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*Die Matzikamma Classic by Vredendal Rolbalklub. Gaan na bladsy 11*

## BOLAND BOWLS 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Al Cannone

This year, once again, a well attended Annual General Meeting was held at Courtrai School Hall, Paarl.

After the usual preliminaries, our President, Almarie du Toit, presented her Annual Report (see elsewhere in this Bulletin). As guest of honour, BSA Vice-President Kallie Haupt, gave a short address. He pointed out that in spite of 2880 new members recruited to the sport in the previous year there was nevertheless a net loss of 846. To stem this steady decline he placed the onus firmly on all clubs to question their own commitment to recruitment and especially to transformation, emphasizing that we need to find ways to "deliver" our sport to all communities. It is incumbent on each and every bowler to welcome all to our sport and to make all who show interest therein – young or elderly, and of whatever ethnic group - comfortable within our club environment. He stressed that we need to



*Retiring Secretary, Una Conradie, receiving her farewell gift from the President, Almarie du Toit*

usher in a new era for all our sporting codes. With this in mind, a BSA Transformation Committee is being formed to focus attention on matters such as access to facilities; club administrations; demographic profiles; and awareness programmes.

With financial statements for the previous year pre-circulated, Theuns Coetzee was set to give us a powerpoint presentation in detailed graphic format of our previous year's spending patterns, plus a District budget for the year to come. The latter was to be a welcome innovation in the way we handle our financial affairs – being a first for Boland to present the AGM with an actual budget for the forthcoming year – recognized too by the Executive as essential in their commitment to deliver and to improve the District's planning ability. Regrettably however, it was not to be - the projector was safely locked away in the school premises! With the promise that the entire presentation would be emailed to all clubs, Theuns soldiered on with a brief verbal account. Focusing on the past year's growth patterns, he stated that the upper 50% (performance-wise) of our clubs grew by an astonishing 10%, whereas the lower 50% shrank by more than 13%. Such data provided the impetus to focus on how spending patterns could and should be adjusted so as to (Continued on page 2)



*The new Executive Committee of Boland Bowls, with President Almarie du Toit in front: Stoffel Lambrechts, Theuns Coetze, Lampies Lambrechts, Janes le Grange and Leon Meyer*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(Continued from page 1) provide the financial support and stimulus for our key objective - GROWTH! For example, spending on Inter Districts and other events which previously used the bulk of our finances is to be streamlined by 13% and management overheads reduced by 34%. All this to allow meaningful funding for Marketing and Development. The focus here would be on Schools (for every child "captured", are there not also two parents as potential bowlers?); Business Leagues and Retirees. Recruitment strategies (tournaments and incentives) for the latter two categories of potential recruits - "feedstock" for a turnaround towards positive growth - are to be sponsored by ATKV. The overall target set for this year is a mere 5% increase overall, with every club to be actively supported and encouraged with marketing ideas and materials.

The meeting was pleased to accept the recommendations from the Executive regarding: (a) honoraria payable to Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretaries and Bulletin Editor; (b) an

increase in District affiliation fee to R140; and (c) retaining the R30 fee for Boland competitions (R30 for the "A" Division; R20 for the "B" division, see below).

The meeting showed solid support for the award of Honorary Life Membership of Boland to Stoffel Lambrechts for his exceptional contributions over many years as, *inter alia* : District player, Selector, and Executive Member.

With no motions received from members, the meeting proceeded to deal with several recommendations for Constitutional changes at the behest of the Executive:

(A) To institute a Player's Association in the form of a Standing Committee - approved after motivation by Stoffel Lambrechts.

(B) A Meritorious Service Award to be instituted in the form of a Certificate and awarded on an *ad hominem* basis to individuals considered by the Executive as sufficiently worthy. The Constitutional basis to permit the wearing of official Boland Colours by such recipients was also approved. (C) The permitted

two representatives per club at AGMs to be of any gender. (D)

The Constitution to be amended to reflect the three "sub-districts" of WEST COAST, WINELANDS and OVERBERG, and that each of these "sub-districts" be permitted/encouraged to establish their own steering committee, with the president of each holding a seat on the Boland District Executive Committee.

Additional matters for approval included changes in the way Boland competition finals will be staged with three "sub-districts", and the introduction of a two-level system to our Boland competitions. Both of these proposals were accepted and are dealt with in somewhat greater detail in the June Executive Meeting report. For the latter concept of separate but parallel running "A" and "B" divisions to deliver on their potential to entice more bowlers of "average ability" to enter Boland competitions, certainly requires the enthusiastic "buy-in" of club administrators and Development Officers - which in turn relies on their ability to recognize the very real advantages for their own club culture. Perhaps we will hear more on this aspect from our

Promotion & Development Standing Committee?

There followed the announcing of members filling selectors' and standing committee positions, as also those of the Executive. The new Executive for the forthcoming season is as follows: Almarie du Toit (President), Stoffel Lambrechts (Vice-President and Match Secretary), Theuns Coetze (Development Officer), Leon Meyer (West Coast Representative), Janes le Grange (Overberg Representative) and Lampies Lambrechts (Winelands Representative). The latter was the only position that went to a vote. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer remain unfilled, with the secretarial position in particular evoking an appeal from Almarie to all clubs to "dig deep" in our quest to fill this vital position. The retiring Secretary, Una Conradie, in light of her sterling contribution over the years, was the recipient of not only a farewell gift, but also special acclaim from the meeting as a whole.

Considering the rich haul of gold in the Inter Districts, there followed a particularly emotive Presentation of Awards that brought this, the 16<sup>th</sup> AGM of Boland Bowls to a close.



**Almarie du Toit, President van Boland Rolbal**

**A**s President van Boland Rolbal is dit vir my 'n eer om verslag te doen oor die afgelope rolbaljaar se werksaamhede en bedrywigheide. Eerstens wil ek my dank uitspreek teenoor diegene wat hul vertroue in die Bestuur geset het en ons toegelaat het om die distrik te bestuur. Management has a dream and vision and with that a goal. A dream gives way to a man's life and the dream a goal to work for. It takes courage to dream and then be exposed, because there can be failure. I can assure you that where there was erred, the management is one step closer to success.

#### **Sekretaris**

Una Conradie het weereens gewys dat sy staal in haar murg het. Die uitgestrekte area van Boland maak suksesvolle funksionering nie maklik nie, maar ten spyte daarvan het sy getrou korrespondensie deurgegee en administrasie in plek gehou. Die kennis wat sy die afgelope jare ingesamel en met die Bestuur gedeel het, is van onskatbare waarde.

Una became a Zone representative in 2007 and soon thereafter the Secretary of Boland Management. It is with regret that after seven years Boland has to bid her farewell. I want to thank Una for her loyalty and all the hours spent behind her computer. We surely are going to miss you.

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE AGM**

Enjoy your rest as well as your bowls.

#### **Tesourier**

Chris de Jager het sedert 1995 diep spore in Boland rolbal getrap. Hy was 'n ware rolballiefhebber en het nie net die finansiële aspekte van Boland Rolbal hanteer nie, maar was ook 'n spanbestuurder en keurder wat sportmanne tot groot hoogtes gelei het.

Die dag toe Rolbal SA se databasis in werkking gestel is, was daar behoorlik rondgeval. Chris het hom uitstekend van sy taak gekwyf deur klubs by te staan om hul data op die databasis te kry en ook opleiding gegee om sover moontlik die data suksesvol deur te kan gee. Dank en waardering word teenoor hom uitgespreek.

Chris de Jager felt after 19 years that he wanted to retire. Management wishes him a well-deserved rest and may he enjoy the free time.

#### **Vise-President**

Stoffel Lambrechts is 'n gewaardeerde Vise-President. Hy deel sy kennis met almal en verryk Boland Rolbal met sy insette. Baie dankie vir die ongelooflike ondersteuning wat jy nie net aan die Bestuur nie, maar ook aan my bied.

#### **Wedstrydsekretaris.**

Stoffel en Annatjie het geensins 'n maklik jaar gehad om kompetisies op die kalender in te pas nie. Veranderinge in SA rolbal se kompetisies asook klubs se aktiwiteite het behoorlik meet en pas gekos. Die Spec Saver Kompetisie het kaarte behoorlik deurmekaar gekrap en dit was nie maklik om almal tevrede te stel nie; tog het deelnemers dit baie geniet.

Competitions are to be played according to the rules of the game. We as a Management felt that players have to make sure that they know the rules of a

competition before play starts. Games can be finished without repercussions and ended in a good spirit.

Thank you for a well-planned competition year.

#### **Afrigters**

Afrigters onder leiding van Marina van Wyk het groot sukses behaal met die TID oefeninge wat op gereelde basis geskied het. Opknappings-kursusse vir afrigters en opleiding van nuwe afrigters het plaasgevind. Afrigters is 'n baie belangrike komponent van die spel en hier kan die resultate van die Interdistrikte spanne asook die Onder-25 en Onder-19 spanne getuig. Die oopoffering om ander in hul sport te verryk word oopreg waardeer.

