

RAAKSKOOT TOUCHER



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DIE GROOT WOORD WORD NOU DIE GROOT DAAD!!

Theuns Coetzee



Boland is nou in die proses om volgens die riglyne van die Weskaapse Sportraad te verdeel in drie volwaardige distrikte. Ons het al baie daarvoor geskryf, maar ter wille van die lede wil ons graag die proses soos dit tans staan weer aan jul deurgee.

In die laaste week van Augustus word daar drie stigtingsvergaderings gehou. Dit is so deur die Bestuur van Boland aanvaar en die proses word deur elke distrikverteenvoordiger geadministreer.

Die Distrikverteenvoordigers het reeds almal met hul eie DCAS-instansie kontak gemaak om leiding te kry. Tans is die proses onderweg om besture te nomineer vir elk van die streke. Elke bestuur sal op die stigtingsvergadering verkies word deur die onderskeie klubs se toegewysde aantal stemme.

Die Bestuur van elke distrik sal bestaan uit: President; Vise-President; Sekretaris; Wedstrydsekretaris; Tesourier; Bemaking & Ledewerwing en 'n nuwe portfolio, naamlik Skoleverteenvoordiger. Die distrikte sal ook elk sy eie staande komitees opstel en bestuur.

Die drie distrikte sal fondse vanaf Boland se

Ontwikkelingsfonds ontvang om die proses aan die gang te sit en 'n rekening oop te maak.

Wat beteken al die verwickelinge vir jou as Bolandlid? Die eerste en belangrikste faset is dat die administrasie nader aan jou as speler gaan beweeg. Dit gaan verseker dat Rolbal die dinamika binne jou distrik positief beïnvloed omdat bestuur gedentraliseer word met 'n wyer administratiewe poel wat die sport gaan bedien.

Dit gaan elke distrik sy onafhanklikheid bied om na die belange van sy streek om te sien en sodoende die sport uit te brei.

Elke distrik vorm in sy eie reg nou deel van Western Cape Bowls en word ook so verteenwoordig. Die distrikte wat die Weskaap uitmaak is: Westelike Provinsie, Metro, Overberg, Cape Winelands, Weskus, Eden en Karoo Sentraal.

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Die langtermyn doelwit is dat die streke teen mekaar moet begin meeding binne die provinsie van Weskaapland en op die ou einde die Weskaap sal verteenwoordig. Dit sal meebring dat ons 'n baie groter spelersbasis sal kan ontgin, wat weer meer kompeterende rolbal sal oplewer. Die eerste toernooi wat reeds op hierdie basis bestuur word, is die 0/19 en 0/45 Envar Buys Toernooi waaraan elke distrik reeds aan die einde Augustus gaan deelneem in hul eie kleredrag!

Elke distrik gaan nou in sy eie streek vir DCAS befondsing aansoek doen, wat in reële terme beteken dat elke distrik nou kan kry wat die hele

Boland in die verlede gekry het. Dit sal vir die sport op grondvlak baie beteken.

Die vraag nou is: "Wat word van Boland?"

Die 2016/2017 Bolandbestuur het as taak om hierdie proses uit te voer. Boland sal in die toekoms Bolandkampioenskappe administreer en Bolandspanne kies vir die onderskeie Inter-distriktetoernooie.

Boland verteenwoordig steeds die drie streke by Rolbal SA en sal alle kommunikasie na en van Rolbal SA deurgee aan die sekretaris van elk van die drie distrikte om te hanteer.



YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO CALL THEM BEAUTIES, BUT THAT IS WHAT THE ORGANISERS OF THE 2016 ALL CAPE THOUGHT OF THIS TEAM - AND WHO WILL ARGUE WITH THE RUNNERS-UP IN THE PLATE SECTION?

BOLAND BEAUTIES



PETER LAMB, MIKE VAN DER MERWE, ANDRE NEETHLING, SIAS RABIE WITH THE SPONSOR FROM PERSONAL TRUST, MARK GIBBS ON THE LEFT

BOODSKAP VAN DIE PRESIDENT



die spel rolbal gehad het soos ekself. Mense het my al gevra na die rede waarom ek so lank betrokke bly by Rolbaladministrasie en die antwoord is eenvoudig: ek glo ek moet iets teruggee vir die sport waaruit ek so baie plesier put. Ek dink elke speler wat vir sy distrik gespeel het behoort op een of ander wyse iets terug te gee aan die sport deur by sy klub of distrik betrokke te raak by admin of enige staande komitee.

