to accurately and consistently deliver a bowl to the jack or to a specific indicated position, at different lengths from the mat, taking into account all variable conditions. It is therefore necessary for a bowler to practise with 2 jacks — 2 bowls to be delivered to a 30 metre jack and 2 bowls to a 24 metre

jack.

VARIABLE CONDITIONS: There are many and it is not easy to categorise them exactly.

1. **Green:** Seasonal conditions change – slower in summer, quicker in winter, cut or level of grass, evenness of playing surface – true or otherwise? Wear and tear in delivery areas, worm casts, narrow or wide (swinging) pathways etc.

2. **Weather conditions:** Dew, rain, humidity, temperatures, position of sun, wind and speed of wind differences.

3. **Time of day/night,** early morning and late afternoon.

4. **Different makes of bowls** have wider or narrower bias effects.

5. **Game situation,** ability of individual team members, strengths and weaknesses of opposition.

Bowlers are reminded that experience plays a big part and *Quality Practice* is essential, assuming that he/she has mastered all the basic requirements at Delivery and Point of Aim (POA) level.

CONCLUSION: The ability of a good bowler to look, judge, interpret and transmit the message recorded to the brain, and then to deliver the bowl in a grooved, controlled and consistent way is the difference between *mediocrity* and *excellence*.

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Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

You're never too
old to learn
something stupid.

LETTERS / BRIEWE

ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

Martin van Zyl's article "Selection of District Players" published in the November issue of *Raaskoot/Toucher* was very thought-provoking and I am eagerly awaiting the Executive's reply. I would, however, also like to offer some comment regarding the selection process.

My first concern is the period of time it takes to announce the teams. I do not know how many players were at the trials held last October, but I think there were close to 80 players present. To keep all of them in suspense for several months before the teams are announced is firstly contrary to Boland's Selection Policy and secondly, players lose interest in the whole selection process and become totally despondent. Some selected players have to arrange for leave from their workplace and for people to look after their dwellings, gardens, pets, etc. I regard it as totally inconsiderate to give them such short notice. (This letter was written on 15 January and the Inter-districts are to be played from 11 March. This is less than two months' notice)

I do not expect many changes from last year's teams. Surely, the few changes can be sorted out during the trials. Teams should be announced directly after completion of the trials or, at the most, one week later. This would open the door for teams to practise by playing together for months before the Inter-districts.

Another issue I feel strongly about, is that players who have reached the age of 60 years should **ONLY** be considered for the Senior Side and **NOT** be eligible for the A Side. If players of 60 years plus are selected for the A Side, what message does it send to the young and upcoming players? Surely the reason why Senior Inter-districts exist, is to accommodate players of 60 and over, so the

question I ask myself is why players of that age group still represent Boland in the A Side.

It stands to reason that if a 27-year-old player is not allowed to play for the under 25 team, then a 60-plus player should not be allowed to play in the A Side. Surely the various categories, i.e. Under 25's, Open and Senior sides, were specifically designed to accommodate players of different age groups.

One of Boland's medium to long term goals should be to develop younger players to take over from those who have reached 60 and will no longer be eligible for selection to the A Side. I do realise that in the short term Boland Bowls may take some strain at the Inter-districts, but in the longer term Boland can only benefit.

During the Triangular Competition held in December Billy Radloff also spoke about this issue and said that Southern Cape had adopted the policy to select players younger than 60 years for the A Side. According to him the impetus this decision has given younger players is immeasurable.

If the policy is to win at all costs then surely players of the calibre of Dave Buckley and Martin van Zyl, to name but two, should be in the A Side. Again, what message does this send to younger bowlers? Must they wait for someone to bow out voluntarily before being given a chance to represent their province?

I suppose the same argument can be made as far as the Boland Singles are concerned. Why should senior players have the opportunity to play in the Open as well as Senior Boland Singles? Why should they have two bites at the cherry?

Leon Beer
Lagoon Bowls Club



REPLIES FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the previous issue of *Raaskoot/Toucher* we published a letter received from Martin van Zyl, stating that there was some uncertainty amongst interested players regarding the interpretation of the selection policy adopted by Boland Bowls some time ago. He stated *inter alia*, "I have come to the conclusion that what is supposed to be policy does not necessarily reflect in the current application thereof by some of our selectors/selection panels."