#### **Tegniese beampetes**

Pieter Linde is spreekwoordelik die figuur agter die skerms. Hy en sy span is druk besig om merkerskursusse en tegniese beampte-kursusse aan te bied. Reëls van die spel word noukeurig opgevolg en aan lede deurgegee. Die spel kan nie sonder reëls gespeel word nie en glo my, daar is diegene wat dink hulle is verhewe bo reëls. Ek dank Pieter en sy span vir waardevolle insette en "VATGRAS" wat gereeld in Raakskoot verskyn.

#### **Selectors**

This year proved that selectors and coaches have to work together. The sacrifice, effort, and clashing of heads have duly triumphed. Results during the Inter Provincial and tournaments for the youth witnessed a good selection policy and successful motivation of players. I believe that the selectors feared the possibility of failure, but could not afford to quit. 2013/2014 is proof that success is a part of a dream. Your dreams are crowned with success. I thank you for your support towards the

players and you are the pride of Boland

#### **Finansies**

Finansies is sekerlik in enige klub, provinsie en selfs in SA Rolbal 'n kopseer. Die grootste jaarlikse uitgawes van Boland is die Interdistrikte. Spelers moes vanjaar reeds met voertuie ry om reiskostes so laag as moontlik te hou. Die Onder-19 spannetjies is vanjaar ontneem van 'n interdistrikte toernooi, huis as gevolg van finansiële implikasies, maar kon aan hulle eie mini-toernooi op Bonnievale deelneem. Deeglike begroting en beplanning is uiteraard noodsaaklik om te verhoed dat die finansiële las van die lede en spelers verhoog. Chris het toegesien dat die boeke vir die jaar afgesluit is.

With Chris stepping down, Theuns Coetzee made himself available to put figures on a new computer program. I thank Theuns for his enthusiasm with which he supports Boland Bowls and shares new ideas. With his dreams Boland Bowls can only show positive results.

#### **Ontwikkeling**

Ontwikkeling spreek vanself. Dit is landwyd bewys dat rolbal se ledetal aan die daal is. Theuns Coetzee, Sameroeper van die Ontwikkelingspan, met sy ongekende entoesiasme het ingespring, klubs besoek, spelers op die perke gekry en motiveer klubbesture om saam te staan en lede te werf. Moontlike borge word genader en daar kan met oopregte trots genoem word dat 'n ATKV borg vir Boland gekry is.

#### **Afbakening van die Wes-Kaap Rolbalfederasie**

Hierdie onderwerp is 'n saak wat nie gister of vandag uitgedop het nie. Die Departement van Sport het reeds 'n paar jaar gelede skrywes insake herverdeling van provinsies en streke uitgestuur. (Vervolg op bladsy 4)

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE AGM

## (Vervolg van bladsy 3)

Martin van Zyl en Theuns Coetze is deur Boland Bestuur afgevaardig om namens Boland samesprekings met Eden en Westelike Provinsie te voer. Hierdie jaar is die saak met erns aangespreek en gefinaliseer.

The Western Cape Bowls Federation Committee travelled between the different bowls provinces and demarcation presentations to the clubs and bowlers. I thank Theuns and Martin for the positive way in which they handled matters, the distances they travelled and the success thereafter. The article in Raakskoot/Toucher says it all.

## Departement Sport se bydraes

Klubs en klublede sal nie besef wat werklik agter die gordyne van Boland Rolbal aangaan nie. Ek en Theuns het herhaalde Boland sportvergaderings in die Paarl bygewoon. Theuns het voorleggings aan die Wes-Kaap Sportraad gedoen en dit alles vir fondse. Die samewerking tussen WP, Eden en Boland is van kardinale belang. Trevor Davis, Voorsitter van die Wes-Kaap Rolbalbestuur, moes die ooggend van die Sportraad se finansiële toekennings nog Boland se samewerking in die herverdeling verseker. Ek kan u verseker dat ontwikkeling in Boland R15 000-00 en administrasie R40 000-00 van die Sportraad ontvang het.

## Zone representatives

John Carroll of Hermanus resigned during the season as representative of Zone 2. Ristoff van Wyk was willing to fill in till the end of the bowls season. Henry Fourie of Zone 3, due to his work, is also stepping down. Al Cannone of Zone 1 is also retiring. I thank them for incredible cooperation and their positive contributions towards bowls in the Boland. I trust that they are not lost to their regions and bowls.

## Raakskoot/Toucher

Ek kan met trots vir Riaan Pienaar en sy helpers bedank vir die uitstaande Raakskoot wat kwartaalliks saamgestel word. Hierdie pragstuk is die beste in Suid-Afrika. Die nuus van klubs, artikels, grappies en laaste maar nie die minste nie, gebeure in die Boland word deeglik deurgegee aan lede. Ek doen egter 'n baie dringende dog ernstige beroep op klubbesture om Raakskoot ook aan hul lede bekend te stel. Plaas dit ook strategies op tafels, nie net vir klublede om te lees nie, maar ook besoekers en nie-rolbalspelers.

## Proudly Boland

The former President said in his 2011/2012 report that Boland had experienced a medal feast during that season. Despite all the setbacks experienced this year,

I can say, with genuine pride, that 2013/2014 was a medal year. The photos and reports have appeared in Toucher, but I want to make use of the opportunity to mention the achievements of our teams. The teams are:

Men's Open side - Gold  
Senior Ladies - Bronze  
Ladies B side - Gold.  
The Under 25 youngsters proclaimed their position in SA Bowls by winning gold.

Ons klubs met hul lede is vir Boland 'n groot trots! Klubs kan nie bestaan as daar nie lede is nie en lede word wenners vir Boland. Ek dank elke klublid vir sy/haar getroue ondersteuning en waardevolle insette wat aan die Bestuur deurgegee word.

## Wat nou vorentoe

Ek het eens in 'n tydskrif gelees dat 'n mens bootsitters en waterlopers in die lewe kry. Baie is bereid om tevreden vanuit die veiligheid van hul bote te kyk wat ander doen – te bang om te waag, te bang om kans te vat, te bang om te misluk, te bang om prys te gee, eerder te kritiseer. Ons as rolbalspelers moet uit die boot klim, groot dink, die sport en sy uitdagings aanvat en GLO dat ons 'n verskil kan maak – ons moet die waterlopers van rolbal word.

Met die indeling van die Wynland-, Weskus- en Overbergstreke staan 'n ieder en 'n elk voor nuwe, opwindende uitdagings. Kom ons pak dit met positiviteit aan en geniet ons

sport.

## Dankie

My dank aan elkeen van die Boland Bestuurslede vir hul harde werk en getroue ondersteuning die afgelope jaar.

To our sponsors, Warwick, as well as the sponsors in the year book, Me Lady Shoes, Paul's Sports and MacLachlan Professionele Rekenmeesters BK as well as our sponsors at club and Zone level and advertisers in Raakskoot/Toucher, thank you for your support.

Dankie aan Worcester rolbalklub wat weereens die afgelope jaar as Hoofkwartier opgetree het asook die klubs wat vir die kwartaallike bestuursvergaderings beskikbaar was. Hier moet julle my vergewe, maar ek wil Lorna Viljoen se naam noem. Sy is 'n ware staatmaker by die Hoofkwartier en staan altyd met 'n glimlag reg om spelers te verwelkom.

Thank you to our guests of honour. I appreciate your being with us.

## Ek sluit af:

Beneath His watchful eye  
His saints securely dwell;  
The Hand which bears all nature up  
Shall guard His children well.

Keep your eyes on God.  
He never takes His eyes off you.

**Almarie du Toit**

# Weskus Rolballiga

## Leon Meyer

Die jaarlike Weskusliga het vanjaar vir die vyfde keer plaasgevind. Ses klubs - Darling, Langebaan Buiteklub, Lagoon, Velddrif, Weskus Militêr en Yzerfontein - het deelgeneem. Die liga is hierdie jaar in Mei gespeel, met die laaste wedstryd net voor dit begin reën het.

Elke klub word verteenwoordig deur twee viere-spanne. Die liga word op vakansiedae en Sater-

dae gespeel en om brandstofkoste so laag as moontlik te hou, word twee wedstryde per dag gespeel. Die formaat wat gebruik word is 3 stelle van 7 skofte. Vir elke stel wat 'n klub wen, verdien hulle twee punte. Daar is geen bonuspunte nie. Die maksimum wat 'n klub kan verdien is 12 punte per wedstryd.

Yzerfontein Rolbalklub het die Weskusliga-trofee vir die eerste keer verower nadat Lagoon dit die eerste drie jaar gewen het en Weskus Militêr verlede jaar. LCE het tweede gekom met Basie Louw aan die spits. Lagoon was derde.



Die windverwaide spelers van Yzerfontein Rolbalklub met die trofee: Elna Louw, Hennie van Rensburg, Isabel Pienaar, Johan Pienaar, Adriaan Hubach, Carol Jordaan, Tony le Grange en Pikkie Mangiagalli

# Boland Competition Winners

The last Boland competitions of the season have been completed and here are the winners:

**Men's Senior Masters:** Gold: Ian Rice (Clanwilliam), Silver: At du Preez (Swellendam), Bronze: Tommie van Niekerk (Franskraal).