I believe one of the most important tasks of a district president is to regularly visit clubs and, in this way, connect with them. I am grateful for people like Theo Skein, Martin van Zyl, Basie Louw and Almarie du Toit who all served for more than one term and, in so doing, helped me to grow towards where I am now. As I am in full-time employment and play competitive bowls during the week-end, I have always maintained that only when I retire would I be able to assume the role of president of the district. However, here I am now and the reality is that, for practical

Nadat ek as skoolkind en in my diensplig- en universiteitsjare af en toe saam met my ouers rolbal gespeel het, het ek in 1985 as gevolg van beserings besluit om finaal op te hou met rugby en krieket. Omdat ek toe deel was van 'n familie - pa, ma, tannie, susters, broers, swaer en neefs - wat rolbal speel het ek besluit om by die destydse KWV Rolbalklub aan te sluit.

Die bestuur van die klub moes werknemers van KWV wees en gevolglik is ek in my eerste jaar as sekretaris en wedstrydsekretaris op die klub se komitee gekies. Gedurende Augustus 1985 het die president van KWV, oom Daantjie Kilian my verplig om saam te gaan na die Algemene Jaarvergadering van die destydse KPRV toe Boland en Eden nog een distrik was. Min het ek toe geweet dat ek tot nou toe nog nie weer enige AJV van my distrik sou misloop nie! Sedert die totstandkoming van Boland in 1991 was ek nog altyd lid van die bestuur, as sonevertegenwoordiger, vise-president sedert 2002, en sedert 2007, het ek ook die wedstrydsekretaris se taak verrig.

Ek was bevoorreg om saam met baie mense oor die jare te kon dien op die bestuur van 'n klub waar almal op hul eie manier net soveel passie vir

reasons, I won't be able to live up to the standard of regular visits that I have set for myself. I shall, however, try to stay informed regarding the well-being of each club, and every bowler in Boland is more than welcome to contact me at any time with any bowling-related questions. I shall endeavour to either answer personally, or have somebody else answer as soon as possible.

Hierdie jaar gaan vir Boland Rolbal heelwat uitdagings inhou, waarvan die eerste die stigtingsvergaderings van die drie sub-distrikte (Wynland, Overberg en Weskus) is. Alhoewel die stigting van die drie streke reeds die afgelope twee jaar in die pylyn is, verplig die Wes Kaapse Departement van Sport ons nou om elke streek se rolbal as sport by die distrik se Sportraad te affilieer. Met die groot getalle mense wat hulself beskikbaar gestel het om op die bestuur en staande komitees te dien, het ek geen twyfel nie dat die nuwe amptelike manier van werk geslaagd sal wees nie.

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Dit is vir my 'n voorreg om President van Boland Rolbal te kan wees en met die hulp en same-werking van die nuutgekoose Bestuur, sien ek uit na die jaar wat voorlê.

Mark Beviss-Challinor, as Vise-President, is nuut op die Bestuur en hy kom met meer as tien jaar ondervinding, onder andere, as President van Robertson Rolbalklub, Boland senior manskeurder en as speler vir distrikspanne. Hy bring baie positiewe energie met hom saam.

Die ander nuweling op die Bestuur is Engela, wat as Wedstrydsekretaris verkies is, en aangesien hierdie portefeulje nie vir haar nuut is nie, is ek seker sy sal met die hulp van Annatjie Rademan (Weskus), Francois van Deventer (Wynland) en Schalk Mouton (Overberg), hierdie taak suksesvol kan hanteer.

Die res van die bestuur is dieselfde as die vorige seisoen en ek glo en vertrou dat elkeen weer met dieselfde ywer hul take sal doen. Sommige van hulle gaan ook op die bestuur van die sub-distrikte dien en gaan dus sommer ook daar hul insette lewer. Op hierdie wyse gaan die kommunikasie tussen die Bestuur van Boland en dié van die sub-distrikte vergemaklik word.

Alle lede, saam met besture van die sub-distrikte, staande komitees en keurders, moet aanhou sorg dat Boland effektief funksioneer en dat ons spanne hul hoë standaard op die perke handhaaf. Boland Bestuur gaan 'n beleid van positiwiteit bevorder regdeur die distrik. Ons wil nie aanhou omkyk nie en waar ons dit wat glad nie funksioneer nie, nie kan regstel nie, wil ons stelsels in plek probeer stel sodat almal in Boland daaruit voordeel kan trek.

