



# IN THE NEWS



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## SHEER QUALITY AT DISTRICTS EVENTS



### Alan Simmonds - Media Officer

Talk is cheap; taking part in the Inter Districts is not.

Although some club players (particularly the non-competitive members) moan into their preferred tittle about the cost of sending the elite to enjoy a week on the house, there is little doubt this annual event is alive and well.

It is probably the most expensive-to-run event on the South African calendar for any province. As all 20 Bowls South Africa districts, men and women, are represented, to send a team of eight, plus managers, times three, away costs in excess of R400 000 - but it is eagerly awaited.

And so it proved again this year when, mostly blessed by favourable autumnal weather – the “B” event unfortunately copped the Cape Doctor’s wrath - throughout the five-day championships, all went to plan. The standard of play was of the highest order, as one might expect from 480 of the South African bowling world’s top players.

Although all three, blessed in these tough financial times by a dedicated sponsor for the



finals - the Open event, the flagship is in reality the ultimate enjoyable down-to-the-wire competition, with selectors prowling the banks, each a combination of vulture and eagle-eyed predator, seeking a new face; a hitherto hidden talent.

No quarter is asked or given, with nine long, tough preliminary round matches, each event split into two sections of 10, leading to section winners playing off for gold and silver; each sectional runner-up receiving an automatic bronze medal.

Ask hard-working and dedicated Bowls SA president Rob Forbes about the tussles.

“It was sheer quality. The entire week produced bowls of great skill with both well-known and new faces strutting their stuff. Gauteng North seemed to be showing up everywhere – a bravura all-round performance. I am grateful to GC Swanepoel and Perfect Delivery for their ongoing support.”

For the Open, iconic The Wanderers, Johannesburg, provided a magical HQ scenario for the finals of the Perfect Delivery South African Inter Districts Championships.

Johannesburg’s main venue, offers four

refurbished greens, one floodlit - and outstanding amenities,

Gauteng North’s men, awash with top class players, including in one skip long-time Protea Francois Koen, improved on their silver medal earned last year in convincing fashion, magnificently downing a thundering Johannesburg Bowls Association, spearheaded by Protea legend Gerry Baker and his SA teammate and Masters champion Jason Evans, 7-5.

In the women’s event, Port Natal won a hard-fought final 8-4, denying Gauteng North the double; both finalists’ sides were skipped by able Proteas; play held the knowledgeable bank on tenterhooks.

The qualifying sectional was no less thrilling.

In the men’s tournament EP and WP were day one leaders; Sables and EP headed the women’s tables; by day three Gauteng North and the 2018 men champions Ekurhuleni had control; WP and EP headed the women’s sections; holders Boland were snapping at heels.

After eight rounds the male Pretorians in true Praetorian style held sway, the holders hanging on in their section; WP held a slender lead over Port Natal women; EP and Gauteng North were also clear.



Round nine proved surprising.

JBA men completed a great run of six straight sectional victories to grab a last gasp pole in red section and Border thrashed Ekurhuleni 11-1 to relegate the holders to third and themselves to take bronze; Gauteng North ran away with blue section with EP taking bronze – as they did in 2018.

In the women's last round, log leaders WP went down 10-2 to Sables and had to settle for a bronze; Port Natal cruised in 10-2 against Southern Free State to top the section. Similarly, the leaders, EP, went down 8-4 to KZN; Gauteng North seized their chance and a 11-1 whipping of Ekurhuleni saw them top their section; EP held on for bronze.



Said Forbes: "I was particularly pleased with the camaraderie. Moreover, administration was tops and all-in-all it was a highly satisfactory set of tournaments. The women's final was so close; Bronwyn's (Webber) haul of a four late on against former world champion Loraine Victor proved telling after Esme Kruger's quartet had won."

Alongside The Wanderers, Ferndale, Roosevelt Park and Linden were also venues, each orchestrated under the baton of tournament committee convenor Lance Sayce (Ann Davies, Dave Naughton, Denise Russell, Anselm McLean). The host clubs were presented in perfect condition and with their pristine greens play was understandably of the highest order.



Gauteng North men, with Protea Francois Koen and Mike O'Connor skipping, played with drive to defeat a strong JBA octet containing no fewer than seven Proteas.

The final score of 7-5 indicated how close was the event enjoyed by a large bank.



Port Natal, skipped by Proteas Louise Larkin and Bronwyn Webber were always in control against Gauteng North, but the indefatigable former world champion Loraine Victor and her fellow skip, Protea Esmé Kruger, fought to the end, before eventually going down 8-4.

