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BOLAND vs EDEN

Riaan Pienaar

During the weekend of 25/26 January the annual competition between Boland and Eden, previously known as Southern Cape, took place at George Bowls Club. All the sides, Men and Women Seniors, Open and B sides, participated. Three full matches were played - two on the Saturday and one Sunday morning. The main purpose of this event is to expose all the players to the conditions that they can expect to experience at the National Inter Districts Tournament in March and to give the selectors a final opportunity to make changes to the

teams, if necessary.

Except for the first game, the scoring is the same as that which applies to the Inter Districts event. Every district is represented by two teams of four players, called a side, in each category. Two points are awarded for a win per team and the side with the highest aggregate earns a bonus point. A side can therefore earn a maximum total of five points per match.

Unfortunately, the Boland Men's sides finished the weekend with a lot of newly gained experience but not many match points. The Open Men's side, skipped by Stoffel Lambrechts and Mark Bevis-Challinor scored

a total of 6 out of a possible 14 points, with Mark winning two of his team's games and Stoffel one. The B-side teams of Gavie du Toit and Francois van Deventer won both their last games, earning a total of 5 points and the Seniors scored only 3 points, with one win by the team skipped by Martin van Zyl and a peal by Keith Kruth's team.

But with the Womens' sides it was an entirely different story. The Open side skipped by Santjie Steyn won all three their matches and Anneke Snyman's team won two and peeled one, earning a total of 13 points. The Women's B-side of Charmaine Grobler won two and peeled one game and

Bridget Hetdenrych's team won two and lost one, earning a total of 11 points. The Senior team of Tish Bryce won one and lost two and the team skipped by Dalene Reid won two and lost one for a total of 8 points.

Adding together all the results, Eden won the Men's section with 28 points against Boland's 14. However, with the Women's 32 points against the 14 of Eden, the Women saved the day for Boland, bringing the total points scored by Boland to 46 against the 38 of Eden.

Some excellent bowls was played and everyone, winners and losers, gained valuable experience to take with them to the Inter Districts.

PRESIDENT SE BOODSKAP / PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Die afgelope naweek was my lewe propvol rolbal! Paarl Rolbalklub het 'n geborgde Mansdag aangebied en ons - die dames - moes, soos in die verlede, 'n tema vir die dag uitdink. Vanjaar se tema was "Back to school". Baie opwindend en vol humor. Die beste van alles was om te kon beleef hoe die "groot" manne inkleur en kryte soek soos "Spur" kinders.

Met die opstel van my verslag, dink ek aan rolbalspelers as "Spur" kinders. Elkeen het sy toerusting om sy sport te beoefen. Die Bestuur is trots op elke lid van die Bolandfamilie en spog met hulle. Ons as Bestuur gooi nie tou op nie. Ons het doelwitte gestel wat ons probeer nakom. Ons kan misluk, in onself twyfel en ontmoedig raak, maar dit is die verkeerde reaksie en nie deel van ons raamwerk nie. Mislukkig is 'n geleentheid om selfs hoër te mik en nog meer te bereik.

My boodskap aan Boland se rolbalspelers is om die Bestuur se doelwitte na te streef. Stel hoër doelwitte. Streef na die beste en glo dat jy jou doelwitte sal bereik. As jy oor iets droom en vas daarin glo, is die kans goed dat jy dit kan bereik.

Gebruik Johan Smit se wenresep vir sukses, 'n eenvoudige optelsom:

Jy + jou vermoëns + geleenthede + jou omstandighede = amperse sukses.
Iets kort! Maar wat? Die groot Plusfaktor. Die Plusfaktor = God en sy heerskappy in jou lewe.

Ten slotte:

Reik uit, stel jou doelwit, speel jou sport, dra die sport uit na ander wat dit nie speel nie. As Boland Rolbal kan ons 'n eenvoudige som regkry = Sukses!



Almarie du Toit, President van Boland Rolbal



Die Boland- en Edenspelers se spoggerige sakke staan netjies in 'n ry tydens die kompetisie tussen die twee distrikte waaroor daar op bladsy 1 verslag gedoen word. Die Bolandspelers is Bruwer Scannell en Tommie van Niekerk

New Zone Representative



Ristoff van Wyk

John Carroll, who was elected as Zone Representative of Zone 3 at the Boland AGM in August last year, has resigned from that position. The Executive Committee appointed Ristoff van Wyk, who had served as the representative of Zone 2 for several years, in his place. Ristoff can be reached at 0827744697 or 30main@isat.co.za.

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BOLAND ROLBAL SOEK NUWE SEKRETARIS

Una wil uittree



Una Conradie

Daar is 'n tyd om te kom en 'n tyd om te gaan. Alhoewel Dek die werk baie geniet en baie mense ontmoet het, het my tyd nou na sewe jaar aangebreek om te gaan. Die Boland Grondwet maak voorsiening vir die aanstelling van 'n Assistent Sekretaris en daar is besluit om daardie pad te volg in 'n poging om iemand aan te stel om solank opgelei te word om by my oor te neem aan die einde van hierdie seisoen.

Die persoon wat belangstel moet aan die volgende vereistes voldoen:

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Enigiemand (manlik of vroulik) wat belangstel word versoek om 'n CV aan my te stuur vir voorlegging by die Bestuur se volgende vergadering wat in April plaasvind.

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MALAYSIANS VISIT WELLINGTON

Pieter Myburg

Visitors from the East visited Lezette van Wyk (member of Wellington Bowling Club) during December and she decided to introduce them to the game of bowls and at the same time give them an opportunity to learn about our traditions such as a “braai”. The Malaysians thoroughly enjoyed the evening and were particularly excited about the Wellington Bowling Club’s mementos that were presented to them by Peter Jones on behalf of the club.

The friendly visitors’ names are tongue twisters: Thomas Lee Young Jin, Chen Yee Seut, En Tsyr and Andrew Lim Ken Wern.



Pieter Myburg (President of Wellington Bowling Club), Thomas, Andrew, Lezette van Wyk, En and Chen



The visitors enjoying themselves on the bowling green

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PLAYER'S PROFILE

This quarter, the player whom we all want to know better, is Peter Welensky, a noted member of Langebaan Golf and Sports Bowling Club. Here is what he told us.

Occupational Background: In 1994 I elected to take early retirement, from a managerial post in the Mining and Smelter industry. My career had taken me through (then) Rhodesia, Swaziland, Botswana and RSA. Interesting situations are fairly common in the mining and smelter world, such as faction fighting, strikes, blasting accidents, falls of ground, rioting, etc. I had my share, including a stint during the Rhodesian bush war, on the Mozambican border area.

Having at times many hundreds of employees under my charge, the need for delegation, team work and structure was paramount. My most challenging position was as Production Manager on a large submerged arc furnace operation, with worldwide markets and having sales targets that had to be met.

Immediate members of my family: In July 1960, whilst visiting a Rhodesian mine on a job interview, I attended a sundowner dance at the mine club. Across the hall, I spotted a young girl dancing and said to myself "Wow!" Three months later, after settling in on the mine, I located "the girl." By June 1961, we were married and have been together for 53 years. Gwen and I have two children and four grandchildren. The eldest grandchild is to be married this September, so hopefully, we shall soon be blessed with great-grandchildren.

Bowls career: Growing up and working on a large mine, we had excellent sporting facilities available, free of charge and were encouraged to use them. This developed a culture, especially in the youth, of training and competing. Commencing bowls in 1988, I had previously participated at a fairly serious level in swimming, water polo, hockey, rugby, tennis and darts. The move to bowls was, to me, a natural progression and I immediately applied the earlier learnt ethic of training and practice. Results came with the practice and I won Club and District titles and was selected for N.E. Transvaal and Kingfisher district sides. As retirees, Gwen and I were at times called on to assist our children, as they made their way through life, so moved from Pietersburg (now Polokwane) to Aliwal North, Marina Beach and Durban before coming to a halt here in Langebaan.



