

Eden Bowls

Presidents report for Executive meeting 24th January 2014

History in the making, own office and the first time that three of us are wearing the official Eden Bowls clothing.

Even though not yet complete and finishing touches still to be done, may I personally thank Outeniqua Bowls Club for the opportunity as a federation to have our own office and meeting venue. To everyone that was involved with this project, personal thanks from every bowler in the District that today we also have this venue to use at our discretion.

Eden bowls new district uniforms are completed and issued to all players who will on Saturday and Sunday play against Boland in the new Eden district uniforms. As a federation we are the first and Koos, Christine and myself will be attending the SWD trilateral meeting in Oudtshoorn today after the executive meeting. So really a historic day for EDEN BOWLS.

We are again indebted to two administrators of the highest quality as they know, no end of giving to Bowls. This has been a recess time and family time. I again express my gratitude to Koos and Christine for even in this time, an incredible amount of time and effort was put into administration for the district. Thank you Koos and Christine.

However, even with all the above, membership still stays the Districts priority number one, for this year, and I again appeal to every club: this has to be the year for growth. Interesting hearing that in Beaufort West members even canvass for new members in the shopping malls to try and gain or should I say take advantage of the Bowls SA incentive to recruit a new member and get their next year's affiliation fee free. At last it would appear that in some areas the penny has dropped and we are not scared to market our own game and more importantly, the game we all love to play.

Provincial Sports Councils:

Nothing to report except that we attend a Tri lateral meeting in Oudtshoorn later today to give account for the funding received from the Sports Council.

Coaches

The coaches return is being handled differently this year as Elma sent sms text messages to all coaches to submit coaching hours directly to her and she will co-ordinate and complete the return for Bowls SA.

All those that qualified to do a level 2 coaches course were also sent messages and those that replied have been nominated for the next level 2 course later in the year. Those successful, venues and costs are still to be confirmed by Bowls SA.

Peet Badenhorst has resigned from George club and is no longer a member at any club. It is with appreciation that we recognise what he did for bowls and the many hours that he gave back to bowls. This is an example of how each of us should be giving back to the game and not just "taking". Not what can I get out of Bowls but what can I do to grow and improve the game for everyone. Personally a huge thank you to Peet for what I learnt from him.

I was also fortunate to complete the post course section in the December recess and await the results.

Web Site

We have updated the history of Eden Bowls and the Honours board so I again encourage everyone to make use of our web site. Anything you want to know regarding what is going on in the District you will find there and if you don't find it there we will get it onto the web, nothing is secret. So there is no reason that anybody can say they don't or did not know. On the web site please go and join our Facebook and see what is happening in your district.

EDEN BOWLS district office

We are still looking for second hand office furniture for our office but will suffice with tables and chairs loaned from the club until the correct configuration can be found. I am aware that Theo van Aswegen is looking for reasonable furniture but any suggestions will be appreciated. To Sarie Lessing for her donation of cups etc. also a huge "Thank you"

Blind Bowlers

We facilitated a meeting with all concerned and welcome them to Eden Bowls, and trust that together we can grow their game and only with regular contact can we assist where necessary.

TO's

The shirt that the new TO committee put forward to the executive has been approved and initial orders placed.

PPA

To the committee and players well done on the days organized and for the funds raised.

District competitions

Great start to the year with good entries for the snrs and an exceptional men's singles entry. Well done to everybody that entered.

League

I am personally very pleased with the way the first rounds were played and it was great to see club camaraderie back on the green and games in the new format generally accepted. The problems with the scoring should be seen as "teething problems" and double checks have been put into place to ensure that the results submitted from hosting clubs are 100% correct. Results will thus only be submitted to clubs and placed on the web site 7 days after completion of that specific round.

Greens

A theoretical Green Keeping course was held at the end of last year and was well supported. Eden certificates will be issued to all those that have successfully completed this section of the National level 1 course. Vlam must be congratulated on the way he presented the course and for what he gives to Bowls in the Eden district.

Our greens are important and even after we have spent time and money and had meetings Bowls SA have now decided to re-instate that the BSA Executive have the right to appoint the hosting districts even after we have registered next year's tournament with the sports council and applied for major events funding.

Mini Inter Districts vs Boland

I am very grateful that we will again be playing host to Boland this week end and trust it will be a great success and again a yearly event together with our visit to Boland at the end of the year. The hosting club will be George club

Mini Inter Districts vs EP

I am very grateful to Leisure Isle that has agreed to host EP on the 3rd February and am sure all Inter District players will use both the Boland and EP games to ensure the teams are ready for the Inter Districts.

Men's and Women's player of the year

I would like to introduce a new trophy for the Sportsman and Sports women.

SA Masters 2014

May we as a district wish Japie and Elma every success and good bowling in the SA Masters just around the corner. We look forward to your progress and positive results, but more importantly savour every moment as it is a privileged few, that get this opportunity.

I thank you

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