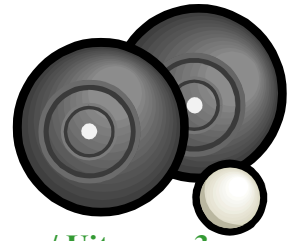




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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, time sure flies when one is busy as is the case with most of us today.

We have had an exciting past three months. There have been a number of exciting events that have taken place. The Interschool's competition was finalised and what excitement there was. I will leave the reporting for Johan to do as this is his pride and joy. I would like to thank him and all his loyal helpers for all their continued assistance, especially Willem Koekemoer from Hoërskool Punt. Baie dankie vir al jou hulp en ondersteuning.

I was very excited to see all the new faces at our recent under 19 and under 25 squad-training session. This is very encouraging. What is also very noteworthy is the involvement of the parents and their

willingness to assist. Thank you to all of you. We must really endeavour to increase our junior members and I would like to see Southern Cape in the position to send two under 19 Development teams to the tournament this year as well as two ladies and two mens teams to the Under 25 tournament. I know that, with the enthusiasm of people like Lize De Villiers, Johan Havenga, Yvonne Elley and Willem Koekemoer as well as all the parents, this is not an impossible task. Please forgive me if I have failed to mention anyone by name, but I am nevertheless very grateful for all the assistance and support. I am also pleased to report that the number of younger bowlers is on the increase.

I am very excited to report that we have an enthusiastic lady who is prepared to get involved with blind/partially-sighted and disabled people who would like to bowl. My thanks to Jackie Jacques and her committee for getting the blind bowlers and disabled bowlers on the map here in the Southern Cape. As we all know bowls is a sport that can be played by anyone, able bodied or not, so please encourage anyone you know with whatever disability, to please contact 0825350735 .

Congratulations to all the recipients of awards at our recent awards ceremony and in particular to Jaco, our editor, for being awarded the Media Award. Keep it up all of you! To all the other members, continue striving for excellence as you have been doing in the past, it does not go unnoticed.

The highlight of the past three months was our National president, Debra Ferguson, attending our AGM and meeting our members. We were able to show her the proposed venues for the "B" Provincials



Jenny Sinclair, President of Southern Cape Bowls, shares a special moment with Debra Ferguson, President of Bowls SA

as well as the venue at Eight Bells which was used for a "Nest" type coaching set up. Well done to Kallie for using his initiative to get this off the ground. He is working on the owners of Eight Bells to upgrade their neglected bowling green and to affiliate with our district so as to enable us to repeat the coaching clinic at this venue in future. Thank you too to Callie Schutte for his assistance in improving the playing surface there.

Congratulations to Beaufort West Club who won the prize for the second highest number of bowls rolled in our recent Bare Foot Bowls Day. What an achievement. We were also handed a replica cheque for Bowls Southern Cape's allocation of the money raised for Cancer. We were in the top five in the country as far the amount of money raised. Well done to everyone and now we have a target to work towards for the next Bare Foot Bowls Day. As you are all aware we have changed our playing year from January to December and Koos is busy finalizing the yearbook. This will be presented at our council meeting in November. Thank you to all the coaches and selectors who have been very busy with selection and with weekly squad training exercises in the various zones. The weekly exercises are well attended and are proving to be a great help in improving the bowling skills of the players.

I am looking forward to another exciting three months ahead, good bowling and God Bless.

Yours in bowls

JENNY SINCLAIR
PRESIDENT: BOWLS SOUTHERN CAPE



It was with pride that the Southern Cape played host to Debra Ferguson, President of Bowls South Africa. Here she is photographed with the Southern Cape Executive. She is joined in the front row by Jenny Sinclair , President of Bowls SC (Right) and Kallie Haupt (Left)

Once again Top Bowling Club of the Year

In the year 2008/2009 the Outeniqua Bowling Club, under the Presidency of Chris Cruywagen, was awarded the Club of the Year Trophy, and once again this Club was the proud recipients of this most prestigious trophy for 2011/2012. It was presented to the Club's new President, Lyn McComb, at the Bowls South Cape Annual General Meeting.