The B Division event, played in Cape Town, provided a major upset when JBA women's octet,



having won their section two matches clear, lost the plot a little 8-4 in their final against a resolute Gauteng North side; Port Natal and North West (the latter pleasingly containing several promising players from formerly disadvantaged communities) took a bronze medal apiece. But JBA had several youngsters playing, and a total of 5 new caps – an eye to the future may well be rewarded; finals nerves might have crept in.

WPCC and its four fine greens was HQ; ever-able tournament convenor Chris Nurrish and "the usual suspects" Lynette Botha, Bob Stanton, Terry Hepworth and Colin Nedhoffer, laid on a superb week. Eden, a young district on the move,

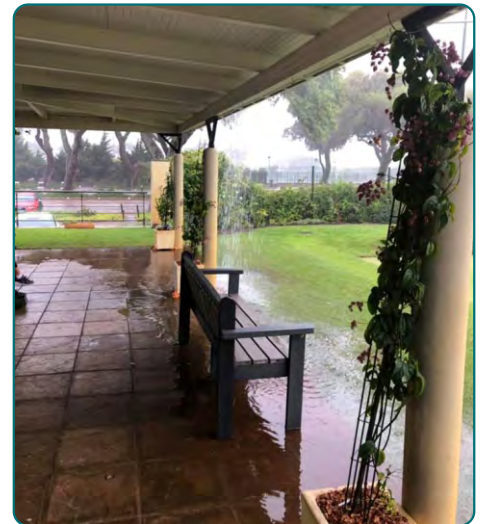


saw off JBA 8-4 in the men's final; Gauteng North again in the medals, collecting bronze with WP – log leaders until the last round robin match.

The Veterans' men title (formerly known as Seniors) hosted by Sables and played at Witpoortjie and Discovery, belonged to the irrepressible Gauteng North, who won 11-1 against Sables – WP and Port Natal took bronzes; in the women's division Ekurhuleni edged a gallant Southern Free State 7-5; bronze medals went to Kingfisher from the Natal south coast and Boland.

Organisation was again at its best with Tom McLean (convenor), Sandra Viljoen, Pat Wood, Ron Geal and Brian Oxley, providing the backbone for the event.

It will be business as usual next year; rest assured.



**TRUST DAY:** Helderberg pensioners held a Personal Trust sponsored day in Feb. Winners, from left, John Argyle, Rob McIver, David Aherne, Graeme Kemp, Mark Gibbs & Tony O'Riley



**TOP GUY:** Neil Burkett at the WP Bowls capping ceremony. Burkett will represent Personal Trust as the company's brand ambassador at various bowls events in the Western and Eastern Cape

# PIKETH, RITTMULLER SUPERB AT WORLD CUP

South African Proteas Colleen Webb Piketh (Eden) and Wayne Rittmuller (Port Natal) excelled at the World Cup singles in Australia. In spite of limited opportunity to practice indoors, they produced scintillating bowls. Piketh lost narrowly in a play-off on a tie-break; Rittmuller was always in contention and ended a nail-biting fourth in a hot section to narrowly miss a play-off berth. Great stuff.

Said Rittmuller on Facebook: "...So time to say goodbye to Sydney and Warilla, it's been an awesome tournament, played some great bowls, just missing out on qualifying for the play-offs. But met some really awesome new friends and also some old friends.

"Just want to say thanks to Bowls SA for giving me the opportunity to play in the World Cup, and thanks to everyone at Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club, what great venue.

"Thanks to Colleen for all the help and support, and for also live streaming my games (just need to work on my commentary skills now). Thanks to everyone back home and from around the world for all the support and messages. Really does help us to just play that little bit better.

"Then to my amazing girlfriend, Stella Aroomoogam, without your love and support I definitely wouldn't be where I am today with my bowls.

Now looking forward to my first appearance at the Atlantic Championships in May"

New Zealand's magnificent Jo Edwards, the sport's No 1 lady was inducted into an exclusive club after winning the women's event on the



indoor stadium carpet at the Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club with an unprecedented sixth World Cup, joining Scottish legend Alex Marshall, who has six WBT world indoor singles titles and Warilla's adopted Irish son Jeremy Henry, who also has six.

Likewise, Ireland's Gary Kelly, who dominated this year's men's competition on debut, joined the list of his countrymen who have won eight of the last nine World Cups at Warilla - James Talbot in 2011, Henry 's six in 2012, '13, '14, '16, '17, '18 and now Kelly with his 11-4 9-3 score-line over Malta's valiant Brendan Aquilina; Scotland's Iain McLean who prevailed in 2015.