*Mixed Fours winners: Callie van der Merwe, Lesley and Mark Beviss-Challinor and Pauline Viljoen*

**Women's Senior Masters:** Gold: Aléta Saayman (Worcester), Silver: Lucille Herbst (Caledon), Bronze: Tish Bryce (Hermanus).

**Champion of Champions - Men:** Winner: Henry Fourie (Jnr) (Bredasdorp), Runner-up: Mark Beviss-Challinor (Robertson).

**Champion of Champions - Women:** Winner: Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp), Runner-

up: Engela Lambrechts (Ceres).

**Mixed Fours:** Winners: M Beviss-Challinor, C van der Merwe, L Beviss-Challinor and P Viljoen (Robertson). Runners-up: F van Deventer, A du Toit, J Wessels and A Darlew (Paarl). **Specsavers Pairs:** Winners: Santjie Steyn and MP Olivier, Runners-up: Wynand Pool and David Pillay (Caledon).



*Senior Men's Masters winners: Tommie van Niekerk (Bronze), At du Preez (Silver) and Ian Rice (Gold)*



*Tish Bryce, Lucille Herbst and Aléta Saayman respectively were the Senior Women's Masters Bronze, Silver and Gold winners*

## Correction

In the report on Boland competition results on page 19 of the May 2014 issue of Raakskoot/Toucher it was incorrectly stated that Kay Puttick, the winner of the Women's Novices, was a member of Velddrif Bowls Club. She was, in fact, with Robertson Bowling Club and currently with Franskraal. The mistake is regretted.

## Hexvallei Dames Classic weer groot sukses



*Die Bredasdorp span van Anneke Snyman (heel regs) wat die Hexvallei Dames Classic gewen het, hier saam met Sias Rabie, President van Hexvallei Rolbalkklub. Die ander spanlede is Hermien Fourie, Hanneljie du Toit en Ezile Fourie.*

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# ZONE 3 LEAGUE FINALS

## John Carroll

Both the Zone 3 Men's and Women's League final rounds were held simultaneously at Hermanus on the 24th May 2014. Participating clubs in the league were Hermanus, Franskraal, Kleinmond and the Overberg (Caledon and Greyton combined).

On the Women's side Kleinmond and Hermanus battled matters out for the trophy in

chilly, blustery conditions with Hermanus, due to their superior experience on their quick-running greens, emerging clear winners with Kleinmond as runners-up, followed by Overberg and Franskraal.

The Men's division ended up in a cliff-hanger because, at the outset of the last matches in the afternoon, Kleinmond and Hermanus were joint leaders with Franskraal trailing by only one point. Hermanus and Klein-



*The winning Hermanus Women's side with Boland Zone 3 Representative Ristoff van Wyk in the background*

mond locked horns, with both Dave Buckley and Keith Kruth's Hermanus teams winning in straight sets and thus each accumulating a full-house of six points. Paul Naylor's team, however, dropped both their sets to Tickey Rossouw of Kleinmond, thus losing 0-6.

The dark horse, Franskraal, was, in the meantime, soldiering on against Overberg on the adjacent rinks. In the long run the only points that Franskraal dropped were two peeled sets and they thus ended up as deserving winners of the Dion Punt Trophy by three points.

"Well done!" to skips Ivan Giles, Gideon Pienaar, Wally Nimb and their other team members who triumphed through pure grit and determination.



*The Franskraal Men's side proudly displaying the Dion Punt trophy*



*The winning team seen here with Blackie de Swardt, President of Hermanus Bowling Club (left) and Mr Erno Coreegees of Rola Volkswagen Hermanus: Keith Kruth, Jerome Thorpe, Anneke Thorpe and Riaan Pienaar*

# 2014 Hermanus Classic

## Chrissie van Wyk

There was, once again, top-class bowls to be seen at the annual Hermanus Classic that took place on 17 and 18 May 2014, with main sponsor Rola Volkswagen Hermanus.

On the second day of play, the 20 teams were split into two sections according to there points at the end of the first day. The eventual overall winners were Keith Kruth and his Hermanus team, with the Hex River team of Sias Rabie second and Santjie Steyn's team third. The Section B winners were Janes le Grange and his team.

# Huwelik van die jaar



## Riaan Pienaar

Almal het vir maande reeds geweet - of minstens vermoed - dat daar iets aan die gang is tussen Santjie en MP, maar hulle het maar heeltyd so effens geheimsinnig gebly.

En toe kom die nuus sommer uit die blouse! Die ooggend toe die Hermanus Classic begin, sit die

twee daar en laat self die aap uit die mou: Hulle het die vorige dag getrou! En watter beter plek kan daar wees om 'n huwelik en 'n wittebrood te begin as op die rolbalperk!

Almal wat hulle ken en alle ander rolbalspelers in die Boland en die land oor glimlag breed en wens die twee 'n lang en gelukkige huwelik toe.

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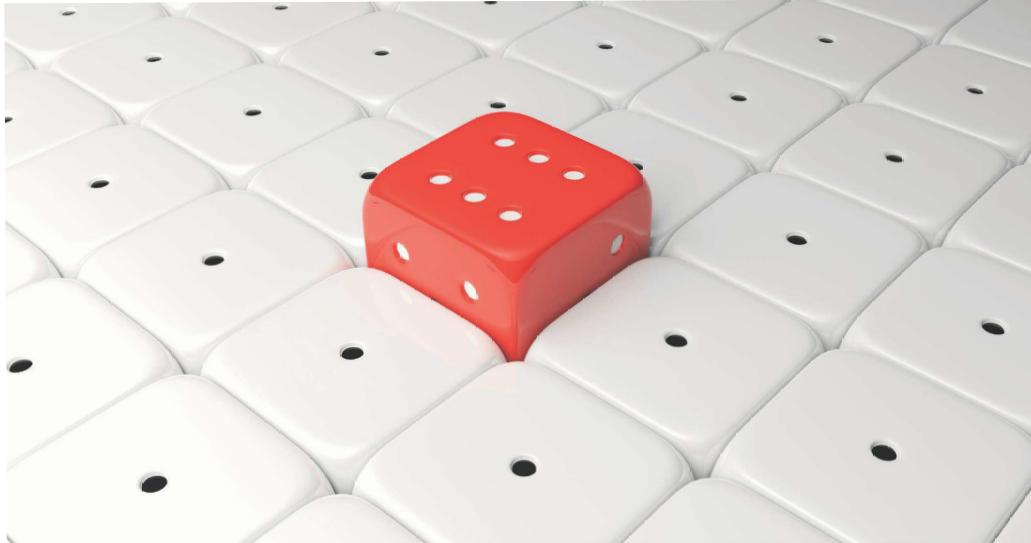
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# Executive Committee Meeting of 21 June 2014

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This meeting of the Boland Executive was the last of the current bowls season. Considering that it precedes our AGM which *inter alia* addresses the constitutional fallout of the new regional demarcations, it proved to be an exceptional eight hours in duration.

- A representative for all District players is being sought to act as spokesperson for a Boland Player's Association yet to be established.

- Noted that BSA had awarded the SA Mixed Pairs competition to Boland, with Hermanus as venue.

- Stoffel Lambrechts' proposal for Boland to stage the All Cape has been fine-tuned and will be pursued.

- With Ristoff van Wyk promising a suitable trophy, Stoffel will look into the possibility of staging a District Senior league.

- It is not feasible to stage the Masters for both men and ladies at the same venue at the same time – too many rinks are required. It is proposed that the President's Invitation Masters be done away with in favour of extending numbers to 16 participating in each of the Open and Senior Masters.

- Stoffel notes that the change from 4 to 3 "zones" in our District raises problems for the format of Boland Finals. As a just way of resolving this, he will in future take numbers of entries into account before assigning a *pro rata* number of contestants from each "zone" to the Finals.

- Una Conradie emphasized the problems that can arise when players take it upon themselves to enter All Cape and National competitions. All such entries MUST go via the District Secretary.

- In the event that "zone" winners offer acceptable reasons

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for withdrawing and to avoid causing disarray in Finals, henceforth "zone" runners-up in Boland competitions - with the exception of Champion of Champions - will be permitted to proceed to the Finals.

- The District Green-keeper's Standing Committee still lacks a convener. Executive member Lampies Lambrechts, having attended a greenkeepers course run by BSA's Bill McCarthy, strongly recommends that all clubs purchase the booklet "LEVEL 1 GREENKEEPING".

- Una has again emphasized that existing bowlers that introduce new members to a club are entitled to have their BSA affiliation fee waived for one year. But this will happen only if copies of new application forms, showing relevant information thereof, is forwarded to our District Secretary.

- It is confirmed that when Open/All days are assigned to clubs there may NOT be clashes with the scheduled preliminary (round-robin) Boland competition days.

- The Executive recommends that the AGM accepts the following increases: Boland affiliation R140 and R70 for new members. Competition fee to remain at R30.

- Theuns Coetzee (Convener, Promotion and Development Standing Committee) recommends that members of all Standing Committees meet on occasion and that club development

officers be expected to attend their "Zone" meetings. He is currently preparing a detailed document on Development, as also updating the new Year Calendar for all clubs.

