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Yet another year, yet another Annual General Meeting, our District's fifteenth, and the one that sees Basie Louw hand over the reins, after serving three years as President and several more previously as Zone Representative, to Almarie du Toit. With Theuns Coetzee taking over as Promotion and Development Officer from Leon Meyer, two new additions to the Executive as Zone Representatives are Henry Fourie replacing Theuns and John Carroll replacing the departing Pieter Conradie. The only Executive position that went to the vote was that of Treasurer and, even though the voting went in Chris de Jager's favour, it was gratifying to know that one other, namely Joggie Snyman from Bredasdorp, was also willing to take on that formidable task. With the appointment of Blackie de Swardt as our District Promotion Officer there is renewed optimism that a major sponsor will yet be found.

In his President's Report, Basie acknowledged the sterling service rendered by both Pieter



Almarie du Toit, the newly elected President of Boland Bowls



Henry Fourie, Zone 2
Representative



John Carroll, Zone 3
Representative

Conradie and Leon Meyer and, in particular, Leon's contribution to fostering the development of our U/19's over many years and in establishing and running our District website. Leon is this year's well deserved recipient of the President's Award for Outstanding Service.

Basie not only singled out Santjie Steyn, "our" Protea player from Swellendam who remains in the National Gold (Continued on page 2)

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Squad, but also made special mention of those youngsters who have flown our Boland flag on high in national competition – and now in our National Silver Squads - namely Anneke Snyman, Monique Payne, Ezile Fourie, Nicolette Hattingh and Stephan de Jager.

Zones 1 and 3 were singled out for commendation with respect to their staging of Boland Classics and their R13 000 resultant contribution to Boland's coffers. Another significant contribution to Boland's finances was the R20 000 from the Sports Council as a direct result of the efforts of Pieter Conradie. The continuing success and popularity of our District's quarterly Bulletin, *Raakskoot/Toucher*, in the now expert hands of the compiler and principal co-editor, Riaan Pienaar, also received favourable mention. Also acknowledged were Martin van Zyl and Theuns Coetzee, our District's representatives on the newly established Western Province Bowls Board. This group was intentionally set up to deal with administrative matters related to socio-political demarcation of district boundaries, but will henceforth serve as a vehicle to promote and facilitate cooperation between ourselves and neighbouring Districts.

Basie's Report ended with expressions of gratitude to all who contributed to the operation of our District – *inter alia* Executive colleagues, convenors and members of Standing Committees, selectors, representative players and sponsors – as well as to all the clubs and their members whom he exhorted to renew all efforts to promote and grow our District.

In reporting on our quite comfortable financial status, Chris de Jager noted that the Boland Classic had not achieved its potential as a money-spinner

and that insufficient funds flowed in from Boland competitions that were on the whole relatively poorly supported. Chris requested – and obtained approval from the meeting - an increase of R15 in District affiliation (which, together with a modest increase of R6 proposed by BSA will bring the total affiliation per bowler to R300). In seeking approval for a reduction to just R60 affiliation fee (District's portion) for the first year of a new bowler, animated discussion followed on the merit of BSA's proposed waiving of its affiliation fee as reward/incentive to **existing members** who introduce new bowlers to the sport. When taken to the vote by show of hands, the meeting overwhelmingly dismissed this concept, with consensus seemingly instead finding in favour of the new bowler benefiting from any waiving of affiliation. This finding reinforces the Executive's view that a counter-proposal to BSA from our District in this respect is warranted.

Aloma Smith and Anina Black, both members of the National Standing Committee Promotion & Development, filled the invited speaker "slot" to tell delegates something of BSA's renewed drive to "Rescue Bowls" and to promote bowls "Awareness Day". This year, 26 and 27 October has been assigned as the weekend for ALL clubs countrywide to energetically address the issue of recruitment to our sport and, happily, the emphasis on fundraising for charities that bedevilled the previous two years' efforts has been downplayed to a "spider". The IT gremlins played havoc, however, with every attempt to operate the power-point projector and, after an explanatory introduction by Aloma, Anina bravely soldiered on, relying only on her enthusiasm and vocal presentation to

persuade the audience that **CHANGE** – away from outdated, time-consuming and boring practices and traditions of the past - is non-negotiable if we are to stem the tide of declining numbers of clubs and of bowlers countrywide. The negative perceptions of the public – **"bowls needs a new image"** - have to be countered by the manner in which we pursue our sport, and by striving to alter the age profile of the sport – **"80% of bowlers are over 60"** - through "targeting" of specific age groups for energetic recruitment.

The message is conveyed. The onus now rests squarely with the Zone Representatives, work-

king with the Standing Committees and club administrators, to reach out to each and every club and persuade and enthuse them to accept responsibility for reversing the relentless haemorrhage of players that currently characterises our sport.

After the presentation of awards and trophies (see the photographs below of some of the winners), Basie conveyed his best wishes to the new Executive and District President, Almarie du Toit, together with his conviction that the District would continue to be administered with dedication, competence and commitment.

(More photographs of the prize-giving on page 4)



The Men's Open Singles Champion, Bräsler van Schoor receiving his trophy from Aloma Smith of Bowls SA



The Kleinmond team that won the Senior Men's Fours

NATIONAL HONOURS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

Riaan Pienaar

In the May 2013 issue of *Raaskoot/Toucher* we reported on the recent achievements of some of our junior players. One of them was Anneke Snyman from Bredasdorp, who was a member of the gold winning Boland Under 25 team along with Ezile Fourie, Monique Payne and Nicolette Hattingh and also the 2013 South African Junior Women's Masters Champion.



Anneke Snyman

Anneke has now received further recognition, being the only Boland player to be invited by Bowls SA to attend the National Talent Development Camp that was held at Edenvale Bowls Club on 12 and 13 July 2013. The national selectors were also present with a view to the selection of players for the national squads, the SA Masters the African States Tournament and the test series against Namibia that will take place later this year.

We are proud to report that the national selectors have indeed been impressed with the Boland players. As expected, our Santjie Steyn was once again selected as a member of the Gold Squad and no fewer than five young Boland players are in the Silver Squad. They are Stephan de Jager, Anneke Snyman, Ezile Fourie, Monique Payne (all from Bredasdorp) and Nicolette Hattingh (Swellendam).

But there is more! Santjie Steyn and Anneke Snyman have been invited by Bowls SA to participate in the Warwick **Open** Women's SA Masters Championship in 2014. Stephan de

Jager, Ezile Fourie, Nicolette Hattingh and Monique Payne will compete in the Junior Division.

All Boland bowlers are proud of the fact that so many players from our district are performing so well on national level. With young players of their calibre one can only be positive about the future of bowls in this district.



Stephan de Jager



Ezile Fourie



Monique Payne



Nicolette Hattingh

SANTJIE TO SKIP SOUTH AFRICAN TEAMS

Riaan Pienaar

Although it comes as no surprise, we are proud to report that Santjie Steyn has again been included in the national Proteas team. This time she represents South Africa in the Eight Nations Tournament to be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 26 August to 1 September 2013.

Santjie has been selected as the Skip of both the Women's Fours and Trips teams.

To represent one's country is something one can only dream of and to be chosen as the Skip for the South African side is far beyond even the dreams of most bowlers. We are extremely



Santjie Steyn

proud of Santjie's great achievement and wish her and the South African sides good bowling and success in the tournament.

Three sisters for Trips at Oudtshoorn

Ada Smith

Melodie Leyland, much-loved committee member of the Darling Bowls Club, will be joining her two sisters for the forthcoming O B C/ Mun. Trips Tournament in Oudtshoorn. Melodie's eldest sister, Claudia de Hahn, is the club secretary at Oudtshoorn and she and her team recently won the Southern Cape mixed fours tournament. Melodie's younger sister, Jeanette Williams,

bowls for the Westview Bowling Club in Port Elizabeth. Jeanette is an international bowls umpire who officiated in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi as well as in Cyprus last year for the World Singles Champion of Champions games. On home soil, Jeanette umpired at the African States Tournament.

There must be something in the genes of these girls because Melodie was the Darling Singles

Champion last year after she had been bowling for only one year. When Melodie was asked if either of her parents were bowlers, she replied that their father bowled for the Bedfordview Club many years ago but her mother was content to sit at greenside with her knitting and her cigarettes.

We are sure that these sisters will be, as the French would say: "FORMIDABLE!"

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Women's Pairs winners Tish Bryce and Amanda Meyer



Men's Pairs winners, Bräsler van Schoor and Gavie du Toit with Aloma Smith



Santjie Steyn Open Women's Champion receives her trophy from Aloma Smith



Mark and Lesley Beviss-Challinor are the Men's and Women's Champion of Champions respectively



Dave Buckley, Senior Men's Masters Champion



Engela Lambrechts and Stephan de Jager, Women's and Men's Open Masters respectively



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Saamgestel deur Martin van Zyl

Teen die tyd dat hierdie rubriek gelees word, sal **Boland se Algemene Jaarvergadering** iets van die verlede wees en sal ons 'n nuwe Bestuur hê. Eerstens, 'n woord van groot dank aan die uitgaande Bestuur en hul leier, Basie Louw. Basie het onder groot druk die verantwoordelikheid van Presidentskap aanvaar en oor die afgelope drie jaar 'n merkwaardige sukses daarvan gemaak. Nie net moes hy belangrike leiding neem nie, maar moes self van die keurders help om 'rigting' te kry en tegemoetkomend te wees veral t.o.v. die 'ou manne'. Baie dankie, Basie, vir wat jy vir Boland Rolbal beteken het en nog altyd gaan beteken. Hoewel die vorige Bestuur dikwels onder die skoot van 'Skietgoed' en 'From the Hip' deurgeloopt het, word hul bydraes, veral die afgelope jaar, tot die bevordering van rolbal in die Boland, wel waardeer. Tweedens, vir die pasaangestelde nuwe Bestuur, ons sien nou daarna uit om met julle saam te werk en saam ons sport tot selfs hoër hoogtes te dryf.