Peter and his wife Gwen

Adhering to the etiquette of bowls makes for more enjoyment for all participants.

Achievements: My bowls path has had three distinct phases. **Phase 1, from 1988 to 1990**, was mainly social because of work pressures meeting targets. **Phase 2, 1991 to 1994**, I entered the competitive world, playing in S.A. Championships as well as club and district events. The highlight of this period was winning my Club Singles, the N.E. Transvaal Singles and Masters, all during 1994. In those days, each year, the S.A. championships entries totalled almost 1500 teams in the Pairs and many hundreds in the Fours. I was therefore quite proud of twice winning sections in the Pairs and reaching the last 32 in the Fours. The S.A. entries were so numerous that Durban, with approximately 64 clubs, had to combine with Pietermaritzburg to host the pairs! **Phase 3:** The rigours of chronic rheumatoid arthritis made me decide in 1995 to gradually reduce on competitive play and move more to administrative roles. Commencing in 1997, I qualified as an umpire, now Level 2, followed by coaches (Level 3 plus squad training certificate) and greenkeepers' Level 1. I also managed, during this phase, to win a few club and district events.

At many events, bowlers would pose questions such as "How can I become a good second, a coach, a skip, be President of my club, etc.?" I adopted the policy that if there was no suitable available written material, I would research and compile my own training courses and use the documents in assisting bowlers reach their objectives. Here are the papers I compiled:

Manuals:

Bowls Administration: 63 pages
Squad Training: 52 pages
Advanced Bowling: 52 pages
Developing Back-rankers: 29 pages
Developing Front-rankers: 15 pages
Papers compiled:
Bowls Selection: 7 pages
Club Coaching Guide: 4 pages
Etiquette: 4 pages
Development Officer Guide: 2 pages
Establishing Area Academy: 6 pages
Duties of Club Captain: 1 page
Conflict Management: 1 page
2-bowls Singles Guide: 1 page
Singles(Novices) Guide: 2 pages
Club Umpiring: 1 page
Team Manager: 6 pages
Markers Guide: 5 pages
Summary of law changes: 5 pages

With the help of Gwen, BSA course papers and my documents, we have assisted approximately 900 bowlers qualify or advance in various disciplines, such as Technical Officials, Coaches, Greens Assessing, Ordinary bowls, Advanced bowling, Markers, etc. We have presented 17 official BSA training courses and numerous 1 to 4 session courses of my own design. A highlight during phase 3 was being
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SPANNENDE FINAAL IN BOLAND MANS PARESPEL

Charmaine Mostert

Die Boland Mans Parespel Kampioenskappe te Worcester op 1 Desember 2013 was deurgaans, tot op die einde, 'n spannende kompetisie met die heel laaste bal wat die uitslag bepaal het.

Die spanne wat aan die eindstryd deelgeneem het, was die span van Peter Quinn en David Pillay van Caledon, Stephan de Jager en Henry Fourie van Bredasdorp, die Ceresspan van Stoffel Lambrechts en Pieter Mostert en Vollie Volschenk en Pikkie Mangiagalli van Yzerfontein.

Die span van Caledon het in

die laaste rondte 'n groot oorwinning teen die Bredasdorp-span behaal, nadat Bredasdorp albei oggend- wedstryde gewen het. Die Yzerfonteinspan het die oggendwedstryd teen die manne van Caledon gewen.

Met die laaste skof benodig Stoffel en Pieter ses skote om die wedstryd te wen. Die ander twee spanne het klaar gespeel en almal kyk angstig om die eindbeslissing te sien. Stoffel lewer sy laaste bal af, dit tel die witte op en skuif dit nader aan die Ceresspan se ander balle. Siedaar! Die span tel nie net 'n voltal 8 op nie, maar wen ook die Boland Mans Parespel Kampioenskap!



Stoffel
Lambrechts
en Pieter
Mostert

Hele gesin in dieselfde toernooi

Charmaine Mostert

Ek vertel hierdie storie om ander gesinne aan te moedig om dieselfde te doen.

Die Mostertgesin van Ceres het op 14 Desember 2013 vir die eerste maal al vier in dieselfde toernooi gespeel, op Lambertsbaai. Ons het dit somer 'n naweek-uitstappie gemaak en in die karavaanpark langs die see oornag, danksy John Honeywill, president van Lambertsbaai Rolbalklub wat vir ons daar verblyf gereël het.

Dit was 'n voldag-toernooi, waar die skippers elke rondte vir hulself 'n span getrek

het. Van die spelers het nie eens vooraf hul spanmaats geken nie! Al die spelers het vir hul eie punte gespeel en individuele pryse is toegeken.

Tiaan (14) het die dag terdeë geniet omdat hy as skipper kon speel saam met die volwassenes. Dit was die eerste maal dat Angelique (16) aan 'n heeldagtoernooi deelgeneem het. Sy het haarself so goed van haar taak as Lei gekwyd dat sy 3de plek behaal het. Pieter het Skipper gespeel en het nie slegs 6de plek nie, maar ook 'n voltal behaal. **(Dis nou al die tweede een op dieselfde bladsy! - Red.)**



Charmaine, Angelique, Tiaan en Pieter

PLAYER'S PROFILE of Peter Welensky

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a member of the Organising Committee for the 2008 Men's Nationals and also serving on many district and Club Committees. My recorded log book hours in coaching and umpiring, exceed 3,500 hours!

My advice to fellow bowlers:

Adhering to the etiquette of bowls makes for more enjoyment for all participants.

Are Boland Competitions important?

Yes, because competitive bowls is an important aspect in the circle of bowls, wherein it is necessary to offer all affiliated bowlers an opportunity to achieve their own goals in the sport, be it as a player or administrator.

Is the traditional tabs-in impor-

tant? Very much so, however, club officials should always be aware that at any tabs outing, you may have a wide range of experience attending. This could rank from District bowlers to social novices, experienced bowlers, visitors, retired District bowlers, competitive novices, etc. – all with their own expectations! The "matrix" to hold this group together, is a combination of etiquette, laws, constitutions and bye-laws called "The Code of Conduct". Without this "structure" conflict will arise, to the Club's detriment. One cannot allow each category of bowler to have its own rules and own code of conduct applied during each game. It would be a recipe for disaster.

Any traditions you wish to

see changed? Many changes have occurred between 1988 and 2014. Unfortunately, not all clubs have responded to them. My opinion is that the laws of the game are remaining abreast of changes in society.

The coaching restriction of having a BSA observer at all Level 1 coaching courses can have a negative effect.

Selection: This is not an easy aspect of bowls to control and I believe Boland is doing its best in a very difficult geographical situation, namely extreme distances between clubs.

Final thoughts: During my moves between districts, I have encountered the good and bad of bowls administration. This caused me to take up the pen

in 2003 and compile an Administration Guide of 63 pages. I quote from the preamble: "No formal training is offered in the administration field although help is given in the coaching, umpiring and greenkeeping aspects". Surely, it is time to offer pre-course documentation and an official BSA qualification course in Administration, of a single day's duration? We need to assist the many bowlers who take up positions on committees without prior training. Bowls needs a "professional" approach to club management, as the days of support from many of the "old" institutions is fading rapidly.

Our "rewards" for the thousands of hours' input has been the many letters of thanks from bowlers whom we have been able to help.