We sent the letter to the President of Boland Bowls, Basie Louw for his comments, but due to the shortage of time, we could not publish his reply in the same issue. Here now is the President's response:

In the last *Raaskoot/Toucher* a lot was said about the invitation of players to squad training who should, in the eyes of "a number of interested players", not be invited. This was taken up with the selectors and the answer was that they always try to get the best players at squad training and to adhere to the Selection Policy. We must always remember that the selectors are only human and humans make mistakes.

We also sent Leon's letter to the President who commented as follows:

Concerning the letter from Leon Beer, I want to say that the question of "the period of time it takes to announce the teams" was discussed in an earlier edition of *Raaskoot/Toucher*. The long and the short of it is to get the teams correct before you announce them. If not, it may be necessary to "chop and change" later and that will have its own problems.

Wat die seniors in die "A-Span" betref, is dit nie werklik beleid van Boland om seniors in die "A-span" te kies nie. Sover my kennis strek, is daar nie 'n senior speler in die huidige A-span nie. **(Miskien wel in die Dames Ope A-kant, maar dit lyk nie so nie en ek gaan dit nie waag om te vra nie! - Red.)** Die "A-span" is eintlik die "Ope A-span" en ek kan geen rede sien waarom 'n senior speler nie vir die span gekies kan word as daar nie 'n beter "jonger opkomende" speler is nie. Die boodskap aan die "jonger opkomende" spelers is om te sorg dat hulle die beste is en nie 'n gaping laat vir die senior spelers nie. Boland se beleid is egter duidelik dat senior spelers nie in die Ope B-kante gekies moet word nie. BSA se beleid is dat 'n sekere getal senior spelers in die Ope B-spanne wel aanvaarbaar is.

Wat die verwysing na Martin en Dave betref wil ek net die vraag vra: Wil ons dan nie hê dat ons seniors ook moet wen nie?

Ten opsigte van Boland kompetisies, is daar die Ope en Senior kompetisies (soos in gholf, tennis, atletiek ens) en verstaan ek nie die skrywer se redenasie nie.

LETTERS / BRIEWE

(Continued from page 10)

ABOUT BOWLS FORMATS

In the previous edition of this publication, Martin van Zyl expressed concern at the diminishing numbers of bowlers and dealt with the recruitment of bowlers. For what it is worth, I would like to contribute some of my reasons for the progressive decline in membership throughout South Africa.

Hermanus has a highly successful annual Business League with an entry this year of 72 teams necessitating a split into two competitions. Besides generating funds for the club, one of the main objectives of staging a Business League is to recruit new members.

Our recruitment rate is virtually nil each year. Hermanus has shown a progressive growth in membership over the last couple of years, but nearly all these new members have come from the ranks of the recently retired to Hermanus sector of the community.

Why no new members from the Business League of 288 players?! The administration that runs Bowls SA have not kept pace with the times; the cricket administration however has con-

stantly tweaked and amended the format of the game; i.e. from boring 5 day tests (how many people watched South Africa beat New Zealand over 3 days) up to and including the exciting 20 over games – not cricket say the purists, but the public disagree as these games are generally well attended.

The tabs-in format is antiquated and appears to have been around since Francis Drake was playing whilst the Spanish Armada was arriving – fours play 21 ends and trips play 18 ends. The team that goes into tea 16 – 3 down has virtually no chance of reversing the tables.

The younger bowler cannot be bothered to spend a whole Saturday afternoon standing with 7 other people in the hot sun and only bowling two bowls out of every 16 and then being told to shut up when he/she speaks out of turn.

Virtually all the WP clubs are breaking their tabs-in games into 2 sets; i.e. one before and one after tea; should each team win a set then a tiebreaker of 3 ends decides the

winner. Surely, this brings more life into the game? Imagine if tennis was only played over 1 set of, say, the first to win 15 games wins the match. Not acceptable!