Hierdie toekenning span die kroon op die klub se mees suksesvolle jaar in sy bestaan van 24 jaar.



Louis du Preez, uittredende President van die Outeniqua Rolbalklub, deel 'n spog-oomblik saam met die Vise President, Johan Meyer (regs)



Debra Ferguson, President van Rolbal Suid Afrika, oorhandig Rolbal Suid Kaap se Klub van die Jaar trofee aan nuutverkoose President van die Outeniqua Rolbalklub—Lyn Mc Comb



Jaco Visagie (Media), Lyn Mc Comb (President) en Johan Meyer (Vise President) met die Klub se toekennings

Dit is die klub se beleid om rolbal aan soveel spelers moontlik bekend te stel en hierdie strategie blyk deurslaggewend te wees in die klub se sukses. Die klub is een van die vinnigste groeiende klubs op Nasionale vlak en spog tans met 130 lede. Benewens Suid Kaap se Mans 1ste Liga het die klub ook as kampioene in beide die Mans en Dames 2de Ligas uit die stryd getree. Die klub se sêvierende 1ste liga mans-span sal in die 2012 jaar se Premier Liga meeding. Terence Wilson het verder ook die Suid Kaap Beginnerskampioenskap gebuit.

Benewens die Klub van die Jaar toekenning, is Jaco Visagie met Rolbal Suid Kaap se Mediatookening vereer. Die klub bedank al sy borge en lede vir hul volgehoue ondersteuning.

Die klub is in Airway Road, Heatherpark, gelê en enigeen is welkom om by die klub aan te sluit. Vir verdere besonderhede kan Jaco Visagie (0824534465) gekontak word.

I DO GIVE A DAMN!

There is an all pervading, damaging disease that is destroying bowls as we know it. It arrives almost unseen, it strikes with stealth, and its effect is disastrous.

It's apathy, and while we know it has been around for a long time, it is getting worse. It needs to be curtailed and only you can do it. The late Leo Buscaglia, a profound author and motivational speaker who worked actively to overcome social and mental barriers that inhibited the expression of love between people, also knew a lot about apathy when he said: I have a very strong feeling that the opposite of love is not hate - it's apathy. It's not giving a damn.

It's the last sentence I fixed on when looking for a suitable quotation about apathy. "It's not giving a damn." And that, dear readers, is a niche where a lot of you fall into. You're apathetic. You don't give a damn, about your club, about your fellow bowlers, about taking an active part in doing your bit to improve the lot of your club, your fellow bowlers, or bowls in general.

Take the situation that now exists in the biggest bowls district in the country, Western Province. When nominations for the next executive closed on Friday last it was found they had no nominee for the position of president and none as treasurer. There were two nominations for the vice-president's chair -- one from the present treasurer -- and they are also still one body short among the other members of the executive.

What they are to do now is anyone's guess. The sitting vice-president has not been nominated for the president's chair by his club -- this is a WP requirement -- and it looks as though the president Ron Delport will have to take the spot again after having made it clear he wished to retire.

It looks as if the executive will need to call again for nominations once the AGM is held to fill the vacant spots. They'd better get someone at the helm soon or they'll be sailing out of Table Bay without a rudder or radar.

Nobody seems to be interested. It's apathy. They don't give a damn.

I cannot help but recall the days of the Southern Transvaal Bowling Association and its sister body, the STWBA, where it was a privilege and an honour to serve and you had to be really up to scratch to get there and then to stay for the many years of service before getting to be president. And these people were looked up to as the best, the wisest, and the most capable.

Nowadays, there are many instances of people claiming executive posts who simply do not have the credentials to do so. And the game continues to suffer in some instances because of that.

There is a good story that used to due the rounds at this time each year when all these posts needed to be filled, where the president stood up and said: Now we need to appoint a delegate to the district council. Dead silence ensued.

Eventually one of the members was prevailed upon to do the job on the assumption: "Oh well, it's only two or three meetings a year." Surprise, surprise, when a few years later that same reluctant member is now the president of the district and soon a nominee for the national executive.

But this apathy is not only at district level. Take the nominations for Bowls South Africa. There are none, to oppose the six standing members who made it clear they wanted to be there for another year. What has happened to ambition? Where are the people who recently were clambering to get one of the top jobs? All gone to rest?