Die geweldige slag wat Boland Rolbal die afgelope jaar getref het met 'n daling van nie minder nie as 4.56% in die getal geregistreerde lede, is iets wat ons sekerlik nog nooit voorheen ondervind het nie! Intendeel, Boland kon die afgelope klompie jare spog dat dit die leidende distrik in die land was wat 'n absolute standvastige getal geregistreerde lede gehad het (verlede jaar was daar slegs twee van die twintig distrikte wat 'n toename in hul getal spelers gehad het en voor dit, het Boland altyd uitgestaan as dié distrik wat ten spyte van 'n oor-

hoofse daling in getalle in die land, dit nog steeds kon regkry om te groei). Interessantheids-halwe, is die oorhoofse daling ten opsigte van rolbalspelers in Suid-Afrika vir die laaste jaar nie minder nie as 7.4% (tans 'n totaal van 25 962 teenoor die 28 036 van die vorige jaar). **Indien dit nie vir een en almal skrieken skokwekkend is nie, dan loop elkeen van ons maar net met ons oë toe en gaan ons sport hom ongetwyfeld binnekort doodloop!**

Is ons klubs in die Boland werklik behoorlik gerat en gretig om die steeds aanhoudende daling in die getal geregistreerde rolbalspelers aan bande te lê en te oorwin? Die tyd toe ons nog op uiters onverantwoordelike manier net na ons distrikbestuur en BSA opgekyk het om rolbal bekend te stel, dit te ontwikkel en uit te brei, is beslis iets van die verlede. Indien klubs en elke spelende lid nie nou ter elfder uur moue oprol en betrokke raak by bogenoemde drie belangrike fasette van rolbal nie, gaan die daling van ten minste die afgelope 30 jaar net voort! Kom lesers, ons **MOET NOU DIE LAASTE KANS WAT ONS NOG HET, MET ALLES WAT TOT ONS BESIKKING IS, TEN VOLLE BENUT.**

Diegene wat oor 'n tydperk by rolbalsake betrokke was, kan

net nie **afree** nie, ons **moet** asseblief weer direk betrokke raak by alles wat te doen het met die **ONTWIKKELING** van rolbal! Indien **al ons klubs** nie self onmiddellik hierdie kanker in ons sport uitroei nie, sal die huidige voortslepende agteruitgang slegs verdere momentum kry! Ons kan sekerlik vra hoeveel van ons klubs vanjaar by hul onderskeie jaarvergaderings die moeite gedoen het om gemotiveerde en uitstaande **Ontwikkelings-beamptes** aan te stel? Word diegene wat wel aangestel is, ondersteun deur 'n realistiese begroting en geniet hulle die volle ondersteuning van hul komitees en klublede?

BSA het vanjaar 'n interessante sakelys vir sy AJV op Sondag 26 Augustus. Die een punt wat waarskynlik heelwat bespreking gaan uitlok, is die inisiatief wat die nasionale liggaam uiteindelik, na baie jare se aanmoediging, voorstel dat 'n rolbalspeler wat 'n nuwe speler help aansluit, een jaar se BSA-affiliasiestigeld kwytskeld sal word. Dit is uitstekend, maar kan ons distrikte nie ook met so iets vorendag kom nie, of verstaan hulle nie dat sodanige aanmoediging hulle absoluut niks geldelik uit die sak gaan jaag nie? Intendeel, hoe meer nuwe spelers daar is, hoe 'n beter kans het BSA, en hopelik

ons distrikte, om 'geld' te maak!

Die besondere inisiatiewe van ons mees innoverende klub in die Boland, **Bonnievale**, kom soos water in die woestyn! Om op eie inisiatief 'n samekoms te reël ('proewe') vir ons Onder-19 spelers op 11 Augustus en dan, skaars 'n maand en 'n half daarna (op 28 en 29 September), 'n inter-distrikkompetisie aan te pak en self genoegsame borge daarvoor te kry, is iets wat almal in die Boland en selfs daarbuite, met groot lof en erkenning behoort te waardeer. Welgedaan, Bonnievale, en mag jul klub voortgaan om ons in die Boland en in die res van die land te wys wat wel gedoen kan word indien 'n klub dit erns het om ons sport te ontwikkel.

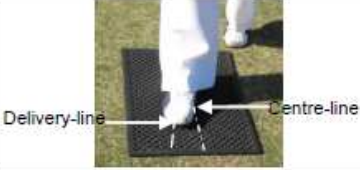
En nou, my gereelde vraag aan al ons lesers! Hoe vaar die **Sakeligas** by jul klubs en groei die aantal deelnemers nog steeds? Is daar dalk nog van ons klubs wat sukkel om 'n Sakeliga van die grond af te kry? Indien wel, kontak asseblief gerus een van ons suksesvolle klubs op hierdie spesifieke terrein.

Het enige klub die moeite gedoen om **eenvoudige speel-apparaat** aan te bring om jong ouers die geleentheid te bied om aan rolbal te kan deelneem? Doen die besture van ons kleiner klubs die moeite om vas te stel waarom 'n hele paar van ons suksesvolle klubs met 'n steeds groeiende ledetal pronk? Dit kos beslis harde, toegewyde werk om rolbal te bestuur en uit te brei. Dink net hoe lekker elkeen van ons sal kan voel die dag wanneer ons aan rolbal vaarwel moet sê maar darem weet dat ons iets teruggeploeg het in die 'sport van 'n leeftyd'!

(Vervolg op bladsy 7)

COACHING / AFRIGTING

Marina van Wyk

	The Right-Hander	Explanation	Points to remember
5.		- Begin 1m behind the mat facing the line. (<i>See the line</i>) - Move forward along the line so that only one more walking step is needed to step onto the mat. (<i>Walk the line</i>)	Always place anchor foot correctly and consistently on same place on mat.
6.		Step onto the middle of the mat with the <i>anchor-foot</i>, so that the heel is on the centre-line and the toes are pointing along the delivery line.	Wrist must be locked and straight.
7.		- Place the <i>stepping-foot</i> comfortably parallel to the anchor-foot. - The body is automatically aligned along the line – head, shoulders, hips and feet. <i>Caution: Once the anchor-foot is placed, it should not be moved at all – if it has been placed incorrectly, step back off the mat and restart the stance routine.</i>	Line of fore-arm must be parallel to anchor foot.
8.		- The bowling forearm is lifted parallel to the ground with the wrist locked and flat, while the elbow is bent. - Ensure that the angle of the forearm to the centre-line of the rink is the same as the angle of the anchor-foot to the centre-line. <i>Caution: Ensure that the arm is not lifted from the shoulder – unnecessary strain on the body.</i>	Shoulders must be level and balanced with each other and square to delivery-line.
9.		- Bend the knees slightly (loose), while leaning forward slightly from the hips, with the shoulders over the toes. - Rest the other hand lightly on thigh/knee of the stepping-leg. - Focus the eyes on the point-of-aim (PoA).	Head must be straight up – not tilted or too far forward.
			Always stick to your routine.

The print on the left is from the **Lawn Bowls Coaching Reference Book**, compiled by the NSCC.

Level 1 Coaching Course

Please remember the Level 1 Coaching Course that will be presented at Franskraal Bowls Club from 26 to 29 September 2013. Please contact me at piet.wyk@gmail.com or 072 183 5095.

Oefenkampe

Die Bestuur van Boland is oortuig daarvan dat die spelgehalte van al die spelers, Inter-distrik spelers ingesluit, sal verbeter indien die Talent Ontwikkelingsprogram van Rolbal SA gevolg word. Die Inter-distrik spelers en ander wat aspireer om die Bolandspanne te haal, is verplig om die oefenprogram te volg. Dit sal beteken dat hulle ses-weeklikse 'n oefenkamp moet bywoon, in hul sone of op 'n sentrale plek, waar hulle ge-evalueer sal word. **Slegs spelers wat aan die program deelneem, sal oorweeg word vir uitnodiging na Boland se groep-oefeninge/proewe.**

Alle spelers in die Boland sal baat by die oefenprogram. Skakel met jou klub se afrigter vir meer informasie. Die eerste kamp in die sones was reeds op 4 Augustus.

This is poor etiquette:

- When the player at the head, giving instructions, does not immediately *retire about 2 metres behind the jack* when the player on the mat has delivered his bowl.
- Making excuses for a poor shot.
- To argue either with a team mate or your opponent during the course of the match.

SKIETGOED

(Vervolg van bladsy 6)

Die **Rolbalklub Napier** het 'n kort rukkie gelede 'n baie geslaagde gemengde viertoernooi aangebied en dit was nogal opvallend dat van sy buurklubs glad nie verteenwoor-

dig was nie! Hier word spesifiek verwys na klubs soos Hermanus, die grootste klub in die Boland, Kleinmond en selfs Caledon. Franskraal het die dag gemaak met sy vier spanne, L'Agulhas en Bredasdorp met

twee elk en een elk van Robertson en Napier. Dit laat 'n mens tog wonder waarom daar welvarende klubs is wat skyn nie gretig te wees nie om 'n buurklub wat baie swaar gekry het, te ondersteun in sy mooi

poging om weer 'n slag op die been te kom?

Hopelik sal ek en ons lesers nog meer 'Skietgoed' hê na afloop van alles wat tydens Boland se AJV op Saterdag, 3 Augustus 2013 plaasvind!



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ZONE 3 WOMEN'S LEAGUE

John Carroll

The first round of the inaugural Zone 3 Women's League was held at Kleinmond on 23 May 2013. The same format, which proved to be popular with the men, was used: i.e. the four participating clubs, Hermanus, Kleinmond, Franskraal and the Overberg (comprising of Caledon and Greyton) all met on the same venue to play against one club in the morning and then against another club after lunch. This facilitated a lot less travelling than if only one game was played per day.

The two sets of nine ends format, which was used by the WP clubs last season in their Men's Flag and Ladies' Muter League competitions, with a three-end tiebreaker, should each team win a set, also proved to be



The Kleinmond ladies with their trophy

popular amongst the ladies. Two teams represented each club.