AFRIGTINGRUBRIEK

Marina van Wyk

Die pad na sukses:

- Dit is noodsaaklik dat jy jou rolballoopbaan aan die hand van 'n gekwalifiseerde afrigter begin. Hy of sy sal jou mentor bly so lank as wat jy aan sy klub verbonde is.
- Die aanvanklike afrigting behoort plus-minus 4 lesse te wees. Opvolgssessies sal met verloop van tyd kom. Dit is belangrik dat jy hulle bywoon.
- Begin met plaatjiespel by jou klub. Sluit jou ore vir advies van vriendelike, goed-bedoelende klublede. Vra jou afrigter!
- Sorg dat jy gereeld die basiese vaardighede op jou eie oefen. Hier kan jy reeds begin om die eerste

twee TID- oefeninge te doen. Dit gaan net oor lyn en lengte. (Vra jou afrigter uit daaroor.)

- Skryf in vir jou klub se Beginnerskampioenskap. Laat jou afrigter of 'n merker jou voorberei. Oefen gereeld. Wees doelgerig. Indien jy die TID-oefeninge doen, gebruik die telkaart sodat jy jou vordering kan sien.
- Indien jy goed genoeg vorder, stel jou beskikbaar vir heeldag-toernooie. Begin verkieslik by jou klub waar jy aan die perk gewoond is.
- Nou moet jy aan 'n rekord begin bou. Skryf in vir die Boland se Beginnerskampioenskap.

Indien jy reeds meer as 3 jaar speel, skryf in vir die ander Boland- kampioenskappe. Die blootstelling is uitstekende ondervinding.

- Sodra jy goeie vordering maak met die TID-oefeninge, laat jou afrigter jou uitslae aan die verantwoordelike persoon op Boland se Bestuur stuur.
- Sodra jou erns met die oefenprogram en jou suksesse in kompetisies raakgesien word, sal jy na Boland groepoefeninge genooi word. Daar sal jy jouself kan meet aan die standaard van die ander spelers in die Boland.

Glo in jouself en jy sal kom waar jy glo jy kan!

BOLAND BEAT WP IN ANNUAL FRIENDLY



On Sunday, 8 December 2013, the Boland Open, B and Senior teams competed against Western Province in the annual friendly competition at Worcester. The purpose of the competition is to assist the selectors of the two districts in finalising their selection processes and to expose the players to competition of interdistrict standard.

Boland won both the Women's and Men's sections. The picture shows Tish Bryce and Martin van Zyl who received the trophies on behalf of the Women's and Men's sections respectively, Boland President Almarie du Toit with the trophy for the overall winners and Chris de Jager.

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SKIETGOED

Saamgestel deur Martin van Zyl

“Die Einde is in Sig”

Dramaties? Nee! Ons weet almal van geluiskote en beslis van effense-raakskote en ons weet dat 'n yslike aantal spelers staat maak op 'geluk' maar sonder volgehoue oefening en toewyding kan geen speler sukses behaal nie! Dieselfde geld ook vir die voortbestaan van rolbal.

Vandag het ons met 'n *fait accompli* te doen! Wat presies bedoel ek?

Maklik, diegene wat die sport rolbal beoefen en dit wel geniet, kan maar hul tassies begin oppak want daar wag vir elkeen van ons 'n ontstellende verrassing! Ons, d.w.s. verreweg die oorgrote meerderheid beoefenaars, slaap en gee bitter min aandag aan die uiters noodsaaklike en behoudende *skakels* van o.a. bekendstelling, ontwikkeling en uitbouing in die *rolbalketting*!

Natuurlik is daar wel 'n paar persone, klubs en selfs 'n distrik of twee wat alles in die stryd werp om positiewe beweging te bewerkstellig maar, baie jammer, dis hopeloos te laat en nou MOET ons maar tevrede wees

om iets te soek om in ons rolbaltassies te pak!

Kom ons kyk na feite! Hier is dit al weer t.o.v van die aantal geregistreerde rolbalspelers (bron van inligting, Bowls South Africa Jaarverslae):

<u>Jaar</u>	<u>Boland</u>	<u>Suid-Afrika</u>
2007	1 532	32 097
2008	1 520	31 146
2009	1 461	30 225
2010	1 419	28 896
2011	1 510	29 488
2012	1 514	28 036
2013	1 445	25 962

Met 'n uiters kommerwekkende en voortdurende afname slegs die afgelope sewe (7) jaar (om nie te verwys na die syfers vanaf die sewentigerjare van die vorige eeu nie ... sowat veertig jaar ge-

lede toe daar in die omgewing van 70 00 geregistreerde spelers was), neem dit geen slimkop veel meer as 'n sekonde of twee om te kan sien dat dit werklik 'klaarspeel' met ons sport is! 'n Afname van 19.11% in die land oor die afgelope sewe jaar beteken dat, in die nabye toekoms, daar so te sê geen sprake van rolbal landswyd gaan wees nie! In die geval van Boland (die een distrik met verreweg die heel beste rekord van 'n redelik standvastige aantal geregistreerde spelers), sal dit net ietwat langer neem voordat die valbyl klap!

En nou, kan ons onself afvra, gaan ons hierdie betreuenswaardige afname

toelaat om verder voort te gaan, of gaan elke rolbalspeler iets betekenisvol doen om hierdie glibberige glyplank te herbou en dit in 'n behoorlike klimraam te omskep?

Antwoorde moet beslis nie meer voorgeskryf word nie, maar iedere rolbalspeler MOET 'hand aan die bal' sit en met iets vorendag kom wat standvastig is en wat ons sport uit die modder gaan sleep! Genoeg gepraat en geskryf; die toekoms kan nie meer slegs in die hande gelaat word van diegene met 'goeie bedoelings', maar geen aksie nie, en ander wat verwag dat betrokkenheid slegs by klubbesture hoort!

Lesers word nou ter 'twaalfder ure' baie ernstig aangemoedig en aangeraai om die hoogs interessante en baie positiewe berigte oor sekere in d r u k w e k k e n d e ontwikkelingsinisiatiewe in ons eie distrik in hierdie, sowel as 'n spesiale uitgawe van Raakskoot/Toucher wat oor 'n paar weke die lig sal sien, te lees en te bestudeer sodat hulle ook 'n heel laaste poging kan aanwend om rolballe uit 'die sloot te hou'!

WORCESTER EN BONNIEVALE SPOOK DIT UIT ONDER LIGTE



Worcester Rolbalklub het die inwyding van hul nuwe spreiligte met 'n baie vriendskaplike aankompetisie teen Bonnievale gevier. Die eindtelling was 66-61 in die besoekers se guns en Bonnievale het weggestap met die wisselstrofee. Op die foto is die twee spankapteins, John Neethling (Worcester) en Kobus le Roux (Bonnievale) met die trofee. (Die wisselstrofee dra die naam van 'n bekende staatshoof.)

A computer once
beat me at chess,
but it was no
match for me at
kickboxing.
– Emo Philips.

KLEINMOND CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Koos de Wet

Dinsdag, 26 November 2013, was 'n baie belangrike dag in Kleinmond Rolbalkklub se geskiedenis toe die 40-jarige bestaan van die klub op luisteryke wyse gevier is. Daar is die middag heerlik saam geëet, waarna die verlede, hede en 'n toekomsblik visueel met foto's en koerantuitknipsels uitgebeeld is. 'n Uitstalling van ou toerusting soos 'n rolbal, rolbalsak en meetinstrumente het die gedagtes ver laat teruggaan.

Hier volg 'n kort geskiedenis van die klub:

At a General Meeting held on 8th February 1960 attended by 18 interested persons, a decision was passed to investigate the possibility of establishing a bowling club in



President Celeste Price with Vice Presidents Valerian Strydom and Madeleine Coetzer toasting their club on it's 40th anniversary

Kleinmond. Further meetings followed during the ensuing years and on 27th April 1971 a constitution was drawn up.

Construction of a single green commenced during 1972 and

was completed in 1973 on land leased from the municipality. Two years later an additional practice green - approximately half the width of a full green - was added. This was enlarged

to a second full green during 1982/83.

