

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as your president. It's been tough, but rewarding. A huge vote of thanks goes to my executive, bowlers, the districts, clubs, players and officials who have created a true feeling of *ubuntu*.

Fabulous news is that in just four months from now, with a green light from council, bowls will have a regular SuperSport TV slot ... yes, a half-hour programme, streamed five times a month, packed with the greatest and the latest of our wonderful sport; each programme runs for two months.

In January we will feature the Namibia Test matches played later this year; in March/April the February Warwick SA Masters from Pretoria.

Bowls SA is footing the (hefty for us) R80 000 bill for each edition ... I am sure, however, sponsors will line up to take over and enjoy a nationwide prime time slot.

Moreover, negotiations with a sponsor are on hand for a national print media bi-monthly column to bring bowls news to the entire South African population. This exciting and novel approach will give us thrust and depth to market our sport.

On the domestic front I am delighted with the response from all standing committees. Each was charged with responsible management and set fierce targets – all succeeded. They can expect no let up in the new year; targets will be equally elusive and demanding.

Now the “butterflies-in-the-stomach” election blues are over, our experienced committed team will again be at your disposal and strive to ensure bowls cracks that so important membership hurdle. We know how vital the drive is and will explore every avenue.

With the Commonwealth Games on the doorstep I wish all God speed. I shall be in Delhi attending a

World Bowls meeting and cannot wait to watch our wonderful players bringing medals home.

And talking of medals, it was 10 out of 10 won by our teams at the African States Tournament in Zimbabwe. Well done to all, especially the fairer sex who swept the board.

Finally, do not forget how superbly our juniors have performed – Tracey-Lee Botha, 22, (No 1 player all-round in Zim), Brunhilde Gerber (runner-up SA Mixed Pairs) and Mike O'Connor, 19 (skip, bronze medal in SA Mixed pairs) stand out – pinpointing the way forward for South African bowls.

A great new season to everyone; enjoy your bowls; help others to do the same.



Debra Ferguson

Bowls SA

# Newsletter

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PRIVATE WEALTH

# EDITOTIAL

If your club or district is fined for allowing unregistered players to compete in any structured events, please do not say you were not warned.

As expected, Bowls SA council (a full house of delegates attended the Johannesburg AGM in August) sensibly took little time in ratifying an executive motion to halt unaffiliated bowlers from playing on greens without paying district and SA affiliation fees.

A delinquent hosting club or district now faces a penalty of R1 000 for each individual breaking the law (constitutional) and applies to all organised club activities and tournaments. The exception is a bowls development project approved by the relevant district.

The entire executive was re-elected (see website for details) for another year.

Council also ratified a dress code change whereby men may now wear shorts, longs

in the same side, provided colour coding is identical; this also applies to mixed events.

In other significant moves, districts were urged by the executive to seed all singles events, skips will in future keep scorecards and tie-breakers will be decided by shots not ends; the handing of the mat by a winning end skip (now halted by a World Bowls ruling) which SA has voted to retain, will be offered as a “domestic rule” for consideration to a World Bowls meeting by president Debra Ferguson in New Delhi in October during the Commonwealth Games.

The new laws (January 2011) will be in English; an Afrikaans version will available on-line and Under-25 and Under-19 players will be urged to become technical officials.

Congratulations to long-time greens guru Charles Louw who was elected a life member of the association for his devoted duty; Neville Savage (Bryanston SC, JBA) became a Level 4 technical official.

## OUR COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM AT THE SASCOC FAREWELL DINNER:



# COMMONWEALTH GAMES

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

India, a sub-continent with teeming millions and we are there proudly representing South Africa at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi. We are part of you fellow bowlers; we are united. Many of you have sent good wishes, obviously excited about the team going. We aim for four medals – hopefully we will earn them; maybe more. Remember, SASCO’s policy is to send only the best, let’s hope South Africans support us as they do Bafana Bafana and the Springboks ...

*Viva The Amabowlers*

## SOUTH AFRICA KEEN FOR ITS COMMONWEALTH GAMES STARS TO PERFORM THEIR GOLDEN DUTIES

Singles, pairs and trips are on the menu for the Proteas, who as part of the 200-strong South African team for the Commonwealth Games in India from October 4-13, will seek medals as the daily special ... expect them to arrive tasty, shining and well-earned.