Kelly, playing out of Warilla home, beat club-mate Brendan Aquilina, who represented Malta with distinction; Both were undefeated in the prelims.

Edwards, the reigning Commonwealth Games singles gold medalist, won her 13th 'major', two clear of Northern Ireland's legendary Margaret Johnston's 11.



The rangy Kiwi defeated Guernsey pocket rocket Lucy Beere, the defending champion 8-5 10-5 for the gold. In a repeat of the 2017 final - in which she beat Beere 8-5 2-9 4-1.

A field of 44 from 24 countries competed over nine days.

## WORLD CUP RESULTS

### MEN:

**SECTION 1 - FINAL STANDINGS:** Gary Kelly (Ireland) 33 points, 20 sets, +121 shots; Seamus Curtin (New Zealand) 30, 15, +59; Aaron Teys (Australia) 27, 15, +94; Soufi Rusli (Malaysia) 24, 13, +61; Tony Cheung (Hong Kong China) 21, 13, +27; Hirendra Bhartu (Canada) 15, 10, +25; Ontong (Thailand) 15, 10, +11; Ryan Dixon (Norfolk Island) 12, 9, -19; Tom Rogers (Spain) 12, 9, -51; Tan Kah Hock (Singapore) 3, 4, -112; Ozkan Akar (Turkey) 3, 4, -61; Tomas Walti (Switzerland) 3, 2, -154.

**SECTION 2 - FINAL STANDINGS:** Brendan Aquilina (Malta) 33 points, 19 sets, +127 shots; Jeremy Henry (Australia) 30, 19, +137; John Fleming (Scotland) 24, 15, +108; **Wayne Rittmuller (South Africa) 21, 14, +67;** Matt Le Ber (Guernsey) 18, 11, +20; Bob Schneider (USA) 18, 10, +17;

Su Hong Lam (Macao China) 15, 8, -28; Moti Polak (Israel) 12, 7, -77; Kushal Pillay (Fiji) 9, 8, -12; Mervyn Edwards (Jamaica) 9, 5, -78; Frank de Vries (Netherlands) 6, 5, -86; Junji Goda (Japan) 3, 2, -159.

**ELIMINATION FINALS:** Fleming bt Teys 7-6 9-4; Henry bt Curtin 6-6 8-7.

**SEMI-FINALS:** Kelly bt Fleming 6-5 11-4; Aquilina bt Henry 8-6 7-4.

**FINAL:** Kelly bt Aquilina 11-4 9-3.

### WOMEN:

**SECTION 1 - FINAL STANDINGS:** Siti Zalina Ahmad (Malaysia) 21 points, 11 sets, +27 shots; Carla Banks (Scotland) 18, 12, +47; Bec Van Asch (Australia) 18, 10, +40; Litia Tikoisuva (Fiji) 18, 8, -3; Connie Rixon (Malta) 15, 11, +33; Shermeen Lim (Singapore) 13, 7, +4; Hilda Tam (Macao China) 12, 7, -37; Josephine Lee (Canada) 9, 10, +3; Sue

Bryant (Thailand) 9, 6, -22; Rose Ogier (Guernsey) 3, 1, -92.

**SECTION 2 - FINAL STANDINGS:** Jo Edwards (New Zealand) 24 points, 12 sets, +43 shots; Lucy Beere (Guernsey) 21, 13, +54; **Colleen Piketh (South Africa) 21, 11, +54;** Sonia Bruce (Philippines) 18, 9, -4; Marianne Kuenzle (Switzerland) 12, 8, -3; Phyllis Wong (Hong Kong China) 12, 7, +6; Yoko Goda (Japan) 9, 10, 0; Dee McSparran (USA) 9, 6, -72; Shae Wilson (Norfolk Island) 6, 7, -44; Irit Grencel (Israel) 3, 4, -34.

**ELIMINATION FINALS:** Beere bt Banks 10-9 11-1; Van Asch bt Piketh 8-4 6-8 3-2.

**SEMI-FINALS:** Edwards bt Van Asch 1-10 12-1 4-1; Beere bt Ahmad 10-6 8-6.

**FINAL:** Edwards bt Beere 8-5 10-5.

*Thanks to David Allan, editor, Inside Bowls*

## TRAGIC LOSS OF TREVOR AND ELMA

South African bowlers are devastated at the tragic deaths of popular George BC (Eden) couple Trevor and Elma Davis.

