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We wish you a wonderful and blessed Christmas and may 2010 be everything you wished for!
Mag die komende Kersgety vir almal 'n geseënde een wees en laat 2010 voldoen aan al jou verwagtinge!!



**PERFECT DELIVERY SA NATIONAL
DISABILITY BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP**

We were unable to attend this year's Nationals, and therefore I am using the report send to the Gauteng North Executive by Elbert Broere – he handled the results, etc at the championships:

It was my privilege to be involved with the Perfect Delivery Disability Bowls Nationals 2009 held at Wingate Park on 26 July to 1 August 2009. What a bunch of nice people!! They are so happy just to be able to bowl. No moans and groans, they accept all the decisions made by the Tournament Committee and by the Controlling Bodies in a good sportsmanlike spirit. I just wish all of our district's own bowlers had the same positive attitude.

There were three controlling bodies involved, NABB (National Association for Blind Bowlers), PDBSA (Physical Disabled Bowlers South Africa) and an umbrella body Disability Bowls SA. The tournament was played in nice sunny weather except on Saturday when the Finals were to be played. Each day had more or less full greens, with Monday playing 7 rinks on each of the 5 greens simultaneously. From Tuesday we had the Blinds playing two rounds per day and the Physical Disabled playing three rounds per day, all on time limits. Play started and stopped by ringing a bell for the Physical Disabled, and by sounding a siren for the Blind. There were no moans, it was accepted by all

Unfortunately the Finals due to be played on Saturday were badly influenced by bad weather. Eventually only two hours of play were possible, from 11:00 to 13:00. During this time the finals for the Pairs of the Blind bowlers were played. For the finals of the Singles and of the Pairs of the Physical Disabled we had to revert to a calculating machine.

The Prize Giving function was held in a very relaxed and informal atmosphere. The food and the company was excellent, and a good win by the Springboks on the rugby field only added to the joy.

The Tournament Committee, consisting of Jeff Terner, Cathy van Rooyen and myself, had excellent communication throughout the tournament with Brian Sneag and Hannes Fourie of Disability Bowls SA, Cathy Donaldson of NABB and Roger Haggerty of PDBSA.

Our own Technical Officials Standing Committee members were doing duty throughout the week, and our District's clubs provided markers and umpires, and in some cases even directors for the Blind Bowlers. Our thanks to them.

This tournament was a steep learning curve for the Tournament Committee, as none of us had any previous experience of our Blind and Physical Disabled friends. Could we have improved on our performance? Yes, definitely, but less than I expected. The Controlling Bodies seemed more than happy with what was achieved.

PS: Elbert ran a very nice website for the Nationals and it can still be viewed on the following link:

<http://www.ebweb.co.za/DisabilityBowlsNationals/>

FEED BACK ON PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

I ruffled a few feathers with our last Newsletter, but hopefully there will come some good from it!! There was coverage for this in the papers, a meeting with Bowls SA, an offer to build a website for Disability Bowls, etc, etc.

The article also urged some of the disabled players to comment and get involved in their own matters. I got an e-mail from Denzil Dunsdon and also talked to him over the telephone quite a few times. He asked some intriguing questions regarding communications between the umbrella organizations and BSA, the players and the media. He asked how we are going to recruit new members – are there a plan and is it monitored?

A report received after the meeting between Brian Sneag and Roger Haggerty and Piet Breitenbach from BSA, stated that there is a possibility of a standing committee in the BSA structure for the disabled, a link on their website to our own website, etc. Apparently an announcement will be made at the Masters in November 2009. I am waiting in suspense!!

**World Bowls 2011 –
Medal Competition**

World Bowls 2011 – this will be for our disabled bowlers what Soccer 2010 is for the soccer players – the tournament is in SA!!

Of course medals are needed for this and Bob Tinker of IBD have donated a R1 000 for the design used for the 2011 medals. He asked that a competition is run to design a medal depicting SA and what it stands for to be used during this tournament.