At the time of the first Open Day there was no clubhouse, but fortunately fine weather prevailed. It is recorded that entry fees were R8 per team which included all teas, etc. and a sumptuous lunch at the Sandown Hotel. Building of the clubhouse commenced during late 1974. It has been enlarged twice since.

The two greens and adequate clubhouse facilities are situated in beautiful surroundings with uninterrupted views of the town, mountains, lagoon and sea. The club is fully licensed.

The registered colours of the club are dusty pink and emerald green, a striped hat-band that displays the name of the club and a navy blue blazer with a badge with the design of the flower *Gladiolus Carneus* and the name of Kleinmond.

LETTERS / BRIEWE

As usual, the "From the Hip" column by Martin van Zyl in the November 2013 issue of Raaskoot/Toucher raises some contentious issues and since you have requested responses thereto - here we go.

1.DEVELOPMENT OF LAWN BOWLS

Amongst Martin's concerns are that only 28 of the 40 Boland clubs have Development Officers. Boland Bowls has a new capable and energetic Development and Promotion Officer in Theuns Coetzee, so I am sure that he will respond to your concerns and would also be able to advise you as to the success of the Awareness Days held by the clubs on 26/27 October 2013.

2.SELECTION OF BOLAND TEAMS

Early selection of teams for the Inter Districts Tournament does not guarantee success. Due to

illness and/or loss of form a team may be severely handicapped by early selected players not performing at the Inter Districts.

The logistics of Port Natal cannot be compared to Boland. Whilst the furthest that the Durban based players have to travel is Amanzintoti (30-odd kilometers) the Boland men range from Clanwilliam to Franskraal and the ladies from Veldrif to L'Agulhas, so early selection does not alleviate the huge logistical travelling costs problem to attend team sessions.

Western Province are similar in geographical size to Port Natal but their policy (as confirmed with their President) is to announce their Inter Districts teams only after the annual friendly against Boland at Worcester in December.

If the Boland teams are finalised in December/January then, surely, there is enough time for the teams still to get together for a team session prior to the Inter Districts? Hopefully a much needed sponsorship will be found by Boland Bowls to *inter alia* help cover the extensive travelling costs of the Boland players.

Selected players should be encouraged to enter as many Classics and other tournaments during this period so as to harden themselves for the vigours of the Inter Districts.

3.VENUE STATUS

As far as Zone 3 is concerned, no club has a say with regards to venues for playoffs. To limit unnecessary travelling expenses, if e.g. Hermanus has entered 6 out of 8 teams in a Women's competition, then Hermanus should logically be the play-off venue.

4.FREE AFFILIATION INCENTIVE

Not all incentive schemes are successful. Martin's proposal at the recent Boland AGM was discussed in detail and the pros and cons thereof were fully canvassed. Administrative problems were pointed out by Stoffel and other delegates also raised points of concern. The motion was turned down by a large majority. Democracy did its thing.

My personal opinion is that this incentive scheme is commercial and will devalue the status of bowls. Potential bowlers should be earmarked by current members, not for the financial gain available in the form of an affiliation rebate, but for the sporting ability, comradeship and social values that a new bowler may bring to a club.

Rolbal Groete
John Carroll



VATGRAS

Reëls en Etiket / Rules and Etiquette



Pieter Linde

LAWS 28 AND 33

A typing gremlin made itself at home in the "Vatgras" article dealing with a neutral object which appeared in *Raakskoot/Toucher of* November 2013. In the last sentence under the above heading the word "**NOT**" was omitted. The offending sentence should have read:



Thus, headwear, cell phones, "lappie" or pick-up irons belonging to players on a rink of play are, therefore, NOT neutral objects and Laws 28 and/or 33, come into effect.

A few readers immediately contacted me to point out the error. I do apologise and ask all readers to check these laws again.

LAW CHANGE : LAW 37.1.9

"Skips no longer have to deal with the score card as described in Laws 37.1.7 and 37.1.8." Bowls South Africa decided to implement this law change immediately considering that we are at the start of our season in South Africa. This decision was taken in good faith in view of the certainty that this law would be adopted in August 2014 and as there were no countries opposed to the amendment.

Subsequently, however, World Bowls has insisted that the decision of Bowls SA be retracted until such time as the law change has been officially approved later this year in August.

SPORTMANSKAP

Dit is goed om te onthou dat ware sportmanskap te alle tye behoort te seëvier en indien 'n situasie opduik wat nie deur die reëls van die Sport Rolbal gedek word nie, spelers, merkers en skeidsregters hul gesonde verstand en gees van regverdigheid sal gebruik om te besluit oor geskikte optrede.

STAANDE KOMITEE VIR TEGNIESE BEAMPTES

'n Deel van die taak van hierdie komitee is om korrekte kennis, sonder vooroordeel, aangaande die interpretasie van die Reëls van Rolbal aan alle betrokkenes te voorsien.

DUS: as jy enige navrae het aangaande die Reëls, kan jy gerus Pieter Linde kontak by: dielindes@telkomsa.net, of 028 316 4787.

Die Rolbalspeler

Pieter Myburg

Op 2 Februarie 2014 het Wellington Rolbalklub die kultuur-ding gedoen. Lede van die klub het die toneelstuk "Die Rolbalspeler", wat oor die lewe van 'n swaksierende rolbalspeler handel, in die Kunstekaap bygewoon. Dit is 'n aangrypende verhaal met heelwat humor tussen- in en het 'n mens met 'n knop in die keel gelaat en baie om oor te dink. Die toneelspel was puik.

Na die opvoering het die groep (foto langsaan) by die Kaapstadse Waterfront gekuier.



2014 HELMIE DE VRIESDAG BY FRANSKRAAL ROLBALKLUB

Pieter Conradie

Tweede Januarie staan by Franskraal Rolbalklub bekend as die Helmie de Vriesdag. Dit is die dag waarop Helmie en sy vriende by die Rolbalklub saamtrek om 'n oggend van pret op die rolbalperke deur te bring en hul slag met die rolballe te wys. Vanjaar was geen uitsondering nie. Daar is lekker musiek gemaak om die regte atmosfeer te skep en "verversings" is strykdeur deur die klub voorsien om die lywe soepel en die tonge los te maak. Dit gee 'n skouspelagtige affêre af met 'n gejillery en tergerly onderling en almal geniet dit terdeë. Na spel word iets te ete aangebied wat deur SUPERSPAR GANSBAAI geborg en afgelewer word.

Hierdie samekoms vind reeds vir die afgelope tien jaar plaas en as opgelet word hoeveel deelnemers tekens toon dat hulle die spel goed sal kan baasraak, is dit jammer dat hulle nie meer gereeld kan deelneem nie. Vanjaar het 28 spanne van vier spelers elk deelgeneem. Deelnemers het van heinde en verre gekom en die klub goed ondersteun. Hiervoor is Franskraal Rolbalklub baie dank verskuldig aan Helmie en al sy vriende.

Die formaat van die spel was twee sessies van tien skotte elk. Na die eerste sessie is 'n spinnekop gespeel, waarvan die



opbrengs aan Gansbaai se plaaslike huis vir bejaardes, Herberg-aan-See, geskenk is.

Na afloop van spel is 'n prys van uitsoekwyn aan die wenner, Hartman Ries en sy span, Ronel, Alfred en Anke, oorhandig. 'n Prys is ook aan die twee besgeklede spelers, Vernon en Nicky Mans oorhandig. Dit was 'n nuutjie en volgende jaar sal die spelers sekerlik vir dié prys ook meeding.

Na 'n genotvolle dag het ou vriende wat mekaar nie dikwels sien nie, 'n wyle verder saam gekuier. Volgende jaar maak ons weer so.

ROLBALBERIG IN SKOOLKOERANT!