The second round at Franskraal was unfortunately rained out and after the morning session of the final round at Hermanus, Kleinmond held a slender one point lead over Her-

manus who were their opposition in the afternoon.

Whilst Tish Bryce's team proved too strong for Sandra Helmbold's Kleinmond team, Christa Steenkamp showed why she was one of Boland's top-rated women's skips over the years with firstly an excellent

performance over Lucille Herbst's Caledon team in the morning and then comprehensively out-bowling Annalene de Wet's Hermanus team in the afternoon to ensure that Kleinmond maintained their one point advantage over Hermanus and thus winning the league trophy.

League bowls brings bowlers of the same club together – forming a unit as opposed to the normal one-day competitions. It is hoped that Boland Bowls will introduce both men's and women's league bowls on a formal basis this season throughout the four zones as, besides uplifting a club spirit, it helps teams prepare better for tournaments like the All Cape as the same format of two games per day is used.

PLAYER'S PROFILE

There are certainly not many bowlers in the Boland district and indeed in the rest of the country who do not know Dave Buckley, if not personally, then by his reputation as a player who has won every major championship and competition in the country. He still performs better than many of his opponents who are much younger than him and only the other day he became the Senior Masters champion for the umpteenth time. But few people know the man behind the player and that is why we have chosen him as the subject of our Player's Profile column for this quarter.

What is your occupational background?

After completing my apprenticeship as a fitter and turner at De Beers in Somerset West I moved to Sasolburg and worked for Sasol Coal at Sigma Colliery for the next 35 years – starting as a fitter and turner and retiring as underground engineer in 1992. These were very interesting years – being involved in mechanising coal mining methods so as to meet the requirements of the Sasol factory.

Who are the members of your immediate family?

When I had settled in Sasolburg I came back and fetched Rudy in Hermanus and we were married in 1958. The marriage was blessed and we had two girls and two boys who have been a source of much love and joy and very few grey hairs. They are all married and we now have ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

How long have you been playing bowls and where?

Sasolburg was a town of young people and we were very involved in sport, such as soccer, cricket, hockey and badminton. This was before TV and computers, so we had to create our own entertainment like dances, concerts etc. and our year-end closing functions were always a highlight on our calendar.

I damaged my eyesight in a work accident and that's when I decided to give bowls a try. I joined the Sasol Bowls Club in March 1964. This was in the Snowy Walker era when any bowl played with more than one yard of weight was frowned upon.

I played lead for the first eight years and had good results at club, district and national level so that when Vereeniging and Vaal was awarded district status in 1971/72, I was selected and was honoured to play for them until 1997 when I decided to fulfill my promise and take Rudy back to her birthplace in Hermanus.

What were your greatest achievements in bowls?

The highlights of my bowls while at Sasol B C were:



Dave Buckley

- Honorary Life Membership of S B C;
- Committee member of S B C for 25 years;
- President of SBC for two years;
- Represented Vereeniging and Vaal on 22 occasions;
- Winning S A Open Provincial in 1984;
- Runners-up S A Open Provincial in 1985;
- President of Vaal Triangle for two years;
- Played S A Open Masters in 1982 and 1983;
- Played in the S A Games;
- Winning numerous club and district events.

On retiring in Hermanus I planned to do some fishing – but needless to say my new rod and reel still hang on my garage wall unused. I was made welcome in the Hermanus Bowling Club by Viola and Charlie Sim and Frans Chowles who entered me in the All Cape, which we won. I was also selected to play for Boland in both Open and Senior Interdistricts and when both events were held concurrently, I decided to make myself available for Seniors selection and

have since enjoyed some of the happiest years of my bowling career, playing for Koos Claassens and Martin van Zyl, two of the greatest skips and wonderful bowlers.

The highlights of my bowls while at Hermanus B C have been-

- Representing Boland at Open and Senior Interdistrict tournaments;
- Winning S A Senior Interdistricts in 2004 and 2012;
- Winning S A Senior Singles title in 2000;
- Winning the All Cape in 1998;
- Being a member of the Boland Committee which organised the S A Mixed Pairs in Hermanus;
- Winner of numerous club and district events.

What is your advice to fellow bowlers?

My message to new bowlers is to settle on a good style and delivery and have it checked by a good coach. Try and master the draw shot before progressing up the order as it will always remain the most important shot. Always remember the ten two-letter words taught to me years ago by Les Bradley: **"If it is to be, it is up to me!"**

Are Boland competitions important?

If you are a competitive bowler who intends playing at higher levels, Boland competitions are a must as this is when you witness and experience the standard you will have to achieve to progress and experience the pressures applied.

How important to you is the traditional "tabs-in" form of play?

Tabs-in form of play is the very lifeblood of all clubs and cliques should not be allowed to form. The method used when doing the draw should be honest and to the satisfaction of members. (Transparency must prevail).

Are there any traditions in bowls that you would like to see changed?

Rule changes must be uniformly applied in all clubs within a district, eg -

- smoking allowed on greens at some clubs
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VATGRAS

Reëls en Etiket / Rules and Etiquette

Pieter Linde



REËL 28. BALVERPLASING / BOWL DISPLACEMENT

Hierdie is waarskynlik een van die moeilikste reëls vir baie spelers om te vertolk. Spelers kan gerus weer kyk na "Appendix C", bladsy 73 van die blou Reëlboek.

Onthou 'n neutrale **voorwerp** (Reël 1.3.23.2 blou Reëlboek) is iets wat nie aan enige speler op die baan waarop gespeel word, behoort nie. Met ander woorde, 'n lappie, selfoon, bril, ens van 'n speler is **NIE** 'n neutrale voorwerp **NIE**.

Also pick-up irons, if they belong to players on the rink in question, are NOT neutral objects.

REMEMBER: A NEUTRAL **person** is a person who is not a player on the rink of play. This includes a marker and an umpire.

UMPIRES' ADDED DUTIES

Umpires need to check that all items are placed behind the pegs which are fixed at a distance of 100mm back from the face of the bank. Space should also be allowed on the bank for the mat not in use, to be visible, and on which all dead bowls must be placed once they have been removed from the rink. This will prevent the problem of a bowl going unnoticed and left unplayed (Law 47.4 and 47.4.2)

PLAYER'S PROFILE

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- skips not being permitted to go up to the head before playing their last bowl, is not applied uniformly.

Do you have any views on the selection process used by Boland Bowls?

Selection policy must be applied from club level and based on performance:

- Club selectors submit names of players they consider to have the potential to represent Boland to their Club Committee by a specified date.
- The Club Committee then forwards the names of players they approve of to Boland selectors by a specified date
- the Boland selectors should then have a better idea of players who can be invited to trials.

As a Boland selector I tried to attend the final stages of

Boland competitions, but found it impossible to attend the zone final stages and feel that I missed out on seeing possible Boland players.

Having been involved in the selection policy adopted by Vereeniging & Vaal in 1982, which was based on performance from club level up, I am convinced that if applied in the Boland, better results can be achieved.

Final thoughts?

Now, in my 50th year of bowls, I want to thank all those great people I have met and played with, who have made bowls such an enjoyable experience. To my Heavenly Father and my family who have been so central in all my achievements, for guidance, support and encouragement. I have at all times tried to put back as much as I have got out of bowls but in the end I suppose I did it my way.

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WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES "hot off the press"

Al Cannone

Marion Oldsfield – a bone marrow transplant recipient, cancer survivor and intrepid new bowler at West Coast Military Bowls Club - who represented South Africa in the World Transplant Games recently, has reported on her experiences at these Games (see article in this issue by Leon Meyer, page 16).

She competed in four events, and if her achievements are not inspirational, then I do not know how else to describe them. With over 80 South African sportsmen and women competing in a field of 54 other countries, Marion won Silver in the Petanque (boulle) Singles; she won Bronze in both the Lawn Bowls Singles and Doubles; and came 4th in the 100 metre sprint. Well done, Marion. Whilst some of us bemoan the fact that our athletic abilities are handicapped by the onset of the malady referred to as "ouderdom", you are certainly not "dom" enough to allow an otherwise life-threatening condition to affect your continued celebration of — life.

ZONE 3 BOLAND CLASSIC

John Carroll

Twenty-two Mixed Fours teams entered the Zone 3 Boland Classic that was held at Hermanus in fine weather over the weekend of 18 and 19 May 2013. Western Province club teams from Old Oak, Helderberg and Constantia supplemented the teams from the Boland clubs of Franskraal, Caledon, Kleinmond and Hermanus.

Two games of 12 ends of 3 skins each were played on the first morning on a pre-drawn basis. This eliminated the usual lengthy delay at the morning tea break as the scorekeepers can only calculate the second round final stages and draw once all the teams have finished their game if it is played according to strength versus strength after the first round. The remaining four games were played over 15 ends with the scoring of one point per end and six points for the win.

At the conclusion of the first day's play the field was split into two sections for the remainder of the tournament. The winner of the Open section was the combined Constantia – Hermanus team of Geff Perrow (skip), Don Walton, Tish Bryce



The winning team: John Stamper, Jeff Perrow, Tish Bryce and Don Watson with Domma van der Merwe who represented the tournament sponsor, Faircare Health (Pty) Ltd, the owner of Onrus Manor Retirement Village

and John Stamper. In second place was Hennie Harbutzel's team from Old Oak, closely followed by two Hermanus teams skipped by Annalene de Wet and Keith Kruth respectively.

The Plate section was won by the Kleinmond team of Roy and Becky Galloway, Philip Graham and Sandra Helmbold, with two Hermanus teams in close pursuit. The greens were in excellent condition.

The nett profit raised was just below R6 000,00 and this was donated to Boland Bowls for the



Domma van der Merwe with Plate winners Roy and Becky Galloway, Sandra Helmbold and Philip Graham

representative players' travelling and accommodation fund. Whether the Boland Classic held in the current format is

viable for those clubs staging the tournament is debatable and no doubt will be reviewed by the Boland Bowls Executive.