Younger bowlers in a big club lose interest when they are told about the periods of time between promotion in the pecking order: i.e. between lead and second, etc. Thirty years ago, as keenly explained by Dave Buckley, it was accepted practice for a lead to wait 5 years to get promotion to 2nd; still trying to enforce these restraints on the younger generation is ridiculous and just chases the prospective member away.

The moral fibre and ability of a player, not tradition, should determine a new player's progress up the ranks. Sachin Tendulkar of India and Darryl Cullinan of SA both played international cricket successfully at a young age and were not restricted by tradition.

The younger generation of today is much less patient and wants to be involved in verbally

more active and shorter lasting games and preferably trips or pairs – not drawn-out antiquated 21 end games where the players stand silenced by the ethics of tradition as if they were attending a funeral.

The crux of the matter is that in the Western Cape the older generation is selfish and generally they do not want younger, active, noisier players around. They run the administration so they run the stage and as such bowls in SA will continue to die.

Neil Burkett is the professional at a club in Australia with 25 000 members which includes ± 2500 (yes, two thousand five hundred) bowling members. The average age of the Australian National Squad is in the middle thirties. In the Western Cape the average age of the registered bowling members is in the middle sixties – an age difference of 30 years!

So Martin, above are a couple of controversial thoughts for you to mull over and comment on in your next *From the Hip* column.

John Carroll
Hermanus Bowling Club



KUIPERS VAAR GOED

Op 10 en 11 Desember het Boland se Kuiperspanne op Swellendam kragte gemeet in die jaarlikse Ontwikkelingstoernooi. Die Damesspanne het 'n totaal van 12 punte plus 38 opgestapel, teenoor Suid-Kaap Dames se 6 - 38.

Die Jongspan met Hendré de Wet as Skipper het die beste gevaar met 'n totale telling van 5 + 39.

Hiernaas is die hele groep saam met Tish Bryce (heel links, middel) en Denny Smithies (vierde van links, middel). Hierdie was 'n ideale geleentheid vir die keurders om nuwe talent te ontdek.



Third time lucky!

Lucille McNamara



After three years of trying, Lagoon Bowls Club finally won the Boland Ladies Senior Fours. What a thrill for (from left to right) Dorothy Boucher (lead), Rene Port (Second), Lucille McNamara and Dalene Reid (Skip).

New addition to the team,

Rene Port shared in the success of winning the Gold medal on her very first visit to Worcester!

The team went on to win the Zone One Open Ladies Fours after a round robin consisting of five games and will be trying to make it a double at the finals later in February.

**Die deur na ware sukses word bewaak.
Niemand kan ingaan wat nie hard
gewerk, lank gewag en skoon gespeel
het nie - Anoniem**

BOWLS OF A DIFFERENT KIND

John Carroll

A general gripe amongst bowlers, especially amongst the novices and less talented players, is that they are not selected nor invited to play in competitions or tournaments.

Clubs should be encouraged to hold competitions that enable all keen bowlers to enter with a level chance of being successful on the day. One of these formats is a Round Robin (Rondomtalie) system where each player enters as an individual and keeps his/her own scorecard for the day.

The format may be fours or trips, depending on the number of entries, and either three games of 15 ends each, or preferably 4 games of 12 ends to be played. All the games are pre-drawn and each scorecard reflects the rink to be played on, the skip, middle pip and lead's symbols (a number or a letter) as well as that of the opposing skip: e.g. skip F to play the first game on rink A4 with middle pip B and lead R against opposing skip G.

The match secretary and/or selectors divide the entrants into their categories: e.g. if trips, then an equal number of skips, middle pips and leads. All the entrants' names are thrown into three separate hats and a blind draw is then done to allocate a symbol to each player: i.e. Skip A, Middle Pip A, Lead A, etc.

The secret to success of this

format is that every player plays each game with two or three different team members depending on whether it is trips or fours. Due to the blind draw, players cannot complain about teams being loaded as with this system experienced players and novices are all thrown together in the melting pot.

Each player controls his own scorecard (to be signed by his skip after each game) and at the end of the day, prizes are awarded to those leads, middle pips and skips who performed best overall – first, second and third prizes may be awarded in each category. The main prize to be awarded to the player, whether a lead, middle pip or skip, who overall obtains the best result: e.g. wins all four of his games giving him 8 points and a shot aggregate of +35.