It's no reflection on the present six who have proved there worth but it would have been nice seeing them have a little bit of opposition.

And look what is happening in our clubs throughout the land where the seeds of administration should be sown for future higher up positions. Club members are not vying anymore to fill posts on their club committees and the position will soon arise where there are no selectors in our clubs with the ability to choose teams to play in league competitions.

It's all about this apathy, this reluctance to be involved, this ability to say: "I don't give a damn!"

I have been pounding out columns on bowls for this newspaper for nearly 16 years now suffering many executives and committees, through all sorts of ridicule and abuse. It has not been easy.

But you know something?: " I DO give a damn"

WHAT IF?

In the previous newsletter we looked at a bowl delivered in such a way that it crossed the boundary between two rinks, on a path that would bring it back onto the correct rink.

Unfortunately it collided with a bowl on the adjacent rink. Fortunately the head was not disturbed.

Now however the head is disturbed! What now?

All the bowls and the jack must be replaced in their correct former positions. If the skips cannot agree, which will very seldom happen, the end must be replayed, hard luck for the team that were two or more shots up.

It is of no use calling the umpire, there is six rinks and the chances are very slim that he could from the bank be sure of the correct position of all the bowls and the jack.

If the head on both rinks were disturbed the rule applies to both rinks. Law 28.3.1.2 and law 28.3.1.4.

If there are any further "what ifs" please let me know and we will discuss them next time.

GEORGE HIGH TAKES ON PACALTSDORP HIGH!

"Vir die tweede keer is rolbal ingesluit in die jaarlikse FNB Classic Clashes tussen George en Pacaltsdorp Hoërskole. Verlede jaar was dit 'n gelykop stryd maar vanjaar het Pacaltsdorp in 'n taai kragmeting koning gekraai op die George Rolbalklub se bane. Dit was veral te danke aan beslissende spel deur twee spelers - Jason Erasmus en Reginald Jonck - wat deel was van die span wat in April goud verower het in die Nasionale Onder 19 Kampioenskappe.



TWO FROM SOUTHERN CAPE TO REPRESENT THE NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT 2011



Back row – Fonny Meyerdricks (JBA – Convenor) and Mike Millard (BSC)

Middle row – Rob Zimmerman (JBA) and Henk Prinsloo (North West)

Front Row – Anina Black (WP), Kallie Haupt (Bowls SA Executive and

Daar was egter verskeie jong spelers in albei spanne met potensiaal wat, volgens hulle afrigters, met die nodige toewyding, 'n blink toekoms in die spel het.

L- R (voor): Rowain Fortuin; Diodaaf Jansen; Leighton Prins; Dillan Booysen; Gavin Vries; Enrico Slinger

L-R (Agter): Alan Dissel; Hilton Prins; Sizwekazi Plaatjie; LeeAnn Strauss; Bronlynn Jumat; Lionel Swartbooi; Jhirlique Olkers; Branlynn Jumat; Reginald Jonck; Ronald Timie; Grant Abrahams; Shannon Jafta; Jason Erasmus; Glen Park en Johan Havenga.

REACHING YOUR “SELL BY” DATE

This article will most probably divide the bowling fraternity into two camps: those who are in support and those who are not. Most people in bowls will know what the twenty-twenty (T20) exercise is about. For those who don't, it is just a simple exercise designed to prove that you can play bowls at a given level or that you should be playing bowls at a higher or lower level.

An analysis of the results will show that you can play this game at Provincial, District or even National level. But it will also tell you that you must work harder at your game. Today it is mainly used to identify young and upcoming players aspiring to play representative bowls. It is expected of all those who play representative bowls, to submit a T20 on a regular basis. A T20 exercise should not take more than one and a half hours to complete.