But for both players and officials it will be tough. Apart from climate and diet, the event is played on a slow-running carpet laid at the Delhi stadium, on which South Africa had a taste earlier this year and to further acclimatize, in July played Test matches in Spain on a similar surface.

When the South African squad was announced in Johannesburg to an enthusiastic audience of sportspeople and media at a luncheon, the President of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (Sascoc), Gideon Sam, said: “This will be another step forward. We send disciplined, honed athletes each capable of bringing back some glory.” Bowls has won more medals than any other discipline in the history of South Africa’s participation in an event as prestigious as the Olympic Games.

Preparation has been overseen by head coach Theuns Fraser and his staff, Fraser, a former double Springbok (judo and bowls),

understands what it takes to triumph over crack players from, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, local idols India and the British Isles.

Bowls SA president Debra Ferguson is upbeat. “Any success will be hard-earned, but our sides know what to expect and what is expected of them; I am confident.” Our players have the credentials; how they adapt and if they can peak will determine results, but with the men’s average age at only 42 and the women’s at 38, the message is clear.

Two of the world’s youngest and most exciting women bowlers Tracy-Lee Botha (Johannesburg BA), 22, recently voted outstanding bowler at the African States Tournament in Zimbabwe, the 2010 SA Masters champion and already a multiple international gold medalist and Southern Free State’s Brunhilde Gerber, 25, newly married, a pairs (lead) champion in Delhi’s 8-Nations Tournament, runner up in the SA Mixed Pairs finals at Umhlali and a proven winner at domestic level, will turn heads and alarm opponents with their power, touch and concentration. Skips Susan Nel (Sables) and Johannesburg’s highest world ranked SA player Colleen Piketh, a glorious drawing bowler with Commonwealth Games experience from Melbourne, will

steer the sides. Boland’s Susanna Steyn, an African States gold medalist and another multiple districts gold medals winner is reliable and tough, while singles player Helen Grundlingh (Port Natal) is courageous and skilful – she is already feared for her bulldog attitude. In the 2002 Commonwealth Games in England, Johannesburg’s Bobby Donnelly, a late substitute, sat in Manchester’s pouring rain, a singles gold medal clutched in his hand, a South African flag plastered to his body. His all-round gold medal tally in 10 years is worth a king’s ransom.

SA’s top world ranked player, Shaun Addinall (Western Province) a sublime performer, is no stranger to this level, Wayne Perry (SFS) and incomparable “leftie” Gerry Baker are genuine performers. Back in the side after a glittering start to his career faltered, is Port Natal prison officer Gidion Vermeulen, built like a rugby loose-forward with a touch like a pickpocket, he and silky smooth Johann du Plessis (JBA) are also multiple champions. The sides will be accompanied by Fraser, assistant coaches Dr Simon Botha, Jessica Henderson and Ron Weddell of the SA Bowls executive as manager. Ferguson and vice-president Allan Freeman will attend the World Bowls summit on behalf of South Africa.

# NEWS FROM THE BANK

## MIXED PAIRS A THUMPING SUCCESS AMONG THE SUGAR CANE FIELDS

Sometimes not regarded in the same bracket as more sought after national events, this year's exciting Mixed Pairs Championship (presented by BowlsSA and Super Corega) dispelled such notion. All 20 district finalists had their moments; the champions plenty.

It was not surprising the final duos were a hot favourite in each of two sections; or that Western Province Cricket Club's overall prestigious Sportsperson of the Year recipient Trish Steyn and her skip Dannie Loubser went on to take the title, fabulously staged among the sugar cane fields by Umhlali CC in KwaZulu Natal.

Naturally each champion had plenty of good to say of the other. "She is the best thinking player I have met" enthused Loubser; "he has guts, skill, dedication and intent" said pocket dynamo Steyn of her skip.

They beat the highly talented Southern Free State pair of Herzog Meiring (a former districts champion) and newly-married Brunhilde Gerber (Rossouw), 25, (in the team to represent South Africa at the October Commonwealth Games) 24-19 over 21 ends, after leading 13-0 after five ends and withstanding a charge (21-13 on the 16<sup>th</sup>).