Linda Brown, 'n lid van Swellendam Rolbalklub, het as onderwyser aan die Hoërskool Swellendam reeds baie gedoen om rolbal onder die skoliere te bevorder. Sy het laat weet dat een van haar leerders, Kobus Lubbe, wat ook 'n lid van Swellendam Rolbalklub is, 'n artikel oor rolbal vir die skoolkoerantjie geskryf het. Dit het ook in die plaaslike dorpskoerant verskyn. Dit is sonder haar medewete gedoen en sy is baie trots op hierdie pragtige bewys van hoe rolbal tog by die jong kinders begin posvat. Dit som mooi 2013 se rolbalontwikkeling by Swellendam Rolbalklub op.

'n Afdruk van die artikel verskyn op bladsy 14.



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'OUMENSSPORT' GROEI IN 2013

Kobus Lubbe

Rolbal het nog altyd bekendgestaan as 'n 'oumenssport', maar die Swellies het hierdie jaar daardie sê-ding heeltemal verander. Aan die begin van 2013 was daar slegs twee rolbalspelers wat aan die Swellendam Rolbalklub behoort het, Kobus Lubbe en Gerhard Mostert. Nou, aan die einde van 2013, spog die klub al met 10 spelers! Die 8 nuwe spelers is:



- Keanu van der Westhuizen
- JP Mulder
- Innes de Reuck
- Marschel Tomlinson
- Julia Barnard
- Zane Burger
- Chelsea Hall
- Garfield Khanyile

Reeds in Januarie het Kobus Lubbe en Gerhard Mostert deelgeneem aan die 0/19-Bolandproewe gehou in Bonnievale. Beide van hulle is in die Boland B-span opgeneem en het gedurende die Maart-vakansie op Klerksdorp gaan deelneem aan die 0/19-Interdistriktetoernooi. Vriendskappe het ontstaan en gaan steeds voort.

Daar was baie klubkompetisies en prettdae waaraan die spelers deelgeneem het, maar op 11 Augustus 2013 het die volgende groot kompetisie plaasgevind: die proewe vir die 0/19-Mini-Interdistrikte, ook gehou op Bonnievale.

Vyf van ons spelers het deelgeneem en vier is opgeneem in die span. Die vier spelers moes toe weer proewe speel om die finale spanne te bepaal. Hierdie proewe is gehou op Bredasdorp op 8 September 2013. Die spanne is daarna soos volg uiteengesit:

A-seksie:

Kobus Lubbe
Keanu van der Westhuizen

B-seksie:

Gerhard Mostert
JP Mulder



Op 27 September 2013 vind die Mini-Interdistrikte uiteindelik plaas. Al die spanne het baie goed gevaar en die span waarin Gerhard Mostert en JP Mulder deelgeneem het, loop weg as winners van die B-seksie.

Baie dankie aan juffrou Linda Brown wat met elke oefening by die baan is en altyd ons spelers ondersteun.

Ons spelers het nou hulle oë op die proewe vir volgende jaar se Interdistrikte. Hierdie kompetisie gaan plaasvind op Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal.



Vakansie Rolbaltoernooi

Alwyn Smit

Op Saterdag 21 Desember 2013 het 'n vrolike gees op die rolbalperk van L'Agulhas geheers. Die perk was van hoek tot kant vol met 56 spelers waarvan die helfte nie-rolbalspelers was. Hierdie toernooi word sedert verlede jaar aangebied om vakansiegangers 'n smakie van die wonderlike spel rolbal te gee.

Spanne bestaande uit twee spelers en twee nie-spelers is vooraf ingedeel of hulle het as span ingeskryf. Hierdie toernooi skep ook 'n geleentheid vir kinders wat by hul rolbalspelende ouers kuier om

eerstehands te ervaar wat hul ouers so gaande oor die spel maak!

Die span van Jerry en Esmé van Reenen het die eerste plek behaal met 27 punte. Kort op hul hakke was Jantjies en Johna Giliomee, met hul seun Gerrit en skoonseun Cornelius met 26 punte. Bernard Punt met sy span het die derde plek behaal.

Dawie Beyers het met sy lekker musiek gehelp om die toernooi 'n ware pret-geleentheid te maak.

Ons wil hierdie vakansietoernooi 'n jaarlikse instelling maak – almal moet hulself dus reghou vir die toernooi van 2014!



Die weners:
Jerry van
Reenen, Jacques
Vos, Esmé van
Reenen en
Heloise Visser

WEN GELD MET WOORDE

Ons het in vorige uitgawes ons lesers uitgenooi om deel te neem aan 'n kompetisie vir die beste bydraes van Afrikaanse rolbalterme. Die enkele inskrywings wat ontvang is, is deur 'n paneel beoordeel en die prys gaan aan Alwyn Smit, President van L'Agulhas Rolbalklub. Hier is sy bydrae:

Vir die term “wrong bias” het die benaming “verkeerdheid-kurwe” onmiddellik by my opgekom. Op internet kan ons die vergelykende **kurwe**kaart van Henselite, Taylor, Drakes Pride en ander rolballe bestudeer. Dit is interessant om te sien hoe die **kurwes** van die verskillende balle van mekaar verskil.

Die Skipper sal aandui watter **kurwe** hy verkies - 'n nou **kurwe** met 'n dryfhou of 'n wye **kurwe** met 'n gewone trekhout. Die speler moet daarteen waak dat hy nie 'n **verkeerdheid-kurwe** rol nie.

Vir die woord “Spider” word dikwels die woord “Spinnekop” gebruik. Byvoorbeeld: “Ons speel vanmiddag 'n **spinnekop** ten bate van die gestremde rolbalspelers”. Elke rolbalspeler weet presies wat bedoel word en die meerderheid klubs doen nog die moeite om 'n grilliger spinnekop vir die doel aan te koop (net jammer dat dit knaend op soek is!).

Indien 'n nuwe woord vir hierdie ou gevestigde benaming gesoek word, sou ek die woord “Kringspel” aan die hand doen. Dit is letterlik 'n **kringspel** ('n klein kompetisie) waar die spelers in 'n groot sirkel rondom die perk staan om te sien wie die naaste aan die spinnekop of 'n munstuk kan rol om 'n prys te verdien. My gevoel is dat die woord **kringspel** meer verduidelikend en logies as die woord **kringloop** is wat ek al gehoor het.

Wat die wit balletjie of “Die Witte” betref, moet 'n mens miskien ook nie te voortvarend raak met 'n nuwe benaming nie. Die Skipper sê, “Kom skuif asseblief **Die Witte** 'n meter terug tot in die **putsloot**”. So nie net kortweg die **put** of die **sloot**.

NOG 'N TOERNOOI VIR BESOEKERS

Alwyn Smit

Die jaarlikse KAM Rolbaltoernooi wat deur Kaap Agulhas Munisipaliteit geborg word, het op Saterdagmiddag, 28 Desember 2013 by L'Agulhas Rolbalklub plaasgevind. Twintig van die 56 spelers was besoekers van Gauteng, Limpopo, WP en Boland. Wat 'n wonderlike gesig was dit nie om weereens 'n vol perk met soveel entoesiastiese spelers in aksie te sien nie!

Daar is twee wedstryde van 15 skotte elk, met 'n teepouse tussenin, gespeel. Die spanne is vooraf getrek en aan die einde was daar 'n baie klein puntever-

skil tussen die top vyf spanne, maar die span van Teo Herselman het met die louere weggestap.

Dit is nou reeds etlike jare die gebruik dat die Munisipaliteit van Kaap Agulhas 'n bydrae aan sportklubs in die kusdorpe maak om hulle in staat te stel om kompetisies te reël waaraan die vakansiegangers ook kan deelneem. Trouens, die besoekers moet voorkeur geniet as daar te veel inskrywings vir die geleentheid is. Hierdie aansporingsmaatreël aan die kant van die Munisipaliteit word hoog op prys gestel en ons hoop dat dit in die toekoms voortgesit sal word.