So what is the story? The fact is, all of us are getting older as the years go by. That is a fact of life! But it is not only a matter of us getting older, it's also includes the factor of diminishing skills. Today one can play two games of 21 ends each but as you get older one becomes not that keen to enter in those competitions anymore! To play a pairs or a trips game becomes hard work. But it is not only physical skills you are losing, some of us also lose management skills and the ability to honor the position you are playing - whether it is Skip or any other position. The fact is, if we expect the younger players and those playing representative bowls to submit T20's on a regular basis, why should older players not be submitting T20's to prove that they are also still good enough? I think that all clubs are experiencing the same problem: when to let a person know that he or she is not equipped any more to honor the position he or she was graded at way back in the eighties. We simply do not have the nerve to do it.

When is a player not good enough? Not many people would really have the nerve or would enjoy the duty of telling another that they are not capable of playing in a certain position any more. Further more, 'good enough' is maybe my perception but not yours. So, should he not be submitting T20's as proof of his ability and skills level?

Who should be submitting a T20 and when? A T20 should be submitted by all those playing Skip and Third. If I can assume that clubs review all gradings once a year, maybe that would be a good time for submitting a T20 by all those involved. It is not feasible or kind to walk up to a person and tell him that he is not good enough. So some other neutral yardstick must be found; like a person's age. At what age should we be asking players to submit a T20? That's for the clubs to decide.

It might not be necessary for a player to be re-graded from Skip to Third, but a notch or two drop in grading in that position might be needed.

Leon Burger

CP NEL LENTE DRIESPEL

Die CP Nel Lente Driespel met 'n prysgeld van R23 000 00 het vanaf 18 tot 20 Augustus 2011 by die Oudtshoorn Rolbalklub plaasgevind. Die wenspan het bestaan uit:

Soon Potgieter - Oudtshoorn
Gert Marais - Prieska
Handrè Marais - Bloemfontein

Dit was 'n genotvolle toernooi met die heerlikste weersomstandighede soos net die Klein-Karoo kan bide. Sommige van die foto's laat 'n mens wonder of die sosiale deel nie meer geniet word as die spel nie!

Thinus Van Rensburg

Wenners van die toernooi!



In 2de Plek!



Gertjie Bekker, ons nuwe president, heet almal welkom.



In die 3de Plek!



Die Borge



Inaugural “Kaaimans Challenge Cup”

The first match of this challenge took place at Sedgefield on Sunday 7th August. Outeniqua took five, Mixed Fours teams and one Mens Premier League side to compete against Sedgefield.

Soos gewoon aan Outeniqua het ons eers by die Farmers Morning Market gaan Swannie braai net om ons gras te vat of reg te kry!

Die spanne van Gemengde Viere het twee wedstryde van 12 koppe gespeel en die manspan een van 12 koppe. Ons sal nie baie sê oor die punte nie, maar Outeniqua het 'n goeie tweede gekom.

After the event a braai was had and during the festivities it was decided that this challenge will become a twice yearly event, played home and away.

Mike Millard and Yours truly are sponsoring the trophy for this event. A great day was had by all and we look forward to the next challenge which will be at Outeniqua during the first quarter of next year.

Frank Wessels



FIAT & ALFA SEEVIER IN SPANNENDE BRANDHOUSE LIGA

Na ses weke van spanning, verrassings en uiters mededingende rolbal, in waarskynlik die mees mededingende Brandhouse Rolbaltoernooi tot op hede, is Fiat & Alfa onlangs as die nuwe Brandhouse Rolbalkampioene gekroon.

Maklik was dit beslis nie en veral twee wedstryde tydens die finale rondte verdien spesiale vermelding.

Eerstens het die stryd tussen Fiat & Alfa en die Vintage Rollers, wat voor aanvang van spel in die tweede posisie geplaas was, aan alle verwagtinge voldoen. Toeskouers is met puik rolbal getraakteer in 'n spannende wedstryd wat eindelijk naelskraaps met 12 – 11 deur die Vintage Rollers gewen is. Hierdeur het hulle 'n einde aan Fiat & Alfa se onoorwonne rekord gebring en vir groot afwagting gesorg toe telkaarte een vir een na spel deur spanne aan beampptes ingehandig is.

Die Goons, wat die derde posisie beklee het, het spanning in die klubhuis verder laat toeneem toe hulle met 15 – 9 teen Werner Fourie Oogkundiges gesëevier het. Die Goons het met hierdie oorwinning 'n baie spesiale eer te beurt geval deurdat hulle die toernooi met 'n onoorwonne rekord afgesluit het.