Said BowlsSA President Debra Ferguson: "I have seldom watched an event unfold with such ferocity, skill and panache." The final was terrific, the bank full and I must compliment the hosts for a job well done."

Steyn, in cracking form, a former world champion and possessor of myriad club, district, national and international titles, was a national selector until this year, having retired from the international scene two years ago. Loubser, a WP B skip, young for his 61 years, in the shake-up of four district events this season has by dint of practice and hard work emerged as a highly competitive player..

In the play-off for third place, Mike O'Connor a 19-year-old prodigy and partner Hannatjie Engelbrecht took honours for Gauteng North. They were always in control against a spirited but outgunned Charles and Barbara James (Natal Inland) and won 28-10 after leading 20-10 after 16 ends.

Ferguson added: "It is great to see two juniors (Gerber and O' Connor), having negotiated the training and rigours of a demanding sport at this level be right up there as part of South Africa's finest. We are delighted."

Latest: Steyn has appeared at a TID clinic in Cape Town at the request of national convenor of selectors Theuns Fraser; WP's top women's selector Rehle Slabber is on record as saying she hopes the brainy and versatile Steyn will be available for WP in spite of work constraints as operations manager for UCT's Graduate School of Business MBA programme

Final Mixed Pairs standings:

Red Section:

H Meiring /B Gerber (Southern Free State) 13+37;

C James/B James (Natal Inland) 12+31;

G Lotter/E Walker (Sedibeng) 10+11;

M Saayman/S Janse van Vuuren (Mpumalanga) 10+11;

T Cawker/E Cawker (Kingfisher) 10-13;

L Jackson/A Jackson (Southern Cape) 9-13;

V Beretta /N Theron (Limpopo) 8+32;

I Oehley/N Ascaray (Port Natal) 6-15;

S Carr/K Carr (Jhb Bowling Assoc) 6-39;

A Tagg/L Bezuidenhout (Sables) 6-42

Blue Section:

D Loubser/T Steyn (Western Province) 15 +43;

M O'Connor/H Engelbrecht (Gauteng North) 13 +44;

T Smale/S Mallison (KZN Country) 12+8;

M Wood/E Topham (Eastern Gauteng) 10+22;

N Moodaley/J Hicks (Northern Cape) 10+8;

B Coetzee/J Neethling (Eastern Province) 8+1;

D Warner/B Taylor (Border) 8-22;

D Buckley/E Meyer (Boland) 6-22;

E Booth/J Booth (North West) 6-26;

O Iverson/T Jacobs (Northern Free State) 2-58.



## SA'S DISABLED HAVE SIGHTS ON TWO WORLD CROWNS

Johannesburg - Players originally selected by the South African Disabled Bowlers Association will defend their world title won in Australia four years ago against 11 other nations at next year's World Disability Bowls Championships in South Africa from May 2-14.

### Teams:

#### Team 1:

**B1 (totally blind) Dean Hunter (directed by Dot Roering) KZN, Tracy Smith (Tommy Smith) JBA);**

**B2 (partially sighted) Jaco van Straaten (Johann du Toit) GN, Gwen Nel (Geoff Newcombe), EP;**

**B3 (partially sighted) Herman Scholtz (Annetjie van Rooyen) Sables; Princess Schroeder (Graham Ward) WP;**

**B4 (partially sighted) Eben Fourie (Annetjie Smit) GN; Jennifer Lloyd (Trish Douglas) WP;**

**B6 (physically disabled) Roger Hagerty/Theuns Fourie (JBA/SFS);**

**B7/B8 physically disabled) Fred Sterrenberg/Brian Jarvis (N Cape); (women) Emma Kruger/Hanlie van der Westhuizen (WP/Sables).**

#### Team 2:

**B1: Michiel Kruger (Willie Schoeman) SFS; Wendy Brymer (Glynn Gailey) WP;**

**B2 Dr Garret Slattery (Denis Laidley) WP; Dianne du Plessis (Desmond du Plessis) SFS;**

**B3 Flippie Walker (Duimpie Janse van Vuuren) Sables; May Homer (Paul Homer) JBA;**

**B4 Abe Crouse (Cathy Jennings) WP; Salome Morries (Anita van Zyl) Sables;**

**B6 Glynn Thompson/Deon van der Vyver (Border);**

**B7/B8 Derrick Lobban/Wimpie Viljoen (JBA/N Cape); women: Annetjie Meyer/Jill Pearson (Mpumalanga/Sables).**

# COACHES FORUM

## THE FUTURE OF COACHING IS IN YOUR HANDS

Players in every sport, other than bowls, and it is hard to understand why, willingly go to coaches for assistance when they are learning a new game, or are setting up a program to achieve a sporting goal, or are experiencing a problem in their game.