Teo Herselman (tweede van regs) met die ander lede van sy wenspan: Sarel Grobbelaar, Ena Viljoen en Koos Roux, laasgenoemde van Bredasdorp

FRANSKRAAL'S 2013 WHALE CLASSIC

Chris Malec and Pieter Conradie

It is December 2013 and the Franskraal Bowling Club has, for the 12th time, successfully hosted its biggest annual event on 6 and 7 December - The Whale Classic, sponsored by Superspar.

A total of 26 teams from all over the Boland and WP areas, including a team each from Robertson, Swellendam, Bredasdorp, Wellington, Worcester, Paarl, Durbanville, Oakdale and Stilbaai, as well as 2 teams each from Kirkwood and Stellenbosch, 3 teams from Hermanus, 5 from Old Oak and, finally, 5 teams from Franskraal took part.

For the Saturday's competition Match Official, Una Conradie, split the 26 teams into two groups according to their



The winners: Anneke Snyman, Stephan de Jager, Santjie Steyn and MP Olivier

respective positions on the leaderboard after the first day of play. The top 12 teams formed group A and the rest, group B.

The final results for Group B were as follows:

Third: Danie Tredoux and his team from Durbanville,

Second: Willie Breytenbach and his Stellenbosch team, Winners: Pauline Viljoen and her team from Robertson.

The winners in Group A were as follows:

Third: The Old Oak team of Hennie Hablutzel,

Second: Francois van Deventer and his Paarl team.

Overall winners: The Swellendam team of Santjie Steyn.

We congratulate all the winners in both sections and a BIG "thank you" to everyone who participated and contributed and especially to the hard-working and committed team that worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all possible. We look forward to many, many more Whale Classics at the Franskraal Bowls Club.

REPORT on EXECUTIVE MEETING of JANUARY 4, 2014

Al Cannone

Our President, Almarie du Toit, welcomed especially the new Zone 4 representative, Lampies Lambrechts and, by invitation, Riaan Pienaar, editor of our quarterly bulletin, Raaskoot/Toucher.

Riaan wished to gauge the Executive's feelings on the value of the bulletin to the District and the editorial direction thereof. He also conveyed his concerns with respect to editorial continuity, indicating that in the event of him eventually relinquishing the task – which has become more and more onerous as the publication has grown both in quality and volume over the years - thought must be given to the ability of the District to attract a successor by way of incentive, considering the huge amount of work involved every quarter. The Executive not only resolved to bring this matter

to the AGM, but also expressed their gratitude for Riaan's and Al's input over the years.

A proposal from Theuns Coetzee is that Convenors of Selectors, Chris de Jager and Marina van Wyk, publish in Raaskoot/Toucher an outline of the pathway to be followed and achievements expected to be gathered by a club member aspiring to represent his/her District in competition. Or, to put it more bluntly: what criteria do the Selectors take into account when assessing players?

An undertaking from Theuns, the Convenor of the District Standing Committee on Promotion & Development, is to attend and to address the meetings of all four zones. He gave a preview of the poster-sized day-by-day Year Planner that he proposes all clubs pin up on their noticeboards, with all events and activities colour-coded for ease

of assimilation by all club members. A promising innovation, indeed!

Boland has been granted the right to stage the 2015 SA Mixed Pairs competition. Moreover, Chris de Jager and Stoffel Lambrechts will submit a proposal to the relevant controlling body to stage an ALL CAPE tournament in the Boland.

A Boland league, proposed by John Carroll – who has recently resigned from the Executive as representative for Zone 3 and who will be replaced by co-opted Ristoff van Wyk - will not be initiated this season. Instead, zones are encouraged to organise their own format Zonal Leagues and feedback thereafter will be informative as to the feasibility of a district-wide league.

The new Specsavers PRO-10 competition is superbly and

excitedly designed to whet the competitive appetite of even the self-proclaimed "social" bowler competing against his most tolerant friends right down at club level. It will commence within clubs on March 8 after entries close on March 3, and after Stoffel has worked out the Zone and District playoffs based on proportionate club entries.

An exasperated Chris de Jager reports that he **still** receives from some clubs affiliation fees and other levies without any details by way of breakdown. We all know that accountants have pigeonholes for specific monies so, ***please always tell him for what specific purpose(s) a specific payment is being made – simply complete the form accompanying the request for payment!***

Riaan's insistence on a brief report is sufficient reason to ignore the mundane!

BONNIEVALE BULT SY SPIERE

Theuns Coetzee

Die eerste rondte van die Boland Ope Mans Vierspel is op 11 Januarie op Bonnievale gespeel. Al die omliggende klubs het deelgeneem, met 'n rekord getal inskrywings vir ons streek.

Teen almal se verwagting in het al drie Bonnievale spanne deurgedring tot die volgende rondte. Dit op sigself was reeds 'n merkwaardige prestasie en 'n eerste vir Bonnievale as daar in gedagte gehou word dat daar drie pa-en-seun kombinasies in die spanne was.

Die volgende dag moes die drie spanne op Bredasdorp teen daardie seksiewenners gaan uitspeel. Dit was 'n grootse taak en ons spanne het gevoel soos 'n laerskoolspannetjie wat teen die 1974 LEEUS moes uitdra!

En daar doen ons C-span, met drie spelers wat minder as drie jaar speel, die onmoontlike! Hulle klop een van die sterkste spanne in ons streek om deur te dring na die finale rondte. Met die aflewer van die laaste bal was al die Bonnievalers op die perk om die span geluk



Die trotse manne: Marinus Oosthuizen, Niel Stemmet, Piet Coetzee en Tobie Louw

te wens, met pette wat in die lug gegooi is. Hulle is nou in die finaal wat in Februarie te Worcester plaasvind.

Vir Boland Rolbal is dit 'n blye oomblik dat nuwe talent begin voelers uitsteek en aan die Bolandkompetisies deelneem.

Greyton Bowling Club : An example worth following

Adrian Purslow

Greyton Bowling Club decided a couple of years ago that it could no longer exist on bread (subscriptions and the one or two sponsored tournaments annually) alone to survive and thrive.

Maintaining and building on bowling membership is one thing. The constant struggle to put in place a wider, progressive financial structure, is an entirely different issue.

Question: How best to find the 'honey' to spread on the bread and give the balance sheet a well-fed look?

The answer, after several think-tank sessions: **An attractive social scene.**

President David Rowson and his wife, Sally, led from the front. Sally, a non-bowler for niggly health reasons, was persuaded to stand for election to the Executive Committee as social convenor. Sally harnessed a

team of willing helpers to create a social committee and the ball started to roll.

There was no head-long rush into developing a social programme that could quickly fall flat. Rather, Sally and her team decided that there should be events that would appeal to people beyond the ranks of bowlers.

So, slowly, games nights were rolled out. Then film evenings. Social members were lured in, especially as delicious, carefully-selected food was an added, money-spinner attraction. The screening of international rugby matches with the added attraction of brunches or suppers (depending on the match timing) became a popular addition to the social calendar, to generate still more income.

The club, since its beginning less than 10 years ago, has relied on a monthly cash draw and supper evening as the mainstay of providing extra rev-

enue. But David and Sally had a brainwave: What about an annual gala dinner, they suggested to the bowling committee? Solid idea, was the immediate response.

Admittedly, putting flesh on the bone was another matter. The planning process was a time for careful thought – and a lot of fun, it has to be said – to ensure success. A date in November 2012 was ringed for the first gala dinner. Planning and arrangements had to be spot-on. So several 'trial runs' and many bottles of wine later, a superb meal, live music and a rush for tickets, justified the hours of preparation.

An unqualified success! Everyone had a fabulous time, especially the club treasurer, who was able to wear the broadest smile imaginable as he counted the bulging profit-bag.