Elma, at the pinnacle of her career, an outstanding Protea and Trevor a top administrator, Bowls South Africa executive member and an international technical official, died in their Mossel Bay home on Sunday, April 14.



Said Bowls SA President Rob Forbes: "I am so saddened at the loss of Trevor and Elma. I and my executive extend condolences to their families and friends. They will be sorely missed."





## SA JUNIORS SHINE IN FAR EAST

Susan Nel and fellow Protea Rudi Jacobs, acting as coaches and managers, accompanied South Africa's junior teams, who took part in three events in Hong Kong, China and Macau.

Nel takes up the story:

We arrived in Hong Kong on the evening of March 8 and eventually settled in at Charterhouse Hotel. Our host Jackie Wong had met us at the airport and handed us shirts and our programme.

He told us Hong Kong and China had been having torrential rain and all clubs had reported their greens closed, international teams remained plus a few from Hong Kong, China and Macau.

We played in Hong Kong at the HK Football Club, a 15-minute walk from our hotel. Men played indoors on day one; ladies outdoor and the next day the venues were reversed. Our girls won a bronze medal.

On March 10 the men stayed at the football club, while the women moved to the Indian Club - a 45-minute walk. The outdoor greens were extremely heavy, running at most 10sec.

We played the first leg of the Zhuhai tournament there and that afternoon boarded buses to be transported to Zhuhai via the new 50km long Macau Bridge - mostly an underwater tunnel (45 ml underwater).

At Zhuhai all games were played indoor. The men were unfortunate to lose in the quarter-finals to England; SA's women lost in the final against Zhuhai by one shot, earning a silver medal.

From Zhuhai, we were transported by bus to Shenzhen - a three-hour drive.

There men and women played at the Shenzhen BC which is situated in the centre of botanical gardens.

The greens were tricky, also heavy, the fastest I timed on the last day ran at 10.30sec.

Our men reached the quarter-finals and were unlucky to lose to England (a different England

team); the SA women won this event, fully deserving their gold medals.

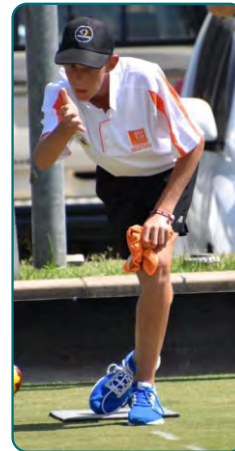
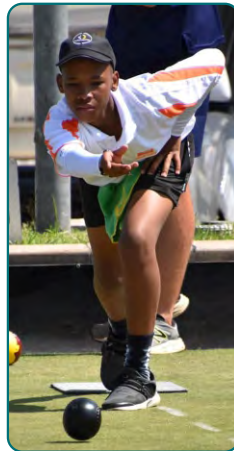
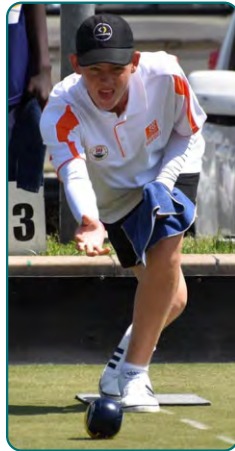
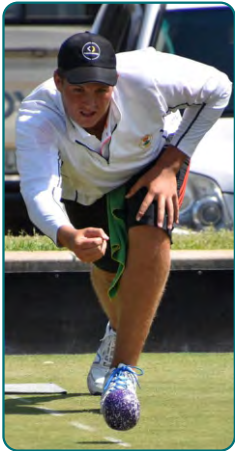
Jacky Wong explained because local teams had been forced to withdraw from the tournament as there were insufficient greens available he had to refund entry fees. He had also already paid for meals that were non-refundable, so there was no prize money - as advertised in the brochures.

Rudi Jacobs and I were delighted with our players. They showed maturity and discipline; all certainly face a great bowls future.

She thanked Bowls South Africa for giving the youngsters the exposure to international experience.



**TEAMS: MEN:** Paul White (PNB), Charles Mathewson (NCB), Brendan Ferns (WPB), Wayne Roberts (PNB). **Women:** Jacqui Janse van Rensburg (JBA), Samanthe Olivier (WPB), Dezi Rosenblatt (EPB), Rienie Lucas (BGN). **Support Staff:** Susan Nel (SBA); Rudi Jacobs (NWB).