- Stoffel reported that entries for all Boland competitions saw a decrease this past year, with the Specsavers Pro10 entries also lower than anticipated. Noted that club match secretaries in particular should motivate their club members to enter Boland competitions.

... extending numbers to 16 participating in each of the Open and Senior Masters.

- A proposal for a two-tier system in Boland competitions was motivated by reported observations on the different way in which highly competitive players view Boland competitions compared to the average (numerical majority) club member. The latter may simply be seeking a fairly competitive but mostly fun day in the company of his/her "chommies": (a) without the humiliation of being utterly smashed by a team "loaded" with highly competent and competitive players chasing the District trophy; (b) with no desire to participate in a (possible) two-day extended round-robin; and (c) with neither the desire nor expectation of winning through to a second day of section winner playoffs. In one tier, players chase the ultimate accolade of the District trophy (and "zone" winner), whereas in the other, with no current (or former) provincial players permitted, they are content to

play ONLY ONE day of reasonably competitive bowls.

The latter, restricted entirely to a "zone", could be for a small monetary "purse" won by each section winner, for example. This idea too is for tabling at our AGM.

- The inter zone competition (scheduled for 27 July) was cancelled, one reason being the new "zonal" demarcation. However, the Mixed Fives competition will be brought back this coming season.

- Clubs are requested to submit the names of non-Boland players of exceptional talent, or that have excelled in club competitions over the past two years, so that they may be included in TID exercises in each of the three "zones".

- Con Dix, BSA's liaison coach for our District, requests that all our club coaches meet with her: Winelands and Overberg coaches at Riviersonderend on 16 August and West Coast coaches at Langebaan on 17 August.

- Various changes/additions to our District Constitution, in addition to some alluded to above, were determined for recommendation at the AGM. Noted - with suitable expressions of major concern - that no nominations had been received for two of the most important positions on the Executive, namely Secretary and Treasurer, vacated by Una Conradie and Chris de Jager respectively.

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.



**Die wenspan van Old Oak in die Kaap saam met Melt van der Spuy, President van Vredendal Rolbalklub in die middel agter en John Sharp van Vredendal Motorgroep, die amptlike borg, links agter**

hoogstaande gehalte gepeel.

Op die eerste dag is drie wedstryde van 15 skofte elk gespeel terwyl op die Saterdag twee wedstryde van 21 skofte elk afgehandel is. Die spelformaat het ook "skins" ingesluit en na die eerste rondte wedstryde is daar krag teen krag gespeel. Die klub het daarop gefokus om die besoekers spesiaal te laat voel en om waarde vir geld te verleen met die prysgeld wat gewen kon

word. Die hoofborg van die toernooi was die Vredendal Motorgroep en kontantpryse (R8000 in totaal) was tot met die vierde plek op die spel.

Die uiteindelike wenners van die eerste Matzikamma Classic was die besoekende span van Old Oak wat die toon aangegee het oor die twee dae. Vredendal se span van Melt van der Spuy (president van Vredendal Rolbalklub) het tweede geëindig, terwyl Lagoon se span derde en Velddrif die vierde plek behaal het.

Ons is baie tevrede met die afloop van ons eerste Classic en sien daarna uit om, met die ondersteuning van ons plaaslike sakegemeenskap en die energie van ons lede, volgende jaar te groei in die aantal spanne wat gaan deelneem.

## Vredendal se Matzikamma Classic

### Pierre Olivier

**V**redendal Rolbalklub het onlangs hul eerste Classic aangebied. Spanne van, onder ander, Old Oak Rolbalklub, Langebaan, Velddrif en Darling

het aan die twee-dagtoernooi deelgeneem. Alhoewel stormagtige weer met reën en koue vir die gebied voorspel was, kon spelers in matige weer en slegs 'n paar reënbuie mekaar die stryd aansê en is rolbal van

## Scroungers – a game format that puts boredom to the sword

### Rob McDuling

**L**angebaan Country Estate Bowls Club has been proactive in introducing to its members new and exciting variations to the game of bowls. In order to bring the fun back into social bowls and to keep the competitive appetites of both new and established bowlers ever sharp, the LCE club committee has incorporated the game of "Scroungers" into their monthly calendar. This has proved to be extremely popular and a big boon to all participants.

What is "Scroungers"? Scroungers is a fun-filled, skill oriented game of three-bowl singles, played by three players on the same rink.

Some of the skills learned while playing Scroungers are-

1. Correct placing of the jack;
2. Consistent drawing;
3. Chop and lie while not losing your bowl;
4. Drawing to the jack on the string or at the ditch.

At a one-green club this will be played among 18 bowlers, using six rinks. With a two/three-green club this number will increase to 27, 36, 54, using

9 or 12 or 18 rinks.

### The rules of the game

The 18 players are randomly drawn into six groups of three players for the first round. This round is played over 12 ends.

Each player plays as an individual – it is not a team game. The winner, second and third places are determined by the number of points accumulated over the 12 ends by each player. The scoring system is three points for closest to the jack, two for the next shot and one for the third shot - a total of six points per end. There will be six winners, six seconds and six thirds after round one.

Round two consists of the six winners (firsts) split into two rinks of three, six seconds split into two rinks of three, and six third places split into two rinks of three. In other words, winners (firsts) play winners, seconds play seconds and thirds play thirds in the second round. This round is played over eight ends. At this stage all players will have delivered 20 x 3 bowls, with no trial ends being played.

The final round, over six ends, is played only by the six winners of all games in round two, with

two winners from each of the "firsts", "seconds" and "thirds". These winners play-off for the final in the sections of "main" and "plate". The two firsts plus the highest scoring second contest the main event, while the lowest winning second plus the winning thirds contest the plate event. There are four prize winners. Main event: "winner", "second place," "third place". Plate event: "winner". These prizes can comprise modest amounts of money sponsored by a club member, or a small entrance fee per player can be levied to provide prize monies.

The game begins when the jack has been laid by the player first on the scorecard (no scoreboards are used) and bowls are delivered to where the jack comes to rest. Thereafter, the winning player of the previous end delivers the jack and bowls the first bowl.

Should there be two players with the same score at the conclusion of the game, additional ends must be played until a first, second and third are obtained.

Negative scoring is also introduced and any of the following "errors" will score a negative 2:

1. Deliver the jack short, into the ditch or out of bounds is -2. The player will have to re-deliver the jack until it is in play and accumulate all the negative scores should they occur.
2. A bowl going out of bounds: -2.
3. A bowl going into the ditch: -2.
4. Burnt ends are replayed and -2 to the player burning the jack.
5. Trailing the jack into the ditch will result in -2 and the jack remains in the ditch (player's bowl in the ditch - even though a toucher - will not count).
6. There will be no walking to the head or getting information from players on the next rink - any infringement will result in -2.
7. A player may turn an opposition bowl into the ditch or out of bounds without penalty to either player, provided that the bowl being played remains in play.

The entire game, including a tea break and the final, will take 2.5 to 3 hours.

# So sien Boland Rolbal se Ontwikkelingsbeampte die pad vorentoe

## Theuns Coetze

Hierdie is my eie siening oor Kyk gerus na vir Boland Rolbal, in die hoop dat die meegaande ek daarmee my mede-rolbalspelers se denke sal huidige stand van prikkel sodat ons saam daaroor kan gesels.

Boland het met die instelling Dit is nie 'n van die Western Cape Bowls teregwysing nie, Federation die geleenheid om 'n maar eerder tyd vir nuwe hoofstuk te betree, anders 'n realiteitsonder-as Eden en WP wat amper net soek en om te besef dat geen in naam verander. Ek sien dit as persoon, klub of instansie dit 'n positiewe ontwikkeling en ons alleen kan regstel nie. As ons moet die geleentheid aangryp om klubs, en Boland Rolbal, net ons rolbal in geheel te laat begin besef dat ons almal in transformeer na 'n ten volle dieselfde bootjie is, kan ons wel inklusiewe sport. Ek gebruik die 'n klimaat skep om volgende jaar woord "inklusiewe" omdat die die jaar van verandering te maak. sport tans aan 'n klein groepie Die winde van verandering begin behoort, baie van hulle in reeds te ritsel met klubs wat in bestuursposisies, wat net nie die jeug begin investeer en ander ontvanklik is vir die idee dat die wat goed begin groei het. sport aanlokliker gemaak moet Die gesegde ken ons mos: 'n word vir ons nuwe jonger spelers, vis vrot van sy kop af ondertoe. skoliere, besigheidliga en die- Goed - ek sit binne-in daardie

gene wat die sport sien as ontspan-

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**Ons moet gedwing word om buite die boks te dink en aan te pas.**

sprekwoorde-like kop. Wat gaan Boland se bestuur doen met die mandaat van sy

1406 lede wat aan hom toevertrou is? Ons mandaat is nie meer net om bloot die spel van jaar tot jaar

**enige ander speler is nie**

Nou goed, kom ons as Boland neem die voortou met die nuwe benadering, want as ons self nie verander nie, gaan geen klub dit op eie initiatief doen nie.