.Ek gaan die staandekomitees vir Ledewerwing, Bemaking en Transformasie vra dat daar maandeliks verslag gedoen word oor die aantal lede in elke klub, die bemakingspogings by elke klub en watter vordering by elke klub gemaak is ten opsigte van transformasie.

Hierdie verslae moet aan alle klubs gestuur word en op die Boland webwerf geplaas word. Die kriteria vir transformasie-metings by elke klub, sub-distrik, asook in Boland, sal binnekort aan alle klubs gestuur word.

Die TID's vir persone wat aspireer om in aanmerking te kom vir Boland se verteenwoordigende spanne is afgehandel en die uitnodigings vir die Kuipergroep is al uitgestuur. Die 0/45 spanne van die sub-distrikte neem op 27 en 28 Augustus te Hermanus deel aan die 0/45 Envar Buys Toernooi, soos gereël deur Weskaap Rolbalkomitee. Die 0/19 en 0/30 spelers hou op 4 September hul eerste rondte proewe vir die kies van spanne vir die Envar Buys Toernooi op 1 en 2 Oktober te Bonnievale en Robertson. Sterkte aan alle keurders met die saamstel van die spanne en aan die spelers met die proewe en toernooie.

Die oefengroepe vir die ope en senior spanne sal ook teen einde September deur die keurders bekend gemaak word met die oog op groep-oefeninge gedurende Oktober, November en 'n oefenwedstryd teen WP in Desember.

Boland Competitions will be starting in September with the Open 2-Bowls Singles and thereafter the Triples in October, Senior 2-Bowls Singles, Senior Fours and Pairs during November.

We wish each and every Boland member all of the best for the new season. Support your Club and its Management Committee and in this way help towards the growth of our wonderful sport in Boland, to the benefit of all players. Don't allow members to be negative towards the management committee of your club. Be sensitive as regards your actions and remarks towards each other. I too often hear of members who resign because they do not like the actions of their fellow-members or the management committee.

All of the best until next time.

STOFFEL LAMBRECHTS



Surely, you must have some thoughts about the contents of this Bulletin! Write us a letter, a note, a comment. **We would love to hear from you.** Our next edition will be published in January 2017.

Daar moet iets wees wat jy graag sou wou sê na aanleiding van die inhoud van hierdie Bulletin! **Ons wil graag hoor wat ons lesers op die hart het!** Die volgende uitgawe verskyn in Januarie 2017.

PROFILE OF MARK BEVISS-CHALLINOR



I was born in Johannesburg in 1959 and brought up on a poultry farm in Kempton Park until my dad died in an accident on the farm in 1967. Two years later my mom remarried and we moved to Hurlingham, Johannesburg. I have an older brother and sister and four stepbrothers and sisters.

My schooling was at Clifton, Nottingham Road and St. Johns College, Johannesburg. I studied marine zoology at UCT and completed a B.Sc. (Honours) in 1980. It was there that I met Lesley and we were married in 1982. After completing two years national service in the Navy and Lesley graduating with an M.Sc, we bought a farm near Tzaneen and lived there for nearly two years. Our eldest daughter was born there. In 1985 we moved to Ashton in the Cape where I have been farming wine grapes for 31 years. We had three more children in rapid succession, two girls and a boy. They are all married and luckily still living in South Africa. Our youngest is the only one to have produced a grandchild!

Lesley's parents moved to Robertson, and both being keen bowlers and members of Robertson Bowling Club, soon invited me to a Beginners Day in 1994. I was hooked (and stiff!) after my first game and was lucky enough to be taken under the wing of the late Church de Klerk who introduced me into the arena of competitive bowls.

I played lead for the Boland B side for eight years until I managed to get promotion to the A side in 2004. The pinnacle of my bowling career was in 2014 when our side won gold at the Inter-Districts in Bloemfontein.

Over the last twenty years I have entered every Boland competition possible and won quite a few, often of course with my fellow Robertson bowlers.

I have recently resigned as President of Robertson Bowling Club after eleven years at the helm and am proud of where the club has come to, especially over the last five years. I have been lucky to have had, firstly, a very understanding and supportive wife and, secondly, a dedicated band of committee members who were prepared to work really hard at improving the bowling facilities, running lucrative tournaments, and recruiting new members.