WITSAND PORT BEAUFORT BOWLS CLUB

Penny Taylor

On Tuesday, 9th July 2013, we were very privileged to have Marina van Wyk and her helper Zelda Marais give us a coaching clinic.

We have several new members who all attended the clinic, plus a few of us older bowlers (photo).

We were 16 in total and all of us benefited greatly from Marina. She helped the new bowlers from the beginning and we also were told a lot about etiquette and how to conduct ourselves on the bowling green.

It was a wonderful day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

All the beginners thanked Marina for coming and said how much they had learnt and how much they enjoyed the day. They now all have a better understanding of the game.



NUUS VANUIT DIE PAARL

Almarie du Toit

Wanneer daar teruggekyk word na die 2012/2013 rolbaljaar, het Paarl Rolbalklub baie goed gevaar. Die Damesdag wat jaarliks op 1 Mei aangebied word, was weer eens 'n groot sukses. Beide perke was vol en die gees waarin daar gespeel is, was ongelooflik. Die dames is met 'n glasie sjerrie ontvang en die klubhuis was opgemaak met 'n kunstige skets van Elvis Presley en Marilyn Monroe en die akteurs se musiek is gespeel. Die kunstige dame is Chris Marais, Paarl se Vise-president se vrou, Magda. Films van die twee is op 'n "big screen" gewys. Paarl se mans het die dames bederf met geskenkies en baie goeie pryse. Die weners van die dag was 'n Paarl span.

Paarl se klubkompetisie dagboek kompeteer behoorlik met Boland s'n. Ons het 'n besige jaar gehad en het afgesluit met die Dames- en Mans Enkelspelkompetisie, waarna die twee weners teen mekaar gespeel het om die Kampioen van Kampioene te bepaal. Die twee het mekaar behoorlik die stryd aangesê en Avril Darlew het net-net vir John Vos geklop.

moes speel. Seun het toe net-net teen pa gewen!

Boland se Gemengde Viere is met mag en mening in koue weer aangepak en Paarl se span het die finaal op Worcester



Francois en Divvie van Deventer



Avril Darlew en John Vos



Francois van Deventer, Almarie du Toit, Avril Darlew en Jurie Wessels



En hier is die wenspan: Koen Olivier, Almarie du Toit en Avril Darlew

Paarl se manne het die Boland Mans Vierspelkompetisie gewen. Dit het swoeg en sweet gekos, maar die klub is baie trots op hul prestasie.

jy moes maar rol, skryf, balle regsit en kophou. Alle deelnemers se name is in 'n hoed gegooi en jy moes speel, maak nie saak of dit teen die Boland spelers is nie. Groot was die vermaak toe sommige van die dames hul manlike opponente uitgeskakel het. Die kompetisie se finaal was ook 'n groot verrassing toe pa en seun teen mekaar

gaan speel. Die opposisie was sterk spanne en daar moes in sterk wind kopgehou word. Paarl het die waardeur die drif getrek en gewen.

Die seisoen is definitief op 'n hoogtepunt afgesluit en beplanning vir die nuwe seisoen

is in volle swang met Paarl se eerste Classic wat op 5 en 6 Oktober aangebied word. En dan nog die groot verjaarsdag-viering - Paarl klub is op 31 Januarie 2014 tagtig jaar oud en ons beplan 'n feesjaar!

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Boland se 2013 Mans Vierspel kampioene: Francois van Deventer, Kobus Malan, Arnout du Toit en Jurie Wessels

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Protect your Bar profits

Peter Lamb

FACT! Most sports clubs survive on the profits made in their bars.

Therefore, it is important to keep the bar running efficiently. One of the biggest causes of loss in the bar is leaking or inefficient optics. Some large clubs are lucky to get free optics from liquor suppliers, but most must purchase their own. Again, most have to wait for an occasional visit to a major centre and then pay higher prices.

You should keep at least two spare optics for replacing leaking ones. Previously, these leaking units could be opened and serviced by replacing worn o-rings, but these days 90% are a sealed unit, which means that if it leaks, it must be thrown away. Built-in obsolescence, I

guess, like most things these modern times.

Here are some handy hints for bar managers.

1. Keep spare optics at all times.
2. Do not force the optic into the neck of the bottle. It becomes difficult to remove and is more likely to break.
3. Use finned rubber corks where possible. The plastic ones become very hard after a period of time, and then they do not remain in the neck unless forced in.
4. For popular kinds like whisky and brandy, use larger bottles and

decant from the normal 750ml bottles. This means changing the empty bottle less often, especially on tournament days.

5. Use double tot measures (50ml) where most orders are for doubles. **(And when you run out of single tots - Ed.)** This reduces the time it takes to pour a drink, and also is more efficient. The larger bottles should be used here to indicate to the barman that there is a double tot measure on the bottle. No need to cause your client to choke on a double double tot!

6. In order to keep the optics clean and therefore last longer, it should be standard practice to remove all the optics from the bottles and soak them overnight (say on a Sunday) in water with a small amount of dishwashing liquid. Then rinse with clean water before replacing in the bottle. This should be done at least once a month. It reduces the build-up of sugar, etc. in the optic, and makes it less likely to malfunction.

All this sounds like a lot of PT, but keeping an efficient bar will pay off in the long run.

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	50ml	110.00
Bracket	Std - with clamp	50.00
	Wall mount	45.00
	Large - 4.5 lt	110.00
Finned rubber corks -		
	standard	7.00
	large - 4.5 lt	10.00
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Gavié du Toit, Héndre de Wet, David Pillay, Bräsler van Schoor, Wynand Pool, Peter Quinn, Stefan van Wyk en Ian Herbst

Caledon Rolbalkklub, met slegs 38 lede, het 'n merkwaardige prestasie behaal deurdat twee van hul mansspanne wat aan vanjaar se All Cape Mans Rolbaltoernooi deelgeneem het, hul seksies gewen het en deurgedring het na die laaste 16 van die Ope Afdeling. Die

toernooi is vanaf 4 tot 11 Mei in die Suid-Kaap gehou. Gavié du Toit (skipper) se span was Peter Quinn, Bräsler van Schoor en David Pillay en Wynand Pool (skipper) se span was Héndre de Wet, Ian Herbst en Stefan van Wyk. Ons klub is baie trots op hierdie manne!

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COACHING OUR LEARNERS

Philip Malherbe

We are on a roll at Franskraal Bowls Club with the coaching of the grade 8 learners of Gansbaai Academia High School. At present Archie Chambers and myself are teaching nine prospective bowlers the art of the sport of lawn bowls. But for one learner these children do not partake in any other sport at school. Thus lawn bowls gives them the opportunity, so much needed, to partake in a sport that will enable them to compete against their peers and other members of society and to strive for higher honours. These children are very keen to learn and wonderful talent is locked up within them. A great bowling future is seen for some of them. In the not too distant future one or two of these players will be invited to play their first tabs game. What a great day that will be, not only for these children, but also for their parents and our club. There are a few problems like transport and sporting attire that need to be sorted but these will be looked into as soon as we have determined which of these children are going to make bowls their sport of choice.



LETTERS / BRIEWE

GO ZONE 2 GO!

Vir enige persoon wat nog twyfel oor die verband tussen die groei in ledetal en ontwikkeling van die jeug moet hierdie wonderlike uitslag as 'n duidelike bewys dien:

- Santjie Steyn (Protea span, "Gold Squad" en SA Ope Meesters).
- Stephan de Jager ("Silver Squad" en SA Junior Meesters).
- Anneke Snyman ("Silver

Squad" en SA Junior Meesters).

- Ezile Fourie ("Silver Squad" en SA Junior Meesters).
- Monique Payne ("Silver Squad" en SA Junior Meesters).
- Nicolette Hattingh ("Silver Sqad" en SA Junior Meesters).

Almal kom uit sone 2...

Ook op ope vlak het ons ledetal mooi gegroei met 11 lede in die eerste kwartaal en 16 lede in die tweede kwartaal! Dink net

aan die potensiaal in ons ander sones met 'n menigte meer kinders tot hul beskikking.

Onthou, die kinders se bydrae tot Boland is nie finansiële nie - dit is eerder instrumenteel tot die skepping van 'n platform waar meer mense rolbal as 'n sport vir die hede en nie die verlede sien nie.

My spesiale dank aan almal wat op een of ander stadium 'n bydrae gemaak het tot hierdie sukses. Met sulke sukses-

verhale in ons arsenaal kan ons enige uitdagings te bowe kom en rolbal weer laat bloei. En 'n spesiale dankie aan julle, ons spelers, wat ons as sone en Boland trots ondersteun met julle toegewyde deelname en aan almal wys dit is "cool" om rolbal te speel!

Trotse groete.

Theuns Coetzee
Bonnievale Rolbalklub
Voormalige Soneverteenswoordiger Sone 2



S A Blind Bowlers win International Tournament

The team of blind bowlers representing South Africa in the International Tournament that took place in Worthing, England came first out of the ten countries participating, winning the overall trophy.

BENUTTING VAN SAKELIGAS OM ROLBAL BEKEND TE STEL, TE ONTWIKKEL EN UIT TE BREI

Martin van Zyl

Inleiding

Die belangrikheid van die instelling van Sakeligas en die suksesvolle bedryf daarvan, asook enige daaropvolgende werwing van rolbalspelers met die oog op die uitbreiding van rolbal, kan nie genoeg beklemtoon word nie. Om egter te dink dat suksesvolle Sakeligas onmiddellik 'n aantal nuwe lede vir 'n klub gaan oplewer, is 'n wankonsept! Dit het die geskiedenis ons ongelukkig die afgelope aantal jare geleer.

Sakeligas behoort eintlik as 'n **kondisioneringsmeganisme** beskou te word met die hoofklem daarop om die sport rolbal wyd en syd aan soveel persone as moontlik bekend te stel.