## DOWN MEXICO WAY...?

Border A produced a scintillating exhibition of lawn bowls when winning the 2019 Under 20 Bowls South Africa Championships. In the final at Oud Studente BC, Bloemfontein, they defeated

surprise finalists Mpumalanga A 18-12 in a spirited clash.

The Border side was Josh Turner (skip), Andrew Lentz (third), Xanti Xanyia (second), Ethan Grunewald (lead); Brian McLean(manager); WP A took bronze 29-10 from Ekurhuleni B.

Under the watchful eye of David Hamer



(convenor), Hanlie Duncan, Sega Mokoto (U20), Jacqui Fourie (U15), Anina Black, Jacques Swanepoel, the week-long twin events ran smoothly and with great efficiency.

The U15 event went to Northern Cape A who defeated Gauteng N 19-11; KZN Country took bronze from Eden B 12-9.

Sixteen U15 teams competed and no fewer than 34 contested the U20 event.



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S D·E·S·K



**ROB FORBES**

## GREAT STUFF JUNIORS – AND M&M

Having being able to spectate another highly successful Junior Nationals tournament, I am filled with enthusiasm for the future of our sport.

With around 200 youngsters under the age of 20 representing various districts, it was so encouraging to feel the passion and skill with which these young bowlers pour into the game.

More importantly, however, the sportsmanship displayed was incredible.

I have long held the belief one of the core values of our wonderful game is the great camaraderie existing between determined protagonists.

How pleasing it is to see well-executed shots recognised by all participants, irrespective of side. While all cherish an ultimate goal of victory, a humility to recognise opponents' well-executed shots and applaud them, even if they

might lead to defeat, is true sportsmanship.

Our sport has often been labelled old men's marbles, but I challenge those ignorant cynics to watch today's younger generation at work on a green - their opinions would soon be reversed.

What does become important, as we attempt to expose more youth to our great sport, is we treat them with care and respect.

We must realise they belong to a generation far removed from ourselves. We must be aware today's vibrant youngsters, from all communities, are symbolic of the society in which they live – just as were in our day.

Let us all endorse and encourage the influx of this younger generation; through them we are securing bowls' existence.

I also recognise the huge work put in by our Membership and Marketing Committee.

Lack of finances make it difficult to engage with the large public media outlets – bowls has little chance for space against the big three – rugby, soccer and cricket.

An intense campaign put in place, therefore, through the social media platform has to a lesser extent filled this gap.

Many have been able to watch our Proteas in action at international and national events, with successful major focus on exposure at the Junior Nationals.

While social media is not accessible to all, there is little doubt this type exposure will continue to grow and more will gain access in various ways.

The Membership and Marketing Committee have through various campaigns gained much exposure. The seed of a desire to explore our sport as both recreational and competitive activity is sown – now all must share and promote bowls wherever opportunity allows.

Finally, I wish out Proteas good hunting at the Atlantic Championship in Cardiff, Wales, next month. I am certain there will be more gold for the taking.

**Rob Forbes -  
President, Bowls South Africa**

## AGM 2019; CHARLES LEVY TO RETIRE

A workshop will be held at 10.30am on Saturday August 24; the AGM is the next day at 10.30am, both at Edenvale BC. In terms of clause 5 of the Constitution, Districts are invited to nominate persons for the Executive Committee.

### Relevant clauses of the Constitution

#### 5.1 Composition:

5.1.1 The Executive shall consist of six persons.

#### 5.2 Nomination for election:

5.2.1 Each year the Executive and every District shall have the opportunity of nominating one person to each of the following positions, with no more than two (2) persons from one District serving on the Bowls South Africa Executive.

5.2.1.1 President.

5.2.1.2 Vice-President.

5.2.1.3 Executive Member.

5.2.2 The same person may be nominated for each position but shall not be elected to more than one (1) position.

5.2.2.1 The person(s) nominated for the position of President must have served at least two (2) years on the current Executive. Where no candidate(s) are available, Council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than one (1) year at a time.

5.2.2.2 The person(s) nominated for the position of Vice-President must have served at least one (1) year on the current Executive. Where no candidate(s) are available, Council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than one (1) year at a time.

5.2.2.3 The term of office for a President to be no longer than three (3) consecutive years. Where no candidate(s) are available, Council can prevail upon the incumbent to remain for a further period of not more than one (1) year at a time.

5.2.3 Nominations for election to the Executive shall be made on the official Bowls SA form which must be accompanied by the nominee's curriculum vitae.

Nominations must be in the hands of Bowls SA not less than 90 days before -27 May.