Logistically, the main problem is that entries must be limited to rounded numbers: e.g. 24, 36 or 72 players so that the revolving system can be implemented successfully. It may sound complicated, but only a little more effort to introduce more entertaining formats is what is needed to stem the steady decline in bowling membership nationwide.

Hermanus recently held their inaugural Round Robin tournament on a trips basis and it was thoroughly enjoyed by 72 players.

Obituary : Clive Warren



Clive joined Kleinmond Bowling Club some 20 years ago. He was a placid and easy-going character who never got flustered or lost his temper. As a club member he was reliable and served as a Committee member for several years.

Clive will be remembered as a person who would enter tournaments at surrounding clubs without a team. I can recall him scurrying around at the eleventh hour to put a team together, but he never let anybody down and always arrived with a team on the day.

Over the past few months, Clive's health began failing. He was on medication and seemed better for a short time. However, sadly the problems returned, and he was admitted to hospital on Wednesday, 14 November 2012. He suffered heart failure and passed away in the early hours of the 15th.

Celeste Price
President, Kleinmond Bowling Club.



SKIETGOED

Saamgestel deur Martin van Zyl

“The Moving Finger writes
and having writ, moves on ...”

Aangesien daar byna geen reaksie op die skrywer se indringende vrae aan lesers van die artikel, “From the Hip”, in die jongste uitgawe van Raaskoot/Toucher was nie, sal daar nie op die betrokke punte kommentaar gelewer word nie behalwe net om sy woorde, ‘Commitment’ en ‘Action’ met ‘Traagheid’ en uiterste ‘Terleurstelling’ te vervang!

Deesdae is dit maar bra moeilik om rolbalspelers so ver te kry om iets oor die onderwerp van rolbal te lees en nog heelwat moeiliker om hulle so ver te kry om pen op papier te sit! Is hierdie nie dalk ‘n verdere rede vir die agteruitgang van rolbal nie?

Ons is verheug dat etlike klubs berigte instuur, maar hoe wonderlik sou dit nie wees om **al ons klubs** se suksesstories met ons medespelers te deel nie? Ons is immers trots op ons prestasies en dit wat op en af van ons perke gebeur is beslis die moeite werd om oor te skryf. Die klein groepie klubs wat werklik daarin belangstel om ons sport bekend te stel, te ontwikkel en te bevorder, raak ongelukkig al hoe kleiner en kleiner! Kom ons verleen **publisiteit** aan ons klubs - ‘n nuwe aanslag in hierdie nuwe jaar!

Goeie nuus vir ons sport hier in die Boland is egter dat, na sewe jaar sedert die groot vloedskade, die **Rolbalklub Napier** dit uiteindelik reggekry het om weer sy perk en klubfasiliteite te open vir die voortsetting van rolbal in daardie deel van ons distrik. Ons wil graag langs hierdie weg aan President Judy Vorster en die

baie bedrywige Perkemeester, Willie Vorster, geluk sê en hulle alle voorspoed toewens met hul klub se voortbestaan. Oor hul toernooi en heropening op Saterdag, 9 Februarie sal daar later ‘n toepaslike berig verskyn.

In die jongste uitgawe van BSA se nuusbrief wat so pas verskyn het, word heelwat dekking verleen aan **Kepler Wessels** se siening van en toetrede tot rolbal.

Is daar nie dalk in die Boland bekende en suksesvolle nasionale spelers van ander sportsoorte wat ook nou hul ‘toevlug’ tot rolbal geneem het nie? Dieselfde geld natuurlik ook t.o.v. bekende sakelui, persone uit die kultuurwêreld, openbare figure ens. Lesers kan gerus van hul laat weet sodat Boland se bekendstelling- en ontwikkelingsprogramme dienooreenkomstig aangepas kan word.

