

PRESIDENTS REPORT/VERSLAG 2010/2011

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to table my second annual report as President of Bowls Southern Cape. I am very fortunate in that I have a highly dedicated, experienced and loyal committee who are always willing to go the extra mile.

This past year has been a difficult one. We had resignations from the Vice President, Trevor Davis and the two competition secretaries, Les and Laura Johnston. Thank you to both of you for all your hard work and to Trevor for his positive input. I am pleased to report that the position of Vice President was filled by the very enthusiastic and able Mike Millard. Welcome to the fold Mike. This has left yet another vacancy on the executive, that of PRO. We also have yet to fill the positions of Competition Secretaries. With the help of Koos Louw I have managed to complete the competitions without any problems. This year saw the return of Koos Louw as treasurer, welcome back Koos. Ockie Steyn, Convenor of the men's selection committee also resigned due to work pressures and this has left yet another vacant position. Thank you to Peter Hudson who has offered to serve as convenor. I urge you all to offer your assistance and make yourselves available to serve on the executive and to help us grow our sport.

Rolbal Suid Afrika

Ons distrik het weereens in die Ope, Senior, "B" mans en dames, O/25 en in die Ontwikkelings Toernooie deelgeneem. Danksy Johan Havenga en sy Ontwikkelingspan het ons 'n goue medalje huistoe gebring. Die ander resulate was nie na wense nie en ons moet kyk daarna en werk maak daarvan. Ons mans "B" span het baie nuwe jonger spelers gehad en ek glo dit is hoe ons die pad vorentoe moet sien. Ons was deur Billy Radloff en Elma Davis verteenwoordig by die S A Meesters waar Elma met 'n brons medalje weggestap het. Welgedaan Elma ons is trots op jou. Billy Radloff is weer gekies as Protea en gaan in Australia en Cyprus Rolbal Suid Afrika verteenwoordig. Welgedaan Billy. Elma Davis is opgeneem in die "Green Squad", weereens welgedaan, jy hou ons naam hoog.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Our District did not have the opportunity to host any National tournament during the past reporting period, but in 2012 we will host the "B" Provincials. This is indeed an honour and privilege. We once again hosted a very successful Quadrangular tournament with Southern Cape, Eastern Province, Border and Boland participating. This is a held as a practice game for the district sides prior to playing in the Inter District tournaments in March. A big thank you to Akker van der Merwe for all the effort he puts in to arranging this event and to Koos Louw for his ever faithful assistance with the record keeping. We will continue to bid for tournaments each year and we will next host the All Cape in 2013.

Southern Cape Matters

RAADSVERGADERINGS

Ek is dankbaar om te kan rapporteer dat in die afgelope jaar, die bywoning van hierdie vergaderings weereens uitstekend was. Dankie vir julle opoffering. This is after all the place and opportunity for clubs to have their say and to be informed of the running of the district. Thank you to all the representatives who attended so regularly.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The executive committee had regular meetings during the year and these were attended with enthusiasm and a lot of positive input. I would like to report as follows :

Administration

Christine, thank you is really very inadequate for what you do, your enthusiasm, competency, efficiency, dedication and ever smiling face. This is a very difficult position and requires a lot of patience and tact. Thank you to all the efficient club secretaries for your co-operation and for making her task a little easier. With technology improving and the clubs keeping up to date with it makes the relaying of information quicker and easier. Communication is a very important aspect of any organisation.

Tesourier

Dankie Koos vir jou maandelikse verslae oor die finansies van die distrik. Soos verlede jaar, is ons inkomste onder druk terwyl die uitgawes aanhou styg. Ons grootste bron van inkomste is die affiliasiefooie betaalbaar deur geregistreeerde lede en met 'n voortdurende dalende ledetal is jaarlikse aanpassings in die fooie onvermydelik. Daarteenoor is ons grootste uitgawe die wat verband hou met ons Provinsiale spanne, spesifiek reis en verblyfkostes. Die Uitvoerende bestuur gaan werk daarvan maak om die uitgawes sover moontlik te besnoei, deur onder andere die spelers aan te moedig om fondse in te samel om sodoende van die onkoste te dek. Daar is ook die daaglikse onkoste wat nodig is om ons distrik glad te laat verloop. Dankie aan al die klubs wat gebruik maak van e-pos, dit spaar geweldig baie geld, nie slegs posgeld nie, maar ook telefoon kostes. Maniere moet ook gevind word om ons inkomste te verhoog, en een daarvan is om as gasheer op te tree vir toernooie op Nasionale en Streeksvlak. Ons moet asseblief almal betrokke raak om idees na die tafel te bring wat sal help om ons inkomste aan te vul. Aandag moet ook gegee word aan die werwing van borgskappe vir die distrik.

Competitions

Entry to our District competitions is growing annually and this is very encouraging. It is good to see so many of the new bowlers entering and doing well. Keep it up! All of this in spite of the ever rising fuel prices and the slow economy.