## Wat het ons?

80 skole x 500 leerlinge = 20 000 kinders waarvan Boland al 0.00035% ingetrek het by die sport.

80 skole x 500 leerlinge = 40 000 ouers. Wat het ons gedoen? Niks!

## Wat het ons nog?

40 klubs x 30 besigheidsspanne = 4800 spelers. Wat het ons gedoen? Niks!

En? Ten minste 40 000 mense bo afrede. Wat doen ons? Niks!

Dus, wat hierbo staan en wat ons mandaat moet wees is twee wêrelde uit mekaar. Hierin lê huis die uitdagings en oplossings. Ons moet gedwing word om buite die boks te dink en aan te pas.

(Vervolg op bladsy 13)

## Groei per klub

OVERBERG (13 Klubs/Clubs)			WYNLAND/WINELANDS (11 Klubs/Clubs)			WESKUS/WEST COAST (16 Klubs/Clubs)				
	2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014		
Riviersonderend	3	13	450%	Ceres	24	34	29%	Lambertsbaai	4	8
Napier	5	12	140%	Wellington	45	49	8%	Langebaanweg Lugmag	7	8
Swellendam	53	59	10%	Hex Vallei	14	15	7%	Hopefield	7	8
Franskraal	73	80	8%	Paarl	73	75	2%	Darling	25	28
Caledon	38	41	8%	Bonnievale	50	49	-2%	Piketberg	11	12
L'Agulhas	64	67	5%	Tulbagh	27	26	-3%	Velddrift	30	32
Kleinmond	87	90	3%	Worcester	81	70	-13%	LCE	61	62
Witsand-Port Beaufort	22	21	-4%	Robertson	47	39	-17%	Porterville	14	14
Villiersdorp	14	13	-7%	Montagu	20	15	-25%	Black Mountain	2	2
Greyton	52	47	-9%	Brandvlei	17	12	-29%	Lutzville	12	11
Hermanus	205	184	-10%	Franschhoek	12	8	-33%	Weskus Militêr	31	28
Bredasdorp	62	53	-14%					Moorreesburg	5	4
Elgin-Grabouw	17	9	-47%					Lagoon	56	47
								Clanwilliam	26	21
								Yzerfontein	33	25
								Vredendal	24	17
								Vredenburg	3	0

OVERBERG	695	689	-0.8%	WINELANDS	410	392	-5%	WEST COAST	351	327
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# ... die pad vorentoe

(Vervolg van bladsy 12)

Gemiddelde ouderdom				WYNLAND/WINELANDS (11 Klubs/Clubs)		2013 2014		WESKUS/WEST COAST (16 Klubs/Clubs)		2013 2014	
OVERBERG (13 Klubs/Clubs)	2013	2014		Ceres	61	59	-2	Weskus Militér	68	59	
Elgin-Grabouw	71	69	-2	Wellington	68	66	-2	Vredendal	63	60	
Riviersonderend	65	64	-1	Hex Vallei	64	64	0	Lambertsbaai	65	63	
Swellendam	61	61	0	Robertson	68	68	0	Darling	68	67	
Franskraal	67	67	0	Montagu	69	69	0	Lutzville	61	60	
Caledon	57	57	0	Paarl	66	67	1	Vredenburg		0	
Napier	63	64	1	Bonnievale	53	54	1	Hopefield	68	69	
L'Aguilhas	66	67	1	Tulbagh	62	63	1	Velddrift	64	65	
Kleinmond	69	70	1	Worcester	62	64	2	Black Mountain	51	52	
Greyton	70	71	1	Brandvlei	44	46	2	Moorreesburg	63	64	
Bredasdorp	58	59	1	Franschhoek	62	68	6	Piketberg	60	62	
Hermanus	70	72	2					LCE	68	70	
Witsand-Port Beaufort	68	71	3					Porterville	67	69	
Villiersdorp	50	55	5					Lagoon	65	67	
								Clanwilliam	65	67	
								Langebaanweg Lugmag	47	50	
								Yzerfontein	62	65	
OVERBERG	64.2	65.15	0.92	WINELANDS	61.73	62.55	0.82	WEST COAST	62.81	63.06	
BOLAND	62.9	63.59	0.6638								

Boland het dus drie marksegmente wat ons saam 'n potensiële teikenmark van 104 800 mense gee. Kan ons 'n 0.5% duik slaan in die mark, met ons sport rolbal? Dus 500 lede!

Kan ons dit doen? Ja, deur net 'n slag op hulle te fokus.

Is Boland tans besig met so klemverskuiwing? Ja.

- Eerstens, deur vir die eerste keer op 'n AJV 'n volledige begroting voor te lê met doelwitte wat in die begroting vervat is.

- Om te fokus nie op wat Boland kan kry nie maar wat hy kan bied aan die teikensegment.

En dit is hier waar ek terugkom

na hoe ek sien ons rolbal getransformeer kan word.

Die eerste tree is reeds gegee met die **Onder-19 Interdistrikte** tussen Boland, Eden en WP. Al drie distrikte gaan voluit om die toernooi teen minimum koste uit te bou. Die pas afgelope toernooi in Oudtshoorn het 'n 300% jaar op jaar groei getoon. Die toernooi word nou jaarliks geroteer tussen Boland, WP en Eden.

My volgende doelwit is om vir ons **Sakeliggaspelers** ook 'n goeie toernooi aan te bied, met 'n behoorlike borgskap, wat ons reeds het. Ons betrek ook ons buurdistrik-

te hierby op 'n rotasie-basis.

Die laaste toernooi sal die het nie en so verskaf ons die **Seniors Sosiale Toernooi** voedingsaar om ons klubs van wees, ook met 'n fantastiese borgskap wat ons bekom het.

Hierdie toernooi is bedoel vir daardie spelers wat gewoonweg slegs die geleentheid kry om plaatjiespel by sy/haar klub te speel of aan voldag-toernooie deel te neem.

Selfs ons **Kuipers** moet meer blootstelling kry en nie net hul kragte een keer per jaar teen Eden meet nie, maar ook teen WP.

Op die ou einde het ons vier volwaardige toernooie wat uitsluitlik fokus op dit wat nie

voorheen genoeg aandag ontvang

Die speler moet meer verskaf ons voedingsaar om ons klubs van wees, ook met 'n fantastiese borgskap wat ons bekom het.

Aan die **bemarkingskant** word fondse bewillig om elke klub van brosjures te voorsien, sowel as kleurvolle plakkate om klubs mee te bemark.

Laastens word daar gekyk na ons **webblad** om dit te verander na die spreekbuis wat almal kan bereik en raadpleeg vir inligting.

Dit is baie gesê, maar min sal bereik word sonder baie se insette.

**Ons praat weer oor sewe jaar ...**

## Boland features again in Nationals

### Una Conradie

**W**ynand Pool (Caledon) together with Raymond Milne (Milnerton) reached the semi-finals of the Men's Pairs,

while David Pillay (Caledon) with Tony van der Poel (Milnerton) played in the finals.

Martin van Zyl (Robertson) and Tommie van Niekerk (Franskraal) reached the

second round in the Play-off in Section 2 of the Men's Pairs.

In the Men's Singles, Stoffel Lambrechts (Ceres), Bräslér van Schoor (Caledon) and Mark Beviss-Challinor (Robertson) won their respective sections and Mark

reached the quarter-final of the play-off in Section 1.

Tommie van Niekerk won his section in the Senior Men's Singles and Johan Volschenk and his team from Yzerfontein won theirs in the Men's Fours.

**Congratulations to all!**

## Caledon het rede om te spog

### Yvonne Pretorius

**C**aledon Rolbalklub het tans 41 lede waarvan ongeveer 22 aktiewe lede is. Sewe van hierdie lede is top-presteerders. Dit is gewis 'n prestasie vir Caledon as een van die kleiner klubs en is ons baie trots op hierdie lede wat ons naam die afgelope jaar so hoog gehou het:

- ◆ Lucille Herbst – Wenner Senior Dames Twee-bal Enkelspel;
- ◆ Lucille Herbst – Silwer medalje in Senior Dames Meesters;

- ◆ Peter Quinn – Wenner Senior Mans Twee-bal Enkelspel;
- ◆ Bräsler van Schoor – Silwer medalje in Mans Ope Meesters;
- ◆ Gavie du Toit, Wynand Pool, Peter Quinn en David Pillay – Wen Boland Ope Mans Vierspel;
- ◆ Gavie du Toit, Wynand Pool en Peter Quinn – Naaswenners in Boland Mans Ope Driespel;
- ◆ David Pillay - Naaswennner in Boland Mans Enkelspel;



**David Pillay, Chris de Jager en Bräsler van Schoor**

- ◆ Bräsler van Schoor en David Pillay met Chris de Jager as spanbestuurder – 2014 Ope Interdistrikte Goue Medalje wenners;
- ◆ Stefan van Wyk – Lid van die span wat in die 2014 Onder-25 Goud gewen het;
- ◆ Wynand Pool en David Pillay - Tweede plek om deur te gaan na Spec Savers nasionale kompetisie in September.

