

# **Bowls Southern Cape**

## **Presidents report to Council 9 November 2012-11-04**

As this is my first council meeting with all the clubs delegates in my term of office, allow me to express my gratitude of being President of this amazing district and it is truly a privilege to serve you the clubs. My absolute appreciation to our Management committee as each member, every day, goes beyond the call of duty for you the clubs and right down to the last club member.

At this point in time it would be amiss of me if I don't make special mention of the tragic and untimely loss of an Executive member and past Vice President Lise De Villiers. Lise in her own way even though she was miles away from the hub of BSC bowls was a living example of how all of us should be as ambassadors for Bowls; she lived and passed on for Bowls. Lise left no stone unturned to ensure that all the Loerie arrangements, for the accommodation etc was done and done well in advance, and her words to me were "hoekom los ons dit so laat ons moet hierdie jaar dit vroeër doen". And that is how Lise worked; she is sadly missed on my executive for her input especially when it comes to her passion for the younger generation and especially the U19 and U25 groups. Attending her memorial service and to hear of the passion she had for life was amazing. I trust that her legacy and inspiration will be with us in this District for years to come. Charles, Lise was amazing and to you and her children I can't imagine how great your loss is, and trust that you all will find comfort in knowing she lived her life to the fullest and gave her life for her family, her community, her friends, and never gave anything less for Bowls in the Southern Cape. For me it was a privilege to have known her and have worked with her.

At the workshop and lunch after the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> August I explained the system of working together like the old time Egyptians who built the pyramids that they all pulled together to get the job done. I want to thank every club for their contribution for the way as a Council we have pulled together for Bowls, when one gets emails and calls from people who at the first call are strangers to me, but have become friends with the encouragement received. Japie keeps reminding me if its not positive energy its not worth wasting time on it.

To my Executive, when I have received correspondence that required a reply, who immediately replied with their opinion and a collective reply could be sent to the club in question without having to wait till the next Executive meeting to reply, thank you for all contributing without delay.

**Communication** was one of our priorities and we as a committee soon had the five numbers from each club and the sms bundle program started to be used with tremendous success and at times great hilarity as members of clubs on receiving the sms checked on each other that what had been requested had actually been done, thank goodness for technology. However some clubs, at times their emails have only been opened a month after the email was sent. To every council member here today without open communication we are in trouble; however the processes put in place have improved the way we communicate with one another and the introduction of the new web site will further improve communication. We will further discuss the web under general.

### **Web site**

As promised at the lunch with the AGM delegates, the web site would be updated or replaced. It was clear from the outset that web site technology had improved and the current web site was no longer

fulfilling the needs and we decided to get quotes and start the process developing a new system that is more user friendly.

The web site has been developed under another anonymous site and last week we applied to get our domain back from Elbert who did our web site for years for which we were very grateful. The process was finalised last week to obtain our web site back and place it with the new developer and I am assured that it will be better and more user friendly. I already have all the photos of competition winners from 2004 which will be scanned and systematically placed on the web for everyone to see, the minutes of every meeting from January last year will also be loaded. We are awaiting photos from every club that the home page can scroll through our own clubs and the club submitting the winning club photo will be on the home page when anyone logs into our website and so it will scroll through all the clubs. The club winning the club of the year competition next year will then have the privilege of being first on the home page. Competition draws will be placed on the web before they are sent to clubs and at the same time a sms will go out to every player that entered that the draw is available on the web. Results the same will happen and winners as well. Data base of all registered coaches and technical officials will also be placed on the web.

So I appeal to everyone come on board and let our web site be a success. And let's make it a show piece for all clubs and districts to want to log in, remember the more hits the more advertisers want to be part of the web page the more money generated for the district.

In the second phase we are planning that the clubs for a nominal fee will be able to acquire their own web site within our web site and in this stage a data base will be introduced that every member will be able to register and log in and request to be added to the sms system for updates, coaching and technical information will also be available on the web site. With the data base all your club competitions and winners will also be able to be loaded on the system.

**Standing Committees-** I must say that in a short time a number of members have made themselves no longer available for various reasons.