5.2.4 A list of nominations for each position, with a copy of each nominee's CV, shall be sent to each district 45 days before, by 11 July.

5.2.5 Names of the nominees shall be placed on the agenda.

### NOTICES OF MOTION

In terms of clause 13.1 of the Constitution "Any motions to be moved at a meeting of council shall be submitted in the full extract form at which it is intended it shall be adopted and shall be in the hands of Bowls SA not later than 90 days before -27 May.

Nominations and motions must reach Bowls SA on or before 27 May.

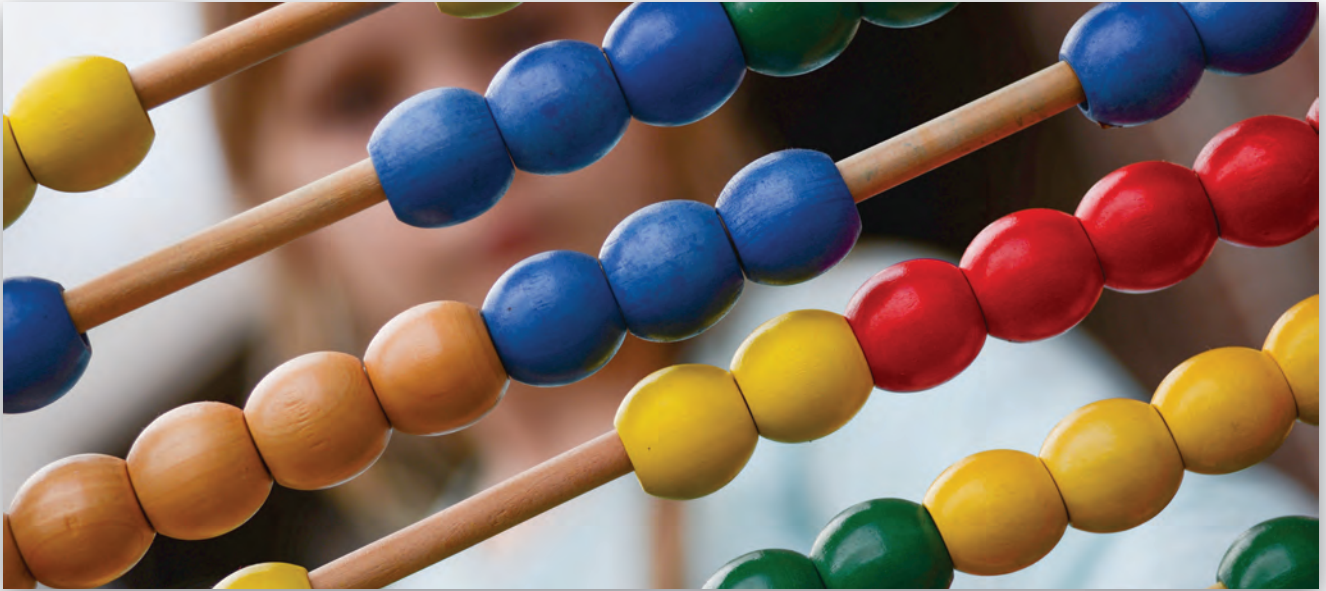
### GENERAL

Districts are requested to let Bowls SA have any items for the workshop agenda on or before 27 May.

We advise that the vice-president, Charles Levy, has indicated that he wishes to retire at the next AGM and shall not be seeking re-election. The remaining executive s have confirmed they are available to serve and shall stand for re-election.

It follows an election shall take place and nomination form should reach the office of Bowls SA on or before 27 May.





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# IMPENDING CHANGES TO ARTIFICIAL DEVICES POLICY

Bowls Australia's (BA) Board has signalled an impending change to the national Artificial Devices Policy, pertaining specifically to the use of bowlers' arms.

The revised Artificial Devices Policy, which will

come into effect from May 1, has removed the existing stipulation players need to have received approval from the state/territory association to use a bowler's arm, and also removes the need for a medical certificate to use a bowler's arm.

The changes to the policy come after extensive consultation and feedback from key stakeholders.

It is envisaged the leniency will result in greater opportunity for persons with physical restrictions and impairments to continue playing the sport, and is in line with the policies of other national bodies.

Aidan Davis



# TOP CLASS JOB EASTERN AREAS

Eastern Areas (a sub-district of EP Bowls) secretary Brian Aldag reports a Cancer Awareness bowls day in Feb hosted by Kenton BC, involving 22 teams from the Kenton, Kowie and Port Alfred. Sides were mixed gender and from any club; all wore pink – or tried to. All green fees were dropped into a donations bag. After the game a leg of lamb, bottle of whisky and a bottle of wine were



auctioned, swelling the kitty; R4 500 was raised.