## Bolanders vlug ver vir die winter

### Riaan Pienaar

**N**et soos die swaeltjies wat elke jaar met die kom van die winter na die warmer streke migrer, is daar ook 'n hele klomp rolbalspelers vanoor die hele land wat gedurende die wintermaande die heerlike warm weer van die Laeveld opsoek. Maar dit gaan nie net oor die weer nie, want daar in die Tzaneen distrik in Limpopo, naby die Groot-Letabarivier met sy baie seekoeie, is die ATKV Eiland Spa-oord waar honderde vakansiegangers gedurende die wintermaande van hul tuisdorpe se koue ontsnap. Hier word in en rondom die swembad gekuier, tennis, rolbal, jukskei en ander sportsoorte beoefen, mini-gholf gespeel, fiets en perd gery, gestap en sommer net ontspan.

Maar wat die oord weereens 'n plek in Raakskoot/Toucher laat verdien, is die feit dat die Eiland Spa Rolbalklub gedurende die wintermaande ongetwyfeld die bedrywigste enkelperk rolbalklub in die land is en dat sowat 20 rolbalspelers vanuit die Boland daar buite-lede is.

Die klub, wat in 2006 gestig is, se dosyn voltydse lede is meestal vrugteboere van die omgewing en hul vrouens. Vanaf die tweede helfte van April word die dag-tot-dag bestuur van die klub oorgegee aan twee van die besoekers - voorheen Leona Mostert van L'Agulhas, bygestaan deur haar man Hennie en nou Dirk en Pollie van den Berg van Potchefstroom. Hulle bestuur vir sowat drie maande al die bedrywighede van die klub.

Daar was vanjaar meer as 170 buite-lede, wat almal by Rolbal SA geaffilieer is. Vanaf 22 April was daar elke Dinsdagaand plaatjiespel onder ligte, Woensdagmiddae plaatjiespel, Donderagaande plaatjiespel, Vrydagoggende plaatjiespel en elke Saterdag 'n geborgde kompetisie wat, weens die groot getal inskrywings, in twee skofte - oggend en namiddag - gespeel word. En dan was daar die kampioenskappe - Gekose Gemengde Parespel, Gekose Gemengde Vierspel, Dames Enkelspel, Mans Parespel, Beginners Enkelspel, Dames Pare-



**Naas Gouws, President van Eiland Spa Rolbalklub (heel links) by die wenners van die "Interprovinsiale", Riaan Pienaar (Hermanus), Elsa en Vincent van Tonder (L'Agulhas) en Kowie Ganz (Hermanus)**

spel, Mans Enkelspel, die maklike wedstryde nie, maar Interprovinsiale Kompetisie, Gemengde Driespel en die 2-3-4 kompetisie wat elkeen vanaf die Dinsdag tot die Vrydag gespeel is. Daar is geen spel op Sondae nie en Maandae word die perk versorg.

Dirk en Pollie het oor die jare ook die afrigting van nuwe lede behartig en het oor die tydperk van agt jaar reeds 168 beginners afgerig, waarvan 22 hierdie winter.

Hier was vanjaar weer 'n klomp uitstaande spelers, onder hulle etlike huidige of voormalige provinsiale spelers. Daar is geen

maklike wedstryde nie, maar spelers van die Boland het heel goed gevaaer en prysie in die geborgde kompetisies gewen. Van die spelers het ook Boland se naam hoog gehou, deurdat van hulle die Interprovinsiale Kompetisie gewen het en die span van Riaan Pienaar, Johann en Liz Spies van Hermanus het ook die Gemengde Driespel kompetisie gewen.

Almal sien daarna uit om weer in 2015 ou vriendskappe te hernu en nuwes aan te knoop en om sake uit te spook op die rolbalperk.

# VATGRAS

Pieter Linde

## Reëls en Etiket / Rules and Etiquette

### JURY OF APPEAL

Programmes of tournaments such as, for instance, the SA Mixed Pairs which will be held in Hermanus next year make mention of "a jury of appeal". What then is the function of a jury of appeal? The jury of appeal will deal with, for instance, latecomers and other transgressors and they will interpret the laws of the game on any matters which are in dispute. This will also include decisions re adverse weather conditions.

### ROLBAL ETIKET

Skippers van spanne word aangestel op grond van hul leierseienskappe asook hul spelvermoë en hulle is dus die beskermhere van rolbal etiket. Skippers wat etiketreëls toepas en ook toesien dat die ander lede van hul spanne dit doen, lei tot groter genot en plesier, nie net vir hul eie spanmaats nie, maar ook vir hul teenstanders.

### SPELVOORWAARDEN

Die Reëls van Rolbal bepaal, onder andere, dat die spelvoorwaardes vir 'n spesifieke wedstryd beskikbaar moet wees vir spelers, sou hulle daarom vra. Hierdie voorwaardes moet wees vir spelers, sou hulle *to rest before going to the mat*.

moet ook duidelik vertoon word by elke wedstrydplek gedurende die duur van so 'n byeenkoms. Hierdie betrokke spelvoorwaardes moet minstens die besonderhede aandui soos uiteengesit in Bylaag A, bladsy 64 van die (Blou) Reëlboek.

### NEW LAWS

The following are some of the proposed law changes that will be considered by World Bowls during August of this year:

#### Law 37.1.9

**Skips no longer have to deal with the score card and may also delegate this particular task to a member of the team.**

#### Appendix 4 - (page 65)

**Appendix 4 deals with the restriction of the movement of players and World Bowls will consider adding the following to the already existing restrictions:**

*When a player at the head walks to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent may remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before going to the mat to deliver a first bowl.*

## Boland players to attend national camp

### Riaan Pienaar

The Executive of Bowls South Africa, with the National Selectors, invited 32 women and 32 men to attend a national camp at the Wanderers Bowling Club in Johannesburg on 19 and 20 September 2014. Three Boland players - Anneke Snyman, Santjie Olivier and Stephan de Jager - are included in the group.

The invited candidates will be required to complete various tests and to participate in games arranged by the selectors in order for the following to be completed:

- The Gold Squad,
- The Peter Richards International Pairs, and
- The South African Masters.

## Meer spelers word aan die TID program bekend gestel

### Marina van Wyk

Op 23 Mei het daar'n brief van die Staande Komitee van Afrigters na al die klubs in die Boland gaan i.v.m. die TID program wat die afgelope seisoen suksesvol by ons interdistrikte spelers ingestel is. Die besture is gevra om die name te stuur van spelers (nie

interdistrikte spelers nie) wat die afgelope twee jaar presteer het of besondere potensiaal getoon het. Slegs 14 klubs het reageer, maar ons het darem 50 name ontvang.

Hierdie spelers sal nou in hul streke bekend gestel word aan die oefenprogram van Rolbal SA en ge-evalueer word. Teen die einde van Augustus sal 'n ranglys opgestel word. Die

beste kandidate sal dan na oefenkampe in hul streke genooi word om op 14 September met die afgelope seisoen se interdistrikte spelers te oefen.

Ook hier sal evaluerings gedoen word.

*As jy nie tyd het om te oefen nie,  
sal jy ook nie tyd hê om in 'n provinsiale span te speel nie.*

doen ook 'n ernstige beroep op alle interdistrikte spelers om nou reeds te begin oefen aan die 20/20 en die "target" (2 sirkels, middelpunte 4m van mekaar). As jy nie tyd het om te oefen nie, sal jy ook nie tyd hê om in 'n provinsiale span te speel nie. Ander distrikte volg oefenprogramme; as ons kompetenter wil bly, sal ons spelers ook moet oefen!

## ROBERTSON SE ROLBALLEERDERS

### Martin van Zyl

Verlede jaar het die Rolbalklub Robertson 'n spesiale poging aangewend om rolbal onder leerders in die dorp bekend te stel. Meer as 96 leerders van een van die plaaslike skole het oor 'n klompie weke nie net afrigting ontvang nie, maar, op die ou einde, is 'n baie geslaagde interhuistoernooi gehou wat weer vanjaar herhaal sal word.

Terwyl dié leerders smiddae hulself op die perk geniet het, het ander leerders van die Langeberg Sekondére Skool die doen en late dopgehou en uiteindelik het vier van dié seuns aangemeld vir rolballesse. Dié getal het nou

tot twaalf aangegroei en agt van hulle het so pas aansoek gedoen om jeuglidmaatskap van die klub.

Van hulle het aan die 2014 Jeugfees te Oudtshoorn deelgeneem en dit wil voorkom dat die beoogde komende toernooi te Bonnievale en latere Interdistrikte te Oudtshoorn, die belangstelling van leerders begin prikkel het.

'n Baie belangrike uitdaging lê nou vir die klub voor en die feit dat leerders reeds hul skoolhoof en leerkragte uitgedaag het vir 'n reeks wedstryde sodra die weer dit toelaat, is 'n riem onder die hart van rolbalentoesiaste te Robertson.

## GOLF ON THE GREEN?

Adrian Purslow

So, bowlers, what is it like to play golf? Never tried? Here's your chance to try ... on the bowling green!