2013 was still in its infancy when it was decided to repeat

the gala dinner. Again, a date in November was pencilled in, and the planning began. The clubhouse looked stunning, wearing its black and white themed decorations. And the social committee, aided by more willing volunteers, got busy preparing a five-course meal.

Add more essential ingredients, the return of the Cape Town band, by popular demand, people clamouring for tickets on guarantee of a glittering evening of fun, fine food and music and dancing, and you have a menu for success.

Yes, organising events such as this, plus a carefully-orchestrated social scene, is not easy. It demands volunteers prepared to commit to the cause. But the end product is well worth it – income that provides the club with a financial safety net in these tough times.

You should try it. We have the recipe if you are interested!

BOLAND TEAMS FOR INTER DISTRICTS



Here are the names of the players who will represent Boland at the annual National Inter Districts Tournament from 10 to 14 March 2014. The Open A sides play in Bloenfontein, the Open B sides in East London and the Senior sides in Pretoria. The names appear in the order Skip, Third, Second and Lead.

Open A Women:

Santjie Steyn (Swellendam), Judy Vorster (Napier), Sandra Steyn (Swellendam) and Ezile Fourie (Bredasdorp).
Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp), Engela Lambrechts (Ceres), Nieta Neethling (Worcester)

and Lesley Bevis-Challinor (Robertson).

Team Manager: Marina van Wyk.

Open A Men:

Stoffel Lambrechts (Ceres), Leon Beer (Lagoon), Stephan de Jager (Bredasdorp) and MP Olivier (Bredasdorp).

Mark Bevis-Challinor (Robertson), Carel van der Merwe (Robertson), Bräslar van Schoor (Caledon) and David Pillay (Caledon).

Team Manager: Chris de Jager.

Open B Women:

Bridget Heydenrych (Lagoon), Zelda Marais (Swellendam), Gail Lotz (Lagoon) and Hanne-

tjie du Toit (Swellendam).

Charmaine Grobler (Worcester), Thelma Elkington (Worcester), Ilze Rabie (Hexvallei) and Kim Breach (Franskraal).

Team Manager: Dorothy Boucher.

Open B Men:

Gavie du Toit (Caledon), Wynand Pool (Caledon), Bryan Chambers (Franskraal) and Wesley Taylor (Swellendam).

Francois van Deventer (Paarl), Schalk Mouton (Swellendam), Hendré de Wet (Villiersdorp) and Willie de Kock (Swellendam).

Team Manager: Adriaan Hubach.

Senior Women:

Tish Bryce (Hermanus), Francina Cumpsty (L'Agulhas), Aleta Saayman (Worcester) and Sandra Helmbold (Kleinmond).
Dalene Reid (Lagoon), Denny Smithies (Worcester), Lucy McNamara (Lagoon) and Avril Darlew (Paarl).

Team Manager: Tish Bryce.

Senior Men:

Martin van Zyl (Robertson), Dave Buckley (Hermanus), Bruwer Scannell (Hermanus) and Tommie van Niekerk (Franskraal).
Keith Kruth (Hermanus), Peter Quinn (Caledon), Jan de Wet (Hermanus) and Ian Rice (Clanwilliam).

Team Manager: Riaan Pienaar.

Sanlam Private investment Tournament

Sanlam Private Investments sponsored an innovative tournament that was played at Hermanus Bowling Club over four weeks during November and December 2013. It was an in-house competition and different teams of four players were drawn for each of the four matches. Every player earned personal points according to the outcome of each match. There was a prize for each of the positions.



The picture taken at the prizegiving shows, from left to right, Club President Blackie de Swardt, Marteen Michau of SPI, Lucas van Vuuren, the winning Second, Anton Maskowitz of PSI, Lorraine Neethling, the winning Lead, Jan van den Berg of PSI, Annalene de Wet, the winning Skip and Trevor Floyd, the winning Third

CERES : ROLBAL SAKELIGA FINAAL

Charmaine Mostert

Ceres Rolbalkklub se 2013 sakeliga se wenner is op 18 November aangewys toe die top 8 spanne mekaar op die finale aand oor drie wedstryde die stryd aangesê het. Die wenspan van Viking bestaande uit Boetie Hugo, Desire van Rensburg en Stephen van Rensburg (foto) het in die laaste wedstryd teen Witzenberg Isuzu gespeel en het met 8 punte teen 4 gewen. Die Isuzu span van Hanre Burger, Ankie Burger en Herbert Howard was derde. In die tweede plek was CFJ se span met Frans Geldenhuys, Johan Terblanche en Jovan Coetzee.



FUN DAYS ON LAMBERTS BAY BOWLING GREEN

Promoting bowls to new and established bowlers

John Honeywill

Approximately three years ago, at the suggestion of our Stellenbosch members, we decided to hold a fun afternoon on our green. Although we had very few members, we tackled the task with great enthusiasm. This was to take the form of two games of Trips with small prizes given to the winners. Through one of our members we received sponsorship from Distell. Extensive advertising through posters, an advert in the local holiday program and word of mouth proved extremely successful - so much so that we were not able to accommodate all who arrived for the fun. Many observed and enjoyed the spirit of the afternoon. Over and above the enjoyment on the green there was the financial benefit to the club. BOWLS AWARENESS had begun in Lamberts Bay! After the success of this pilot project we decided to make it an annual December holiday tournament, promoting both quality bowls for those who were able and the fun of bowls for all who tried.

Over and above the fun day all were made welcome to join in on normal tabs-in afternoons.

We are still a very small club with few members, but we are noted for our hospitality and always go the extra mile to en-

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sure that our guests are very well catered for and made more than welcome. Over the years we have maintained our affiliation to Boland Bowls and SA Bowls and currently have one qualified Level 1 coach and two Level 1 umpires among our members. We are growing and intend growing further.

Last year we decided to go all out and really promote the game of bowls in Lamberts Bay. As before, quality bowls on a good green and also great fun for new bowlers. Emphasis would be on attracting as many new bowlers as possible and also renewing "old" friendships.

On the 14th of December we held an All-day Trips Tournament where the Skips had to draw for their teams before each game. Competition was tough but great fun was had by all. No one had an advantage and anyone could

win. Individual scores were kept. We had visitors from Parow, Ceres, Lagoon, Luitzville and our Stellenbosch members. Our neighbours from Clanwilliam, as always, supported us.

The invitations, posters and advertisement in the local holiday program distributed around town bore fruit and attracted approximately 18 holiday-makers who thoroughly enjoyed joining in and, in fact, made use of our facilities during the week to brush up on their skills for the forthcoming events. We allowed them full use of our amenities and this proved beneficial to both parties.

On the 21st we held a more formal Trips "championship". This was an afternoon event and two games of 10 ends were played. The winning trio received a small prize and a certificate declaring them the 2013 Lamberts Bay

Trips champions.

The final competition was a Pairs competition of two games of ten ends in the afternoon. The winners received two meal tickets for the local open-air restaurant Bosduifklip - a prize well worth winning.

The introduction to bowls was so enjoyed this time by my son that he and his lady, on returning to Gauteng, have applied to join Roosevelt Park Bowling Club and are currently being coached and evaluated prior to acceptance.

On the fund raising side we had great success raffling two home-made Christmas cakes. The raffles were done at different times but brought in a tidy sum for our coffers. Spiders, played diagonally across the full length of the green, also proved popular. For one we had a cash prize, the other one a good bottle of you-know-what.

Currently, we are preparing to play in Open-days and our local Bokkejan round robin competition. We feel at this stage that, as important as it is to "school" prospective new bowlers, it is equally important to get them on the green enjoying themselves. Bowls must become a game everyone enjoys. Strict rules, regulations etc. etc. can come a bit later once they are "hooked."