The Masters, Presidents Invitation Singles, Mixed Pairs and the Open Singles competitions stand out as our premier competitions with a high standard of bowls being observed on these occasions. Having done away with the plate event in the champion of champions has made this competition so much more prestigious. There was a good turn out from the clubs singles winners. We would like to urge clubs to please make it clear to participants when they enter their clubs singles that they are obliged to play in this tournament. We had a record entry in our leagues this year and it seems as though the interest in this competition is growing annually. The minor leagues were run on an East and West format to assist in the travel costs to players. This proved to be very popular. There was however the necessity to play Bowls Southern Cape and league games on some Sundays. This was due to the increase in the number of league teams and our calendar being amended to play all Bowls Southern Cape competitions over a weekend and no longer during the week, in order to accommodate the working members. This however did not prove to be popular amongst the members and we will revert back to having senior competitions during the week. We would like to thank all our clubs for the sportsmanship and camaraderie displayed during this past year as well as the support given to our competition secretaries. Thank you too to all the ladies who have been responsible for the catering at all our competitions as well as the bar staff and the greenkeepers.

Zone Representatives

We sadly report the resignation of Ben Havenga due to ill health. His position has been filled by Gail Ellis from Heidelberg. Thank you Gail for offering up your time and for your enthusiasm. Our Zone Representatives, the link between our clubs and the executive, play a very important role in ensuring that constant communication is maintained. The Zone representative should ideally not be the President of a Club, reason being he/she should be impartial and be in a position to visit all the clubs in his zone on a regular basis. It is very important for clubs to work closely with their Zone Representatives and to discuss all problems with them as well as giving them their co-operation in all bowls related matters.

Openbare Skakelbeampte

Dankie Mike Millard vir jou volgehoue entoesiasme. Om borge te werf, is nie 'n maklike taak nie. Die Uitvoerende bestuur het besluit om ons webblad oor te skakel na 'n plaaslike maatskappy. Mike is besig hiermee en hy is ook besig om 'n plaasvervanger vir die pos van Openbare Skakelbeampte te werf.

Coaches

Coaches play a major role in the development of the game and it is essential that they keep abreast of new techniques. Kallie Haupt is constantly engaged in arranging courses and refresher courses to keep our coaches abreast of new developments. Two refresher courses were held in November 2010 which were well attended. Kallie stressed the need to encourage bowlers to become coaches and for existing coaches to upgrade to higher levels. A special word of thanks to Susanna Van Niekerk for co-ordinating the results of all

the TID exercises in the district. This is a huge undertaking and requires a tremendous amount of time and effort. Thank you for your dedication Susanna. Our grateful thanks are due to all the coaches who have spent many hours assisting our district players with their programmes. A very big thank you is also due to Kallie Haupt our head coach who I am sure spends more time with coaching related tasks than with anything else. Kallie is also responsible for arranging a “Nest” type set up at Eight Bells outside Mossel Bay. This is a Southern Cape Bowls Academy initiative and the object is to try and simulate the courses held at the Nest. Judging from the response to the first course which was fully subscribed within a week of opening this was long overdue. Kallie is trying to get Eight Bells to affiliate to the district. Well done Kallie, thank you for all you put into bowls in our district and we wish you all the success for the future.

Development Officer

Dit is vir my baie moeilik om te weet waar om te begin om dankie te sê vir Johan Havenga. Hy het die energie van twee twintig jare mans en entoesiasme wat nie in woorde beskryf kan word nie. Johan spandeer baie ure en is volgehoue in sy taak om 'n skole liga van stapel te laat loop. Much effort is put into canvassing and training juniors – also on a transformation basis - but development embraces all aspects of bowling and is the responsibility not only of management but every individual in clubs, our district and the country. Johan’s dedication and commitment with his task paid huge dividends when his “Under 19 Development Boys” won gold at the recent “Under 19 Tournament”. What a moment that was. We are all very proud of you. A number of the clubs in our districts held very successful business leagues during the year and a number of new members have joined as a result of this. Please keep it up. Johan het ook gedurende die jaar kontak behou met regeringsstrukture om die belange van rolbal daar te behartig en te bevorder. Ek verwys in die verband na die Department van Kultuursake en Sport asook die Suid-Kaap Sportraad. Dit is veral belangrik ten opsigte van erkenning en befondsing. Bowls South Africa regards development as so crucial that they have introduced a cash incentive. I must at this point commend Outeniqua Bowling Club for their efforts in attracting new members. They were in line to win one of the prizes but were pipped at the post. Well done Outeniqua! Keep it up and may the other clubs follow your example. Thank you to all those who made themselves available to assist Johan with his task. A very exciting project was held this year namely the Bare Foot Bowls Awareness Day, coordinated by Johan and his helpers. This was very successful and enjoyable and I am pleased to report that Bowls Southern Cape did very well being in the top five districts as regards the number of bowls delivered, the number of clubs participating and the amount of money raised. Well done to all the clubs that participated. It is indeed a very sad moment for me to have to advise that Johan has decided to hand over the reins but will continue to run with his schools league project. He is busy nurturing his successor. Once again a very big thank you to Johan.

