



BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA

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Message from the President



Piet Breitenbach

With the rising of the 2008 AGM a new bowls season has started. An AGM that I like to highlight as the most productive and friendly that I have attended over a fourteen year period. It was wonderful to experience the open and positive attitude of almost all delegates. If we have reached a turning point, everything that happened in the past was worth our while. A big thank you to all members of Council.

The focus point mentioned in my address during the AGM namely marketing and sponsorship is already bearing fruit. Warwick Private Wealth has come on board with a substantial sponsorship for our Masters and the two National Tournaments. Bowls as a National Federation is extremely proud to be associ-

ated with Warwick and hereby appeal to our bowlers to support them in more than one way. The CEO Ian Kilbride deserves a sincere 'thank you' from all of us.

We are also negotiating sponsorship for our Inter District and Mixed Pairs Tournaments. Once we have secured those, Bowls South Africa will reach a new dimension. The bowls future seems to look a lot brighter than two years ago and that is only due to the dedication and hard work of your Executive and Administrative Staff. I thank you all.

Our Mission, Vision, Value System and Business Plan in short will be on the Website in due course. Please update yourself on what we plan on the medium and long term. Remember, you as bowlers are part of us and part of our strategy.

The new format of our Nationals was unanimously accepted by Council and will add a new dimension to these tournaments. We do however need all the support of all our stakeholders to make it a huge success.

Also allow me to welcome Roy Weddell onto

the Bowls South Africa Executive. We know that he will add value to our cause and that his commitment will make a difference. The same apply to all our Standing Committees, Convenors and structures.

Let us start the 2008/2009 season with a clean page, a new attitude, with new ideas and with the will to serve our wonderful sport.

Let us conclude with a few words from the Rev. F. Byard written in 1908: "The game affords much scope for unselfishness, good temper and modesty as well as the dexterity of hand and eye, and those are the things which, far more than a long face and sanctimonious manner go to make up the Christian character. It is a matter of great thankfulness and congratulation that there is a good, wholesome moral tone about our sport"

Enjoy your bowls
God bless
Piet Breitenbach

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BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA

VISION

Through teamwork and a culture of shared values we will become:

“ BOWLS” THE BEST SPORT FOR ALL

Our shareholders will be proud of our success as a sport
 Competitors will respect us
 Communities will support and embrace us

MISSION

Bowls South Africa is to create capabilities to grow, develop, organize, transform and control the Sport of Bowls to ensure superiority.

OUR VALUES

The total commitment of the bowls fraternity is fundamental to our success. The following values will guide our decisions and behaviour:

- Innovation: To seek new ideas and encourage continuous personal growth and improvement in everything we do in order to stay sports leaders.
- Initiative: To make things happen, through a spirit of enthusiasm energy and commitment.
- Integrity: Honesty and fairness and transparency to all.

Mutual Trust: Complete belief in the reliability of all concerned. Our interactions and deliberations are based on trust and confidence.

BUSINESS PLAN 2008—2009

1 Membership

- 1.1 Increase membership by supporting the Development initiatives.
- 1.2 Investigate and develop a strategy to include non-affiliated (social) members onto the Data Base.

2 Development

- 2.1 Establish a strategy to attract new members from people exiting other sports.
- 2.2 Promote a programme to attract new members from the corporate sector of business.

3 Networking

- 3.1 Arrange to once again meet with senior officials from the Government Departments of Sport and Education in order to get bowls declared a school sport.

4 Funding

- 4.1 Develop and establish a Sponsorship strategy.
- 4.2 Maintain good relationships with the Department of Sport to canvass for the annual grant.
- 4.3 Maintain good relationships with the National lottery Board.

5 Tournaments

- 5.1 Constantly examine the formats of tournaments in order to modernize the sport and to increase its wider appeal.

6 Media

- 6.1 Maintain and develop open communication channels with Sports Editors, TV, Radio and magazines.
- 6.2 Up-grade and develop the circulation of the quarterly newsletter.