Well done EA.

# JOHN BELL RETIRES AFTER 20 YEARS

John Bell has announced his retirement as Bowls England Men's senior international team manager after almost two decades of loyal and dedicated service.

Bell was appointed in 2000, a position he held for 17 BIBC Series', four World Championships, men's international team manager and two Atlantic Championships, in addition to the position of performance director at three Commonwealth Games and one Atlantic Championships.

Under Bell's guidance at world level, England attained an impressive 371 victories from 522 matches at a win rate of 71%, achieving 39 medals in the process, including 14 at the Commonwealth Games.

Announcing his retirement, Bell said: "It is with somewhat of a heavy heart that I announce my retirement from the position as the Men's Senior England Team Manager. There are a number of reasons for this decision but suffice it to say after 20 years as a team manager and performance director I feel the time is right to step aside.

"I would like to think that during my period of office I have done my utmost to ensure our England teams performed to the best of their abilities and enhanced their reputation, and that of Bowls England, on the world stage. I am also

proud that the conduct of our England teams both on and off the greens has been exemplary.

"I fully support the appointment of a permanent Performance Director, who will herald the introduction of a new structure to support and hopefully enhance international performance. My retirement will enable the Performance Director to commence their duties with a clean slate with a new support team going forward. They have my full support.

"I have been fortunate to have had the benefit of the assistance and friendship of many talented colleagues who I sincerely thank. To Tony Allcock and everyone in the Bowls England office, my fellow selectors, members of my Commonwealth Games management teams, to the incredibly supportive Norma Hazzledine, who was fully committed to the cause of improving England's international performance, and to Rex Hazeldine too for his encouragement and his professionalism which inspired us all – I thank you.

"I will also thank my supporter in chief – Mrs Bell – over a glass of red, or possibly two, and a nostalgic curry at the Paprika Club!

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Bowls England Manager and as Commonwealth Games Performance Director. It has been a pleasure and a privilege undertaking my role and I hope I have contributed to a positive and successful chapter in the performance of England teams at world and international events.



"I wish Bowls England every success in its future efforts to achieve further glory at international level."

Bowls England Chief Executive, Tony Allcock MBE, added: "John's commitment to Bowls England and the English Bowling Association over the past two decades has been exemplary. He has ensured that England is a force to be reckoned with at an international level and his record speaks for itself. John has been a credit to work with and will certainly be a tough act to follow."

Bowls England thanked John for his dedication both to his country and the sport of bowls.

**Bowls International**



# BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA R·O·U·N·D·U·P

## MIXED PAIRS DOWN SOUTH

Margate BC will host the SA Mixed Pairs from June 20 – 23. Districts' qualifying teams -- the winners of this season's district championships by April 30 to Carol McMullin at [kingfisherbowls@telkomsa.net](mailto:kingfisherbowls@telkomsa.net)

Santana Flats (self-catering) is recommended, which is within easy walking distance of the club. Costs are for the account of each participating district. Santana Flats: Phone: 039 312 2443/jannie@santana.co.za Price: R350 a person

sharing per night. (Districts can contact one another to arrange sharing.; breakfast is extra. Teams flying to Durban are requested to arrange their arrival at the Durban airport around late morning to midday on June 19; departure for late afternoon on June 23. Bowls SA will pay for designated transit to and from the airport. Inform Bowls SA on travel times. Teams may practice at the venue on June 19 and are expected to attend a cocktail party at Margate BC at 6pm the same day.

## 'DREAM TEAM' TO LEAD BOWLS RENAISSANCE



Lawn Bowls, is to undergo a facelift. England-based John Bell, president of World Bowls, has recruited a team to drive the project. He said: "This enterprise sets out to identify and develop effective practices, initiatives and actions that will enhance the image and profile of bowls; offer an effective and consistent approach to marketing and promotion of bowls across the globe; make bowls more attractive to potential participants, sponsors and media; and facilitate effective 'best practices' by key stakeholders to provide a universally more consistent and stronger approach to improving the profile." The team is Bell, chairman, Anna Mees (Bowls Canada), Adriana Sandoval (Bowls USA), Neil Dalrymple (Bowls Australia), Phil Jones (Bowls Oceania), Heron Lau (Hong Kong) and John McGuinness (Bowls England). [No one from Africa may limit its chances of global success (editor)].