I cannot sufficiently stress how important the business league and subsequent evening bowls have been in the success we have achieved at Robertson. My stepping down as President of the club allowed me to decide to accept the nomination as Vice-President of Boland Bowls and I am very happy to be part of the executive. I understand the responsibility that goes with the position and hope that all members of Boland will feel free to contact me if they have any problems whatsoever with the way bowls is run in the Boland. Those of you, who know me, know how passionate I am about this wonderful game and I will attempt to keep the name of Boland Bowls riding high for many years to come.



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VREDENDAL CLASSIC

Pierre Olivier

Vredendal Rolbalklub het sy spiere as plaaslike sportklub gebult met die aanbieding van hul derde Classic Toernooi op 24 en 25 Junie 2016.

Die kompetisie wat oor twee dae plaasgevind het, het 'n vol veld van veertien spanne gelok. Gratis akkommodasie is aan 40 uit die vol veld van 56 spelers verskaf deur lede en vriende van die Rolbalklub. Verder is alle etes, vanaf ontbyt tot aandete, ook voorgesit.

Op dag een het elke span drie wedstryde van 15 skofte elk gespeel, terwyl twee



Tina en Ian Stoumann voor en Annelien vd Westhuizen en Isabel Otto agter, hard aan die werk met kosmaak.

wedstryde van 18 skofte elk op die laaste dag gespeel is.

Van die veertien spanne wat deelgeneem het, was twaalf besoekende spanne van sover as Durbanville, Belville, Old Oak, Langebaan en Velddrif. Twee spanne van Vredendal en 'n span van Lutzville het ook deelgeneem.

Baie tyd en werk is ingesit om die perk gereed te kry en die besoekende spanne was kwistig met hul lof oor die standard van die bane.

John Sharp van die Vredendal Motorgroep het die prysuitdeling behartig en die goue medaljes is aan die wenspan van Durbanville oorhandig wat vanjaar vir die eerste keer deelgeneem het.

Die span van Lagoon Country Estate, onder leiding van Basie Louw, het die silwermedalje losgespeel terwyl 'n span van Old Oak, wat die vorige twee jare die wenners was, die bronsmedalje ontvang het. Tot en met die vierde plek is kontantpryse, geborg deur die Vredendal Motorgroep, toegeken, terwyl spanne tot en met die tiende plek ook pryse ontvang het.

Op die foto heelbo regs verskyn die wenners van Durbanville, te wete: Richard Lang, Derek Kiely, Kim Kiely en Gert Bruwer.

SKOLEROLBAL

Theuns Coetzee



Ons is baie opgewonde oor die entoesiasme jeens ons toekomstige spelers van die sport.

Een van die groot oomblikke was die ondersteuning van die mosie om skoliere vry te stel van enige ledegelde. Dit is eenparig op die Algemene Jaarvergadering ondersteun en wys dat die positiewe wil wel daar is om terug te ploeg in die sport.

Persoonlik is ek baie bly oor Leon Meyer en Al Cannone met hulle span wat met ywer die projek met die kinders wil aanpak en net wag vir die *Modus Operandi* wat deur die departement goedgekeur moet word.

Henry Fourie moet ook lof ontvang vir sy aktiewe deelname om die sport onder die kinders te bevorder en dit is grootliks aan hom te danke dat ons sit

met 'n ongekende lys van 106 leerders wat aan die eerste proewe vroeg in September op Bonnievale gaan deelneem.

Ons hoop is dat, met die WCB-vergadering op Hermanus gedurende die 0/45 Envar Buys Toernooi, sal die departement die *MO* goedkeur vir verspreiding onder klubs en skole. Almal, tot op klubvlak wat hierdie poging help 'n werklikheid maak, moet ons opregte dank ontvang.

Baie dankie aan al die klubs wat so positief gereageer het op die instuur van die nommer 5 balle. Ons moes veertig stelle bymekaarmaak en ons sit met bykans 50 stelle. Boland is die eerste streek in die land wat die geleentheid gegun word om dit te doen onder die wakende oog van Rolbal SA. Vyftig stelle maak dit moontlik om 100 leerders te akkommodeer, want hulle gaan met twee balle elk speel.

Die stelle word oor 'n week gelaai en dit behoort 'n maand te duur om die hele proses te voltooi. Al die deelnemende klubs sal eersdaags verwittig word oor die stand van sake.



FROM THE HIP

Martin van Zyl

A NEW DISPENSATION

"The best way to protect the future is to create it!"... Dr Forrest C Shaklee
"You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore!"... William Faulkner

Perhaps just something from the above can be directly related to the sport of bowls and the tremendous responsibility that rests on the shoulders of everyone who is in any way committed to and interested in ensuring the continued existence and, yes, the desperately necessary growth of the sport!