7 Administration

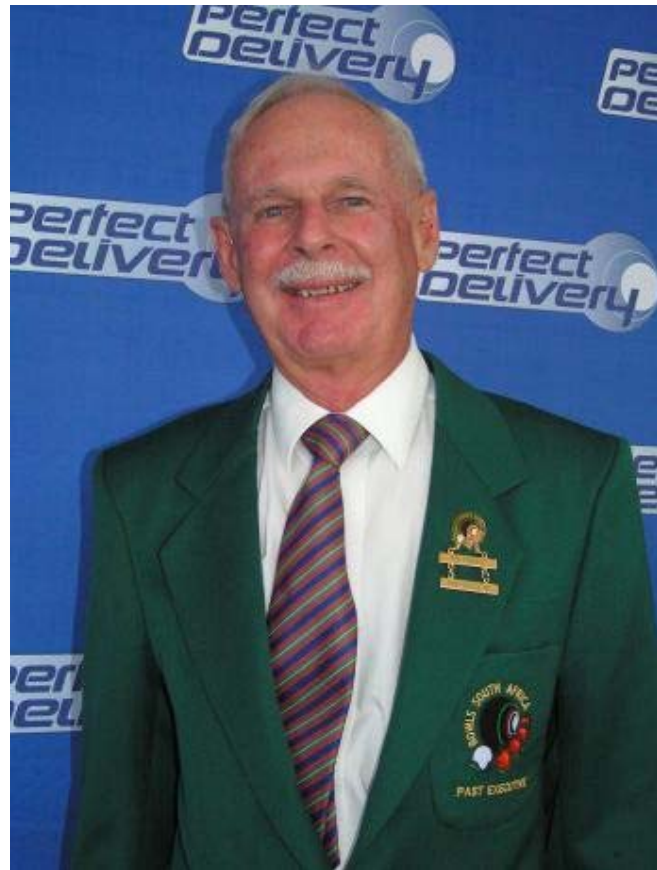
- 7.1 Improve our support and communication with Districts and Clubs.
- 7.2 Develop systems to reach the clubs with direct communication.
- 7.3 Develop and maintain a culture of excellence.

IMPORTANT CIRCULARS

- Circular 67 - 22/09 – Warwick Sponsorship
- Circular 66 - 22/09 – No Smoking Rule
- Circular 65 - 22/09 – Coaches
- Circular 64 - 19/09 – 2009 Bowls SA Tournaments
- Circular 63 - 18/09 – SA Pairs Accommodation
- Circular 62 - 17/09 – Bowls SA Coaches
- Circular 61 - 17/09 – Bowls SA Price List
- Circular 60 - 16/09 – Standing Committees 2009
- Circular 59 - 16/09 – Under 25 Inter District Tournament
- Circular 58 - 16/09 – Under 19 Red Card Holders
- Circular 57 - 16/09 – District Payments
- Circular 56 - 10/09 – Namibia Test Series
- Circular 55 - 28/08 – International Test Series
- Circular 54 - 22/08 – Awards
- Circular 53 - 21/08 – Team Selections
- Circular 52 - 18/08 – Standing Committees
- Circular 51 - 08/08 – South Africa Pairs Accommodation
- Circular 50 - 07/08 – Greenkeepers Level
- One
- Circular 49 - 05/08 – Namibia Test Series - Team Selection
- Circular 48 - 30/07 – Staff Vacancy - Financial Administrator
- Circular 47 - 28/07 – Technical Officials & Coaches Examinations
- Circular 46 - 25/07 – Expense Claims
- Circular 45 - 24/07 – National Selection Policy
- Circular 44 - 23/07 – 2008 Men's and Women's Pairs
- Circular 43 - 16/07 – Level 3 Technical Officials Course
- Circular 42 - 15/07 – Delegates to AGM & Workshop
- Circular 41 - 08/07 – South African Nationals 2009
- Circular 40 - 08/07 – Members Database
- Circular 39 - 08/07 – Technical Officials Standing Committees
- Circular 38 - 08/07 – National Selection Committees
- Circular 37 - 01/07 – South Africa National Tournaments

Tys Pringle

Outgoing Executive member, takes his leave of bowls administration after many years of dedicated service. We wish him a happy retirement.



Graham Mac Kenzie

Recipient of a merit certificate in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to bowls, particularly in the field of coaching.

To the Point

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Trevor Davis

It is with great regret that we learn that Trevor Davis, our Convenor, will not be available for any further positions on any Bowls South Africa Committees, as from now.

Trevor has been a major factor in establishing a Committee that has done great work in the Laws of our game of Bowls, and to train and maintain Umpires and Markers who are on par with the best in the world, if not better.

He served on this Committee with total dedication for the past eight years and has been a source of inspiration to all of us.

We, your Committee, will miss you and hope you enjoy your retirement on the Mossell Bay beaches in the Southern Cape.

LAWS

I wonder how many of our readers saw and understood the mistake that we printed in 'Disturbance of jack' in our last issue No 23.

How can a skip have the nerve to say replay the head when two shots have already been declared. Did we catch you out?

Tys Pringle--- `n Huldeblyk

Teen dié tyd weet almal dat Tys uitgetreë het uit die Uitvoerende Komitee van Rolbal Suid Afrika. Min mense weet egter dat hierdie geliefde persoon die skakelbeampte was tussen die Uitvoerende Komitee en Rolbal Suid Afrika Tegnieuse Beampptes Staande Komitee.

Ons het heerlik saamgewerk en sy vriendelikheid maar ook bereidwilligheid om na ons standpunte te luister sal `n groot gemis wees. Sy stem oor die radio waar hy gesels oor rolbal en rolbal aangeleenthede was wel bekend. Ons wens vir hom en Marthie `n gelukkige aftrede toe waar hul bes moontlik Natal toe verhuis.