**HELDER No 1: Winners of the All Cape championships held in Port Elizabeth: David Thies, Stephan Janse van Rensburg, Stefan Koen (skip), Marinus Potgieter (Helderberg BC), flanked by Mark Gibbs director, Personal Trust. left and PT's roving ambassador Neil Burkett**

## NEAL REPLACES DAVIS; BAKER OUT

Nici Neal (SBA) has been selected to replace Elma Davis (EDB) and Gerry Baker (JBA) has withdrawn in the team selected to represent South Africa at the Atlantic Championship in Cardiff from May 10-13.

The team is now:

Men: Singles: Pierre Breitenbach (NWB); Pairs: Breitenbach/Wayne Rittmuller (PNB); Trips: Billy Radloff (EDB), Jason Evans (JBA), Prince Neluonde

(JBA); Fours: Radloff, Evans, Neluonde, Rittmuller.

Women: Singles: Colleen Piketh (EDB); Pairs: Piketh/Nici Neal (SBA); Trips: Anneke Snyman (BOL), Esme Kruger (BGN), Jacqui Janse van Rensburg (JBA); Fours: Snyman, Kruger, Neal, Van Rensburg.

Support Staff: Jessica Henderson (Head coach, KBA); Susan Nel (SBA), Rudi Jacobs (NW) coaches.



**TOP GUN: Protea, SA Masters champion and now hat-trick man. JBA's Jason Evans after winning his district singles title for a third time in a row.**

## NSC TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- Dirk Malomgré - JBA, SBA, EKB
- Bob Radcliffe - NIBA, KZNC, SFS
- Don van Vuuren - NWB, NFS, SED
- Jeanette Williams - EPB, BOR, EDB
- Rea Potgieter - BGN, LIM, MPB
- Lynton Harrison - PNB, KBA
- Bob Standen - WPB, NCB, BOL

Details of district convenors to: [Dirk Malomgré - dmalomgré@mbeb.co.za](mailto:Dirk.Malomgré@mbeb.co.za)

## COACHES' TRAINING COURSES

Because of a large number of late withdrawals from coaches' training courses which have wasted costs, Bowls SA is to convert the registration fee of R250 into a non-refundable fee for all courses.





# M&M SAY THANK YOU

The NSC M&M thanks all clubs which took the "challenge" to host Cancer Awareness Month events. M&M will provide feedback on the total collected and the winning district. They also thank members who sent in photos for that competition – finalists to be announced.



As indicated in Bowls SA Circular 64/2018, May has been designated as Bowls Awareness Month. They ask all clubs to challenge a rugby/cricket/golf/etc. club to any form of bowls; or get the community involved. Run a flea market and have a corner to corner competition - anything to introduce your club and bowls. Local governments, Sports councils should be made welcome to enhance relationship with administrators. M&M ask clubs to provide dates and feedback, with photos, of events David Hamer at mmw.bsa.david@gmail.com.

## ANTI-DOPING RULES DUE IN MAY

Districts are required to bring new anti-doping rules to the attention of their competitive bowlers. SAIDS says all South African bowlers should consult the rules - available at clubs.

South African National Anti-Doping Rules: 2019, applicable to all sports federations, are code compliant with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and effective from May 1.

As a federation member of SASCOC, Bowls SA automatically fall under the jurisdiction of these rules, which do not conflict with bowls' current anti-doping rules.

Independent hearing panels adjudicate national anti-doping cases; athletes may submit a defence and engage legal counsel. Each national federation is permitted observer status.



# BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA C.A.L.E.N.D.A.R

**MAY**  
 TBA Disability Bowls Nationals  
*TBA - EKB*  
 11 - 19 Bowls SA Men's National Championship  
*Lynnwood BC (HQ) - BGN*  
 11 - 19 Bowls SA Women's National Championship  
*Park Hill BC (HQ) - PNB*  
 10 - 23 Atlantic Championships  
*Cardiff - Wales*  
**JUNE**  
 20 - 23 SA Mixed Pairs Championship  
*Margate BC, KBA*

**JULY**  
 18 - 21 National Camp  
**AUGUST**  
 25 - 26 Workshop & Bowls SA Annual General Meeting  
*Edenvale BC, EKB*  
**SEPTEMBER**  
 22 - 25 Bowls SA U/30 Inter District Championships  
*Delville BC - EKB*  
**NOVEMBER**  
 TBA World Singles CoC  
*Adelaide BC - Australia*  
 28 - 30 Gold Squad Camp

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