Dit was dan ook geen wonder dat slegs 3 wedstrydpunte die boonste vier spanne geskei het nie. Die kampioenspan, Fiat & Alfa, en Die Goons het gesamentlik die toernooi op 65 wedstrydpunte afgesluit. Fiat & Alfa het egter die kampioenskap met 'n beter punteverskil (punte vir en teen) beklink en Die Goons moes met die tweede posisie tevrede wees.

Die Vintage Rollers en Apollo Paneelkloppers het op hulle beurt gesamentlik op 62 wedstrydpunte geëindig, slegs drie punte kort van die kampioene. Net soos met die eerste twee spanne, het punteverskil weer in werking getree. Dit was die Vintage Rollers wat nouliks (drie punte) met 'n beter punteverskil die derde posisie ingeneem het. Apollo het welverdiend in die vierde plek geëindig.

Die borgspanne van Brandhouse en Secunda Sales het onderskeidelik 11de en 14de geëindig, terwyl Kirsten en Tulleken Vervoer, wat vir drie weke die pas in die toernooi aangegee het, met die agste plek tevrede moes wees. Werner Fourie Oogkundiges, asook Aurecon het deurlopend goed vertoon terwyl Laerskool George Suid, as eerste inskrywing, beïndruk het.

Meyer Otto Agri het onder toejuiging die gewilde T.O. Honniball skets ontvang vir hul laaste, 28ste posisie.



Die wenspan—Fiat & Alfa



Die Goons was tweede



Die Vintage Rollers het in die 3de plek geëindig



MeyerOtto-Agri met hul T.O. Honniball skets

Rolbal Inter-Skole

Sestien leerders uit vier Suid-Kaap skole het onlangs die rolballe laat klap in 'n rondomtalie kragmeting vir die TALISMAN Wisseltrofee. Punt Hoër, Mosselbaai, Sentraal Hoër, Beaufort-Wes, George Hoër en Pacaltdorp Hoër het mekaar behoorlik laat les opsê in taai en opwindende wedstryde waar delikate trek skote afgewissel is met dryf skote uit die boonste rakke wanneer nodig.

Die trofee is uiteindelik verower deur Pacaltdorp Hoër wat al hul wedstryde gewen het. Die span van Jason Erasmus, Reginald Jonck, Grant Abrahams en Shannon Jaftha was baie trots met hul oorwinning en veral met die baie goeie pryse wat hulle van mnr. Japie Combrinck, eienaar van TALISMAN, ontvang het. Al die deelnemers het pryse ontvang as erkenning vir hulle toewyding en goeie spel en as aanmoediging om voort te bou op hulle mooi prestasies.

Die span van Sentraal Hoër met Rozanne Rossouw aan die spits was tweede. Hulle het net teen Pacaltdorp verloor. Derde was Punt Hoër met George Hoër in die vierde posisie.

President van Rolbal Suid-Kaap, Jenny Sinclair, Vise-President, Lise de Villiers en die organiseerder, Johan Havenga was baie in hulle skik met die talent wat ten toon gestel is, veral met die oog op die samestelling van spanne wat Suid-Kaap sal verteenwoordig in die inter-provinsiale junior toernooi in Bloemfontein in Maart 2012. Die gedagte is ook om volgende jaar 'n volskaalse inter-skool liga te begin en etlike ander skole stel reeds belang om ook deel te neem. PASOP SENIORS! HIER KOM DIE JEUG.

Johan Havenga



Wenners Pacaltdorp Hoër : Johan Havenga (Organiseerder) ,Japie Combrinck (Skenker van die wisselrofee),Jenny Sinclair (President Rolbal SK), Jason Erasmus, Reginald Jonck, Shanon Jaftha en Grant Abrahams



Naaswenners: Sentraal Hoër Beaufort Wes: Johan Havenga, Erich Fourie, Japie Combrinck, Em Stadler, Madeli Crafford, Rozanne Rossouw. Lise de Villiers (Vise President Rolbal SK) sit-tend.