Here in the Boland we have been discussing the bringing about of a new dispensation for more than three years in terms of the national sports policy. At last it would now appear that 'the bowls are getting a little closer to the jack'! Those directly responsible for the introduction of a 'new dispensation' have recently moved away a little from mere talk and come up with certain measures to hold 'inaugural meetings' to endeavour to establish 'properly formulated regional bowls bodies'. These, they maintain, will take the sport along the lines as set out by the State and directed by the national sports controlling body in the country, SASCOC!

Although the time is ripe for much-needed new thinking, modern approaches to running and administering the sport and essential new methodology to introduce, develop and promote bowls, the present version of the proposed constitutions unfortunately leaves much to be desired and is merely a repetition/dolled-up version of the current district constitution!

The fact that only a unilingual version of the proposed constitution is presently on the table, after so many years of preparation, is indicative of some rather selfish and one-sided thinking and planning! The lack of any real signs of a truly new and challenging approach to the promotion and administration of bowls is, to say the least, tragic! What the reaction of clubs in the various regions is going to be, is not difficult to predict as most of them will probably remain as apathetic as they have been in the past!

The buzz word in South Africa over the past 22 years has been, 'transformation' with accent, inter alia, on gender recognition/differentiation and numerous other interesting and indeed important new directions! Whether these have also been included in the new thinking 'draft constitutions' unfortunately does not appear to be at all visible! While becoming more and more aware of the dire necessity to 'charm' the main future 'provider' of essential finance to enable clubs and districts to seriously meet the needs of the sport (apparently not a function of the national bowls body or actually within its capability), one can but surmise as to how effectively essential consultation has actually been carried out! After all, it is well known that 'he who calls the tune and pays for it, deserves full recognition and unqualified support'

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BUSINESS LEAGUES

It is now, once again, the most convenient and effective time of the year for clubs in the Boland to plan the organisation and running of their annual Business Leagues. In this regard, the Afrikaans version of the excellent notification pamphlet recently produced by Robertson Bowling Club, and circulated throughout its area of operation, is included. The purpose of this is to assist clubs seriously considering introducing this very successful 'bowls format' as one of the many ways in which new members can be enrolled. Obviously, without the necessary dedication and hard work that is required from clubs and their members to introduce and run such leagues, nothing will be achieved! It is also necessary to note and to accentuate the importance of follow-up work required after the completion of such leagues. Unless clubs ensure that constant, meaningful contact is maintained with participants from their Business Leagues (social evenings, organised regular bowls practices and games, recognition of participants through club newsletters and web sites etc.), they will definitely and most certainly **not** succeed in bringing any new members into the bowling fold! Any clubs requiring specific information on Robertson's undoubted successes over the past few years in enrolling players from its Business Leagues as new members of its club, are more than welcome to contact Ellasteyn van der Merwe, (023-626 6271/082-668 3208 ellasteyn@grahambeckenterprises.co.za).

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INTER-REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

Worcester Bowling Club, with its good greens and more than adequate club facilities, played host on Sunday, 14 August to the best men's and ladies' teams from the still-to-be officially established three (3) Boland regions, Overberg, Winelands and West Coast.

Despite somewhat unpleasant climatic conditions, everyone was geared to prove that bowls could be enjoyed under any conditions and this is, indeed, what happened! The tournament was well organised and competition was keen, with Overberg being declared overall winner.

This particular Boland highlight, an absolute *must*, especially because of the lack of district league fixtures, was last held in 2012 among the then four zones. The reinstitution of the event was welcomed by one and all and it is hoped that, with the inauguration of the envisaged three new regions, far more regular competition will eventually become the order of the day!

The fact that several competitive Boland bowlers play in the neighbouring Western Province district during the latter's league season, is indicative of the need for such regular competition, also in the Boland amongst especially those bowlers who aspire to represent their regions/district at, inter alia, the annual BSA Inter Districts!

A SECOND SENIOR INTER-DISTRICTS' SIDE!

To date, districts have only been 'allowed' to enter one Senior Side (both genders separately) in nationally-run Inter District championship events!

Why, in all earnestness, with by far the most bowlers (competitive and social) in the country, should seniors continue to be satisfied with the current situation when those under 60 are

'allowed' representation in the above through two separate sides, i.e. an A and a B side? Is this not, in fact, a sign of serious, blatant differentiation?