Somehow, bowlers don't think that they should see a coach in this game of ours, and the evidence of that is seen on the bowling green, when, with the best of intentions, hundreds of experienced bowlers give "free and well-meaning", but often disastrous advice to a newcomer to our game.

Bowlers somehow all feel they are competent to "quickly help" the new player to learn our game, after all, it's quite simple isn't it – just line and weight, everything else is natural, not so?

The truth of the matter is that coaching a new bowler is a process rather than an event, but few players actually recognise that fact. As a result, very few bowlers will actually say to the new player "Hey, why don't you go and get that

coach over there to help you get started? He can teach you all the right things to do."

The next time you see a new bowler battling with this game of ours, give the right advice, say "We have a good coach in the club, why don't you go and see him?" That's the best advice you can ever give anyone starting our wonderful Sport.

Don't sell coaches short, they have a major role to play in the future of this game in this country, whether you are an experienced or a new player in the game.

Coaching is dynamic and changing all the time – a modern-day coach can deliver a lot more than just being able to teach you how to hold or deliver a bowl. Coaches can help you upskill yourself, iron out any problems in your game and also help you get selection into the national squads with the T-ID program, so use them, you will be pleasantly surprised at what they can do for your game.

## GRASS CLIPPINGS

### HISTORY AND MANUFACTURE OF A BOWL

Crass Clippings 22 is a continuation of GC 21 which was devoted more to the bowl – it's history and manufacture.

Another important topic was the mathematical analysis of how the bias affects the run of the bowl.

In this issue we discuss how conditions on the green affect the performance of the bowl with special reference to those characteristics of the soil base and the grass contribute to the sum of the resistance the bowl encounters in its passage across the green.

The next portion is devoted to those factors which would influence the speed of the green and how important it would be for a Club

Committee to understand the dynamics of speed with special reference to how the Green keeper should temper his desire for speed with the need to ensure that he has left enough grass to maintain vigorous growth.

The final portion is a reminder to Club Committees on the relationship between the player count and the amount of energy used by the grass plant to repair the damage done by the players. A timely warning to the clubs that an abnormally high player count could force the Green keeper to slow down the green in order to ensure that there is enough grass on the green to meet the energy demands of the plant.

# JACK UP BOWLS

**RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME** - Bowls SA have launched an 'Recruitment Incentive Scheme' for new bowlers to our sport. Incentives up R17 500 can be accrued by a club. (Bowls SA Cir 36/2010 has all the details)."

**OUTENIQUA ROLBALKLUB WYS HOE HULLE DIE FIFA SOKKER ONDERSTEUN HET! The spirit of 2010! VIVA, VIVA ROLBAL!** - The FIFA Soccer World Cup in South Africa was anticipated for many years. On 11 June 2010 the world had the privilege to experience the opening game. This tournament has united our nation and the spirit of this tournament will live forever. Many a sport showed their support for our soccer team. Outeniqua BC in the Southern Cape was one of the clubs to show "GEES"!

Johan Meyer - In the spirit of the World Cup!!



**OUTENIQUA is also a star Club! - INCREASED MEMBERSHIP IN JUST 6 MONTHS!** The club started off with 60 affiliated members at the beginning of 2010 and **has grown to a total of 83 current members** - something to be proud of.

**DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP** - The NSCD will be able to give feedback in the next issue of Jack Up Bowls after hosting the Development Workshop in Potchefstroom during September.

Representatives from all the districts will be in attendance, a record which show positive reaction throughout out country to increase membership!

**NATIONAL BOWLS AWARENESS DAY** - A 'National Bowls Awareness Day' has been set aside on the Bowls SA CALENDER 2011 for **Wednesday 27 April**, Freedom Day. The intention is that all districts and clubs within the districts participate with this event on that day. Final guidelines will be circulated to districts and clubs after the Development Workshop.