Die werwingsaksie is eintlik sekondêr, maar wel iets wat beslis daarop kan volg, met inagneming van die peil van betrokkenheid van potensiële spelers by hul daaglikse lewensomstandighede (werks- en gesinsverplichtinge asook betrokkenheid by meer aktiewe sportsoorte).

Met bogenoemde in gedagte, behoort ons nogtans alles binne ons vermoë te doen om hierdie baie gewilde vorm van rolbal by elke rolbalklub in te stel en aan te moedig, gesien dat dit relatief goedkoop aangebied kan word, wye belangstelling in rolbal kan lok en as 'n baie belangrike bron van noodsaaklike addisionele **inkomste vir 'n klub** kan dien.

Werwing van rolbalspelers uit Sakeligas

Indien ons dit kan regkry om 'n gereelde Sakeliga by ons klub in te stel (die presiese instelling van 'n Sakeliga word as 'n aparte onderwerp behandel), is daar duidelike stappe wat ons behoort te volg om rolbalspelers uit suksesvolle Sakeligas te werf.

Eerstens moet ons sorg dat betekenisvolle **kontak** met deelnemers nie net tydens 'n Sakeliga gehou word nie, maar veral onmiddellik na afloop daarvan. In hierdie opsig is dit belangrik dat persone wat aan 'n geslaagde Sakeliga deelgeneem het, erkenning ontvang (as goeie spelers, potensiële rolbalspelers in die nabye toekoms en ook as suksesvolle deelnemers aan die pasafgelope Sakeliga) en gereeld aangemoedig word om verder aan Sakeligas deel te neem. Die reël van en die gebruik van sosiale- en spelgeleenthede (middag- en/of aandfunksies verkieslik by 'n rolbal-

... sorg dat betekenisvolle kontak met deelnemers nie net tydens 'n Sakeliga gehou word nie, maar veral onmiddellik na afloop daarvan.

klub) en die benutting van gepaste sprekers uit die onmiddellike rolbalgemeenskap om hulle informeel toe te spreek, in te lig, aspekte van rolbal met hulle te bespreek, touwys te maak ens, kan baie help om belangstelling verder aan te wakker en te behou. Om bogenoemde te kan doen, moet 'n behoorlike **adreslys** van alle deelnemers beskikbaar gestel word en moet daar so gou doenlik met die betrokke deelnemers persoonlik kontak gemaak word (telefonies, persoonlike besoeke of selfs d.m.v. e-posse). Dit is ook baie belangrik dat almal wat aan 'n Sakeliga deelgeneem het, presies weet hoe sy/haar span gevorder/geëindig het (selfs 'n vergelyking met hul vorige jaar se deelname, indien besonderhede beskikbaar is). Almal moet ook weet wat die wenspan/ne se prestasie teen ander wenspanne in die distrikkompetisie was. Dit kan alles help om mededinging aan te moedig en 'n gevoel van belangstelling op verskeie vlakke aan te wakker.

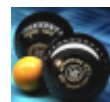
Tweedens moet daar op 'n gereelde grondslag opbouende en betekenisvolle **kommunikasie** onderling plaasvind (die benutting van 'n klubnuusbrief, pamflette, artikels in 'n plaaslike koerant asook publisiteit deur middel van foto's van die onlangse deelnemers aan die Sakeliga) wat alles ongetwyfeld tot positiewe reaksie sal lei. Sakeondernemings wil deesdae al hoe meer weet van die prestasies van hul werknemers en diegene wat aan 'n Sakeliga deelgeneem het kan, d.m.v. betekenisvolle kontak tussen rolbalklubs en die hoofde van sodanige ondernemings, welverdiende erkenning kry.

Derdens is dit baie belangrik dat deelnemers aan Sakeligas gereeld en fyn **gemonitor** word. Dit help absoluut niks om net een keer per jaar 'n sakeonderneming te kontak en 'n versoek te rig dat 'n span werknemers by 'n Sakeliga inskryf nie! Die voordeel wat die betrokke sakeonderneming uit positiewe publisiteit oor sy span kan verwerf, asook die fisiese en psigiese voordeel en genot wat die sport vir elkeen van sy werknemers kan inhou, is faktore wat beklemtoon en onderstreep behoort te word. Sodra werknemers onder mekaar meeding om hul sakeonderneming se span te haal en teen spanne van ander sakeondernemings mee te ding, sal hulle belangstelling in rolbal al hoe meer groei en dit is hierdie belangstelling waarop werwers moet fokus.

Opsommend

Dit is belangrik om weer daarop te let dat deelnemers aan Sakeligas in alle waarskynlikheid 'n affiniteit tot die sport sal toon wanneer hulle dit geniet om daaraan deel te neem en die sosiale voordele en mededinging te ervaar. En dit ten spyte van die feit dat hulle in verreweg die meeste gevalle nooit voorheen enigiets van rolbal geweet het nie! Die moontlikheid dat dit wat hulle op die rolbalperk uitvoer (in sosiale of selfs in mededingende luim) 'n rol kan speel en op 'n positiewe wyse hul algehele gemoedstoestand kan versterk en beïnvloed, is iets wat mettertyd tot inskakeling by rolbal kan lei. Die feit dat deelnemers dikwels deur gereelde rolbalspelers erken word, is ook belangrik en waar enigsins moontlik sal dit 'n opbouende uitwerking hê op die gemoedstoestand en ervaring van genot op die perke.

Indien 'n klub dit erns het om nuwe lede te werf en persone uit Sakeligas so ver te kry om by rolbalklubs aan te sluit, sal die toepassing van die wenke vervat in bogenoemde as 'n nuttige hulpmiddel kan dien.



Bonnievale toer weer

Riaan Pienaar



Bonnievale Rolbalkklub se lede het weer vanjaar 'n toer aangepak - hierdie keer na die Weskus. Theuns het vir ons 'n beriggie oor die toer gestuur, maar ons gebruik dit uit simpatie met Bonnievale liewer nie want dit bevat ook die uitslae van die wedstryde wat hulle by Weskus Militêr, Langebaan en Yzerfontein

gespeel het. Maar 'n prent sê mos meer as 'n duisend woorde en daarom plaas ons net 'n paar van die foto's wat ons ontvang het. Dat almal hulself gate uit geniet het, is duidelik en dit is mos waarom ons toer en rolbal speel. Dit gaan oor die gees van die spel en een ding is seker: Bonnievale se rolbalkklub hét gees!



World Transplant Games

Leon Meyer

One of our local West Coast residents, Marion Oldfield (66) from Vredenburg, pictured here, has been selected to represent South Africa at the World Transplant Games. She will participate in the 100 meter sprint, lawn bowls (Singles and Pairs) and also in Petanque (Singles and Pairs). Marion took up bowls only three years ago at the West Coast Military Bowls Club in Saldanha. In the 100 meter sprint Marion runs barefoot and practices in the yard at home. Marion participated last year in the South African Transplant Games in Durban and qualified for the South African team. She won the 100 metre event in her age group.



Eighty-five South Africans can attest to life after an organ transplant when they represented their country in the World Transplant Games in Durban from the 28 July to 4 August 2013. All of these people - including 15 children - have had a life-saving transplant, namely heart, kidney, lung, liver or bone marrow.

A wide variety of sports will be contested, including track and field events, when participants from 54 other countries visit our shores. The ages of these participants vary between 4 and 70 years.

Recognition is also given to donors and to family of deceased donors. The Organ Donor Foundation will be on hand to promote the need to donate organs or bone marrow.

Promotion and Development / Promosie en Ontwikkeling

Leon Meyer

Weskusliga

Vanjaar het die Weskusliga Toernooi vir die vierde keer plaasgevind. Die ses klubs wat deelgeneem het, is Darling, Lagoon, Langebaan Golf en Sport Buiteklub, Velddrif, Weskus Militêr en Yzerfontein.

Elke klub word deur twee spanne verteenwoordig. Twee wedstryde word elke Saterdag gespeel en die formaat wat gebruik word, is drie stelle van sewe skofte elk. Die spelers het die formaat wat ook die kleiner klubs bevoordeel, baie geniet.

Weskus Militêre Rolbalklub het die trofee vir die eerste keer verower nadat Lagoon dit die eerste drie jaar gewen het. Langebaan Golf en Sports Buiteklub het tweede gekom en Yzerfontein derde.

Sone 1 beplan om die Weskusliga verder uit te brei deur kleiner klubs se spelers in uitnodigingspanne te laat speel.

Sone 3 het met hul eie ligastelsel begin, met aparte ligas vir mans en dames. Hul ligawedstryde word gedurende die week gespeel en word ook baie geniet. Hulle het 12 spelers per span.



Weskus Militêre Rolbalklub met die Weskusliga trofee. Vlnr: Gerrit Myburgh, Margie Nothnagel, Prieska Jansen van Rensburg, Leon Meyer, Thinus Rademan, Annatjie Rademan, Patsy Hurter en Louis Bessenger. Ander spelers wat ook vir die klub gespeel het, is Nicolise Carosini, Andre Smith en Carlos Vasconselos

Uittrede as Promosie- en Ontwikkelingsbeampte

Theuns Coetzee neem by my oor as Promosie- en Ontwikkelingsbeampte. Ek het die taak by Martin van Zyl oorgeneem en dit vir sewe jaar verrig. Ons het die eerste twee Onder-19 spanne Bloemfontein toe geneem saam met oom Tommie Mouton. Wesley Taylor en Nicolette Hattingh was albei lede van die groep. Die

jaar daarna is ons weer Bloemfontein toe en een span het brons gewen. 'n Jaar later het Boland vier spanne ingeskryf vir die toernooi in George en het silwer gewen. Toe is ons Nelspruit toe en het weer teruggekom met silwer. Daarna twee jaar Bloemfontein toe, waarvan ons die laaste jaar weer met silwer teruggekom het. Die laaste jaar was ons Kimberley toe, maar het met

leë hande teruggekeer.

Webwerf en Facebook

Gedurende die tyd wat ek omgesien het na ontwikkeling, het die Boland webwerf die lig gesien. Die Boland Facebook het ook onlangs ontstaan en baie van die Boland spelers en klubs gebruik dit baie goed. Dit het die ekstra voordeel dat jy die uitslae van Boland kompetisies vinnig kan kry.