Surely, it is high time that the continuance of the current custom ought to be thrown out of the window? This is precisely where our 'new' bowling bodies can, at their commencement, make their voices heard and also set the necessary example by ensuring that B Senior Sides are properly established and that they too are afforded the opportunity of playing regularly and competitively! The obvious benefits of having such sides are decidedly innumerable!

Come readers, what do *you* think about this? Can we initiate the necessary steps to be introduced in the undoubted interest of making a major contribution, specifically in this regard, to the benefit of *our* sport?

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RAAKSKOOT/TOUCHER

Who better than those in 'high office' to make much-needed regular contributions to the newsletter which Boland has very effectively and successfully produced over a considerable number of years?

Despite repeated calls to readers to kindly submit articles, stories, from their clubs, photographs and items of general 'bowling interest' to Raakskoot/Toucher for publication and sharing with fellow bowlers, those minimal numbers received to date, from Executive members and Boland representative players, have been disappointing! Now that Boland and its regions are entering into a new format, is it too much to request *all* those 'in charge' and all enthusiastic players to also make a meaningful contribution towards the unqualified success of Boland's quarterly news bulletin?



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BOLAND'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**New Boytjie
on the Block**

The Main Man

**Back in the
Saddle**

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of Boland was held at Worcester Bowling Club on 30 July 2016. Worcester did us proud by managing to fit a total of 74 people into one half of their clubhouse, which included forty-three delegates from twenty-three clubs, seven executive members and twenty-five guests. The other half of the clubhouse was reserved for the eats which were enjoyed by all at the end of the meeting.

The Reverend Mario van Zyl from Worcester opened the proceedings and Basie Louw, the outgoing President thanked the members of the Executive by name, as well as the Selectors, Convenors of Coaches and Technical Officials for their hard work. He also gave a brief resumé of the workings of Boland Bowls and congratulated the winners of the different Boland competitions. He reminded the audience of the one Gold and two Bronze Medals attained by Boland at the Inter Districts.

He referred to the process of Boland Bowls being divided into three districts, namely Overberg, Winelands and West Coast. This new dispensation is explained by Theuns Coetzee in our lead story in this edition.

The 2016 Boland Executive is as follows: **President:** Stoffel Lambrechts; **Vice-President:** Mark Beviss-Challinor; **Secretary:** Ena Linde; **Treasurer:** Joggie Snyman, **Match Secretary:** Engela Lambrechts; **Media & Marketing:** Theuns Coetzee; **Regional Representatives:** Henry Fourie, Leon Meyer and Gert Lambrechts.

The winners of those Boland Competitions which had a final played at Worcester this year received their trophies from Stoffel Lambrechts. The meeting unanimously decided that they wished to return to the previous dispensation of having all competitions, after the knock-out stages, culminating in the finals being played in Worcester.

Turn to the next page for photographs taken during the Annual General Meeting, courtesy of Pieter and Charmaine Mostert.

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VATGRAS

Pieter Linde

RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS

The Conditions of Play of a recent National Tournament stipulated, inter alia, that skips could only visit the head after delivery of their third bowl. If this is not adhered to, what should the opposing skip do?

Simply call the umpire who must warn the offending player in accordance with Appendix A4.4 (p128) and Law 13.3.

HERSIENING VAN REËLS

Rolbal word in 40 lande dwarsoor die wêreld gespeel en die reëls van die sport word, soos die geval is in die meeste ander sportsoorte, van tyd tot tyd deur die internasionale sportliggaam “World Bowls” hersien en aangepas indien nodig.

Hierdie hersiening het ten doel om probleme uit die weg te ruim en om by veranderende omstandighede aan te pas.

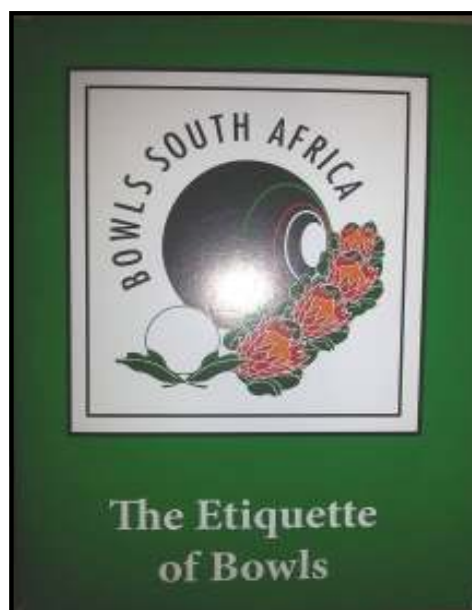
Enige lid van ‘n rolbalklub wat voel dat ‘n spesifieke reël oorbodig of onvanpas is, is geregtig daarop om in Engels ‘n gemotiveerde voorlegging te maak oor hoe en waarom ‘n spesifieke reël verander of mee weggedoen moet word en dit dan te stuur aan die distrik waarin sy rolbalklub resorteer. Indien die distrik van mening is dat jou voorlegging meriete het, sal hulle dit deurstuur aan Rolbal SA wat op hulle beurt sal besluit of die voorgestelde veranderinge die moeite werd is om aan World Bowls deur te stuur.