Come on everybody – put on your thinking caps, grab a pencil and start designing. For more details, please contact Hannes Fourie – contact details on the last page. **The winner will be announced at the Nationals next year!**



'N MERKWAARDIGE PRESTASIE!!

Wimpie Viljoen, die President van Christiana Rolbalklub, is 'n gestremde rolbalspeler wat al Protea kleure verwerf het, lid is van Noordkaap Rolbal se Mans B-span en hy is ook 'n gereelde deelnemer aan die SA Kampioenskappe vir Gestremdes. Op Christiana is 'n skool vir blindes en daar is verskeie leerders wat graag wil leer speel, maar die baan het opgradering nodig gehad om dit vir hulle veiliger te maak. Wimpie is toe deur sy klublede uitgedaag om vir 24 uur aanmekaar rolbal te speel vir 'n fondsinsameling!!



WIMPIE VILJOEN

Om 18:00 op 23 September 2009 het Wimpie die eerste bal in 'n parewedstryd teen die oudste lid van die klub, Oom Willem Conradie (86) begin speel. Daar is reg deur die nag gespeel en hy is ondersteun en uitgedaag deur klublede, lede van buurklubs en selfs belangstellendes van die besigheidsgemeenskap.

Braaivleis en potjiekos is deurentyd verkoop en die spelers is aangemoedig met verversings en morele ondersteuning.

Die oggend van 24 September 2009 het Wimpie se kleinseun, Jonathan (6), sy oupa kom ondersteun en selfs teen hom gespeel. Om 18:00 is die laaste bal gerol en het 'n moeë Wimpie onder luide toejuiging die baan verlaat. Hierdie fondsinsamelingspoging was 'n reuse sukses te danke aan harde werk en 'n persoon wat bereid was om 'n uitdaging te aanvaar ten spyte van sy gestremdheid!!

'n Paar interessante statistieke van die poging is as volg: 316 koppe is deur Wimpie gespeel, hy het 1264 balle afgelewer en hy het 12.64 km gestap, 52.66 balle per uur is gerol in 13.16 koppe wat elkeen ±4.5 minute geduur het!!

'N PAAR FOTO'S VAN DIE BLINDES SE EERSTE KENNISMAKING MET 'N ROLBAL:



2010 DBSA NATIONALS – SOMERSET-WEST

The invitations are out!! This is going to be the ultimate tournament if I read the memo's and listen to the players in the WP!!

I want to urge all players to enter this competition and make it the biggest ever!! The organizers are really going out of their way to accommodate everybody and to get sponsors for almost everything! The City of Cape Town will get involved as well and we must make the most of this opportunity!

Although the closing date for the entries was 30th November 2009, I think you can still contact Hannes to enter!! It is important to ensure that you have accommodation – please refer to the memo sent out by the organizers.

If you need any information, please contact Hannes ASAP – let us make everybody's work easier by entering in the correct way!

PERFECT DELIVERY DBSA MEESTERS

Baie geluk aan die volgende spelers wat genooi is om aan die Meesters deel te neem:

NABB SPELERS:

DAMES:

May Homer
Salome Morries
Princess Schroeder

MANS:

Chris van der Merwe
Eben Fourie
Jaco van Straaten
Flippie Walker

PDBSA SPELERS:

DAMES:

Jill Pearson
Annatjie Meyer
Hanlie van der Westhuizen

MANS:

Piet Grove
Roger Haggerty
Fred Sterrenberg
Gustav van der Merwe
Andries van Niekerk
Brian Jarvis
Deon van der Vyfer
Deon Keyser
Derrick Lobban

Ek wou so graag die Meesters se uitslae hier bekend maak, maar ongelukkig het die hele toernooi uitgeregëen – 'n groot jammerte, maar die reën was ook baie welkom!

Baie dankie aan Perfect Delivery wat weer bereid was om hierdie geleentheid te borg. Wees verseker dat julle betrokkenheid werklik waardeur word!