ROBERTSON'S YOUNGEST BOWLERS

Martin van Zyl

Thursday, 25 July saw some 96 learners from Robertson Logos Christian School having much fun on the local club's bowling green. Despite the age and size difference of the youngsters, from Grade 1 right through to Grade 12, each class found the new experience not only 'great' and 'cool' but something that they had never previously been exposed to.

Will they visit Robertson Bowling Club again? Most certainly! The school has already arranged for a further four similar outings so that the learners can get the "real feel" of the sport. Who knows, perhaps Robertson

will yet deliver a number of Under-19's for the Boland side! As all readers already are aware, it was Boland's youngsters who won gold in the South Africa Inter-districts this year and with an ever-increasing awareness of the enjoyment that bowls offers, the latest development of 'youth bowls' in the Robertson area may bode well for the future.

It is interesting to note that the 168 persons who participated in this year's Robertson Bowls Business League over a period of three weeks, have all intimated that they would again definitely be participating in the Robertson Bowls Business League in 2014.



Snippets from the EXECUTIVE MEETING of 22 JUNE 2013

Al Cannone

1. Zone 3 reported a success with their Boland Classic: 22 teams and R5500 deposited into Boland's coffers.

2. A Level 1 Coaches Course is being offered at Franskraal: 26 – 29 September.

3. Stoffel & Engela Lambrechts, representing Boland, achieved a commendable 3rd place in their section in the National Mixed Pairs competition. Boland will host this competition in 2015.

4. Statistics on participation in Boland competitions in the form of a "participation index" for each club will be compiled and distributed by Stoffel.

5. Leon Meyer reported on the success of the Zone 1 (West Coast) League and he recommended that other zones emulate this with a view to establishing a standardised format as a District League in each zone, leading to four zone team finalists contesting ultimate district and club supremacy.

6. A strong recommendation

from Marina van Wyk, Boland Convenor of the Coaches Standing Committee: new recruits should be inducted into Tabs **within 3 weeks of commencing coaching**, with basic competency and appreciation of etiquette and some laws. Follow-up by way of supportive coaching can continue at any time thereafter.

7. Marina also reports that the necessary refresher course for all coaches has been held in Zone 1 by Peter Welensky, thereby completing this obligation for all zones. She also proposes that Level 2 and 3 coaches courses be offered only for candidates under 60 years of age.

8. A Level 1 Greenkeepers Course, recently completed at Hermanus, saw 23 candidates participate under the direction of Bill McCarthy and Bryan Hart.

9. Peter Welensky's 3rd TO Course in two years has been completed, qualifying a further seven umpires in Zone 1. In Zone 3 at Kleinmond, a TO course has also been completed by eight

bowlers.

10. BSA are considering waiving for one year the affiliation fee of any current bowler that introduces a new recruit to the sport. Boland will offer a counter-proposal that all new recruits have their affiliation fee waived instead. Boland would rather encourage clubs to offer whatever incentive they wish to their existing members — by way of a reduction or waiving of membership fee for a year — to encourage a more active role in recruitment by all existing bowlers.

11. Our President, Basie Louw, has personally offered an award — or reward — of R1000 to the Boland club that has had the greatest increase in its membership in the previous year.

12. The Indaba. Although there was a disappointingly poor response to both the questionnaire and the actual Indaba — even though all were given the opportunity of making input in one or other form — some useful decisions stemmed from it.

(A) Marina van Wyk is coordinating the Talent Identification Development programme that will be a standard requirement for all current Boland players and aspirant players. It gets under way on 4 August with a Group Exercise in each of the four zones.

(B) Decisions on income flow include: (i) raising the affiliation fee payable to Boland; (ii) bidding to host the potentially very profitable All Cape; (iii) Boland representative players to be more proactive in fundraising; (iv) all players in the Practice Groups will be encouraged to pay their contributions "up front" and to be refunded if not ultimately selected.

(C) No change to the current assortment of Boland competitions is contemplated.

13. The AGM. A healthy set of nominations for Executive and other positions has been received. Proposals for tabling at the AGM were decided upon and will be dealt with at the AGM. A separate report on the AGM appears elsewhere in this issue of Raaskoot/Toucher.

Watter Rolbaltaal Praat Ons?

Martin en Wilhelmiën van Zyl

Het ons nuwe demokrasie met sy talle tale nie dalk meegebring dat ons rolbalspelers nie meer een taal suiwer magtig is nie?

Wanneer dit kom by ons '**perke**' (asseblief nie '**bane**' nie, want elke perk bestaan mos uit 'n aantal bane), is dit opvallend hoeveel spelers basiese terminologie verwar! Die woord '**Green Keeper**' is beslis nie 'Baanopsigter' nie maar wel '**Perkemeester**'. In Engels praat ons van 'n '**spider**' maar in Afrikaans, word die woord '**kring-loop**' selde gehoor. Of is

'spinnepok' nie dalk 'n meer beskrywende woord nie?

Weet ons regtig wat die woord '**skof**' op die rolbalperk beteken? Ja, dit beteken presies dieselfde as die Engelse woord '**end**' en meer as een skof, is '**skofte**'. Om te praat van 'n '**verkeerde bias**' is verkeerd want in Afrikaans is dit 'n '**verkeerde swaai**'. (Sommige van my Overbergse vriende noem dit 'n "**wrong-baai**" — met 'n mooi gebryde "r" — Red.) Ongelukkig is die woord '**witte**' soms 'n bietjie misleidend want dié balletjie kom al hoe meer in 'n

geel kleur voor. Moet ons nog praat van 'n '**witte**' as dit eintlik 'n 'geletjie' behoort te wees? My oorlede oom het destyds die woord 'mik' vir 'witte' voorgestel, maar dit het ongelukkig geen byval gevind nie. (Interessanteheidshalwe word 'n paar woorde in Engels vir die 'witte' gebruik naamlik 'jack/kitty' of selfs 'cat'. Moontlik het die opstellers van die woordeboek gedink dat die naam van dié balletjie wat deur beide geslagte gerol word, moes afhang van die geslag van die speler wat daarna mik — vrouens mik na 'Jack' en mans na 'Kitty'

Nog iets — ons '**rol**' 'n bal of '**witte**' of '**lewer/stuur dit af**' maar 'gooi' dit beslis nie (in Engels '**deliver**' en nie 'throw' nie). (Behalwe wanner die perk minder as 10 sek. loop? — Red.) Wanneer dit kom by die Engelse woord '**tabs-in**' behoort ons in Afrikaans te verwys na '**plaatjiespel**' en beslis nie 'skyfiespel' nie. Indien die '**mat**' uit posisie skuif, praat ons van '**verplasing van die mat**' en nie 'beweging' van die mat nie. Laastens, die Engelse 'foot fault' het voorheen as 'n '**trapfout**' bekend gestaan maar (Vervolg op bladsy 19)

WHAT IF . . . ?

Al Cannone

Yesterday (20 July) I was with my team at the Bonnievale Classic. Today I am driven to put pen to paper because I am yet again struck by the differences one sees between clubs in our District. On the one hand we have clubs that revel in their ability to grow and attract new members, becoming a mecca for competitive player and avid socialite alike, and literally awash in sponsorships from assorted sources. At the opposite end of the spectrum one is aware of clubs that are engaged in a never-ending struggle for their very existence, blessed only with a handful of die-hard – and ever ageing – members, and to which a new recruit is a rarity matched only by *hoender tande*. In between there are clubs that lose established members as quickly as they recruit new ones, through disgruntlement, dissatisfaction fuelled by boredom, strife and disharmony. Yet others are so well blessed in numbers that the associated insularity would lead some to declare UDI if they could, if only to avoid the dreaded extra cost to membership that affiliation imposes!

Word has it that nationally we have lost some 7% of bowlers in the last year and, more alarming for ourselves, Boland too has declined in numbers - for the first time in years - albeit losing only 8 from the previous total of 1486. This despite much effort and “awareness” over the last few

years.

WHAT IF . . . there could be a different, more heartening scenario for our sporting code?

WHAT IF . . . the problem(s) afflicting clubs could be addressed more pro-actively?

WHAT IF . . . ordinary club members could be enthused and motivated to “get off his/her b...side” and leave a legacy of note - rather than just a faded Tab on the “We Remember You” board?

WHAT IF . . . it is possible to reach out and engage with clubs and club administrations - “in their face” so to speak - such that apathy and ineffectual administration becomes a much more uncomfortable and untenable option for them?

WHAT IF . . . there are ways in which expertise, advice and assistance can be offered to clubs that struggle with growth and promotion, without being patronising or judgmental?

WHAT IF . . . a database of each club were to be established - and annually updated - providing a baseline against which to measure each club's progress in promoting our sport? This would include data on coaches for skills development; markers and umpires for a more professional staging of events; a club Development “team” willing and able to engage with the community; greenkeepers;

member' participation in Boland competitions and their support of other club Open Days; recruitment drives and initiatives; social events; turnover of administrators; securing sponsorships; promotional articles in local newspapers; etc.

WHAT IF . . . each club - as well as our District - were to set aside an annual amount in its budget specifically for Promotion & Development?

WHAT IF . . . in each and every zone there were to be a “zonal working group” or “task team” made up of each zonal member of our four Standing Committees - Coaches, Technical Officials, Greenkeepers and, most crucially, Promotion & Development? All fully briefed by their respective Standing Committees as to goals and objectives, both short term and long term, and strategies or *modus operandii* to achieve same. The Zone Representative could coordinate and facilitate such a group and ensure that there is direct engagement annually (or whenever deemed necessary) with individual clubs on a Tabs-in day or at a Special General Meeting of the entire membership.