BOLAND WOMEN'S PAIRS WINNERS

The 2013/2014 Women's Pairs champions are Pat Stofberg and Aleta Saayman (Worcester) (left) and the runners-up are Dorothy Boucher and Bridget Heydenrych (Lagoon)



AYALA TOURNAMENT 2014

Riaan Pienaar

South Africa's oldest continuously run bowls tournament, the **Ayala**, was once again held in Hermanus on 16 and 17 January this year. This Men's Fours tournament was started in 1927 and has been played every year since then, not even stopping during the years of World War 2.

The name "Ayala" is that of a French Champagne, of which the producers were the original sponsors of the tournament. Sponsorship changed over the years, but the name stuck.

In 1927 the only bowls club in Hermanus was the Riviera Bowling Club at the Riviera Hotel in the Voëlklip area. The Hermanus Bowling Club was formed in 1936 and in 1938 the Ayala Tournament moved there. At the same time the Riviera club closed and the Ayala and other trophies were donated to the Hermanus Bowling Club.

The Ayala is still a Men's

Fours competition by invitation only. Players come from all over the Boland, Western Province and Southern Cape (now Eden) districts. The fact that many present and past players attended the tournament continuously for 10, 20, 30 and even 40 years, is an indication of its popularity.

Many stories can surely be told about the Ayala, one of which is part of the history of the tournament. During the 1952 tournament, when the *Sunday Observance Act of 1838* was still applicable, the Police received a complaint on the Sunday morning. They arrived at the club, took the names of all the players and confiscated a jack as evidence of the offence. Fortunately, the Attorney General decided that no further action be taken and the jack was returned to the club. It was mounted on a wooden plaque with an inscription to commemorate its history and is still a valued trophy in the club's showcase.



The overall winners of the 2014 Ayala was Johan Gerber's team from Vander Stel Bowling Club in Stellenbosch. Second from the right is the sponsor of the tournament, Mark Gibbs of Personal Trust



The (in?)famous kitty. The inscription on the card reads as follows:

**THIS JACK ARRESTED
28 OCTOBER 1952
RELEASED 1st NOVEMBER 1952
NOT GUILTY**

Raat vir hitte-uitputting

Riaan Pienaar

Pieter Myburg van Wellington het vir my 'n resep vir 'n drankie wat teen hitte-uitputting gebruik kan word, gestuur. Hy sê jy moet een teelepels sout en vier teelepels suiker met een liter water meng en minstens twee koppies daarvan per dag drink.

Rolbalspelers, veral dié wat nie meer so fiks is nie, is blootgestel aan die gevare van hitte-uitputting. Wanneer jy op 'n baie warm dag meer as een strawwe enkelspelwedstryd moet speel, stel jy jouself aan hitte-uitputting bloot. Die meeste spelers kom nie eens agter dat hulle aan die toestand ly nie,

maar later in die dag kan jou spel verswak sonder dat jy weet waarom dit gebeur.

Volgens 'n dokter met wie ek hieroor gepraat het, moet jy natuurlik baie water drink om die vloeistof wat jy uitgesweet het, te vervang. Maar dit is nie genoeg nie. Saam met die sweet verloor jy baie noodsaaklike minerale wat nie deur water vervang kan word nie. Trouens, hoe meer water jy drink, hoe meer verloor die liggaam daardie minerale en kan jy ten spyte van die water aan dehidrasie ly.

'n Enstige gebrek aan dié minerale, veral sout, kan veroorsaak dat jou bloeddruk

skerp daal en in erge gevalle kan dit lei tot 'n toestand wat as "white-out" beskryf word, iets wat vegliëniërs soms ervaar wanneer bloed uit die brein dreineer.

Volgens die dokter moet jy op warm dae nie net water drink nie, maar ook die minerale vervang. Pieter se resep kan seker hiervoor deug, maar jy kan ook een van die twee bekende energie-drinkies wat waarskynlik in jou klub se kroeg beskikbaar is, gebruik.

MAAR LET ASSEBLIEF OP! Hierdie is nie mediese advies nie en as jy bloeddrukprobleme het, moet jy versigtig te werk gaan met die inneem van sout. As jy op 'n warm dag tam voel gedurende spel, raadpleeg jou dokter voordat jy enige hulpmiddels gebruik. Maar wees bedag daarop dat hitte-uitputting potensieel groot gesondheidsrisiko's inhou en beslis 'n uitwerking op die kwaliteit van jou spel sal hê.

The best cure for sea sickness is to sit under a tree.

– Spike Milligan

BOLAND SENIOR VIERSPEL UITSLAE

Die Boland Senior Mans Vierspel kompetisie is gewen deur 'n span van Worcester, bestaande uit T Muller, P Lamb, H Stofberg en J Fouche. Die naaswenners was die Hermanus span van P Naylor, D Buckley,

B Scannell en J de Wet.

Die Senior Dames Vierspel wenners was 'n span van L'Agulhas, bestaande uit F Cumpsty, E van Tonder, E Viljoen en C Beyers. Die naaswenners, van Lagoon, was D Reid, L McNamara, R Port en D Boucher.

Robertson se nuwe gras

In die November 2013 uitgawe van Raakskoot/Toucher het ons belowe om nog foto's van Robertson Rolbalkub se grasplantery te plaas. Hulle het die hele perk se gras vervang. Hieronder is 'n paar foto's van die werkery en werkers en heel onder wys ons hoe die perk reeds 'n paar weke gelede gelyk het.

'n **Besondere klubprestasie!**



EDITORIAL COMMENT / REDAKSIONELE KOMMENTAAR

Al Cannone, who has been intimately involved with *Raakskoot/Toucher* right from the start, asked me to publish the following as his personal comments:

"Martin van Zyl persuaded both Riaan Pienaar and I to collaborate in producing a District Bulletin, the first quarterly issue of which appeared in November 2008. From the very start Riaan undertook the task of compilation while I saw my role more as a catalyst to contribute to and promote the growth of content – sometimes with controversial and deliberately provocative pieces! I also assisted with rewriting English language contributions where necessary and with proofreading – tasks that I willingly shall continue to perform. In its first year Raakskoot /Toucher averaged 6.5 pages and in subsequent years steadily grew both in volume and in quality of production to over 20 pages per issue. It had gathered a momentum all its own, with contributions pouring in from around the District and with a growing repertoire of regular articles, features and reports – as well as income-generating advertisements. There is no reason whatever for anyone to view me any longer as a co-editor. Riaan does it all with aplomb and professionalism and the editor's chair fits him perfectly! Long may he choose to sit in it!"

As he pointed out, Al has no intention of severing his ties with the publication, but only to put his role into perspective. I shall continue to lean heavily on him to assist with editorial tasks and I thank him for his past and future contributions and his unwavering commitment to the game of bowls.

Hier is 'n kans vir rolbalklubs om regtig byderwets te word! Ons het kennis geneem van 'n splinternuwe, handige hulpmiddel vir rolbalklubs. Dit is 'n program wat spanverdelings vergemaklik en om te verseker dat spanne gereeld verskillend saamgestel word. Die program kies outomaties en blitsvinnig spanne wat vir sosiale wedstryde opdaag. Elke speler (lede en gaste) se name word volgens hul gekeurde posisies slegs een keer in die databasis ingesleutel. Die program werk op enige rekenaar wat 'n internet-"browser" het. Die grootste bate vir 'n klub is dat gebalanseerde spanne as opponente teen mekaar speel en dat die skommeling van spanne voortdurend verander, maar ook dat lastige dispute oor spanverdelings 100% uitgeskakel word. Die administrasie ten opsigte van die tradisionele "Tabs-In" raak dus oorbodig, die menslike faktor word uitgekakel en die saamstel van wedstryde se spanne is maklik en vinnig. Boonop maak die program ook voorsiening dat die punte van die dag se wedstryde in die program gestoor word en statistiek van spelers se prestasies kan op enige stadium vekry word.

'n Advertensie wat besonderhede oor die produk bevat, verskyn op bladsy 3. Klubbesture kan gerus daarna kyk.

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