Met die ontleding van die *oënskylike* redes wat tot dusver daartoe bygedra het dat Boland een van die weinige distrikte is, indien nie die enigste een nie, wat dit steeds regkry om ‘n konstante ledetal te handhaaf, het die kwessie van behoorlike **kommunikasie** na vore gekom. Die feit dat ‘n

hele aantal van ons klubs die moeite doen om hul lede van klub- en distriksake op hoogte te hou d.m.v. gereelde skrywes, nuusbriewe en selfs ook nou onlangs, webwerwe, is wel iets wat in berekening gebring moet word. Die uiters positiewe kommentaar wat byvoorbeeld reeds in sy kort bestaanstyd deur *Raaskoot/Toucher* ontvang is, uit die Boland, ander dele van die land en selfs van rolbalvriende in ten minste ses ander lande, is bewys van die belangrike rol wat kommunikasie kan speel en reeds speel in die bekendstelling en bevordering van ons sport. Indien distrikte aangemoedig kan word om behoorlike navorsing te doen oor verskillende belangrike fasette van rolbal in hul distrikte en die inligting fyn ontleed, sal administrateurs baie beter vooruit kan beplan. Ons nasionale liggaam sou natuurlik aangewese wees om wetenskaplike navorsing oor ons sport in te stel, maar miskien moet ons distrikte liewers op hierdie laat stadium die voortou begin neem en staat maak op hul geaffilieerde klubs (dit sou ook help om die kommunikasie tussen distrikbesture en klubs op ‘n meer betroubare en gereelde

basis te plaas as wat tot nou toe dikwels die geval was).

Hoe lyk dit met die aanbring van **speelfasiliteite vir die jongspan** by ons klubs? Is daar enige klub in die Boland wat iets het waarmee/waarop jong kinders kan speel terwyl ma, pa of selfs ouma en oupa rolbal speel? Indien wel, laat ons asseblief daarvan weet sodat ons die suksesstories met almal kan deel.

Daar word die laaste tyd heelwat kommentaar gelewer oor die deelname/gebrek aan deelname aan **distrikkampioenskappe**. Kan Boland nie dalk iets vir ons lesers publiseer waarin daar spesifieke syfers gegee word oor die aantal inskrywings (mans, dames, gemeng en ‘nuwelinge’) vanjaar asook die afgelope paar jaar nie?

Die noodsaaklikheid en dus die belangrikheid van ‘n **Bosberaad** hier in die Boland vir klubbesture en diegene wat rolbal op die hart dra, doen die laaste tyd die rondte. Dit sal interessant wees om te verneem of daar wel so ‘n plan beraam word. Die distrik Sables het redelik onlangs so iets gehou en te oordeel aan die baie positiewe reaksie in daardie distrik, sal die Boland sekerlik ook groot baat by sodanige byeenkoms kan vind. Indien direkte betrokkenheid by verskeie noodsaaklike aksies bewerkstellig kan word, sal dié beraad groot waarde hê en staan ons distrik weereens die kans om op sekere vlakke die leiding te neem. Hoe lyk dit, Boland Rolbal?

Aan die ligter kant, word die volgende aanhalings uit die **(Vervolg op bladsy 14)**

NAPIER SE PERK IS HERSTEL

Riaan Pienaar

Ons het in 'n vorige uitgawe van Raaskoot/Toucher verslag gedoen oor die vordering wat daar gemaak is met die herstel van Napier Rolbalklub se perk nadat dit in April 2005 erg deur 'n vloed beskadig was. Willie Vorster, wat grootliks van sy eie personeel en toerusting gebruik gemaak het, het wondere verrig om alles opgeruim en herstel te kry. In die begin het dit maar stadig gegaan om al die modder en slik verwyder te kry en en dit was 'n stryd om die onkruid, wat welig begin groei het, in bedwang te kry.

Vossie en sy werkers het gedurende Junie 2011 begin om die perk se oppervlakte weer gelyk te maak met 'n hark wat hy self gepraakseer het. 'n Skraeper is agter Vossie se bakkie

vasgemaak met sy werkers wat daarop gesit het om dit swaarder te maak (foto). Judy sê dat die gewerskaf by tye maar 'n komiese affêre was, met die werkers wat om lewe en dood moes klou terwyl hulle op die kontrepsie gesleep word.

Vossie het 'n vrag gras by L'Agulhas se rolbalbaan gaan haal en hy en sy manne het dit die volgende dag geplant. Die perk is met plantbedekking toegemaak en so gelaat tot Januarie 2012. Op 'n stadium is daar egter ontdek dat snywurms groot skade aan die gras berokken het, met die gevolg dat byna die helfte van die perk van voor af beplant moes word.