It is my firm conviction that the engine for growth in our District cannot be left to the Executive. From the Executive however, clubs should expect guidance and direction, encour-

agement and incentive, opportunities and reward. It is the clubs - and the club administrators - at the lower end of the hierarchy that must provide all the action. Who are best placed to interact directly with clubs to encourage and promote these engines of growth? It is the local zone members of the Standing Committees, thoroughly motivated and in collaboration with - and under the coordination and facilitation umbrella provided by the Zone Representatives. These are the persons who know their local clubs and their local bowls friends. If the District is to build up a substantive head of steam it is the clubs in a Zone - every Zone - that will need to be coerced and cajoled into shovelling more coal into the boilers! A District train driven by four Zone engines will be infinitely more effective in promoting growth of our sporting code than, say, a flurry of Directives to our clubs emanating from the District Executive or from BSA.

WHAT IF all or much of the above are feasible, realistically achievable and within our capabilities, and put into effect over a period of time? Could we “turn things around”?

WHAT IF the above were to provoke any or all of our readers to write in with opinions and comments - of the indignantly critical OR of the supportive variety?

Do you know **WHAT?** I would welcome it!

Watter Rolbaltaal Praat Ons?

(Vervolg van bladsy 18)

deesdae word die woord ‘voetfout’ al hoe meer gebruik en aanvaar.

Afrikaans is so ‘n kleurvolle jong taal dat daar baie ruimte vir nuutskoppings is! Hoe lyk dit nou met ‘n paar nuwe, kleurvolle uitdrukings soos byvoorbeeld

‘tref-en-trapskoot’ vir ‘n kragskoot wat die kop uitmekaar laat spat?

Daar word nou met groot belangstelling en waardering uitgesien na ons lesers se kommentaar en interessante nuwe uitdrukings wat die sport net meer kleurvol sal maak!

WEN GELD MET WOORDE!

Stuur vir ons jul oorspronklike insette oor Afrikaanse rolbalwoorde / uitdrukings / sêgoed en staan ‘n kans om ‘n prys van R100 te wen. Daar is ook ‘n tweede en derde prys. Die beoordeling om die beste inskrywing te bepaal, sal deur drie onafhanklike taalkundiges gedoen word. Stuur jul inskrywings aan pinaar.riaan1@gmail.com.

The Success of Swellendam Bowls Club

Linda Brown

I have now been involved with Swellendam Bowls Club for 10 years - first as a supporter, then social member, then committee member and playing member. What I have seen happening over these 10 years has amazed me...

The small clubhouse was extended, a comfortable catering kitchen and lovely bar area created. This new clubhouse was officially opened in December 2003. In 2007 followed the opening of the new braai area which included a magnificent spitbraai facility.

These extensions finally allowed us to host, on our own premises, two of our great annual events: the **Business League Competition** and the **Swellendam Classic**. The Business League Competition has become an annual "town event" during February/March and with 24 teams entering from different schools and businesses in Swellendam it creates a buzz in town as to who would be able to enter and who would win...! The Swellendam Classic is held in September over three days of play with great meals, entertainment and good prizes.

One of my favourite memories is the **Oldest vs Youngest** challenge we had in 2008: four of the club's oldest players played against the club's youngest players. The wonderful camaraderie between the older players (most of them over 80 years old!) and the youngsters (all at school) was amazing to watch!

On Tuesday mornings the green is alive with, often, up to 24 players. The senior players also regularly arrange fun competitions (with dressing up) on a Thursday with themes such as Canola Day. Tabs-in games are also played on Friday afternoons and, of course, Satur-

days. Club members also support many open days in the area or are invited to play Classics at other clubs. Over the years we have always had players entering Boland competitions and this year showed even greater interest than ever before.

Not only did the clubhouse get a "face-lift" but our club shirts have a new look: a soft blue shirt with the bontebok emblem on the pocket. Many compliments have been received for this - a beautiful sight in white and blue.

Our membership has varied over the years between 50-60 playing members and up to 20 social members. Our players have had many excellent achievements, which include -

- Players participating in the Women's and Men's All Cape competitions;
- A player in SA Disabled Bowls Tournaments;
- Youngsters playing Boland Under-19 and Under-25 since 2007;
- The Convenor of the Boland Coaches Standing Committee and two Boland Selectors;
- Players selected for Boland A, Boland B and Boland C/Development teams;
- Various Boland Winners;
- A previous member currently in Auckland, NZ Under-25 team;
- And a special mention of our **Protea Player** who has represented SA at Commonwealth Games and World Games since 2009! (She will soon skip the Trips and Fours Protea teams in Glasgow, Scotland at the Eight Nations).

(See report on page 3 - Ed.)

Well done to each and every one of you!

On the **development** side our club strives to gain new members. A teacher participating in the Business League last year asked our club coach and other non-working members to introduce bowls to 95 Grade 9 learners at the High School as part of their Life Orientation programme. The programme was concluded with a game day and braai at the club and it changed

the perspective of many a youngster! Presently, we have five new young high school learners who have joined the club.

So, while I enjoy my game of bowls and take in the bonus of the beautiful surrounding garden and mountain views of the majestic Langeberg, I am proud to be part of Swellendam Bowls Club!

From a proud member...



Old vs Young 2008



The clubhouse with extensions and braai area



Bonnievale se Sanlam - werwingsdag 2013

12 Oktober 2013 te Bonnievale – viere gemeng in ondervinding!

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1 x besigheidspeler
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ondersteuners wat
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Verander vir 'n Verandering

Theuns Coetzee

'n Mederolbalspeler, toevallig nie van Boland nie, maar van 'n klub in die Westelike Provinsie, het my genoop om hierdie artikel te skryf, wat, by implikasie, beteken dat die probleem wyer voorkom as wat 'n mens sou dink.

Die aand na Bonnievale se Classic sit ek met my nuwe rolbalvriende om die tafel toe een die volgende opmerking maak, "Ek kan nie glo dat julle klub die kindertjies toelaat om na die toernooi so lekker op die perk te speel nie. Ek wens ons klub se bestuur kon dit sien!" Ek vra met verbasing waarom hy so sê! "My vriend, by ons klub mag kinders nie naby die veld kom nie, wat nog van op die perk!"

Hy antwoord bevestigend toe ek vra of die 104 goeie rolbalspelers op die tweede dag hul rolbal net soveel geniet het as die vorige dag.

Hy stem saam dat die kinders se speel op die perk geen skade aangerig het nie, maar verklaar, "Probeer dit aan my bestuur verduidelik! Sou elkeen van ons wat nou speel, nie ook graag kleintyd op 'n perk gebaljaar het en sodoende aan die spel blootgestel geword het nie!"

In 2010 moes Bonnievale sy grondwet verander om kinders op sy terrein en op die perke toe te laat. Voorheen was kinders net in die pad en rolbal was nie vir hulle 'n sport nie. Daardie denke kon ons en 'n paar ander klubs gelukkig omswaai. Vandag is kinders meer as welkom by ons klub waar hulle 'n integrale deel vorm.

'n Oproep van Henry Fourie van Bredasdorp op 'n Donderdagmiddag het my finaal laat besef dat ons die 'Rubicon' oorgesteek het. "Theuns, die weer was sleg en ek het nie gedink hulle sou kom oefen nie, maar nou is die perk vol leerders met die onderwysers se ondersteuning en ek weet nie waar om te vat en waar om te los nie." Nog beter, die leerders op

die perk het vanuit die hele gemeenskap gekom!

Ek het al vele kere die noodsaaklikheid van deelname deur leerders beklemtoon en almal knik instemmig saam, maar laat dit liever by 'n ander klub gebeur. Hierdie verskanste tevensinnigheid teen iets wat werk, soos ons nou weet, pla my nog steeds!

'n Ou rolbalmentor en vriend gee my toe die wyse woorde, "Hulle is almal te bang, want verandering beteken werk." Bingo! Een van die natuurwette omskryf dit ook mooi: **"Verandering kan alleenlik met die toediening van energie, plaasvind."**

Bogenoemde is ongetwyfeld op ons klub-, distriks- en nasionale besture van toepassing. Dit is mos makliker om nee te sê as om energie te gebruik om verandering teweeg te bring! Diegene wat voorgedat hulle bang is vir verandering, jammer, dié verskoning is holrug gery! Daar is meer as genoeg klubs wat nou al gewys het hoe dit lyk nadat die "verandering" daar plaasgevind het. Vyftig persent van die verandering is 'n kopskuif in jou bestuur en die ander helfte is werk!

Jou klub het die volste reg om nie in dié nuwe rigting te beweeg nie, maar kom ons praat weer, so oor 5 jaar. Dan



Vandag is kinders meer as welkom by ons klub . . .

is 80% van ons Bolandklubs se gemiddelde ouderdom van spelers bo sewentig. Met lewenskoste wat daaglik styg, gaan hierdie klubs met net pensioenarisse as lede nog meer sukkel om 'n bestaan te voer. Wat staan ons te doen?



Die klubs is dan nie meer ekonomies lewensvatbaar nie en hulle maak toe. As enigeen dink ek oordryf, gesels met vorige bestuurslede van klubs in jul midde wat reeds hul deure toegemaak het!

Aan diegene wat sê, "Ja julle klubs is net 'lucky'", geluk het absoluut niks met hierdie saak te doen nie! Dit kos gewone harde werk van besture wat besluit het om iets aan dié probleem te doen. Nie een nuwe lid het vanself op Bonnievale aangesluit nie. Nie een kind het vanself gevra om hier te kom oefen of te kom speel nie!