Die volgende hersiening van reëls vind plaas in 2018.

ETIQUETTE

Like all sporting codes, the Sport of Bowls is not only governed by a set of Laws, but also has rules of Etiquette, which must be adhered to by all bowlers. Remember that etiquette means the “conventional rules of social behaviour”, in other words, good manners.

There is a bilingual booklet available which sets out these rules. Ask your club secretary to procure one for you.



BURNT ENDS

It often happens that when a burnt end has to be replayed, skips cannot agree from which side of the rink to start play.

Law 20.2 (p.46) states: *A dead end must be replayed in the same direction unless the skips or opponents in Singles agree to play it in the opposite direction.*

Note the importance of the word “agree”. It is not a decision taken by one person!

SWELLENDAM ROLBAL SE JEUGDAG

Daar was groot opgewondenheid op Donderdag, 16 Junie, toe dertien klublede, twee oud-skoliere en drie beginners by die Rolbalklub opgedaag het vir 'n dag se rolbal saam met twaalf leerders wat gedurende die jaar deur Linda Brown afgerig is met die hulp van Marina van Wyk.

Die oggend is begin met koffie en beskuit wat deur die ouers voorsien is en toe het die eerste wedstryde in alle erns begin. Na tee en toebroodtjies is die spanne geruil om spelers die kans te gee om almal te leer ken.

Die derde wedstryde is die middag gespeel na 'n heerlike ete van hamburger en skyfies plus nagereg. Al die kos is deur die ouers van die leerders voorberei.

The learners really impressed the older players with their understanding of the game and their sportsmanship. It was a most enjoyable day of bowls and we hope that the beginners were so inspired that we shall see them on the green again. Individual scores were kept for the three games and the winner of the Youth Day was Cliff Franklin, a beginner bowler.

Baie dankie aan Spar, Kodak, ouers en klublede vir kontant en ander bydraes wat hierdie heerlike, ontspanne dag moontlik gemaak het. Ook aan al die ouers wat hul plek volgestaan het in die kombuis en dan natuurlik die leerders vir hul entoesiasme wat aansteeklik was. Die grootste dankie moet gaan aan Linda Brown vir al haar reëlins en om deurentyd kop te hou. Dankie ook aan Marina van Wyk wat Linda bygestaan het.



Linda Brown



Cliff Franklin

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Dear Ena

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Bowls South Africa Annual Report & Financial Statements: Year ended 31 March 2016

I have just had the opportunity to receive and read the above and would like to share a few thoughts with your readers on some of the points covered, or not fully covered, in the above report.

The fact that districts have submitted no fewer than fourteen (14) *Motions* for consideration and deliberation at the AGM, must certainly be a record and indicative of a sign of an 'awakening' amongst our country's bowlers and administrators at long, long last!

Undoubtedly, and by far, the most important matter affecting the sport, not only at the present time, but over an extended period, has been the continued *demise of registered bowlers!* The fact that over something like the past forty years, no real, and indeed, notable progress has been made in arresting or satisfactorily addressing this 'demise', is, to say the least, tragic and extremely alarming! To prophesy that this will eventually lead to the disappearance of lawn bowls in South Africa within the next 25 years, requires no real mathematical interpretation! At the tempo at which the number of registered bowlers has decreased ever since the first World Bowls Championships held in South Africa during 1976, we would indeed be most fortunate if our few learners today will be playing the sport at the time of their going on pension!

As the case has been over at least the past twenty years or so, BSA has merely either ignored or simplified the issue by ascribing the deterioration to several factors (the list has now grown to seven this year) without succeeding in 'coming to the party' with what should be expected from such an 'austere body', namely a meaningful and implementable *modus operandi* to arrest the decline and BSA itself becoming directly involved in implementing a lasting solution in very close collaboration with *all* districts and *every single* club throughout the country! To merely 'pass the buck' year in and year out, is simply 'not on' anymore!!