Na baie frustasies en gestoei is die perk nou sodanig herstel dat die klub op 9 Februarie sy



eerste toernooi daarop gaan aanbied. Die perk gaan nog nie op sy beste wees nie, maar volgens Judy moet hulle nou voete op hom kry. Die klub het ook die inkomste dringend nodig. Hulle vra dat die spelers maar asseblief moet verdra as die perk dalk swaar is soos dit maar met

'n nuwe perk gaan.

Vossie het in sy eie tyd en met sy eie personeel en toerusting hard gewerk om die perk weer speelbaar te kry en hy en Napier Rolbalklub verdien nou die ander klubs en alle spelers se ondersteuning. Mag daar vrug op hul arbeid wees.

Promotion and Development / Promosie en Ontwikkeling

Leon Meyer

'n Beroep om betrokke te raak

Wat is die doel van Promosie en Ontwikkeling vir Boland Rolbal en wie behoort daarby betrokke te wees?

Elke rolbalspeler behoort betrokke te wees. Elke lid moet probeer om 'n nuwe lid te werf. Elke lid het die reg om voorstelle te maak oor hoe ons die spel kan bevorder.

Ek doen 'n beroep op alle geaffilieerde Boland rolbalspelers om hierdie seisoen minstens een nuwe lid te werf. Elkeen van ons het familie en vriende; kom ons nooi hulle saam na die klub sodat hulle saam met ons kan speel. Ek doen 'n beroep op die klubs om 'n familie-en-vriendedag of -aand te hou. Baie van ons vriende wag vir daardie uitnodiging.

Besigheidsdae en -ligas

Dit is nou die ideale tyd vir Besigheidsliga kompetisies. Nedbank

wil graag teen ABSA speel en die gemeente teen die kerkraad. Die onderwysers teen die onderwyseresse en die leerders teen die onderwyspersoneel. Wat van die gholfspelers teen die rugby- en krieketspelers? Dit is altyd groot pret. Moet dit nie net sien as 'n fondsinsameling nie.

Reklame

Wat ook belangrik is, is daardie artikels en foto's in ons plaaslike koerante. Kom ons vertel ons mede- inwoners van ons wonderlike sport.

Affiliësie afslag vir beginners

Boland se Bestuur het besluit dat klubs slegs R60 affiliasiegeld vir die eerste jaar ten opsigte van beginners hoef te betaal.

Interskole Rolbal

Daar word kliphard gewerk om

volgende jaar ons eerste interskole rolbaltoernooi te hou.

Promosiebeampte

Ons verwelkom Blackie de Swardt as ons eerste Promosie-beampte.

Webwerf

As daar iemand is wat graag wil help met die webwerf, kontak Leon Meyer by 083 4883332 of stuur 'n e-pos aan lomeyer@telkomsa.net.

SKIETGOED

(Vervolg van bladsy 13)

rolbalboek *The Bowling Companion* deur P G Goodwin geneem, spesiaal vir lesers se genot:

1. "It's not the position occupied, but the way we fulfill it that counts."
2. "Our club is the place we love the best, but where we growl, criticise and grumble most."
3. "The safest way to knock a chip off a fellow bowler's shoulder is by patting him on the

back."

4. "A man who says that he merely plays for the fun of the game has at least some excuse."

5. "If you want to make people believe what they otherwise wouldn't, just whisper."

6. "On the green and under it, all men are equal."

7. "To be a good skip is fine, but to teach others to be good skips is finer – and much easier."

“OF THIS AND THAT”

From the Executive Committee Meeting of 5 January 2013

Al Cannone

The meeting at Worcester opened with a minute of silence in memory of Derek Watson, Warwick's well known representative in bowls, who passed away on 26 December, 2012.