TOP HONOUR FOR JOHAN HAVENGA

Johan Havenga (centre) is congratulated by President Akker Van Der Merwe and John Watters after they had presented him with Honorary Life Membership of the George Bowling Club in recognition of his immense contribution to bowls in the club and in the Southern Cape. All three now share the privilege of having received this award from their fellow bowlers.



Battle of the “Fours” memorable affair

The semifinals and finals of the Southern Cape Ladies and Mens Fours were played at the George Bowling Club when the top teams showed their colours.

Matches were both examples of determined and focused bowling. The ladies final, played between the George team skipped by Jenny Sinclair and the Mosselbay team skipped by Annetjie van Wyk, produced an absorbing tussle. The George team ran into an early lead with the more accurate bowling, but their opposition were not daunted and gradually narrowed the gap until, in the last few ends, they took the lead and held on to capture the 2011 title.

The mens final was a highly entertaining match with players on both sides demonstrating unerring accuracy and skilful placing of their bowls. The George team, skipped by Protea bowler Billy Radloff, exerted continuous pressure on William Konick’s Outeniqua team who responded superbly to this challenge.

The spectators were kept enthralled by the ding-dong battle they were witnessing and both teams were given a fine round of applause when the game ended with the George team taking the laurels this year.



The George Bowling Club team emerged winners of the S.C. Mens Fours Championships. From Left: Johan Cronje, Billy Radloff, Ken Pearce and Cyril Bentall



The ladies from Mosselbay snatched the title in the S.C. Ladies Fours Championship. From left: Annetjie van Wyk, Joey de Jager, Elma Botha and Alida Meyer

FULL QUOTA COMPETED IN MIXED SIXES

The George Bowling Club hosted its seventh annual Mixed Sixes Bowls tournament.

It was sponsored by Scottish Leader Whisky and accommodated a full quota of 18 mixed teams, each comprising of six bowlers. Played over six rounds with three on each day, the competition produced displays of fine bowling, keen rivalry and jovial teasing. The final outcome remained in doubt almost to the final bowl.

Each round had a total of 38 points at stake.

Final results saw Billy Radloff’s team (127) edge Ian Ballantine’s team (127) out of third place on a better shot average. Second place was taken by Paul Lange’s team (132) while the 2011 winners were Peter Hudson’s team with 141.5 points.



The Winning Team



Prizes from Scottish Leader

SDL PRESTIGE MANS-VIERE ROLBALTOERNOOI

Die tweede SDL Prestige Mans-viere Rolbaltoernooi het plaasgevind vanaf 15 tot 17 September 2011 by die Oudtshoorn Rolbalklub. Altesaam 24 spanne van regoor die land en selfs uit Namibië het aan hierdie gesogte toernooi deelgeneem.

Die totale prysgeld van R100 000 is die grootste prysgeld van 'n rolbaltoernooi in die land. Die wenners van die toernooi, Stoffel Lambrechts en sy span van die Boland het met die eerste prys van R50 000 weggestap. SDL was die hoofborg met die Oudtshoorn Munisipaliteit 'n mede-borg.

Nie minder nie as vyf Protea-spelers het aan die toernooi deelgeneem. Suid-Afrika se top-rolbalspeler en Protea-kaptein en sy span, wat laas jaar met die louere weggestap het, het vanjaar sesde geëindig.

Volgende jaar se SDL Toernooi vind vanaf 13 tot 15 September 2012 plaas. Die Oudtshoorn Klub se fasiliteite kan 48 spanne akkommodeer en daar word vertrou dat die toernooi volgende jaar vol bane gaan lok.

THINUS VAN RENSBURG



Die wenners van 2011 se SDL Rolbaltoernooi wat met die groot prys weggestap. V.l.n.r. Mnr. Gertjie Bekker (President Oudtshoorn Rolbalklub), MP Olivier, Stoffel Lambrechts, Mnr. Luke Geldenhuys (SDL), Mark Beviss-Challinor en Callie van die Merwe. Dit is



Daar het nie minder nie as vyf Protea-spelers aan die toernooi deelgeneem. V.l.n.r Gerry Baker, Jason Evans, Billy Radloff, Mnr. Luke Geldenhuys (SDL-Borg) Donny Piketh en Allen Lofthouse.