Greyton Bowling Club's Committee decided to try to inject something a little different into tabs-in play. A member of the committee, Bruce Fuller, came up with the suggestion of golf bowling. Puzzled? So were his fellow committee members. But here are the fundamental principles of this innovative game of bowls:

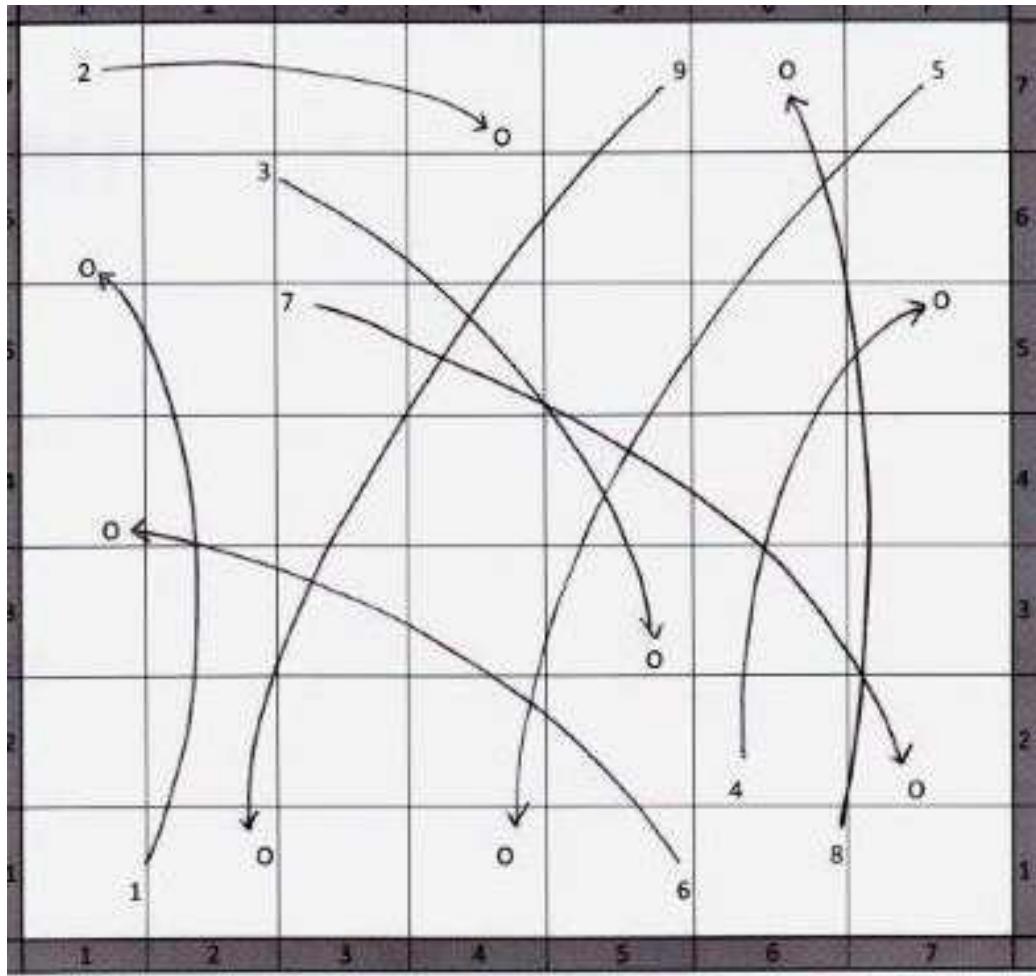
Essentially you lay out a 9 'hole' course (there is the potential to double up to 18 'holes'), following the normal golf set-up (2 par 3s, 5 par 4s and 2 par 5s) to be found on most golf courses.

The distances between 'tees' and 'holes' vary from approximately 10m to 40m. There won't be sand or water hazards but players will be expected to follow a prescribed draw (forehand/backhand) on each hole.

The idea is that bowlers play as individuals but in pairs. A draw determines who players are paired with and each player uses one bowl. The closer a player's bowl lies to the 'hole', the lower his or her score per 'hole'.

As in a normal game of golf, the player with the lowest score is the winner.

Greyton has decided to charge a nominal sum to play and the winner will take home a percentage of the total pot.



### GOLF ON THE GREEN

Player's name:

Total score:

#### How to score

Within 30cm = Eagle (Par-2)

Within 50cm = Birdie (Par-1)

Within 1000cm = Par

Outside 1000cm = Par +1

Outside 2000cm = Par +2

You must play in the direction (forehand/backhand) indicated.

Hole	Par	Round 1	Round 2
1	4		
2	3		
3	4		
4	3		
5	5		
6	4		
7	4		
8	4		
9	5		
Total	36		

## BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA MEMBERSHIP

Martin van Zyl

"Membership numbers at the end of March 2014 show a small decline on 2013."

And, once again, BSA finds it necessary to increase affiliation fees!

When, oh when, will bowls membership figures in our

country ever start improving?

The fact that the Vice President of Bowls South Africa, Kallie Haupt, attended and spoke in such a complimentary manner at the Boland Bowls AGM on Saturday, 2 August, is indeed reassuring and hopefully

Boland's achievements, previous year (last year not a especially in arresting the single district showed an decline of membership, will increase while the total decrease serve as a positive example to other districts!)

Although overall membership decline the past year in South Africa is only 3.3% (i.e. -846 members), it is nevertheless pleasing to note that at last three (3) districts have shown a membership increase on the

Despite the fact that Bowls South Africa readily admits in its latest Annual Report that, "the incentive scheme put in place to attract new members does not appear to have had the desired impact", what exactly does it now (Continued on page 18)



**Gold Medal Women's Fours: Susan Nel, Tracy-Lee Botha, Santjie, Esme Nel**  
(Picture from Bowls SA website)

## Santjie helps Proteas to win medals at Commonwealth Games

Riaan Pienaar

The 2014 Commonwealth Games are now something of the recent past, with mixed fortunes for South Africa, but we must salute our Protea bowlers, who kept the South African flag flying high. They were responsible for a total of seven medals - five Gold and two Bronze. The Gold was won in the Womens's Pairs, Men's Triples, Women's Fours, Para-sport Mixed Pairs and Para-sport Open Triples and the Bronze went to the Women's Singles and Triples.

But what makes us as Bolanders especially proud, is the fact that our own Santjie Olivier was a member of both the gold-winning Women's Fours and the bronze-winning Women's Triples teams. Well done, Santjie!

## Students discover a new sport: Bowls!

### Adrian Purslow

The young friends from one of Greyton's outlying communities – their ages ranging between 12 and 16 – were encouraged by one mother to give it a go. And they are now hooked.

They arrived at Greyton Bowling Club knowing little about bowling beyond the fact that a bowl is round. Well, sort of ... as they quickly discovered.

But the students were eager learners, helped and encouraged by club coach Barry Cahill assisted by Benjee Gopal. And everyone looking on was clearly impressed at how quickly the new 'class' of 2014 took to the game.

We are grateful to Susan Vivier, a member of the club committee, for taking the initiative to introduce the young students to the club.

Watching these six young people gave us oldies a real lift. Seeing young people on our green was a major breakthrough that we have been eager to achieve.



**Happy new bowlers. Club coach Barry Cahill with his six protégés: Jemain, Christelene, Anne-Marie, Wanie, Quin and Lionel**

We are delighted that they enjoyed the experience and all said they would love to return, which is great news for the club and bowling. We really do believe they will quickly develop a passion for the game.

We pride ourselves on being a fun-loving club, but we do have a serious side. We are determined to attract younger players and know that once they try playing bowls, they will realise it is a fun sport that gives endless pleasure.



# SKIETGOED

Saamgestel deur Martin van Zyl

## 2014 Statebondspele

Rolbal het weereens ons verskillende sportsoorte in Suid-Afrika die weg vorentoe gewys! Kyk maar net na die besondere medalje-verowering van ons verteenwoordigers by die pas afgelope Statebondspele te Glasgow, Skotland. Om met vyf goues te pronk is nie beskore vir alle verteenwoordigende nasionale sporte nie! Wel gedaan aan ons S.A. Rolbalkant en as mededeelnemers aan hierdie besielende sport, is ons trots op jul prestasies.

Die positiewe boodskap wat julle uitgestraal het, sal 'n groot hupstoot gee aan die bekendstelling, ontwikkeling en uitbreiding van rolbal. Ons wil aan diegene wat aan die afdeling vir gestremdes deelgeneem het, besondere erkenning verleen, nie net vir jul wonderlike suksesse nie, maar veral vir die voorbeeld wat julle aan alle rolbalspelers gestel het. Ons dink aan jul vriendelikheid, deursettingsvermoë en toewyding en salueer een en almal vir dit wat julle doen om rolbal te bevorder.

'n Spesiale woord van gelukwense aan ons eie Bolandse nooi, Santjie Olivier, wat welverdiende goud in die dames vierspel behaal het. Santjie, ons almal in die Boland is baie trots op jou en voel dat jou spesiale prestasie die seël plaas op die besondere seisoen wat Bolandspelers vanjaar inveral die Interdistrikte en die Mans Nasionale Kampioenskappe behaal het. Boland Rolbal beleef tans 'n hoogtepunt in ons land!