**DEVELOPMENT BOWLS** - A consignment of Lotto Bowls were received recently. The Standing Committee is currently arranging the distribution of these bowls to Districts that have applied and have qualified according to their development programmes.



**PLEASE NOTE:** - "Affiliated players may **not** play with NSCD Development Bowls. Once affiliated they must purchase their own bowls. The **only exception** to the rule is that under 19 affiliated players participating in the **U19 Development Tournament** are allowed to play with these bowls. Please note that development bowls **may not** be used by any U25 Inter-District player."

## TO THE POINT

**1. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS ACHIEVED THEIR TARGET** - In September 2009 just after the Bowls South Africa AGM, all the national standing committees had a workshop with the Executive and each standing committee had to set their goals for 2010. The NSCTO set their target to train 600 players on the Technical Official Courses.

The NSCTO realized that they could not achieve this on their own. They decided not to work HARD but to work SMART by ensuring that the District Standing committees were well trained and competent to assist them by achieving their set objectives, The NSCTO decided to invest in the Training of Training courses. Here are some of the results shown by our Technical Officials for this Season:

Markers	-	422 players
Level 1	-	213 players
Level 2	-	22 players
Level 3	-	<u>18</u> players
TOTAL	-	675 players

The NSCTO thanks the District Technical Official Standing Committees for their commitment and hard work. Without you we would have never achieved this target. Our objective for 2011 is to upgrade the players who attended the Markers courses to Level 1's and the players who attended the Level 1 courses to Level 2's

**2. NEW LAW BOOK** - The current law book has been revised and the draft law book is already with the

printers. When the proposed changes are approved by the World Bowls Council in India during October 2010 the printing of the law books will start and hopefully in November the new law books can be distributed to the various districts. The new laws will be implemented in South Africa as from 01 January 2011

*(Read more about this in the September 2010 Edition of "To The Point")*

**3. POSSESSION OF THE RINK** - For some reason this law, which is not difficult to understand, is disregarded by most bowlers. Perhaps it is ignorance of the Laws or perhaps it is just plain gamesmanship.

*(Read more about this in the September 2010 Edition of "To The Point")*

**4. ETIQUETTE IN BOWLS - WHAT IS ETIQUETTE?**

Etiquette is the essence of true sportsmanship since it comprises the unwritten laws dealing with matters such as courtesy, politeness and friendliness which bowlers at all times are expected to show towards their teammates, their opponents, any umpire or marker, not forgetting any spectator. Etiquette means that no player will do or say anything, nor act in any way, that might be likely to upset or annoy another bowler, or distract that bowler's concentration.

*(Read more about this in the September 2010 Edition of "To The Point")*

# FROM THE SPONSOR

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*In a message to the 12 men and women bowlers and their coaches and administrators representing South Africa in India at October's Commonwealth Games, the chairman and chief executive of the Warwick Group, bowls' principal commercial sponsor in South Africa, Ian W S Kilbride, echoes all our thoughts:*

**"Those extreme cynics who erroneously dismiss the four-yearly Commonwealth Games as 'the poor man's Olympics' clearly have no idea of the importance of the four-yearly event. It is a synthesis of a band of brothers and sisters from 72 nations and unmatched in sporting history, even by Olympian standards.**

**"This year, the sub-continent of India hosts a glittering cavalcade of sportspeople representing 17 sporting codes.**

**The Government of India sees the XIX Commonwealth Games 2010 in Delhi as an excellent opportunity to herald the country's emergence as a significant sporting nation and showcase its organisational capacity.**

**Trust is an immeasurable bond between athlete, coach and administrator – it is the eventual catalyst for success – a mutual reward.**

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**"The Warwick Group is confident our superb sides of men and six women bowlers will provide the cheer and lift we all need after 18 months of global economic and servicing exasperation.**

**"It will be a wonderful climax to South Africa, having hosted the Soccer World Cup, to provide on-going national joy and act as an incentive to those who seek a sport that provides a lifetime of sporting excellence, camaraderie and pleasure.**

**"We wish especially our sides, but also all competitors, good health and hope everyone returns covered in glory."**

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