Readers, believe it or not, there is a very close correlation between the demise in registered bowlers and the closing down of clubs (and greens) and, so far, no one, not even BSA, has highlighted the seriousness of the situation, or has really successfully attempted to produce the proverbial 'rabbit from the hat'!

Granted, our national body is doing a fine job in terms of the contents of its latest report (in Afrikaans we often refer to '..... prys sy eie stert') on addressing competitive bowls (district-wise, nationally and internationally) along with producing top-class coaches, technical officials and greenkeepers! What will all this mean when those limited numbers, who officially play the sport, continue to 'disappear'? Is there not perhaps still time for everyone to roll up his/her sleeves and to get more feet on our greens? Even if this should mean that clubs consider allowing "newies" to play bowls for the first season at a nominal membership fee. But, as they say, and as a good number of us have experienced, once the bowling bug bites, there is no stopping it! While most bowling clubs have 'toed the line' for far too long, is it not now, at the eleventh hour, time that a far more innovative approach to the whole concept of introducing, developing and promoting lawn bowls, is not only set out, but adopted and effectively implemented? Can we all not learn from the success of those very few clubs that have actually managed to increase membership? What role can, for instance, *Business Leagues* play in this regard (outside of the district and national bodies seeing this as an avenue to swell their coffers)?

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The establishment of BSA's Development Standing Committee (now recently been given a new buzz definition namely, Membership & Marketing, and cleanly polished, using the former highly successful/unsuccessful Convenor to 'assist in the transition'), is certainly a sign of the intent of BSA to at last consider addressing the extremely important issue of Membership (registered bowlers) & Marketing (introducing, developing and promoting the sport). Unfortunately, perhaps the most keenly motivated and practically involved member on last year's committee eventually decided to withdraw, more than likely totally discouraged and utterly frustrated!

In retrospect and in comparison with the contents of the current annual report, it is indeed interesting to note, in BSA's report of 2009, 'The administration over the year under review has recorded an improvement in service delivery and we are proud to report that a culture of 'excellence' has been established' (very similar to what has been stated, yet once again, in 2016) and '... we lost 4.49% of our membership owing to deceased members and therefore a total loss of 2.96% ('i.e. net loss') indicates a small increase in active membership'! This year, apart from the seven reasons given for an even further decline in registered membership, the President managed to place the 'burden' for getting previous members to 're-join a club and continue playing bowls' squarely upon the shoulders of 'Marketing and Membership committees throughout the country' ... certainly a most well thought-out and clever pass!

Referring to comments by the President on the National Academy, the third objective, 'To increase the intellectual capacity of coaches', certainly cannot be taken seriously – it is nothing but a 'slap in the face' of *all* coaches!

In the very last comment by the President under 'Conclusion', he states that 'the Executive was engaged on numerous occasions in protecting the integrity of Bowls SA and in contradicting negative publication in the social media'!

I personally have no doubt whatsoever that the contributions made especially by Messrs Chris Theron and Alan Gordon, have been directly responsible for the current 'awakening' in certain aspects of the national bowling body's sphere of operation! It is also my personal opinion that those of us, who are sufficiently motivated and directly involved in the day-to-day functioning and promotion of bowls, undoubtedly owe these two gentlemen a very sincere word of gratitude for the stand that they have taken and the courage that they have shown in playing a meaningful role to highlight and offer practical solutions to various aspects of bowls administration in South Africa.

Although I don't intend attempting to analyse the contents of the Financial Statements, I must, however, state that the 'Expenses prepaid' of R 1 219 759 is certainly worthy of detailed analysis in view of the apparent 'non-payment' of funds from the National Lottery over a number of years! Is there perhaps any outstanding information required by the National Lottery or even service 'not rendered' that has resulted in the apparent current 'impasse'?

As the *Budget* for the next financial year was, unfortunately, not included in the recent BSA document, it would be most interesting to read how our district representative, this year, is going to vote in regard to the various items included in the particular budget!

I sincerely trust that you, readers, will go to the trouble of acquainting yourselves with the full contents of BSA's 2016 Annual Report & Financial Statements. Through your critical analysis of the particular presentation and more direct involvement in addressing any perceived current shortcomings in the organisation and administration of our sport, meaningful progress will, hopefully, ultimately be made along the lines that we all, no doubt, would like to see!

Yours in bowls

(Signed) MARTIN VAN ZYL
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