

PRESIDENTS REPORT/VERSLAG 2011/2012

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to table my third and final report as President of Bowls Southern Cape. I was very fortunate to have had a very experienced, loyal and dedicated committee who were always willing to go the extra mile.

This year saw the resignation of Vice President Mike Millard who after getting married decided to spend more time travelling, just relaxing and playing bowls. He unfortunately also resigned from his position with Bowls South Africa. This portfolio was left vacant. This year also saw the return of Les and Laura Johnston as competition secretaries. The position of convenor of the ladies selection committee also became vacant with the resignation of Annatjie Van Wyk and this position was filled by Ingrid Thom. Thank you to both these ladies for their willingness to serve. We were able to fill the portfolio of Development Officer, left vacant by Johan Havenga, with Michael Marques. I would like to thank Johan very much for the many years that he spent with the young people, promoting our game amongst the younger generation. He has offered to continue with the schools league, thank you once again Johan. Michael has really put his nose to the grind stone and got involved with this very important portfolio. We were also successful in obtaining the services of Gerrie van Rensburg who served as PRO. After a long illness Ellen Truter resigned as convenor of the Technical Officials Standing Committee and this portfolio was filled by Trevor Davis. Thank you Ellen for your many years of dedicated service and to Trevor taking over the portfolio.

Rolbal Suid-Afrika

Ons distrik het weereens in die Ope, Senior, "B" mans en dames, O/25 en in die Ontwikkelings Toernooie deelgeneem. Die Ope Dames span het vir ons 'n brons medalje teruggebring en ons is baie trots op hulle. Die "B" spanne het onder die omstandighede goed gevaar. Ons is besig met nuwe jong, belowende talent wat in hierdie spanne opgeneem was en hulle het baie ondervinding opgedoen. Ons het die Ontwikkelingsspan wat laas jaar goud gewen het, in die onder 25's ingeskryf. Al was die resultate nie na wense nie, het hulle baie ondervinding opgedoen en ons glo dat dit die regte pad vorentoe is. Billy Radloff, Elma Davis en Rosanne Rossouw het in die S A Meesters Toernooi deelgeneem and Billy het met 'n Brons medalje weggestap. Welgedaan Billy. Billy is weer gekies as Protea en gaan Suid-Afrika verteenwoordig in die African States Toernooi later in die jaar. Billy Radloff, Elma Davis en Rosanne Rossouw het ook in die Nasionale enkels, viere en pare deelgeneem. Billy en Japie Combrink het nie net goud in die pare verower nie, maar het ook met die byvoeging van Ted Coetzee en Peter Hufkie tweede in die viere geëindig. Rosanne het tot in die laaste 16 van die enkels gevorder. Wel gedaan aan almal van julle!

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

This year we hosted the "B" Provincials. Thank you to Koos Louw and his dedicated committee for a job well done. We have received many accolades from the districts who played here. Well done to Vlam for providing the tournament with excellent greens. Many accolades were also received for our playing surfaces. I cannot help but think that our district is the best district. We once again hosted a very successful Quadrangular tournament with Southern Cape, Eastern Province, Border and Boland participating. This is 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 goed 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

I am at a loss for words when it comes to Christine our secretary. Thank you will never be enough for what you do for our district. You also do what you have to and more with enthusiasm, competency, efficiency, dedication and an 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, the relaying of information have become quicker and easier. Communication is a very important aspect of any organisation. Even though technology has and is improving the written word just does not seem to get to the majority of our members. I urge you all to watch and read your notice boards; these are the information centres of your clubs.

Tesourier

Dankie Koos vir jou maandelikse veslae oor die finansies van die distrik. Soos die vorige twee jare toon die state nie baie groei nie. Een van ons grootste bronne van inkomste is

rente. Ons kapitaal het verminder en so ook die rentekoerse. Ons distrik het onvermydelike onkoste, die grootse hiervan is die uitgawes vir die Provinsiale spanne. Die Uitvoerende bestuur het 'n komitee saamgestel om na hierdie uitgawe te kyk en die voorstelle wat daaruit gevloei het, sal later deur die Tesourier ter tafel gelê word. Dankie aan Koos, Johan de Bruyn en Akker vir al julle insette hierin. 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 net aan posgeld nie, maar dit is ook baie goedkoper om 'n e-pos te stuur as om te bel, waar moontlik. Soos voorheen genoem is die enigste manier om ons kapitaal te laat groei, die aanbidding van Nasionale of Streekstoernooie. Ons moet asseblief almal betrokke raak om idees na die tafel te bring wat sal help om ons kapitaal te laat groei. Ons moet ook kyk vir maatskappye wat ons as distrik sal borg.