WHO ARE THE DISABLED BOWLER AND WHERE DO THEY COME FROM:

Disability to the public means that you have a problem they do not understand!! To get a better understanding for our disabled bowlers, I introduce two of our blind bowlers, Cathy Donaldson and Garrett Slattery to you. I also include feed back on the profile of Pietro Callichio.

CATHY DONALDSON

PRESIDENT – BLIND SA / PRESIDENT – NABB

Cathy has been a member of Blind SA (previously known as SABWO) and NABB (National Association for Blind Bowlers) for 46 years and is very involved in marketing, administration, financial management and personnel matters. She is the Chairperson for the Egoli Membership Organization, and ex-officio on all standing committees of Blind SA.

The president of both, Blind SA and NABB, Cathy Donaldson is full of surprises. She is a sought after navigator for blind rallies and is also a talented bowler. She was elected as the first blind assistant manager of the South African team which attended the World Blind Bowls Championships in Scotland in 2001. she was also elected as Assistant Manager for the International Paralympic World Bowls Championships held in Kuala Lumpur in 2004, the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee for World Blind Bowl held in Johannesburg in 2005, and was elected as Assistant Manager for the team representing South Africa in the World Disability Bowls Championships in October 2007, which was held in Sydney, Australia.

Cathy is also the current President of the National Association for Blind Bowlers, as well as the Chairperson for NABB Central Gauteng Region. This year she is the Manager of the SA Team who will be defending their title at the World Blind Bowls Tournament in Melbourne, Australia. She is also the Vice President for IBBA (International Blind Bowls Association).

Cathy's dynamic character was already evident in her youth. Although she is totally blind, she attended a school for sighted children. She kept up with her class – except that she was not taught to read and write.

When she was in standard four, she joined the School for the Blind in Worcester. Only then was she taught how to read and write in Braille – and she never looked back.

As President of Blind SA and NABB, Cathy is committed to making sure that blind people – especially the young – have tools for success. She believes that ongoing support is vital giving blind people access to educational opportunities, employment avenues as well sports and recreation.

Cathy has received the Melvin Jones Award for outstanding Service.

There is no limit to her achievements as it seems that she has only just begun.

GARRETT SLATTERY



Garrett, a Professor at Stellenbosch University, has been visually impaired since the age of 10, and is currently classified as a "B2". Garrett has played bowls for the past 20 years, starting out with the old Southern Transvaal region, but has been a member of Western Province since 1992. Garrett is also a keen golfer, and was a founder member of the SA Blind Golf Association.

Garrett's first national title in bowls was in the pairs in 1994, followed by the singles the following year. At the 2009 nationals Garrett won both the singles title and (with Helene Edwards) the pairs title.

In the last couple of years Garrett (with director Denis Laidley) played in the IBD World Championships (Sydney) and the IBBA World Championships (Melbourne). He won the Silver medal with Gwen Victor in the B3 Mixed Pairs.

FEED BACK ON A PROFILE

In the previous Newsletter I profiled Pietro Callichio and promptly got a call from Hilton Borach, a former club mate of Pietro. He asked me whether I have a phone number of Pietro but all I could provide him with was an e-mail address – nevertheless they made contact with each other.

Hugh also told me that when they played together the club they played for never allowed Pietro to play in another position than second, despite the fact that he could read a head far better than most other players. The argument was that he would slow down the game due to his disability!

Does this still happen in clubs?? Let me know – it is a topic that can be discussed in this Newsletter!

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THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN AT WINGATE PARK DURING THE NATIONALS!



Tournament Committee, Jeff Terner, Cathy van Rooyen and Elbert Broere



Roger Haggerty welcoming everybody



Freddie Sterrenberg – giving up??



And the moustache – please tell us the story??



Spectators enjoying the game.



The TWO musketeers??



Concentration!!

View these photos and much more on the following website: <http://www.ebweb.co.za/DisabilityBowlsNationals/>

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