Kallie Haupt --- being appointed Vice President Bowls SA

3x Ladies selectors ----- for personal reasons

PRO--- Gerrie van Rensburg for personal reasons that he could concentrate on Nomads

Promotion and Development—Michael Marques--- who relocated to Gauteng

However I am very pleased to say the newly appointed standing committees

1. Lady selectors under the convenor-ship of Dawn Hicks on her return from America soon found herself and the other selectors Claudia DeHahn and Sarie Lessing with the unenviable task of trying to establish a Squad that Inter District teams could be selected later this year.
2. Men's Selectors under the convenor-ship of Peter Hudson ably assisted by Piet Botha and Francis Williams have done a sterling job so far.
3. Development, Promotion and Marketing we have changed to **Membership growth and Marketing**, and here Theo van Aswegen made himself available and has done amazing research into where we should be concentrating our efforts to grow our game and increase our numbers
4. U19—I am very pleased to advise that we have appointed Hilton Prinz a member of George club and a school teacher involved with the schools training and coaching as the convenor of the U19s section of the Junior Bowls and Johan Havenga retains the U25 section but they will work together but Hilton will travel with the U19 side next year. We have devised a program and Hiltons training as a schools coach will start next week as he has also committed himself to get a further 4 schools to participate in the Schools league. This is a tremendous step in the

right direction and trust that all qualified coaches will give both Hilton and Johan the necessary support when requested.

5. Coaching (technical advisor coaching and Inter-District teams) with Peet Badenhorst's input in this area it has had a huge turnaround in the dynamics and culture of the squad especially the men's but slowly being contagious to the Ladies teams.
6. Technical Officials—Elise Nel being appointed and its great to have youth and a vision and the way she acquitted herself in arranging the markers for the Masters can only be applauded for the way she has tackled her tasks at hand. Please support her in her endeavour to get it right for the All Cape.

**All Cape**, we wish the committee well with their efforts and request that every club ensure that they enter the maximum teams let us ensure that this is the greatest, biggest, most successful ALL CAPE ever and only we can ensure that. Come on make your homes open for visitors lets ensure we get a record entry and show our neighbours how it's done, they might be bigger than us but we are definitely not scared of them.

### **Fixture book**

This is due to be handed out today and I am sure we will all recognise the amazing job that Koos has done and the new innovations in the book has made it user friendly to both players and club Executives

### **Badges for District competitions**

These have also arrived and will be handed out by our Competition Secretaries to those who did not receive and personally the badges quality is an improvement.

Provincial sports councils and SASCO requirements and meetings.

For my sins this is my portfolio and rightfully so. However it is an amazingly stressful portfolio with notice being given at very short notice that I have to attend meetings either in George, Cape Town and even Johannesburg and at times my own Bowls has to suffer and I trust that both the Selectors and the Competition Secretaries will take this into account.

With the numerous meetings all I can report is that the Bowls solution that I presented at one meeting, with the creating a Zone for the Central Karoo but that they stay as part of the SWD or as we understand it Southern Cape, has been accepted as the norm for all sporting codes. This I will discuss and get ratification under general as to the process as I have a General meeting in Beaufort West on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

### **District Academy**

This is another item that has come out of all the meetings with the sports council and we are required to create a District Academy and it has been recommended that this be established in Oudtshoorn as the Western Cape sports Academy will be established in Oudtshoorn and all the bowling facilities are already in place so it costs the Department nothing to include Bowls in the program. A meeting will be set up that my Executive and the Executive of Oudtshoorn club can set up the necessary structures for the department.

### **Sponsorship**

1. We are very grateful for the use of a 10 seater sponsored by Mossel Bay Toyota for the use of the Lorie tournament
2. Theo van Aswegen in his personal capacity has also donated the petrol to be used by the 10 seater to Swellendam.

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3. An anonymous donation from a player for R1000.00 towards costs, to keep it anonymous I issued her with 5 x player's raffle lists in her name, a wonderful gesture for which we are all very grateful.

### **Selection**

I would like to comment on Selection. We had a very fruitful selection seminar on 31<sup>st</sup> October from 08h00 to 14h00 at the Kenako golf Academy where all selectors were present together with Vice President Japie and myself. All aspects of selection and useful international documents were discussed and both Japie felt that all the selectors were able to share from one another and reach a common and unified "road ahead" for selection in the District.