LEVEL 3



The Level 3 course held in Potchesstroom over the period 04 September until 07 September 2008 was a great success, as many of our top Level 2's who were present were given a stern learning curve that drew many surprises among the candidates, that thought that they new everything about the Laws, but were given a torrid time, and eventually all agreed that they were ready to advance further having gained a tremendous amount of knowledge to guide them in the future.

The final results will be announced in early January 2009.

COACHES FORUM
FOR THE EXCHANGE OF COACHING
NEWS AND VIEWS

(FROM the national STANDING
COMMITTEE for coaching)

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A NEED FOR COACHING

At the time of writing this newsletter most peoples attention has been on the performance, or lack thereof, of our athletes and teams in various international events.

Our rugby and cricket sides have not exactly covered themselves in glory and the performance at the Olympics has left many people shaking their heads and wondering what is wrong with sport in South Africa.

Can we say the same for bowls ? In all probability the answer is yes. Athletes and teams all need, and deserve, quality coaching. Coaches are not there to change your own chosen style but rather to improve your technique. By improving your game and consistency you will improve your enjoyment of the game of bowls so we appeal to all bowlers to make more use of the qualified coaches in your district. If you do not have a coach at your club, approach your District Standing Committee for Coaching and let them help you.

COURSE UPDATE

The final assessment of both the Level 2 and Level 3 candidates for 2008 is still underway but a final timetable is proving difficult as we try to fit in with district calendars. Assessments and interviews are planned for the following centres.

Level 2 – Practical Assessments in :

Potchefstroom; Bloemfontein; Durban; Johannesburg; Cape Town and Welkom.

Level 3 – Interviews and Assessments in Pretoria; George; East London; Mtunzini and Wellington.

All candidates will be contacted personally in the very near future and we would like to apologise to all concerned for the delays in finalisation.

A very successful Club Course has just been completed in Kingfisher with candidates of the highest calibre and we look forward to welcoming them into the coaches fraternity once their Post Course projects are completed.

It is unfortunate that several districts have recently had to cancel Club Coach courses through lack of numbers but at the same time we reiterate that coaching is a profession and requires dedication and time. We are training quality coaches and as such are held in high regard by other playing countries. One of our top coaches has just returned from two weeks in Malaya and we hope to carry a report back in our next Forum.

Sables have a Club Coach Course planned for September 24th to 27th and people wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should contact Tom Kneen on 011 954 1694 or 082 441 5251 for more information.

Boland have a Club Coach course planned for October 12th to 15th and anyone interested in attending should contact Marina van Wyk on 021 8730113 or 072 183 5095.

Natal Inland are holding a Club Coach course from November 10th to 13th and the contact details are Avril Deetlefs on 033 345 9677 or 082 974 0464.

REMEMBER

**LET'S WEAR OUR BADGE AND PLAY
THE GAME WITH PRIDE**



Jack up Bowls!

We're on a roll'.....



On her return from Australia recently Debra Ferguson, Vice-President of Bowls SA and who also serves on World Bowls, brought back some very interesting bowls. A set of **hard court bowls**, the latest concept in bowling! She did a demonstration of these bowls attended by Bowls SA Dev Standing Committee Members as well as other dignitaries of Bowls SA. bowls at Bloemfontein in July.

We were all fascinated with this latest concept and technology of hard court bowls. It was amazing to see that the bowl can be bowled on practically any hard surface as well as carpeted areas; indoors as well as outdoors. This concept will surely be well received by all coaches and development officers. The design of the bowl is astounding as the grip feels very comfortable and the bowl is weighted sufficiently. The jack is made of a softer rubber compound and is squeezable but yet very firm.

Debra indicated that It might be possible for each District to receive a set of these new bowls soon, subject to the funds being available of course! We all look forward to this new venture and exciting technology in bowls!

Aloma Smith – Editor : Jack Up Bowls

SWELLENDAM BOWLING CLUB

Probably the four oldest active bowlers at one club in the world - 96, 89, 84 and 80 (**349 years**) - at Swellendam in the Western Cape should soon find their playing of a match against four youngsters to represent Boland in the SA Development tournament in Bloemfontein, collectively aged 57, in the *Guinness Book of Records* **writes Alan Simmonds**.

Watched by the largest turn out for a Saturday afternoon crowd in the town, the youngsters, three at 14 and one aged 15, led 17-6 after 10 ends and although the "Oldies" fought back, youth finally had the final word by six shots. Club president Chris Calder seeks recognition for three records:

1. Oldest team;
 2. oldest against youngest and,
 3. largest team age difference;
- (an Australian side is listed at **345 years**.)

"It's probably the only way we can beat the Aussies," quipped Chris Calder President of Swellendam BC.

OLD TIMERS: Graham Moodie 96, Henry Gerber 80, Peter Rattray 84, Opie le Roux 89.

YOUNG GUNS: Elri de Jager 14, Nicolette Hattingh 15, Wesley Taylor 14, Roelof Campher 14.



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