Ek het dit die naweek weer gehoor, "Ons het nou al vir vyf jaar 60 mense by ons besigheidsliga en nie een het nog aangesluit nie!" Ek vra, "Gaan jy by 'n kerk aansluit net omdat jy elke jaar na die basaar gaan?" **Vriende, dit kos betekenisvolle, gereelde kontak en volgehoue opvolgwerk!"**

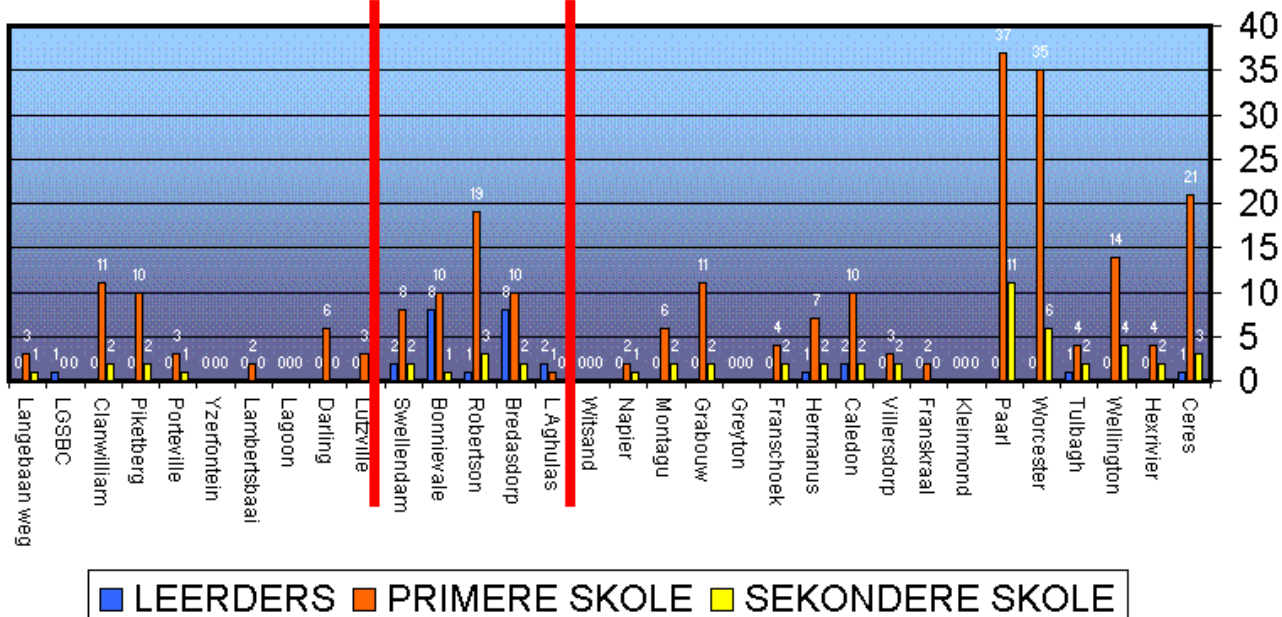
Die statistiek wat ons aan die begin van die jaar aangevra het, dien as bewys dat daar 'n direkte verband is tussen klubs wat fokus op die jonger geslag en ledegroei. Intussen het juniordeelname verdubbel (tussen die rooi lyne).

(Vervolg op bladsy 23)

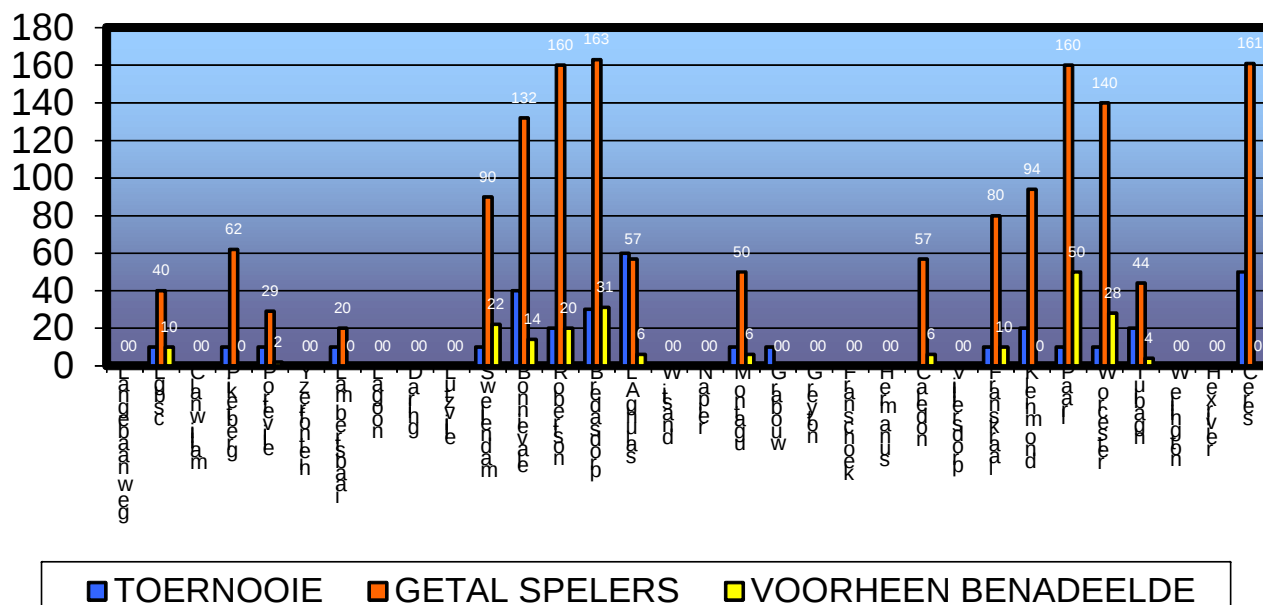
Verander vir 'n Verandering

(Vervolg van bladsy 22)

LEERDERS DEELNAME PER KLUB VERSUS SKOLE IN OMGEWING



WERWINGS PER KLUB



Die grafieke bewys dat daar ander klubs is wat ook aktief gewerk het, maar nie so suksesvol was nie. Al veranderlike, dus, tussen die klubs en die klubs tussen die rooi lyne hierbo is die siening teenoor die jeug. Die slot-

som is, dat as jou klub dit kan regkry om 'n verjonging te ondergaan, **lede gaan begin invloei**.

Dus, 'n pleidooi van die klubs wat reeds die pad geloop het. Ons nooi julle uit om dié 'groot

tree' te neem. Belê in die jeug en beskou hulle nie as 'n uitgawe nie, maar eerder as ons toekoms!

Waar Bonnievale 'n dekade gelede 'n klub gehad het waar min mense kom speel het, word

daar nou eersdaags 'n eerste Onder-19 Interdistriktoernooi aangebied. 'n Wonderlike ervaring en voorreg! Kom kyk aan die einde van September in Bonnievale hoe jong spelers nou reeds die sport bemeester en geniet.

From the Editors / Van die Redaksie

Ons wil graag vir Almarie du Toit van harte gelukwens met haar onbestrede verkiesing as President van Boland Rolbal. Met die uitdagings wat rolbal-administrateurs in die gesig staar, soos die onrusbarende vermindering in die aantal splers landswyd en nou ook in ons distrik, die instel van veranderings en vernuwings wat baie konserwatiewe spelers gaan laat frons en die ewige soeke na meer geld om die distrik se verpligtinge na te kom en nuwe projekte aan te pak, gaan haar pad 'n opdraende een wees.

Maar diegene wat haar voorgestel en verkies het, weet dat Almarie oor die kwaliteite beskik om haar eie talente en dié van haar bekwame span ten beste aan te wend om al die uitdagings in die gesig te staar en werk daarvan te maak.

Ons beste wense gaan ook aan die twee nuwe sone-vertegenwoordigers, Henry Fourie en John Carroll, albei manne wat hulself reeds bewys het. As die nuwe sameroeper van die Staande Komitee vir Promosie en Ontwikkeling is Theuns Coetzee 'n man wat dinge aanpak en regkry en ons sien met groot afwagting uit na sy dienstermyn.

Met hierdie uitgawe voltooi ons die vyfde bestaansjaar van Raakskoot/Toucher. Die eerste uitgawe, die een van November 2008, was maar ses bladsye lank, maar met die hulp en samewerking van ons klubs, skrywers en ander bydraers het dit gegroei sodat dit nou gereeld meer as 20 bladsye beslaan. Daarom praat ons ook nie langer van 'n nuusbrief nie, maar eerder van 'n bulletin, want Raakskoot/Toucher neig nou om 'n tydskrif te word.

Maar dit alles was slegs moontlik met die hulp van my spanmaat, Al Cannone, die gereelde rubriekskrywers Pieter Linde, Leon Meyer, Martin van Zyl en nou ook Marina van Wyk, die klubs wat hul nuus en ander leesstof vir ons stuur, individue wat bydraes lewer en en briewe vir plasing vir ons stuur. En ons vergeet nie ons adverteerders nie, want met hul ondersteuning word Raakskoot/Toucher

nou 'n bron van inkomste vir Boland Rolbal, toegegee 'n relatief beskeie een. En dan is daar die "werkers agter die skerms", Martin en Wilhelmien van Zyl en soms Ena Linde wat die belangrike taak van proeflesers verrig.

It is interesting to look at the following **summary of the contributions** that we have received over the year from the August 2012 to the May 2013 issues:

ZONE	No Clubs	Inputs by Clubs	(% of total)	Total inputs	(% of total 116)
1	17	6 clubs	35.29%	25	21.55%
2	10	6 clubs	60%	38	32.75%
3	7	5 clubs	71.43%	26	22.41%
4	8	2 clubs	25%	3	2.59%
Editorial articles				19	16.39%
Articles/reports from the President				5	4.31%
Total number of contributions				116	100%

PARAPROSDOKIANS

- ◆ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- ◆ Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- ◆ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism To steal from many is research.
- ◆ A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
- ◆ Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

Upon analysis of the different contributions, it would appear that the largest input came from Zone 2 while Zone 4 apparently is least involved in sharing news, experiences and bowling information generally.

If the total number of current registered bowlers in the Boland is taken into consideration, then the district's bowlers are certainly not doing too badly with their communication skills! Obviously, more information and the sharing of bowling news/experiences would be most welcome and in this respect, the Editors would like to invite those clubs and members who have not as yet managed to put pen to paper, to seriously consider sharing their bowling prowess, interesting experiences and happy moments on and off the green with the rest of the district.

ADVERTISE IN RAAKSKOOT / TOUCHER

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