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 Open, Senior and Junior Masters as well as the Open Singles and Mixed Pairs competitions stand out as our premier competitions with a high standard of bowls being observed on these occasions. There appears to be a lot of apathy towards the Champion of Champions Tournament. We had great difficulty in urging the clubs to complete their singles before our tournament due date. There were also a few of the winners who having won their club singles decided not to play in the tournament or who were unavailable on the dates specified. Of the twenty clubs we could only manage to field 14 lady winners and 13 men winners. This does not auger well for the future. The incoming committee will have to have a good hard look at this tournament. We decided to change the dates of the league and this caused untold havoc. The end result being that the results of the league were declared null and void. We will revert back to January next year and trust that this will help to once again have a very successful league. I would like to thank all the clubs for their 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

Thank you Gail for all your efforts in the short time that you were the zone representative for Zone 2. Gail and her husband decided to relocate to Cape Town as a result of her husband's ailing health. This position was ably filled by a very enthusiastic Salome Mahoney. Thank you Salome for stepping into the gap and really doing an excellent job of reporting on your zone. Thank you too to Johan de Bruyn, Matilda Champaud and Charles de Villiers for all your reports and updates on the clubs in your respective zones. These portfolios now fall away due to the amendments made to our constitution. Our Zone Representatives, the link between our clubs and the executive, played a very important role in ensuring that constant communication was maintained.

Openbare Skakelbeampte

Dankie Gerrie van Rensburg vir jou bereidwilligheid om die portefeule te aanvaar. Daar was nie baie tyd oor in die jaar nadat Mike Millard bedank het nie, maar ons glo dat in die komende jaar jy baie betrokke sal raak in die werwing van borge vir ons distrik, en dat jy ook betrokke sal raak in die promosie van ons sport.

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. Once again the apathy of members in this regard is a matter of grave concern. Courses have had to be cancelled due to not enough members wishing to enrol. Without enough coaches how are we going to grow our sport. We need coaches to teach the new bowlers how to play our wonderful game. I urge you all, please, get involved and give back a little of what you receive from the game. I would like to thank Kallie and all the other coaches who have spent many hours assisting our district players with their programmes. The bronze medal won this year is proof that all your hard work has not gone unrewarded.

Development Officer

Hoe se 'n mens dankie vir iemand soos Johan Havenga. Sy energie en entoesiasme is aansteeklik. Hy het besluit om die jaar die leisels neer te lê en net betrokke te bly by die skoleliga. Dit is self 'n baie groot taak. Baie baie dankie Johan vir al jou ure se harde werk en toewyding. Johan het ook gedeurende 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 Sport en Kultuur asook die Suid-Kaap Sportraad. Dit is veral belangrik ten opsigte van erkenning en befondsing. Die portefeule is oorgeneem deur Michael Marques en hy het van die begin af betrokke geraak. Dankie Michael dat jy bereid is om hierdie baie belangrike aspek van die spel onder jou vleuel te neem. Business leagues have once again played a major roll in many of our club's financial successes, but unfortunately they have not had the desired effect. The purpose for which they were intended seems to have been put aside and whereas new members should be joining in large numbers, all that is happening is that more and more business league are taking place. I do not wish to sound pessimistic about the leagues, but it should benefit the clubs, the district and Bowls South Africa.

Tegniese Beamptes

Dankie Ellen vir al jou insette en kursusse wat jy gedeurende die jaar gehou het. Ons is regtig jammer om totsiens te sê en ons wil vir jou sterkte toewens en hoop en bid dat jou gesondheid sal verbeter. This portfolio was taken over by Trevor Davis and he has already put the wheels in motion arranging markers, umpires upgrading and new umpires courses. With the hosting the All Cape in 2013 we will need many umpires. Please

members once again I urge you to get involved. Thank you Trevor for your willingness to serve. Thank you to all umpires and markers who have given up of their time to officiate at our many Southern Cape competitions. 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.

Perkmeesters

Vlam, dankie is net nie genoeg vir iemand soos jy nie. Ons kry so baie lof en prys oor ons bane en dit is seker die grootste beloning wat 'n mens kan kry, waardering van jou medemens. Al jou ure se harde werk en toewyding word baie waardeer. Aan al die perkmeesters in ons distrik, dankie vir julle samewerking met Vlam, die resultate spreek vanself. Welgedaan aan jul 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.

Selectors

Our results this year were better than in previous years. The Ladies Open Side was able to bring back a bronze medal. This speaks volumes about the work done by the selectors and coaches. 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 selectors are the best people for the job and we thank them for their time and efforts and a job well done. Die bestuurders wat die provinsiale spanne vergesel het, is gekenmerk deur hulle integriteit en hulle het nie gekroom om hulle verslae eerlik en tot die punt voor te lê nie. Baie dankie aan julle almal. 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 selectors have once again selected their squads for consideration for selection in the new year. Thank you once again to you all.

Provinsiale Spelersvereniging

Due to work constraints, Japie Combrinck had to resign as president of this body. The newly elected president is Johan Roestorff. Thank you Johan for taking on this responsibility. This body is the spokesperson for the provincial players and has an important role to play. It is also responsible for the provincial player's attire and assist players financially where necessary.

Vice Presidents

Mike Millard en Lise de Villiers het 'n belangrike bydrae tot die gladde verloop van die distrik gemaak. Unfortunately Mike, due to changes in his family set up, resigned his position and it was left vacant for the balance of the year. Lise jou betrokkenheid by die junior spelers was baie belangrik. Sy was verantwoordelik vir die O/25 's wat deelgeneem het in die Toernooi 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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