One concern from my desk is that as sportsmen and sportswomen we should all be able to accept loosing and not being selected is just another form of loosing. There are many criteria for selection and these were also updated and will be placed on the web for everyone to see and will be discussed with the players at the next practice session in Oudtshoorn on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November for both the men and the ladies.

Selection will always be a contentious issue and no different from the country that had an excellent Olympic Games, Great Brittan when the selection panel chose to select a person for the solitary open place in the woman's 800m, by selecting Lynsey Sharp who was a full second behind her rivals on personal best to represent her country, and that is a measurable criteria so when it come to selection a team there are far more criteria for selection than any single or accumulative points systems. Inter district players if not selected should do a self analysis as to "what do I bring to the game other than just my two bowls" and this is used by the Australian Academy to great success. So disappointment is part of playing sport.

### **Executive closing and weekend**

Like Bowls SA, the executive and management committee have requested a period that they too can make and give time to their families and as much as we will be available by email and other means, that a time be made for each of the Executive and especially the management committee be given time off, may I recommend from the 14<sup>th</sup> of December to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2013.

Fellow bowlers my management committee have also requested that their private time is also respected as we do give our time for Bowls and that is 24/7 but that the Secretary gets calls on a Sunday evening is not part of the deal and then to assist a coach complete his coaching form. We all serve Bowls for nothing but we all do still have families, I trust that club members will respect the private and reasonable times for calls to these members.

### **Media**

This is a grave area of concern as when speaking to club presidents and members there are amazing things happening in every club, so each club should be willing to share the good with everyone that we can as a District boast with your achievements. Please we need to make a greater effort to get news to Jaco that it can be used in our District magazine and most of all, that he can get it through to the press. This, if everyone from management committee members or to club executives, the person supplying the report/photos will be given credit for their, work but it is imperative that Jaco is aware of what is being sent to the press. We have two media representatives on the Executive portfolios namely Johnny and Philip so please let them have your articles. This is important as you may place it in your local paper where ever that could be but your executive and Jaco as media representative never get to see your local paper. I request all clubs to please submit any articles that appear in your local paper to both the executive and Jaco. Elma Davis has been appointed administrator of the new web site and any of your photos or happenings should be on the web for everyone to see.

### **Bowls SA Standing Committees**

Congratulations to Kallie Haupt on being elected as Bowls SA Vice President  
Congratulations also go to Vlam as being re-elected to the Bowls SA Greens standing committee and Peet Badenhorst as being re-elected as National selector.

### **Sports awards ----SWD**

I would like to congratulate both Koos as being a finalist as Administrator of the year and our Ladies A side as team of the year, we wish them well and good luck and trust that they will bring the accolades home with them.

### **SA MASTERS**

Once again Billy and Elma have been invited to the SA masters and Rozanne to the U25 Masters we are very proud of them and wish them well with their training and preparation for the tournament and I am sure they carry the entire Districts best wishes with them in their endeavours to show the rest what we have in the Southern Cape

### **Coaching/Umpires and Markers registers**

Christine has ordered these Registers as I have noticed that so many hanging in our clubs are out dated and really grubby they will cost R10 each so please place your orders with Christine and let's give recognition to those that offer their time as both Umpires and Coaches

### **Year-end prize giving**

I would like that we appoint a commission with members outside of the Executive to do a feasibility study as to why we in the Southern Cape cant, don't want, or for ever reason that it's not happening that it starts to happen. Sitting in a meeting with nearly 100 federation present its only Bowls and one other federation hat does not give the players who have done us proud in that year recognition and in principal its wrong and this should be addressed.

### **History of Bowls SC**

I would like to have recommendation of someone that would be prepared to write the history of Bowls SC for the web. I am sure BSC has a very rich history and it should be documented.

### **Festive season**

May I and my committee together with my management committee wish all those who will celebrate Christmas at this time of the year a joyous family time and may we all who will be travelling travel safely and all those getting visitors or family at this time of the year enjoy and savour every moment and come out in the new year with new enthusiasm for bowls and even more enthusiasm to grow this game BOWLS to new heights.

Enjoy this time as family time and may you all be blessed with a tremendously enriched and healthy 2013

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