## Jeugfees te Oudtshoorn

Die oorgawe en pragtige prestasies van die meer as 20 jong, onervare spelers uit die Boland in die besonder suksesvolle Jeugfees op 28 en 29

Junie te Oudtshoorn, kan as bewys dien van die blink toekoms wat baie beslis vir ons jong spelers voorlê. Boland Rolbal se finansiële en morele ondersteuning van hierdie nuwe formaat van rolbalmeededing word baie waardeer. Die harde werk wat die aanvoerder, Theuns Coetzee, verrig het om genoeg deelnemers te werf, puik vervoer en verblyfreélings te tref en 'n gees van samehorigheid en kamerraadskap te bewerkstellig, kan nie genoeg geprys word nie. Boland kan tevrede voel dat die noodsaklikheid vir die ontwikkeling van rolbal onder die opkomende generasie in uiters bekwame hande is.

## 2014 Sakeligas: Werwing van nuwe lede

Is daar dalk ander klubs in die Boland wat Robertson se besondere prestasie vanjaar kan ewenaar of selfs klop?

Hierdie rubriek beklemtoon reeds vanaf sy ontstaan die noodsaklike totstandkoming van Sakeligas (Besigheidsligas/Business Leagues) en die potensiaal wat hierdie formaat het om die voortbestaan van die sport te verseker.

Vanjaar het die lede van die Rolbalklub Robertson in 'n spanpoging nie minder nie as twintig (20) nuwe klublede gewerf. Vir diegene wat sê dat Sakeligaaspelers slegs een keer 'n jaar 'so 'n bietjie sosiale rolbal wil speel', het Robertson nou uiteindelik die teendeel bewys en word daar tans hard gewerk aan die behoud van die nuwe lede asook die werwing van verdere lede by die tweede Sakeliga van die jaar wat in Oktober aangebied gaan word.

Moontlik wil ons klubs ook hul suksesse met Sakeligaas met ons lesers deel! Indien hulle

praktiese veranderings aan hul reëls moes aanbring om meer deelnemers te lok, sal die inligting ongetwyfeld vir een en almal van groot nut wees. Boland pronk tans met die meeste Sakeligaas in die land, wat een rede is vir sy konstante ledetal.

## Algemene Jaarvergadering

Die puik indiepte boodskap wat ds. Bekker Nieuwoudt van die Strooidakkerk, Paarl, by die verrigtinge gebring het en sy beklemtoning van die belangrikheid van 'n suksesvolle benadering in, onder andere, rolbal, het die weg gebaan vir 'n besonder geslaagde Algemene Jaarvergadering op Saterdag 2 Augustus.

Die verdere boodskap van die Vise-President van Bowls South Africa, Kallie Haupt, wat die hoë peil van rolbal in die Boland uitgelig het, het die trots van die distrik verder onderstreep. Met 'n splinternuwe praktiese en duidelike benadering ten opsigte van die jaarlikse begroting en 'n ommeswaai in die toekenning van fondse vir uiters noodsaklike ontwikkeling, kan Boland uitsien

na 'n jaar wat veel belofte inhou.

Die ongeëwenaarde prestasies in die Interdistrikte en die hoë standard van spel wat die afgelope seisoen gekenmerk het, het Boland se posisie as een van die 'top' distrikte in die land weereens beklemtoon.

Hoewel die posisies van Sekretaris en Tesourier nog nie gevul kon word nie, vertrou ons dat die nuwe Bestuur spoedig hieraan aandag sal gee.

## Nuwe distrikte

Die vordering met die totstandkoming van die drie nuwe distrikte vanuit die huidige Boland in die Western Cape Bowls Federation (WCBF) word met groot afwagting gevolg. Sodra die amptelike aansoek om affiliasie deur die WCBF by die Western Cape Sports Confederation (WCSC) gedurende September aangehandel is, sal die belangrike inligting ten opsigte van die beoogde nuwe distrikte van Overberg, Wine lands en West Coast uitgespel word en sal almal meer duidelikheid oor die toekomstige administrasie en beheer oor rolbal in die hele Wes-Kaap hê.

## BOWLS SA MEMBERSHIP

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propose to introduce to at least HALT the persistent annual decline?

Perhaps the vital importance of bowls introduction, its development and promotion, is what needs far more specific attention! The fact that the report by the Committee for Promotion & Development

(NSCPD) is placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 6 National Standing Committee reports in this year's Report by the Executive Committee of BSA, is indicative of the importance with which BSA views the "order of its responsibilities"!

**BUT**, to only charge BSA with the task of recruiting new members is not necessarily fair as our districts, and **ALL** clubs in particular, need a loud and clear **WAKE-UP** call!

## ON BECOMING A LEFTY

Ena Linde

Have you ever thought about how difficult it would be to do normal everyday tasks with your left hand when you are in fact right-handed? We mostly find our non-dominant hand to be dense or uncooperative when we try to use it, for instance, to comb our hair. How then will you as a bowler manage when you have to switch from right to left handedness, should you have no other choice? Barry Loynes can answer most of these questions.

Barry joined Hermanus Bowling Club in 2004, having moved here from Port Elizabeth where he started playing bowls in 1999. At Hermanus he played mostly as a lead, a position in which he excelled.

In October 2012 he had a minor stroke, but was still able to play bowls normally. In February 2013 he suffered a much more serious stroke which affected the right side of his body. After a recuperation period of about twelve months, he wanted to start playing bowls again, but found that he was unable to even hold the bowl in his right hand. He realised that his only option would be to switch to being a "lefty".

He spoke to left-handers and



**Barry Loynes**

also watched them bowling. A further complication was that because of severe rheumatism in an ankle he was unable to take the normal step forward when delivering, which meant that he would have to bowl from a static position. After a period of about nine months just practising, he now plays tabs-in again.

Barry admits that it was a very difficult, slow and long process but he was determined to bowl again. Ironically, he feels that it became "easier" in time to bowl with his left hand due to his right hand being for all intents and purposes, useless.

He is very thankful for the support and encouragement he still receives from club members and enjoys the camaraderie he experiences being a member of Hermanus Bowling Club.

## BSA and Warwick sign new deal

Warwick Wealth recently announced a new deal with Bowls South Africa. The new deal secures Warwick's involvement with bowls until the end of 2017, with an option for Warwick to renew for a further three years.

The sponsorship is worth over R3,500,000 per annum and well over R10,000,000 in the next three and a half years.

The deal is effective as from 1st July 2014 and runs for 42 months until 31st December 2017. This is a totally new deal with the following features:

1. A significant increase in the annual fees paid to Bowls SA to secure the Masters, Nationals and several other events with Warwick as the lead sponsor.
2. Warwick will no longer pay districts or clubs annuity fees, but will hold over 200 events nationally per annum. These will have increased prize money, easier to qualify criteria and quality individual prizes at each event.
3. In 2014 Warwick will pay all its existing "Platinum Clients" R1000 on their birthdays. No new Platinum clients will be created before year end.
4. From 1 January 2015 a Warwick "Platinum Client" will simply be any client at Warwick with an investment of over R1m and a will valued at over R1m with Warwick Trust.
5. From 1 January 2015 all Platinum clients will receive R1000 on their birthday and, if they are bowlers, a further R500, so a total of R1500. This additional R500 is to fund the bowlers' district and Bowl SA affiliation fees.
6. From 1 January 2015 all bowlers with a "Personal Share Portfolio", an investment of over R500,000 with Warwick, will receive R500 on their birthday, again this is to fund the bowler's district and Bowls SA affiliation fees. This therefore means that even if a bowler's investment at Warwick is under R1m and/or he/she does not have a will with Warwick, he/she will still qualify and have their affiliation fees paid via a birthday present of R500.
7. Warwick has invested further in its four 'Lifestyle Network Managers', one in Cape Town, PE, Durban and Johannesburg, all of whom will continue to set up the 200 required events, the vast majority of which will be held within local bowls clubs.

## From the Editor

With this edition of Raakskoot/Toucher, the first six years of its existence have been completed.

The editor of Raakskoot/Toucher is by no means the only person responsible for its regular appearance. At the risk of omitting the names of some of the contributors, mention must be made of Al Cannone who has been involved from the start and who still helps with articles, reports, proof-

reading and invaluable advice.

Martin van Zyl, who, in his capacity as Boland President at the time, asked Al and me to start what was then envisaged as a newsletter, produces the column, "From the Hip" / "Skietgoed" and regularly contributes articles on various actual topics. Martin and his wife, Wilhelmien, also proof-read the document, sometimes late into the night.

When Martin and

Wilhelmien were not available, Ena Linde helped out with the task of proof-reading.

The convenors of standing committees, Pieter Linde, Marina van Wyk, Leon Meyer and Theuns Coetzee also regularly contributed articles dealing with matters relevant to their respective fields of expertise and the Presidents' Report was also a regular feature.

I also thank Una Conradie for distributing Raakskoot/Toucher to all the clubs, the

other districts, Bowls SA and others as well as the club secretaries who ensure that their members receive the publication by sending it to their email addresses and by printing a clubhouse copy for those without an internet facility..

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