Presentations were made by Theuns Coetzee (Zone 2 Representative) and Blackie de Swardt (President of Hermanus Bowls Club and newly co-opted Promotions Officer for Boland), collaborating on the negotiations currently in progress with a potential major sponsor for our District. With data on club and District activities still being collected and collated, it is premature to speculate as to the outcome, but the Executive is doing its utmost to bring matters to a successful conclusion. Zone Representatives are to encourage clubs that have not yet supplied data as requested

to do so as a matter of urgency. The Langeberg Liga held at Hermanus attracted only 10 entries and questions were raised as to the future viability of this event.

It was recognised that - in order for BSA to take note of our better District players for possible Masters invitations - a formal TID program needs to be embarked upon.

Regrettably, it was announced (at and after the Executive meeting) that Barrydale and Hopefield are no longer affiliated bowls clubs.

Of the four zonal legs of the Boland Classic, only Zone 1 has fulfilled its obligation to date, with two greens in Langebaan hosting 24 teams in early December. Zone 3 proposes 18 & 19 May for its leg of the Boland Classic. As with the Langeberg Liga, there is increasing doubt as to

the continued viability of a distributed zonal Boland Classic. Seemingly, both player and sponsor support for multi-day tournaments is on the decline.

Several matters with respect to Boland competitions – articulated at this meeting or recalled from “memory” – prompted the suggestion of a “bosberaad” or “indaba” to address all facets of our Boland competitions. These included resistance to 2-bowl Trips and Pairs competitions; the success of the “experimental” 2-bowl Singles; questions arising regarding the format of our Finals and Playoffs; a decline in entries to all the Trips and Pairs; and the alarmingly poor ‘participation index’ of many clubs (tabulated after the October 2012 Exec. meeting). After such an indaba it is felt that firm proposals –

with less room for divisive dissent and, hopefully, with the potential to encourage greater participation in Boland competitions - can be brought to the AGM in August for adoption. We await a date and program for this proposed Indaba from Stoffel and Theuns.

The decision to cancel the scheduled Mini District tournament at George (26 & 27 January, 2013) was regrettable but deemed necessary from a cost perspective.

For a zone draw (Boland competitions) a minimum of two team entries will be required to ensure a contested route to the District Finals. Or, if only one team enters, that team will be included in the draw of another zone.

The date for the Finals of the Business League has been changed to 6 April.

Ceres Besigheidsliga



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ABOUT PROMOTING BOWLS

Kim Breach



How do you get from this



to this?



How many people are out there that have absolutely no idea that they could be remotely interested in playing bowls, let alone knowing anything about it? I was one of them and I am sure I am not alone.

I come from a rock climbing and hiking background and only came across bowls by accident.

So, why had I never seen anything about bowls anywhere? Why had nothing ever crossed my path to even tempt me to either enquire about it or give it a go? Of course the other question to ask is, had bowls crossed my path in the form of advertising, would I have paid any attention to it? I don't know! However, it would have been nice to have seen something, somewhere that was promoting bowls.

Whose responsibility is it to promote bowls; club, district or national? All three. How aggressive does this advertising have to be? I think it needs to be very aggressive

because just reading a flyer or reading a small article in a magazine/newspaper is not going to get the juices flowing.

Surely bowls has to be taken out into the wider audience in order to find unsuspecting people who have no idea that they could possibly enjoy such a sport. Bowls needs to be advertised in a modern and interesting way so people become interested enough to take a visit down to their local club. However, upon arrival they must not feel that bowls is still in the dark ages.

Everyone says that we need to get younger people involved. I heard mention that the target group was between the 30-50 age group. That is great but how do we attract them to our clubs? Bowls needs to be promoted in a big way, in places where everyday folk gather such as banks, post offices, supermarkets, dentists and doctors. It needs to be done in a way that makes people who have

never even considered playing bowls to take notice of this wonderful game.

We have to find a way of having an ad campaign that will demonstrate that bowls is a sport for everyone, young and old and for those that have no idea that they might even enjoy it, let alone excel at it. It has to be punchy and modern, not soft edged photos that would look better in a brochure selling units in a retirement village.

To that end I and another club member are going to try and put together a short ad campaign promoting Franksraal Bowls Club that can be flighted on the TV screens sitting in our banks, supermarkets and dentists where we have a captured audience. It might take some time but we are hopeful that with the support of our local businesses we might just manage it at little or no cost.