Tegniese Beampies

Gedurende die afgelope jaar is verskeie merkerskursusse gehou. Op Oudtshoorn het 18 merkers van Oudtshoorn Rolbalkklub hulle kursus suksesvol voltooi en op George het 23 nuwe merkers hulle kursusse suksesvol voltooi. Welgedaan aan julle almal. Dankie aan almal wat Ellen gehelp het, veral Trevor en Elma Davis, om die kursusse aan te bied. Ek doen weereens 'n beroep op skeidsregters om op te gradeer. Dankie Ellen vir al jou harde werk. Ons is verheug om te sien dat jy so mooi aansterk na jou onlangse siekbed. In general the clubs have been very helpful and managed to supply competent umpires and markers for all Southern Cape matches played on their greens. Thank you to all of you. There are however a few clubs that are sorely in need of qualified markers and umpires.

Perkemeesters

Ek dink almal is verlig dat verlede jaar verby is en dat ons oor die algemeen goeie reën gehad het. Baie dankie aan Vlam Basson vir al die ure wat jy insit, jou kennis en jou bereidwilligheid om hulp aan te bied om seker te maak dat al die perke in ons distrik van 'n hoë gehalte is. Dit verg baie rondry en baie tyd en ek wil ook dankie sê aan al die klubs se perkemeesters vir julle samewerking. Ons kan die vrugte daarvan sien. Dit is moeilik om te glo, as 'n mens na ons bane kyk, dat ons 'n jaar gelede in die ergste droogte in die geskiedenis van die Suid-Kaap was. Welgedaan aan almal. We are too well aware of the importance of good greens. Please continue with the good work and I appeal to one and all, give your greenkeepers your co-operation as they are almost as vital to us as the greens themselves. Ek is verheug om te kan rapporteer dat vyf vlak een perkemeesters sertifikate ontvang het.

Selectors

Our results this year were again rather disappointing. Being a selector is not an easy or glamorous job. Apart from all the time and effort that they put into the zone trials and selection they can be seen sitting on the sideline watching many semi-finals and finals. The executive feels that our six selectors are the best people for the job and we thank them for their time and effort and a job well done. Die bestuurders wat die provinsiale spanne vergesel het, is gekenmerk deur hulle integriteit en hulle het nie geskroom om hulle verslae eerlik en op die man af voor te lê nie.

My hartlike dank aan die onderskeie keurkomitees vir hulle harde werk, persoonlike tyd wat hulle opgeoffer het, hulle toewyding en onbevange integriteit wat aan die dag gelê is. The executive decided not to hold zone trials this year but rather to invite interested parties to do three assessments to be handed in for consideration. Thereafter the candidates were invited to a practice match held at Oudtshoorn for further assessment by the selectors and men's and ladies squads were then selected. Thank you once again to you all.

Provinsiale Spelersvereniging

This body continues to function under the guidance of Japie Combrink and as it is the spokesperson for the provincial players, it has an important role to play. They are also responsible for assisting players where necessary and for attending to the attire of the district players.

Vice Presidents

Trevor Davis en Lise de Villiers het 'n belangrike bydrae tot die gladde verloop van die distrik gemaak. Trevor was responsible for hosting a very successful and fruitful "Road Show" This team visited 19 of our 20 clubs and were able to discuss one on one any problems that there were and to hear new ideas from the clubs, some of which have been implemented. This was also an exercise to make the executive more transparent to the clubs. Thank you Trevor and your team for the great job that you did. Trevor has since resigned as Vice President and his position was filled by Mike Millard who has immediately put shoulder to the wheel and become involved in matters concerning the district. Lise jou betrokkenheid by die junior spelers was baie belangrik. Lise was verantwoordelik vir die O/25's wat deelgeneem het in die Toernooi aangebied in Bloemfontein. Al het ons nie baie goed gevaar nie, ons as uitvoerende bestuur besef die belangrikheid van ons deelname in hierdie toernooi en om voort te bou op ons jong spelers. Dankie Lise vir jou betrokkeheid, die tyd wat jy opoffer en jou toegewydheid aan die jong spelers. Al is jy baie myle ver van ons af hou jy nog steeds jou vinger op die pols van hierdie belangrike aspek van rolbal. The responsibility to keep these players in the game now rests with the respective clubs and their members. Our clubs need to nurture the junior players and do their best to recruit more juniors.

In conclusion I would like to thank my executive for all the support and guidance that they have given me this past year. I would also like to thank the club executives and members for their positive input and co-operation and I believe that together we will make a difference to bowls in the Southern Cape.

Jenny Sinclair
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