We cannot wait for people to come and find us, we have to go and find them and we have to do it now.

Uitslae van Boland Kompetisies

Die volgende uitslae is gedurende die afgelope kwartaal in Boland kompetisies behaal:

Dames Driespel: Wenners: Hermanus: T Bryce, A Meyer en E Loots.

Naasweners: Lagoon: D Reid, B Heydenrych en G Lotz.

Mans Driespel: Wenners: Hermanus: K Kruth, D Buckley en B Scannell.

Naasweners: Paarl: B van Rensburg, C Malan en J Wessels.

Mans Senior Viere : Wenners: Kleinmond: W Neethling, K de Kock, M Pool en P Graham.

Naasweners: Yzerfontein: J Volschenk, T le Grange, B Beekman en P Mangiagalli.

Dames Senior Viere : Wenners: Lagoon: D Reid, L McNamara, R Port en D Boucher.

Naasweners: L'Agulhas: F Cumpsty, M van der Walt, E van Tonder en C Beyers.

Mans Parespel: Wenners: Caledon: G du Toit en B van Schoor.

Naasweners: LCE: Basie Louw en Eddie Bremmer

Dames Parespel: Wenners: Hermanus: T Bryce en A Meyer.

Naasweners: Yzerfontein: E en I Pienaar.

Webwerwe

Martin van Zyl

Het ons lesers wat oor rekenaars beskik al ooit op webwerwe gaan kyk sodat hulle kan sien wat in ons distrik, die res van ons land en in die buiteland met rolbal aangaan? Hier volg 'n paar interessante webwerwe wat beslis die moeite werd is om te besoek:

Franskraal Rolbalklub: www.franskraalbowls.co.za

Hermanus Bowling Club:
www.hermanusbowls.wix.com/hermanus-bowls-club

Boland Bowls: www.bolandbowls.co.za

Southern Cape Bowls: www.bowlssc.co.za

Bowls Northern Gauteng: www.bowlsgn.co.za

Eastern Gauteng Bowls: www.easterngautengbowls.co.za

Johannesburg Bowling Association: www.jbabowls.co.za

Kwa Zulu Natal Country Bowls: www.kzncb.co.za

Natal Inland Bowling Association: www.niba.co.za

Port Natal Bowls: www.bowling.co.za

Sables Bowling Association: www.sablesbowls.co.za

Southern Free State: www.sfsbowls.wix.com/sfsba

Western Province: www.wpbowls.co.za

Bowls South Africa: www.bowlssa.co.za

Bowls Australia: www.bowlsaustralia.com.au

World Bowls: www.worldbowlsLtd.co.uk

Stupid computer
keeps saying
"you got mail"



From the Editors / Van die Redaksie

We sincerely hope that the bowlers in the Boland District and others further afield who also receive *Raaskoot/Toucher*, have found something of interest in this issue. If not, please let us know what you would like to read (bowls related, of course) and if you disagree with anything that we have published, we also want to hear from you. And if you can make a contribution, have an idea that you wish to share or want to complain, you are also most welcome to write to us.

Please note that my email address has changed to pienaar.riaan1@gmail.com. AI can still be reached at alriccan@telkomsa.net.

Ons het in die vorige uitgawe gesê dat ons in hierdie uitgawe met 'n nuwe rubriek oor afrigting sou begin. Marina van Wyk, die sameroeper van Boland Rolbal se Afrigters Staande Komitee het ingewillig om verantwoordelikheid vir die rubriek te aanvaar. Ons het egter intussen 'n bydrae oor afrigting van Robert Barker ontvang en nadat Marina dit deurgegaan en goedgekeur het, plaas ons dit op bladsy 9 in die plek van die eerste aflewering van haar rubriek. Indien ons in die toekoms bydraes oor afrigting ontvang, sal ons dit aan haar stuur vir moontlike insluiting in haar rubriek.

We thank all the clubs and individuals whose contributions have been used in this issue.

ADVERTISE IN RAAKSKOOT / TOUCHER

This quarterly bulletin, distributed to all the bowls clubs in the Boland District, with a total membership of more than 1400 and to all the other districts in the country as well as to 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.

Small advertisements of bowls related items by individuals and clubs are free.

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